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AN OMEN IN THE CHANGE OF THE SPENCER CRESCENT

Just three months prior to the installment of a newspaper and job printing plant in Spencer, the standard of The Crescent was raised. Spencer then was plunged in gloom; discouragement was written in every face; a slump in real estate was threatened; stores and houses were being vacated; and people were moving away. The whole country was in the throes of a commercial revolution brought on by demagogic agitation and legislative madness. It was not a propitious moment in to launch a newspaper anywhere; and no place, probably, could have been selected in the South less promising than this, where the great railroad industry, upon which two communities largely depended for business and support, had closed down indefinitely.

But, the projector of The Crescent had labored for eight years in the behalf of Spencer; had watched its growth, kept in close touch and sympathy with its citizens and their efforts; and knew their sturdy qualities, their sterling principles, their broad humanity. Believing in them, seeing their need of other aids than those afforded by our industry, however great that one was, he felt an irresistible incentive to come into the breach, and do at least one man's part toward uplifting, by rallying Spencer's amehood, and encouraging them to unite in a determined and unceasing endeavor to bring Spencer to the front.

The Crescent shone on, through all the cloud, sustained by the one purpose which gave it a name and a place; and by the warm sympathy and appreciation of loyal friends. And so, after a time of stress and difficulty, at the end of the first quarter it emerges from a weekly into a semi-weekly newspaper, not precipitately and independently, but at the demand of the citizens of Spencer. Such an endorsement has never before perhaps, been given to any weekly newspaper anywhere, and it is received with gratitude, and with pride, too.

A newspaper and job printing plant is now in operation, with Mr. B. Brooks Smith as publisher; and let us hope that when the second quarter passes, The Spencer Crescent may again change, and become a tri-weekly. Its motto is Progress, and still Progress, until, full-orbed, it shines in thousands of homes, and is looked for with pleasure—and never with rancor—by every one of its patrons.

L. SCOTT ALLEN, Managing Editor.

NEWS FROM FAITH.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown rejoiced over the coming of the stork, on the 19th. A future granite contractor, perhaps an architect grows in their home now.

Rich Bangers has a young house-keeper to relieve the family of some of the domestic cares.

Miss Adelle Ketter has been confined to her bed during the past week, at her sister's home, and quite ill.

Peeler, Bame & Co., shipped a carload of bridging stone to Beaufort, Monday last.

Granite cutters are working in the Albert Lee quarry, for the company.

W. S. Ephart has been awarded the contract to build a handsome two-story residence for Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hudson, on the lot adjoining the store of W. H. Brown, at granite quarry. John Josey has the contract for the interior.

SPENCER SOCIAL NEWS.

Mr. Burke Fowler spent Wednesday in Winston-Salem.

The Rev. R. D. Shersill leaves for his much needed vacation, next week.

Miss Effie Hartman, was visiting Miss Margaret Gay, at Lincelnton, this week.

Mrs. D. E. Koster and son spent several days recently in Winston-Salem.

The Empire Store Co., is displaying fabrics in infinite variety, at prices less than wholesale.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Brooks Smith are now domiciled comfortably, on Rowan Avenue.

Subscribe for the semi-weekly Crescent, and keep in touch with events and people.

Mr. George Home is at home this week, on a visit to his mother, which we hope will be prolonged.

Bill Heads, Better Heads, Note Heads, everything but Big Heads, at the Crescent Job Office.

Fine Job Work at the Crescent offices, including Ladies' Cards and Note Heads of newest designs and styles.

See G. W. Connell's choice groceries, and try their quality. They are of the best.

Mrs. Ralph Tredick, of Pine Bluff, Ark., is announced as the guest of her friend, Mrs. Wray Freeman, for a ten days' visit.

Mrs. L. D. Giddens left Spencer, Tuesday, for her home in nice old Goldsboro, after a six weeks' visit to her daughter, Mrs. M. L. Smeot.

Miss Maude Thompson returned, Monday last, from Mebane, having enjoyed two weeks of pleasure at her old home.

Berk-Harry Co's midsummer sale is drawing; and its bargains give better results than a sure-thing lottery.

Miss Pitts, of High Point is visiting Mrs. Seay Perry, this week. High Point has many good points—especially its young ladies.

Miss Margery Snell, one of Thomasville's society favorites, has been the guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Clement, of Newton Heights, Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Miller, of St. Louis, who have been with Mr. J. E. Kennerly and family since the death of Mrs. Sophia Garrett, returned home Thursday evening last.

Mrs. J. R. Pierce, of Greensboro, has been the guest of her son, Mr. James Pierce, this week. Mrs. Pierce is a most estimable lady, and a sincere christian.

Mrs. M. N. Hoyle, with her children, is visiting her father, Mr. D. C. Livingood, at Jerusalem, in Davie county. Mr. Hoyle joined them on Wednesday.

Mrs. Geo. West was confined to her apartment, during last week, with acute muscular rheumatism. Happily, she was relieved by skillful treatment, and is with us again.

Miss Bertha Murchison and her cousin, Miss Millie Murchison, returned Monday night from a pleasant visit to relatives and friends at Siler City, and Greensboro.

Mrs. G. W. Connell was taken seriously ill at the end of last week, and is being treated for peritonitis. Mr. Connell has been in close and anxious attendance upon her. Happily, she is convalescing.

Mr. P. M. Nussman, manager of the Spencer Clothing and Shoe Co., and one of our most enterprising merchants and citizens, spent Saturday and Sunday at his old home with his parents, at Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Andrews, of Tarboro, N. C., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kizziah from Friday week ago to a few days since. Mrs. Andrews left for Asheville with Mr. Andrews, who will proceed to Panama, to remain there for ten months. Mrs. Andrews will probably spend the winter in Spencer.

Mr. Claude F. Young, brother of our popular young business man, F. A. Young, is enroute for Spencer to visit the latter. This is a long and circuitous route, too, from the traveler's home in Bowie, Texas, to Kansas City, Chicago, Buffalo, Boston, and New York; and if Spencer is last on the route, it is, of course, the best.

Trade on Crescent advertisements. They lead to bargains.

Rowan Grocery Co., supplies are the house-keeper's delight.

The road to Salisbury's best mercantile houses lies through the columns of the Crescent.

Mr. Brannon, a good farmer who lives on the Curran place, was in Spencer yesterday, on business.

W. L. Ray has been on the half-way sick list for more than two weeks past.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ingram left on 83 Wednesday, for Franklin Junction, Va., and other points.

Mrs. J. N. Boone returned from a visit to Charlotte, the new convention city, on Monday last.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Chavier have moved into their own residence, on Carolina Ave. They have been residing in E. Spencer.

Patterson Tobacco Co., of Richmond, Va., are doing some handsome sign work on the Rowan Grocery Company's walls. Read it.

The misses Iola and Beulah Keel, of Burlington, N. C., are the guests of miss Ola Huffines. And there's a trio of "the best."

Guy H. Miller is spending a month at Rocky River, for his health. We sincerely trust it may be with the best results.

Miss Maggie Page is entertaining her friend, miss Effie Cooper, of China Grove, who arrived Friday last.

Somebody has written lately again about the size of Babylon. Spencer ladies are more interested in the size of the Empire store bargains.

J. B. Cornelison, Salisbury R. F. D. No. 4, and a prosperous farmer, was trading in Spencer, on Thursday.

Moonlight and mooning is in prospect these days with alarming frequency. We used to like it ourselves, and don't blame those who still do.

Mrs. J. R. Pennington is spending a week in Asheville, where the "land of the sky" is supposed to exhale breezes of the choicest variety while we sleep.

Miss Jennie Freeman, who has been attending the Summer School, at Charlottesville, Va., came home last Friday night. There is "no place like home."

Miss Helen Lampkin, daughter of F. M. Lampkin, our worthy assistant postmaster, left on Wednesday to visit relatives in Durham, Warren Plains and Henderson, N. C.

Charles Ray, son of our estimable merchant, W. L. Ray, returned home on Tuesday from a two weeks' visit to Hot Springs, N. C., and Greenville, Tenn.

Subscribe for the Crescent and be in the swim. It leads in local news. \$1.50 for one year; 75 cents for 6 months; 40 cents for 3 months. It is Rowan's own.

J. R. Dorsett, who recently spent two weeks among the farms on Hickory mount and that vicinity, gives us a most gratifying report of crops in that section.

Miss Lizzie Long, of Trading Ford, was shopping in Spencer yesterday and meeting acquaintances. Miss Long is the daughter of G. W. Long, a prosperous farmer, always welcome in Spencer.

Mr. W. F. Stafford, a worthy citizen, and employed in the S. Ry. carpenter shop, has been confined to his room, and under the care of a physician, during the past week, due to a bilious condition.

Mr. T. F. Hudson, of Hudson & Klutz, gave us a pleasant call, on Monday, incidentally to subscribe for the semi-weekly Crescent. The firm has moved into room five, (Wachovia), with larger and better quarters. They deserve success.

Miss Jennie Eagle, a teacher in the Lincelnton Graded School, and Miss Lottie Eagle, a teacher in the Salisbury Graded School, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Loman, for the summer. We trust they will find Spencer interesting, and their vacation pleasant.

Mr. J. E. Kennerly, contractor, of Spencer, has effected a contract for the erection of a fine cottage for Mr. E. L. McClamey, opposite Dr. Stallings' residence on Salisbury Avenue. Mr. McClamey is a Southern Railway machinist, and believes in Spencer.

Mr. D. C. Eagle, of Spencer, Va., last week was suffering from the effects of a heavy fall, was compelled, on Saturday and Sunday, to keep to his room. He was examined by a surgeon, who found a fracture of the ribs both front and back. Mr. Eagle is still experiencing considerable pain in the side.

SALISBURY SOCIAL NEWS

T. B. Brown has been spending the week at Tate Springs.

Advertise in the Crescent, and watch results from Spencer.

Miss Elizabeth Nicholson has been entertaining Miss Elsie Leekie, of Lynchburg, Va., during the week.

M. F. Hatcher was in Asheville early this week on professional business.

Mrs. C. W. Page, with her children, is spending a season of recreation at Corshier Springs, N. C.

Mrs. N. F. Murchison spent two of three weeks at Hiddenite and vicinity, visiting and peacocking, returning home Tuesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Thompson have been entertaining, during the past week, their daughter, Mrs. Ernest Fetzer, of Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Lee S. Overman has been entertaining this week her sisters, from Raleigh, Mrs. J. B. Kinney and Miss Maude Merriman.

Mrs. Charles A. Klutz, with her children, is spending a pleasant season of a few weeks at Rocky River Springs.

Miss Sallie Feldman is visiting delightful old Norfolk, as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Spiegel, of that city.

A. B. Watson and family have moved to Charlotte, where he will engage in business. He has numerous friends here.

Mrs. W. F. Sides has been entertaining her cousin, Miss Lorena Hedgepeth, of Greensboro, during this week.

Whitehead Klutz has been spending some time testing the virtues of the water and tonic air, at Davis White Sulphur Springs.

Empire Store Company bargains are worth a ride from Dan to Beer-Sheba. Don't miss them. The Crescent tells about them.

F. P. Beart attended the Elks' Convention, and saw a great deal of interesting country down in Texas. He is home again.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Clement expect to spend a portion of the torrid term at Atlantic City, N. J., any others would do the same act—if they could.

Now is the season to lay up treasures in the nature of adornment, by a visit to Berk-Harry Co's attractive mid-summer sale. But—"you'll have to hurry," as they said at the Buffalo Exposition gates.

The Misses Lizzie and Mary Poole, daughters of Dr. C. M. Poole, the popular physician whose residence is on the B. F. road, are visiting their uncle, Dr. G. M. Poole, at Fort Slocum, N. Y. They expect to be absent for several weeks.

Mrs. J. E. Carlin added to the pleasures of the season on Friday evening, last, by giving her guests, Misses Annie and Carrie Mankie, of Knoxville, Tenn., an opportunity to meet more than a score or two of Salisbury's young ladies. Light refreshments were served, and the occasion was most enjoyable.

SPENCER BARACA CLASS, AT THE M. E. CHURCH.

Lesson IV, for Sunday, 10 a. m., July 6:

I Samuel, xv, 10-30. Memory verse, 22. (Read I Samuel, xv.) Topical Outline:—I. Saul rebuked by the Prophet. (Verses 10-21). 11. The nature of his sin. (Verses 22-23). III. Saul asks for mercy (Verses 24-30).

Death of Miss Josey at Crescent

This venerable lady was 74 years of age, and well known and respected. She was a sister of Mr. Milas Josey. She was living with Mr. and Mrs. Will Josey, at the time of her death, Saturday, 18th, inst. Funeral services were held at Organ Church, by her pastor, Rev. Trexler, on Sunday afternoon.

SPENCER'S OPPORTUNITIES

Spencer's Advantages

What Spencer Needs Now.

A Great Terminal Only Two Miles from Salisbury, Population 3,500.

20,000 Population in a Four-Mile Area

Largest, Best Equipped Railroad Shops in the South. Over 200 Engines in service. Seventy-five repaired each month. Four Thousand Freight Cars, repaired each month. One thousand Two Hundred Miles of Road in Mechanical Division. Average Pay of Railroad Employees, \$60 Monthly.

Spencer is a Railroad Terminal for Three Divisions. Is 331 s. w. from Washington, on Main Line of Southern Railway. Accessible to every section of the country. All trains stop at Spencer.

Spencer has two Banks Many Business Houses; Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Reform, Episcopal and Catholic Churches; A Great Highway and Trolley Car Line; a nine-months' Graded School; Stone Sidewalks; Attractive Residences; Waterworks and Sewerage Systems; Electric Lighting; A Splendid Citizenship; No Distilleries or Saloons; Is Progressive, Public Spirited, Conservative in Politics.

Spencer has unequalled Industrial Sites, and an abundance of the very best labor at hand for factory, mill and other plants.

Spencer Needs—A Fifty-room Hotel; A Wholesale Hardware House; Lumber and Planing Mill; Overall Factory; Mattress Factory; Ice Plant and Cotton-Seed Oil Mill; Steam Laundry; Foundry; Paper Pulp Mill and many other industries.

Spencer's Climate is absolutely healthy and temperate. Its Artesian Water absolutely wholesome and delightful.

Prospectors, Investors, Manufacturers, Business Men, Farmers are cordially invited to visit Spencer, inspect our advantages, explore our splendid and productive County and see Rowan County Farmers at home.

Accurate details of information cheerfully and promptly given, by MAYOR OR CLERK TOWN OF SPENCER.

The Story of SPENCER'S GROWTH and Its Present and Future

Fourteen Years Ago a Waste of Field and Woodland. Twelve Years Ago Recommended by Southern Railway Engineers as the Site for Its Contemplated Shop Plant, which has been three times expanded, and now of gigantic proportions—and still is far below its prospective proportions.

A great Car-Building Plant must sooner or later be erected at Spencer to meet exigencies certain to arise. A great Foundry will be a necessity, and even now is a sound economic proposition.

The steadily increasing volume of freight passing this point will ere long demand far greater facilities than now. This means other and huge structural developments at Spencer.

These inevitable additions when constructed and operated, will swell the industrial population of Spencer to twice its present numerical strength.

Spencer will thus become a great center of industrial activities. It will have an abundance of labor ready for employment in factories, mills and other industries where the youth of the town can assist in the general effort of upbuilding.

Real Estate will advance: Investments will be made here without fear of decline in values; manufacturers will seek the eligible and available sites remaining.

There are unusual opportunities here now: there should be a line of manufacturing concerns stretching from Salisbury to the Yadkin; and in due course of time there will be.

There is an agricultural country, environing Spencer not excelled in any other section of the State. The farmers of Rowan are proverbial for thrift, intelligence and hospitality. They are prosperous, they are progressive. Farmers from the West and North and East who come to this genial section find better conditions than they left behind—and they succeed here.

We invite investigation; we ask you to visit us; we offer you our cordial co-operation in securing homes, business, or investments.

THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, OF SPENCER, N. C.

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