

THE MASCOT

LOCALS

Cotton is worth \$7 here to day.

Stamp Deputy Axley sold \$47,500 worth of Internal Revenue stamps during December.

The schools have resumed. Prof. Hill opened his Monday, and the college and the graded schools resumed yesterday.

Mr. H. L. Gill, who keeps a record of such things, tells us that 13,432 bushels of wheat were grown in this township last year.

Misses Henkel, Craig and Co. traded for Dr. H. Y. Yott's noted stables horses, Jim and Joe, fast trotters. They

Squire Billy Mills died the knot matrimonial for Sam Johnson and Annie Taylor, a colored couple, at about nine o'clock Monday with nervous and dispatch.

Misses Mrs. Churchhill Satterlee, of Hampton, were here last Thursday. They came down to purchase horses from Messrs. Henkel, Craig & Co. and got a fine one.

The December Bulletin of the State Board of Health shows that there were two cases of diphtheria, one of scarlet fever and one of measles in this county during November.

Married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Goodman, on December 25th, 1898, Mr. Robert M. Porter and Miss Mattie J. Goodman, Rev. W. S. Cherry officiating.

Mrs. Edson, mother of Mr. Wm. Edson, died at her home near Elmwood at 10 o'clock Monday morning, aged about 80 years. The burial was at Bethesda church, Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. Wilhoit & Mills completed the removal of their stock to their new store building Monday. Their store room is now the largest one in the most conveniently arranged in the city.

Mrs. Robt. A. Bravley died at her home near the Stateville cotton mill at 10 o'clock, p. m. of pneumonia, aged about 87 years. The interment was at St. Paul's church Saturday at 10 o'clock.

Mr. T. P. Gillespie, the foreman of the water works construction force, spent the holidays at his home in Chatanooga, Tenn. He has returned, accompanied by his wife, and they are stopping at the Hotel Fredell.

The marriage of Mr. Arthur F. Heath and Miss Alice May Swann, daughter of Mr. H. Swann, is announced to take place at the home of the bride's mother in northeast Statesville on Wednesday evening, January 13th, at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. John Miller and Miss Effie Sipes, daughter of Mr. Hosea Sipes, all of Shiloh township, were married Sunday at the residence of T. A. Stewart, Esq., in the official presence of the Rev. Wm. Stewart, first pastor in the matrimonial line.

Captain A. D. Cowles, of the Danam company of the First Regiment, is now in Havana. Col. F. A. Outwin in his Raleigh correspondence says that the captain will soon return to this country, but whether permanently or temporarily is not stated.

Ex-Sheriff R. M. Sharpe, of York Institute, Alexander county, was here Tuesday with tobacco. He sold at the Farmer's Warehouse and was very well pleased, as his tobacco brought as much as he expected to get for it.

Invitations have been received here to the marriage of Miss Bessie Buntin, of Charlotte, and Mr. Emanuel N. Camps, which occurs at the bride's home in Charlotte on the 11th. Miss Buntin is a niece of Messrs. David and Isaac Wallace.

Ben Campbell, colored, indicted Thomas Felister, a well-known colored man of Shiloh township, for forcible trespass. The case was tried before J. P. Murdoch, Esq., in Shiloh township, Monday.

A. L. Alexander, Esq., of Shiloh township, has been quite sick for more than a week, yesterday his condition was considered critical and it is feared that his recovery is doubtful. Equally Alexander has had a great deal of sickness in his family the past summer and fall, four of his sons having had typhoid fever.

The chain gang is still working near town. The gang will make a nice meal for the prisoners on both the Turnersburg and Mocksville roads. The work is being furnished as fast as it is needed. Superintendent Patterson tells us that people who travel the road say that they would rather have one mile macadamized than have ten worked in the old way. The gang will remain at its present location for a month or two.

The "Lost" Negro Married. To Wm. Nantz, colored, whose disappearance from the vicinity of Mooresville some weeks ago caused so much excitement, bought a marriage license from Register Turner last Thursday to marry Harriet Reid. We suppose that the ceremony has been performed here.

A Concord Couple Married Here. Mr. James W. Neighbors and Miss Cora Cook, both of Concord, were married yesterday. They have a beautiful home here and are well known to all. The groom is a son of Walter Neighbors, who was killed at the depot here by one of the Hampton, colored, some years ago, and formerly lived here.

Brown-Chester. Mr. J. B. Brown, of Davidson, and Miss Minnie Chester, of Mooresville, were married at 3 o'clock last Thursday afternoon. The marriage was a quiet home affair, only a few friends being present. Mr. J. L. Stewart, of Charlotte, was the best man, and Misses Amanda Chester and Lottie Sherrill were maids of honor. These young people have the best wishes of their many friends.

Misses Laura Turner and Mamie Perry, of Statesville; Mary Little of Wadesboro, who had been visiting Miss Turner; Lillian Wyche, of Turnersburg; Flossie Johnson, of Vineland; and others, of Mooresville, have returned to the Greensboro Normal College, after spending the holidays at their homes.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Charles Crater was in town Sunday.

Miss Callie Beard, of Cool Spring, is visiting in town.

Miss Lucy Martin, of Davidson, is visiting at Dr. Wood's.

W. G. Lewis, Esq., spent Tuesday in Charlotte on legal business.

Mr. B. F. Long, Jr., returned to Horner's School, Oxford, Monday.

R. B. McLaughlin, Esq., spent Monday in Newton on legal business.

J. F. Gamble, Esq., returned yesterday from a visit to his old home near Davidson.

Miss Annie Gray, of Bethany township, is visiting Misses Fannie and Mary White.

Dr. J. H. Judd and family, of Shiloh township, expect to leave Saturday for Texas.

Miss Minnie McKee, of Mooresville, has returned home from a visit to friends here.

Mr. C. V. Henkel went to Leclior and Charlotte yesterday on business and will return here to-day.

Miss Katie Cowan has returned to her home at Elmwood from a visit to friends at Catawba.

Mr. Lex Steele returned to the A. & M. College, Raleigh, yesterday. He graduates there this year.

Miss Mattie Turner has returned home from a visit to her brother, Mr. F. H. Turner, in Salisbury.

Mr. R. V. Tharpe went to Greensboro last Friday on a pleasure trip and returned Saturday evening.

Mr. W. R. Thompson has returned to Greensboro to resume his duties in the graded school here.

Miss Gertrude Robbins left yesterday morning for New York city to complete her course in music.

Mr. R. W. Orr went to Salisbury and Lexington on business last Friday and returned Saturday night.

Mrs. C. V. Henkel has returned here from Morganton, where she spent the holidays with her people.

Rev. R. E. C. Lawson and family, of Springfield, Ky., are visiting Mr. Lawson's parents near Troutman's.

Mrs. R. L. Poston returned home yesterday from a visit to her mother, Mrs. J. Riley Davidson, in Charlotte.

Mr. Deitz, of Newton, who formerly conducted a lumber yard here, spent a couple of days here this week.

Mrs. Annie B. Murdoch, of Salisbury, came up Friday to visit at Mr. W. R. Mills' and returned home yesterday.

Miss Jessie Fowler returned home last night from South River, where she spent the holidays with her parents.

Miss Madge Little, of Gastonia, who had been visiting Miss Lillian Taylor at Turnersburg, has returned home.

Mr. S. B. Miller returned Tuesday from a visit to relatives in Sumter and other South Carolina points.

Mr. A. V. Davis, who now lives in Salisbury, was here last week shaking hands with his old friends and neighbors.

Mr. C. E. Greene, clerk to Federal Court Clerk Cowles, is spending the holidays at his home in Bakersville.

Mr. K. L. Miller, principal of Leasburg High School, is home on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Miller.

Mrs. A. A. Colvert and Mrs. C. W. Stimpson returned home Tuesday from a visit to Mrs. Charles R. Jones in Charlotte.

Messrs. Joe Caldwell, Frank Jenkins, Flake Steele, Sylvan Stephens and Arthur Turner have returned to Holt's school at Oak Ridge.

Mr. J. M. Gibson, of Turnersburg township, left yesterday for Stackhouse, Madison county, where he will engage in the lumber business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Martin, of Iffdenite, who had been visiting relatives at Amity and in Rowan county, returned home last Friday.

Mrs. M. V. Reid, who spent several months with her daughter, Mrs. P. L. Hennessy, in South Boston Va., returned home Saturday night.

Mr. Charles Parker, who spent the holiday season with his mother, Mrs. Ellen Parker, of Statesville township, returned to Marion Saturday.

Mr. Hamilton Marvin, of Charlotte, came up and spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Sallie Marvin, and returned the first of this week.

Misses Luda and Lillian Morrison have returned to their schools, at the Salem Female Academy and Spurrier, Mecklenburg county, respectively.

Col. H. C. Cowles returned Tuesday evening from Asheville, where he went to see Judge Swart on business connected with the Federal Court.

Rev. E. L. Weston, son of Mr. W. S. Weston, of Concord township, an ordained Baptist minister, has gone to Wake Forest College to complete his education.

We understand that a marriage in which Randolph county will furnish the groom and Statesville the bride will be the social event of the month of February.

Messrs. Clarence Stimpson and Roy Steele, of Turnersburg, returned to school yesterday, the former to Oak Ridge and the latter to the A. & M. College, Raleigh.

Representatives Holman and Williams left Monday evening and Senator Butler Tuesday morning for Raleigh to be present at the opening of the Legislature yesterday.

Mr. Charles Burgin, depot agent at Black Mountain, spent several days here with friends this week. He was formerly night operator at the depot here. He returned home Tuesday.

Mr. James B. Stephenson, who has been running an express messenger temporarily on several roads for several months, has secured a permanent job on the A. T. & O. Railroad as express messenger and commenced his duties Tuesday. Jim will make a good job.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Bills Paid and Other Business Transacted.

The board of county commissioners met Monday according to law and were in session Tuesday. All of the members were present.

The following claims for tax erroneously charged were paid: E. B. Pifer \$1.60; P. P. Williams \$2.40; W. Shell \$3.24; First National Bank \$22.50; B. R. - hives \$2.40; E. V. Combs 90 cents.

The following claims were paid on account of the chain gang: J. S. Patterson, superintendent, \$31; R. Y. McNeely, V. J. Brawley and J. F. Watts, guards, \$23.25 each; E. J. Houston, cook, \$2; W. A. Bates, cook, \$2; Alfred Bailey \$1.10 smith; George Eddinger \$2.53 lumber; C. B. Morrison \$1 pork; J. P. Flanigan & Sons \$12.82 hardware; J. C. Sullivan \$6.50 supplies; W. A. Thomas & Co. \$15.12 hardware; J. K. Morrison & Sons \$34.41 provisions; J. P. Young \$35.50 smith work; E. Sherrill & Co. \$19.30 supplies; Turner Bros. & Co. \$7.21 supplies; W. A. Thomas & Co. \$39 wagon; N. R. Tunstall \$2.65 drugs.

The following bills on account of the County Commissioners were paid: D. Eastep, superintendent \$141.65 salary and supplies; Stroup Bros. \$6.50 smith work; Flanigan & Sons \$2.57 hardware; Poston Bros. \$19.53 supplies; J. K. Morrison & Sons \$22.40 provisions; N. P. Tunstall \$1.15 drugs; W. F. Hall, Jr., \$2.75 drugs.

The following miscellaneous bills were paid: Mascot Job Office \$5 blanks for clerk; The Mascot \$15 advertising sheriff's ex-officio appointment; J. P. Flanigan & Sons \$9.65 hardware for jail; Dr. M. R. Adams \$9 for 30 vaccinations; D. C. Thompson, jailer, \$58.65; T. M. Marshall \$6.30 for conveying a lunatic to the State Hospital; W. E. Anderson \$1 for goods for jail; W. A. Dry \$1 conveying prisoner to jail; N. R. Tunstall 75 cents drugs for jail; W. W. Turner \$12 for court orders, blanks and recording election returns; Dr. H. F. Long \$20 salary as county physician; W. A. Thomas & Co. 35 cents for glass for court house; H. V. Furches, ex-clerk, \$63.44 for supplies rendered.

The following registrars were paid: R. L. Bradford, R. C. Deal and U. I. Roseman, Shiloh No. 1, \$1.65; J. C. Summers, Shiloh No. 2, \$1.65; J. K. Morrison, Statesville, No. 1, \$1.65; W. A. Campbell, Sharpesburg, 68 cents.

The following other business was transacted: Emeline Sherrill at \$3 per quarter and with A. Mills as agent, and Betsey Hill at \$6 per quarter were placed on the pauper list.

A boy, name unknown, was ordered sent to the County Home.

The finance committee's report was approved and ordered recorded.

The report of the committee was elected as follows: A. Leazar, P. B. Kennedy and J. A. White.

H. V. Furches, ex-clerk of the Superior Court, was allowed until the first Monday in February to complete his official report.

The report of his predecessor has been misplaced and additional time was required.

Liquor licenses were granted as follows: R. A. Cooper, retail; J. C. Somers & Co., retail; Lowenstein & Co., wholesale; J. P. Lippert, H. H. Clarke & Sons, shipper, all to do business at their present stands.

A VALUABLE PAPER

Dr. Long's Paper On Smallpox in The Health Bulletin.

The December Bulletin of the State Board of Health contains the paper which Dr. H. F. Long prepared for the Health Conference at Winston-Salem.

The paper is a history of the smallpox outbreak in this county and occupies 9 of the 15 pages of the Bulletin. It is a very interesting and valuable paper, and we regret that we cannot publish it all.

In preparing the article in the Bulletin the members of the State Board of Health say:

"At our request Dr. Long prepared the appended paper for the Health Conference at Winston-Salem. The request was made because Dr. Long, as Superintendent of Health in his county, had managed the largest outbreak we have had in the State in recent years so well that we believed his account of his methods would be of value generally, but especially to other health officers, who may at any time be confronted with the same problem, of ten a very difficult one where ignorance and prejudice and parsimony exist together."

We understand that our expectations have been more than realized. We commend the paper heartily, and hope every one of our medical readers in this State where the conditions are the same will read it. They may have use for its suggestions very soon, as smallpox is still in the country."

Dr. Long concludes his valuable paper with the following recommendation: "As to the State Board of Health, it can do so without the appearance of offering them unsolicited and unnecessary advice particularly in regard to the infectious and contagious diseases of the County Superintendent. It should be given the power to establish a hospital for infectious diseases whenever he thinks it necessary, instead of waiting for county and city authorities to act, as the law is at present. More than this, compulsory vaccination law should be passed, requiring the vaccination of all citizens every three years, without regard to previous vaccination. A vaccination card should be the entrance card for every child that attends a public school, which should be required to show before it enters the doors of the school house. Under proper laws and regulations it would not be many years until an outbreak of smallpox would be an impossibility. It is within the power of human beings to have smallpox on the earth one of our most dreadful diseases. And thanks to the immortal Jenner, this is possible. Yet we do not properly appreciate this great blessing. We certainly do not take advantage of it as we should. We owe it to ourselves and our posterity that we should do it in our power to at least free our State from the blight of this plague, and this we can do with only a little effort in the right direction. Speed the day when we shall have every one of us, be it man, woman and child, safely protected from the ravages of this terrible scourge."

Monday which weighed 384 pounds.

Jurors for February Court

The county commissioners Monday drew the jurors for February term of the Superior Court, which commences Monday, February 6th, 1899. Judge Shaw, of Greensboro, presiding, as follows:

First week - J. K. Hill, J. P. Bradley, R. T. McGee, M. E. Gross, Burt Knox, W. A. Ramsey, F. L. Westmoreland, J. H. Hall, W. A. Moore, J. F. Murdoch, A. C. Feister, S. M. Crawford, J. L. Shepherd, E. M. Couch, J. L. Heath, W. R. Jones, W. S. Edwards, W. L. Clendenin, J. W. Edwards, W. L. Jones, J. E. Claywell, J. A. Current, J. W. Goodin, R. S. Hartness, P. B. Summers, J. M. Brown, Leo A. Woods, P. R. Lazenby, R. C. Craddock, M. Abernethy, Wm. B. Cornelius, W. L. Bradford, Wm. B. Mason, John D. Williams, H. A. McLelland, J. W. Graham.

Second week - W. H. Evans, W. A. Moore, T. Scott Barkley, S. Grose, G. F. Mitchell, J. L. Mills, J. B. Smith, J. S. Parker, Henry Fowler, S. Hoffman, F. M. Gant, J. H. Delinger, H. A. Smith, J. E. Sloop, Z. R. Robertson, C. A. Halthcox, J. B. Collins, J. W. Mullis.

Internal Revenue News

Three more "western" storekeepers and gaugers have been assigned to duty in this county.

Mr. D. F. Messick, of Williamsburg, has suspended his distillery. In June, 1897, the distillery and fixtures of Mr. P. J. Holland, of John, together with 31 barrels of whisky were seized. The case has recently been compromised, and the property was released to Mr. Holland yesterday.

One city law week, C. L. Neilson, of Asheville, a "western" storekeeper and gauger on duty at Mr. J. N. Barker's distillery at Harmony, got into a difficulty with a native over a trivial matter. A warrant was taken out for Neilson, but, on his promise to leave, the matter was not pressed. He has since been assigned to the distillery of Mr. J. N. Barker in Sharpesburg township.

This "western" storekeeper and gauger business is getting to be a sore subject with the distillers and other people in north Iredell. Many of the men sent down here have jumped the bond and either hid or fled. He drank almost all the time at their distilleries, and others are utterly incompetent to perform their official duties. All of this goes on while the native Republicans, competent to fill the positions, are compelled to stand aside.

Death of Mr. Peter Smith

Mr. Peter Smith died at his home in Shiloh township at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, aged 88 years and 11 months. He voted at the November election, but had been feeble since, though only confined to his bed for a few days before his death.

The interment was at Sharon church, Sunday, Rev. R. B. Hubsch, his pastor, conducting the funeral services.

Mr. Smith was a native of Rowan county but had lived where he died for many years. He was twice married. His first wife, the mother of his children, died a good many years ago, and he afterwards married Miss Bell, of Alexander county, who survives him. Two children, Mr. A. T. Smith, of Alexander county, and a married daughter who lives in Rowan county, survive.

The deceased was of that sturdy Dutch stock, of whom there are quite a number in Western Iredell, and in the fraternal industry and honesty he was a worthy representative of his race. He was a kind, obliging neighbor, a true friend and a devoted member of the Lutheran Church. He was the oldest man in his township, had been a church member for nearly 70 years and had never failed in his duty to church and State. A kind, good old man has gone to his reward.

Thinking of instituting a Damage Suit

Wash Nantz, the negro who is charged with burning Capt. J. A. Harris' barn in Coddle Creek township some weeks ago and who was taken from officers by armed men when he was arrested a few days later, was in town last Thursday for the purpose of instituting a damage suit against certain citizens of south Iredell.

He alleges that after his arrest on the charge of burning the barn a disgraced mob took him from the officers in the night time, and dragged him to the woods, where he was strung up by the neck and otherise maltreated in the hope of extort a confession from him.

Falling in this he was tortured and his name was enlisted by L. C. Caldwell, Esq., who has his case under advisement. No suit for damages has yet been instituted, but we understand one will be if the necessary evidence can be procured.

The reappearance of Nantz and this talk of a damage suit has aroused additional feeling against the negro among the good citizens of south Iredell. We understand that the circumstantial evidence against him is very strong, and most people in south Iredell, who are familiar with the facts, believe him the guilty man who fired Captain Harris' barn. A warrant for his arrest in the hands of an officer and every effort will be made for his arrest and conviction.

We are informed that Nantz is a very vicious negro, who has no regular abode. He went to his mother's, who lives on Captain Harris' farm, about the middle of the summer and hung around there all fall. His damage suit will, in our opinion, amount to nothing, and he will be lucky if he is not tried for arson at one of our terms of court in the near future.

Dr. Long Goes to Marion Ala.

Sunday Dr. H. F. Long was again called to Marion to examine a man named Martin who was thought to have smallpox but an aggravated case of skin disease.

Dr. Long tells us that there are no cases of smallpox in Marion and that persons who had come in contact with Craig (the man who came from the disease from California and who is four miles in the country from Marion,) have already gone beyond the time when the disease should appear. Every necessary precaution to prevent the spread of the disease has been and will be taken, and Dr. Long thinks that there is little danger of the disease making much headway in that town.

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Death of Miss Huie

Miss Puss Huie, daughter of Mr. J. R. Huie, died at her home in Union Grove township at 4 o'clock yesterday morning of spinal affection, aged 18 years. The interment will be at Vernon church today.

The deceased was highly esteemed in her community, and there is much sympathy for the bereaved family.

Mr. Will Bell came up from Charlotte Tuesday evening, spent yesterday with people here and left last evening for New York, where he will enter upon his musical studies, written about elsewhere.

Mrs. J. A. Davidson has improved slightly but is still very ill. Miss Gertrude Phillips and George Long have improved very much.

Don't Fail

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Oyster Parlor.

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