

The Ansonian

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The Honor Roll and good news from the Morven High School elsewhere in this paper is right in keeping with that enterprising cotton town. They don't do things by halves down there.

PEACHLAND continues to grow and is already taking on the appearance of a little city. Already vernacular is employed in commenting on things therein and in the map, elsewhere in this paper, advertising some town lots for sale, will be seen the names of some of the important streets. Last week, our clever correspondent from the place mentioned the "suburbs" in quite a matter-of-fact manner.

OUR tenderest sympathy goes out to Editor Bivens of the Stanly Enterprise, the best and only Democratic paper published in the county, whose newspaper, job outfit, fine new building and household effects were burned at Albermarle Sunday morning. We certainly trust that the good people of the town and county will see to it that he receives the substantial support to enable him to rebuild at once. His patrons will know how to estimate the value of their home paper.

ON THE first page will be found the decision of the railroad commission in regard to the union passenger station here. It will be seen that the commission has ordered the station built within ninety days and that plans of the building be submitted for approval before work is begun on the same. Of course we do not have the depot as yet, but we feel right here like thanking the attorneys of the town and citizens who gave up their business and worked hard during the hearing. This is especially true of the attorneys who gave their legal advice and best service free of cost to Mayor Brock in agitating the matter.

THE idle and vicious part of the colored population in this county has succeeded in making themselves quite notorious recently and we dislike to hear some people in speaking of these occurrences, seemingly condemn the entire race. Anson county's colored population is far above the average of the race anywhere in the country and the better element ought not to be condemned and classed with the worthless portion. There are colored people in this town who have helped wonderfully to build it up and are helping now to carry on its business, doing a work for which they are peculiarly fitted, and the rural districts contain numbers of the same class who till the soil and make possible the wonderful industrial developments. They take newspapers and hundreds of them pay regularly in advance for them; they are prompt to pay their taxes and to settle accounts made. And above all, they know their places and perform their humble duties with no thought or desire for social equality in the common acceptance of that term. Honor to whom honor is due.

WHILE this paper is especially gratified that so many of its friends have seen fit to use its columns when they wish to discuss public questions, yet we do feel that with a little more co-operation on the part of its constituency, probably much good could be accomplished. These remarks are suggested by the following very sensible article from the Richmond Times Dispatch:

Newspapers would be able to work more reforms if their readers would lend a helping hand. Suppose that whenever a newspaper proposed something for the public welfare, a hundred influential citizens would each write a ten word letter expressing their approval; and the next day a hundred more write and keep up the bombardment for a week or more. There would be no such thing as resisting a force like that, and that is one of the chief functions of a newspaper—to crystallize and formalize public sentiment. It should be a channel of communication for all the people—the medium through which citizens speak to each other and speak as one man. If the people would but use the newspapers in this way they would have a mass meeting and adopt resolutions every day in the year, without going to the town hall.

We certainly appreciate and cordially extend the use of our columns for the discussions of all public questions and especially where any good may result for our town and its citizenships. If you have an idea along this line, send it in.

THE GASTONIA Gazette, one of the best semi-weeklies coming to our desk, has just closed its second year under the present management. The Messrs. Atkins, have made the paper a real success so far as outward appearances are concerned, and they deserve the financial remuneration for their labors. The Gazette is a morally clean newspaper in the best sense of the word.

The light-fingered gentlem in who at the State Fair took liberties with the pockets of Bob Phillips, the esteemed editor of the News, must have been the very best tyro. The fact that he couldn't tell at a glance the difference between a newspaper man and other folks is conclusive that he was new at the business. —Cleveland Star.

EDITOR Phillips lost \$25 which Editor Julian of the Salisbury Post thinks was treating him right, "for" say he, "what business has an editor to go around with other people's money in his pocket?" Now this carelessness among editors probable accounts for the fact that only the most charitable folks will trust them with money but insist on making them "trade it out."

It is disheartening to note the manner in which some "foreigners" are just now trying to steal away North Carolina's fame for having produced the longest bearded man in the world. Mr. S. G. Brinkley of Magnetic City, Mr. Brinkley was here last week with the carnival company and this paper, feeling the great duty of helping to bring him out as one of the State's wonders, gave him some space. But now we are made to feel small in the light of the following from the esteemed Statesville Landmark and other exchanges:

About the time Mr. S. G. Brinkley, of Magnetic City, this State, is coming in for his share of public attention on account of his long whiskers, Champ Clark, of Missouri butts in to "spile" it. Hear what he says in a letter to the Washington Post:

"In your issue of Sunday, October 29, you have a picture of Mr. S. G. Brinkley, of Magnetic City, whose beard reaches to the floor when he stands erect. The article is headed: 'Longest beard in the world.'"

"I merely desire to state that the article which is quoted from the New York World is erroneous, and misleading. As compared with some of my constituents, this man has merely a goatee. I have two valued friends, both living in the same township in Pike county, Mo., whose beards put Mr. Brinkley and the prophet, And, to shame."

"Aron's beard, which went down to the skirts of his garment, was as the down on a young lover's chin compared to the magnificent beard of Mr. Valentine Tappley, of Spencerburg, Mo., who once measured out eleven feet and six inches of hirsute growth. Judge Elijah Gates of the nearby village of Curryville, has a beard of nine and a half feet. These facts are figures easily verified. Missouri, in beards as well as other good things, leads the world. Champ Clark."

We will change places with Mr. Clark, in our mind, and say that we are "from Missouri," and he will have to show us.

Big Fire at Albermarle.

A most disastrous fire occurred at Albermarle Sunday morning at 3 o'clock when the Blalock stables, owned by Miss Sallie Blalock and occupied by Mr. J. L. Efrid, and the Stanly Enterprise office and contents were burned. In the stables, on which there was no insurance, there were 18 horses and a number of buggies, etc.

Mr. J. D. Bivens, editor and owner of the Enterprise, had just moved into the upper part of his new building and lost this with practically everything he had, his loss amounting to about \$7,000, with only \$2,300 insurance. The total loss by the fire over and above all insurance will amount to something like \$10,000.

A Strange Affair.

The residence of Mr. C. E. Warner, on new Washington street, was fired four times at different intervals Thursday morning by some unknown party or parties. The fires were started in closets in different parts of the house, and the nerve of the guilty party must be marvellous in making so many determined attempts at arson in broad daylight in an inhabited house. Various rumors are abroad concerning the strange affair. But so far no arrests have been made. Our officers are very vigilant and no doubt the affair will be cleared up. Mr. and Mrs. Warner have the community's sympathy.

Concerning Blewett Falls.

Work on the Richmond side of the river was suspended last week and Monday all the laborers on the Anson side, except about 200 engaged in digging the canal, were discharged. In all some 800 men, nearly all of whom are colored, were turned off. Mr. W. R. Bousal, of the firm of W. R. Bousal & Co., the contractors, paid off the men at the falls Tuesday and discharged them.

SHOT AND ROBBED

Gambling Negroes Resort to Desperate Means.

Thursday at about half-past twelve o'clock, Charlie Ford, colored, of Columbia S. C. was shot and robbed near the cemetery here in the woods where negroes often congregate to gamble. Will Christian, another negro, who is supposed to have fired the shot, escaped and has not been heard from.

Ford told the following story of the affair to Officer Redfern who was the first to reach him after he was shot. He had met Christian and Vann Hubbard, colored, at the carnival and they had suggested that they all go off and gamble together. When they reached the spot, Ford grew suspicious and refused to enter the game. At this point, Hubbard grew desperate and demanded Ford's money and threatened his life if it was refused. Ford started off and Christian fired two balls into his body, one entering the knee and the other striking the side, passing entirely through the body, piercing the intestines five and also the bladder. Ford says that he screamed at this time and was hit on the head. Christian then took his money, \$21.00, and with the negro Hubbard, went to the woods. Hubbard, when arrested had no money on his person and admitted being with the other negroes but claimed that he left when he saw the trouble brewing while Ford declares that Hubbard was present and acting as accomplice.

Hubbard had a preliminary hearing Friday before Justice Little and was represented by Mr. J. W. Gulleldge, Mayor Brock appearing for the State. Hubbard was committed to jail without bail to await the result of Ford's wound. Hubbard has a bad reputation here, having just finished a term on the roads for violating a town ordinance and being wanted here for assaulting Officer Rainwater recently when the latter was arresting him, he having escaped at the time. He will probably get the limit this time.

Dr. Bennett, Covington and Ross performed a very difficult operation on Ford Thursday afternoon with the expectation that his life would thereby be continued only a few hours at most.

Morven News.

Copious showers have come at last and allayed the dust which has been quite a terror for some time.

Messrs. Alex. Liles and M. C. Watson spent most of last week taking in the sights at Jamestown.

Mr. E. E. Griggs, who has been quite ill for several days, is some better.

Mr. Ashby Bolton left last Tuesday for New York City where he is taking training for a nurse. His sister, Miss Iris, has returned home from South Carolina, where she had been teaching, and is now with her mother.

Mrs. J. A. Niven spent part of last week with her sister, Mrs. Klutz of Albermarle. Mrs. Klutz died Thursday.

Mr. Wycoff, of Erie, Pa., is spending some time with his father-in-law, Mr. J. C. Hines.

Miss Francis Edwards spent Sunday in Chesterfield.

Mr. J. P. Lawson has sold his home place to Mr. F. P. Pratt and will soon move to Winston-Salem.

Miss Carrie McQueen who has been teaching near Clarkton came home sick on last Saturday. It is feared that she has fever.

Rev. Mr. Shinn filled his pulpit here Sunday and Sunday night for probably the last time as he can't attend his other work and spare Morven on the first Sunday. Every one and especially his congregation regrets very much to give him up. His visits to our town will be greatly missed.

Quite a number of young people were royally entertained by Miss Hattie Hines on Halloween evening. It was the most luminous event of the season and came near proving more than merely humorous as some of the younger people were most frightened to death by the uncanny ghostly appearances, and unearthly noises and lights which prevailed the streets and visited many houses.

New advertisements: A. B. Caudle, R. L. Bowman, W. N. Jeans, H. B. Allen & Co., H. H. Cox, Martin Drug Co., Liles Underselling Store, G. O. Fullenwider, B. G. Covington, Gathings Furniture Co., Anson Real Estate & Insurance Co., Wadesboro Clothing & Shoe Co., Blalock Hwd. Co., W. J. Huntley, Henry Liles, Dr. J. Smith's appointments, and several business locals and notices.

PURELY PERSONAL

Mr. James Thomas of Camden, S. C., is spending a few days with his sisters, Misses Della and Birla Thomas, of Burnsville township. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Braxington and son, Clayton, Jr., visited the family of Mr. W. T. Braxington Sunday, returning to Charlotte yesterday.

Rev. J. L. Shinn of Marshville spent Saturday here on his way to Morven. Miss Annie Mitchell of Charlotte arrived here Saturday and began her duties as teacher at Brown Creek yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Caudle and Miss Inez Caudle left this morning for Washington, and will return by way of Jamestown.

Mrs. W. B. Little and Mrs. F. M. Little went to Gibson this morning to visit Mrs. N. T. Fletcher.

Mr. E. J. Lilly of Statesville is visiting Mrs. Boyette.

Rev. Joe Fullenwider and wife of Jonesboro Ill. are expected here tonight to visit his brother, Mr. G. O. Fullenwider.

Revs. Martin Hardin and C. E. Ryall of Charlotte were the guests of Rev. R. M. Mann yesterday.

Mr. F. M. Ratliff and wife of Charlotte were here yesterday visiting relatives. Mr. Ratliff returned today and Mrs. Ratliff will remain a few days.

Mrs. W. A. Ingram and Miss Daisy McKeithan left this morning for Jamestown.

Dr. J. M. Covington left last night for Mocksville to attend the marriage of Dr. Beck with there tomorrow.

Miss Eula Smith visited the family of Mr. S. M. Gulleldge last week.

Mr. S. S. Hutchinson spent Sunday here on his way to the marriage today of Mr. H. M. Pinkston at Fremont. The wedding party will arrive here tomorrow.

Mrs. R. A. Monsalvatge of Atlanta, Ga. is visiting her daughters, Messlams T. A. and W. L. Marshall.

Mr. A. W. Morrison of Morven leaves tomorrow for Charlotte to take a business course.

THE OLDEST CITY.

Damascus, Seen by Saul of Tarsus, is Still in Existence.

If you were suddenly asked to name the oldest city in the world which is still in a flourishing condition, what would be your answer?

In nine cases out of ten the person to whom such a query might be propounded would hark back to Egypt, Greece or Rome. He would be wrong. The oldest city in the world is Damascus.

Tyre and Sidon have crumbled on the shore, Baalbec is a ruin, Palmyra is buried in a desert, and Nineveh and Babylon have disappeared from the Tigris and the Euphrates. Damascus remains what it was before the days of Abraham—a center of trade and travel—an isle of verdure in the desert, "a presidential capital," with martial and sacred associations extending through thirty centuries.

It was near Damascus that Saul of Tarsus saw the light above the brightness of the sun. The street which is called Strait, in which it was said "he prayed," still runs through the city.

The city which Mohammed surveyed from a neighboring height and was afraid to enter "because it was given to man to have but one paradise, and for his part he was resolved not to have it in this world," is today what Julian called the "Eye of the East," as it was in the time of Isaiah "the head of Syria."

From Damascus came the damson, our blue plums, and the delicious apricot of Portugal called damasco; damask, our beautiful fabric of cotton and silk, with vines and flowers raised upon a smooth, bright ground; the damask rose introduced into England in the time of Henry VIII.; the Damascus blade, so famous the world over for its keen edge and wonderful elasticity, the secret of whose manufacture was lost when Tamerlane carried the artist into Persia, and that beautiful art of inlaying wood and steel with gold and silver, a kind of mosaic engraving and sculpture united, called damaskeening, with which boxes, bureaus and swords are ornamented.—Scrap Book.

Long Cloaks at Short Prices And Other Lengthy Values Briefly Discussed

Advertisement for Liles' Underselling Store, Morven. It lists various clothing items like Ladies' Coats, Girls' Caps, Blankets, Hosiery, and Boys' Suits with their respective prices and descriptions.

Liles' Underselling Store, Morven

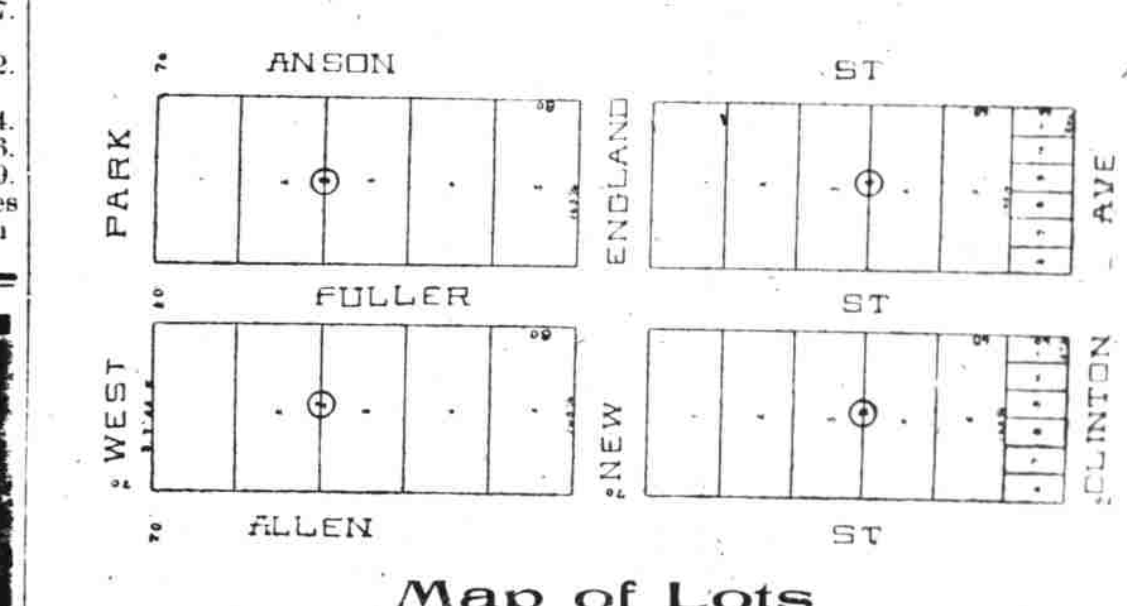
NOTICE: All persons are hereby forbidden to hunt with gun or dogs or trespass in any way upon the lands of the undersigned. C. A. WINFREE, C. W. COVINGTON.

Wire Fencing advertisement showing a diagram of a fence with dimensions and prices for different types of wire.

B. G. COVINGTON advertisement for hardware, located near the Court House, offering a full line of hardware at reduced prices.

The "Empress" Cooking Stove advertisement featuring an illustration of the stove and text describing its quality and availability at Gathings Furniture Co.

Town Lot Given Away



At an auction sale of 32 lots located in the heart of the growing town of Peachland on S. A. L. Railway on

Saturday, Nov. 16th, 1907

I will give away absolutely free one town lot to some person attending the sale.

Sale to begin at 11 o'clock on the premises and will be made on the following easy terms: 1/3 Cash, balance in 6 and 12 months.

G. O. Fullenwider

Advertisement for Choice Residence Lots on the Camedn Road, just outside of town, featuring a beautiful section which is building rapidly. Includes contact information for Anson Real Estate & Insurance Co.

HORSES AND MULES

We have just received a fresh load of Horses and Mules. In this load we have some extra nice saddle and harness horses. Call and see them. It's a pleasure to show YOU.

Wadesboro Live Stock Co. P. S. Don't forget we are headquarters for Buggies, Wagons and Harness. Everything sold under our guarantee.

