

And we are to have two more new states. The joint statehood bill passed the house last Thursday by a vote of 194 to 150.

Peculiar conditions of rivalry in public enterprises obtain in the city of Wilmington. A handsome post office building erected there by the government in 1891 at a cost of \$156,000 is now so congested with the volume of business carried on therein that the postmaster has just made a trip to Washington to ask for \$75,000 worth of enlargements.

In a meaty editorial on the South's educational opportunity, The Baltimore Manufacturer's Record recommends the investment of money in boys and girls as far better than stocks and bonds.

It is a commentary worth while upon the rapidity of the South's healthy growth that almost universally the accommodations formerly adequate for public business are now outgrown.

The moon and the weather. You say in last issue, "The moon changed Wednesday all right and so did the weather."

Mr. E. M. Andrews, formerly of Charlotte, but now of Greensboro, has purchased the furniture business of Cox & Leak, of Knoxville, Tenn.

quantity of liquor being shipped to Yorkville, and we took it all seriously, secretly deploring the fact that Yorkville was so much worse than other towns.

We desire to correct our erroneous contemporary to the extent of saying that this newspaper does not make it a point to throw off on Yorkville, even occasionally. It is a good town made by some of the finest people in the world.

The publication of the items complained of will be sufficiently accounted for, perhaps, when we explain a custom prevailing in the express office at Gastonia. It is in the rear of a very long room with front on a prominent section of Main street.

Now what we want to know in the politest way imaginable is, what was the Enquirer's friend, who speaks of his own knowledge, doing back there in that rented room.

LITTLE POCKET PHYSICIAN.

Hyomei Inhaler That is Guaranteed by J. H. Kennedy & Co. to Cure Catarrh.

Thousands who have been cured by Hyomei, call the inhaler that comes with every outfit "The little pocket physician," as it is so small that it can be carried in the pocket or purse.

A complete Hyomei outfit consists of "the little pocket physician," a medicine dropper, and a bottle of Hyomei, and costs only \$1, while additional bottles of Hyomei can be procured for 50 cents, making it the most economical, as well as the most reliable treatment for the cure of catarrh.

Do not delay longer the use of Hyomei, if you have catarrh. This is a purely local disease, and Hyomei goes right to the spot where the catarrhal germ is present, destroys it, soothes the inflamed membrane, and makes a permanent and lasting cure.

[The same moon. But when it changed you will note that the weather changed at both places. In Gastonia the blizzard came on, in Chicago it came off. See Editor of THE GAZETTE.]

A WHEELER REMINISCENCE.

The First Time That Col. Charles Bradshaw Saw Great Cavalry Leader.

"The first time I ever saw General Joseph Wheeler," said Colonel Charles W. Bradshaw this morning, in speaking of the death and career of the great Confederate, "was just after the battle of Bentonville, in March, 1865. The cavalry leader had had a hard day's fight and was resting on the ground with his saddle for a pillow. His coat had been taken off and he was wearing an old faded jacket. I didn't know at the time who he was, having never been told anything about his personal appearance, and I was unprepared for the sight of the head of an army sleeping on the ground. I inquired of one of the guards who the slumbering man was, and you can imagine my astonishment when he told me that it was General Joseph Wheeler. Of course I took a second look, and the more I studied the apparent insignificance of the man the more I marveled at his record as one of the greatest fighters of the Confederate forces.

In appearance, General Wheeler was nothing more than a boy, but as a cavalry leader he was a giant. His career since the Civil War is proof of the fact that he was one of the greatest cavalry leaders of modern times. There might have been a little more of the Spanish-American War but for the genius of this same little man who made such a spicy remark in the charge of San Juan Hill."

VESTAL BRANCH ITEMS.

Mrs. Lee Lineberger's baby is very ill with erysipelas. The young folks of this place enjoyed a singing given at Mr. W. S. Lineberger's last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Brevard Thompson, who have been visiting friends and relatives in Gaston, have returned to their home in Hendersonville, N. C.

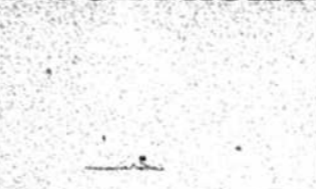
Mr. Charles Lineberger gave a party to the young people of this place last Tuesday night. Those present were: Misses Osie and Mary Rhyne, Clara and Mildred Hoffman, of Dallas; Minnie, Gertrude, and Laura Maxwell, Myrtle Lineberger and Mrs. Lizzie Grier of this place. Messrs. Ernest Rhyne, Miles Pasour, James Rhyne, Bud and Clarence Rhodes, George West, Bob Clemmer, Walter Mellon, Will Jenkins, Miles Cloninger and Mr. Lohr, all of Dallas. Mr. Fornie Edwards has a very sore foot; he cut it with the axe last Saturday.

Honor Roll.

The following pupils of the Central Graded school made an average of 95 or over last month: Miss Stuart's room—John Floyd, Richard Faysoux, Rebecca McLean, Ruth Robinson. Miss Purley's room—Madge Craig, Mamie Smith, Celeste Plyler, Sue Ramsey Johnston, Madge Hanna, Helen Jackson, Aline Reid, James Hunter. Miss Sparrow's room—Jennie Wallace, Ernest Warren, Stella Whitfield, Margaret Louise LaFar, Erwin Gallant, Louisa Reid, Lillie Morrow, Durward Morrow, Wilson McArver, Janette Manney, Earl Groves, Walter Grigg, Myrtle Gray, Janette Faysoux, Nannie Dickson, Erskine Boyce, Esther Bain. Miss Sandler's room—Bessie Farham, Robert Craig. Miss Stokes' Room—Eileen McLean, Rhina Rankin, Dana Caldwell, Cornelia Floyd. Miss Horton's room—Nellie Rose Sloan, Lucy Boyce, Eliza Saunders, Kenneth Todd. Miss Egerton's room—Lavinia Hunter, Cora Dickson, Margaret Morris, Jennie Greene, Violet Rankin, Ella May McEdden, Charles Thomason, A. I. W. Glenn, Stafford Whitfield, Kirkpatrick Reid, George Hicks. Miss Bradley's room—Mildred Rankin, Robbie Lee Morrow, Winifred McLean, George Smith, Henry Groves. Miss Martin's room—William Jenkins, Clara Smith, Jennie Fegans. Miss Hanesy's room—Kathleen Boyce, Eleanor Reid, Gertrude Poole, Gertrude Glenn, Hartsell Shelton.

Major J. G. Baird in Charlotte will conduct the competitive examination Feb. 7th, for the appointment to the Naval Academy at Annapolis. Any young man of proper age in Congress-man Webb's district is eligible to compete. John Mowery, the wealthiest colored man in Salisbury, died Sunday morning of a complication of cancer, paralysis, excessive smoking and alcoholism. He was 25 years old and leaves a fortune of many thousands.

Honest Reductions



Head-to-foot Outfitters for Men and Boys

FARMERS TAKE NOTICE The Lory Mills has set aside a Warehouse for your use free of charge and will carry free insurance for you. Your cotton will be tagged and undisturbed until you sell or call for same. They will issue you a Negotiable Receipt. All they ask is that you haul your cotton to the Warehouse, where it will be weighed free of charge.

STREAMS OF MUD.

Reads in Bad Condition—Main Street Literally Flowing With Mud—Nothing but Clear Weather Will Help Conditions. The blizzard which set in last Thursday night left a deposit of hail, snow and sleet which has not yet disappeared. A slight adumature of rain accompanied by rising temperatures kept the snow and ice in a state of slush after Friday morning. The quiet weather following the blizzard invited travel, and this has created a muddy condition of the highways that is not the worst of recent years, but is still bad enough.

Main Street in Gastonia is literally flowing with thin mud, which is flowing off at places into the gutters. A year ago the board of aldermen took action to macadamize Main street, but when opposed by a respectable number of citizens desisted. The board's supporters are now having their innings jollyng the folks on the other side. In the Commercial Club room yesterday the following are some of the maritime items which were chronicled under the bulletin heading of SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

The bark Nellie Bly was sighted by schooner Badboy in a water-logged condition 70° E. of N. on Main Street yesterday. The tugboat A. Spencer has gone to her relief. The fishing smack Monte Jones lost her jib sail in the great gale on the 26th instant. The ferryboat "Fairland" foundered in 10 fathoms of mud near the town pump light house Friday night and is fast going to pieces. All passengers were saved by the heroic efforts of the life saving crew "Thomas Kendrick."

It is reported that the Page S. B. Co. will put on five or more passenger steamers to ply Main street. The dredge boat Labe Groves has signed contract to sink the channel of Main Street six feet in depth. The construction ship "Dick Faysoux" has also signed contract to macadamize the bottom. Big order for cofferdams placed by wire this a. m. Work will commence at once under naval contractor Captain R. C. G. Love. The ferry boats plying between this side of Main street and the other side are kept busy these days. The armored cruiser W. T. Love left this morning for Spencer Mountain fortress to participate in the mid-winter target practice.

SWAN-SLATER CO.'S WORD FOR IT

Do you know what Swan-Slater Co.'s word in clothing means? It means "exactly as we say it is, and absolutely right before we say it."

Right in quality because it must come up to that rigid all-wool and best wool standard. Right in price because it is bought under the most auspicious conditions. And with quality assured, and first prices the lowest, then reductions must share in the same claims upon your patronage as a natural result. 20 per cent discount on Men's Suits, 25 per cent discount on Men's Overcoats, 25 per cent discount on Boys' Suits and Overcoats.

JANUARY SALE All This Week Despite the unwelcome conditions underfoot, the crowds thronged this store all day yesterday. And they came from far and near. When this store publishes sharp, sensational, and decisive reductions, it means just what it says. The people know it, and respond. We wish to thank them all for the generous out-pouring with which our mid-winter offerings were greeted yesterday and to repeat what was said in our opening announcement, that this MOST REMARKABLE OF JANUARY SALES Will continue until next Saturday night. If you haven't yet supplied your wants, we invite you most cordially to attend this sale. With best wishes, JNO. F. LOVE The People's Store

Seven Lots for Sale on Franklin Ave. Extension. Must be Sold Quick. C. B. Armstrong

MORE MULES AND BETTER MULES Only a few days ago we asked you to watch out for this advertisement. Here we are! We are ready to show you the goods. Our stables are filled to their full capacity with mules, horses and mares. Four loads of fine Missouri stock unloaded today, and two cars of Tennessee stock to follow tomorrow and Saturday. We have always tried to buy a good class of horses and mules because our customers like them and we generally sell our best first. This time we have bought the very best mules that could be found, in order to meet the demand for better stock than was ever before shipped to our town or county. Right here let us invite you to make our stables a visit and see our stock whether you wish to buy or not. We will show you nearly 200 head of stock, better animals than you have ever seen in our stables or anybody else's in North Carolina before. And if you want to buy a horse, a mare, or fine pair of mules, we have the stuff, and will sell it to you as cheap as possible, and please remember, too, that we sell for cash or on time with good security. CRAIG & WILSON