

# Twenty-Nine Years Ago

(From The Cleveland Star of March 5, 1896.)

## The Buffalo Mill

The Buffalo Manufacturing Company have succeeded in completing their building and have purchased their machinery and it has been shipped. They will begin putting it in as soon as it arrives, and expect to have the machinery in operation by April 1st. The company have sufficient capital and nothing will prevent the mill being successfully operated."

## Had A Fire

Last Friday afternoon two buildings near the O. E. & C. depot, belonging to Henry Macobson were totally destroyed by fire. The occupants of the house being in the field at the time, the origin of the fire is unknown. It looked probable for a time that the fire would spread and burn the negro church and other buildings nearby, but a change in the course of the wind was favorable, and no further damage was done. About \$25,000 in money was burned. Macobson is an honest old darkey and the citizens of town made up some money and gave him to help bear his loss."

## 1896 Personals

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. McMurry visited Mrs. McMurry's father, Mr. D. C. Dodd, of Sharon Sunday.  
Messrs. J. H. Carroll and Bloom H. Kendall spent Sunday in Henrietta very pleasantly.  
Mr. A. M. Hamrick went to Lattimore Saturday. He reports the measles plentiful in that section.  
The following are among those who have recently renewed their subscription: Messrs. D. P. Glascock, Camp Call; D. S. Lovelace, Metal, J. F. Roberts, Patterson Springs, and J. C. Poston, Beam's Mill.  
The general and popular postmaster, Mr. T. K. Barnett, accompanied by Mr. A. B. Suttle spent Sunday with Mr. R. B. McBrayer, near Grover.

Mr. D. C. Rollins and family of Double Shoals, will move next week to Gastonia. Mr. Rollins is a valuable citizen and the people of Double Shoals regret to lose him.

Mr. A. C. Miller will go to Charlotte today to attend a meeting of the directors of the Mecklenburg and Concord Presbyteries to decide on a place to locate the college. Dr. Victor McBrayer will go as a representative of the citizens of Shelby to ask that the college be located here.

Master Joe Hoyle left Morganton last week to enter school at Belwood, Cleveland county.—Morganton Herald.  
Mr. M. A. Gantt came up last week from Cleveland county on his bicycle to pay a visit to his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Gantt, at Table Rock, Mr. M. A. Gantt & Co., tanners and harness manufacturing of Cleveland.—Morganton Herald.

Messrs. J. W. Gidney and J. P. Aydlotte returned Thursday from Louisville, Ky., where they had been attending a medical college. They are both bright young men and will achieve success in their chosen profession."

## Operation

Mr. W. B. Turner of Earl's station, went to Charlotte last week and had Dr. W. H. Wakefield the specialist to remove a cataract from his eyes. His vision is no longer impaired and he is getting along nicely."

## Chicoras

The Chicora Literary club will give an entertainment about April 1st, for the benefit of the Vance fund. The club may be relied upon to give an excellent entertainment and the people will appreciate their praiseworthy effort to raise money to erect a monument to North Carolina's purest and noblest statesman, Zeb Vance, and will patronize it liberally. The play is entitled "Re-united."

## Delightful Trip

Misses Mayme Cabaniss, Helen Borders and Lincy Morgan, accompanied by Messrs. Paul Webb, Josh Latimore and Julius Suttle went to Double Shoals Saturday and returned Sunday. They report a most delightful trip."

## Engineering Politics

Capt. Jno. B. Eaves of Rutherfordton, ex-Chairman of Republican State Executive Committee, was here a few days this week. Capt. Eaves is one of the leading Republicans in the State, and although he has been as he says, in the back ground for some time, and though he said he was here on "strictly private business", those who know the dark hued man from Rutherfordton believe that he is engineering some political scheme. He is a shrewd politician and was opposed to fusion from the beginning, and it is believed that he is exerting himself in behalf of a straight Republican ticket, both State electoral. Eaves may be defeated in his party ranks for a time but he usually triumphs in the end. The Republicans who are in for principle are flocking to him and are opposing fusion."

## Growing Poultry

The members of the Cleveland and Rutherford Poultry and Pet Stock Association met here Monday and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, W. D. Harrill, of Ellenboro; Vice President, H. T. Hudson; Secretary, R. L. Simmons; Treasurer, O. F. Martin; all of the last named of this place. The board

of directors and executive committee were elected. L. J. Pope is chairman of the executive committee. The next poultry show will be held in Shelby, December 16, 17 and 18, 1896."

## A Small Wreck

"Monday afternoon there occurred on the O. R. & C. railroad a small wreck. The southbound freight train reached Patterson Springs and stopped on the main track. Soon the southbound passenger train came along and ran into it, smashing up two empty box cars and knocking the pilot off the engine, and damaging it in other ways. The engineer was slightly wounded. It seems that no flag was out, and the wreck was caused merely by carelessness. The O. R. and C. appears to be having a great deal of bad luck lately. This wreck means some one will get a 'leave of absence' for a season."

"Rev. Ike Wells, an intelligent colored preacher from Greensboro and a former resident of Cleveland county was here Sunday, preached two sermons and delivered a lecture, in which he exhorted his race to lay aside their prejudice against their superiors, the white people, and follow their example, as they have always been a free people and are expected to set an example, such is wholesome doctrine."

## Off to Baltimore

"Mr. C. C. Stamey left Monday for Baltimore, where he goes to purchase the spring and summer stock of goods for the mammoth establishment of Stamey Bros. of Fallston. Mr. Stamey will purchase a larger stock this year than ever before. The firm of Stamey Bros. have been doing business at Fallston for six years, and their business has steadily increased, as is shown by their cash books. They are worthy of the large patronage they receive. The people know them and know that they are honest and reliable men. They have achieved their enviable reputation in the mercantile world by fair dealing."

## High Mass

"The first High Mass ever celebrated in Shelby took place last Wednesday morning at 8:30. Rev. Father Francis, O. S. B., of Charlotte, being the celebrant. The musical program was as follows: Kyrie, (trio) Olays Wuerth; Gloria (Quartet) Olays Wuerth; Offertory (soprano solo) To Thee, Oh Lord I Turn, Barnett; Sanctus, Olays Wuerth; Communion, (trio) Oh Lord I am not Worthy; Hymn, (quartet) Come Holy Ghost; Recessional (quartet) Holy God we Praise Thy Name, German Choir; Sermon by Father Francis from St. Matthew, Chapter XVII, verse 4—"Lord it is good for us to be here!"

## A Boy Who Killed Himself.

Monroe Enquirer.

Last week in Ohio a boy of fourteen years methodically collected his old books, a few cherished papers and his toys, piled them in a heap, and set them on fire. After watching them burn he went into his room, shut the door, and blew out his brains. There is a missing cog in a civilization when this happens. It is unnatural for a lad of good mind, and no hint of unsoundness in the present case, to give up his life. What was the reason? His mother died a year ago, and he had assumed the job of caring for his father and two younger brothers, cooking the meals and washing their clothes. The press dispatch says "all the time he longed to play with the other boys and to go to school."

There are many good people in his home town, who were deeply moved by his death. If they had known before, if they had realized the dark outlook on the young horizon, or had dreamed of the dregs that the boy was drinking they would have rushed to his side with aid. They did not know. Even the Christians did not know. There is something wrong with civilization!

## Nickels Are Less Useful.

Newcastle Times.

The nickel, a coin that was once highly honored in our monetary system and which in past years had a respectable purchasing power, has lost its place in the economies of our daily life. Time was when it was good for a cup of coffee, a glass of beer, other things. But "them happy days a show, a ham sandwich, and countless is gone" and the mince or custard pie, a bowl of soup nickel, commonly called a "jitney," is relegated to the negligible job of serving as a necessity of making change. It is stated that dimes and nickels bought goods valued at \$215,000,000 in one chain of 5 and 10-cent stores last year, but usually when combined in paying for one article, perhaps. The old 5 and 10 cent stores are now selling articles for 25 and 50 cents. They had to do so in order to keep in business as the buying power of the dime grew less and less. It may be that the dime and nickel will stage a comeback some time, but there are no indications that they will recover their former buying power.



## Around Our Town

—SHELBY SIDELIGHTS—  
— R. D. —

It must be Spring-time, Easter-time and new bonnet-time. See the window display at Efrids. Men's straw hats already dangling before the eye and priced. They look odd now—they'll soon be common.

This time next month Shelby folks will be preparing for a trip to Charlotte. The second speed classic on the Charlotte speedway will be held Monday, May 11, and hundreds of local people caught the flashing oval fever at the initial race between the

daredevils. To know that Tommy Milton, Earl Cooper, Peter DePalo, Harry Hartz and Bennett Hill will be there means a good crowd from Shelby for the quintet met with favor on their North Carolina debut. One can almost hear a big motor roaring down the straightaway after taking a bank.

Americans judge their little play on earth by the word "time"—not necessarily meaning seconds, hours, weeks or years, but time as it denotes a season. First in the order of months there comes Winter-time, then Spring-time and Easter, and where a community is still an open book interrupted by too much city-bustle the next is "commencement time." And over the county the smaller schools are closing, commencements are the big events of the year. Soon after Easter the larger schools begin talking of commencement and ere long the boys and girls are home again.

Now we feel a little more secure about our future in life since O. M.

only to fresh paint is a brass band. One might know that there are few simpletons in the real estate game. A brass band will gather a crowd quicker than anything else, less it be scandal—Presto! Auction sale, big crowds. Shelby grows on.

For the scientists "Buck" Hardin relates a new tale. One that had it been heard by Darwin might have produced a different influence on our lives—and sure enough would it not be just as comfortable to have descended from a chicken as a monkey? "Buck" never misses anything freakish in life even if he has to be the perpetrator. His latest yarn is that of a 20-year-old hen, and he does say that the ancient clucker has wrinkles under her eye and sunken gums just like very old people. At that you'll have to admit that a chicken crosses the road with more wisdom than a human.

An attraction that plays second

Mull has been appointed one of the directors at the State Hospital at Morganton.

Shelby people oft draw the conclusion that Clyde Hoey would have made an extraordinary preacher. In addition to being an orator with few superiors he has an expression that is so sincere it moves his hearers with his own emotions. In the recent civil court docket in which Mr. Hoey won a \$15,000 suit, the county's largest, a rival lawyer remarked to Mr. Hoey immediately following his speech to the jury: "You would have made an evangelist that would put shame to Bill Sunday." Mr. Hoey at least converted that jury to his line of thought.

The Star during the Philbeck-Francis hearing made mention of the fact that so many young people and women were attending the hearing and drinking in every word of the evidence regarding immorality and Editor Cook of The Uplift explains it as being a change brought about by time. Says the Uplift:

"We are tearing down the St. Cloud hotel, once perhaps the neatest and most attractive little hotel in the state—but that was a long time ago. Why, 'tis hotel had a bathroom, something that astonished the public.

For years it ran with a patronage made up entirely of males. It was the rarest thing that a woman made hold to enter the hotel And when she did it was with fear and trembling. She sat back until everybody got out of the way before she transacted any business with the clerk.

"The management finally concluded that to appeal to the patronage of the women, who found it necessary to stop at a hotel, it must provide for a ladies' entrance, so the St. Cloud constructed a dark hallway, through which lady guests landed either in the dining-room or at the stairway for upstairs. But in later years, at this self-same hotel, this ladies' entrance was discarded and the women marched in where the baser sex did and stood right up at the clerk's desk, demanding their rights and, if you were not careful, my lady would push you aside.

How things have changed in the ability and disposition of women in doing today what they would not think of doing just a few years ago is illustrated by the article from the Shelby Star."

As yet we notice the court house has not enjoyed a bath.

A landmark of Shelby's proudest history is being torn away. Workmen are engaged in removing the old house to the rear of the post office—the house where Tom Dixon lived when a boy. Many great men and noble wo-

men started life in Shelby, or so the community historians relate and even to outsiders they relate correctly, and of the lot the most famous perhaps is Tom Dixon. The great author and playwright is an international character. His books are a fixed part of American literature; his plays stepping stones in stage succession, and the film, "Birth of a Nation," produced from his book one that has weathered the years and criticism and will thrill movie audiences until cinema operators flash their final good-night. Shelby has won in days gone by and up to the present to point out the dilapidated old structure that housed Tom Dixon in his youth. "Yessir," you can hear some of the residents say, "Tom Dixon spent his boyhood here and he lived right over there in that old house." But the house in a few days will be no more and those interested in remembering and pointing out proud bits of town history will say "the house where he lived stood here"—so the cycle of time clips off connection. This world and one more, and the hardfodded mavericks add "and the fireworks."

## YOUTH BELIEVED TOOL OF CRACKSMEN

Asheville, April 3.—Dwain Patton said by Federal authorities to be an accomplice of a professional gang of post office robbers and safe blowers who operated extensively in western North Carolina last fall and winter, was bound over to Federal court at a preliminary hearing today by Commissioner V. L. Gudger.

Patton is a 19 year old boy, son of a prominent farmer near Waynesville, and is charged with complicity in the robbing of the Clyde, Whittier and Belva post offices. He also has a charge against him pending in the state court for alleged participation in the robbery of a Black Mountain drug store and several filling stations. Patton was picked up by a gang of professional cracksmen in the opinion of the Federal officers, who worked on the case, and was used by them in robbing the postoffices mentioned. This same gang it is believed, is responsible for the robbery of at least a dozen postoffices between Asheville and the Tennessee line between September last year and February of this year.

## EASTER SERVICE AT ST. PAUL METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY

The St. Peters Sunday school is going to give an Easter program Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. Rev. Caleb Hoyle of Shelby will deliver an address after program is rendered. Preaching at 3 p. m. by pastor, Rev. J. M. Green. More than 3,000,000 automobile brakes are defective. How are yours?

# EFIRD'S PRE-EASTER SALE

## A GREAT SUCCESS

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS FOR HELPING US TO MAKE THIS SALE A SUCCESS. WE HAVE MADE SWEEPING LOW PRICES ALL OVER THE STORE TO MAKE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY THE BIGGEST DAYS. COME AND SEE—SEEING IS BELIEVING.

### ALUMINUM SALE SATURDAY

MORNING AT 10 O'CLOCK

5 qt. Kettle, 4 qt. Pitcher, 10 qt. Bucket, 4 qt. Percolator, 6 qt. Sauce Pot, 1 1-2 qa. Double Boiler, 10 qt. Dish Pan. Large size Roaster, Sauce Pan, set of 3. Many other useful pieces. See window display. 85c Your choice .....

### MEN'S CLOTHING AT REDUCED PRICES FOR PRE-EASTER SALE

Men's 3-piece suits, new and stylish. Bought for this sale—

**\$10.95 \$12.50 & \$14.95**  
Men's Blue Serge Suits worth **\$18.50** up to \$25.00. Sale price ..  
Men's light color spring suits with 2 pairs of pants. Wide bottom pants. **\$24.50**  
Very special .....

### BOY'S SUITS

We have every wanted style and color in Boy's Clothing. Most of them have 2 pairs of pants. A cut price for this sale—

**\$4.98 \$5.95 \$6.95 \$7.95**  
**\$12.95 \$13.95**

SEE US FOR YOUR NEW STRAW HAT For Easter. We have them galore.

### READY-TO-WEAR DEPARTMENT

FULL AND COMPLETE

—SILK DRESSES—

Every Price And Color

**\$3.98, \$4.48, \$4.95, \$6.95, \$7.95, \$8.75, \$9.95, \$12.50, \$14.50, \$16.75, \$18.50, \$19.75, \$21.75, \$24.50, \$27.50, \$32.50 AND \$34.50**

# EFIRD'S DEPARTMENT STORE, Shelby, N. C.