

McCOLL NEWS OF THE WEEK

NEW RESIDENCE AND STORE BEING BUILT

One Negro Stabs Another—Felix Stanton Elected Cotton Weigher

McColl, Aug. 12—Mr. and Mrs. Raiford Gibson are having a delightful trip to the mountains.

Miss Louise Bethea is visiting her friend, Miss Nannie Fletcher.

Mr. Jesse D Wade and family are spending several days at Wrightsville beach.

Miss Fodie Dores, of Hamlet will spend some time with her sister, Mrs. Murdock McCormick.

Both the Baptist and Methodist preachers being absent, there were no services at McColl Sunday. A. M. Rev. J Brown, of the Presbyterian church, preached a most earnest, thoughtful sermon to a large congregation at 5 P. M.

Mr. James Chapman, of one of the leading Methodist church choirs in Chattanooga, Tenn. sang a beautiful solo; Mrs. C C Stokes playing the accompaniments.

Mr. S C McLaurin has begun the erection of a beautiful residence. Dr. Moore is also excavating for the erection of a handsome drug store. Prof. Walter Owen is preparing to build an Tatum Avenue.

Mrs. Bellinger and daughter, Miss Lucile; Mrs. F P Tatum, Miss Julia Tatum, and Miss Pearl Brown are among those who left for Hendersonville last week.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Shuford was considerably worse last week—and a trained nurse from Highsmith (Miss Kindley) was sent for. Today he is much better.

Mr. Josh Parker has been visiting relatives and friends in Raeford, Red Springs, and Fayetteville.

About mail time last Friday evening, Sam Bethea, a one-armed negro, while standing on the R. R., was approached by Charlie Bethea, a negro between whom and himself there had been some previous trouble. A few words were spoken, when suddenly Sam stabbed Charlie about the shoulder, cutting him seriously. Sam took to his heels, and is yet at large. A force of determined men literally scoured the woods for him during the night; but he had several hours start. He would have fared badly had he been caught.

The Novelty Works, which have been closed for several weeks, have resumed work. Mr. Swan Benston, the former efficient manager, retains his former position as manager. Mr. A K Odom is president of the company now owning the works.

Mr. J C Coleman has accepted position with F P Tatum Sons & Co. McColl is glad to welcome Mr. Coleman back again.

Mr. Willie Ledbetter, of Statesville, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. J H Johnson. Mr. Ledbetter is salesman for a Chattanooga Harness Co.

Miss Virgie Powell, of Richmond Va., after spending about two weeks with her friend, Miss Mary Thompson, has returned to her home delighted with her trip to South Carolina.

Mr. John D McLaurin is at Highsmith Sanitarium, and is quite sick.

The election for McColl cotton weigher was held on Monday. Mr. Felix Stanton and Mr. Dave Whittaker, having received the

highest number of votes in the recent election, were the contestants at this last election, Mr. Stanton won by 5 votes.

Misses Powell and Thompson were delightfully entertained Saturday and Sunday at the hospitable home of Mr. John Smith, of Gibson. Prof. Caldwell, of Virginia, is also visiting at the same home.

Miss Louise Bethea, of Latta, is visiting her friend, Miss Nannie Fletcher.

Messrs Fairy and Harts have accepted positions as clerks with Messrs Lucien Williams and R W Keels, respectively.

Miss Bischery, of Lumberton, after spending several weeks with Miss Gertrude Morrisson, returned to her home accompanied by Miss Macy Harris.

Mr. S E McLaurin had a valuable horse to die quite suddenly about 2 A. M. on Monday.

Little Daniel Murdoch McCormick continues desperately ill, with but little hopes of his recovery.

LETTER FROM SALTERS

Interesting Items About Former Marlboro People

Salts, Aug. 8—Crops generally are very good, but are needing rain. We have not had a good rain since June. Late corn, peas and potatoes are in need of rain very bad.

Mr. J C Everett has the best cotton around Salts, if not in the county. It is lapped up close in six feet rows. He used to plant in four feet rows then in five and now in six. He says he don't want it to lap, but the wider he puts his rows the larger his cotton grows. For his style of fertilizing we suggest eight feet rows as a good rule. He is putting up a modern ginny on his plantation, gasoline will be the motion power.

Rev. D H Everett has been assisting Rev. Patrick with a protracted meeting at Salts this week.

Mr. Walter David has five acres of corn that good judges say will make 90 bushels per acre. Surely Williamsburg is a corn county.

Mr. J H (better known as Goon) Covington is well pleased with his new home. He says the jack-o-lantern has not quite turned his hair gray yet, but he says if he sees that thing again there will be a job for the coroner.

Mr. Ed Pope found a \$25.00 watch in his barn where some one lost it while stealing a half bushel of corn.

Mrs. Pope and daughter are on a visit to her brother, Mr. James Webster, of the Salem community.

Mrs. J C Everett has been very sick with chills and fever but is much better now.

E C McDaniel is speaking of moving back to Marlboro next year.

Mr. John Hamer and daughter Julia of Dillon are visiting relatives at Salts this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James A Ferrell are on a visit to Virginia.

Mrs. T A McDaniel will leave in a few days for Georgetown and Pawley's Island to spend a couple of weeks.

One of our best farmers says he will start to picking cotton next week.

Mr. and Mrs. C D Cottingham spent a few days in Charleston recently.

From the present indications this will a prosperous year for Mr. J L Foxworth (good luck to him is my humble wish.)

Mr. J J Tart must have fine corn. The last we heard of it he could not see the top of it.

Mr. H A Odom seems to be very quiet now. We hardly ever see any thing of him.

Well, as my letter is getting very long, will close by asking uncle Joel to give us one his good pieces.

With best wishes to the Democrat, its editor and readers.

T. A. Mc.

THE NEWS AT RED BLUFF

THE OCTORARO MILL STILL STANDING IDLE

A Mule Gored to Death by a Cow Crops Fine, Personal Items of Interest

Red Bluff, Aug 6—Every thing has gotten to be very dull around the Bluff now as the farmers all done with their work, there is nothing doing and not much being said and as the writer's business is also on a bum, he will try to get up a few locals just to keep in practice though they will be short.

Crops in this part of the country are certainly encouraging for the hard working plowman. Both cotton and corn is as good as the farmers could wish, considering the unfavorable seasons they have had for the last two months, now if they could only realize good prices for their produce they would be in an independent condition at the end of the year.

Owing to the present condition of the yarn market the Octoraro mills Co's machinery is still standing idle though it is supposed by some of the head men that they will be able to resume operation some time about the first of October.

D A McLendon and family returned a few days ago from Sagans sea where he has been engaged in the lumber buisness for the past year.

Mrs J N Mallonee and children of Charlotte came some weeks ago to spend the summer with her mother Mrs Alex McRae. She expects to return to Charlotte about the first or fifteenth of September Mrs Malonee's niece Miss Margaret Buckner will leave about that time to re-enter the Presbyterian College at that place.

Jas A Galloway of Mallory spent one night the first of last week here with relatives.

Miss Bessie Lane, the charming young daughter of Hon and Mrs J J Lane, will leave in about three days for Raleigh where she will start her second year in the Baptist College. Her many friends will hate to see her leave.

Messrs J Cand T G Covington of Clio were here Tuesday afternoon enjoying a swim in the nice refreshing waters of Little Pee Dee. Quite a number of folks, old and young, come out every afternoon from Clio to take a swim.

Mrs. M E Galloway of Mallory is spending a few days here with her son M L Galloway.

The writer is sorry to report that Mr. Frank McRae is again confined to his room with rheumatism. This is the second attack of rheumatism that Mr. McRae has had this year.

H T Bundy had the misfortune to lose a nice mule some days ago by being gored to death by a cow.

Rufus Monroe, a machinist in one of the cotton mills at Lumberton, spent a few days last week here with relatives and friends.

Capt. W A Hinshaw of Clio, a candidate for sheriff, was shaking hands among his many friends here a few days ago, asking for their support.

Mr. Boyd Welch of Clio passed over the Bluff on the 5th inst. going to Laurinburg in the interest of his "Maxwell" machine for which he is agent.

There will be a special meeting of the Clio camp of W. O. W. next Friday afternoon August 7th, for the purpose of making arrangements for unveiling the mon-

ument erected to the Late Sovereign Bates Cottingham, whose death occured about the first of the year and who was burried at Carolina church.

M. L. G.

TO AID STUDENT

Methodist Church Here to Give B. H. Covington Jr \$200 a Year.

Last Sunday the Methodist church here passed a resolution to give \$200 a year for three years to aid B. H Covington Jr to take a course at Vanderbilt university. The resolution had been previously adopted and signed by the stewards of the church.

Young Covington, who recently graduated at Clemson college, has decided to enter the ministry and prepare himself for the foreign field. He did not appeal to the church for help, and the action of the church was taken without the request of himself or his father.

Excellent Health Advice.

Mrs. M M Davison, of No. 379 Gifford Ave., San Jose, Cal., says: "The worth of Electric Bitters as a general family remedy for headache, biliousness and torpor of the liver and bowels is so pronounced that I am prompted to say a word in its favor, for the benefit of those seeking relief from such afflictions. There is more health for the digestive organs in a bottle of Electric Bitters than in any other remedy, I know of." Sold and guaranteed at Douglas & Breeden's drug store, 50c.

Enroll Your Name.

G. Dean is secretary of the Democratic club at the mill village. All those who wish to vote there should give him their names to be enrolled before Thursday, Aug 20.

Those who do not get their names on the roll at their voting place by that day cannot vote in the primary.

Swiss Guides.

No words can describe the patience, good humor and skill of the Swiss guides. Their quick eyes see every danger, their prompt actions avert it. When "on the rope" one has a feeling of perfect security, and on steep aeries and rotten ice, on crumbling rocks and abrupt precipices, one has implicit confidence in their strength, judgment and endurance. That these guides possess a sixth sense is indisputable. One might almost call it acute premonition, for it warns them in advance of all dangers incident to mountaineering and, combined with a marvelous dexterity and an intrepid courage, serves to avert calamity and insure success. —Wide World Magazine.

There is a quicksilver mine in Peru 480 feet deep. In this abyss are streets, squares and a chapel where religious worship is held.

Patent Cats.

A man who really wanted to benefit mankind patented a sheet iron cat, a feline which works by clockwork and which has a bellows inside of it which swells up its tail and causes sounds which would awake an entire neighborhood. The cat's claws are of steel, and when the animal is wound up and placed on a roof it is ready to deal deathblows to every midnight prowling cat in seven blocks. Still another man was given a patent on a pasteboard cat covered with phosphorus, so that it shines in the dark and is to be used for frightening off rats and mice.

The Richmond Primary.

The Democratic primary in Richmond county was held Aug 4. Martin C Freeman of Hamlet was elected to the legislature over both his opponents, receiving 691, to Scarborough 339, and Ziba Gibson 32. The county has only one representative. Mr Freeman is a prohibitionist.

Sheriff Hinson was re-elected, over Baldwin and Ormsby.

Covington, Nichol son, Diggs, McDonald and White were elected commissioners.

Morrison and Steele run over for treasurer, on the 25th, Steele being left out.

Reynolds for register of deeds, and Gay for coroner, had no opposition.

HAPPY START AT BLENHEIM

QUITE A CROWD AT FIRST SPEAKING

The Candidates Have Nothing but Pleasant Words for Each Other

All was peace and harmony at the first campaign meeting at Blenheim Tuesday. There was quite a large crowd present and everybody quiet and orderly. The speakers were all in a good humor, and there was not an unkind word nor an unpleasant incident.

Will F Rogers received more applause than any other candidate. He was given quite an ovation when he arose, and again when he finished his one minute speech. Col. Tom C Hamer was also quite liberally applauded at the close of his speech.

The expression on the part of a candidate for the legislature which received most applause, was the declaration of D D McColl Jr., in favor of state-wide prohibition.

The candidates themselves were allowed to arrange the order of the speeches. They got together at Blenheim Tuesday morning and organized by electing J P Gibson chairman and A L Easterling secretary. It was decided that each man and each office which came first should drop to the bottom the next day, and so on throughout the campaign.

Candidates for the house were given 15 minutes each; the others less.

FOR CORONER.

J F David sent a letter saying that business prevented his being present and that he was a candidate on his former record in the office.

Geo. N McCall said he had been faithful to duty. Had a great many inquests to hold, and missed only a few calls in four years.

J F McGilvray told an amusing joke and said if elected he would discharge the duties of the office thoroughly and faithfully.

P P Meekins said he would make no speech but would discharge duties if elected. Did not expect to get any votes at Blenheim. Wanted McCall to get them all.

SUPT. EDUCATION.

A L Easterling, who has no opposition spoke briefly about his record in the office, and gave some interesting school statistics. He advocated industrial feature in public schools, to teach boys and girls the practical things in life.

AUDITOR.

J P Campbell thanked people for votes two years ago. Said his books were in first class condition. Told of great increase in work of office in past few years.

M E Coward said he was applicant for auditors office. Said he thought the upper end of the county was entitled to some recognition. Would not ask for office if not competent to do the work.

TREASURER.

C W Crosland said he had experience as bookkeeper and handled accounts with satisfaction. Had nothing to say against Mr. Rogers.

J P Evans said it was not necessary to make a speech. If elected would try to fill the office with satisfaction to all.

A H Odom said he appeared for first time as candidate. Had six years experience in bookkeeping and felt qualified to discharge the duties of the office with credit to self and satisfaction to people.

N B Rogers said he had nothing to say against opponents. They

are good bookkeepers and in good positions. Let them keep them and let me keep the treasurer's office. Will try to discharge duties faithfully.

SUPERVISOR.

E D Graham said if elected would try to discharge duties faithfully. Wanted office and thought he could be of service to the county. Was a plain business man and knew the value of a dollar. What life had taught him the value of economy. Mr. Manning and Mr. Coward had both done good work. The county now has the services of them both. He thought he could take less money and give better and more lasting results. If elected would discharge the duties of the office for the benefit of the whole people and not for a few individuals.

F Manning Jr thanked the people for votes two years ago. Had tried to give good service. Have been criticised for spending money. Have spent some more money than former supervisors, but have the work to show for it. Found roads and bridges in bad condition. Have been criticised for building a road in Smithville. The Smithville people are hauled to a road. They had to haul their produce 15 miles, and now they can market it in five miles. This will be a model piece of road. It should have been built if Cheraw had not paid a cent.

SHERIFF.

C F Covington said he was a candidate on his own merits. If elected would try to make as good a sheriff as the county has ever had.

J B Green had nothing to say against any opponent. All have same right to run for office. Opponents have no right to talk rotation. Mr. Woodley's father held office; Mr. Covington had been coroner; and members of Mr. Rogers family had held office. Mr. Hinshaw is the only one left and he has been too busy to hold office, operating in Marlboro, Chesterfield and Marion. The rotation business is wholly with you. Will step down and out when you say so.

W A Hinshaw had no fault to find with sheriff Green, but thought he had held the office long enough. If elected will try to fill office with satisfaction.

W F Rogers simply announced his candidacy amidst applause.

E J Woodley said he thought he was as competent as any to fill the office. Sheriff Green favored rotation 16 years ago. He had been paid about \$50,000 out of public treasury, and it is time to give another man a chance.

CLERK OF COURT

J A Drake said he was serving the last year of his four term, asked for office again on the record made. Better equipped by experience. Nothing to say against opponents. Thanked people for votes in past and for those to be given this year.

Jeff D Edens said he was an orator, but does not take orator to be clerk of court. If you want for your clerk the man who has so efficiently filled the office for 16 years, or the one who was the efficient treasurer ten years or the efficient clerk of the legislature 34 years, vote for them. If you want a new man vote for me. Hoped to receive the strong support given his father, Col. T N Edens, in the dark days of '76 and '78.

T C Hamer said he considered himself fortunate to be in the race with three gentlemen. Am 39 years old. Lived in county all my life and never asked for office in county before. Largely educated self and took care of old home. Been clerk of legislature ten years.

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