FOUND DEAD IN THE WOODS.

Ellen Smith Was Discovered With a Bullet in Her Breast.

She Was Seen With a Mysterious Young Man Wednesday Afternoon of Last Week—The Murder Must Have Been Committed Sometime Wednesday Night.

Ellen Smith was murdered between the hours of three o'clock Wednesday afternoon and eight Thursday morning of last week in a lonely piece of woods about half a mile back of the new Hotel.

She was first discovered by a colored woman named Hattie Pratt, who is employed in the laundry at the Zinzendorf. Hattie told the following story to a SENTINEL reporter:

"As I was going over to the spring (which is situated several hundred yards back of the hotel) Wednesday I met a young white man dressed in a solid brown suit of clothes, with a black derby hat on. I don't remember whether he had any beard or whiskers. He told me there was a woman dead down there in the woods, and said 'no, I guess she is asleep.' He said she was dead, and said for me to go and see, and I told him if he would go with me, I would.

"Then we went down and I saw a white apron hanging on a bush, and a few yards behind it, a woman's feet, which were turned towards me. I didn't go very close, but I saw from the blood on her that she had been shot and was dead."

The Sheriff and coroner were at once notified of the murder.

A SENTINEL reporter was one of the first to arrive at the scene of the tragedy.

The woman was lying flat on her back, with her white apron spread over her head. It had been placed there by some of the bystanders to keep off the flies from her face. Her hands were lying by her sides, her fingers slightly clutching her dress.

On removing the apron the features of a girl about nineteen years old were discovered. The face was much swollen and disfigured, not apparently from any struggle but from lying on the ground a long time. The green flies had gotten in their horrible work.

The girl was not bad looking, but had a rather bold countenance. She had dark hair, which was short and rather inclined to curl. She had blue eyes, pretty white teeth and a rather sharp nose.

Her dress consisted of a white pecal shirt-waist with small black stripes, belted around her. The skirt was of a dark brown material. Her stockings were new and seemed to have been recently polished. When discovered her hat was lying over her face.

Her dress waist was profusely stained with blood. The bullet hole was plainly seen in her left breast, just immediately below the arm. Judging from the hole in the right breast exactly corresponding with that in her left, the bullet must have gone entirely through the body. This, in fact, was the opinion of Dr. Dalton, who examined the body. The powder had slightly burned the clothes where the pistol had been presented at the woman's side.

She was lying in a patch of thick brushy undergrowth, about ten steps from the path which runs down the woods where she lay from an open field on the left. There was no evidence of any struggle. A pine fancy hairpin was found a few feet from the woman.

A red bandanna handkerchief was found about three hundred yards from where the girl was, at the point where the path turned off from the road.

Coroner Fogle and Sheriff Teague arrived about twelve o'clock at the scene and swore in the following jury from those who had congregated at the scene:

Edward Rothrock, John H. Swaim, Frank Krebbs, F. S. Chewning, C. G. Knott and John Wall.

The jury examined two witnesses on the spot. The first was Hattie Pratt, who gave the same testimony in effect as has already been reported. C. C. Hallicard was the second witness. He said he came down with a number of others to the spot shortly after being told of the affair by Hattie Pratt. He also met a young man dressed in a brown suit and wearing a black derby, whom he thought must have been the same person as met Hattie Pratt. He asked Mr. Hallard if he were looking for the dead woman and upon receiving an affirmative answer, pointed out the spot were she lay.

He furthermore stated that he found the white apron tied by one string to a small sapling. He untied it and placed it over the girl's head.

A cot was then obtained and the body removed to a barn on Fourth street where the inquest was continued.

Several interesting questions perplex the jury. One was who was the young man in the brown suit with the black derby who was so anxious to call attention to the dead woman and why this anxiety in his part. Another question is why was the apron tied up on the sapling at the path in such a conspicuous place, and who tied it there.

It was reported that the girl had been seen in the woods not very far from the spot where the murder was committed, last Wednesday about three o'clock.

Mr. Dalton, who lives on Fifth street and for whom she has been cooking, told a reporter that she left his house about two o'clock to go down to his store where she bought a yellow silk handkerchief. About an hour later she was seen in the woods as described with a mysterious young man. That is the last heard of her until she was found.

The post-mortem examination was held by Drs. Dalton and Galloway, who found that the bullet had penetrated the liver and cut the large vein below the heart.

A young man in town Wednesday wrote a letter at Ellen Smith's direction to another young man named Peter DeGraff who has been visiting her, and in which it is said she stated that she never wanted to see him again, and enclosed a handkerchief to him which was to return a gift of one to her by him.

It is said also that this is the same young man with whom she was seen Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock in the woods. It is also thought that the young man in the brown suit was DeGraff.

The girl came originally from Yadkin county and sustains a questionable character.

The result of the inquest was substantially that the girl came to her death at the hands of a companion.

A gentleman in town Thursday morning met a young man about 12 o'clock not far from the scene of the murder. The young man was of low stature, had a light mustache and wore a brown suit of clothes.

THAT MYSTERIOUS YOUNG MAN.

The young man in the brown suit asked the gentleman mentioned above to go up to where the coroner's inquest was being held and after ascertaining what was being said and done came back and report. The young man didn't like to hang around a bout that he was anxious to know what they were doing up there.

The gentleman refused absolutely to disclose the name of the young man in the brown suit, but said that the latter had once threatened to shoot the girl Ellen Smith. He is supposed to be DeGraff.

PETER DEGRAFF.

Peter DeGraff, who was undoubtedly the young man seen with Ellen Smith Wednesday afternoon, the evening of her murder, is a desperate character who has been a bar tender in some of the small barrooms on the outskirts of the town.

DeGraff's father is a basket maker living near town. He claims to be descended from Count De Grasse, the French admiral who figured in the American revolution. He said the name is spelled differently from the famous Count's, but that the family is the same.

DEGRAFF AND ELLEN SMITH.

This young man, DeGraff, has known Ellen Smith for a long time. Of late they seem to have quarreled very frequently. DeGraff is said to be the father of an illegimate child of Ellen Smith which was born about six months ago, and which died shortly after birth. When Mr. Rose found out the condition of the girl he at once notified her stay at his house. She went to Capt. Stagg's and from whence DeGraff took her to a house on Church street and from thence to her home in Yadkin county where her child was born and died.

In the spring DeGraff and his brother went on a peddling expedition in Virginia. In Mayodan Ellen Smith returned to cook for Mr. Rose, and in June DeGraff returned. He has been with Ellen every day of her life since then. Last Sunday they had a quarrel, which apparently became more violent every day since, and which probably resulted in the girl's death Wednesday night.

A LETTER IN EVIDENCE.

A note was found in the bosom of the dead girl, on Saturday last Thursday. It was from DeGraff and made an appointment with the girl to meet him near the place where she was found murdered.

DEGRAFF THREATENED TO SHOOT HER.

The girl and DeGraff were seen together one day last week. The girl was fondling him when he roughly shook her off and threatened, with an oath, to shoot her. She said "I'll be told you I would kill you and Ill do it' yet if you don't let me alone."

DeGraff was implicated in the Goin murder case which occurred about one year ago but the evidence was insufficient to bind him over to court on the charge.

Friday afternoon Sheriff Teague deputized several citizens to go in search of DeGraff. The news was that he was seen on the Attwood hill. The officers went there and searched the house, but DeGraff was not there. While making the search the party was divided into two squads. Messrs. John Peay, Sid Wheeler and Deputy Sheriff Lambreth composed the one which went on out the road to Harrison Fitts.' They ran up on DeGraff but refused to make an arrest on the ground that Deputies Frazier, Stockton and others, who were at the Attwood house, had the warrant. While waiting DeGraff walked off and his whereabouts are not now known.

SPIRIT AND SPEED AGAINST.

Peter DeGraff is still a free man, notwithstanding he has been seen every day since the murder of Ellen Smith.

Various rumors are floating around town about DeGraff and his whereabouts, but one thing certain he has evaded arrest.

Sheriff Teague received information on Saturday afternoon that DeGraff through a colored man, that he, (DeGraff) wanted to see him. The Sheriff went out in company with a deputy, but was unable to put his eyes on DeGraff.

DeGraff says that he would talk to either the Sheriff or his deputies, but that he don't propose to be taken by an army of men if he can help it.

DeGraff is also quoted as saying that the officers could burn the woods and sift the ashes before he would be taken. It is also said that DeGraff is armed with several pistols and a long knife, and is wearing a large breast plate for protection.

Dave Brown, a farmer who resides a few miles west of town, brought the news to town on Monday that DeGraff was seen Sunday night near his home.

Another report was brought here about noon Monday that DeGraff was then out near Belo's pond. In response to this Sheriff Teague in company with Policemen Thompson, Adams, Haithcox and Martin went out and made a search, but came back reporting no trace of DeGraff.

One of the officers who has been out several days says that DeGraff has sought out the "ropes" that are hanging near the woods or corn fields and thereby manages to shun the officers.

The slow efforts that have been made to arrest the man upon whom there is pretty plain evidence that he is guilty of murder, is still the subject for general comment.

Several citizens remarked today that Sheriff Teague would have done nothing more than his duty had he deputized a large number of men to go out in search of DeGraff as soon as the murder was announced.

The foul deed was committed on the outside of the corporation, hence the town's force of Winston have no jurisdiction in the matter unless armed with a State warrant.

WHEN BOYER WAS SHERIFF.

How DeGraff Was Arrested by a Deputy Sheriff.

A few years ago, during the admin istration of Sheriff Boyer, Peter De Graff got into a scrape which necessitated his arrest.

J. R. Johnson, who was then serving as deputy sheriff, in company with George Ebert, went in pursuit of DeGraff on horseback. After riding for some time they got on his track and followed it to Salem. Johnson, who is not hot pursuit until they ran him in a house in West Salem belonging to Christian Fogle. Johnson came to the door, sprang from his horse and pursued DeGraff into a room upstairs. Upon entering the room Johnson called to DeGraff to throw up his hands. The latter obeyed the command and thus it was that DeGraff was captured and carried to the lock-up.

This arrest was made in the face of a report that DeGraff had stated he would kill twenty-five men before he would be taken.

Johnson has also assisted in the arrest of DeGraff on another occasion during his term of office.

The Lutherans Select a Site.

The Lutherans have decided upon the Hanes lot on the corner of Fourth and Spruce streets as a site to build their church. The plans are now being drawn for a house to seat about four hundred people. Secretary Probst, of the Board of Missions, is expected to arrive in Winston within the next two weeks. The object of his visit is to make arrangements for the purchase of the lot; also to accept the plans and order work on the building to be commenced.

WITH THE SHERIFF'S POSSE.

Exciting Adventures of Two Sentinel Men Monday.

How It Feels to be in a Sheriff's Posse—There is More Fun in the Anticipated Realization—Some Thrilling Adventures of Man-Hunters Monday—Very Hard Work.

Gentle reader, were you ever summoned on a sheriff's posse?

If not you have missed one of the most exhilarating sensations that ever stirred the human bosom, and fired it with hopes of heroism.

There was excitement in THE SENTINEL office Monday when the tall, warlike form of the sheriff of Forsyth county strode in and with that quiet, subdued dignity that characterizes one who fears the face of no living man, remarked that he wanted these newspaper men to know how this thing felt, and forthwith summoned the local man and the telegraph editor to serve on his posse, which was to rendezvous at the court house at 4 o'clock, and from thence proceed in the direction of the deputado, DeGraff, and swooping down upon him like the wolf on the fold, capture him dead or alive.

Visions of dashing horses and Winchesters possessed the brain of the SENTINEL men as the sheriff left; of bullets whistling through leaves pattering of shots given and returned.

Thoughts of his younger day's came trooping into the mind of the telegraph editor, crowned with the halo of childhoods's innocency. He thought of the day that the old mare, unduly hauled him out of the wood shed, and divorced him from "Deadhead Dick, the Dare Devil of the Dakotas," just on the eve of Deadwood Dick's fight with the sheriff's posse.

The disappointment brought upon the failure of finishing the fight, increased by memories of a dose of paregoric administered, same back forcibly. But here was a chance to see the action of a real Sheriff's posse, to be in it, to hear the crack of Winchesters, feel, perchance, the whiz of the enemy's bullet speed past. With emotions like these did the telegraph editor's bosom heave.

The local man was no less exuberant. This is the way he served up a real narrative of John Jones' happy recovery from fever, which the proof-reader luckily prevented from going into the paper:

"Mr. John DeGraff Jones, the popular young desperado of our townships, Col. Angel's, has just recovered from a severe encounter with Sheriff Teague's posse."

Promptly at 4 o'clock post meridian, THE SENTINEL men hastened to rendezvous at the court house. They found that about twenty-five other men had preceeded them there and were rendezvousing consiciously in the main body of the court house. The SENTINEL men hasted to the front door of the court house to select a couple of good, sound, able-bodied horses out of the string tied to the hitching posts were found empty, and upon inquiry it was learned from one of the rendezvousing men that this posse was to be a foot posse. This was a little disappointing, but the SENTINEL men solaced themselves with the fact that they were to be armed with a Winchester, and hurriedly rendezvoused into the Sheriff's office to get loaded. The Sheriff himself was not anterviewable in his office, but there was quite a number of subsheriffs, from whom the representatives of THE SENTINEL learned that there were no Winchesters to be furnished but every member of the posse was expected to furnish his own arms.

The SENTINEL men then sadly left the rendezvous and went out to borrow ammunition and arms. Securing a six-shooter apiece, they returned to the court house and rendezvoused there for three-quarters of an hour more before the start.

After several delays, caused by the hysterical demands of several wives of several members of the posse for the said members to return home and protect their innocent babes and children instead of trying to make widows of their wives, orphans of their children and fools of themselves, the procession started.

Alas! It was not commanded by the Sheriff. To the great disappointment of the posse as a whole and individually, it was learned that the Sheriff had to stay and keeporder in the court room. His inspiring presence and able counsels were needed by those line men on their desperate game.

The posse was divided up into squads of three, two to four men each.

The start was effected favorably, and all the squads were soon scouring the woods, except one which deemed it necessary to stand guard at the barroom of the hotel Zinzendorf, test its bevilerages should be jeopardized by a raid of DeGraff's.

The two SENTINEL men not having any deadly weapons, kept their eyes on two men with shot guns. The two men with shot guns not having any definite instructions kept their eyes on the two SENTINEL men. Soon the two men with shot guns and the two SENTINEL men met for the purpose of mutually obtaining each other's instructions.

Each finding that none of the others knew DeGraff personally nor where his lair was, the four decided to start out together and stir him up. The woods and southwest of the city were thoroughly searched. A great many excellent hiding places were passed, and it being ascertained the man-hunters that DeGraff was not in some of them so dark, gloomy and securely inviting to a murderer they were passed.

The party was on the tiptoe of expectancy once. The four had just passed in one of the special depots. They started into a thicket after they passed, but hearing a rustling of leaves, turned suddenly about and facing a forcible expression of their duty to their wives and children continued in a low, determined pace. The two men with shot guns and the two SENTINEL men, however, with weapons ready, crept carefully forward at the place of danger. The rustling of leaves continued. The place was dark and the four men sensed danger. They were on their mettle. They were eager for the fray. Suddenly something leapt forward toward them with a wood gigantic jump. The shot guns and two pistols belched forth upon the evening air and the thing that jumped up, fell forward in its dust. When the smoke cleared away, a diligent search was instituted, which finally resulted by the aid of a powerful microscope which the local men carries to detect items on dull days in the finding of the frame work of a wing and the left ankle of a large and ferocious grass hopper.

After a tramp of some eight or ten miles more or less, in which the scene of the murder and many other dangerous pieces of woods were visited and thoroughly scoured, the four men sat down to snatch a few moments rest. The time was employed in discussing plans for the capture of the murderer if he should be met with. There was no water near by with which to quench the raging thirst of the man hunters. Some one said he wished he was in the court room so he could get a drink of ice water.

The crowd ran out of tobacco. Some tried to borrow a chew and failing, said he wished he was in the court room. because he knew he could borrow some from the lawyers or the jury or the jailor, one or the other.

One of the newspaper men said he wished he was in the court room. He said that was where he belonged as his rights anyhow just that minute. He ought to be there writing up court proceedings for THE SENTINEL. This was the pleasant conversation continued until the weary chase was resumed. After scouring more woods for the rest of the afternoon, the man-hunters returned, reaching the city just as the sun was sinking behind the horizon and the Judge was dismissing court for supper.

The remainder of the posse was as unsuccessful as the squad of four. They went to Pitt's where DeGraff frequently resorts, but did not see him.

Gentle reader, were you ever summoned on a sheriff's posse? If you weren't you needn't want to be. There is less exhilaration and more hard wing in it than any other work you ever tackled.

DEATH OF A. A. SMITH.

He Passed Away This Morning at the Age of 42 Years.

Tuesday at 9:30 o'clock Mr. A. A. Smith of this city, after a lingering illness of more than twelve months, gently breathed his last at his residence on West Fourth street surrounded by his loving family and a number of devoted friends.

Mr. Smith was in the forty-third year of his age, having just reached the prime of life.

He was born in Campbell county, Va., in 1850, and when quite a young man engaged in the leaf tobacco business at Lynchburg, Va., where he continued until 1877, when he removed to this city and continued in the same business here which he conducted very successfully up to about eighteen months ago, when his health failed and he was compelled to retire from active business life.

In 1881 Mr. Smith was married to Miss Nannie Thornburg, of this city, and four bright little children have blessed their wedded life.

Mr. Smith was a devoted christian, a zealous and active member of the Presbyterian church, and leaves a brother, C. C. Smith, of Martinsville, Va., a sister, Mrs. Sue Elliot, of Lynchburg, wife and four children and a host of friends to mourn his demise.

The funeral services were conducted from the Presbyterian church yesterday at 4 o'clock p. m., by Revs. E. P. Davis, H. A. Brown and Ira Irwin. The remains were laid to rest in the Salem cemetery.

FOUR TICKETS IN THE FIFTH.

Hon. R. A. Doughton Opened the Campaign at Oxford.

Hon. R. A. Doughton, Democratic candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, was in the city Tuesday. Mr. Doughton is on his way home from Oxford where he addressed a large and enthusiastic crowd Monday.

In conversation with a SENTINEL reporter at the train Mr. Doughton said the politics was badly mixed in Granville. "While at Oxford yes terday," said Mr. Doughton, "I met Mr. Jas. Smith, who informed me that he was a candidate for Congress." This make four candidates candidates for the same office in that district. They are as follows: A. A. Williams, Democrat; Thomas Settle and R. S. Amis, Republican; and Lindsay, Third Party.

Mr. Doughton reports that there is not a single Third party man in his county, Alleghany.

Crop Prospects.

Mr. John Johnson, a brother of Mr. C. E. Johnson, of this city, and an extensive farmer of this county, was in the city Friday and in conversation with a SENTINEL reporter said that the prospects for the tobacco and corn crops were very gloomy, for the tobacco crop especially. The numerous rains are causing it to rot on the hill and the hot sun between showers scalds the leaves and causes the plants to drop over.

He stated that if the season should be such from now until fall as to allow the farmers to cut out the entire corn crops, probably a two thirds crop could be harvested.

Mr. Rainey Burton says that his grape crop is very much injured. The wet weather is causing the leaves to rust and the stem of the bunches of grapes turning black and the fruit is shriveling and dropping off.

P. H. Hanes & Co. have just harvested about over 1,500 bushels of wheat from their 80-acre tract just west of Winston. This is a yield of about 20 bushels per acre, and encourages the belief that farming should pay in Forsyth county.

W. O. Jackson, of Cullers, reports that wheat and corn is better than common in his section this year, but tobacco and corn are not in as good condition on account of excessive cool and wet weather.

J. W. Shore of Yadkin county was in town Monday. He reports crops as being tolerably good,—corn, wheat, rye and tobacco.

Accident on the N. & W.

A caboose attached to a freight train on the Winston-Salem division of the N. & W. road jumped the track while crossing the Dan River bridge, near Pine Hall, about one o'clock yesterday morning and fell into the river. Flagman J. B. Hamilton, a white man, aged about 31 years, of Alexander county, Va., was killed instantly. Brakeman Mack Cochran, of Grayson county, Va., aged about 22 years, was also seriously injured. The body of Hamilton was found at 8 o'clock yesterday morning floating on a flat car. Hamilton and Cochran were in the caboose when the accident occurred. They were asleep at the time the accident occurred.

The Baptist Excursion.

The largest excursion party that has left Winston in several years was run on the Baptist excursion last Saturday morning for North Wilkesboro. There were ten coaches packed with humanity. The train which was intended to leave at 7:30 was delayed until 9 o'clock. Many who had bought tickets were denied the privilege of taking in the trip for want of room.

The train left with two engines attached but upon reaching Tise's furniture factory there was a "balk." The power being insufficient to pass over the grade. The result was that the train was brought back to Winston and divided into two sections. The first section left about ten o'clock while the latter pulled out at 11:30.

Gen. Stevenson to be Invited.

Gen. Stevenson, Democratic candidate for Vice-President, will receive a formal invitation to visit Winston-Salem and make a speech here.

—The colored Second Presbyterian Sunday School have an excursion billed for Mt. Airy next Monday, August 1st.

HIS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Bishop Rondthaler Tendered a Happy Surprise

By His Congregation Sunday Afternoon in Honor of His Fiftieth Birthday—The Bishop is the Recipient of Over $400 Worth of Presents—A Congregational Love Feast Served.

Rev. Edward Rondthaler, D. D., pastor of the Moravian church and Bishop of the Southern Province, reached the fiftieth mile post in life Sunday.

In honor of the occasion his congregation tendered him a happy surprise in the afternoon. At 3:30 p. m. a congregational love-feast was served at which time an interesting and appropriate program was rendered in honor of the Bishop's natal day.

The exercises were opened with a jubilee ode, rendered by the Salem Orchestra and church choir. Rev. H. Clewell followed with an address. He said that one of the pleasing thoughts of the Moravian church was that it represented a family. The congregation is divided into sections. "Today," continued the speaker, "we are gathered as a family, not as a congregation. We are gathered in our Christian home to rejoice with one whom we love, one who is the head of the church—our spiritual leader and servant. He has reached an important mile stone in life—half a century. For more than 27 years he has been in the ministry and for more than half of these years he has served the congregation here. There is not a pastor in either the Northern or Southern Province who has served so long."

Mr. Clewell also spoke of the success that had crowned the Bishop's efforts during his pastorate in Salem. He alluded to the anniversary celebration of the family jubilee anniversary. He referred to the tokens that were to be presented to the Bishop by the various choirs of the congregation.

Mr. Clewell then offered a fervent prayer, after which the congregation sang a congregational hymn. The love-feast was next served to the large congregation.

In behalf of the single sisters of the church, Miss C. Pfohl, in a happy and pleasing address presented the Bishop with a fine and handsome steel engraving of Jerusalem, and a photographic representation, by Hoffmann, of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Tyrance Shore represented the single brethren and older boys and presented six volumes of the Century Dictionary, the proofs of which were read by John Henry Boner, a native of Salem.

The widows of the congregation, represented by Mrs. D. H. Starbuck, gave a calendar office clock.

Col. F. H. Fries represented the married people of the congregation and in a timely address presented a $150 leather covered library suite, consisting of a lounge, office table and two office chairs.

The children also gave a present in the shape of a dressing gown.

Upon the conclusion of the presentation addresses the Bishop arose and spoke feelingly of the occasion. "When I came to the church this afternoon, said he, "and saw my fellow pastors, and a large congregation gathered here I could hardly believe what my eyes beheld. I hardly know whether I am awake or dreaming. I will have to think the matter all over to realize the many kindnesses of this occasion. It is true I feel myself growing somewhat older. They tell me I am 50 years old today. I must believe it, for everybody says so. Notwithstanding all this I never felt stronger in my life. I have a letter from the place where I was born 50 years ago today. It is from a pastor who tells me of my age.

"Somebody asks me what impresses me most now I am 50 years old. It is this: God has a plan for us. A few weeks ago I was in the school which I attended when a boy, I was in the room where I slept. While there last I knelt down and prayed.

"I had no idea or conception of this occasion. No one breathed it to me. The thought impressed me several days ago that God had a plan for us.

The Bishop referred to the call he received to the Home church fifteen years ago. He said he was in the city three or four members of the congregation before he came to Salem. "I feel younger today than I did the first time I preached in this church," added the speaker. He related his first day's experience in Salem and referred to the fact that he was the oldest minister in continuous service in the Moravian church in America at present. The Bishop also added that his love and work instead of weakening was growing and strengthening.

The Bishop closed his remarks by invoking God's blessings upon his congregation and brother pastors. He also returned his sincere thanks for the presents and the interst taken in his fiftieth anniversary.

Upon the conclusion of the Bishop's remarks Miss Gertrude Jenkins recited an appropriate poem of her own production.

Rev. H. A. Brown, of the First Baptist church, and Rev. E. P. Davis, of the Presbyterian church, each made a few pleasant and warm words of congratulation.

Among other things Mr. Davis said: "I am not a Moravian minister or Bishop, but could wish I were on occasions like this."

Rev. W. A. Lutz, of the Lutheran church, offered an earnest prayer in behalf of the Bishop and his work.

A band of Sunday School children sang three beautiful and appropriate verses with a chorus.

The exercises were closed with the benediction pronounced by Rev. H. C. Bowen, of the Christian church.

Upon the conclusion of the services a large number went forward and extended their congratulations and best wishes to the Bishop by a warm shake of the hand. They also received the presents which were spread out around the pulpit.

It was a bright and interesting occasion and Bishop Rondthaler was doubtless never happier in his life than on his fiftieth anniversary. He was also the recipient of many other useful presents which were given by individual friends. The value of the gifts of his congregation are estimated at about $400. During the evening many friends visited the Bishop's home which was beautifully decorated with flowers.

THE SENTINEL joins the many friends of the Bishop and pastor in wishing that he may be spared many years to serve the Home church and this Province.

To Meet with Shiloh Church.

The next annual session of the Piedmont Baptist Association will convene on August the fourth with the Shiloh church on the C. F. & Y. V. railroad. Rev. H. A. Brown, of this city, will deliver the introductory sermon.

Over Half a Million Increase.

The register of deeds says that the tax books for 1892 will be made out in in a few days. The increase in taxable property over last year will amount to over half a million dollars.

PLANING MILLS BURNED.

A Large Planing Mill Burned to the Ground.

The planing mills and lumber yards of J. M. Cummings, on the Norfolk and Western Railroad, two miles from the city, were burned Thursday morning between the hours of 12 and three o'clock.

The fire at the mill was discovered by one of the workmen who lived near by, at twelve o'clock. The community was at once alarmed, but the bells rang out wildly and soon the streets were full of people rushing out towards the spot. When the great red glare was seen in the sky the darkness rising from the horizon like a pillar of fire.

The greater portion of the crowd stopped when on reaching the outskirts of the town they found that the fire was out of control and still a large crowd continued to the scene of the disaster.

The fire companies all turned out bravely at the first peal of the fire bell, but soon found that they could be of no use at the mill, as there was no water near by except an inaccessible branch, and consequently they did not leave the city.

The mill was situated immediately on the right hand side of the track of the Norfolk & Western railroad as you go north. The main building of the mill was 40x100 feet in dimension and contained a planing mill. The surrounding the mill was an immense lumber yard. When the first people from the city reached the mill, it had entirely destroyed the planing mill, both main building and wing, and as the flames were rapidly gaining in fearful appetite, was beginning to lick up the stacks of lumber. Nothing was to be done at the site of the mill except pieces of ruined machinery here and there, around which the flames were still lingering, as they burned the foundation timbers of the mill.

Mr. Cummings, a very tall slender man, bare headed and in his coat sleeves, led the men who attempted to save a pitiful handfull of the lumber in the stacks by dragging it from the fire.

Mr. Cumming's temporary dwelling which was very near the mill, was accidently set on fire, but was saved by throwing buckets of water over the roof and side nearest the fire.

A Norfolk & Western car, half loaded with lumber, was on the siding at the mill and was thought to be in danger, but by the use of large streams of resin from the pine planks from which it was built. This was saved, however, by the timely arrival of two cars of coal from the morning freight train, which took up the car and brought it into the city.

A SENTINEL reporter saw Mr. Cummings at the fire and learned from him that there was not a cent of insurance on the whole plant.

"What do you estimate your loss at?" was asked.

"I have not had time, of course, yet to make any calculations, but the loss on the mill alone will be between four and five thousand dollars. I had a 60-horse power engine in the mill and very much valuable machinery. I had in all a stock of planing machine that cost $968, besides other new machinery.

This makes the loss on the mill, I had 500,000 feet of lumber in my yard, which was worth at least $1 a hundred feet. That you see will be a loss of $5,000, as that has been saved is hardly worth mentioning."

"Why were you not insured, Mr. Cummings?"

"Insurance rates are so high, I could not afford it."

"Will you rebuild soon?"

"I will begin work on a new mill at once."

"What caused the fire?"

"I have no idea unless it was lighted from a spark from a passing train. There was no fire in the mill after nine o'clock."

Mr. Cummings has had his plant established here for twelve months and has been here from Walnut Cove, where he was formerly engaged in the same business.

Mr. Cummings was in the lumber business at Walnut Cove in 1878 when he was burned out. His partners in that fire were not insured and had no insurance on his interests in the concern and lost $3,500 by that fire.

Death of a Young Man.

After a lingering illness for several months, Mr. John Grogan breathed his last at the home of his parents on Liberty street about 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The deceased was twenty-three years of age and has for some time been a sufferer of that fatal disease, consumption. The funeral services were conducted from the residence at four o'clock this afternoon.

Injured by a Flat Car.

A flat car loaded with iron on the N. & W. road, toppled over at Walnut Cove Tuesday. A colored brakeman named Hans Smith, was on the car and received painful injuries by the car falling on his breast. The woundman was brought out to the depot on Sumners is attending. It is believed that Smith will recover.

New Houses.

Messrs. Fogle Bros., broke dirt on Tuesday on a handsome twelve room residence for William Peterson on the corner of Liberty and Academy streets, Salem.

The same firm has contracted to build three dwelling houses for J. W. Fries on the Marshall Street Development Company's property, Salem.

Contract Let for a New Church,

Messrs. Miller Bros. have been awarded the contract for the building of the new Methodist church in East Bend, Yadkin county. A handsomd edifice. Work on the building is to be commenced at once. It will be a frame building and will be dedication during the Methodist Conference which will convene in Winston next week.

Twenty-Seven Years Courtship.

J. C. Lawrence and Miss Antoinett Flynt, both of Rural Hall, were married on the 19th instant after a courtship of twenty-seven years. Mr. Lawrence has just completed a handsome residence in Rural Hall and the couple are now taking lessons in housekeeping.

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R. B. BASSETT, JR., ASSIGNS.

He Turns Over His Stock of Furniture to W. F. Franklin.

Names of the First-Class Preferred Creditors—The Liabilities and Assets Are Not Yet Known—Amounts Due Other Creditors Will Be Divided e up Pro Rata—Other Local News.

R. B. Bassett, Jr., dealer in furniture and doing business on Fourth street filed a deed of assignment Tuesday. Mr. W. E. Franklin is named as trustee. Mr. Bassett retained an exemption of personal property of $500.

The exact amount of liabilities and assets are not yet known. The first-class preferred creditors named in the assignment are as follows:

Messrs. Watson & Buxton, for legal services, $100; G. W. Hinshaw, store rent, $100.05; J. M. Wimmer, drayage, $37.30; Goldsboro Furniture Company, $85.34; Royal & Borden, of Goldsboro, on account for $11.50; St. John Manufacturing Company, of St. John, Michigan, an open account of $38.83; the Cowdrick Manufacturing Company, of Atlanta, Ga., $15; J. F. Dietz & Co., of Cincinnati; $65.30; J. O. Foy, a note for $25.65; J. S. Bassett, of Baltimore, four notes amounting to $250. Total amount $731.32.

The amounts due other creditors will be levied upo pro rata.

THE EPISCOPAL S. S. PICNIC.

A Pleasant Day Spent at Marianbad Springs.

The Sunday School of St. Paul's Episcopal church proclaimed Thursday at Marianbad Springs, a few miles west of Winston.

The members and friends of the school, about sixty in number, gathered at the church yesterday morning at 8 o'clock and were soon off in private conveyances to the picnic grounds where, from the reports of some of the participants, an exceedingly pleasant day was spent. The boys were made especially happy by finding a little distant from the grounds a stream of water sufficiently deep to permit bathing, and it was not long before many of them were in the water.

The party returned to the city about 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY,
June 20 1892.

The annual meeting of the North western North Carolina Railroad Company will be held at Winston, N. C., on Thursday July 28th 1892, and the transfer books will be closed from 14th to 58th July inclusive.

CHAS. M. CRUMP,
Acting Secretary.

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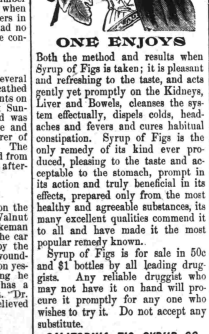
—Col. G. E. Webb informs a reporter that he has decided to continue the tobacco warehouse business in Winston.



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BY VIRTUE of an order of the Superior Court of Yadkin county, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on the premises, in Yadkin county on Saturday, July 30th, 1892, at 2 o'clock p. m. a valuable plantation lying in said county on the Yadkin River, adjoining the lands of Wiley Shores, Crab. Bean and others, known as the Thomas Glenn old place, belonging to the heirs of Geo. M. and Harriet E. Dudley, deceased, containing 397 acres more or less.

TERMS OF SALE—One-third cash, one-third at one year credit, all 8 per cent interest and title retained till purchase money is paid.

This 29th June 1892. D. P. MAST, Commissioner.

NOTICE.

HAVING duly qualified as administrator of the estate of Mary Strupe, deceased, all persons having claims against her estate are hereby notified to present them proven as the law directs, within twelve months from the date of this notice or the same will be plead in bar of their recovery, and all persons indebted to said estate will make payment of the same at once and save costs. This 25th June, 1892.

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