

MOSAICS.

Brother Joseph H. Separk, the highly esteemed Mayer of Raleigh, whose recent death has cast gloom over that community, was also Grand Tiler of the Grand Lodge of this State.

A new Masonic Lodge was organized at High Point on the 25th ult., under the title of Numa F. Reid Lodge, named in honor of the late Rev. N. F. Reid, D. D., of the N. C. Conference, and past Grand Chap. of the Grand Lodge.

ITALY.—A Masonic Temple has been dedicated in Rome, a great triumph for Italian Masons who have won their right by fighting in the patriot ranks under Garibaldi. The old hero, himself, was not present, being detained at home by illness, but his son Menotti appeared in his place.

MASONIC DISPLAYS.—We are glad to announce that the officers of the Grand Commandery have decided to prohibit the too frequent occurrence of Masonic processions, and wisely refused the privilege to a member of Commanderies in the interior of the State, who wished to participate in Fourth of July celebrations.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. J. H. Mills, Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, remains firm in his purpose to resign his position, he having already removed to Thomasville, where he proposes establishing a school. Bro. Mills has made a very zealous, active, and in every way efficient officer, and we regret to lose him from this important post.

By the death of our esteemed companion, Thomas W. Dewey, Grand High priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, that office now devolves upon our friend and Companion, Col. Thos. S. Keenan, Deputy G. and High Priest. This gives Wilson, N. C., the honor of the two highest Masonic officers—that of G. H. Priest Keenan and G. Master Blount.

The dedication of the new Masonic Temple in Rome, the "sacred city of the popes," in March last, proved a great success and a very interesting occasion. Over two hundred Masons were in the procession. The organ of the church at Rome pronounces it a "horrible scandal," and the building of a Masonic Temple a "fearful outrage" on the religion of Christ, suggested by hell in order to offer a more grievous outrage to our divine Redeemer.

We have long thought that the public parades of Knights Templar served to weaken those organizations, as well as to reflect unfavorably upon the whole Masonic Fraternity, by destroying the seclusiveness which has always been its strength. These displays have increased to a great extent within the past three years, and were fast becoming nuisances to all, except the few anxious to appear in sword and feather. —*Philadelphia Chronicle.*

COLORED LODGES.—Prince Hall Lodge celebrated its centennial anniversary on St. John's day, in Boston. Delegations were there from various cities of New England, New York, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Ohio, Michigan and Canada. J. G. Findel and other German Masons were made Honorary Members. The liking of these German philosophers for illegitimate lodges is easily explained when it is considered that they have been trying for many years to prove that there never was any legitimate Masonry.—*Masonic Token.*

AN ANCIENT MASONIC APRON.—There is now in the possession of John L. Swaney, of Castellan Springs, in this county, a Masonic apron that is one hundred years old. It is made of Irish linen with the Masonic emblems nicely embroidered on it with silk. It was made in Bartec county, North Carolina, by Miss Mary Spivey, for Henry Belote; about which time there was a great prejudice among the ladies against Masonry, and this young lady and her mother were the only ladies who would make them any regalia. Miss Mary Spivey was married July 10, 1774, to James Bate. She was the mother of Col. Humphrey Bate and the great-grand-mother of Gen. Wm. B. Bate. The date of her marriage fixed the time she made the apron, as it was before the death of Henry Belote, in 1827, and while on his death bed he gave this apron to John L. Swaney, requesting him to keep it as long as he lived. It is as perfect as it was when it was first made. John L. Swaney is perhaps the oldest Mason living in Tennessee. He was initiated into Lodge No. 6, at Gallatin, in 1808.—*Gallatin [Tenn.] Examiner.*

There is no such county in this State as "Bartec," and from the local names of the parties Bertie county is evidently the one meant.—*Ed. JOURNAL.*

NEWS.

A New Hampshire woman, 101 years old, is knitting a pair of socks for A. T. Stewart.

One of the brightest belles at Long Branch has gone insane. Unrequited love is said to be the cause.

One of the queerest cases on record is that of a man named Bailey, who stole \$5,000 worth of Bibles in Brooklyn.

We had one stolen from our pocket once.

The direct U. S. cable was completed on the 5th inst., and congratulatory messages between London and New York managers were transmitted over the cable.

Southern journals speak very encouragingly of the work of improving the mouth of the Mississippi river begun some months ago by Captain Eads, of St. Louis-bridge fame.

A romantic young pair who were about to be married in mid-ocean a few days ago discovered that they were half brother and sister in time to prevent the unnatural union.

It is estimated by the bankers of New York, that the public and private indebtedness of this country to Europe, is \$2,000,000,000 the interest of which, at 6 per cent., is \$120,000,000 per annum.

It is alleged that England will make the Margary murder the pretext for seizing and annexing Birmah; as large bodies of British-Indian troops are concentrating on the frontier.

The total silver production in the world from the year 1850 to 1875, has been estimated to be \$1,025,000,000, the United States producing one-tenth of the entire amount. The yield of Mexico is at present at the rate of \$20,000,000 annually.

Petersburg, Va., has a school trouble between the Catholics and other citizens. The Council appropriate \$1,000 for a Catholic school house and sundry citizens get an injunction against its payment. Not long since Lynchburg had a like trouble.

Six members of the present Congress have died since their election: ex-President Johnson, of Tennessee; Buffington, of Massachusetts; Hersey, of Maine; Allen, of New York; Head, of Tennessee, and De Low, of Oregon.

When Andrew Johnson was Governor of Tennessee, the Chief Justice of that State was an ex-blacksmith. The Governor, by way of a compliment, made with his own hands a vest for the Chief Justice, while the latter in return, made a shovel and a pair of tongs, which he presented to the Governor.

In the current number of the *Overland*, a California geologist reviews the geological evidence of the antiquity of a human settlement near the present town of Cherokee in that State, and estimates the age of that most ancient of discovered towns to be not less than 180,000 years. Whew!

An extensive Indian outbreak is reported in Eastern Nevada and Western Utah. A number of settlers and miners have been killed, and the women and children are being removed to places of safety. Troops of volunteers are going to the scene. The rising of the Indians is attributed to Mormon influences.

A novel use is to be made of beech and maple trees. A stock company has been formed at Hornellsville, in the State of New York for the manufacture of the vegetable acids used in printing calico. A gang of choppers are at work there felling trees, the company having bought a large tract of woodland for the above purpose.

There is a little girl at North Beverly, Mass., aged three years, whose short life has been eventful. She was born on a ship in the Pacific ocean; seven days after the ship was wrecked and sunk. She was wrapped in blankets and fed on soaked biscuit for 10 days, when they were picked up and taken to Liverpool, thence to this country, and the little one is now with her grand parents—doing well.

THE SUEZ CANAL.—Through the development of its traffic the Suez Canal has been placed upon a paying basis—that is, its income from the last year was larger than the expenditures. M. de Lesseps states that in 1874 the actual expenditure was \$3,500,000, whilst the income was \$5,200,000. The canal is kept in good navigable condition, but no improvements or novelties are introduced, there being much economy exercised in the expenditure. The traffic through it is being constantly increased; and, in addition to the great number of vessels that pass through, the most of them are of larger size than formerly.

Capt. Webb, the hero of the channel feat, is the lion of the day in England. Subscriptions have been opened in London and the provincial towns for the purpose of presenting him with some token of the popular appreciation of his courage, and about \$2,000 have already been collected. It is proposed also that the Queen confer upon him the honor of Knighthood. Capt. Webb, who is 26 years of age, learned to swim at seventeen years of age. He first signaled himself in the Suez Canal, by diving under his ship and clearing away a hawser which had fouled her. On one occasion, when returning from the United States in the Cunard steamer *Russia*, he jumped overboard in a heavy sea, while the vessel was going at full speed, to save a man who had fallen overboard. The *Russia* was running before the wind under steam and canvass, and as she was going at the rate of 15 knots an hour, Webb was far out of sight before the vessel could be brought to. A lifeboat was sent out in search of him, and Webb was picked up after having been for half an hour in a sea such as no one had ever before been known to encounter successfully. For this gallant attempt to save the life of a fellow-creature he was presented by the passengers with a purse of £100. Capt. Webb also holds the first gold Stenhope medal of the Royal Humane Society and the silver medal of the same Society, both of which were presented to him at the Freemasons' Tavern, in the presence of a distinguished company, by the Duke of Edinburgh. Capt. Webb also holds the medal of the Liverpool Humane Society.—*Tribune.*

The Odd Fellows' Temple in this city is fast approaching completion, and when finished will be another of the many handsome ornaments of which Greensboro can boast.

This is the season of Camp Meetings. The third one is now in progress in this vicinity, under the management of the Friends or Quakers.

A small fire occurred last Monday night at Seargent's foundry, just East of the city, resulting in the loss of the dry kiln with about 2,000 or 3,000 feet of lumber. No other damage.

A deputation in behalf of the Americans, both Catholic and Protestant, waited on Cardinal McCloskey, on his arrival in Rome, and presented him with a complete Cardinal's dress and mitre, set with precious stones, together with an address expressing their good wishes and veneration.

If those precious stones were converted into bread they could "point a moral or adorn a tale" with far more acceptability to many of the starving poor, who are now only permitted to look upon them with gnawing stomachs.

Baltimore, September 10.—The steamship *Nova Scotia* arrived at this port yesterday afternoon from Liverpool. She brought Foley's bronze statue of General Thomas J. Jackson, the famous Confederate leader, presented to the State of Virginia by Hon. Beresford Hope, M. P., and other English gentlemen. The statue cost \$40,000, and will be erected in the Capitol Square at Richmond, Va., near the equestrian statue of Washington.

It is generally thought that Hon. Edmund Ruffin, of Virginia, fired the first gun at Fort Sumter. The Rev. John Douglas, of Steele Creek, tells us that this is a mistake. He was residing at that time on James Island and heard the first gun. It was fired by Capt. Geo. James from a little sand battery on James Island. He (Capt. J.) was killed afterward at Gettysburg. The second gun was fired by Lieut. Wade Hampton Gibbs, also from Jas. Island. The third was fired by Mr. Ruffin from Morris Island. The fourth gun was from Sullivan's Island, and the fifth was from Iron Battery.—*Norfolk Landmark.*

The North Carolina Constitutional Convention has gone earnestly to work. Upward of 150 amendments have been offered, notable among them are: To reduce the number of Supreme and Superior court judges, and to be appointed by the general Assembly, instead of elected by the popular vote; fixing the pay of the members by the General Assembly at three hundred dollars per annum; reducing the number of County Commissioners; fixing the term of the Governor and State officers at two years instead of four; providing for the non-suspension of the writ of habeas corpus; for separate schools for white and black children; modifying the appointing powers of the executive; fixing the salaries of the Governor and State officers; abolishing the Senate branch of the Legislature; prohibiting convicted felons from holding offices or sitting on juries; providing for the compromise of the public debt.

A widow lady named Luke, living near Gold Ridge, Randolph county, Ga., found a few days ago, on her farm a nugget of gold weighing two and a half pounds, and worth about \$600.

A new fast mail train will start this morning between New York and Chicago, carrying three cars. The speed will be 41 miles per hour, with only 14 stops on the route.

The schooner *Fursha*, from Norfolk, Va., loaded with sweet potatoes, was caught in a gale off Deal Beach, N. J., and lost both her masts. The crew refused to be taken off.

Cincinnati, September 10.—The Farmers' Convention have adopted a platform demanding the immediate repeal of the resumption act of 1875, the repeal of the national banking law, and that the government shall supply national paper directly.

Gov. Leslie, of Kentucky, recently appointed as aid-de-camp on his staff a boy thirteen years old; and later he has added to his staff a son, aged 6 months, of George T. Duff, the assistant Secretary of State. The baby ranks as Colonel, and the Governor declares that he is more ornamental and fully as useful as any adult whom he could have chosen.

With true business exactness the Committee charged with the duty of arranging for the meetings of Messrs. Moody and Sankey in London have rendered their account to the public. The disbursements amounted to £28,396, and their receipts to £28,238, leaving a deficiency of £158. The receipts were contained in 2,578 contributions, the largest reaching £550.

All the preparations are maturing for the opening of the Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn., on the 3rd of October. Professors Shipp, Safford and Lupton, and the Chancellor, Dr. Garland, are at Nashville.—Prof. Lipscomb and Winchell are expected to arrive at the time of opening. The University is the gift to the Methodist Episcopal Church South of Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Two Italians were arrested at the Grand Central depot, New York, having in their possession a large quantity of \$10 counterfeits on the First National Bank of Philadelphia and the City Bank of Poughkeepsie. The plate from which the bills were printed was cut by the notorious counterfeiter, Tom Ballard, now in the Albany penitentiary, and during the past nine years has been altered to print counterfeits on twenty-nine National Banks.

Every effort is making to induce the Sioux to part with the Black Hills and Big Horn country upon which the white man has set his covetous eyes. The principal difficulty in the way of the Commissioners hitherto has been that they were unable to get the Indians together for the proposed Grand Council. Now hunger has brought many of the unwilling to terms, and Spotted Tail, the most reluctant and intractable of them all, is to be compelled to make his appearance. Our dispatches from the Red Cloud Agency indicates that although the session of the Council may last many days it will result in the purchase of the reputed gold region, but the amount of the purchase-money is still a matter of blind conjecture.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

DIED.

In Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 11th, 1875, David Scott, aged 78. He was the oldest citizen of the city, and among the oldest Masons in the State—nearly 53 years, having been initiated Dec. 14th, 1822. He had the responsible positions of Master, J. Warden and Treasurer of his Lodge. At the time of his death he was a non-affiliate, having denied in 1851. He was also the oldest member of the Presbyterian church in this city.

Special Notices.

ROYAL ARCH.—There will be a Regular Meeting of Chorizin Chapter, No. 13, to-morrow evening (Friday.) All visiting Companions invited to attend.

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