

CHARLOTTE, N. C., July 31, 1886.

OUR CHURCHES.

St. Michael's (P. E.) church, Mint St. Services at 11 A. M., and 8 P. M. Sunday School at 4 P. M. Rev. P. M. ALSTON, Pastor.

Local Gossip.

This week has been exceedingly hot and dry. How long will Col. Charles R. stick is the question of to-day.

The fifth annual session of the Western Missionary Baptist Sunday School convened at the First Baptist church on Thursday. Rev. A. Ellis was moderator.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union held a convention in the Tryon Street M. E. Church on Wednesday and Thursday. On Thursday night Mrs. Chapin lectured in the 7th street Presbyterian church to a large audience.

Personal.

Miss Annie E. Long left last week, and is now in Concord. Col. Wasson spent several days in our city and spoke at the court house on Monday night to a large and appreciative audience.

Literary-Social Societies.

Charlotte has two literary social societies—the Winona and the Oriole. The Winona is the older of the two and was organized about two years ago.

We think public meetings by such societies would benefit greatly both to the public and to the societies.

Larkin. "She's old John's daughter, and him that died last winter." Steve frowned.

Mr. Larkin's small, bright eyes snapped. "Old Sanborn wasn't any too straight, and everybody knows it," he admitted.

These societies are more strictly social than otherwise. We want to see added to them more of the literary character exhibited for the benefit of the public.

We see no need of a new organization to bring about this much desired end. One or both of the above named societies could do it even better than a third society.

Mr. N. W. Harlowe on his trip four days ago, was in the city of Philadelphia. A native then conducted me to the house of the chief, where I found Keys, greatly agitated. On the ground beside him was a heap of clothing which I recognized as the garments worn by Pedro and me.

Colored Men on the Jury.

The colored men of Mecklenburg seem to be sleeping upon the question of their forward personal and political rights. A few weeks ago there was a great cry raised against the prohibitionists because it was alleged by many that the rights of the people were about to be invaded.

Now as to the men who attend to the drawing of the jury. There is Mr. Vail, chairman of commissioners for the county, why don't he see that colored men are placed on the jury?

As for Mr. Griffith, he is a candidate for Sheriff. Of course, no colored man will vote for him even if he is nominated.

Yours, etc., W. R. RAGMAN.

Gold in Different Forms.

Peculiarities in the form of gold taken from mining districts often give a name to the locality. Chunk Canyon, Slug Gulch and Specimen ravine are examples.

Observations of the form of their dust often led miners to make very valuable discoveries. All gold, as is well known, originally came from quartz.

He did not mention the fact of his being some six weeks late in the performance of this duty. The girl dropped her eyes timidly.

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Fortunes in Branding Irons. A Texas correspondent explains how some of the fortunes are made in the cattle business. "I was in the country," said Steve, "and I was suddenly, unexplainably sinking of the heart."

COLONIES IN CALIFORNIA.

A PICTURESQUE FEATURE OF PACIFIC COAST LIFE.

The Anaheim Colony—Difficulties Encountered by the Early Squatters—The Cultivation of Fruit.

One of the most interesting features of Southern California, to one who visits it for the first time, is the colony system, which has done so much to develop the country and to demonstrate the capabilities of the soil and climate.

Perhaps the oldest colony in Southern California is Anaheim, about twenty-five miles from Los Angeles. It was started on the co-operative plan by Germans nearly thirty years ago.

Pay-Director Murray, of the United States Navy, is very tall, and is endowed with a physique in full proportion to his height. When sitting, he holds himself very erect, and an ordinary-sized person, if seated behind the genial naval officer, would experience considerable difficulty in obtaining a view of what was passing in front.

A Tall American.

Several years ago, while in Paris, Pay-Director Murray visited the Grand Opera House, and was enjoying the performance very quietly, when his pleasure was suddenly interrupted by the mutterings of an individual seated directly behind him.

He drew the invitation out, but is always distinct, walking slowly in the middle of the street, and addressing the upper windows of the houses on either side.

The neighborhood of lower Broadway, Fourteenth street, Grand street, and Bowery swarms daily with a heterogeneous motley of mangold-wurtzel, rutabagas, spinach, cauliflower and radishes, of which we are to a considerable extent dependent upon other countries for nearly all of our choice vegetable seeds.

No California colony has received more generous advertisement than Riverside, in Bernardino county. Every Eastern tourist has heard of it and has it down on his itinerary.

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their stead, would add immensely to the general attractiveness. It would go far to remove the air of artificiality which pervades the colony and which makes one homesick for green grass and a bit of the wildness of unassisted nature.

Land in Riverside, as in most of these southern colonies, has reached an extraordinary price. The enthusiasts in orange growing and raisin making are prepared to demonstrate that it pays to buy improved land in bearing oranges or grapes at \$1,000 per acre.

Seventeen Men Killed by an Elephant.

A terrible elephant story comes from India. While an elephant was being ridden by its keeper in the district of Sutanpore, in Oude, the animal resented prodding with a spear by pulling the man from his back and throwing him some distance away.

There he chased an old man into a house, then broke down the walls, pulled the man out, and dashed him to pieces. The same night the elephant knocked down several houses in quest of human beings in the villages of Sadarpur, Bargoon, and Jaisingpur.

After securing a victim he sometimes returned to the spot to see if life was extinct, and would commence mutilating the body afresh. He carried several bodies long distances and threw them into ravines, etc.

Sources of Vegetable Seed.

There are about seventy different varieties of vegetable seeds, including herbs, supply them at prices below what they could be purchased for in the States.

Other peddlers trade tin and iron ware for old clothes. A very good cooking pot may be had for a pair of old trousers. The articulation of a man who frequents the upper part of the city is frequent.

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European seed of high grade. Mr. J. H. Gregory, of Marblehead, paid some years ago as high as \$200 an ounce for choice cucumber seed. Some of the foreign growers exercise great care in seed culture, giving their attention to but one or two sorts, which enables them to excel.

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The earnings of a newsboy on an average day are small. They seldom exceed a dollar. In winter they are sensibly lower. An exceptional day comes now and then, when profits are doubled. Railroad or steamboat accidents, sensational murders, and the death of notable

A LITTLE SEASIDE BELLE.

AN INFANT HEIRESS WITH A ROMANTIC HISTORY.

Worth \$1,000,000, and a Great Traveler—A Strong Fancy for Dolls—Her Wardrobe.

A recent issue of the Philadelphia Times says: There is now staying at the Beach House, Sea Girt, N. J., with her mother, Mrs. Sharpsteen, formerly of Philadelphia, the daughter of Mr. Abbott, a retired merchant, a little girl, five years old, who has crossed the ocean seven times, seen every European and American watering-place of note, and is worth \$1,000,000 in her own right.

Little May is a semi-brunette, with brown hair and eyes, a remarkably fine complexion and an exceptionally beautiful mouth, shaped like a Cupid's bow—that species of mouth which has the lips parted when in repose and showing pearly teeth within.

Turning from poetry to prose, we find the following vague direction: "Mr. —, Travelling Band, one of the four playing in the street, Persha (Pershera), Worcestershire. Please find him if possible."

Another envelope bore the following: "This is for the young girl that wears spectacles, who minds two babies 300 Sheriff street, off Prince Edward street, Liverpool."

The other was directed: "My dear Ant Sue as lives in the Cottage by the Wood near the New Forest."

The bread-fruit tree grows everywhere in Southern Central America and the islands of the Pacific. It is a veritable forest king, and the immense proportions, the old seeks chewing from ten to twelve feet in diameter.

It is natural that this tiny tinted princess should have a somewhat unworldly, more than once reported to have officers have been astounded ten at the number and character of the tree trunks carried by the party, and the looked time Mrs. Sharpsteen arrived in with a York from Europe with eighteen trunks she found herself, to her great astonishment, suspected of being a famous smuggler for whom the officers were a small the lookout. To begin with, Miss and them up in every foreign country. The she has been and net dolls only, but cross wardrobes and every conceivable that can be thought of for doll-keeping. She has German dolls, French dolls, and Flemish dolls.

Swiss dolls and Japanese dolls, pressed for brunettes, brides, peasants of a complexion and sizes. Then Siberia. A everything in diminutive that fair fair to dig into clothes itself with the world ask three traveling suits, bridal trousseaus, dog down costumes, full evening dress and slippers, non, boots and gloves almost a cademy of Science. She makes it a point for month, gloves for every doll in her collection a dozen there is a glove-maker in Paris still frozen makes them for her especially, the Academy This fancy extends to herself the excavation: one point about which she is pre depths, and Never, except when eating or mated that the is she seen without gloves. She hath of 512 feet, to play in, gloves to drive in an untraced cold i for all occasions, almost all of it, not even and of shades to suit her Siberian winter colt. A little girl had to a depth of 600 feet. Geologists have decided that the frozen valley of the Lower Lena is a formation of the glacial period. They believe, in short, that it froze solid y then, and has never since had a chan to thaw out.