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To Our Exchanges.

Our exchanges will please direct to CHARLOTTE MESSENGER. There is a Church Messenger published here.

Persons finding a "cross mark" on their paper will please permit or let us hear from them at once.

Local Matters.

Prof. Mitchell, of our city graded schools, has gone to Florence, Ala.

Our new graded school building will be large and well ventilated.

Mr. Eli Preston is one of the most industrious and economical citizens of our city.

Mrs. Mollie Carson, wife of M. Allen Carson, was buried last Sabbath afternoon.

A mass convention of the Prohibitionists is called to meet at the court house to-day.

We learn from Rev. J. A. Tyler, who travels through the country much, that the crops have come out wonderfully.

You say you like the MESSENGER's sayings on the jury question, chain gang, &c.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet next Monday afternoon at the First Baptist church.

A committee of ladies working in the interest of the Odd Fellows fair met at Mrs. H. B. Kennedy's on Wednesday afternoon.

A district meeting of the Knights of Labor was held in this city Wednesday evening to elect delegates to the General Assembly to be held in Richmond, Va., in October.

Mr. Harvey Kelsey, an intelligent and energetic young man of Chester county, S. C., has just returned home from Kansas.

Tailor made costumes are furnished with three vests, one of the material, one of pique and one of nankin.

We have just seen a copy of the call for a Republican mass convention in Raleigh on the 22nd of September.

Children's Day.

On account of obstacles being in the way on the fourth Sunday in June, tomorrow has been set aside as the day for Clinton Chapel to raise funds for Zion Wesley College.

Tribute of Respect.

OF BRO. A. B. HAYNES, WHO DIED AUG. 8TH, 1886.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Rising Star Lodge, No. 1655, G. U. O. of O. F., held August 19th, 1886,

Resolved 1, That we do sincerely mourn his great loss, not only for his personal usefulness, but as a shining mark of a good Odd Fellow.

Resolved 2, That his Lodge will ever hold in grateful remembrance the sterling business qualities, the patient integrity and clear sightedness displayed while in his chair.

Resolved 3, That in honor to his memory we wear the usual badge of morning, and the stand of E. S. be draped for 30 days.

Resolved 4, That we remember his dying words, "though I walk through the valley and shadow of death, I fear no evil."

Resolved 5, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the parents of the deceased, and the faculty of Biddle University, of which he was a student.

Yours, in F. L. & P., JAS. M. HAGLER, Presiding, GEO. M. GRIER, Secretary.

No One Can Do Without a Newspaper.

After one has become used to a newspaper it seems as hard to do without it, as to do without a friend—yes, a friend could be done without better than the paper.

Notice Republicans.

The Republican executive committee for Mecklenburg county is requested to meet at the court house in Charlotte on Saturday, August 28th, at 12 o'clock.

By order of W. H. HAGLER, Chairman Ex. Com. Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 20, 1886.

Hereafter English soldiers will not be allowed to smoke in the streets in day-time.

The four most important towns of Australia are now: Melbourne, population 282,947; Sydney, 224,211; Adelaide, 103,864; and Auckland, 60,000.

THE CAPITOL MAIL.

HOW CONGRESSMEN RECEIVE AND SEND AWAY LETTERS.

Documents and Speeches Sent Away Daily by the Thousand—The Correspondence of Members—Postal Cards.

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All mail intended for members of Congress is sent direct from the Washington postoffice to the House and Senate post-offices.

They look very much like an ordinary country postoffice. There is a big screen filled with letter-bags, and in the middle a window, behind which stands an official who passes out the mail just about as the Postmaster at a country postoffice hands out the mail to a waiting populace.

Many of them contain documents which the office-seekers or others will send, and consider too important to be intrusted to the ordinary mail system.

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The Southern members patronize the money-order system of the postoffice department more extensively than those of the North.

Mr. O. P. Austin, a Washington correspondent, thus writes of a fashion which he introduced of using the cycle in newsgathering at the Capital:

Mr. W. E. Curtis, of the Chicago Inter-Ocean, has taken to the use of a tricycle for a method of traveling in news-gathering.

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LADIES' COLUMN.

The Proper Thing in Wedding Rings.

In answer to a query, I write that the favorite engagement ring has a sapphire and diamond, the two gems representing faith and constancy, as it is supposed.

Cheap but Tasteful.

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Fashion Notes.

Sunshades of every sort are decorated with a butterfly bow on the handle.

Wide white Hercules braided fringed and knotted at the ends is used as sash belts for little girls.

Lacepins of silver are in the form of a single blossom, with a reversible centre of Bohemian stones.

At a recent wedding just outside New York, the bridesmaids were dressed in yellow, the different groups being arrayed in different shades.

There are guimpes and plastrons of French muslin, with or without embroidery, made to wear beneath summer cutaway basques in lieu of a vest.

Good taste runs riot in the new parasols. First we have elaboration on the edge, then on top, then underneath, and the latest samples show a combination of all these in one.

Frocks for children from two to four years of age have low blouse bodices. The skirt is shirred to the bodice and has two flounces trimmed with feather stitch embroidery.

In adopting orange-colored garnitures, the temptation to multiply them must be followed with great care.

Pretty bedroom slippers are made of quilted satin instead of worsted, and have revers of contrasting colors, the combination depending upon the shades of the robe de chambre.

brown velvet, are set in half-wreaths around the crowns of gypsy and sailor hats of bronze, gray and golden-brown straw, designed for seaside and country wear.

It is now quite the fashion to make up semi-transparent muslins over light foundations of batiste or sateen.

A Unique Wheat Deal.

Ira Holmes has the reputation of being the biggest trader on smallest margins in the West. "I have often had 2,500 shares of stock for Ira," said a broker to the writer yesterday.

Delicacy of the Sense of Smell.

The sense of smell is probably the leading sensorial endowment in most insects, and it does for them what sight and hearing do for man.

The "Poor-Man's Oyster."

The snail harvest has just begun in France. The "poor man's oyster" is so appreciated that Paris alone consumes some forty-nine tons daily.

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A Cat Whipped by Sparrows.

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The first printing done in America was in the City of Mexico in 1539. The second press was put up in Lima, Peru, and the third in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1639.