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DELAYED—EXCUSE US.

We beg our readers to excuse this the city until Saturday night, attending the fairs at Raleigh and Chester, and as our printer was out of the city also, the paper is late reaching you. We will do better next time.

FAYETTEVILLE NOTES.

Personal Mention and Items of Interest. The general topic of the day is the Industrial Fair, "to be held in Raleigh, the beautiful City of Oakes."

Mrs. J. B. Tyson spent a few days with her mother and friends, last week. She is much improved in health and shows that Carthage is the place to restore one's health.

The Gospel Temperance meeting was held in the M. E. Church last Sunday evening. The attendance was very large and also the music and different speeches were good. These meetings are becoming more interesting every month.

The Stewardesses of the A. M. E. Zion Church will hold a festival in Farmers Hall Monday and Tuesday nights of this week for the benefit of the pastor in charge.

The new hotel is nearly completed and it is thought it will be in readiness during the Fair.

A new restaurant has been opened on Gillespie street by Mr. G. H. Henderson and Young Vincent. First class meals served at all hours during the day and night. Strangers visiting the town, would do well to give them a call.

Mr. T. C. Whitfield our popular barber in erecting two fine buildings one on Franklin street and the other on Hay street. The latter we hear is to be a fine hotel. If true we certainly commend the gentleman for the good work. Every day we see the need of a good boarding house here for strangers. Mr. Whitfield is a man of progressive standing and the owner of five or six handsome dwelling houses.

The future prospect of the newsy little "Messenger" is bright in our town now, the people seem to be aroused from their drowsiness and intend to keep up with the news from all parts of the State. This can be done only through and by reading the "Messenger."

A memorial meeting will be held at Evans Chapel next Monday night week in memory of John B. Finch the great "Temperance Hero."

Editor W. B. Hunter, of the Raleigh Outlook was in town a few weeks ago, he is traveling in the interest of his paper.

Prof. E. E. Smith, preached a very interesting sermon last Sunday night week at Evan's Chapel. The theme of his discourse was Samson and the Philistines.

Mr. Jackson Graham our well-known and aged tailor is quite sick. MARY.

NOTES FROM MONROE.

As there is nothing ever sent to your excellent paper from this remote corner of the world; perhaps it will not be amiss to let our fellow creatures know that we exist, and are enlightened enough to read and appreciate the MESSENGER. We owe it thanks for keeping us informed of what people we know out in the busy world are doing. We are not at all newsy

just now, but we feel very much deserted, our young men and young ladies are all leaving us to attend school. The sober, solemn pedagogues whom we were so accustomed to see during the summer, have departed, glad to leave a place where they are expected to thrive on black bread, and to be entertained by moonlight concerts given off in the stilly night by the frogs and screech owls. Well we hope that they will favor us with another visit next summer, as this out-of-the-way corner will present the same attraction, which is not its girls, its society or even its campmeetings. The ladies of the Presbyterian Church held a "popular election," recently, for the benefit of the Church. The election was not carried on as politicians of the sterner sex usually do such things. We hope we do not betray any ignorance when we say it was a fair and honest election. Every all the voting, each one of the eighteen fair candidates found opportunity for testing the depth of her devoted's affection. However quite a handsome sum was realized by the scheme.

We have been shocked and saddened at hearing of the murder of one of our young men; for several months he had been working in South Carolina, and in a difficulty with a white man, he was shot three times, brutally beaten after being shot, and then lodged in jail. Such are the statements that have reached us, if they are true, it is horrible to think of. The young man was steady and industrious, but exceedingly high spirited; he would brook no interference nor insult from any person. Many say he should have been more humble in South Carolina, as it is known to be so relentless in its persecutions of the negro, but is it not time for us to develop some backbone? As a race we do not appear to have one steer load of manhood. We take such things and as long as we take them they will come as a matter of course. I believe though, that one day a just God will avenge his people. The blood shed daily by cold blooded murder, by lynching and by massacre must cry to Heaven, though it is ungodly blood, and some day there must come a fearful reckoning. For

Though the mills of the God grind slowly, Yet they grind exceeding small, Though with patience He stands waiting, With exactness grinds He all.

Yours for progress, M. L. CHESFIELD. Oct. 25th.

THE PROGRESS OF OUR RACE.

When we look back over our past lives and think of the many disadvantages we had to encounter, we feel proud that we can boast of some good deed of the present. If not won by you, some one of the race merited it and thus we should feel proud. We admit, much of our precious time has been wasted in idleness, where we might have made another step towards progress we were some what timid and thus fell back, consequently many of us had to make two steps to others one. But as we cannot recall the past to make amends now, the present is ours, and the future is our inheritance.

The progress is the more gratifying when it is remembered under what circumstances it has been achieved. Through industry and economy many of our fathers have yearly added to their savings, and thus come into possession of homes and other property. Many today have large acres of land from which they cultivated thereby realizing handsome profits. Our progress in education of which we were once claimed to be incapable, is most marked and under the limited facilities of the past, far exceeded the expectations of our friends. Just think of the great progress being made by our young women, we find many of them skilled musicians, fine painters and in short many of them can compete with our white friends. Every year we see the fruits of our progress. Then let us, each and all, put our shoulders to the wheel, work hard, work earnestly so that we may in the future gain that high mark of progressiveness. For the fields of labor are open to our view, and we the workers in it. On every side we hear the reapers. Some are binding the rustling sheaves, and some are winnowing the beautiful grain.

MARY. Fayetteville, Oct. 20th.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Conference convened pursuant to previous notice, at Newton, N. C., October 12th, 1887, Presiding Elder Rev. G. H. Haines presiding. The session was opened by the devotional services, after which the organization was effected. Rev. G. L. Blackwell was elected Secretary. B. F. Martin, Statistician. Messrs. A. S. McEntyre, A. Carson, Reporters respectively to Star of Zion and the CHARLOTTE MESSENGER. J. W. Rickett, Marshall. The necessary committees were appointed, and the session adjourned.

Devotional services were conducted by the Presiding Elder, assisted by Rev. G. L. Blackwell. Invocation by Rev. S. D. Walkins. The committee on State of the District, reported through Rev. B. F. Martin, which report was replete with valuable suggestions and showed a fair knowledge of the social, financial and religiously. It spoke bitterly of the miserable practice of intemperance, the denial of civil rights and the inhuman Lynch Law. The Conference gave expression of the unqualified disapproval of such practice. The reports from various delegates showed that despite the scarcity of money and failures of crops last year, that most churches had done creditably well for their pastors and other officials. A resolution was endorsed to do away with the holding campmeetings within the Statesville District, but in lieu thereof to hold an annual religious District meeting at any time and place herein after provided for. The report on education was read by Rev. R. R. Morris D. D. It was grand. It provided for a scholarship which was accorded to Mr. A. S. McEntyre of Rutherfordton, a worthy young man and student of Livingstone College. Mr. McEntyre is also raising a school of high grade at his home in the mountains, and should be encouraged. The Temperance report was read by Mr. A. S. McEntyre. It aimed a death blow to intoxicants, as a beverage and other intemperate practices. It was emphasized by A. Carson, J. W. Rickett, A. Williams, J. B. Bailey and others. The delegates with two exceptions made strong appeals for the return of the same pastors and Presiding Elder. Especial appeals were made from Statesville, Lincolnton, Marion, Zion Wesley, Logans, and Catawba. Messrs. J. W. Rickett and A. Carson were elected delegates respectively to the Annual Conference. Rev. G. L. Blackwell and B. F. Martin spoke exhaustively on vital topics. Dr. Morris was not feeling well. All the pastors honor and revere Presiding Elder Haines. Statesville and Zion Wesley, led in general fund. The District is in harmony. It is thought that the Statesville District has the ablest corps of ministers of any District in the Conference. Rev. G. H. Haines, Presiding Elder, a logical, convincing and highly intelligent, wields a telling influence and is loved by all; he makes a splendid presiding officer. Rev. R. R. Morris D. D., is a theological scholar, and a noble preacher. Rev. G. L. Blackwell, young but rising son, ranking among the ablest of his peers, makes an excellent Secretary, and is choice of the Annual Conference to publish its minutes; he will make his mark. Rev. B. F. Martin, the orator, scholar and preacher; he is an acknowledged scholar. Rev. G. H. Miles is an able preacher, excellent pastor and good scholar. Time would fail us to speak of others who rank among the preachers of the Banner Conference. Those who have heard other men will concede to the above facts.

Yours for the good of the race, A. CARSON.

The MESSENGER acknowledges receipt of a complimentary ticket to the Industrial fair from Hon. J. H. Williamson, Secretary.

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ORDINANCE.

Submitting to the Voters of Charlotte the Question Whether \$50,000 of 5 Per Cent. Bonds Should be Issued.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Charlotte, N. C., do Resolve and Order:

That an election be held in the city of Charlotte, N. C., on the seventh day of November, A. D., 1887, as provided by law and the charter of this city, at which said election the voters of said city shall be allowed to vote upon the question, whether the said city shall be permitted to issue Bonds in the full sum of Fifty (\$50,000) Thousand Dollars, and sell the same, the proceeds of sale to be applied to the payment of the floating debt of the city, the improvement of the streets and sewerage system, and the balance, if any, to such other improvements in the city as the Board may hereafter decide to make.

The said bonds shall be of the denomination of one thousand (\$1,000) expiration of thirty (30) years from their date, and shall bear five (5) per cent. interest, payable semi-annually, the installment of interest to be represented by coupons attached to the bonds, the coupons to be receivable in payment of city taxes.

Said bonds shall be signed by the mayor, and countersigned by the clerk and treasurer of the city, and sealed with the seal of the corporation.

The coupons shall be signed by the city clerk and treasurer, and shall be orders to the clerk and treasurer for the amount, of interest which they respectively call for, as they fall due.

The said election shall be held at the following places in each ward hereinafter named, and shall be under the control of eight inspectors and four registrars to be appointed by the Board. Two inspectors and one registrar for each ward of the city to be appointed by the Board, each one appointed to be a resident of the ward for which he is appointed.

The Mayor shall give thirty days notice of said election in some newspaper published in Charlotte, N. C.

There shall be a new registration of voters for such election, to be taken by said registrars at such places as the Board may appoint where they shall open their books for that purpose. The Mayor in the notice to be published by him of said election, shall designate the time and place, opening and closing the registration, which time shall not be less than twenty days before said election.

Notice of Election.

I do hereby give notice that, pursuant to the provision of the above Ordinance, an election will be held in the city of Charlotte on Monday the 7th day of November, 1887, to ascertain the will of the voters of the city up on the question of issuing the bonds therein provided for. Those favoring the issue of said bonds will at such election vote a ticket on which is written or printed the word "APPROVED," and those opposed to the issue of said bonds will vote a ticket on which are written or printed the words, "NOT APPROVED." Books for the registration of voters will be opened on October 6th, 1887, and will be closed on the 27th day of October, 1887, at sunset, at the following places, and by the registrars named:

- Ward 1.—Singer Sewing Machine Office, J. H. Tolar, Registrar.
Ward 2.—Store of Hammond & Justice, A. H. Welsh, Registrar.
Ward 3.—Store of H. C. Irwin, G. J. Williams, Registrar.
Ward 4.—D. G. Maxwell's Office, D. G. Maxwell, Registrar.
The election will be held at the following polling places and under the inspectors named:
Ward 1.—At Charlotte Hotel, Inspectors, S. P. Smith and Wm. Treloar.
Ward 2.—At Mayor's Court Room, Inspectors, B. P. Boyd and W. R. Hinton.
Ward 3.—F. A. McNinch's office, Inspector, G. D. Melton and I. H. McGinn.
Ward 4.—at Court House, Inspectors, A. C. Summerville and R. J. Porter.
F. B. McDowell, Mayor.
Oct. 8th, 1887.

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