

OUR CHURCHES.

St. Michael's (P. E.) Church, Mint St. Services at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday-school at 4 p. m. Rev. P. P. Alston, pastor.

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Rev. S. R. Herndon preached at Grace Church last Sunday night. Prof. J. F. K. Simpson was in the city last week and spent some time with us.

LOCAL.

The Star of Zion comes out this week enlarged and improved, though it failed to reach our office. Fine shad sold for 25 cents per pair in Fayetteville this week—cheaper than beef or bacon.

LOCAL.

The House of Representatives at Washington have lost much time filibustering over the direct tax bill. Kirk Woodward the carriage driver spoken of last week was tried in the criminal court on Thursday and acquitted.

LOCAL.

The North State, the Bulletin and the Outlook have failed to reach us several weeks. What is the matter? In the libel suit of Stone against Hearn, the case was decided in favor of Hearn and Stone had about \$1,500 cost to pay.

LOCAL.

It is thought that Mrs. McPhall, at Laurinburg, was murdered and the house set on fire. Some parties have been arrested. Our city prohibition election will come off on the 4th of June next instead of May. It may go wet or it may go dry. Some people have changed.

free and converse with friends, etc. How is that that Mr. Cooper, have you a spite against the men who elected you?

Rev. Mr. Pearson closed his meetings in Wilmington on Wednesday night. While the meetings were intended for white people, a good many colored people attended as they were allowed to sit on the back seats when the house was not crowded.

The convention to elect delegates to the National Republican Convention, from the 3d Congressional District, will be held in Goldsboro on the 2d of May. O. J. Spears, G. T. Wassom, and G. C. Scurlock are mentioned.

We regret to learn of a fearful accident at Laurinburg last Saturday night. About 12 o'clock the house of Henry McPhall was discovered to be on fire. One woman and a small girl barely escaped, but nothing definite was known of McPhall's wife till the house was burned down, when her charred remains were found near the fire place. It is not known how the house caught fire. Mr. McPhall was away from home at the time.

The Protectionist of the 5th has 30 short notes on the editorial page, 18 of which are slandering and abusing Sherman, Buxton, Harris and other republicans, while the leading editorial takes the same course; yet Mr. Dockery says he "will not be driven out of the republican party." He is about right, for if he keeps on in this way he will be so far from the republican party in a few weeks that he will be out of sight and hearing.

The Protectionist takes advantage of our careless use of words, wherein we said we had fought to keep democrats out of the party. Well, we don't want democrats in our party, but would like to have them after they have turned republican. We meant, we had fought against democrats bossing and leading the party, and against voting for independent democrats, such as Chas. R. Jones, Leach, Turner, ed id omni genus.

The Carthage Protectionist intimates that we are paid to travel in Sherman's interest. He is mistaken and we hope he will not be responsible for saying so. If we are a Sherman bumper, he is a Blaine bumper. We publish our paper on legitimate subscription money from the people. We are not so fortunate and ungrateful as he to have thousands laid up, that were given him by the republican party while Consul at Leeds, that he now uses to run a paper solely to abuse and insult the best republicans in the ranks.

We know of no fund; we work for the success of the party and have no abuse for Blaine nor his friends. We did not talk politics in Moore county, though Mr. Dockery did to us. We were looking after the interests of our paper.

Mr. Dockery certainly don't know us, and shows clearly his opinion of Negro ability when he says it looks to him like that "article was written in Raleigh." We do our own writing and if he is in the habit of getting his articles from Blaine and his chiefs he should not charge us with the like. Mr. D. will meet us, read of us and know more of us soon.

Cause for Regret.

"George, dear," she said with a blush, "do you know that Mr. Sampson asked me last night to be his wife?" "Well, I like his impudence. The idea of proposing to an engaged young lady. What did you say to him?" "I told him that I was very sorry indeed, but he was too late."—New York Sun.

Republican State Convention.

The undersigned Executive Committee call a State Convention of the Republican party of North Carolina, to be held in Raleigh on Wednesday, the 23d day of May, 1888, for the purpose of electing four delegates and four alternates to the National Republican Convention, to be held at Chicago, on the 19th day of June, 1888, and for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Governor and other State officers and three candidates for Supreme Court Judges, to select a State Committee and for the transaction of such other business as may be deemed proper in the judgment of the convention.

Each county is entitled as delegates in said convention to twice the number of Representatives in the lower House of the General Assembly. All persons without regard to past

political affiliation, who are in sympathy with the principles of the Republican party of this State, are invited and requested to unite with the Republicans under this call in the selection of delegates.

- J. C. L. HARRIS, V. S. LUSK, J. H. WILLIAMSON, GEO. C. SCURLOCK, R. E. YOUNG, H. E. DAVIS, J. H. HARRIS, A. V. DOCKERY, W. C. COLEMAN, J. J. MOY, J. R. SMITH, G. W. CANNON, J. H. MONTGOMERY, E. A. WHITE, T. M. ARGO.

Presiding Elder's Appointments.

- CHARLOTTE DISTRICT.—2d Round. Rockwell, 1st Sunday in April. Clinton Chapel, 2d Sunday. Torrence Chapel, 2d Sunday. Hopewell, 3d Sunday. Biddlewell, 3d Sunday. Mac Chapel, 4th Sunday. China Grove, 4th Sunday. Little Hope, 5th Sunday. Jonesville, 5th Sunday. Dallas, 3d Sunday in May. King's Mountain, 4th Sunday. Oconoville, 4th Sunday. Monroe, 1st Sunday in June. Hudson, 2d Sunday. Clinton Stand, 2d Sunday. Simfield, 2d Sunday. Centre Grove, 3d Sunday. Weeping Willow, 3d Sunday. R. S. RIVES, P. E.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.—2d Round.

- Norington and Long Ridge—March 31 and April 1. Chapel Hill—April 7-8. Gunter's Chapel—April 14-15. Mitchell's Chapel and Union—21-22. Thompson's Chapel and New Hope—April 28-29. General Conference May 2d, at New Berne. Mt. Olive—May 19-20. Jones Mission—May 26-27. A. M. BARRETT, P. E. Raleigh N. C.

WADESBORO DISTRICT.—2nd Round.

- Matthew's Chapel, Richmond Co.—March 24-25, to be held by Elder M. S. Kelt. Gatwood Station, Anson Co.—March 24-25, to be held by Elder L. H. Wyhe. Silver Grove, Richmond Co., March 24-25. Wadesboro—April 1. Galliee, Anson Co.—April 7-8. Rockingham—April 14-15. Zion Chapel, Kyser Moore Co.—April 21-22. Gooden's Chapel, S. C.—April 28-29. Snow Hill, Richmond Co.—May 5-6. Hand Creek, Montgomery Co.—May 12-13. Harrisville, Stanly Co.—May 19-20. Fair View—May 26-27. W. H. SIMMONS.

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Mother Swan's Telegraph.

"The very earliest telegraph in America," said great-grandpa, seating himself in his story spinning chair and taking Bright Eyes on his knee, "was in active operation in Vermont while the first settlers were doing their best to become actually settled. Mother Swan lived there, in the center of what is now a flourishing town, but which was then a pathless forest; and, being a widow, was obliged to look out herself for her little garden and live stock.

"Every morning the cows were let out to feed, and went straying away through the woods, and sometimes, by 3 o'clock, not a tinkle of their bells could be heard. Then Mother Swan's telegraph came into play. "She had eight children, and these she sent to find the wandering animals; but she did not dispatch them together, for then they might easily have become lost in the woods. The youngest child was stationed just far enough from the house for her mother to hear if she should call; the next in size went only far enough to be able to communicate with the first, and so the line stretched out.

"When the one at the further end of the line changed his position, in looking for the cows, he shouted directions back to the next station, and so the line moved to left or right, as the case might be, perhaps ending before the cows were found, in describing a circle about the house, exactly as that might be done by the minute hand of a clock, the log cabin, with the anxious mother, being at the center of the dial.

"At the first tinkle of the cow bells, 'Found!' cried Number Eight, and 'Found!' repeated Number Seven; and so the news ran along the line, until Mother Swan herself received it. And the little sentinels kept their places until the cows had been collected and driven home, as nearly as might be in the line held by these original telegraph operators."—Youth's Companion.

Making Pottery at High Speed.

A novel and remarkable exhibition was given at the Westminster museum the other day, when Harry Flaxman, the clever pottery worker, undertook the feat of making an entire tea set of forty-four pieces in the short space of seven and one-half minutes. When it was announced that such an attempt would be made, those who were unacquainted with the young man from Wedgwood's great pottery establishment, England, offered wagers that it could not be accomplished. Much interest was manifested by the large number present when Manager Bingham gave the word and Flaxman began his task, while several watches ticked off the minutes. The pliable clay was manipulated with deft and skillful fingers and twelve cups and saucers adorned the board in short order. Then twelve plates were piled upon each other, and then four large plates, a teapot, sugar bowl and two other vessels sprang up as if by magic, all shapely and almost perfectly formed. When the last piece was finished the hands on the majority of the watches indicated the lapse of eight minutes from the time of starting, and the remarkably quick workman rested, beaten by a half minute. But he can make the set in seven and one-half minutes under more favorable circumstances. The whole work, including molding, is accomplished by the fingers, and the only tools used are a thin brass wire for cutting the clay and a small revolving wheel.—Providence Journal.

Peculiar Chinese Belief.

An intelligent Chinaman in Oakland, Cal., says: "Chinamen hate to have the bodies of their friends go to the morgue. They will do almost anything rather than have a body laid on the morgue slab and left in charge of the coroner. Frequently their actions lead to suspicion where there is really no ground for it. This fact is accounted for by a peculiar belief current among the less intelligent Chinese. I have been assured many times solemnly that the coroner, when he had taken the body to the morgue, poured over it some sort of magic lotion that had the result of causing all the fatty substances of the corpse to run off in oil. This is bottled by the coroner and sold to American doctors, who use it in medicines and magic charms. In support of the theory they will point out that the coroner will only take fat Chinamen to the morgue. They say he never takes lean ones."—Chicago News.

Purpose of the Catacombs.

The catacombs, then, were excavated by the early Christians for the express and sole purpose of burying their dead. The hope of the resurrection of the body made them averse to the custom of cremation then prevailing among the Greeks and the Romans. They adhered to the older Jewish custom of burying the dead in rock hewn tombs and galleries. Hence the close resemblance of Jewish and Christian cemeteries in Rome. After Constantine, when the Christians could afford to buy and hold land and could bury their dead without fear of disturbance, they located their cemeteries above ground around their churches and chapels.—Professor Philip Schaff in The Century.

A Trade for Every Man.

Every Mussulman, however high his rank, from the sultan down to the lowest dervish, is compelled to have a trade. The grandfather of the present sultan of Turkey was a toothpickmaker. The boatman, porter or groom is eligible to the grade of pasha. The butcher of today may be the generalissimo of tomorrow and the lowest slave may become grand vizier.—Chicago News.

First Formation of Coal.

Workmen who were digging a ditch in Montgomery county, Ind., struck a stratum of earth resembling white clay, which turned black on being exposed to the air. Pieces of it thrown into the fire were found to burn fiercely. The substance is supposed to be coal of the first formation.—New Orleans Times-Decorat.

For the most perfect good breeding observe the manners of two ladies who hate each other. Each is on guard against the slightest slip.

A Greek wedding ceremony lasts all day. The richer the family the more priests are employed for the service.

REPUBLICAN PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.

Rules and Regulations for the Organization of the Republican Party of North Carolina as Amended and Adopted at the State Convention held in Raleigh, North Carolina, September 22d, 1886.

First County organization.—The election precinct shall be the unit of county organization. Each precinct shall have an executive committee consisting of three active Republicans. They shall be biennially chosen by the Republican voters of the precinct, and shall elect one of the number chairman. They shall convene together at such time and place as the majority of them may elect. They shall biennially elect a county executive committee, to consist of not less than five members, who shall elect a chairman from their number. Vacancies in precinct committees shall be filled by the voters of the precinct, and in county committees by a convention of the precinct committees duly called; Provided that in case a vacancy occurs within thirty days prior to an election, such vacancy may be filled by the vote of the remaining members.

2d. Congressional, judicial and senatorial district committees, composed of no less than one member from each county, nor less than seven members, biennially elected by the several district conventions, each of whom shall elect a chairman from their number; Provided, that a senatorial committee shall only be elected in districts embracing more than one county. Vacancies occurring within thirty days of an election, may be filled by the vote of the committee.

3d. As amended by the Republican State convention.—There shall be a State executive committee composed of one member from each congressional district in the State, to be designated by the district delegations at State convention assembled, five members at large, to be elected by the State convention and the chairman of the convention at which the election is held, and said committee are required to call a State convention of the Republican party at least sixty days prior to every election for members of the General Assembly, and oftener if necessary in the interest of the party. Members of the State executive committee shall be biennially elected at the State convention, shall choose one of their number chairman, and shall elect a secretary, who is not a member, who shall reside at Raleigh.

4th. The chairman of the respective county, district and State executive committees shall call their conventions to order and act as temporary chairman, until a permanent organization is effected, with power only to appoint, and receive the report of a committee on credentials.

5th. No executive committee shall have power to elect or appoint delegates to any convention, whether county, district, State or National.

6th. No member of an executive committee or delegate or alternates duly chosen shall have power to delegate his trust or authority to another.

7th. As amended by the Republican State convention: Each county in convention assembled may adopt such plans as it may deem best for the election of delegates from its different townships or precincts to the county conventions.

8th. Representatives in congressional, judicial, senatorial and State conventions shall consist of two delegates and two alternates only for every member of the lower house of General Assembly, and shall be apportioned in the several counties accordingly.

9th. Delegates and alternates to the county conventions, shall be elected only by a vote of the Republicans of each precinct in precinct meetings assembled, unless changed as authorized by section VII, and delegates and alternates to the district, and State and National conventions shall be elected by a convention of delegates duly elected and sent by the people for that purpose after the notice and publication of not less than fifteen days of the time, place and purpose of such convention, and not otherwise.

10th. The certificate of the chairman and secretary of the meeting, setting forth the regularity of the primary meeting or convention, and the election of the delegates and alternates thereat, shall be accepted when uncontested, as a good and sufficient credential for such delegates and alternates.

11th. This plan of organization and procedure shall continue in force until changed or abrogated by a subsequent Republican State convention. Adopted in State convention, September 22, 1886.

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Table with columns: TRAINS MOVING SOUTH, Passenger and Mail No. 1—dinner at Sanford, Pass. and Mail, No. 11—dinner at Germanton. Rows: Lv Ararat, Ar Greensboro, Lv Greensboro, Ar Sanford, Lv Sanford, Ar Fayetteville, Lv Fayetteville, Ar Maxton, Lv Maxton, Ar Bennettsville.

FACTORY BRANCH—FREIGHT AND ACCOMMODATION.

Table with columns: TRAINS MOVING NORTH, Passenger and Mail. Rows: Leave Millboro, Arrive Greensboro.

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