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This morning we opened one bale of China Matting Rugs. They are 3 feet wide and 6 feet long. They are of exquisite design and exceedingly pretty, and so serviceable. Twenty come in a bale, so you see we only can supply 20 customers. They will hardly last long, as we have put a moving price on them. Remember size 3 ft. by 6 ft. Price \$1.50 each.

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LOCAL RIPPLES.

—The Criminal court adjourned today for the term.

—Col. J. S. Miller and family, of Statesville, are at the Central.

—The tabernacle has been equipped with 100 gas jets. That will make a big light.

—Special services will be held at St. Peter's Episcopal church tomorrow by Rev. Mr. Page, the missionary from Japan.

—Rev. R. D. Perry, from Lancaster, S. C., will conduct services morning and night, in the Graham street chapel tomorrow.

—Mr. W. V. Berryhill, of Steel Creek township, and Miss Lizzie Crowell, of Pineville, were married on last Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Patterson, Miss Sallie Alexander and Mr. John Alexander, are at Mrs. John L. Springs', in Cabarrus.

—The fine weather today attracted crowds of people to the city. The streets were thronged and business was good all around.

—Esquire Sutton, the negro who was knocked from the track by the C. C. & A. train, is still living, but his recovery is in doubt.

—The case against the Watch Club went off the docket by Boyne & Badger paying the costs of the action. Somebody will get a watch tonight.

—The rains this week stopped the farmers from planting cotton, but they will get a fresh start Monday morning. The farmers in the city today talked hopefully of the outlook. They expect to raise good crops and vote the Democratic ticket straight through.

The Baptist Church.
Services will be held in the Tryon Street Baptist church tomorrow for the last time until the contemplated improvements to the interior of the church are completed. The interior is to be newly frescoed and remodeled, and the work is to begin next week.

The Supreme Court.
The cases argued in the Supreme court yesterday were: Marsh vs. Richardson, from Union; argued by J. J. Vann for plaintiff, and D. A. Covington, for defendant. Hodges vs. Hodges, from Mecklenburg; argued by Jones & Tillett for plaintiff, and Burwell & Walker for the defendant.

The Union Meetings.
The union services for the Sam Jones meetings will begin at the tabernacle tomorrow night. Rev. R. C. Reed, of the Second Presbyterian church, will conduct the Sunday night meeting. Meetings will be held each night during the coming week until Thursday, when Sam Jones will open his batteries.

Backed Out.
Mr. Joseph H. Wilson, who some days ago decided that he would remove to Biltmore, near Asheville, to locate permanently, is back in Charlotte, and says that he has come to stay. He couldn't find a place there to suit him, and after considering the matter, he came to the conclusion that after all, Charlotte is the best place to live in, and so he is back here to stay.

Ice Cream in a Minute.
Mr. C. W. Wynn has invented an ice cream freezer that is bound to revolutionize business in the freezing line. It will freeze ice cream, lemonade, sherbet, beer, vinegar or any other fluid instantly by the turn of a crank. Mr. Wynn has been working on this invention for 12 months past. He is arranging to manufacture it on an extensive scale. He has had it patented. Mr. Wynn has sold a half interest in the invention for \$5,500. It is certainly a useful invention and somewhat marvelous in its workings. He calls it the Lightning Ice Cream Congealer.

Fire this Afternoon.
The alarm of fire was turned in this afternoon from box 14, in Ward I. The alarm was caused by a blaze at the house occupied by Mr. Savin, corner of B and 10th streets. The fire originated in the kitchen attached to the house, and the blaze was leaping above the tree tops when the alarm was sent in. There was a remarkably prompt response by the fire department, and the flames were quickly subdued. The rear portion of the kitchen was a wreck, and Mr. Savin's furniture was damaged by water. The house is owned by Mr. George Shannonhouse, and is tenanted in a company represented by Mr. Theo. H. Haughton.

For the best Norfolk Oysters go to Arndt's.

The News telephone No. 30.

IT IS FINISHED AT LAST.

The Work on the Tabernacle Completed—How it Looks Inside—The Choir to Practice in it To-Night.

The big tabernacle for the Sam Jones meetings which will begin in Charlotte next Thursday, is completed and ready for use. The choir will tonight occupy the stage in the tabernacle, in practice.

One has to enter this building to get an idea of its vastness. It is bigger than any circus tent that has ever been seen in Charlotte. A person on the top seat in the east end would have to use a pair of opera glasses to recognize the features of a friend on the top seat in the west end, unless he is possessed of a remarkable pair of eyes. Raised seats run around the east, south and west sides of the building, and down in the centre are rows upon rows of benches, intersected by four aisles. The stage is located on the north side, and has slightly raised seats in the rear for the choir. The choir seats will accommodate 200 people. Immediately in front of the stage, is a low platform for the use of the visiting ministers. Between this low platform and the audience, the reporters will have their tables. For carpeting, a layer of closely packed cotton seed hulls is used. This novel carpet deadens the sound of trampling feet, and possesses an additional virtue of being moisture proof. Gas fitters are at work today, arranging lights throughout the great building, and the illumination will be perfect. The stage will be especially well lighted. The tabernacle was designed to seat 5,000 people, but it will easily hold 6,000. The arrangement of the seats is excellent. Everybody can't have his advertisement at the top of the column, neither can everybody have the seat nearest the speaker, but all will be where they can hear. People who look around in the building wonder how Sam Jones can make himself heard all over it, but they say that Sam never fails to get there.

The Poor House Good Enough for Them.
A few days ago, Esquire D. G. Maxwell wrote to Mr. W. C. Stronach, secretary and treasurer of the Confederate Veterans Association of North Carolina, for the admittance to the Soldiers Home, of J. M. Shiffeld, a Mecklenburg veteran. Mr. Shiffeld, was a private in Co. B, 13th North Carolina Regiment, and was badly wounded in the war. In recent years sickness has disabled him and he has been for a time cared for in the Home and Hospital here. Mr. Stronach's reply to Col. Maxwell's letter is significant. Replying, he says: "Your favor of the 7th duly received, and would have received immediate reply, but have been too unwell to write till today. In reply I am very sorry to say that for lack of funds to maintain it, we have not opened the 'Home' so kindly given us by Col. Heck. The whole subscription to date amounts to about \$3,000. If our people ever had any interest in, or sympathy for the worn out soldiers of the Confederacy, they must have outgrown it, and it seems that a home in the poor house is considered good enough for the disabled veterans of the 'Lost Cause.'"

Death of Miss Shaffer.
Miss L. A. Shaffer, daughter of Mr. S. J. and Mrs. J. S. Shaffer, died at the home of her parents, corner of Seventh and College streets, at 4 o'clock this morning. Her death was due to consumption. Miss Shaffer was 24 years of age, and was a highly esteemed young lady. She was a member of the Second Presbyterian church.

The funeral services will be conducted at the residence of Mr. Shaffer at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning by Rev. R. C. Reed, and the body will be taken to Philadelphia churchyard for burial.

The Generals in Atlanta.
The Atlanta memorial day celebration will be an interesting event. Some of the Generals have been provided for as follows: General Joseph E. Johnson will be entertained by Col. Livingston Mims. General E. Kirby Smith will be the guest of Major Dan Spear. General Beauregard will be the guest of Captain Sisson. General Rufus Barringer will be the guest of Dr. Craig, and General J. T. Anderson will stay with Col. L. P. Thomas.

At the Y. M. C. A. To-Morrow.
The union prayer meeting for men will be held tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock, in the hall of the association. The meeting in the afternoon, at 5 o'clock, will be for ladies and gentlemen. Mr. H. A. Foushee will be the leader.

Dr. Brevard Chief Marshal.

Everything seems to be panning out just right for the 20th May. In the first place, an excellent committee was appointed and the committee has so far made not a single mistake. Good judgment has characterized all its actions, and it has shown this conspicuously in its selection of a chief marshal for the occasion. The committee has selected Dr. R. J. Brevard, for chief marshal, and Dr. Brevard has accepted. This appointment is indeed a happy one. Dr. Brevard not only knows how to manage an occasion of this kind, but he is a lineal descendant of one of the signers of the Declaration. Hats off the chief marshal. He will make the procession move on time.

Rates for the Sam Jones Meetings.
The Seaboard Air Line Company has announced the following rates for the Sam Jones meetings in Charlotte, from Hamlet to Rutherfordton, inclusive. The rates quoted are for the round trip. The tickets are to be on sale April 24 to May 2, inclusive, good to May 5:

- Hamlet, \$3.10; Rockingham, \$2.85;
- Pee Dee, \$2.50; Lilesville, \$2.30;
- Wadesboro, \$2.10; Polkton, \$1.75;
- Peachland, \$1.60; Beaver Dam, \$1.35;
- Monroe, 95; Matthews, 45; Mt. Holly, 45; Stanley Creek, 70; Iron, \$1.20;
- Lincolnton, \$1.30; Cherryville, \$1.70;
- Waco, \$1.80; Shelby, \$2.15; Lattimore, \$2.40; Ellenboro, \$2.70; Bostic, \$2.95; Rutherfordton, \$3.20.

Southern Educational Association.
This body which meets at Morehead City, N. C., July 1-5, just at the close of the session of the Teachers' Assembly, will be the first of the kind ever organized in the South. It will be a most important occasion, and a large number of the leading educators of the Southern States have signified their intention to be present. The address of welcome will be made by Gov. Daniel G. Fowle, and responses of five minutes will be made by representative men from every Southern State. The programme of the session includes topics which are most practical to our peculiar systems of education, and Southern men will be glad to talk over these matters with one another in a meeting which is purely Southern in sentiment and sympathy.

Points About Registration.
The question of registration for the city bond election is one of more importance than most people think. For instance, the man who does not want to vote for the bonds and fails to register, does just exactly what he does not want to do, and votes for the bonds. There should be a full registration of both sides, so as to have a fair and square election. It is important for all to register. An absolutely new registration is required, and unless the voters register faster, there is going to be trouble for those who want to see the bonds carry the day.

Railroad Changes.
THE NEWS a day or two ago announced the promotion of Major John C. Winder to be general manager of the entire Seaboard Air Line system. Mr. L. C. Myers, of Portsmouth, has been appointed general superintendent of the entire Seaboard Air Line system, and Mr. John Winder has been appointed superintendent of the Seaboard & Roanoke roads.

Ootton To-Day.
This has been a pretty good cotton day in town. Fifty-eight bales were brought in from the country by wagon, and the market was brisk. The best grades brought 11.27 1/2 cents, while the lower grades descended to 9.50.

Central Hotel Arrivals.
H C Hutchins, N Y; F L Williams, Boston; I N Wilson, La Forte, Ind; C H Harris, Danville, Va; S C Hall, Atlanta; J F Love, Gastonia; D M Luther, Washington, D C; F M Caldwell, Richmond; Dr Brevard, N C; W J Clemant, Danville, Va; Jno Calvert, N C; J F Whitesides, N Y; Z G Dodson, Baltimore; H White, Ore Hill, N C; J T Lester, N Y; J R Livesay, Richmond; R M Michael, Lincolnton, N C; C D Hopkins, N C; J C Binford, Tenn; J L Cobb, Lincolnton, N C; James Bagby, Cleaveland, Ohio; R M Brooks, Greensboro, N C; W F Stone, Warrenton, Va; J Q West, Washington, D C; R F Fledge, N C; J C Dellinger, Iron Station, N C; T A Davis, Mt Holly.

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