

At Seigle's.

CANE MATTINGS.
DRESS GOODS.

There was a stir among the Cane Matting buyers yesterday, and we were very much gratified to see them start off so well. The season for them is here, and many wish to fix up the home before the visitors arrive in the city. It's to be a gay and lively summer, so buy your matting now and thus secure the first pick and then you will have a cool and comfortable home during the hot summer months. Rugs of China Matting that are 8 ft. wide by six feet long.

DRESS GOODS.

No let up here. Buyers from all parts of the State are securing their spring costumes of Seigle. Picking is richer here than elsewhere. Henriettas in twenty shades, quality the best, prices the lowest. Marguarite Mohairs in three qualities—25c, 50c, and 75c. Full line of shades in each color. Fine imported Dress Robes that you'd do well to see. Every fold speaks to you of La Belle France, and every tint hints of the gay capital. Dress Trimmings in every size Vandyke and color. Silk ornaments in all sizes of Vandyke. Gold and Silver Vandykes and Gimpes.

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LOCAL RIPPLES.

Prof. Excell will conduct the choir practice at the tabernacle tonight, after the service.

—Mr. F. R. Delano, president of the Cataract Bank, of Niagara Falls, is at the Central. He is accompanied by Mrs. Delano.

—Mr. Algernon Reese is visiting his friends in Charlotte. He is the guest of his father-in-law, Mr. John W. Wadsworth.

—The Sam Jones choir is expected to turn out in full force tonight, as the practice is to be conducted by Mr. Excell, the noted singer.

—Mr. J. V. Pomeroy, a former citizen of Charlotte, is at the Central. Mr. Pomeroy came here several years ago and purchased Gen. R. D. Johnston's residence.

—The tarred paper roofing on the tabernacle did not prove satisfactory to the committee, and to prevent any possibility of leakage, still another roof is being put over that one.

—Only four bales of cotton were brought to town today, the farmers being busily engaged in planting seed for the next crop. The best quotations today were 11 1/2 cents.

—Mrs. Stafford Goodman died at her home a short distance from Concord, yesterday, and will be buried in that place today. She had many friends and acquaintances who will be sincerely grieved to learn of her death.

A Close Call.

At Gastonia, last Saturday night, Mr. Joe McLane and Mr. Sam Smith were driving in a dog cart. Just as they reached the Air Line crossing their horse became eddary and backed the cart on the track. The men saw the train coming and leaped out. The cart was shattered to splinters, but the horse was not hurt, and stood still as if nothing had happened.

Badham-Terry.

Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. Henry L. Badham to Miss Helen Jeannet Terry, daughter of Col. J. T. Terry, in Birmingham, Ala., on the 29th inst. The ceremony will be performed at the First Presbyterian church. Messrs. K. S. Finch and Baxter Myers will attend from Charlotte. Mr. Myers is to be the groom's best man.

The Washerwoman Racket.

Housekeepers should be on their guard against a certain colored woman who has been going around soliciting washing. Two weeks ago she got a lot of linen and lace curtains from Mrs. Robert Oates and Mrs. Charles L. Alexander, and she has not since been seen. She got the articles on false representations. She may have worked her game on other families, but these two instances are the only ones reported. Her name is not known.

Mrs. Sturdivant Home Again.

Mrs. Ann Sturdivant, one of Charlotte's most estimable ladies, has returned from a visit to her brother-in-law, Mr. John P. Little, of Little's Mills. Mrs. Sturdivant went there to celebrate her 70th birthday. People who know this bright, sprightly, vivacious lady can hardly believe that she is that well up in years, but Mrs. Sturdivant always tells them that if they don't want to believe it, they needn't. THE NEWS hopes she will live to celebrate many happy returns of the day.

The Duty on Hides.

Mr. Samuel Wittkowsky has received a letter from Mr. Chas. S. Ingalls, clerk of the New England Shoe and Leather Association, enclosing a letter from Thos. E. Proctor, Esq., one of the largest tanners in the United States, in regard to the proposed duty on hides. One of the effects it will have, says Mr. Proctor, will be to indefinitely postpone the building of tanneries in the Mountain districts of the Southern States: Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, as it is very evident the placing this duty upon hides will drive the tanning of leather for export, out of the United States into Canada, and consequently the tanneries already in existences in the United States will be more than sufficient to supply the home demand for leather, whereas if hides are continued upon the free list the building of tanneries in the mountain regions of the States above referred to (which are already commenced) will be carried forward on a large scale. It has been the universal experience in the Northern States, that tanneries were the pioneers of civilization, clearing up the forests, and preparing the country for farmers and other industries.

A MILLION DOLLARS.

The Capital Stock of the Mechanics Perpetual Building and Loan Association Doubled—The Savings of the Poorer Classes.

Whenever a person is found who questions the value of Building and Loan Associations to a community let him be referred to Charlotte. There are three Building and Loan Associations here, and they have built about 7000 houses, besides saving up thousands of dollars that would otherwise have been wasted. More than this, two cotton factories have been built here on the Building and Loan plan.

The writer has frequently told of what these associations have done for Charlotte, and it is a matter that can bear repeating. Hundreds of families of the poorer classes, who, a few years ago, had nothing, now have good comfortable homes, while others have good bank accounts, all through saving up the weekly item the Building and Loan demanded of them. Not only have the poorer classes been benefitted, but families of means have saved up snug sums that they would otherwise have wasted. All the Charlotte associations have been exceedingly well managed, and depositors have realized handsome profits.

One of Charlotte's best associations, the Mechanics' Perpetual, held a special meeting last night, and what was done is an evidence of its prosperity. The stockholders unanimously voted to increase the capital stock of the company from 5,000 to 10,000 shares, thus making its capital a million of dollars. This is a pretty good showing, when it is taken into consideration that most of it is the savings of the poorer classes.

Conductors Want Better Pay.

The superintendents of the Richmond & Danville road, and the conductors of the same, held a consultation in Washington City yesterday. The conference was for the purpose of considering the request of the conductors for an increase of pay. The conductors were represented by a committee from the Order of Railway Conductors.

It is understood that the conductors want to be paid on the same plan as the engineers—so much per mile, and also a certain figure for delayed time. The conference was a very pleasant one on each side, but definite action, on account of the engagements of the president, was deferred until May 5th.

Superintendents Berkeley, Talcott and McBee passed through Charlotte today on the return home from the conference.

The City Registration.

The registration for the city bond election is progressing very slowly, but interest in the matter is expected to receive an impetus before the day of election. The registration today stood:

WARD ONE.	
Whites, 194.	Colored, 32.
WARD TWO.	
Whites, 81.	Colored, 65.
WARD THREE.	
Whites, 63.	Colored, 56.
WARD FOUR.	
Whites, 130.	Colored, 3.

The Supreme Court.

In the Supreme Court yesterday, the following cases were argued: Coffin vs. Cook, from Mecklenburg—(submitted on printed brief); Burwell & Walker, E. T. Causler for plaintiff; Jones & Thibett for defendant. Daily vs. R. & D. Railroad, from Mecklenburg; argued by G. F. Bason for defendant; no counsel contra. Rundrick vs. Haygood, (submitted on brief); G. E. Wilson, Clarkson & Duls for plaintiff, Burwell & Walker, Dowd & Son for defendant.

Fire at the Platform.

At six o'clock yesterday evening, fire was discovered in the cotton on the platform. There was a prompt alarm and a quick response by the fire department. The fire was extinguished before much damage was done. Eleven bales of cotton belonging to R. A. Lee & Co., were damaged. The origin of the fire is not known, but is believed to be due from sparks from a neighboring chimney.

The Chamber of Commerce Bulletin.

The Chamber of Commerce Bulletin, a 34 page illustrated pamphlet, showing the advantages of Charlotte, has been issued from the Hirst presses. The pamphlet was edited by Mr. Willis Dowd, and the work is well done. It is published for free distribution and will serve a good purpose.

MR. EXCELL HERE.

Sam Jones Expected To-Morrow Night.

Rev. Sam Jones is expected to arrive here tomorrow night from Aberdeen, Mississippi. Thursday morning at 10 o'clock Mr. Jones will deliver the opening sermon in the tabernacle. The choir is in good shape and fine singing will be an attraction.

Mr. Chas. P. Wheeler this afternoon received a telegram from Prof. E. O. Excell, Sam Jones' singer, stating that he would arrive here on the Air Line train this afternoon. He was then at Central, en route. Prof. Excell will take charge of the choir in the tabernacle tonight.

Mr. Jones' meetings will last until May 1. From here he will go to Danville, and from Danville he will go to Richmond.

People are already arriving for the meetings, and for the next ten days the hotels, boarding houses, and private residences will be full of people.

The Firemen on the 20th.

The firemen's contest during the 20th May celebration will be a fine feature and no mistake. Mr. J. N. McCausland, secretary of the Firemen's Committee, today received notice from Chief Englehard of Raleigh, that he will be here in full force. He will bring two horse teams, two hand teams and engine. The Monroe Fire Company, and the Phoenix Hook and Ladder Company of Columbia, S. C., are among the companies that will be here. Every fire company in North and South Carolina is invited. The rules and regulations have been prepared, and THE NEWS will give installments from time to time. The rules governing the reel contest are:

"Carriage or reel to be weighed, one man allowed to every 75 pounds—wrenchman, pipeman and plugman not included. Carriage or reel not to weigh less than five hundred (500) pounds, nor carry less than one hundred and fifty (150) feet of hose, to be connected as when ready for duty at fires (three full turns), to run one hundred and fifty (150) yards, unreel not less than ninety-eight (98) feet of hose, attach same to plug, screw pipe to hose—any size nozzle—throw water in quickest time. The butt to drop opposite or beyond the plug, or the company must be ruled out.

The plug must be closed, cap on three threads, at the time of the company starting on the run, and shall only be opened by the wrenchman running with the company. No snap couplings allowed. The hose must be let go as soon as attached to the plug, if but is blown off the company must be ruled out. Regulation hose with nippers on couplings. No ball couplings allowed. No butt must be used without nipples. No company will be allowed to assist another in the run. Each company is required to furnish a roll of its members to the secretary of the Committee on Programme and Arrangements on the morning of the first day, at as early an hour as possible. Fifteen minutes will be allowed each company after the judges signal for ready, and any company failing to start within that time will be ruled out. Not less than three entries required. No one allowed inside the ropes except the company making the run. The company making the best time wins the first prize, &c. No reel company will be allowed to form a truck team. No company will be allowed to enter more than one team."

A Cistern that has Saved the Town.

The Hornet fire engine was given some practice last night in cleaning out the big cistern in rear of the Central Hotel. The engine drew out two streams and was hard at it for four hours, and finally the suction pump drew up air. This is one of the finest cisterns in the South. It holds 35,000 gallons of water, and in 1874, when a big fire broke out where Schiff's building now stands, and all the adjacent cisterns gave out, it saved the town. It also saved a goodly portion of the town during the great cotton fire of 1875. That was in the days before water works.

Ravages of the Grip.

The grip has played sad havoc in Huntersville, as the numerous interments at Ramah church will indicate. In a short distance of Huntersville, Mrs. W. D. Barnhardt, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Barnhardt, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Washam, Miss Lizette Sloan and Miss Stenhouse, are now lying critically ill with that disease. The doctor says that the case of each is very serious.

THE NEWS telephone No. 50.

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