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THEIR SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.

Report of the Committee to the State Board of Charity Visit the County Home and Jail—The Management of Both Reported Good—Some Suggestions Offered.

Dr. Sam Montgomery, Mr. W. M. Weddington, and Mr. J. M. Alexander, who are appointed from this county to make a semi-annual report of the charitable institutions of this county on Thursday visited the county home and the jail and made out their report accordingly, from which we took note of the following:

Twenty-eight are now living at the county home, which home consists of nine buildings. Ten inmates are able to do light work, one is entirely helpless and one, Eliz. Furr, is insane. The average expense of keeping these indigent persons is \$1.25 per week. The expense to the county of this home is about \$1,500 and has been as much as \$2,400.

Two veteran soldiers are at the home—C. D. Alexander, of the Seventh regiment, Co. H, and Daniel Myers, of the same regiment but of Company B. The latter receives a pension of \$16 per year. During the last six months there has been seven deaths—four from old age, one from dropsy, one from paralysis, and one from a cancer.

Eight inmates are able to assist in light work. They found that the sick were well cared for. In this scope of land, used for the support of our poor, the county has 150 acres.

As to the religious welfare of the inmates they found that on the third Sunday of each month religious services are held by Messrs. J. H. Earnhardt and Thos. Alexander. Besides the numbers aided by our county at the home there are about forty paid an amount each month, averaging to each one \$1.25 per month. The management of the home by Superintendent Sapp well pleased the committee.

The jail was also visited. Religious services, they found, are held once each month by the Epworth League of Central Methodist church. Not a death has occurred during the last term. The committee was favorably impressed with the management, and the improvements made to the waterworks some time ago was noticed.

They made the following suggestions: "That the county commissioners repair the sitting room of the county home by plastering and re-flooring it. That the county home be insured for about \$3,000. That one dozen Bibles be furnished to the paupers at the county home as they have no Bibles or other reading matter given them."

The Cheerful Workers.

The Cheerful Workers of the Baptist church will have their regular missionary exercises Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. Barron, of Charlotte, will make an address on Missions. All are welcome.

Pythians Take Notice!

A meeting will be held of special importance to Pythians tonight at 9 o'clock. Every knight should make it his duty to be present.

C. L. WHITE, C. C.

THE NEWS OF WASHINGTON.

The Expert Explainers Having Their Day—Explanations Found for the Boer-British Troubles.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Great week for it! Great week for the "expert explainers." Some of them have been busy explaining just how and why the Columbia won, and some explaining just how and why the Shamrock lost.

The street corner diplomats have been explaining how to polish off the war in the Transvaal. It was a "sweet boon" to them.

Then there are the bores with explanations of Boer terms. Tell you what the same mean in English, and willing to retail the translation gratis. They are very strong on such words as "outspan", and "trek", and "laager." Especially strong on "laager", only most of them spell it with one "a". The usual fake filibustering scheme is also in full flower. One can find a man on almost any downtown corner, who will explain (and furnish rough diagram) just how an expedition may be landed, hang around until there is a general fight, and then dash in and gobble a few diamond mines.

And the beauty of it all is, that it doesn't matter whether Boers or British win, just so the police are busy. Some as syntax, and safe as working in a powder mill. Here's the expedition, (Washington has plenty of them forming); there are the diamond mines, of which the Transvaal has plenty already formed. All one needs "to connect", is the dash—and the cash.

First Assistant Postmaster General Heath hove in sight on Wednesday and spent a large segment of the day in explaining his statement to the Republican Editorial Association of Michigan, in regard to the offer of an army commission to Mr. Aguinaldo.

Officials of the War Department say that such an offer was never made. Mr. Heath says that he did not choose his language carefully enough; that he simply alluded to the time when Dewey was not yet "our Dewey", and Ag could have fought the Spaniards check by jowl with the Americans. He explains that the newspaper men took him too literally. The newspaper men ought not to do that. They jail newspaper men for that sort of thing, in Germany.

Another bit of explaining, which has not attracted much attention, but which should be of some interest to the American people, was given before the Industrial Commission this week. It is one of the most interesting little items the commission has ground out in some time.

Mr. James B. Dill, a New York attorney, appeared before the commission as an expert on the corporation laws of New Jersey. Mr. Dill explained why New Jersey is so popular with the corporations. Briefly summed up, his reasons are as follows: The fact that the State has a money surplus, making it unlikely that resident corporations will be

drawn upon to make up a State deficit; that individual corporations are not held liable as individuals; and that taxes are fixed at low and immovable rates. However, Mr. Dill hit the nail squarely on the head, when he also explained that the corporation laws of N. J. are practically N. G., and that if such laws were enforced, tramp corporations would not be able to exist. All of which seems very reasonable, indeed; and perhaps the commission may dig up some one, who will kindly "explain" why the laws are not enforced.

A Hallow'en Party.

Miss Cassie Watson will on Tuesday night give a "hallow'en" party to her friends. She sends out the following unique and well-gotten-up invitation which is enclosed in an English walnut, the nut being neatly wrapped with blue crepe tissue:

"At the home of Mr. W. A. Smith, October thirty-first, some merry friendly countra folks together will convene to burn their nuts, an' pou their stocks, an' hand their Hallow'en.

Will you be there that very night?

The lads sae trig wi' woer-babs, weel knotted on their garters!

Rev. Hoge's Services Appreciated.

The Stanly Enterprise, in speaking of the protracted meeting there, has the following:

"As a result there have been about sixteen confessions and three baptisms. Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, of Concord, assisted Mr. McKaughan in the work, and his sermons have called forth considerable favorable comment. He is a good preacher, and is a vigorous opponent of all that he regards as wrong. We trust that much lasting good will result from his work in our midst."

It Was Fun at First.

There was a scene on our street Friday which attracted the attention of numbers. A very small child of Mr. S. Goodman was riding his donkey through the streets in a very don't-care way. But the donkey didn't know our laws as to perambulating and let his feet tread on ground not intended for donkeys and as a result a fine of five dollars was paid by the proprietor for the animal getting on the sidewalk.

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The New Train on the Yadkin.

Agent Dusenbury gives us the schedule of the new passenger train, which schedule is in effect regularly from Oct. 29th. This additional train will prove of great advantage to parties traveling on that road. The new train, which is a passenger train exclusively, will leave Salisbury each morning at 10:55, arrive at Albemarle at 12:11 and reach Norwood at 12:35. It will return each afternoon, leaving Norwood at 5:55, arrive at Albemarle at 6:20, reach Salisbury at 7:35. The schedule of the regular train, which is a mixed train, will continue the same, leaving Norwood each morning at 5:30, arriving at Salisbury at 9:30, then leaving Salisbury at 1:30 in the afternoon and arriving at Norwood at 5:30.

Cleanliness Next to Godliness.

It pays to keep your clothes clean and pressed by Alexander & Hendrix. Satisfaction always guaranteed.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mr. W. A. Wood is spending today in Charlotte.

—Mr. B. F. Rogers went over to Charlotte this morning.

—Mr. A. F. Hartsell arrived here last night to spend Sunday.

—Mrs. L. R. Pruett and children, of Charlotte, are visiting Mrs. B. Lacy Hoge.

—Mrs. W. G. Boshamer returned home Friday night from Charlotte after spending two days there.

—Mr. J. W. Brown, of Clinton, S. C., who spent several days here last week, is here again today. He returns home tonight.

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