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## ANOTHER DENIAL.

The Mecklenburg Lodge K. of P. Also Comes Out and Plainly Denies the Statement of the Stanly Enterprise.

It will be remembered that the Knights of Pythias here met last Saturday night and passed resolutions of resentment against the article of the Stanly Enterprise.

We take the following from the Charlotte News:

"To say that the Pythians who took part in the institution were surprised and deeply indignant, is putting it mildly. Nothing that has been printed in this section in many a day has aroused such resentment. Several copies of the paper containing the offensive article were received here yesterday, and this morning the Pythians, of whom there are over four hundred in Charlotte, were discussing it generally.

"The party which went from Charlotte comprised several officers of local churches and substantial citizens. There was not a drinking man in the party.

"Mr. W. M. Lyles, Deputy Grand Chancellor for this district, and Mr. T. W. Dixon, Prelate of Mecklenburg Lodge, intend to sue the Stanly Enterprise for libel, unless the most complete reparation is made for the injury.

"A signed denial will be sent to the Enterprise tonight.

"A telephone message from Salisbury states that Mr. Cicero Barker, a prominent citizen, has secured affidavits from the conductor, flagman and brakeman of the train, stating that they observed no such disorder as stated and there was no whiskey aboard the train.

"No intoxicants are allowed at any Pythian function, and this makes the Knights all the more indignant at the charge of drunkenness and disorder."

The Charlotte Observer contains the following card from the members of Mecklenburg lodge, who took part in the institution of the lodge and were on the train:

"To the Editor of The Albemarle Enterprise:

"Replying to your reflection upon the behavior of the visiting brethren returning from the organization of a K. of P. lodge at Albemarle, we, the members of Mecklenburg Lodge, Charlotte, N. C., who instituted the lodge, most emphatically deny your charges in toto, and demand that you name your informant, prove your case, or publicly apologize through your own columns for the baseless slander. There was not a single case of drunkenness, nor one derisive remark about the ladies of Albemarle. All profess to be gentlemen and would resent any conduct unbecoming a gentleman in the presence of ladies or elsewhere. We desire further to express our utter contempt for a man who will thus publish a libel of so grave a nature without first satisfying himself of the truth which he could have easily done by inquiry of the conductor and crew who had charge of the

## DR. W. W. SMITH, OF CHARLESTON.

He Was One of the Surveyors of the First Railway Built in This Country.

A man is in Atlanta today who has the distinction of having helped to build the first American railway.

He is Dr. W. W. Smith, of Wilkerson, S. C., who is the guest of Mr. Charlie Tillman. Dr. Smith is the grandfather of Mrs. Tillman. He was born in Barwell county, South Carolina, in 1813, and is therefore 86 years of age. He is both a minister and a physician.

According to Dr. Smith the first railway in the United States was the South Carolina railroad, afterward called the Charleston and Augusta railroad, running from Charleston to Augusta, a distance of 140 miles.

Dr. Smith was one of the corps of surveyors of the road, beginning at Charleston in the year 1826. He says that they were seven years in building the road, and that he helped in the work throughout that time. The road was completed in 1833.

Below are given some of the facts that are furnished by Dr. Smith.

The first motive power used on this road was wind utilized in sails made of cloth on the cars.

Dr. Smith is the inventor of the lever switch. Before his invention they moved the rails by means of wedges.

In building the road a heavy grade was encountered at Aiken, S. C., where there was a stationary engine that pulled the cars up the grade by ropes and windlass. There was a double track at that place and a car loaded with rocks furnished the weights to help pull up the cars.

The locomotives had two smoke stacks, one at each end. In going to Charleston one of the stacks was used and in coming back the other.

There were no spark arresters and everybody along the route had to watch their property to prevent its being burned up.

One hundred miles a day was good traveling in those days.

When night came all hands struck camp and waited for daylight to come in order to proceed.

The track was constructed of ties and 32-foot stringers on which a band of iron about like a common tire was laid and nailed down to the wood.

A track walker went ahead of the engine every day to knock down the "snake-heads" or nail heads to prevent accidents. The dread of the engineer was the "snake-heads," or nails protruding about the iron rail, for they were prolific sources of accidents. The conductors collected the fares from the outside walking on boards about like the

train. In justice to ourselves we ask that you give the same publicity in your columns that you gave the charge.

T. W. Dixon, Prelate.  
W. C. Wilson, W. W.  
H. R. Roediger,  
W. M. Lyles,  
C. H. Dudley.

open street cars are now arranged.

Edward Roath and Nathan Colderbanks were engineers on the primitive roads. They died a few years ago.

There were no conveniences on the cars as in this day and time. The cars stopped at stated intervals for the convenience of passengers.

The mail facilities were meager and very primitive. A split stick served for a mail bag, as letters were put in sticks and handed up to the conductor and were thrown out the same way.

Dr. Smith introduced the plan of having the outer rail on a curve made higher than the other rail.

The coupling links were made of wood, so that when a car ran off it would break and save the others from running off.

Tristram Tupper was one of the presidents of this road and introduced some novelties during his administration.

He had the cars remodeled and shaped like a barrel. This was done so that in case they ran off they would roll down the hill and not hurt so many passengers. It was thought they could be rolled back with the same degree of ease.

There was afterward an effort made to shape the cars in order to "split the wind," thus increasing the speed.

One of the great mogul engines of the present day would have crushed the track beneath the earth.—Atlanta Journal of 28th.

## A Large Mayor's Court.

A large crowd of colored people hovered around the mayor's court Monday night when seventeen negroes were arraigned for bad conduct. Some were dealt with for their conduct while some of their number were acquitted, and one case will be tried at the Superior court. Several more were gathered in the next morning.

## Chas. Hartsell Married.

Mr. Charlie Hartsell and Mrs. Emma Long, of Chestnut Hill, were married Sunday morning at the Methodist parsonage on Chestnut Hill, Rev. D. P. Tate officiating.—Salisbury Sun.

[Mr. Hartsell is a brother of Mr. Gus Hartsell, who lived here but is now travelling. His home is at Mt. Pleasant.]

## Purchased One of His Dogs.

Mr. T. E. Smith, the dog trainer who comes to our county each fall, spent Monday here. While here he purchased a bird dog from Garah Caldwell, paying him fifty dollars for it.

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## Concord's Lady Crowned.

Concord comes in for its share of glory at Winston during the fair. At the coronation ball there Saturday night Miss Emily Gibson, of this place, who is one of our most attractive young ladies, was crowned first maid of honor.

## An Office Established Here.

Those desiring to become members of the North Carolina Burial Association will find the books at the store of Bell, Harris & Co.

Mr. Horace Blackwelder, of Cannonville has been appointed general manager.

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## PERSONAL INCIDENTS.

—Mr. J. R. Purser, of Charlotte, is here today.

—Mr. W. A. Dayvault, of Elmwood, is here today.

—Mr. Seamans, advance agent for the Olympia Opera Company, is here today.

—Mr. Mumford Ritchie, who clerks for the Cannon & Fetzler Co., went to Richfield this morning.

—Mrs. White and daughter, Miss Madeline Graham, arrived here this morning from Charlotte and are at Mr. J. M. Odell's. Mrs. White is a sister of the Messrs. Holt of our State.

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