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ANNOUNCEMENT.

I TAKE this method of informing my friends and the public generally, that I am now occupying my New Store, at the Old Stand, where I shall be happy to see them; and I promise if they favor me with a call, they shall not go away dissatisfied, if polite and just treatment, and the best goods at the lowest prices, can give satisfaction.

In this connection, I beg leave to call attention to the fact that I have just returned from the North, where I purchased the largest and best assortment of Confectioneries, Toys, Fancy Goods, and Christmas Presents generally, ever offered the citizens of Charlotte, and surrounding country, all of which will be sold at prices that defy competition.

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The grading of Seventh street, where the bridge over the North Carolina Railroad was torn down, has been suspended for the present. One side of the cut is already graded.

Bring in Another Horse.

Caldwell, of the Charlotte Observer, is hereby informed that his knotty kinship proposition has been solved by two members of the House, Messrs. Kendall, of Randolph, and Bernhardt, of Caldwell, and the result handed in, as follows: "We make the nephew to be great uncle to the son-in-law." They ask us to say to Caldwell, that he can "bring in another horse."—*Raleigh News.*

We'll do, good and faithful public servants! Draw on us at sight, both of you, for a chromo.

Our Amusements.

Charlotte has been on a regular theatrical spree since the new Opera House was completed, and the end is not yet. We have had some amusements of a highly meritorious character; for instance, the last theatre Miss Ada Gray; Mrs. Lander, the Holman English Opera and Rose and Harry Watkins Troupe. Kate Putnam is heading this way with a strong company, and will play here on the 18th, 19th and 20th prox. Miss Putnam is a great popular favorite, and her reputation as an actress is so well established that she needs no words of praise. We do not know that the play going people of Charlotte will have any amusement before her coming.

The Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad.

The public may know that, at the last meeting of the stockholders of the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad Company a committee was appointed to confer with the authorities of the South Carolina Railroad Company relative to the proposition from the latter company to lease the first-named road. This committee has but lately been appointed, and nothing has yet been accomplished, but we presume that at an early day some negotiations will be commenced. The committee consists of Wm. H. Brawley, Esq., chairman, and Col. James H. Rion, Col. J. B. Palmer, and Messrs. Newcomer, Bridges and Townsend.

Cabarrus Court.

Adjourned yesterday, and Judge Schenck arrived in the city yesterday afternoon, en route to his home in Lincolnton. We learn from gentlemen who were present, that the well-known case of Hislop v. Hoover, which was carried to Cabarrus from this county, was again continued, and that the defendant was thrown in for the costs. This is a suit for damages, for property seized under an attachment. In 1873 it was tried in Mecklenburg Court before Judge Henry and decided in favor of Hoover. An appeal was taken and a new trial granted. The case was then removed to Cabarrus, and was continued a day or two ago for the third time. Hislop claims damages, we believe, in the sum of \$1,200.

The First Train—Arrival of Visitors from Charlotte.

Yesterday evening, about 7 1/2 o'clock, the first mail train through from Charlotte arrived at the depot in this city. The train consisted of some seven or eight coaches, all loaded with visitors to Wilmington and the Fair. It is estimated that there were at least 700 persons on the train, including about one hundred cadets of Col. J. P. Thomas' military school, of Charlotte, commanded by the Principal in person. The cadets were met by the Committee of Reception, accompanied by the Wilmington Cornet Concert Club, the members of which appeared, for the first time in their new and brilliant uniforms. The visiting cadets were escorted from the depot to the building on the corner of Second and Market streets, where they will be quartered during their stay in this city. For want of space we defer a more extended notice of this fine body of young men until our next.—*Wilmington Star, 6 Wednesday.*

The Second Presbyterian Church.

The Second Presbyterian congregation of this city, will soon have a house of their own in which to worship. It was, at one time, proposed to build the wall and roof of it this Winter, and then allow the work to stand until Spring; but this determination has been reconsidered, and the work will go ahead until the house is finished. Already, the roof is being put on. The brick work has been completed, with the exception of two towers in front—one 66 feet high and the other 50. Those who have the matter in hand say that the church will be completed, and ready for services to be held in it, in the course of two months, or by the first of March at the outside. From what we can learn of the interior arrangement, and from the account which we published some months ago, of the design for the outside and inside, we judge that the Second Presbyterian Church will be decidedly the most elegant house of worship in the city.

The Air-Line.

Everything is quiet in Air-Line Railroad circles. Col. Grant is still in undisputed possession as Receiver, and says that he will hold the road, until ordered to surrender it by the court, which appointed him. The Atlanta Herald says that, if an attempt is made to dispossess him, he will maintain himself, but he apprehends no such attempt. Mr. Fisher, who was appointed Receiver by the United States Court at Savannah, has made his bond in New York City, and is expected to arrive in Atlanta in a day or two if, indeed, he has not already arrived. It is supposed that he will petition Judge Hopkins to supersede his own motion, appointing Col. Grant assignee. If Judge Hopkins grants this petition, it is said Col. Grant will then demand the road for Mr. Garner, his client, from whom Judge Hopkins revokes this order, he claims that the road then reverts to the Governor. Altogether, the case seems to be just warming up.

Another Benefact.

SMITH-PERKINSON.—So slyly were the preliminaries arranged and the vows consummated, that it will surprise many to hear that yesterday afternoon Mr. W. M. Smith, of the boot and shoe firm of Smith & Forbes, of this city, arrived home, bringing with him a lovely bride. On Wednesday evening he was united in marriage with Miss Carrie Perkins, of Petersburg, Va., in one of the Methodist Churches of that city. The bride is a young lady who is known to quite a number of our citizens, who admire her quite as much for her many fine qualities of head and heart as for her personal appearance.

Hosts of people in Charlotte will join in extending our congratulations to the young couple. The groom is universally popular here, and while "us fellows" who are still out in the cold may envy him, it is the least we can do to offer to our friend and his bride our best wishes for their prosperity and happiness for all time to come. May their path through life be constantly strewn with the sweetest flowers that grow upon the matrimonial highway. May no cloud ever overshadow the heaven of their wedded bliss, and may the revolving years but cement the faster the mutual vows which they have just made at the altar.

Miss Ada Gray as Camille.

Last evening, Miss Ada Gray appeared as Camille. The story is an old and familiar one, and the lesson sought to be taught is, that the world unjustly crushes a woman who has once fallen. The play is strong in situation and intensely dramatic. The moral is pointed and direct, and the dialogue crisp and sparkling. Miss Gray was new laurels in the role. Her conception was clear, and her work full of spirit and feeling. In the earlier scenes of the play, she was the young girl full of life and spirit, moving in a charmed circle and dropping gleams of sunshine around her. Her love for Armand made the girl a woman with a woman's hopes and fears. In this transition of feeling, Miss Gray exhibited subtlety and power. She loved, and the look in her eyes, the tremor in her voice, and the smile of joy that wreathed her face, told the whole story. The scene with Armand's father, was full of the delicate lights and shades of the best school of emotional acting. So earnest was the actress in her work, that tears ran down her cheeks like rain, and the voice, broken with sobs, spoke the agony of the soul. Such a picture of tender girlhood struggling with sorrow and sacrifice, we have never seen. It was not the hard, cruel nature of the woman, such as most actresses paint, but the guileless girl playing with the weapons of vice, and blinded by a love that was all of life to her. When she parted from Armand, her face wet with her tears told truly the suffering of the heart made desolate by separation.

The fourth act called for a display of power and pathos, a mingling of fire and tears. Her inward struggles, the fear of danger to Armand, his reproaches and her disgrace, were painfully real—and when she fell at his feet a writhing mass, convulsed with grief and buried in shame, we forgot it was mere acting, and felt as though we stood in the presence of a dread reality. Her death was touchingly tender, and full of sympathy, like the melting of the ice-brook under the warm rays of the sun. The shadow of death came upon her face. Almost the very perfection of art was reached in the simulation of death—the voice growing gradually weaker, the eye set, the feeble, tremulous whispers, the deceiving of self as regards her condition, the look in the glass, and the wait that issued from her lips, together with the sudden joy that filled her as she heard Armand's voice and sank quietly to rest, were as a work of art, complete in finish and warm in color. Miss Gray is a splendid actress, gifted by nature with commanding talents, and moulded in lovely form. Her work is inspiration and study combined, the maturity of art gleaming with the fire of genius. We trust to see her again, and bespeak for her a warm welcome.

The support was good, but not excellent. Mr. Pope threw soul into his work, and Mr. Heinand and Mr. Young exhibited care.

After the certain fall in the last scene, round followed round of applause until the charming actress appeared before the curtain; she smiled and bowed her thanks, but this would not do, and the enthusiastic audience would not be satisfied until she appeared a second time. When she did, it was with a little display of wondrous grace and beauty, on her lips. She returned thanks in the most elegant terms, for the marks of appreciation with which she had met, and said, in closing, that though this was her first visit to Charlotte, she had been highly flattered by the reception with which she had met, and hoped to appear again, ere a great while, in our city.

THE COMPLETION OF THE CAROLINA CENTRAL.

Complimentary Dinner to Edward Matthews, C. H. Roberts, President, and Silas N. Martin, Vice-President, by Capt. V. Q. Johnson and Friends.

Yesterday evening, a complimentary dinner was given at the Central Hotel, in this city, to Mr. Edward Matthews, C. H. Roberts, and Silas N. Martin, Vice-President, by Capt. V. Q. Johnson and Friends.

At 5 o'clock in the afternoon, the doors of the dining room were thrown open to the party, and they took seats around the tables. Mr. Eccles had done himself credit in the preparation of the dinner, and an elegant repast was spread before the gentlemen.

The dinner was presided over by Hon. R. Y. McAden, and after the guests had partaken bountifully, the first toast was proposed by the President of the meeting, as follows: To Edward Matthews, of the city of New York, who, though from another State, has, by his energy and liberality in furnishing the means to complete the great line of Railway from Charlotte to Wilmington, proven himself to be a benefactor to our people.

Mr. Matthews replied in appropriate terms. He said he was not accustomed to public speaking, but that he truly felt and appreciated the compliment. That, at great cost to himself in time and money, he had labored for this great work; that it had been carried on during a time of unprecedented financial difficulties; that, owing to the great financial upheaval last Fall, every other railroad enterprise in the country, had been suspended except this, and that he felt it a source of great gratification to be with us this evening, to celebrate so important an epoch in the history of North Carolina; but that the people must not stop at this. The great Northwest, with her rich products, must find an outlet at a North Carolina port; that the great lakes of the Northwest must empty themselves in the port at Wilmington. To do this, it is only necessary to complete the Western North Carolina Railroad to its Western terminus; that he understood the President of the meeting owned the Western Road, and he urged him to complete it and thereby bind together in iron bonds the South and the West. Mr. Matthews said that he not only owned a large interest in the Carolina Central, but also an interest in the Memphis & Charleston Road, leading to the Mississippi Valley, the Memphis and Little Rock Road, and the Memphis and Fort Smith Road and all that was necessary to make these roads tributary to the North Carolina port, was the construction of the Western North Carolina Railroad. The speaker was ready and willing, as he had done in the construction of the Carolina Central, to lend his energy and his means. He said that he was gratified at the cordial reception he had met everywhere in North Carolina; that he is delighted with our climate, that our soil was much better than he had any reason to anticipate, that he had recently visited Raleigh, and had the pleasure while there of seeing our Legislature in session, and meeting many of the members personally, and that it was a better body of men than he had seen in any of the Northern States. He said he was satisfied that the Legislature had the interest of the people at heart. That all North Carolina needed was a little time, which would bring immigration, to develop her immense resources, and cause her to bloom and blossom like the rose. Mr. Matthews' remarks were received with immense applause.

The second toast was by Thos. W. Dewey.

I propose the health of Mr. Roberts, the President of the Carolina Central. We welcome him and his great work to Charlotte. Mr. Roberts said he was no speaker, and he would call upon the Vice-President, Hon. Silas N. Martin, of Wilmington.

Mr. Martin responded by referring to the great difficulty under which the road labored for years, saying that when he was President of the company and went to New York for aid, the only man he found ready and willing to lend assistance was Edward Matthews. That the great event we celebrate to-day, was owing to the untiring industry and the financial ability of that gentleman. He congratulated the cities of Charlotte and Wilmington upon the auspicious event, and anticipated increased prosperity to both of them. In conclusion Mr. Martin said:

I now offer as the next toast, "The Old North State."

Gen. Barringer being loudly called for, responded to this toast, congratulating the cities of Charlotte and Wilmington and the people of North Carolina, upon the completion of this great thoroughfare, and called up Mr. McAden to know how soon he would have the Western Road completed?

Mr. McAden replied by stating that he was gratified to hear Mr. Matthews say he had such large interest in the Carolina Central and the great Western roads connecting with the Western North Carolina Road; that he proposed soon to complete the Western Road, and that, from his position in the centre, if Mr. Matthews ain't mighty smart, he will soon own all of his (Mr. Matthews) roads.

Mayor Davidson was next called to his feet, and offered the following toast:

I give you the city of Wilmington and the city of Charlotte; after a long struggle they have been united; may the iron bonds which now rivet them together, never be broken, and may the intercourse now commencing between them, continue to be of the most friendly character.

to transport the produce of Wilmington to the great ports of Europe; he therefore called upon Judge Shipp. This gentleman appropriately responded, and called upon Mr. Dewey, who said that he was like a poor man at a frolic. He had no Western Road to sell, like McAden, and no money like Matthews to buy with; but he enjoyed this connection when made. Though this has been a long connection, none of us begrudge the time, now the road was done. He proposed as a toast:

The right bower of Messrs. Matthews, Roberts, Martin and Fremont, of the Carolina Central, the railroad man of Western North Carolina, the right man in the right place and the favorite of this section, Capt. V. Q. Johnson.

Capt. Johnson, after thanking Mr. Dewey, called upon his attorney, Capt. Armistead Barwell, who said:

My authority as attorney for Capt. Johnson, does not prevent me from acknowledging the fitness of my principal for the place as a toast. I congratulate both cities upon the completion of the road, and hope this will not be our last railroad justification.

Mr. McAden stated that we but recently celebrated the completion of the great Atlanta & Richmond Air-Line Railway Company; that he was gratified to see at the table, the gentleman who, as financial agent and banker for that company, had largely contributed to that result. He proposed the health of R. A. Lancaster, of the city of New York.

Mr. Lancaster responded, thanking the gentlemen present for the compliment, and congratulating the people upon the completion of not only the Air-Line but the Carolina Central.

Mr. Roberts proposed the next toast, "The Press."

This called up W. J. Yates, Esq., editor of the Democrat, who spoke of the causes which Wilmington and Charlotte have rejoiced in the completion of this road. He also referred in highly complimentary terms to Mr. Matthews, and said that North Carolina owed him a debt which she could not easily repay. At a certain meeting of the Board of Directors, four were in favor of suspending work and four in favor of continuing; Mr. Matthews had the casting vote and decided that the work should go on. Mr. Yates indulged in many other complimentary remarks of Mr. M.

By this time the champagne had gone around many times, and the "mirth and fun grew fast and furious." When Mr. Yates concluded, the party adjourned to the parlor, and, after some time spent in conversation, dispersed.

It was a delightfully pleasant dinner party, and for the credit it was largely to Capt. Johnson, whose modesty is only excelled by his sterling worth. It served to bring about an interchange of good will and good wishes between the officers of the Carolina Central and a number of the most prominent gentlemen of our city, and we trust that Mr. Matthews particularly who has never been here before, was favorably impressed.

There is much more which we could and would be glad to say about the entertainment, but "space is up."

Christmas.

We reckon a man or a woman hardly ever gets too old to look forward, with some pleasant anticipations, to Christmas; but the occasion is the children's grand festival. The school boy throws aside his books, and declares his independence of the pedagogue; the laboring boy and girl, the rich and the poor, all lay aside their youthful cares, and rejoice together that "Christmas is here!"

There is always a something in the very atmosphere then, which renders it different from any other occasion, and many associations invest it with an interest peculiarly its own. Everybody seems free, and consequently happier, than at any other time, and each feels at liberty to pursue whatever paths seem to lead to the greatest amount of pleasure regardless of the restraints imposed at other seasons.

It is strange that so many people lose sight of the event which Christmas is intended to commemorate, and devote it to revelry and debauchery. It would seem to be more appropriate if all the houses for worship of the Living God were thrown open, and if men would crowd them with willing feet, forgetting the world in the presence of Him, who, so many years ago, sent One, second only in power and glory to Himself, into this world of sin and shame, to "lead captivity captive and receive gifts for men." Unfortunately we forget these things and the day which should be, of all others, a day of thanksgiving and praise, is given over to all manner of license in sin and often times crime. This has been so, however, for generations and centuries past, and will be so, perhaps, down to the day of the second coming of the Messiah, and no one can help it.

The day is now but one week hence, and the hearts of many are now beating faster than when it was a week ago. Visions of Christmas trees, Santa Claus, and Christmas presents, and a thousand other pleasant things, dance before the youthful vision, while it may be the prospect of a short halt in the routine of daily labor, the return of children or friends who have been absent for a year, or something else, which causes the older heads to shudder, in a measure, the anticipations of the young ones.

It is a great occasion, a bright and pleasant oasis in the journey of life,—is Christmas, and right heartily do we rejoice that it is so near.

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