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LOCAL DOTS.

Dr. T. C. Robertson, editor of the Rock Hill Grange, was in the city last night.

The jump which gold took yesterday aused a good deal of comment among busi Charlotte is filled with all sorts of strang-

ers, most of them having the appearance of regular "bummers." The Mayor, we are glad to note, was able

to be in his office yesterday, though yet quite unwell, but had no business of a crimnal nature to transact The Western Union Telegraph Company proposes to make a material reduction, in its

commercial men will note this fact with Frank Mayo will visit us next month as 'Davy Crockett," Frank has a splendid reputation, and is said by those who have

The views of our correspondent 'Current' seem to meet with a good deal of favor. We publish another communication from him this morning. He is one of our most clear-

So crowded was the Opera House last evening that it was with difficulty that a fellow could step down and out and get back in time, in the ten minutes alloted for drinks, between scenes.

An Improvement.

neaded citizens.

We are glad to note the improvement which has been made in ushering the Opera House. It was well done last evening, and there was none of that annoying search for seats, last night, and changing them after they were thought to be found, which has hitherto proven such an annoyance on the occasion of entertainments.

Brick Making.

Messrs. D. M. Rigler, C, T. Walker and W. J. Sweeney, will soon begin making brick at the old yard where this business was formerly conducted by the late Samuel Taylor. They already have quite a number of orders, among others, one for the material to be used in constructing the buildings which will be erected in the Spring on the lower end of the Central Hotel lot, facing on Trade street.

Up for Assault,

Dan Smith, colored, was before Justice A. H Martin, yesterday, for extering the house of Bill Hunter, a man of his own color, on Monday night, making threatening demonstrations and kicking up a muss generally. his coat with the Court as collateral, but afterwards redeemed it.

We learn by passengers on the Statesville train, that Mrs. Dr. Gage, of Statesville, died in that town on Monday or Monday night Also, that the wife of Dr. G. J. Houston. who lives near Mount Mourne, in South Iredell, died yesterday morning. The former of these ladies has relatives in this city. and it is our impression that the latter has,

A Queer Document .- A friend has enclosed us what he calls a "verbatim, et literatim, et punctualim" copy of a letter sent to President Grant, by Wm. H. McKinney, of McDowell county. The old man, our friend writes us. is an anti missionary Baptist minister, and replied to P. S. White, in Shelby, during the tour of the latter through North Carolina, in 1851. The following is the letter:

January 20eth 1875 Dated discrtville McDowel county North carolina to Mr u s grant president of the united states Dear sir walk in the ways of thy heart and in the sight of thine eyes but know thou that all these things God will bring thee into Judgement and I shall be there to here the W. H. M. KINNEY

N, B, I request you to lay this under your head every night for one month it God should spair your life that long.
W. H. Mc,

A Newspaper Correspondent's Opinion

of Charlotte. It is always interesting to see and hear

what outsiders have to say of our city and its people and this being the care we make the following extract from a letter written some time ago from Charlotte to the Alexandria (Va.) Sentinel, by a correspondent peared some time ago, but the papar containing it passed out of our hands. The extract is as follows .

"It is best not to judge by dress or personal appearance, because you are apt to be 'taken in' if you do. A few days ago, when I was in Charlotte, I saw an old gentleman pass the Central Hotel dressed in rather a careless way, and with the appearance of an editor of a poor paying paper. On inquiry, I found out it was nobody else but General D. H. Hill. He looks like anything but the brave and gallant man he is. Kx-Governor Vance would never be taken for an orator, sonted, or any really first-class entertainwriter, or a man capable of governing a ment is given. We are glad to observe the State in the able manner in which he does growing taste among our people for the

that same thing. "At the Central Hotel you can get a chance to see many of the noted men of the South. 'Charlotte is about the third place in the State for pretty girls, of which commodity I consider myself entitled to judge impartially. And" * * * [just here our native and proverbial modesty dictates that we omit a line or two, and give the correspondent a hearing on a point which is not so flattering to us] "takes the prettiest of them all to the theatre. It is strange she will go he is not such a handsome one either.

"The gas company is just now being much cussed, because they have cut off the street lamp supply. A native wag says rosin has pany can't stand the raise Mud is knecmore Rip Van Winkles here, if possible, this, there is plenty of pusiness, cotton rolls in, and other products, and Charlotte is a live place, and offers room for more busi-

The Carolina Central Platform.

This work, which is going on between the Wilkes Foundry and the North Carolina Railroad Depot. is progressing favorably. and it can now be told "how it will look." Yesterday a part of the cotton platform was torn off, to afford means of uniting this platform with the new one of the Carolina Central Railroad.

The Weather.

Yesterday was as good a day as one could on the island. wish, and a dozen more such would make folks so happy that they wouldn't know what to do with themselves. After the long spell of dreary weather the bright rays of the sun seem to have produced a corresponding illumination in the countenances of all denizens of this goodly city. Busines, has taken a fresh start, and persons who have been housed for weeks past now come forth to see the sights and note what has been wrought by the changes of time.

rates on all commercial matter, and our Fire in Concord-The Court House Destroyed.

We learn from passengers on the North Carolina train yesterday, and from private telegrams received in this city, that a considerable fire occurred in Concord on Monday night. The flames were discovered seen him, to be a comedian of a high order about 11 o'clock, issuing from the rear of Litaker's store, which is situated near the Court House. The front part of the house in which the fire originated, is used as a candy, shop and bar room, and the rear, or an Ladjoining it, is occupied by negroes. This building was consumed, but some of the contents were saved. From the store the fl.mes communicated to the Court House, and, notwithstanding the efforts made to save it, it also was consumed, and with it many of the records in the office of the Clerk of the Court. The papers in the Sheriff's office were saved, as were those also, we believe, in that of the Register of Deeds. In addition to these a small dwelling, (Mr. Kestler's) was burn-

There was an insurance of \$4,000 on the Court House, and \$1,000 on Litaker's store The exact manner in which the fire started,

The residence and store of Maj Foard were in great danger. Both caught fire several back, and saved them. It is remarkable that the Concord Hotel should have escaped destruction, as it is situated not more than fifteen feet from the Court House, and the only explanation of this is that the winds were blowing in the opposite direction. This was an exciting occasion for our Con-

cord friends who have not been regaled with a fire for some time past.

The Misfortune of a Young Nimrod.

As a certain depot agent turned a \$100 bill over in his hand, on Monday, and then wrapped it around his forefinger, he asked of one of the clerks: "Son, what would you do if you had 100,000 of these?" "My He was fined \$2 and cost, in default of the G-d, Cap'n, I'd go hunting to-morrow, I wherewithal to settle which, he deposited | would," he replied in a second. "Well," said the agent, "if you are so bad off as all that, suppose you go; I'll do your work for you." The clerk heard these things with joy, and was no more account all day, so that, -the usury law is wanted, -a Convenousy was he making preparations for the tion is desired, &c., &c., is the latest from day in the woods. As the boss walked off Pitt and adjoining counties. at night, the clerk called out to him . "Say, Cap'n, if I don't kill thirty birds to-morrow, you may dock my day's wages, and, if I do,

you shall have half of 'em," Gun, dog, ammunition and a darkey-were gotten together and our friend "laid him down to pleasant dreams," stretched out in the depot, prepared to take the before-daylight train, for a point about 25 miles from he city. In the excitement of the occasion e forgot his nigger, and left him sleeping in the depot, but got aboard the train him

self with his dog and gun. "Hello," said the operator at the depot his instrument clattering away: "H---

in the afternoon.) About 3 o'clock in the afternoon the operator here asked the one below what had become of our friend? He replied that he was sitting out there by the railroad on a rock, in the sun, with his left hand under his left jaw, waiting for the "next train" to suggests itself to my mind that is more so,

He arrived last evening at 7, on the freight bringing his gun, dog and hunting paraphernalia with him. His bird bag looked like an elephant had stepped on it; our friend looked like he had been sent for and couldwho signs himself "Specs." The article ap- | n't come, and even the dog lowered his candal appendage, when any one looked at him, and wore a mournful, woe begone expression on his countenance. Yesterday was a sad day for all hands en-

gaged in that hunting frolic.

The Opera House Last Evening.

A splendid house greeted Mr. Edwin Adams at the Charlotte Opera House last evening, on his appearance as Enoch Arden. The audience was composed mainly of the elite of our society, and shows what may be expected when the legitimate drama is pre-

down irrational entertainments (?) In Mr. Adams, Tennyson's charming poem has found a finished and artistic in terpeter: he has made the part pre-eminently his own. In the pathetic parts especially, in which the play abounds, he exhibited the loftiest qualities of the actor, and fully merited the applause awarded him. The play reproduces the chief situations

drama, and a growing disposition to frown

of the poem-the wooing and marriage of Enoch Arden and Annie Lee, in the little with a newspaper man, but 'tis true-and Cornwell village; the subsequent adversity of these married lovers; the departure of A ni bas; shear can accept an Enoch on his long voyage; the experience of The CENTENNIAL GAZETTERB of Annie and the children in his absence; the the United States. It is valuable to the vision of Enoch under a paim, which his gone up half a cent a barrel, and the company can't stand the raise Mud is kneed lost one is in heaven; the rescue of Euch deep and very little pavement. There are more Rip Van Winkles here, if possible, wanderer, and his talk with Miriam Lane; work, I offer it to the citizens of Mecklenmourning wife interprets as a sign that the even than in-in-Alexandria. But, for all the struggle between love and duty in the burg, as a desirable compilation of statistics wretched man's heart, when he looks upon his wife and children at their new home—she married to another, and all regarding him as dead; and, lastly, the revelation to

the hostess, and the crowning mercy

Mr. Adams is a great tragedian; and fell not a whit below our expectations of him. At times the majesty of his bearing was grand. As a look of deadly anguish would. overspread his countenance, and his bosom would heave with emotion, we could almost imagine that we sat in the presence of the veritable Enoch Arden. In no scene did he display more genius than in his soliloquy

Mr. Adams is indifferently supported. Edwin Browne is really a fine actor, but as, Phillip Ray he does not do himself justice Miss Crocker, as Annie Leigh, was good, but the beauties of the play suffered by the general inferiority of the cast. The star was so much of a star, however, that, we perhaps allowed the others to suffer too much in our estimation, by comparison with him.

In concluding this n tice we will take occasion to express the opinion that no one there regretted being present. Such an actor as Adams is rarely seen in places of this size, and those who were not pleased with his acting show a woeful lack of appreciation. We are sure that he must have been pleased with his welcome in Charlotte, and we hope we have not seen the last of him.

Our Centennial Budget. Our friends who read only the local page of this paper, will hardly fail this morning to notice the "Hornet's Nest" on our editorial side. Until after the coming of 20th of May we intend to gather up such articles relating to the Mecklenburg Declaration, as may be accessible, and to the end that we may be able to present interesting matter under this head. We invite correspondence from those who are able and qualified, to write on this subject. It is our intention to leave noth ing undone or unsaid which will add to the importance or the propriety of having such a celebration as will be an honor to the descendents of those men who, thirteen months before the National Declaration, pledged their "lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor," to sustain the Declaration made on the 20th day of May, 1775.

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In Cleaveland county, on the 16th inst of Gaffneys, S. C., to Mrs. Sallie F. Hill, of Charlotte, N. C.

COMMUNICATED.

Items from Pitt County. Farmville Grange P. of H, which claims to be the ablest grange east of Raleigh withdrew from the Atlantic Council, in January, and now co-operates only with the State and National Council.

Thirteen bales of cotton have been stolen in and around Marlboro, Pitt county, since the first of November. Some three weeks ago, Mr. R. Bynum, living near that place, lost two (2) bales. One was traced to New York and recovered, and the thieves, (negroes) two in number, were arrested and lodged in Greenville jail, Sunday.

Labor is scarce, -farmers are backward in their farm preparations,-money is going at 20 per cent, per annum and hard to get at

COMMUNICATED. NEW ISSUE.

MR. EDITOR :-

After returning thanks to your correspondent for the compliment to my suggestion, I will proceed to put in circulation my New Issue. My proposition is this: Have our charter so amended that it may be optional with real estate owners to work and keep in good condition the side walks and streets in front of and around their property (each one working to the center of the street) and about 9 o'clock in the morning as he heard | fix good crossings to them all, or submit to have their property taxed for a sufficient has got off at - and left his gun on the amount to do so, which may be done by the train. I hear a message going over the city authorities, and let by contract to, the wires to the conductor, to send it back by lowest bidder. All work on both sidewalks the next train." (The "next train" gets and streets to be subject to examination and back to the point where H --- got off, at 5:30 approval of a committee, appointed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. As a compensation for said improvements, there shall be no tax levied upon real estate as long as the owners comply with the above requirements.

In point of economy, there is no plan that come along, so that he could get back to or that will keep our streets in such condition as we would like to see them. It would save the expense of the Street Commissioner, the keeping or hiring of mules, carts, drays, hands and tools. It stops countless annoyances, and abuses of our city authorities, and leaves them to the more weighty matters of law; and in less than one year will give us a neat little city of which we can boast. Is there one to be found to object to this plan? If so, let me reply: I yenture the assertion, that if any, they are very few, that ever have expended in work around their property one-half the amount of taxes they payer The taxes are collected, and the money spent year after year, yet we do not see the improvements at all commensurate with the amount paid. For fear that I may throw too much of the New Issue upon the market at once, I will defer until to morrow other remarks, hoping they may all pass THE PURSUIT NEW LICERRENT!

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