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VERY RESPECTFULLY, M. KOPPEL.

THE CITY.

CITY BULLETIN.

The Japs to-night. Go. Christmas was just two weeks distant on yesterday. Hoop-la!

Reserved seats, for Haverly's Minstrels, can be secured, now at Phifer's book store. They will have a crowd.

A prize box fellow had a crowd around him on the streets, yesterday, and succeeded in getting it pretty effectually.

Since the accident of last month on the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad, four or five employees have been discharged for using liquor while on duty.

Henry Chislop, of Anson, has been removed as mail agent on the Carolina Central Railway, and a son of Oliver Dockery, of Richmond, put in his place.

Mr. J. C. Hill has also gone into the kindling business, and has presented us with a bag full. It is very excellent for the purpose for which it is intended.

There were no cases in the Mayor's Court, yesterday morning. The magistrates had a good deal of business, but nearly all of it was civil, and the criminal cases were very trashy.

The skies were right bright, yesterday morning, and fooled the farmers, many of whom came into town with their produce, and then when the weather began to look so gloomy, wished they hadn't done so.

Even this far in advance, a blushing and not over self confident rumor is skipping around, saying that next Summer there will be a big double marriage, and the victims will go to the Centennial right away.

The telegraph wires which were broken down almost all the way from Charlotte to Salisbury by the sleet of last night a week ago, have not yet been entirely repaired. Telegraphic communication will perhaps be re-established to-day.

We hope that our citizens will turn out in force this evening to witness the performance of the Royal Yeddo Japanese Troupe. It is the most wonderful performance ever given here, and the feats will be such as were never dreamed of.

We are indebted to Mr. S. S. Carter, whose stand is on Trade Street near the North Carolina Railroad, for a specimen of cigars which he has just received. They are very excellent, and our opinion will be endorsed by any one who is a judge of cigars.

"Down in a Coal Mine." He was playing "Down in a Coal Mine" on his infernal old organ, and as his wailing tones were wafted to our ears, most fervently did we pray that the dirty, cadaverous macaroni-eating son of classic Italy, was in a coal mine and we had a chance to drop on him a rock about the size of a Texas county—wouldn't we smash him?

Meeting of Presbytery. At a call meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery, held in this city, Rev Samuel H. Chester, of Arkansas, was received as a member of this Presbytery, he having been called and having accepted the call to the pastorate of Castanea Grove and Unity congregations. The other business was of an uninteresting nature.

The Bulgarian Priest. Attracted a great deal of attention wherever he appeared yesterday. Some of the small boys scoffed at him, and we thought of the story of Elisha and the children and the bears—"Go up thou bald-head." We do not mean to say, however, that the cases are analogous in any but the one particular of the children making fun of the old men.

Suit Against a Railroad. We see it stated that in the case of W. T. Gary against the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad Company, tried in Edgefield, S. C., last week the jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of eight thousand dollars. The suit was brought to recover for damages inflicted on the plaintiff by a railroad accident, last Spring.

Mysterious Proceedings. Early last night a negro girl in the employ of Mr. Tinker, who lives on East Tryon street, was lying on the bed in the kitchen, when some one opened the door and immediately closed it and receded. The girl arose and went out, and as she did so, two shots were fired, one of which grazed her throat and passed off without doing her any material hurt. She saw the man, but could not tell his color, nor the object of his visit. His conduct was very singular, certainly.

Rev. T. H. Bobbitt. This gentleman, who was appointed at the recent session of the North Carolina Conference, as Presiding Elder of the Charlotte District, was stationed, during the last Conference year, at Greensboro, and, noting the new charge to which he has been appointed, the Patriot says: "Rev Mr. Bobbitt made many warm friends during his stay with us and will carry with him to his new field of labor, the best wishes of the community."

The Gloomy Weather. We have rarely ever known the gloominess of this spell of weather equalled. Even though it does not rain much, the threatening attitude is so steadily maintained that rain would almost be a relief to the monotony. The biting, damp winds do not keep one in doors, but afflict him very much when he goes out. The spirits of mankind necessarily partake more or less of the nature of the weather, and gloom settles upon him as well as upon houses. Everybody wishes for a change and nobody expects it much.

The Magdalen. The Wilmington Star, after copying the story which we published in our issue of last Sunday, regarding the two magdalenae who had been taken by Rev Father Gross to a house of refuge in New York City, adds: "To us, we are informed, is only one of many instances in which the good Priest alluded to has been successful in rescuing from lives of shame such deluded victims, several of this city having through his instrumental aid been induced to abandon their unholy associations and seek refuge in asylums established for their reclamation and benefit."

Marriage. Mr. John W. Sprinkle and Miss Laura D. Rudisill, were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's father last evening, Rev E. H. Harding officiating. We acknowledge the receipt of a generous and elegant portion of the wedding supper, and in returning thanks for this, beg to supplement these with our congratulations, and to express the hope of a long, prosperous and happy life for the young couple.

The Macadamizing. The amount of the macadamizing work on the streets, now that it is finished, is something over a mile. There is a third of a mile on East Tryon street, about 200 yards on West, over half a mile on South Trade about a third of a mile on North Trade, and a good piece on College. The total cost of this work was between \$30,000 and \$40,000, and in this cost is included, that of making several curbs, which was done by Mr. Duffield's force. In the spring, the city will macadamize Independence Square and other parts of the streets.

Theatrical. Miss Kate Fisher, who has gained fame in this country, in Mazeppa, with her horse "Wonder," is booked to appear at our Opera House on the evenings of the 27th and 28th inst.

So we are to have the Holmans at last. They will perform in this city on the evening of the 20th inst.

John T. Raymond, (the famous Colonel Mulberry Sellers), will occupy the Opera House on the evening of the 3rd of January.

Edwin Booth, the great tragedian, is booked for the evenings of the 24th and 25th of January, and there is little or no doubt that our people will have the privilege of seeing him on one or the other of those evenings.

The Royal Japs. The company which will exhibit at the Opera House this evening, is one of the most remarkable that ever appeared in America. Their feats are astonishing beyond compare with anything that we have ever had the opportunity of witnessing here, and those who delight in the marvellous and the thrilling, should not fail to attend this evening. The company was in Columbia last week, and the Uni-n-Hearl said of it:

"The opera house was crowded last night to witness the wonderful performance of the Royal Yeddo Japanese Troupe of jugglers and contortionists. The number of children in the troupe that were kept spell-bound at the extraordinary and novel sight was a sight in itself. The scene balancing, box pyramid, slide rope, and pole balancing and ball tossing were never approached in this section of country. The walk of the little girl, who up the rope to the upper part of the gallery was a terrific and daring exploit. No part of the performance of these Asiatic wonders failed to excite the admiration of the patronage of all who wish to see the impossible simplified and all the laws of gravitation and equalization, set at defiance. The only fault we found with it that it was over too early."

Meeting of the Board of Aldermen. A meeting of the Board of Aldermen took place at the City Hall, yesterday afternoon. The purpose for which the Board was called together, was to consider the petition of the farmers of the township, asking that a city ordinance be passed prohibiting stock running at large after the 1st of January next; in other words, asking that the City of Charlotte be incorporated in the working of the stock law. The matter was discussed and the petition was granted by a unanimous vote of the Board. It is important that this proceeding be borne in mind, as, after the time designated, owners of stock who allow their stock to run at large, will suffer the penalty.

A petition was presented to the Board, asking for an extension of the gas mains after the end of Trade and Tryon streets, to the end that the citizens living away from the centre of business may have the benefit of street lights. The petition was favorably considered, and an order passed that not more than 16 additional lamp posts be put in the localities designated; that is to say, four on both ends of the two streets named if so many be made to have the fire limits of the city extended four blocks each way from Independence Square, but was unsuccessful.

The remaining business of the board was concerning certain streets, and other matters not of general interest.

A Shocking Tragedy. Occurred yesterday afternoon, at Wadesboro, An-on county. The difficulty was between Milton Jowers, and Alexander Birmingham, and resulted in the immediate death of the former, by the discharge of a gun in the hands of the latter.

We have been able to gather the following particulars: The two men met at the restaurant of Mr. Jowers, which is near the depot, when a dispute arose concerning a gun, which had a bruise upon the barrel. Jowers said that the damage to the gun resulted from his having been dropped and a wagon wheel having run over it, while statement Birmingham pronounced "a d-d lie." Jowers asked if he meant what he said? The other responded: "If you say that a wagon wheel ran over the barrel of that gun you tell a d-d lie," saying which he struck Jowers a blow with a stick which he had in his hand. Birmingham had the gun also in his hands at the time. Jowers, being stoicked, turned and seized a stick, with which he struck almost at the breast of the pug, fired, the whole load lodging in the body of the unfortunate man, who dropped and with the exclamation, "Birmingham has killed me!" expired.

The charge made a frightful wound, the whole of Jowers' breast having been shot out. Birmingham immediately fled, and at last accounts had the slayer been more or less deranged for the past ten years. He is a school teacher by profession and his insanity has been of so mild a character, that he has been a man of excellent penmanship and family connection, and up to the time of this occurrence, has borne an unblemished name. Jowers is also well connected and had a good character.

The affair, as may be supposed, caused a great commotion in Wadesboro, many of those who have been converted, have become missionaries and are laboring among their own people with great success. The speaker expressed his confident belief that the spirit of God is at work among the people. At present the cloud is no bigger than a man's hand, but it is constantly growing and may burst at any time in showers of grace. When the harvest does at last ripen, the insufficiency of laborers will become painfully evident. The lecture closed with a strong appeal to the people to aid in the work of sustaining the mission cause.

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Pastoral Call. Rev Alfred J. Morrison has received a call from the Presbyterian Church, of Selma, Ala., and has accepted. This was the church of the Rev Dr. Lowrie, who has accepted a call from one of the churches of Louisville, Ky. While we congratulate Mr. Morrison upon the fine field which has been opened to him, we cannot but express regret that he is to leave North Carolina. He is one of the most talented young men of any profession in the State, and as such we can ill afford to lose him. He is widely and popularly known throughout North Carolina, and the regret with which the news of his leaving will be heard, will be general. It does some times seem that our State is unable to appreciate her native talent, since whenever a young man shows the germs of greatness, inducements are held out to him by other States, greater than he has at home.

Mr. Morrison will enter upon his pastoral relations with the church in Selma on the 1st of January. While again expressing regret that he is to leave his native State, we wish him the most abundant success in his new field, both in the great work of the ministry and in his temporal affairs.

Business Visitors from Charlotte. Under this caption the Wilmington Star, of Wednesday, has the following fraternal article: "The merchants and business men generally of Wilmington had the pleasure of welcoming to our city yesterday morning, a business delegation from Charlotte, consisting of Col. J. E. Stenhouse, Col. J. B. Bryce, and Messrs. T. Johnston, D. W. Oates, W. T. Wheatly, W. H. Gregory and Chas. Dismore, all prominent merchants and cotton dealers of our sister city of the West. The principal object of their visit, we learn, is to ascertain our facilities for handling cotton, to enquire into the freightage of the staple and other matters pertaining to foreign and coastwise shipments, and to cultivate closer and more intimate business relations with our port generally. The representatives of the business interests of Charlotte were most warmly and cordially received by our merchants and others, who cheerfully gave them all the information in their power. During the forenoon they were invited on 'Change where they met a number of our merchants, and later in the day, in company with a committee delegated by the Exchange, paid a visit to the Cotton Compress and also to the vessels loading at the wharves of the Company for foreign ports.

The delegation express the desire of themselves and other cotton dealers of Charlotte to ship through our port, and we are glad to learn that they are very much gratified with what they have seen and heard in this connection during their short stay in our city.

"It will no doubt redound to the interest of both Charlotte and Wilmington to establish and cultivate more intimate business relations between the two cities, and we hail the presence of the delegation now here as the dawn of a new era in the history of the twin sisters of the East and the West."

Missionary Address. Rev Mr. Hartwell, a minister of the Baptist Church and a missionary to China, lectured at the Baptist Church of this city last night. His address was one of unusual interest, we wish a larger crowd had attended to hear it. He began very appropriately by speaking of the sympathy which must exist between every christian and the will of Christ. The Saviour left us here to spread the gospel and to win souls, and all who do not make an effort of some kind in this direction, show that they do not desire the re-appearance of the Lord, for He has said that He will not come again until the whole world has been preached to the whole world. By persecution He drove the early Christians from Jerusalem, causing them to go into the world and proclaim His word to the nations of the earth.

The christian world has undertaken to remove the weight of superstition which rests upon the empire of China, and the speaker having been sent as a missionary to that far off land, would tell something of the religion of that people, their views of the future and the progress of the missionary work there. Those people were not always ignorant. Years ago their ancestors worshipped a deity, a personal God, which corresponds with the Great Jehovah, and they owe the loss of this knowledge to Confucius. He doubted, and his mighty influence taught the people and made them believe, that a man, when he dies, is as a candle which is blown out. In the twelfth century a philosopher, Chu Hse, sprang up, and he explained away, also, the religion of the bible and contributed toward reducing the people to heathenism. There are three beliefs prevailing now in that land: Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism, the latter of which cannot be called a religion at all. The Buddhist belief is very much like that of the Roman Catholic, and nearly every Chinaman adheres to it. It is a belief in the transmigration of the souls, and a belief that man has three souls, one of which dies with him, the other of which goes to purgatory, and the third of which remains in the family tablets. The lecturer elaborated, in a highly interesting manner, upon this and the other three religions, explaining them fully and intelligibly.

He spoke of the great difficulty which is experienced in inducing a Chinaman to embrace the Christian religion. Even after the language is learned, it is so appropriated by the Buddhists that it is very difficult to convey one's meaning. Besides, the people are very ignorant, and there is no such thing as making them understand an argument. They are also the most covetous people on the face of the earth; they think they, "the children of the heavenly dynasty," possess all the learning and all the refinement of the world, and think it unwarrantable as savages in any one attempting to learn their language. They are opposed, too, to everything new, and prefer to follow in the footsteps of their forefathers rather than take any new departure. In view of all these things it is nothing less than a miracle from heaven when a Chinaman is converted, and many have been converted and are being converted daily. Their conversion is the pure working of God in their hearts, and they never start upon the way of salvation by reason of any intellectual process of their own.

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