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CITY BULLETIN

The city was as quiet as a mouse, yesterday and last night.

Yesterday was a little more conservative. It was quite cool enough, but the air was not so nipping as the day before.

The State Grange met, yesterday, at Greensboro. Representatives are present from this city.

A gold sleeve button which was lost a day or two ago, is advertised in our columns. The finder will please leave it at this office.

Col E. C. Davidson, of this county, has announced his determination already to give a tilt to whatever man is put up for Congress in this district, next Summer.

There are now 46 prisoners in jail here; 9 of these belong to Cabarrus county. The other 40 are Mecklenburg's, and will, in all human probability, go to "Schenck's farm."

Only a portion of the store furniture of McMurray & Davis, was sold yesterday, and this was bought up by different parties. The auction to-day is for fiddles exclusively.

Fears for the safety of the fruit crop are very generally expressed, and the most remarkable feature of it is that the very people who don't own a tree of any kind in the world, are those who are the most uneasy.

There was an addition to the street opera yesterday. Two Italians, one with a harp and the other with a violin, enlivened the streets, and attracted many admiring listeners.

The missionary meeting which was to have been held this evening at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Chapel, has been postponed until Friday evening at 7 o'clock and we are requested to so announce.

There is no probability of any celebration whatever, in this city, of the 23d of February, and the birthday of the daddy of his country is likely to be passed over just as are the birthdays of the common herd. Whither are we drifting?

The gay season is closing. No more parties or hops are talked of; there is a decided lull in the theatrical line, and Lent is almost here. No one can complain, now that the gait is ending; it has been the liveliest season Charlotte has had in a long while.

New Business Arrangement. Mr Wm Tiddy, the father of Messrs Tiddy Bros, has effected an arrangement by which he purchases the entire stock of that firm. He has also purchased a considerable part of the stock of J. K. Purefoy, and will in future conduct the book and stationery business at the stand of Tiddy & Bros. The new regime is going into effect now.

Personal. Capt Jas Anderson, Superintendent of the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad, was in the city yesterday.

J J Hemphill, Esq., a prominent young lawyer of Chester, S. C., arrived in the city last evening, and is stopping at the Central Hotel.

Capt John Kirkland, Jr., than whom few gentlemen are better known or liked in the State, arrived at the Central Hotel last night.

Our Steam Engine. Having been put in full operation, this issue of the OBSERVER is worked off by steam. The engine was in operation nearly all day, yesterday, and works beautifully and successfully. This running presses by steam, marks a new era in the printing business in Charlotte. A few years ago, its most sanguine friends would not have supposed that this thing would come to pass so soon, but it has come to pass, and it is a fact worthy mention.

Supreme Court Decisions. In the Raleigh News, of Tuesday, we find among other decisions, the following, which have gone up from this and neighboring counties:

By Read: State vs Bryant, from Mecklenburg. Affirmed.

By Bynum: State vs Mooney, from Rutherford. Affirmed.

Mr Justice Bynum also filed an opinion in the matter of John Schenck, refusing his application for a writ of habeas corpus.

Correction. In Tuesday's issue of the OBSERVER we acknowledged a call from Mr W H Sadler, saying that he was late of the business college, of Bryant, Stratton & Sadler, of Baltimore, and is Josh Billings' manager upon his Southern tour. Mr S. writes to us from Columbia, requesting us to say that he is simply in company with Mr Shaw, of Florida, where he will remain until about the 20th of March, and then return to Baltimore, to resume his duties as President and Proprietor of the Bryant, Stratton & Sadler Business College. We cheerfully make the correction.

Bankrupt Proceedings. Thos P Keogh, Esq, Register in Bankruptcy, at 11 o'clock at the Central Hotel, yesterday, for the hearing of cases in bankruptcy, and for the adjudication of matters within his jurisdiction. The following are the most important matters:

In the case of McMurray & Davis, an application was made for a discharge, and was resisted by the creditors. The specifications will be filed within ten days, and the question will be decided at the next term of the United States Court at Greensboro.

A meeting of the creditors of R A Brady, bankrupt, was held at the residence of John E Brown assignee. Proof of debts were filed in the case of the Bank of Mecklenburg.

Mr Keogh was very busily engaged all day. He leaves this morning for home.

Protracted Meeting.

A protracted meeting is in progress at the Baptist Church this week, and excellent sermons are being preached by Rev J K Mendenhall, of South Carolina. The services are well attended, and some interest is being manifested. The pastor of the church is encouraged, and the christian people of the congregation look for fruitful results from the meeting.

Thanks. We are under obligations to Dr T C Smith, for a copy of the journal of the thirty-ninth session of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South held at Wilmington in December. The book is edited by Rev Dr Craven, President of Trinity College, and was beautifully printed at the office of the Raleigh Christian Advocate.

New Business House. We have never mentioned the business which has been established by Mr A W Lyons, at the late stand of Messrs J A Young & Son, on Tryon street, near the Charlotte Hotel. He has a very excellent stock of gent's furnishing goods, selected with care as to their quality and make-up, and proposes to sell them at cheap cash prices. Mr Lyons will, in a few days speak for himself, in an advertisement.

"Goes It Alone." The firm of Selater & Brockenbrough, which has been engaged in the general merchandise brokerage business in this city for 18 months past, has been dissolved, and our young friend Mr Geo H Brockenbrough, will henceforth conduct the business. He has been in charge of the business here for the past year, and in that time has established himself thoroughly in the confidence of the community. We hope and believe that his business will be as successful in the future as it has been in the past, for he well deserves success.

The Eternal Fitness of Things. The most discriminating valentine-sender who has yet come to the front, is the youth who sent to this wretched, ragged, bankrupt scribe, a caricature of a bondholder, with the following rhythmic strain underneath the picture:

You've walked through Wall Street many years.

Amalgam now with all that you meet;

You've had your big hands in the stocks so long.

Take care we don't put in your feet.

Your cunning and tricks the crowd may applaud,

But honest men tell us you are a big fraud.

We desire a look of the young man's hair.

The Shining River. This is the name of a new collection of Sunday School songs, compiled by H S and W O Perkins, and sent us by Oliver Ditson & Co., of Boston, the publishers, through R S Phifer, bookseller, of this city. It is priced 25 cents, or \$30 per hundred. Here are about 160 new fresh and bright sacred pieces for the children and their teachers. One cannot introduce a new Sabbath School Song Book as being very distinctively different from all others. Quite a number of Americans have the "trick" of writing this kind of music, and do it, we will venture to say, better than anybody else in the world. But this one has been unusually well written, and is as pure and fresh as the waters of the great beautiful, shining stream pictured in the title.

Always Get Their Man. Whenever the "two orphans" get after a man, he had just as well go and give himself up, for they will have him. Their industry and perseverance are unequalled, and they are worthy of all commendation. The other day Constable Whitley got on a coal trail of a negro for whom he had a process, and forthwith went after him. He learned that the negro worked at Ross' shop, and so he went there; they told him that he worked in the upper shop; he went there; they told him that he had just gone out the back door; he went out the back door, all over the premises and through into Fincher's wood-shop and inquired for his man; they told him here also that he had been there, but had just gone out the back door; he went into the back lot and looked all around could not find him. Presently he noticed an old carriage in a corner of the lot and, peeping into it, saw the top of the darky's head. He lost no time in pulling him out and in less than an hour after the constable had started, though he had followed the serpentine path described, the "coast and bound over to court," had been said, the bond had been given, and the negro was at work again.

The Courts. Mayor's Court.—No session, yesterday morning. There has been none this week.

Before Justice Davidson.—A negro named Crump, and several others for trespass upon the lands of Mr Jack Myers. They were bound over to court.

Before Justice McNinch.—Messrs John S Graham and John A Blackwelder, on a warrant sued out by Mr J O Boyt, for fraudulent disposition of mortgaged property. It appeared from the testimony, that some time ago the two mentioned in the bill of indictment, bought the stock of goods of Mr Boyt, giving him a mortgage upon the stock. The time mentioned in the instrument for the payment of the purchase money, expired on Tuesday. The mortgage had given notice that he would foreclose the mortgage on the day that it expired, and Mr Blackwelder, on the day before, placed a large amount of the stock in the hands of other creditors, to satisfy their claims. The court held this to be fraud, and bound (Mr Blackwelder, over to Court in the sum of \$200, and dismissed the case against Mr Graham, and the cost of the prosecutor.

Lizzie Matthews was before the same Justice, for assault and battery upon Sue Hill, for assault and battery. The court learned, upon investigating the case, that the defendant in this case had had the present plaintiff before Justice Davidson, a few days ago, for assault and battery, and that she had been fined. The present action was looked upon as the work of malice, and the case was dismissed at the cost of the prosecutor, who was also reprimanded for reviving a suit which had already been tried in another court.

Davy Crockett.

Frank Mayo, with an excellent comedy company, is booked for the Charlotte Opera House, this evening, to play "Davy Crockett," with Mayo in the title role; but he will not be here. We notice in the papers that he plays in Richmond on Friday and Saturday evenings. He may be here next week; maybe not at all this season. Nobody is booked now except Woodhull, and she has cancelled her engagement in Augusta and Columbia, and may do the same for Charlotte.

For Freckles. It is not because we are short of local- not at all—but simply for the benefit of the spotted-faced beauties among our numerous female readers, that we publish the following. If there is anything which will make the average female mad quicker than to tell her that she has big feet, it is to tell her that her face looks like a guinea egg; therefore, we expect to win the esteem of all the spotted faced women into whose hands this respectable journal may fall, by the publication of this item from the Herald of Health: "Freckles," it says, "are not easily washed out of those who have a florid complexion and are much in the sunshine; but the following washes are not only harmless but very much the best of anything we know: Grate butter and fish, let it stand a few hours in hot water, then strain and use the wash night and morning. Or squeeze the juice of a lemon in a half goblet of water and use the same way. Most of the remedies for freckles are poisonous, and cannot be used with safety. Freckles indicate a defective digestion, and consist in deposits of some carbonaceous or fatty matter beneath the skin. Daily bathing, with much friction, should not be neglected, and the Turkish bath taken occasionally, if convenient."

The First Tramp—Eureka! Eureka! We have often wondered if there were any tramps in the old times, such as we of the present day are afflicted with; and now we have examined our little Bible and have found out who was the father of all the tramps. We've discovered the identity of the first original tramp. Adam was a kind of a tramp, after being turned out of the garden of Eden; Cain was a tramp; so was Abraham; Lot and his wife and the whole Lot family set out on a tramp once, but old Mrs Lot's curiosity got away with her, and she didn't tramp far; Jacob, too, was right smart of a tramp, and so were all the children of Israel, and a great many other people along there; but these were only amateurs. The old professional, he who was born before all those people and who, no doubt, was in the business before any of them were born, acknowledges his occupation in the following extract. We quote the Book of Job, 1st chapter, 6th and 7th verses: "Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them."

"And the Lord said unto Satan, whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down on it."

Now who would want a better description of a tramp than that? Wasn't he a tramp? Ain't he condemned for a tramp out of his own mouth? Gentlemen take the case!

An Adventure With High Water. On Tuesday, Constable King was down below Pineville having some warrants to serve on parties living in that neighborhood. He was accompanied by a countryman, both riding horse back, and he and his partner had quite an adventure in crossing a creek which was very much swollen. A foot log lies across the stream, just at the ford; and when the men found that the waters were swimming, they concluded to walk the log and lead their horses. Mr King went before; the other man followed him, and in the deepest of the water the horse began to flounder; it lost the saddle, which floated down the stream, and, jerking loose from its master, struck out on its own account. Arriving at the bank, it turned and swam straight back, and the opposite shore being too steep for it, could not land. It pawed the bank and struggled, and was about getting its head under when its owner re-essed the log, caught the bridge and helped it out, the saddle, however, gone.

Mr King, having gotten safely across with his steed, went back to help his friend in getting his horse's head raised out of the water, and while walking along the log, tripped one foot on the spur which was on the other. This threw him forward and would have cast him into the seething torrent, had he not been fortunate enough to catch on the hand railing. His heavier went overboard, however and disappeared under the log; but as it rose he seized it, and replaced it, and the day's adventure being ended, so far as this particular creek was concerned, the two re-mounted and resumed their journey, very thankful that they had escaped with their lives.

Had His Hat and Boots Stolen. A citizen who was called up street very early, yesterday morning, reports that on Independence Square he encountered a countryman who was cursing Charlotte collectively. He had on neither hat, nor shoes, and as he swore, the bitter air nipped red, and toyed playfully with his confined locks. His story, between oaths, was to the effect that he had come to town the day before, and had bought a pair of boots which he drew on at once. Sometime during the evening or night, he became very tired, and, losing all of his fastidiousness as to a resting place, hung up on the curb stone under a tree in front of the Court House, and "laid him down to pleasant dreams." It is not recorded that the dreams came, but it is certain that a thief did; and when the man woke up, he found himself sans boots, sans hat, and sans almost everything else except a terrific headache and an abiding sense of chilliness and disgust. He wore woolen socks, and the great toe and the one next to it on the left foot, had worked out, and played convulsively upon the unsympathizing pavement, while he told of his misfortune, and cursed the people of Charlotte and his own miserable luck. It is not known how long the unfortunate man kept up his trade; but when our informant left, after having come very near getting a fight on his hands for laughing, the rustic had shown no signs of flagging, but the oaths and imprecations were dropping out with as much smoothness and nimbleness as if, upon the energy with which the swearing was done, depended the recovery or non-recovery of the stolen property.

Another Insurance Failure.

The Penn Fire Insurance Company, of Philadelphia, has failed. This company should not be confounded with the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, which is represented in this State by Dr Carter Berkeley and Mr W A Turk, with headquarters in this city, and which is one of the strongest and safest life companies in the land. The Penn Fire, which has just failed, has not been represented by these gentlemen. It has always been a small fry, wild-cat concern, and its failure excites no surprise in insurance circles.

"Friend after friend departs, Who hath not lost a friend? Another 'wild cat' gone to rest And here hath found its end."

The Observance of Lent. The season of Lent, especially observed in Roman Catholic and Protestant Episcopal churches, in commemoration of Christ's fast of forty days, will begin this year on Ash Wednesday, March 1, ending on the eve of Easter Sunday, April 16.

All Catholics who have completed their twenty-first year must fast unless legitimately dispensed, taking but one meal daily, about noon, excepting Sundays, which are not fast days. Flesh meat and fish are not to be used at the same meal. A collation is allowed in the evening, not to exceed the fourth part of an ordinary meal, at which it is permitted to use bread, butter, cheese, eggs, all kinds of fruit, salads, vegetables, and fish. In the morning some warm liquid, as tea, coffee, or thin chocolate made with water, and a morsel of bread is allowed by general usage. Necessity and custom have authorized the use of hog's lard instead of butter in preparing permitted food. The use of flesh meat is allowed by dispensation at all meals on Sunday, and once a day Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, with the exception of Holy Thursday, and the second and last Saturdays of Lent. Persons exempted from fasting are as follows: Persons under twenty-one years of age, the sick, nursing women, all who are obliged to do hard labor, and all who, through weakness, cannot fast without great prejudice to their health.

The paschal time extends from the first Sunday of Lent till Trinity Sunday, during which all Catholics "who have attained the use of reason" are required to prepare themselves to receive the communion. Parents are reminded "that Lent is a proper season for children to go to their first confession, which they ought to do generally when about seven years of age."

SPECIAL NOTICES. Your life is in danger when you allow a severe cough or cold to go unchecked. Dr Bull's Cough Syrup is a cheap, harmless and reliable remedy.

August Flower. The most miserable fevers in the world are those suffering from Dyspepsia and Liver complaint.

More than seventy-five per cent of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases and their effect such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Constiveness, Palpitation of the Heart, Heartburn, Water-brash, gnawing and burning pains at the pit of the Stomach, Yellow Skin Coated Tongue and disagreeable taste in the mouth, coming up of food after eating, low spirits, &c. Go to the Drug Store of Messrs T. C. Smith & Co., wholesale agents and retail druggists generally and get a 75 cent bottle, or a Sample Bottle for 10 cents. Try it. Two doses will relieve you. [dec30]

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

A regular meeting of Charlotte Lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias will be held in their Castle Hall, in the Temple Association Building, to-night. Prompt attendance of members desired. Visiting brethren cordially invited. By order of the C. C., W. L. BOYD, W. K. R. & S. feb17 1t

Car Load WESTERN CORN,

JUST IN, and a chromo with every bushel. feb17 MAYER, ROSS & JONES, Star Grocery.

Alexander House,

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Below Tryon Street M. E. Church.

[THE building has recently been thoroughly refitted and renovated, and the Proprietress, Mrs Dr A W Alexander, is prepared to accommodate permanent and transient boarders. A share of public patronage is respectfully solicited. MRS A W ALEXANDER.

DR A. W. ALEXANDER, Dentist, has his office in the Alexander House, and will be pleased to see his old customers and new ones. Dental work will be done at rates to suit the times. Entire satisfaction guaranteed. feb17

W. M. CROWELL,

COLLEGE ST., CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Constantly on hand an assortment of Family Supplies, which he will sell as low as any house in the city. He is WIDE AWAKE to the interest of his customers while the SUN is shining and is able to offer inducements to those who patronize him while the STARS are displaying their refringence. COUNTRY PRODUCE a specialty. feb17

THE OLD KENTUCKY WHISKEY pure and old, at the COMMERCIAL, under Smith & Forbes' shoe store. feb17 1t

Ten Cent Column.

Advertisements will be inserted in this column at the rate of ten (10) cents per line, for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than twenty-five cents. Eight words make a line.

LADIES AUCTION—Auction will be held Thursday at 11 o'clock, especially for the Ladies. All invited. The sale on Thursday night for gentlemen will close the auction. J. L. BROWN, Trustee. feb18 2t

LOST—A gold Sleeve Button, which is worthless to the finder, but valuable to the loser. A suitable reward will be paid for its delivery at THIS OFFICE. feb18 2t

FOR SALE—House and Lot in Mechanicville, four rooms. Apply to feb17 F H GLOVER.

FOR RENT—Cottage, corner 8th Street and N. C. R. R. Apply to feb18 F H GLOVER.

THREE or four comfortable rooms, located on College street, up stairs, in the house lately occupied by J W McWhirter, are for rent. Apply to D P L WHITE. feb18

FOUND—Another Key. In fact we can begin to boast of a full and complete assortment. If you have lost a key call at THIS OFFICE. feb18

Dissolution.

[THE firm of Selater & Brockenbrough having been dissolved, the general brokerage business of the late firm will henceforth be conducted by the undersigned. GEO H BROCKENBROUGH. feb17 2t

DON'T THE SUN SHINE!

14 BARRELS OF EXTRA FLOUR, On Consignment at low figures, at THE RISING SUN.

10 BOXES OF LEMONS, At Wholesale and Retail, at THE RISING SUN.

1-2 BARREL OF MALAGA GRAPES, AT THE RISING SUN.

4 box's of large fine FLORIDA ORANGES, AT THE RISING SUN.

5 BARRELS OF BALDWIN APPLES, AT THE RISING SUN.

30 BARRELS OF FLOUR, Of all grades, at THE RISING SUN.

HOME-MADE CANDIES, At Wholesale, at THE RISING SUN.

GROUND PEAS a Specialty, at THE RISING SUN.

BANANAS, BANANAS, BANANAS, Just received all of the above, which we sell as low as any house in the city. O S HOLLOWAY & CO. feb18

French Candies!!

NEW STOCK JUST RECEIVED. Largest and finest assortment of Chocolate Creams in the City. Also many new styles of fine Candies, which have never before been offered for sale here.

Very Choice Fresh Italian Macaroni, etc., etc., at ANDREWS & JONES', Successors to F. H. Andrews & Co. feb18

For Sale.

I WILL SELL cheap for cash, eight two mule teams, sixteen first-class mules and four two horse wagons with harness complete. Apply to W J BLACK. feb18 1t

Fresh Arrivals.

100 FAT CHICKENS.

50 LBS APPLE BUTTER.

25 BUSHELS WHITE BEANS!

500 LBS CABBAGE.

10 BUSHELS LARGE ONIONS.

LOT ONION SETTS, at B S SMITH'S. feb18