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THE CITY

December's first Sunday, this is. There were fewer than the usual number of Saturday and Sunday night drinkers.

The board of county commissioners meets at the court house to-morrow, in regular monthly session.

The every-day amusement on Tryon street is turning rabbits loose and chasing them with dogs.

Yesterday and the day before were the liveliest looking days we have had since the fall season opened.

Again we remark upon the gnawing humor and burning thirst with which our people yearn for another show.

Crowder's Mountain and South Point townships, Gaston county, voted against the stock law last Thursday.

Another name for him now is 'The Dandified Curser.' The Indian lodge of Charlotte is revising its vocabulary of pepper names.

The present cold snap has restored Paw Creek spots to all their former popularity. We had almost forgotten about Paw Creek spots.

Julius Grier, colored, for fast driving through the streets, was before the mayor yesterday morning and was assessed the cost of getting him there—\$2.50.

The largest day's work in cotton ever done in Charlotte was on Friday, when the receipts were an even thousand bales.

The South Carolinians, of whom there are so many in Charlotte, will be rejoiced to read in the telegrams this morning that Gen M C Butler was seated in the United States Senate yesterday.

The police were paid off yesterday for the month of November, and it may be remarked that it speaks well for the financial condition of the city that they are paid off with the utmost regularity on the first day of every month.

It now seems quite sure that nearly all the persons who were injured by the recent accident on the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad, or sustained any loss or damage to baggage or anything else, will institute suit against the company.

Judge Kerr is a punster. The other day in court Mr Wilson said to the crier, 'Call John Donahue.' 'I don't know,' said the court, with becoming gravity, 'what you want with a witness when you donahue he is.' Then the crier swooned.

Experienced travelers by themond & Danville Railroad do not ask each other, these times, whether they think it will be possible to make the connection coming south, but whether or not they can reach Charlotte before the bar-rooms close up.

The two conferences in Salisbury, and the continuous work which they have entailed upon us by reason of the irregularity of the trains, has inspired the forces in this office with a degree of regard for the Sabbath to which it has hitherto been an entire stranger.

Messrs Hilker & Duls, though long in business, make a venture in our advertising columns this morning, and enumerate an attractive melange for epures. Read their advertisement, and remember that advertisers are generally more liberal and enterprising than those who do not use printer's ink.

Messrs Hilker & Duls both send high as grocery men in Charlotte, and we shall be pleased to see the firm succeed.

Bullion for the Month. During the month of November bullion to the amount of \$1,793.81 was deposited in the United States Assay Office in this city.

New Post Office. At the instance of the neighborhood, and with the co-operation of the editor of the Observer, our representative in Congress, has induced the Post Office Department to order the establishment of a post office in this county to be known as 'River View,' with W B Withers, Esq., as postmaster.

A feat to be proud of. The Observer congratulates itself upon the manner in which it handled Friday's proceedings of the North Carolina Conference. The train, Friday evening, was nearly five hours behind time, coming to Charlotte at 11 o'clock, and our reporter sent the proceedings on it by hand.

The train which left this report reached Charlotte at 2:10 o'clock yesterday (Saturday) morning. It was put in type; the paper put to press; and the printed report reached Salisbury at 8:54 a. m. yesterday, having traveled more than eighty miles, gone through the hands of the printer and gotten back to its starting point in less than nine hours.

We may add that with all this extraordinary labor, we missed none of our mails, and could have delivered the paper in Salisbury two hours earlier, it having been ready for the mail at 5 o'clock. The train, however, does not leave until ten minutes of 7, and thus these two hours were lost.

Two days' mail, which had been sent around by Weldon, is still out of pocket, but this was expected on the train which arrived here at 2 o'clock this morning.

Stealing the Street Lights. The aldermen of the second ward need to look after their constituents. In addition to the gas lights there were four kerosene lamps on this ward until during the recent dark spells when some thief or other, to whom the scriptural phrase, 'they love darkness rather than light' does not apply, stole them from the posts and made way with them.

Internal Revenue Matters. The following statement of business in this collection district is from the collector's office at Statesville: Collections during November—on lists, \$205 83; tax paid spirits stamps sold, \$10,587 90; spirits, stamps other than tax paid, \$10.40; tobacco stamps, \$8,681 28; cigar stamps, \$302 70; special stamps, \$661 66; total, \$20,099 77.

THE COLORED METHODISTS

Proceedings of the A. M. E. Zion Conference. THIRD DAY.

Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 30, 1877. Bishop Lomax opened the conference at 10 o'clock a. m., by reading the nineteenth Psalm and fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians.

S B Hunter concluded the exercises. The roll was called, and the minutes of Wednesday's session read and approved.

A committee, consisting of J M H Farley, R H Simmons and C R Harris, was appointed to meet and audit the account of the editor of the Star of Zion.

The examination of characters was again taken up and disposed of. Much time was consumed in discussing a resolution by Rev T F H Blackman, prohibiting an expelled member of the conference from being promoted to orders until he shall have been a member two years, and then in the regular order.

Rev C B Harris offered a series of preambles and resolutions relative to the interest of the Sabbath school, and union with the C. M. E. Church.

Bro. Harris expressed himself warmly in favor of a union with that church, and with all other colored Methodists in the proper time.

Upon these subjects much discussion ensued. C. R. Harris' speech in favor of union was the most powerful and methodical we ever heard him make.

The resolution of union was as follows: WHEREAS, The General Conference minutes have been delayed in their publication; and

WHEREAS, The action of said conference relative to organic union with the C. M. E. Church in America is not generally understood; and

WHEREAS, The second Wednesday in May, 1878, was selected as the time, and Washington City the place, of holding a general convention for the purpose of uniting these two bodies of Methodists; therefore,

Resolved, That our presiding Bishop be requested to bring the matter before the next meeting of Bishops and urge them to take such action as will best attain the object sought by the General Conference.

Resolution by J. A. Tyler: WHEREAS, This and the North Carolina Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, are now in session in this town.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the Bishop from this conference to bear our fraternal greetings to that body.

Several committees reported on the various business of the Conference. Just at this point, Rev. Mr. Sharon and Mr. Carom, of the M. E. Church, South, whose conference was in session in this place, came into the conference.

They were introduced and seated within the bar. Both made some greeting remarks, for which a vote of thanks was tendered them.

Reports were continued up to the hour of adjournment. The conference then adjourned until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, with Benediction by A. Goslin.

Marriage Licenses Last Month. The month just ended, with the exception of January, 1876, has been the most fruitful of marriages in this county, of any month since it has been a county.

The whole number of licenses issued by the register of deeds during November was forty-two of which fifteen were to white and thirty-seven to colored couples. The names of the contracting parties are as follows:

WHITES. A M Salmons, Nannie Brown. F B Brown, S A Bigham. M L Wallis, E H Hennigan. T H Wilson, E J Ray.

W A Grier, R I Crawford. W m C Culp, Fannie M Morrow. A P Strider, Jennie Rogers. Jas A Kerns, Fannie Christenbury.

W B Newell, Sallie Newell. W E Alexander, M J Torrence. J E Fegarty, Bettie V McCorkle. C S Elliot, Josephine Jamison.

T S Cooper, Lizzie Simril. C N Price, Helen Murphy. V H Cates, Mary E Alexander.

COLORED. Robt Jamison, Nannie Johnston. Isaac Lane, Jennie Harrison. Green Boyce, Annie Wolfe.

Sylvanus Blair, Jane Wilson. Whitson Alexander, Jennie Boyce. Marshall Dula, Eliza Bea.

Albert, Wallace, Harriet Casky. Robert Cochrane, Bettie Johnson. Graham Davidson, Bet A Lee.

James Anderson, Mary Simpson. Joseph Gilmore, Bettie Williams. Fletcher Smith, Mattie Barnes.

Calvin Kirk, Caroline Wilson. Leg Rankin, Lou Cuthbertson. Creighton Wiley, Annie Murchison.

A Boyd, Emma Naber. Lee Hennigan, Annie Harris. Sam'l Blount, Laura Hills.

Hark Lewis, Sarah Wilson. Jerry Hunter, Mary Long. Robt Moore, Susan Wallace.

Alfred Miller, Jane Ivy. Chas Smith, Harriet Alexander. Wm Pace, Caroline Cuthbertson.

James Odem, Katie Harris. John Caldwell, Minnie Phifer. Geo Beard, Adeline Waggoner.

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Rev Dr Burkhead announced that he had on hand and for sale a number of copies of the Centennial Book of Methodism, being the proceedings of the Centennial celebration of Methodism in North Carolina, held in Raleigh in 1876.

Rev D R Bruton moved that the election of delegates to the General Conference, to be held in Atlanta next May, be made the special order for Monday at 10 o'clock. The motion prevailed.

In answer to an inquiry of the bishop, Rev Dr Craven, the secretary, informed the conference that it was entitled to fourteen—seven ministerial and seven lay—delegates.

The bishop read from the 'Book of Discipline' certain directions concerning the qualifications of delegates and explained how the ballots should be prepared.

Rev D R Bruton, chairman of the committee on missions, announced that the committee would report on the death of Rev E W Thompson on Tuesday morning.

The bishop stated to the conference that he was at last enabled to make an official announcement of the death of Bishop Marvin. The Nashville Christian Advocate, the official organ of the Church, had come to hand, and contained full particulars.

The secretary then read a clipping from that paper, reciting the sad story of his death, and giving a brief historical sketch of his life. The article was read in a very affecting manner, and produced a profound sensation in the audience, many of the ministers and others who had known the distinguished divine being moved to tears.

It is a noteworthy fact that when his name is mentioned in the conference it is with expressions of the greatest respect and the most profound sorrow.

It was announced that Rev Dr A H Redford, superintendent of the publishing house, located in Nashville, had arrived, and would address the conference on a later hour in the day.

The bishop then stated that he would take up the regular questions concerning the promotion of preachers from one order to another.

The question, 'Who remain on trial?' was asked. In answer to this the following were reported: W B Doub, E J Eudailey, W S Creary, J T Lyon, F A Bishop, J B Carpenter.

The usual questions concerning churches being satisfactorily answered, they were approved.

In answer to the question, 'Who are admitted into full connection?' J M Rhodes, B R Hall and N S Norton responded. They presented themselves before the bishop who asked them the usual questions from the 'Book of Discipline,' and gave them instructions upon the nature of the new field upon which they were about to enter, after which they were declared duly elected.

Rev R O Burton here presented a resolution requesting the presiding bishop to preach a memorial sermon on the late Bishop Marvin in the Methodist church, Tuesday morning, that being the time fixed for the regular memorial services.

The resolution passed. (NOTE—Subsequently amended; see below.) The bishop then proceeded with the questions, and the following were announced as 'deacons of the first year': N W Jurney, J F Craven, W S Roane, J T Gibbs, L L Nash, J W Randall, J R Soroggs, C A Gault, M W Boyles, J M Lumley.

The presiding elders of each of the districts in which these preachers had been laboring were questioned as to the character of each, and the answers being satisfactory, they were all admitted into full connection, except J F Craven, J N Randall and C A Gault, who were reported by the committee of examination as having been prevented from standing their examinations on the studies prescribed by sickness or from other causes.

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STREET IMPROVEMENTS

A number of notable improvements have been made upon the streets since our last report upon this matter. Stepping stones have just been placed at the intersection of College and Tenth streets, and at the intersection of College and Fifth; a sidewalk has been made and graded on Stonewall, from Tryon to College; a rock culvert has been built on D, between Second and Third; the pavement of Trade has been graded between Myers and the boundary, and also between C and D. The tank recently ordered by the board of aldermen is now being dug on Trade street between Myers and E, which will, in case of fire, furnish a water supply to a section of the city which has hitherto been destitute in this respect.

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