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MASONIC. PHALANX LODGE No. 31, A. F. & A. M.—Regular meeting every second and fourth Monday nights.

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KNIGHTS OF HONOR.—Regular meeting every second and fourth Thursdays.

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CHARLOTTE LODGE No. 88.—Meets every Mon-MECKLENBURG DECLARATION LODGE No. 9 .-Meets every Tuesday night. DIXIE LODGE No. 108.-Meets every Friday

CATAWBA RIVER ENCAMPMENT No. 21.—Meets and third Thursday nights in each menth.

INDICATIONS.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER, WASHINGTON, Jan. 5, 7:30 P. M. For the South Atlantic States, northerly to easterly winds, stationary or slowly falling barometer in the southern portions, rising temperature, threatening weather and rain.

Index to New Advertisements. House for Rent-G. T. Coleman.

HOME PENCILINGS.

-Business is flat.

wait for good weather.

-The dry moon is a fraud.

Zero is being rapidly forgotten. -Rain gets decidedly the best of

-Moving continues. It is no use to

-The streets last night were as dark as Egypt.

Rare for winter. -From corner to corner is twice as

far as in dry weather. -The rapid thaw delights everybody but sleighers and skaters.

-There have been no cases before the mayor for nearly a week.

-Freezing is no longer feared, and if slipping is sure falling is not fatal.

-The regular monthly meeting of the Independent Hook and Ladder company took place last night. -The stream of dramatic companies

is setting toward the Northern cities. The weather is too bad for the road.

are resumed to-day, after a two weeks intermission for the holidays. A number of students passed through the city

-Two more car loads of wood for the poor were received yesterday over the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio road. It was distributed gratuitously to the -Having gutters to spout from over-

head to the pavement may be convenient and economical, but it is by no means pleasant to those who are con.pelled to walk below. -Last Saturday night while it was

sleeting a gentleman observed behind the clouds four bright flashes of light. They were unaccompanied by thunder and the inference is that they were caused by brilliant meteors.

-The precedent of carriages for en-tertainments was set for hard rains, but has been extended to damp evenings and bids fair to become invariable. Some of the boys, however, are beginning to equeal pretty loud.

-"Katie, shut that gate," was directep at the door of the opera house last night and was especially appropriate to the gentlemen who retire retire be-

-Asheville has developed a weather prophet named Gaither. He predicts with considerable safety that January will be the coldest month in the year. "The paroxysm of cold," he says, will climax with intensely cold weather, with plenty of snew both North and

-Bartley Campbell has brought suit for criminal libel against Charles A. Byrne, editor of the Dramatic News, in New York, who charges that Campbell did not write the plays, "My Partner" and "The Galley Slave," and further that Campbell stole outright the latter play. Byrne was released on his own

-It is a little odd why the gentlemen always stand right in the middle of the sidewalk or directly on the narrow crossing when they want to gossip or talk business. Generally they are so engrossed in each other that they forget that the sidewalk is not entirely their own, and do not pretend to move when other persons want to pass.

In his Irish character impersonations to-night will draw a large house and the house will be largely entertained if Pat is anything like what he is repre-sented to be. Harry Miner is also said to be very strong, and the whole com-pany excellent. They appear to-night

which took the road last fall have eith-

as it is for the companies.

stecklenburg Trips New Hanover, The board of commissioners yesterday computed the State tax due from Mecklenburg county to be paid to the State Treasurer next Monday by the sheriff at \$17,213.37. In addition to this about \$12,000 will be paid to County Treasurer Belk as the proportion of the school tax due from Mecklenburg. This State tax from Mecklenburg. The sheriff claims that this will give us the second place among the large tax paying countries. Last year it stood wake, New Hanover, Mecklenburg. This year it when he was only second to the leading the probably stand wake, Mecklenburg, New Hanover.

We are of the opinion that it must be good, for the simple reason that so many persons praise it and physicians prescribe it. We mean Dr. Bull's fering induced by colds, coughs, asthma. etc., all cough Syrup. 25 cents. All druggists keep it.

Cutting Scrape Between Brothers. Jake McCall, who was cut by his brother Rufe in a drunken quarrel in Long Creek last Saturday is, we understand, more seriously hurt than was at first apprehended. Of the wounds on the neck, face and body, the first is the most serious. Fears are entertained that the man will die. Rufe has fled most serious. Fears are entertained that the man will die. Rufe has fled the country and nothing has been heard

Bring in Another Horse. One of the wood haulers, who have all been having such a fete champetre, so to speak, for the last week, yesterday came in with a two horse load. As the supply has been considerably better and prices off in consequence he asked only \$1.75 for it. A Hebrew citizen, his only taker, offered \$1.50 and the trade fell through. The wagener couldn's stand the racket and drove off for home with his wood unsold but overtaking a sym-

pathizing friend at the creek borrowed a horse from the latter's empty wagon, spiked it before his double team and returned to town in all the glory of a three horse load. The same citizen watchful for a bargain, hailed him. Two and a quarter was demanded. "I takes dot tree horse load for \$2.25. Drive him to mein house. Dat is someding like it."

Line disaster, disinterred, and hold an inquest. The coroner says that he had no opportunity to hold inquests over either Stroud or Sellers, as their bodies were removed without his being notiderstands it, and considers that he would be guilty of great negligence if he neglected to hold the inquests in The limit of age in this is sixty years." strict conformity to the statute. In this case he considers it especially necessary from the possibility of litigation arising, in which event, he says, the testimony of the coroner would be of essential importance and the man-ner in which the inquest was held, would be subject to the strictest examination. It does seems that the statute in regard to coroner's inquests might be made much more satisfactory -Thunder and lightning last night. than it is in its present loose form. In justice to Mr. Alexander, however, it should be remembered that the county commissioners pass upon his reports an opposition before remuneration is allowed for money. holding the inquests.

Jurymen for Superior Court.

The following are the jurymen drawn by the commissioners vesterday for the three weeks' term of the Superior Court beginning on the fourth Monday in

February:
First Week-J. S. Barnett, John Hobbs, John T. White, C. A. Withers, W. S. Herron, D. W. Flew, J. J. Orr, W. E. Shaw, J. W. Taylor, H. M. Sloan, T. J. Julian, W. R. Clark, W. J. McConnell, T. T. Smith, J. Harvey Henderson, R. T. Smith, J. Harvey Henderson, R. There Crier Legent N. The weather is too bad for the road.

It is supposed that Tom and Jerry are warm friends.—Augusta News.—Are you not sufficiently intimate with them to know?

—Miss Henrietta Vaders, the leading lady in Keene's company, and Mr. Harry Thompson, a noted actor, were married in Baltimore last Sunday.

—The exercises at Davidson College are resumed to-day, after a two weeks

Austin.

Second Week-B. L. Alexander, Leonard Woods, P. P. Maxwell, J. N. Rhyne, E. A. Flow, J. A. Elliott, J. W. Clark, J. C. Burroughs, Joel W. Alexander, N. Monteith, S. M. Bigham, W. B. Gooding, C. W. Alexander, E. W. Query, J. R. Ferguson, Samuel Price, S. J. Stewart, T. P. Pyron, W. A. Lucas, R. C. Miller, S. S. Miller, T. J. Knox, T. A. McWhirter, Lee H. Henderson.

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Third Week— F. C. Smith, A.W. Alexder, R. M. Miller, Jr., W. A. L. Owens, F. S. Query, S. S. Hoover, J. S. Spencer, A. N. Johnston, C. McNelis, J. D. Barnett, W. D. Stone, E. W. Kinnerly, C. L. Adams, John Beatty, R. E. Lawing, A. A. Gaston, T. A. Squires, R. W. Montgomery, John Ehler, T. Martin Alexander, I. H. Foust, A. H. Collins, I. H. McGinn, R. B. Cochrane. McGinn, R. B. Cochrane.

Fire Department Matters. The Pioneers met night before last for the purpose of electing a president to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Luther Long, who has gone to Texas to live. The election was postponed on account of the small attendance, barely a quorum being present. Another matter of considerable importance was, however, considered. The number of the registered members of the company is about forty. Of these not more than one-third are in the habit it was asserted of turning. ble importance was, however, considtween the acts-for what purpose they ered. The number of the registered in the habit, it was asserted, of turning in the habit, it was asserted, of turning out to fires or at meetings. The city marshal, who is also the chief of the fire department, had stated that he was embarrassed by the large number of men in the city who claimed exemption from the poll tax, stating that they were firemen. In consideration of these facts the company resolved that all members who should absent themselves at the next regular meeting, without a written and satisfactory excuse, should be stricken from the roll and that a list of the regular members of the company was a suffering than by the other so liable to abuse.

This is all of it. The subscriptions was exaggirated by report which was of the regular members of the company should be made out for the use of the

equipment of the department is more thorough than ever before, and is a credit to the city. For a long time, too, more enthusiastic firemen could not be found anywhere. It is regretted that this spirit seems to be declining and it is hoped and believed that all that is needed to inspire fresh zeal into our firemen for the prosperity of their companies and the department is the calling attention to the seeming lack of it

"Child of the Sterra."

The play presented at the opera house last night is a drama founded upon pany excellent. They appear to-night and the diagrams of seats will be spread this morning at the usual places. Succure seats early.

last night is a drama founded upon the Harte's strengely interesting story of Miss; it can hardly be called a dramatization of the story, as much has been added to it by the dramatist. But the characters are all there, and But the characters are all there, and having been fully brought out and biggest dramatic associations on the road, and which has created a sensation wherever it has been, appears in Greenville to-night. They give us the go by, much to the regret of all.

—It is stated that more than half of the two hundred and odd companies which took the road last fall have either the strained product of Smith's Pocket. strained product of Smith's Pocket er been disbanded or will be in a short time. The distress is due in a great measure to the terrible weather.

The rapid succession of companies —all of them good ones, too—at the opera house, is as good a thing, during this weather, for the livery stable men as it is for the companies.

With many accompaniements of song, of dance, of bitter and trying experiences, she gradually developed the brilliant character whose elements and fine impulses were so dextrously shown in the original through the short of the Sierra. It was a difficult role, and hence the praise Miss it is for the companies. er been disbanded or will be in a short | With many accompaniments of song, ficult role, and hence the praise Miss Pixley so richly deserves for her pre-sentation of it. The andience were de-lighted, and persisted in recalling her

with marked expressions of favor. The play is full of humorous and exciting scenes, and even hair-lifting cli-maxes. Mr. Len Harris, as "The School Master," seemed to lack something, but it was difficult to tell what. The "Judge Beeswinger," of Mr. Daily, was intense-

Railread Notes. -Mr. R. W. Trezevant, mail agent on the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta

freight cars at the Air-Line depot awaiting a clear track to Greenville, GILT EDGE

Atlanta and other places along the -Those running the Air-Line fast CREAM CHEESE, mail think it entirely unnecessary that they should be kept waiting at the junction from two to six hours for the Richmond train when the use of the telegraph wires would give them the

same time for rest. -The employes of the Air-Line are complaining of their overworked condition for some time past.

Matters of Interest to the Sir Knights. A circular has been issued by Geo.W. Lindsay, Supreme Chancellor of the Order of Knights of Pythias, to the subordinate lodges from which the fol-lowing extract, in regard to the endowment rank, is made: "Since the date of its organization to the present there have been instituted 467 sections, located in every State and Territory under Another inquest.

The coroner will to-day proceed to Sharon, have the remains of Ned Stroud, one of the victims of the Air-Line disaster, disinterred, and hold an intermediate the second class, the endowment reliable to second class, the endowment reliable to the second class.

The Action of the Mayor and the Wood Question—Is Anybody Murt?

To the Editor of The Observer.

I have already spent far more money than the action of the board of aldermen authorized, being satisfied they will ratify my action in the matter when they meet. I was gratified at the announcement made by you that three hundred dollars had been contrithree hundred dollars had been contributed by three of our liberal and hu-mane citizens to further extend relief. I write to give you notice that now is an opportune time to expend that

You have announced more than once that as soon as those who are unable to buy wood are supplied, wood will be sold. This places me in a false position about the wood I am receiving. The Atlanta & Charlotte Air-Line, the Carolina Central and the Atlantic, Ten-Carolina Central and the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio roads make no charge for hauling the wood, and by my way of thinking I have no right to use their charity to supply people able to buy wood. Out of the large and liberal contributions announced by you this class of our people may be supplied. I regard them as entirely beyond the authority given me by the board of aldermen and the action of the railroads above named. I am,

Very respectfully, &c., F. S. DEWOLFE, Mayor. Mayor's Office, Charlotte, Jan. 5, '81. [The communication of the mayor is caustic. The occasion is that THE OB-SERVER published some time ago the report that three gentlemen in the city had subscribed \$100 each to the relief of the poor. It seems that this is an exaggeration, or at least that the mayor hasn't received the money. The statement was made, it is admitted, on insufficient authority, but as no names were mentioned, no harm is done. But the mayor writes as if he was being injured. In the first place it was not stated that the subscriptions had been made to him, and the fact that the Democratic executive committee of the city had, as stated at the time of the publication complained of in so indirect a manner, turned over \$200 to Gen. Young the president of the Relief Association, would lead to the inference, as between the mayor and the presi-dent of the Relief Association, that these subscriptions had been made to the latter. He makes no complaint.

The mayor again forgets that he is performing on the second instrument in this charitable orchestra when he complains of being placed in a false light by the statement, that, when the absolutely necessitous were relieved those who were willing to pay for wood if they could get it would be supplied. It seems that the mayor's sensi-bilities are offended by the intimation either couldn't get it at all or were not

of the regular members of the company should be made out for the use of the narshal.

In this connection attention is called for the sarchsm of his honor's commucation of the interest in the first content of the interest in the interest i to the waning of the interest in the fire nication THE OBSERVER is innocent.]
department which appears of late. The

SAN FRANCISCO, January 5. The Re-Assembly in joint caucus Tast evening nominated on the first ballot General John F. Miller for United States Senator, the vote standing: Miller 63, Booth 5. The Democratic caucus on the fourth ballot nominated ex-Chief Justice Wallace.

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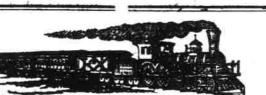
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