

SOCIETY DIRECTORY.

MASONIC.

PHALANX LODGE No. 81, A. F. & A. M.—Regular meeting every second and fourth Monday nights.

K. O. F.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Regular meeting every second and fourth Thursday.

I. O. O. F.

CHARLOTTE LODGE No. 88.—Meets every Monday night.

INDICATIONS.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

For the South Atlantic States, rising temperature and clear or partly cloudy weather.

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Home Pencillings.

—Full moon.

—Prohibition of no prohibition?

—The mails now are regularly irregular.

—Hand in your church notices to-day.

—Nobody from the country comes to town these days, unless it is necessary.

—Cotton sales yesterday 104 bales—larger than any day since Christmas.

—The last of January is the time to make the first break in the gardens here.

—State-Senator Burwell is expected home to-day to spend Sunday with his family.

—The juveniles had a very enjoyable German at the Pleasure Club rooms last night.

—At the mayor's court yesterday morning John McKelvey and Mrs. Perkins were fined \$2.50 apiece for an affray.

—The trains on the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta road were on time yesterday. The track is clear of the wreck near Trenton.

—The action of the Pleasure Club against carriages is having its effect on other people. The omnibus bids fair to usurp the business of the hackmen.

—Maj. W. W. Flemming and wife have returned from Pennsylvania, where they have been spending the holidays. Mr. Flemming says that the Dan river was the first stream free from ice he saw while away.

—Ben Jeans, a colored car coupler in the yard of the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta road, had his leg severely cut by the wheels while coupling the Demosday. Two accidents a day to couplers is pretty brisk work.

—The item in THE OBSERVER some time ago in reference to Barney Macaulay and a bottle of wine, credited to the Greenville News, calls that paper to its feet to deny the self impeachment. It should have been credited to the Danville News.

—Railroad men say that all the roads are terribly warped by the recent severe weather, which, it must be confessed, has been very trying on them. It is impossible to avoid accidents under such circumstances, say those who know.

—Lockman has not yet succeeded in giving his required bond for \$10,000. Nothing has been heard of the subject from the authorities of the road, and it is now understood that they are aware of the circumstances; so it is concluded that they will make no efforts to secure the bond, at least unless it is reduced.

—The meeting of the Dramatic club at the residence of Col. Morehead last night was well attended and greatly enjoyed. The rehearsal of "Among the Breakers" which it is proposed to produce in a short while, was the feature of the evening. Those who have been assigned parts entered into them with much spirit.

—Mr. Harry Harman, who has been for some time at Wittkowsky & Baruch's as decorator, will hereafter assist Miss Louise Clarke in her readings. Mr. Harman will take the stage name of Harry Montague and will appear as a character delineator, &c., in his delightful entertainment entitled "An Evening with the Mimics."

—The discussions on prohibition yesterday were animated and general. The temperance men hold up the evils of intemperance; the anti-prohibitionists say that it is impossible to stop the traffic in liquor, discourse on the rights of man, and some threaten the Democratic party, as if politics had anything to do with it.

—The children of the infant class of the M. E. Sunday school are once more requested to assemble in the basement of the church this afternoon at 3 o'clock to enjoy the entertainment planned for them at Christmas. Mrs. Greene has been quite ill, and is still unable to go out, but earnestly requests all the children to be there. The assistant teachers of the class will be present to distribute the gifts, lead in the music, and help the little ones to enjoy themselves.

Meeting of the Board of Aldermen on Monday.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of aldermen takes place Monday. It will be of extraordinary importance as the report of the water works committee will be made and their report will probably be read and a question proposed as to whether we are to have water works but as to what sort. Besides this the proposed amendments to the city charter will be discussed and prepared for the consideration of the Legislature. The amendments, however, are of no great importance.

Appointments of Presiding Elder Wood.

Presiding Elder M. L. Wood, of the Charlotte district, of the Methodist Church, preaches at Monroe this morning and to-morrow morning. His other appointments for the first quarter are: Pleasant Grove ch., at Bethel, January 22; Mt. Zion ch., Centre, January 29; Ansonville ch., at Ansonville, February 5; Wadesboro ch., at Bethel, February 12; Matthews ch., at Matthews, February 19; Lilesville ch., at Lilesville, February 26; Centre, at Tyron Street, March 5; Charlotte ch., at Prospect, March 12; Calvary Mission, March 19-20.

The district stewards will meet in the Methodist church in Monroe, Tuesday, February 1st, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Run-Off on the R. & D.

The passenger train of the Richmond and Danville road, due here at 12 o'clock yesterday, last, did not arrive. Between Salisbury and China Grove the engine, the tender and express car ran off the track. The express car was damaged to such an extent as to delay the train after the engine and tender were replaced on the track. No one was hurt.

The trains were delayed again at Harrisburg before reaching here. The regular passenger ran into an open switch at Harrisburg depot. They had left Salisbury a little after six, and this latter accident was the cause of the late arrival last night.

The track was opened and trains arrived here at 10:30 last night, there having been no Northern mail up to that time during the day.

Crushed Between the Cars.

Ben Morehead, colored, who in the absence of the regular car-coupler takes his place at the Richmond and Danville yard, was caught yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock between the projecting ends of the sills of two Richmond and Danville cars which he was coupling. He fell unconscious and was discovered by the engineer lying in a mud-hole at the side of the track. He was taken up and carried to his room under the old Exchange Hotel. Dr. T. J. Moore was called in and found a transverse fracture of the breast-bone just above the heart, but no further injuries as far as could be discovered. The man is in no danger unless internal injuries have occurred or pneumonia should set in.

It will be remembered that this projecting sill was the cause of Johnston's death. There may be some use for it on the cars, but surely not enough to justify its continuance when so frequently the cause of accident.

The Telegraph Consolidation.

Continues to excite much interest here, especially among those whose business requires constant telegraphic communication. From the telegraph men here, and the reports of the New York papers of yesterday, it is gathered that Jay Gould has got the best of the fight in Wall street, and that Thos. T. Eckert will be made president of the consolidated companies, or that Gould himself will become president, and Eckert first vice-president and manager. It is further stated that several of the most prominent members of the board of directors of the American Union—Jay Gould, Russell Sage, Fred L. Ames and others—will be members of the new consolidated Western Union, a meeting of the directors of which takes place next Wednesday to ratify the consolidation. Bitter accusations against Mr. Vanderbilt are made, it being asserted that he has played into Gould's hands.

What the effect will be on the retention or discontinuance of employes it is impossible to say, as the details of the plan of the consolidation are guarded with great secrecy.

Dramatic Notices.

The Atlanta Post-Appel says: "As a general thing, the dramatic critics on the Southern press are altogether too good-natured in their notices of the worthless sticks, gawky novices and broken down hacks who are frequently sent down here in the character of 'stars.' The newspapers are in many instances to blame for the undeserved celebrity of many third-rate actors; and it is refreshing to occasionally read a breezy criticism which is a cautionary note to the theatrical managers are made to understand that newspapers are under no obligations to them the better for all parties."

The Grouping of News.

Yesterday was about as dull a day for news as has been in Charlotte. This is the frequent complaint of reporters and yet it is almost wonderful that such days are really so rare. The evenness with which news—the record of public events—is distributed is almost wonderful. There is a certain flavor of the same character are often grouped, notably railroad accidents, the truth of which has been so remarkably illustrated in the last few weeks. The weather is the principal agent in this grouping, as it is the least reflection, and the infection of events is also a powerful influence, but in spite of this something seems to be going on nearly all the time. News is not a list of chance events, but by any means and therefore does not exhibit the remarkable runs which are sometimes characteristic of the ace of clubs or the jack of diamonds. The disposition to excuse laziness in keeping up with the business, however, often leads the reporter to excuse his shortcomings on the ground of "nothing happening." The newspaper man is not confined to what is happening (Here is an excellent opportunity applying to the reporter, with the idea that something good is being said, "we know it ain't.") What is going to happen, what has happened and what ought to happen, may all be made good by an ingenious application. This ingenious application and the capacity for ransacking resources, has a good deal more to do with newspaper reporting, especially in small towns, than the capacity for putting it on paper.

The Construction Bond Question.

To the Editor of THE OBSERVER. Gov. Jarvis, in his message, on the subject of the settlement of the construction bond debt of the North Carolina Railroad Company, says the whole matter hinges upon the question, whether the North Carolina Railroad will continue to be paying interest, and suggests that competing lines may be built by private individuals or corporations, that may injure its value as a paying institution. The writer is in a position to know from information received from those who are very largely interested in the stock of the Richmond & Danville Railroad, that that company will agree to extend the lease of the North Carolina Railroad for ten or thirty years more, until the new bonds to be issued under the compromise shall mature, upon the same terms. If you are correct in your calculation, and I believe you are, then the State would receive enough interest over and above what the bonds have to pay out, to create a sinking fund, which if invested in these bonds would have the entire debt paid off before it matures and the road saved to the State.

A Youthful Criminal.

BANGOR, ME., January 14.—Warren Langmore, aged nine, yesterday found guilty of manslaughter, in causing the death of Freeman Vicksburg, eight years of age, at Pembroke, Me., October 5th, last, was this morning sentenced by Judge Sibley to the State reform school during his minority. Langmore first shot his victim and was discovered in the act of digging his grave; while doing so, Wright showed signs of life, when Langmore struck him on the head several times with a spade with which he was at work.

No one should neglect a cough, cold or sore throat.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup cures these and prevents consumption. 25c.

Let the Railroad Answer.

Will you please explain why it is that the Richmond & Danville Railroad (as I have been informed) charges thirty-five cents per 100 lbs. on specks and handles from Greensboro to New York and forty cents per 100 lbs. from Greensboro to Charlotte. Does it cost more to haul 94 miles than it does 500, or do you think the business is going wrong here? Perhaps it is even getting a better rate than Charlotte or New York, or perhaps there is a slight discrimination against Charlotte in favor of other markets. ENQUIRE.

CURRENT FACTS AND EVENTS.

A Hebrew exodus from Germany to the United States has begun, and will doubtless swell to large proportions.

Deadwood, Da., a place that did not exist a few years ago, pays now \$30,000 semi-annual interest on its city debt.

General Garfield sent out 9,000 letters from Meador during the last quarter of 1880, nearly all in answer to office beggars.

Thirty million dollars is the sum that Great Britain laid out for a scientific frontier in Afghanistan, without getting the frontier, after all.

General Grant will probably start for Mexico within the next thirty days for the purpose of obtaining more accurate information and forming an opinion as to several concessions for the benefit of the Mexican railroad consolidation to the commission of which he is a member.

Me Lud Beaconsfield, in his alleged novel, "Endymion," says, speaking of America: "A country that borrows its language, its laws and its religion, cannot have its native powers much developed." Me Lud forgets that America only borrowed the English language in order to prepare the dictionaries which Englishmen are compelled to consult when they really want to know what the language is.

On each side of every compartment in the railway car is a revolving lattice, which is kept constantly wet by a reservoir of water on the top of the carriage. A revolving lattice in the form of a spokeless wheel, and constructed of fibrous particles of some boiler iron, and when wet forms a shield through which the hot air passing through becomes cool and delicious.

Boston is going into the tower of Babel business on a smaller scale. A company has been formed to build a tower 625 feet high, or only 100 feet higher than the Bunker Hill monument, near the Boston and Providence Railroad station, to be used by visitors and tourists as a lookout over the surrounding country. The tower will be built of boiler iron, and the cruciform shape. The observatory at the top will accommodate about 150 people, and will be reached by four elevators, with safety attachments.

By George Eliot's death, sums up the London Academy, we are left with only one living novelist, who is absolutely of the first class, and that is George Eliot. When she died yet much of her best work to do. During all the years in which she labored, it is perhaps true that only one novelist of extraordinary genius has been produced, and that is the position filled at one and the same time by Dickens, Thackeray and George Eliot can be claimed at the present moment, if claimed at all, only by a single novelist; by Thomas Hardy.

TELEGRAPHIC SPARKS.

Mrs. Bateman, mother of Kate Bateman, the celebrated actress, is dead in London.

A Berlin dispatch says it is stated that Bismarck has sent important dispatches to Constantinople, advising the Porte to assume the defensive.

Edward Kienhard, the wife murderer, was executed at the yard of the Richmond county jail on Staten Island, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

A joint Republican caucus of the Minnesota Legislature, nominated Senator McMillan, night before last, for reelection to the United States Senate.

The live stock commission firm of Jackson, Hickman & Co., of St. Louis, have failed. The liabilities are estimated at \$25,000. The Cheever & Burchard cutlery company have also made an assignment. Nominal, \$100,000; paid in, \$5,000.

In the Maine Legislature yesterday the election of United States Senator was made the order for Tuesday next at 12 o'clock. Both houses have adjourned to Tuesday at 11 o'clock.

Frontier Life—Stage Robbery.

GALVESTON, Jan. 14.—A special to the News from San Antonio says the east-bound stage of the San Antonio & Eagle Pass line was stopped yesterday morning about 8 o'clock, 10 miles from Salerna, by two masked men. There were four passengers in each, two of whom were ladies. Nothing was taken from the ladies, but a small amount of money was obtained from the men. One of the passengers, C. H. Winters, a merchant at Bracken being warned in time, concealed \$2,500 in a door panel which escaped observation. The mail bags were cut open and rifled. It is thought the robbers are the same parties who robbed the Laredo stage a couple of weeks since.

Population of Southern Cities.

WASHINGTON, January 13.—The census bureau furnishes the following statement of the population of towns and cities in the Southern States having more than 10,000 and less than 30,000 inhabitants: Augusta, Ga., 23,023; Galveston, Tex., 22,253; Norfolk, Va., 21,938; Petersburg, Va., 21,578; San Antonio, Tex., 20,561; Houston, Tex., 16,642; Wilmington, N. C., 17,331; Montgomery, Ala., 16,614; Lynchburg, Va., 15,959; Chattanooga, Tenn., 14,592; Macon, Ga., 13,748; Vicksburg, Miss., 11,814; Portsmouth, Va., 11,338; Shreveport, La., 11,017; Austin, Tex., 10,950; Dallas, Tex., 10,388; Columbia, S. C., 10,340.

The National Convention Gives Way for Garfield.

NEW YORK, January 14.—By direction of the executive committee of the National Guard Association of the United States, the convention of the association called for the 20th instant, at the Mercantile Library building, Philadelphia, has been adjourned to the 7th of March at 10 o'clock a. m., at the same place. This adjournment has been made at the request of a number of the delegates from the South and West, as well as New York and Pennsylvania, to permit those attending the presidential inauguration to be present.

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BY

ONE OF THE FOOLS

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BUTTERICK'S

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HAVE COME.

Price of Metropolitan One Cent,

OR BY MAIL, 3 CENTS.

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Cold in the West.

CHICAGO, January 14.—A sudden and remarkable change in the temperature has occurred. At 10 o'clock yesterday morning the thermometer registered 39 degrees, and at midnight it marked 8 degrees below, with the mercury falling about 5 degrees an hour.

Thousands Use It, Why Hesitate?

Joy to the World! Woman is Free! Among the many discoveries looking to the happiness and amelioration of the human race, none is entitled to higher consideration than Dr. J. Bradfield's Female Regulator, "Woman's Best Friend." By its use woman is emancipated from numerous ills peculiar to her sex. Before its magic power all irregularities of the womb vanish. It cures "white" suppression of the "menstrua," and removes uterine obstructions. It cures constipation and strengthens the system, braces the nerves and purifies the blood. It never fails, as thousands of women will testify.

Prepared by Dr. J. Bradfield, Atlanta, Ga., price \$1.50 per bottle. Sold by F. C. Smith, and R. Wriston & Co.

THOMASVILLE, GA., June 25, 1877.

I have been selling Bradfield's Female Regulator for years, and it still continues popular—no evidence of its being old-fashioned. I can recall instances in which it afforded relief after all the usual remedies had failed.

CASSELL, Druggist.

Try Smith's Scrofula Syrup for your blood. It removes all skin eruptions and will give you a beautiful and clear complexion.

WADLEY, EXAMUR, Co., Ga., Oct. 10, 1876.

Gentlemen:—While attending the General Assembly this summer, I tried your Star Curative on my leg. It being several years old, and having a wound received during the late war. After having thoroughly tried it I am compelled to say that it cured a remarkably bad case. Nothing different physicians and remedies, and found nothing to cure me until I used your Star Curative, which has cured a remarkably bad case. Nothing different physicians and remedies, and found nothing to cure me until I used your Star Curative, which has cured a remarkably bad case.

I am yours respectfully, JOHN BELL, oct26-6m.

"Milk Bitters" are a brain, nerve and blood food, peculiarly adapted to, and warmly recommended by, our druggists and physicians for general debility, mental and physical exhaustion, nervousness, sleeplessness, emaciation and dropsy.

The Voltale Battery, Marshall, Mich.

Will send their celebrated Electro-Voltaic Battery to the afflicted upon 80 days trial. Speedy cures guaranteed. They mean what they say. Write to us now without delay. nov. 15-1p

Do not fail to call on your druggist for a bottle of the pure, sweet and delicious blood purifier, Smith's Scrofula Syrup, on Monday, 17th January. Star Curative cures all chronic sores and is a sure cure for being affected with the General.

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ALSO, OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF

Carpets, Oil Cloths and Rugs, Ladies' Cloaks, Silk Handkerchiefs, Balmoral Skirts, and Children's Woolen Sacques and Hoods, at cost to close out.

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