

SOCIETY DIRECTORY.

MASONIC.

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

EXETER LODGE No. 281, A. F. & M. S. - Regular meeting every first and third Tuesday nights.

CHARLOTTE CHAPTER No. 39, R. A. M. - Regular meeting every second and fourth Friday nights.

CHARLOTTE COMMANDERY No. 2, K. T. - Regular meeting every first and third Thursdays.

K. O. F. H. - Knights of Honor - Regular meeting every second and fourth Thursdays.

K. O. P. - Knights of Pythias - Regular meeting every first and third Wednesdays, 7 o'clock p. m. at Masonic Temple.

I. O. O. F. - Charlotte Lodge No. 88 - Meets every Monday night.

MEMBERING DECLARATION LODGE No. 9 - Meets every Tuesday night.

DIXIE LODGE No. 108 - Meets every Thursday night.

CATAWBA RIVER COMMANDERY No. 21 - Meets first and third Thursday nights in each month.

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Watermelons, etc. - S. M. Howell. Groceries - Harvey & Blair. Application for relief - J. A. Reynolds and wife.

HOME PENICILS.

The capacity of the Charlotte Cotton Mills is being extended by the receipt of additional machinery.

The Atlanta excursion returned yesterday bringing back several visitors from Georgia in addition to the crowd with which it left here.

A re-registration is not required of those who voted at the municipal election in May, but it is well enough to see that your name is on the book.

Since prohibition went into effect, says the mayor, drinks are markedly scarce in my court. In fact I don't have anything but a violation of the whiskey ordinances occasionally.

The Southern Express Company has just carried into effect a new schedule of rates. The charges have been in many instances reduced, and a small package can now be sent from Charleston to New York for 25 cents.

We are requested to say that a prohibition mass meeting of the citizens of the eastern portion of Mecklenburg county will be held at Mallard Creek church, Monday, July 25, 1881. Addresses will be delivered by Col. J. P. Thomas, Gen. R. D. Johnston, Rev. S. Mattoon and others.

A newspaper man never so fully appreciates the truth of the maxim that it is the little troubles in life that kill us, as when he happens on a good item in an exchange and looks around for the scissoring editor they have disappeared. It destroys all the pleasure of the thing.

The Columbia Register says: "Master N. B. Barnwell yesterday filed his decision in the matter as to whether the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad charged a ton freight by weight or measurement under the charter of December, 1846. The Master decides that the custom has been to charge by weight."

The city was visited yesterday afternoon by several refreshing showers, purifying the atmosphere, carrying away the fifth and sixth round trip tickets to the joint summer meeting of the State Grange and Agricultural Society at Greenville, for three cents per mile, counting each way. The tickets will be placed on sale from July 23 to July 28, and will be good to return until August 3.

A Rain Theory.

According to a theory asserted and believed during the war, a few hours cannonading by heavy guns directed in the open air, produced an undulatory commotion in the atmosphere, which nearly always produced rain. A wouldn't it be a dynamite exploded in the air produce the same result? However the copious rains yesterday renders such an experiment unnecessary just now.

A Lucky Farmer.

Mr. J. T. Julian, formerly a merchant in this city, but now conducting a farm about three miles from the city, brings THE OBSERVER the finest cotton boll of the season. It is well formed and about three inches in circumference. Mr. Julian has had good luck farming his place he states, having been visited with two showers of rain to every one vouchsafed to his neighbors. His crops consequently are considerably in advance of others around him.

Personal Mention.

Senator Z. B. Vance is in the city. D. J. Carter, Esq., editor of the Lancaster Ledger, was in the city yesterday.

Judge R. P. Dick, who has been making prohibition speeches in the western part of the State, was in the city yesterday on his way home.

Col. Thomas B. Keogh, of Greensboro, passed through the city yesterday on his return from Florida, where he has been for several weeks recreating. He was accompanied by Judge Settle, now of Florida, whose family are spending the summer at Greensboro. The latter had made two desperate what from his usual robust status, and carries only the amount of flesh required for a Florida man.

Masquerade Ball.

A grand masquerade ball will take place at Cleaveland Mineral Springs next Tuesday evening, July 19.

Floor managers - Captain Harrison Watts, Dr. R. I. Brevard, C. N. Vance, Alex. Hoke, Geo. K. Tate, and Withers Adick, Esq.

Ladies, Managers - Mrs. Harrison Watts, Mrs. C. N. Vance, and Mrs. W. H. Burwell, of Charlotte; Mrs. W. H. Mount, of Columbia; Mrs. Judge McVey, of Cheraw, S. C.; Mrs. Clarke, of Yorkville, S. C.; Mrs. W. V. Walsh, of Fayetteville, and Mrs. W. J. Orr, of Richmond, Va.

THE OBSERVER acknowledges the courtesy of an invitation to be present and "trip the light fantastic."

The North Carolina Midland.

Capt. Wm. Cain, formerly of this city, is the engineer in charge of the survey for the North Carolina Midland Railroad proceeding east from Salisbury.

Capt. Cain's party will start from the depot in Salisbury in a few days to make a preliminary survey. The Watchman says: They will go by Miller's Ferry, Holmes' mill on Abbott's creek, hence to Anheboro, and thence to Pittsboro. The line will be located immediately after the preliminary survey is made, and the grading will be begun as soon as several miles of the road is located. This Midland has been a pet scheme of Mr. Best's for a long time and it now seems that his hopes will be realized.

BECAUSE it adds to personal beauty by restoring color and health to the hair, and is beneficial to the scalp, is why Parker's Hair Balsam is such a popular dressing.

THE CITY WATER WORKS.

Should We Have Them, or Is the Contract to be Broken?

"What has become of the proposed City Water Works?" is a standing question which has been asked more frequently than ever before in the last few days, the unusually long spell of dry weather having more than ever demonstrated our need of them. It is a question we can no longer refrain from attempting to answer in some manner.

At the first of the year the citizens were agitated on the subject of water works and the sentiment of the community was ascertained to be in favor of it. Negotiations were then set on foot between the boards of aldermen and various parties of contractors, and propositions were finally made by the former and accepted by a party of contractors located in New York. On the 17th day of March a contract was signed, the terms of which were, in other things, on the part of the contractors that the work should be completed within 60 days, and be completed within 3 months, after the date of the agreement.

One thing, however, unforeseen or unavoidable obstacle intervened to prevent it. These specifications as to time, however, were matters of form, said the agent of the contractors; in point of fact the work would be begun almost immediately and completed in a jiffy. They considered the contract a highly desirable one so far as they were concerned, and when they had once closed a contract they never sleep over it, they said. Shortly after a tool box arrived, and then a gentleman named Alger, who it was said would superintend the construction of the works. The dirt was turned up in the suburbs east of the city, a ditch being the result. Nothing more was then done and the water works began to be forgotten. Two months elapsed, three months and now four months have gone and the work has not in reality been inaugurated yet. Over a week ago a hitch of some kind was spoken of and the agent of the contractors went to New York to straighten it out, saying he would despatch as soon as he got there in regard to the difficulty. The legal counsel of the contractors to whom he promised to send the information has waited in vain for any letter or message. Several days after the agent left Mr. Alger, the gentleman who was to superintend the work also quietly packed up and returned to New York.

These facts were learned and Mayor F. S. DeWalt was asked if he had any information on the subject. He said he had been trying for some time to learn something definite about the commencement and completion of the work, but had failed to do so, and he was now inclined to believe that the water works "was a flake in the pan."

This is all that is known at present in reference to the subject, but the silence of the parties leads to a belief in some that the contract will be abandoned.

Use of the Lemon.

Many of our exchanges are talking about the value of the lemon as a health promoter this hot weather. The Baltimore Farmer and Mechanic thus discourses: "There is no doubt that the more lemonade one uses at this season the better; because under the influence of the intense heat, nature becomes torpid, and only those persons whose habits of life are active and stirring can safely rely upon the system's safety valve, the liver, to do its work without the assistance of medicine. The acid of the lemon, diluted in water, is precisely what is needed, and the most bilious person will secure relief in a few days by drinking a lemon, squeezed in water, half hour before each meal."

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LEADVILLE, COLORADO.

The Wonderful City as Described by a Charlottean - A Land of Fruits, Flowers and Eternal Snow.

In my last I promised to tell you about Leadville, the wonder of the age. I spent Sunday there. It is a city larger than any in North Carolina; built in three years, and besides the town being built millions of dollars of work was done on the mines, as much as would be done in North Carolina in 50 years. It is not so full of life, has not the crowds that it had last year, still it presents a lively scene; streets are crowded with men from every land and mines are being worked by hundreds of men; stamming mills and smelters are running all the time, day and night, and Sunday too. It scarcely looked like Sunday to me. Stores and saloons, theatre and gambling houses all open; only a few stores were closed. It seemed as if the city were in a judgment sent on the place for its wickedness. I visited some of the mines in Leadville that are stocked at from one to twenty million dollars. One mine is now paying its owner a net profit of from 50,000 to 100,000 a month, but this is an exception. The hills all around the edge of the town are full of mines and prospect holes and valued at from one million to ten million dollars apiece. It requires so much machinery to work them properly that a poor man can't do much with them and they are generally put in companies and stocked. I went from Leadville to Robison, 18 miles, where there is one of the best mines in the State, stocked at ten million dollars. I had to stay either there or at Kokomo, one and a half miles further, all night, to take the stage for Robison, as I had a friend there. Robison is about 15 months old, has more stores than Gaffney City, and is better built. I walked to Kokomo and took the stage for Robison, as I had a friend there. Robison is about 15 months old, has more stores than Gaffney City, and is better built. I walked to Kokomo and took the stage for Robison, as I had a friend there.

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