

SOCIETY DIRECTORY.

MASONIC.

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

EXCELSIOR LODGE No. 261. A. F. & M. S. - Regular meeting every first and third Tuesday nights.

CHARLOTTE CHAPTER No. 319. R. T. S. - Regular meeting every second and fourth Friday nights.

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

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

K. O. P. - Knights of Pythias - Regular meeting nights first and third Wednesdays, 7 o'clock, in the same Temple Hall.

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

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

DIKLE LODGE No. 108. - Meets every Thursday night.

CATAWBA RIVER ENCAMPMENT No. 21. - Meets first and third Thursdays in each month.

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Wanted - Wittkowsky & Baruch.

Charlotte News, etc. Hargraves & Wilhelm.

Notice - K. P. Osborne.

HOME PENCILINGS.

A delightful time is anticipated at the Rural Hill picnic to-day.

The Stay-at-Home Club will meet at the residence of Gen. J. A. Young to-night.

We thank the friend in Gastonia who not only pays his subscription, but accompanies his remittance with kind words. Again thanks.

A gentleman in the city from the far West has a cage of prairie dogs with him. They are probably the first ever seen here.

The bedroom of a gentleman who lives on Trade street, was entered by some one through an open window, night before last, and the pockets of his clothes were rifled of \$3.

The Clerk of the Weather Bureau at Washington City, half-promised us rain yesterday, but it was one of those promises made to the ear to be broken to the hope.

From every direction complaints come in of the continued drought. The farmers generally put in half crops this year, but a large majority of them do not hope for more than half a harvest.

Dr. William Wells Brown, colored, of Boston, will address the people of Charlotte on prohibition, next Thursday night. He is said to be one of the most distinguished colored speakers in America, and comes to North Carolina highly recommended by Gov. J. D. Long, of Massachusetts, in a letter to Gov. Thos. J. Jarvis.

A gentleman of this city just from Lincoln attended the reception given Mr. J. L. Cobb and bride at the residence of Mr. J. C. Cobb, the father of the groom, in that place, night before last. An elegant affair is reported at the hospitable mansion, the lights, music and dancing having continued from 8 until 12 o'clock in the evening.

Almost every day furnishes some disagreeable revelation as to the sources of material for making a cigarette, which has grown to be a universal favorite with smokers here as elsewhere. Some little Italian children were arrested in New York the other day with bags upon their shoulders, after having spent the night in picking up cigar stumps from the pavements and gutters to be manufactured into this cheap article for making smoke.

Among the Heathen Deities.

The following waif is floating around among our exchanges, and so admirably suits this heated condition of the weather, that we adopt it. When Mercury is playing among the nineties it Mars the pleasure of existence, and we feel as though we might Diana maute, and as though we needed something to Bacchus.

If we have Centaur family into the count it is not such a Ceres matter, for we can manage to Pan out somehow, or other. But if a fellow has several little Cupids to take care of in a bad fix. In a case of that kind I find Minerva failing, and I joy myself that it does in Vesta fellow with solitude.

Summer Notes.

Mrs. C. Dowd and daughters Julia and Nana, have gone to Asheville.

Mr. D. Goldberg is at Catawba Springs for his health.

Mrs. M. L. Frazier and family are on a visit to friends at Hendersonville.

Miss Lula Wriston is on a visit to friends in Lincolnton.

W. L. Roddey, Esq., of Rock Hill, S. C., was in the city yesterday on his way to the Cleveland Springs.

Lieut. Allen Joan, of the United States army, stationed in Wyoming Territory, is off on a short furlough and is here on a visit to his brothers, those excellent gentlemen, Messrs. Robt. and George Jordan.

Mrs. J. J. Anderson went, yesterday, to Hendersonville, wherese she will make a short stay and then go to Asheville.

A Day in the Woods.

The Pioneers and their friends returned to the city yesterday about 6 o'clock, p. m., having enjoyed a day of unalloyed pleasure at Alexandria.

The crowd was not as large as usual, but the enjoyment was greater. In this account, dancing, target shooting and the bicycle race were the main features of the day. The race after the greased pig was omitted owing to the inability of the managers to obtain the necessary pig.

Mr. T. T. Gilmer won the bicycle race, and the prize, a box of cigars, over a distance of 1 1/2 miles, time 6 minutes and 45 seconds, against 7 minutes and 14 seconds, made by his only competitor, Mr. Price.

In the target practice the first prize, a silver cup, was won by Mr. William Bushamer, by a score of 77 out of a possible 78. Mr. S. Landecker made the lowest score and won the tin cup, which he bore off amid great applause.

An Impromptu Organizer.

A clever young city clerk having occasion to go into the country, the impression somehow got out that his business was to organize a colored "ladies' prohibition association." He was forthwith waited upon by a committee of colored female prohibitionists, and being of that versatile disposition that adapts itself to any and all circumstances he readily assumed the role of organizer. Accordingly he was entertained like a lord by his new friends who set him down to a table plentifully supplied with chicken-pie, boiled ham, butter-milk, etc., while each one vied with the other in keeping the flies "off of him" and listening enthusiastically to the honeyed eloquence which flowed unrestrainedly from his jovial, fun-loving lips. The sun went down before he could get himself away from his dusky friends, and any one who has ever forgotten dull care in the sunshine of our young friend's genial humor will readily be convinced that the cause received considerable impetus in that neighborhood from his visit.

DEAD ON THE TRACK.

A Colored Man Run Over and Crushed Out of Semblance to Humanity.

As Engineer W. T. Newman, of the fast mail on the Air-Line, kept a sharp glance ahead of his engine while emerging from a cut about 10 miles from the city, yesterday morning about 6 o'clock a slight mist his eyes calculated to sicken the stoutest heart. It was a man on the track, but crushed almost out of all semblance to humanity. There was only time to see that the engine and train rolled over him, crushing and grinding him worse than before. As soon as it could be stopped the train was run back and an examination was made of the remains. They were identified as being those of Andy Beatty, a colored employe of the Air-Line company, whose principal duty it was to guard a section of the track some miles back from the spot where he was found. His head was mashed into a pulp, both legs were cut off above the knees, and he was more or less mangled in every portion of his body. He had evidently been dead for some hours, and the remains were left lying to be removed with the sanction of the proper authorities.

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WHISKEY.

WHAT IT COSTS TO MANUFACTURE IT.

The Advantages of Prohibition in North Carolina in Dollars and Cents - Facts that are Apparent and Figures that do Not Lie.

CROP OF DRUNKARDS. When a farmer wishes to raise a crop of any kind, he prepares his land by fallow, cultivation and fertilizing for the crop. In the case of a man who is pointed if he does not reap a bountiful harvest.

In 1869-70, the commissioners of internal revenue reports in the United States \$84 registered distilleries, 444 of which were in operation, not classified as to States.

In 1870-80, there are \$401 distilleries in the United States, 1,301 of which are in North Carolina, and more than in any other State; and 373 of these in the distillation of grain; add to the 1,301 distilleries, 1,800 licensed retailers, and you have 3,101 places for the encouragement of drunkenness (over 51 in the county) besides the blockade and jug trade.

MONEY IN WHISKEY. The average cost per year for liquor to each inhabitant in the United States is \$15. North Carolina takes at least her share, 1,400,000 population giving \$22,000,000 whiskey money, enough to build each year a railroad from Paint Rock to Beaufort harbor. A distiller is required to make two gallons of whiskey to each bushel of corn: Tax on 3 gallons, at 90c. \$1 80 One bushel corn. 70

Two gallons whiskey at \$1.30. \$2 60 Gain of whiskey over bread 10 cents. Some young men in Lincoln county had at a husking about enough whiskey to represent 2 cents of this gain; a disturbance is caused by that 2 cents; a young fellow and his partner are indicted for the homicide; he is acquitted; \$750 costs are put on the taxpayers; \$150 for lawyers fees and expenses, 2 cents gain in whiskey leaves \$900 to the county.

WHISKEY PAYS TAXES. Whiskey pays about \$42,000, according to the auditor's report to the State and county. If prohibition prevails the men who sell will pay the license. This will save at least the \$17,000 paid to the State; and if there were no saving in the other expenses by banishing whiskey it would require but 1 1/2 cents on \$100, or 5 cents on \$800 to raise this amount, the property of the State being over \$150,000,000 in value. The whiskey tax does not come from the whiskey manufacturing counties; 13 counties pay 6 1/2 cents of each dollar of it as follows:

Table with 2 columns: County Name and Amount. Includes Craven (\$1,161), Edgecombe (2,093), Granville (2,324), Halifax (1,672), Lenoir (1,391), Mecklenburg (1,155), Warren (1,023), New Hanover (3,840), Pitt (1,522), Rockingham (893), Wake (4,888), Wayne (2,480), Wilson (2,287).

Total \$26,726. The following counties of this section pay as follows, according to auditor's report: Lincoln \$60 70, Cleveland 5 06, Alexander 9 00, Ashe 9 00, Iredeell 9 00, Wilkes 471 00, Rowan 2 85, Gaston 18 00, Forsyth 2 50, Watauga 18 00, Yadkin 2 50, Davie 18 00.

In the Salisbury congressional district, outside of Rowan county, which pays \$471, there is only \$13.50 paid as county tax, to wit - \$9 in Wilkes and \$4 in Forsyth.

The thirteen counties which pay \$26, 789 of the whiskey tax furnish 344 convicts; by the last penitentiary report they cost \$34,000, or it takes \$7,671 of other taxes to support them.

But some one says they are mostly negro counties and they would steal without the whiskey. Let us see how this is: New Hanover county has whiskey, North Hampton has none:

Table with 3 columns: County Name, Pop., White, Black. Includes New Hanover (21,387 White, 1,810 Black), N. Hampton (20,032 White, 1,223 Black), One convict in New Hanover to 395 population.

One convict in North Hampton to 3,338 population. The tax paid the United States Government on liquor in North Carolina does not pay for collecting.

A letter from the commissioner of internal revenue, dated June 11, 1881, informs me that: The tax in North Carolina from spirits distilled from grain and from fruit by last report was \$434,536.37, for year ending June 30, 1880.

The same letter says there is, at this time, June 11, 1881, 350 persons employed as storekeepers and gaugers.

Now let us say that the 1,301 distilleries in this State (373 of which are for grain) only keep these 350 men employed at an average for the year: 350 men at \$4 per day, \$1,400; 313 working days in the year, at \$1,400, \$438,200; less the tax paid, \$434,536.37, expenses greater than tax by \$3,664, shows that the whiskey or liquor tax lacks \$3,664 of paying the lowest grade of officers, storekeepers and gaugers, and that this much of their pay must be getting to other officers - traders, moonshiners, inspectors, collectors, &c., must come from other sources. The Durham Bull Tobacco Factory pays nearly \$900,000 more taxes than all the liquor made in North Carolina.

But there are 1284 distilleries reported as in actual operation by last report of the commissioner of internal revenue. Say they run only six months, it will take from the 1284 storekeepers at \$4 per day. \$3,136 00

150 days of 6 months. 770,400 00 Less taxes paid. 434,844 00

To be raised for storekeepers \$335,554 00 So that it will diminish and not increase your taxes to the United States Government to stop the whiskey traffic in North Carolina.

In this paper I have not taken into consideration the court cost occasioned by whiskey. W. A. GRAHAM, Iron Station, N. C., July 21, 1881.

Charlotte's Advantages. A recent number of the Augusta (Ga.) News has this item: Madame Shipton's prophecy is about to be realized. The Chronicle of this morning gets up a new line of steamers from Charlotte to New York. There is no way of a steamer getting to New York from that port unless through mid-air. Probably she will go the overland route on slits. At any rate, this will prove a good route to prevent sea-sickness.

The News remembers that once in her history Charlotte had a regular NAVY YARD, and she would have one yet, but the water supply to float her ships is rapidly being cut off. She lives, however, in the hopes of a better day coming.

THE 25th annual session begins August 31st. Ten teachers. Better prepared than ever for the most thorough and liberal course in Literature, Music and Art, at rates lower than any equal school in the State. Board and Boarding tuition from \$60 to \$75.50 per term. See Catalogue. July 22, 1881, Wm. H. B. BISHOP, Principal.

Prohibition in Steel Creek.

A prohibition club was organized in Steel Creek township, on Saturday, the 18th inst., with the following named gentlemen as officers: President, R. A. Grier; Vice-Presidents, R. G. Kendrick, S. L. Hoover and A. B. Erwin; Secretary, F. W. Wood; Executive Committee, R. W. McDowell and others.

The Colored Women's Prohibition Association of this city met at the residence of Robert Hayes, on Monday evening, 12 o'clock, at 6 o'clock.

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Mr. Spencer, who prayed earnestly for the welfare of the association, and the cause of temperance in the city. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the reports of the committees were received and adopted.

Fourteen new names were added to the list of workers, after which A. W. Calvin addressed the association in a very eloquent speech - one which was well calculated to rouse the people to a sense of the dangers of the encroachments of the distiller whiskey, which seemed to be gradually sapping the very liberty of our race. Mr. Calvin was listened to with marked attention and a vote of thanks tendered him by the association.

A motion was made to meet Monday, July 25th, at 4 o'clock p. m., at the residence of Mr. James Foster (known as the old Strange place). The motion was adopted.

A motion was also made and carried that Mr. S. A. Vaughn be invited to address the association at their next meeting.

A motion was made and adopted that THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER be requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting and that all journals in the State favorable to prohibition be requested to copy.

There being no further business the association adjourned to meet at the above named time and place. MARY HAYES, President. LAURA E. DAVIDSON, Secretary.

The following are the new members received: Mrs. Sam Witherspoon, Mrs. Charlie Jones, Mrs. Jerry Bethel, Mrs. Caroline White, Mrs. Della Evans, Mrs. Steven Killian, Mrs. Louisa Howie, Miss Lena Armstrong, Miss Alice Foster, Miss Minnie Sumner, Miss Mary Butler, Miss Annie Gordon, Miss Mary Fisher, Miss Fanny Grier.

SOUTH CAROLINA ITEMS.

Spartanburg Herald: The engineers have completed the survey between Spartanburg and Shelby on the extension of the Virginia Midland Railroad. Messrs. S. S. Kirkland and T. H. Bomar have pitched their camp in the campus of St. John's College and are working up their field notes. Mr. Harper has gone to Winston N. C. to assist in getting up a profile of the whole line to have it ready for action of the directors of the North Carolina Midland at a meeting to be held at Winston in a few days, when the route will no doubt be definitely settled. The engineers are very reticent, of course, as to the advantages of the different routes, leaving all parties in the dark as to probable location of the line between Spartanburg and Shelby and also between Spartanburg and Laurens. The State Normal Institute will be held at Greenville during the month of August. In addition to Prof. Soldan, principal, Professors J. P. Archer, R. W. Means Davis and E. W. Klemm, will take part in the instruction. The tuition is free. Special arrangements have been made for board at low rates. Full information in regard to this can be obtained from Mr. A. M. Howell, Greenville.

High Pouch, clear or with hot or too water, milk or lemonade, "tags" every punch for favor. Dissolve the contents of every package in hot water, and use clear or mixed with hot or cold water to suit the taste.

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A fortunate young red-headed farmer named Alexander McCook, of Somerville, Tenn., drew \$50,000 in the June drawing of the Louisiana State Lottery. He had bought his ticket from Mr. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La., and returned plowing. Who will be the next?

New Advertisements.

WANTED. WE want immediately two wholesale clothing salesmen to go on the road with samples. Also a letter from the commissioner of internal revenue, dated June 11, 1881, informs me that: The tax in North Carolina from spirits distilled from grain and from fruit by last report was \$434,536.37, for year ending June 30, 1880.

NOTICE. OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE, IN ENGLAND. Pursuant to a decree of the United States Circuit Court for