

# The Charlotte Observer.

## LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14, 1881.

### SOCIETY DIRECTORY.

#### MASONIC.

PHALANX LODGE NO. 31, A. F. & A. M.—Regular meeting every second and fourth Thursday night.

EXCELSIOR LODGE NO. 261, A. F. & A. M.—Regular meeting every first and third Tuesday night.

CHARLOTTE CHAPTER NO. 89, A. F. & A. M.—Regular meeting every second and fourth Friday nights.

CHARLOTTE LODGE NO. 2, K. T.—Regular meeting every first and third Thursday.

K. O. H.—KNIGHTS OF HONOR—Regular meeting every second and fourth Thursday.

K. O. P.—KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Regular meeting nights first and third Wednesdays, 7 o'clock p.m. at Masonic Temple Hall.

I. O. C. F.—CHARLOTTE LODGE NO. 88—Meets every Monday night.

MCKELENBURG DECLARATION LODGE NO. 2—Meets every Tuesday night.

DIXIE LODGE NO. 108—Meets every Thursday night.

CATAWBA RIVER ESCAPEMENT NO. 21—Meets first and third Thursday nights in each month.

INDEX TO NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Stockholders' meeting—Shipway Wilmer, Sec. drugs—Wilson & Howell. Fresh arrivals—Leroy Davidson.

### HOME PENCILING.

Circus day.

Johnny Lowlow is still along.

The Carolina Institute opens tomorrow.

Old John Robinson is not with the circus this time. Young John and Johnny Lowlow are the bosses.

The City vs. W. B. Cochrane for selling spirituous liquors will be heard in the Superior Court this morning.

The fact that a great many people didn't hear the fire bell Monday night points the necessity for a bell tower.

The old ground of the smaller lake in Elmwood cemetery having been filled in, is being laid off in walks and flower beds.

The friends of Prof. Hargrove, who formerly taught at the Carolina Military Institute, will be glad to learn that he has again become an instructor there.

The saw dust on the old site of Alrens' saw mill, at the crossing of the Air-Line and the Carolina Central Railroads, has been burning for four weeks and is not yet consumed.

Several telegraph wires were torn down at the fire Monday night and communication was interrupted for awhile, but they were up all right last night.

Mr. Atkinson's school numbers about 75, of whom 25 are boarders. A number of pupils from the city have not yet entered in consequence of the continued hot weather.

There was no meeting of the Tryon Street Methodist Library Association last night. The weekly meetings are suspended during the protracted meeting.

Col. Wm. Johnston, who owns the store in the Granite Row, occupied by T. C. Smith's drug store, will build a parapet wall between it and the rest of the building and cover it with a tin roof for protection against fire.

The grand jury yesterday found a true bill against Policemen Carter, Stevens and Blackwelder, for assault with force and arms on Samuel Pettus last Saturday night. The case will hardly, it is thought, be tried this term.

Capt. J. B. Stafford, of Baltimore, president of the Baltimore & North Carolina gold and copper company, was in the city yesterday, on his return from a visit to the company's mine in this county where work is progressing satisfactorily.

Col. A. C. Haskell, president of the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta road, and the city engineer. It is said he is to report to the members of the Richmond & Danville syndicate, now in the city, on the advisability of making a bid for the Chester & Lenoir Narrow Gauge.

A gentleman met a wagoner leaving town with two bales of cotton Monday night. When the fire was going on, the wagons were driven at their best speed, and the man declared that he was leaving to save his cotton from the impending destruction of everything in Charlotte.

**Accident's to the W. N. C. R. R.**

A small trestle near Asheville on the Western North Carolina road gave way Sunday evening and the mail and baggage cars smashed. The engine was slightly hurt. It threw the train about three hours and a half behind.

**A Quiet Revival.**

The protracted meeting at the Tryon Street Methodist church is being somewhat differently conducted from Methodism usually. Mr. Bagwell, night before last, when the first call was made on penitents, announced that they would come forward quietly and join in prayer. He did not desire to excite them into professions, which time might not prove. Emotional appeals will be avoided. About twenty-five went up to the altar.

### THE WORK OF THE FIRE.

**Losses in Detail—A Flaming Heap of Rags all Day Yesterday—Incidents.**

### DOOMED TO THE SCAFFOLD.

**Allen Johnson to Pay the Penalty of His Crime.**

The fire night before last was the topic of discussion yesterday. The late hour of its occurrence prevented more than a brief notice in yesterday's OBSERVER. The full loss cannot be exactly estimated as it is impossible to say just how much the Carolina Central will lose from the destruction of its books. The building destroyed was not worth more than \$2,000, and was the property of the Carolina Central, and is of course covered by the insurance policy of that company. The Messrs. W. & R. Tiddy are the largest losers, about 55 tons of rags, worth about \$2,000, the property of that firm, which was stored in the basement of the burnt building, being consumed. The rags were not insured. The railroad company were not, Mr. W. Tiddy himself states, responsible for this loss as the rags were stored there by agreement. The Portner brewery company lost about \$800. The loss is amply covered by insurance. The damage to the house belonging to R. M. Oliver, which is the cabinet shop of J. J. Oliver, is not over \$200. Mr. Oliver says \$50 will cover his loss and he is insured fully. The furniture in the Carolina Central building was worth \$150 to \$200. Several bales of cotton on the adjacent city cotton platform caught fire and were damaged to some extent, but \$100 will cover the loss here. Not including the loss to the Carolina Central by the destruction of its books the estimate of yesterday morning (\$8,000) is considerably over the mark; \$5,000 is nearer the actual destruction of property.

With judicial solemnity intensified to the occasion Judge Avery proceeded to point out the revolting brutality of the crime. Extreme depravity and brutality alone could have induced such a crime in a stranger to its victim, "but" said the Judge, "you were his protector and friend, you were his eyes through which the blind man looked to his safety, you betrayed him and are convicted by your country. It becomes my solemn duty to sentence you to the punishment of death for your crime."

The time for execution was fixed on Friday, the 28th of October.

During the sentence Johnson seemed somewhat affected but his emotion was betrayed only by slight twitches of the dull features.

### ANOTHER CAPITAL CONVICTION.

**Ben Brown's Trial for Burglary Concluded—To Be Sentenced this Morning.**

The evidence against Ben Brown for the burglary of the residence of Mr. Wm. Eller was stated in brief yesterday morning. The trial was concluded in the Superior Court yesterday. No further witnesses were introduced. His tracks found in the field and road adjoining the house, his confessions to young Hall and the fact of his having lived on the place at the time and other circumstances made a case against him to the no doubt of the guilty. The jury returned with a verdict of guilty in about two hours. The insensible face of the prisoner displayed little emotion on the announcement of the fatal word.

Brown is to be sentenced this morning to be hanged for burglary.

The counsel for the prisoner made every effort to save him, but they worked against great odds.

### The Street Parade.

The street parade of John Robinson's circus will be formed between the hours of 9 and 10 this morning. The line of march will be from the depot up Third street to Tryon, up Tryon nearly to the Lincoln depot, from Tryon to Church, up Church to Trade, up Trade to College and via College street back to the depot. The elephant "Chief" will be in the street parade well chain'd and guarded.

**Mayor's Court.**

At the mayor's court yesterday morning Ed. Williams was fined \$5 and costs for assault on the police. Police Officer Stevens alleges that when Samuel Pettus was arrested Saturday night, Williams interfered and wrangled his (Stevens) and from Pettus. Williams appealed to the Inferior Court.

Manlius Meany was fined \$2.50 and costs for being drunk and disorderly. "Prince" Albert Wallace paid \$2.50 for exuberance on the streets.

Jane Springs, colored, paid \$5.50 for loitering on the streets.

**Koomos or Kumyss.**

Journal of Health.

This is the new food upon which the President has been starving to death. We assert that any well man, to say nothing of an invalid (who should have nothing but the best), would in time die of exhaustion if compelled to eat this stuff in addition to brandy and whisky.

The great process of decay in the vegetable kingdom is fermentation; and whether this fermentation is accidental, as in the case of rotten potatoes, or intentional, as in the case of koomos and brandy, the result is the same; that which was good for the purposes political, is bad for the purposes of the stomach. Koomos is constituted of fermented or decayed milk, and is none the better that it has been decayed by order of the learned medical staff for the use of the dying President. And the President's stomach has rebelled; he is dying of dyspepsia, not of the wound. His physicians having no definite principles to guide them, no basis on which to reason, have seized an idea from a semi-civilized people, and in violation of science and common sense, undertake to feed him the product of milk subjected to processes of decay, a product which is found in any unclean swill-barrel during any hot August day. A discreet farmer would not feed it to his hogs. It is known that just such food produces chicken cholera, hog cholera, etc. The agricultural journals have discussed this subject for years, and denounced such foods as utterly unfit for animals, and no intelligent editor, lawyer, or farmer would feed a sick dog with it.

**How Did It Get There?**

A lady of this city recently returned from a visit to relatives in Norfolk and vicinity, brought back with her a nautical curiosity in the shape of a miniature ship, enclosed in a bottle. The ship filled the bottle, and the cork was fastened to the neck of the bottle, so as to the manner of its getting into the flask. Some of the uninitiated suggested the probability of the bottle having been built around the ship. This recalls the anecdote related of the simple George III, of England, who, while on a hunting expedition in a remote corner of his kingdom, late one day entered a small farm house, where an aged female was preparing the family meal. Not knowing His Majesty from any other worm of the dust, the ancient dame, after the usual salutations, continued in her work. The King of all the English, was not at all pleased with the old woman, and at length asked her what she was doing. "Making little dumplings," she replied. The King picked up one of the soft, round balls, examined it closely, and then, with mystification in his countenance, exclaimed: "Where—where got the apples in it?"

**Railroad Men in Council.**

Col. A. B. Buford, Gen. T. M. Logan,

and Col. G. J. Foreacre and President Hood of the Knoxville and Clayton road, were in Charlotte yesterday in consultation, it is understood, in regard to the consolidation and completion of the three lines of railroad between Atlanta, Ga., and Knoxville, Tenn. One completed between the first named city, and Athens, and the two latter day entered a small farm house, where an aged female was preparing the family meal. Not knowing His Majesty from any other worm of the dust, the ancient dame, after the usual salutations, continued in her work. The King of all the English, was not at all pleased with the old woman, and at length asked her what she was doing. "Making little dumplings," she replied. The King picked up one of the soft, round balls, examined it closely, and then, with mystification in his countenance, exclaimed: "Where—where got the apples in it?"

**60 Days**

ON THE VERY BEST TERMS.

SELLING PRICES—WHOLESALE.

CORN, per bushel..... 1.00

MILK, per barrel..... 1.00

BEANS, per bushel..... 1.25 to 50

PEAS, per bushel..... 1.25 to 50

WHEAT, per bushel..... 1.25 to 50

FLOUR, Family..... 3.75 to 4.00

WHEAT, per barrel..... 3.50 to 4.00

OATS, shelled..... 50¢ to 55¢

DRIED FRUIT—Apples, per bushel..... 45¢ to 50¢

Pearson, peeled..... 15¢ to 20¢

" Unpeeled..... 7¢ to 10¢

Blackberries..... 8¢ to 10¢

POUNDS, per pound..... 1.00

North Carolina..... 25¢ to 28¢

Eggs, per dozen..... 16¢

POTLUCK—

Spring..... 20¢ to 25¢

Ducks..... 20¢ to 25¢

GEESE, per lb., net..... 35¢ to 40¢

MUTTON, per lb., net..... 50¢ to 55¢

PORK, per lb., net..... 4.32 to 4.87

CHICKEN, per dozen..... 1.00

PIZZOLI, per dozen..... 1.00

EGGS, per dozen..... 1.00

POUNDS, per pound..... 12¢ to 15¢

MEAT, per pound..... 12¢ to 15¢

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