

SOCIETY DIRECTORY.

MASONIC.
FRANK LODGE No. 31, A. F. & A. M.—Regular meeting every second and fourth Monday nights.
ECLIPSE LODGE No. 291, A. F. & A. M.—Regular meeting every first and third Tuesday nights.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.—Regular meeting every second and fourth Thursday.
KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.—Regular meeting every first and third Wednesday, 7 o'clock, p. m., at Masonic Temple Hall.

I. O. O. F.
CHARLOTTE LODGE No. 88.—Meets every Monday night.
MCKENZIE LODGE No. 9.—Meets every Tuesday night.

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N. C. Railroad—Change of schedule.
S. S. S.—Cures Scrofula, &c.

BUSINESS NOTICES.
WHY ARE YOU BILIOUS?
Because you have allowed your bowels to become clogged, and liver torpid. Use Kidney-Tonic to produce a free state of the bowels, and it will stimulate the liver to proper action.

UNRELIABLE SUBSTITUTES.
The unparalleled success of Simmons' Liver Regulator has stimulated unscrupulous individuals to issue imitations and substitutes which, being totally unlike the genuine in their effect and composition, are calculated to injure the well-earned reputation of Simmons' Liver Regulator.

Let the poor suffer from female complaints take courage and rejoice that a palatable remedy has been found. We refer to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It is prepared at 235 Western Avenue, Lynn, Mass. Send for Mrs. Pinkham for pamphlets.

To promote a vigorous growth of the hair, use Parker's Hair Balm. It restores the youthful color to gray hair, removes dandruff, and cures itching of the scalp.

New Advertisements.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure.
This powder never varies. A marvel of purity, strength and wholesomeness. More economical than the ordinary kind, and cannot be sold in competition with the multitude of low test, short weight, alum or yeast adulterated powders in cans.
ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO.
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LeRoy Davidson, Sole Agent, Charlotte, N. C.

FRAMES.
A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT
Photograph Frames,
Frame Mouldings, &c.,
Van Ness' Gallery.
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JUST RECEIVED.

Holiday Goods.
THE CHOICEST COLLECTION OF FANCY GOODS
AND
Silverplated Ware,
ever exhibited in Charlotte, at the
CHINA PALACE
J. BROOKFIELD & CO.

FLORIDA ORANGES and LEMONS; also on hand Turkeys, Geese, Eggs and Cranberries, Buckwheat Flour and New Orleans Molasses.
dec 23 S. M. HOWELL.

Our Stock is complete in all its branches, and everything will be exhibited. Call early and avoid the rush and get the best.
China Tea and Dinner Sets, Chamber Sets, Vases, Cologne Sets, Cuff and Mug, Bagnettes, Plagues and Fruit Plates, Blaine Plates, Writing Desks, Smoking Sets, Toy Boxes, Toy Chests and Benches, Fancy Benches and Work Stands, Japanese Boxes and Trays, the finest collection of Dolls, Books, Rubber Balls, Games, Musical Toys and Toys, &c., &c.
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HOME CHIFFLETS.

Church notices to-day.
The past week has given us every style of weather—warm, cloudy, clear, cold, rain, snow and hail.
Misses Lizette and Florence Bernheim, of this city, are visiting their mother at Mt. Pleasant.

The birds and rabbits were not seriously disturbed this year by the Christmas hunter.
The holidays have been remarkably free of accidents or serious disturbances in this community.
Three of Charlotte's most popular young ladies are booked for a matrimonial taking off within the next half month, and the young men who are to figure in the several affairs are all identified with Charlotte—grew up with the place, as it were.

Master Egbert Alexander, son of Colonel C. W. Alexander, has gone to Whitinsville, Mass., to learn the business of making cotton mill machinery. It would be well if more of our boys sought distinction and wealth in some such way.
The freight business over the Air Line continues to be heavy, the greater portion of which is cotton. Guano is also beginning to move, but so far most of this has come from Charleston. Next week will perhaps open Northern business in this line.

This is the last day remaining for the fulfillment of Mother Shipton's prophecy that "the world to an end will come in 1881." It will be rough on the old lady if the end don't come, but it will be a great deal rougher on the inhabitants if it does—and for the latter reason we will take pleasure in entering the old woman's name in the list of "frauds."

New Year Calls.
As Monday will be the day on which new year calls will be made, if the custom is to be observed in Charlotte this year, we would suggest that it would be a convenience to those who contemplate engaging in the ancient custom for the ladies of the city who will receive calls on that day to publish the fact, with the hours to be devoted to such purpose. We will take pleasure in giving a list of the names of all such in to-morrow's OBSERVER.

Heavy Rains in the West.
It was reported here yesterday that very heavy rains have visited the Western part of the State during the last few days, causing much anxiety along the line of the Western North Carolina Railroad for the safety of bridges, &c. A land slide of considerable magnitude occurred at Black Mountain, by which the road was blocked; but the obstruction was removed promptly and the running of trains not interfered with. We have been unable to learn of any further damage to the road.

Thanks Returned.
The ladies having in charge the management of the Baptist Sunday School Christmas exercises desire to return thanks to the members of other denominations who rendered valuable assistance on the occasion. In this connection we wish to state that the ladies of the Baptist congregation who contributed most to the success of the Christmas entertainment were Mrs. W. F. Williams, Mrs. M. Murphy, Miss Florence Finch and Mrs. C. W. Eddins. The music was under the management of Mrs. Williams.

The City's Behavior.
During the week there have been about an average of five cases before the mayor each morning, mostly for drunk and disorderly, which were disposed of by imposing a merely nominal fine and costs. No serious matters have yet come to the attention of the authorities, which is cause for congratulation. Considerable allowance has been made on account of the season, but the day of grace has passed, and the same heretofore remedies will be applied to all offenders in the future as have heretofore been brought to bear for the preservation of the peace and dignity of the city. Make a note of this and don't you forget it next Monday.

Amusements.
Frederick Warde, the tragedian, will present a splendid programme at the opera house next Wednesday night—"The Merchant of Venice," to be followed by one of Shakespeare's finest comedies, "Taming of the Shrew." Warde is one of the first tragedians of the day, and his success has been almost phenomenal.
Lawrence Barrett, another actor of world-wide repute, will play "Othello" at the opera house on the night of the 10th, and Annie Pixley, one of Charlotte's stage favorites, will appear on the night of the 12th as "M'liss," in which she finds splendid scope for her talent. Shortly after these engagements will come George Adams with a splendid Humpty Dumpty company, as will also Tony Denier—giving the best lay-out to our theatre-goers that has ever been presented within the same period before.

Premiere at Atlanta.
The Richmond and Danville railroad received the highest prize, \$200, for the finest collection of minerals on exhibition at the exposition. This collection in connection with what was added by Commissioner McGehee on the part of the State, and by private individuals, constituted a magnificent display, and one that attracted universal attention and admiration. We have heard the remark made more than once by gentlemen who have traveled extensively in the mining States and territories of the West, that no State in the Union could produce as great a variety or as superb a collection of minerals, and that they would not believe that North Carolina could do it if they had not seen it.

We are glad to know that it is the intention to take the Richmond and Danville collection and place it on permanent exhibition in Richmond, where it will be conspicuously displayed and receive proper attention, with a view to attracting capitalists who may be in search of mineral investments.

Sick Prisoners.

From the report of Dr. Wilder, the county physician, it is very likely that Ben Brown, the colored man now in jail under sentence of death, will not live till the day fixed for his execution, as his condition is such as to lead to the belief that he will survive but a few days. He has been suffering from what the doctor terms jail fever, which has taken a typhoid form, and no hope of his recovery is now entertained. The other prisoner, Biggers, the negro burglar, who has been under treatment for wounds inflicted at the time of his capture, is reported to be improving, and it is expected that he will soon be entirely recovered. He has been suffering from blood poisoning of rather a serious nature.

The county physician says that Mecklenburg has the most unhealthy jail in the country, and ascribes the fact to the want of proper ventilation. This is good authority for the statement, and it might be well for the proper authorities to give the matter attention, for even the prisoners should have consideration in this respect, as the county has no right to endanger a man's physical condition while he may be undergoing imprisonment for an offense.

Meeting of the School Commissioners.
The commissioners met under the graded school law met at the city court room last night, all of whom were present except Mr. Macaulay, who is not now a resident of this city. A general interchange of views on the subject in hand was had by the commissioners as to the mode of procedure; the probable amount of available funds and what would be required, &c., after which a committee was appointed to ascertain the amount of the available funds besides the town tax, which could be reasonably expected for the purposes of the school, before any action should be taken in relation to the special tax levied by the ordinance creating the school. A committee was also appointed to ascertain the best modes of operating graded schools, what teachers would be necessary, and to secure all other information that may be of value to the board in the establishment and putting into operation the school. The board of commissioners as constituted under the law will supercede the township board of trustees, but no action was taken looking to a change of the schools of the city as established by the trustees.

A committee of three, with the mayor added as chairman, was appointed to confer with the trustees of the Charlotte male and female academy and ascertain what other town property, if any, can be applied to the school fund. The city's stock in the academy property, if it can be made available, will assist materially in the purchase of grounds and building suitable for the graded school.
A resolution was adopted by which the commissioners pledged themselves to not aid or use their influence in favor of applicants for positions as teachers or officers in the school, and making it the duty of applicants to file their applications, with recommendations attached, with the secretary.
The board adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

In this connection we will state that, by the ordinance submitted at the election in June, 1880, the maximum rate of taxation was fixed at 10 per cent. on property and 30 cents on the poll, and there seems to be a question as to whether, at the expiration of two years, the board of aldermen has the power to increase the rate.

Brilliant Reception to a Fair Charlottean.
The Louisville Sunday Argus, of December 11th, has the following account of a brilliant reception given in Louisville to a well known young lady of Charlotte:
"Words oftentimes fail to convey the idea when we use them to describe a scene of unusual beauty, and we pause in utter hopelessness of picturing to the mind of the reader even a faint realization of the scene. Such an occasion was witnessed last Thursday evening at the party given by Miss Hattie Beckurts to her guest, Miss Louise Morehead, of Charlotte, N. C. No description can do justice to its beauty and enjoyability can only be appreciated by those who were there. The lights of a thousand gas jets shone out from their wreaths of smilax, and were flashed back from the jewels of the throng of ladies. Fair forms richly clad, flitted hither and thither, making an ever changing picture of beauty. The whole of the second floor of the Galt House was changed from its every day appearance. The stately white pillars were almost hidden with wreaths of smilax and cedar, intertwined with flowers of every hue. Festoons of smilax, into which were worked garlands stretched from all directions, and all centering their graceful curves in the chandelier. Flowers were banked in the greatest profusion on mantel-piece and pier. Exotic plants displayed their bright colors and exhaled sweet fragrance in every nook.
Elchorn's full orchestra was present, and rendered the most exquisite music for the dancers.
About eleven o'clock the supper-room was thrown open, and disclosed a sight which Claudius might have looked upon with delight. The decoration of the large dining hall was in no respect inferior to that of the other part of the house. The tables themselves, besides being laden with everything that could tempt the palate, were decorated with everything that could please the eye. Each table was ornamented with some appropriate design, and flowers were as profuse here as elsewhere. Everything was prepared and served in a style which could not be surpassed. After supper the dancing was resumed.

Royal was the entertainment, and great was the number present, Miss Beckurts entertained with a smile of welcome, and seeing that each one enjoyed the hour.
Over a thousand invitations had been issued, and the fashion, beauty and chic of Louisville responded. Never was the beauty of the ladies shown to better advantage, and never were so many handsome toilets and costly jewels displayed.

Constitutional skin diseases of a scrofulic character are successfully treated with Dr. Benson's Skin Cure, internal and external treatment, both pleasant. It certainly removes scrofula, eruptions, dandruff and tan and makes the skin smooth and healthy.
PAID FOR GREAT HAIR gradually restores its natural color and makes it shine like Parker's Hair Balm, an elegant dressing, admired for its purity and rich perfume.

Small-Pox Reported to be in Winston.

The Greensboro Bugle states that it is reliably informed that a well defined case of small-pox has appeared in Winston, the patient being a negro. Several rumors of this kind have been in circulation about towns on the Richmond and Danville Railroad. It has prevailed for some time at Richmond and Manchester, and while people should not become excited over reports of this kind they should take judicious precautions to guard against it.

The Weatherwise.
Old Probabilities don't generally reach out so far in the future after the secrets of the elements as does Vennor, but just now "old probs" has the drop on the Canadian gentleman. Vennor some time ago predicted a repetition of last December's snow storm after the 28th of this month, while the Washington prognostications have been very generally verified, notwithstanding December weather is Vennor's specialty. Our county prophet Baker will get in his work in a few days on next year's weather, and then perhaps the country will breathe easier, as he just goes right through the whole twelve months like a streak, and predicts with a fluency that is perfectly astounding to the less enlightened portion of mankind.

Uncalled For.
The following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for in the post-office at Charlotte, N. C., for the week ending December 12th, 1881.—Mrs. Alice W. Alexander, E. H. Acker, D. L. Bradford, Mrs. Emmie Beckham, J. P. Carpenter, Mr. Jno. Chambers, Mrs. John Chambers, Mr. B. Caldwell (2), Maj. S. W. Cole, Miss May Dorsett, G. T. Davis, Joel Dixon, Jno. T. Downs, Miss Sally Davidson (colored), West Duglic, Fannie Frier, Flemming Gardner, Newton Grase, W. C. Gallan, Andry Huffman, John Hinson, Manuel Hunter, Jno. W. James, Hilliard Johnston, L. King, Miss E. Kizer, T. W. Kendall, Mrs. W. A. King, Laura Lane, Amy McGill, J. Y. Morrison, Miss M. E. Morris, Rachel McLeary, Frank Perry, Miss Hattie Pates, Miss Elvira Rhyne, Jno. Reeves, Parthenia Reid, A. Sparrow, Henry Sanders, Nannie Sherbet, Lee Smith, Amanda Bogler, Miss Glenn Thomson, Calin Williams, J. C. Warte, Mary Whitmore, Mary J. Wiseman (colored), Mrs. H. J. Young.—When calling for any of above, please say advertised.—W. W. JENKINS, Postmaster.

Business Changes.
Mr. F. A. McNinch has leased the Charlotte Hotel, and has commenced re-fitting and re-furnishing the entire house, and will complete the work in six or eight days, after which the house will be open for the public. In addition to the hotel proper, the lessee will retain possession of eighteen rooms now occupied by him as a boarding house, thus giving more room than any former manager of the hotel has ever had.
Mr. Schloss, the present proprietor, goes to Wilmington, and will make that place his home next year.
Dr. Joseph Graham and Mr. Robert Jordan will shortly open a drug store at the stand on Tryon Street used the past year as a grocery store by Mr. J. M. Sims.
Mr. Sims has moved across the street, and now occupies the house where Messrs. Roddick & Co. have been doing business.
Mrs. O'Donoghue and Wilder and Mr. Wm. E. Hand have jointly opened a drug store on the corner of Trade and College Streets.

The ladies' furnishing store of West Trade Street, formerly owned by Mrs. E. G. Gray, has passed into the hands of Mrs. S. and G. Newcomb. Mrs. Gray has returned to her home in Baltimore, carrying with her the good wishes of a very large number of friends and acquaintances, who regret her departure from the city. The new owners at the same place, where they will take pleasure in waiting on the public, and supplying all feminine wants.
A rum has been afloat for some days that there was a probability of the Central Hotel passing out of the hands of Mr. H. C. Eccles, but he has renewed his lease of the property for another year, with the privilege of three years if he desires. The proprietor of the Kimball House in Atlanta, Mr. Scoville, made a bid for the house, but failed to come to terms with the owner, Mr. Eccles has recently made improvements in the Central by placing handsome carpets in the halls, re-fitting and re-furnishing the parlors, and furnishing a number of the rooms. The house will shortly be further improved by giving the outside a finish, and enclosing the whole interior. This hotel is one of the best appointed in the country, and our people as well as the travelling public, would regret to see the present proprietor retire from its management.

The tendency which cold clings to the system frequently induces a nervous cough that will remain after the cold departs. Dr. Bull's cough syrup will cure all nervous coughs. Price 25c.

Card of Thanks.
The family of Mrs. A. A. Miller, lately deceased, would respectfully return their thanks to the citizens of Pineville and to the family physician for their kindness and sympathy extended to them in their mother's illness and death.
FAMILY OF DECEASED.
Pineville, N. C., Dec. 24, 1881.

We cannot understand why days of despondency and delay will be indulged in when a few doses of Dr. Bull's cough syrup will cure all nervous coughs. Price 25c.

"I DON'T WANT A PLASTER."
said a sick man to a druggist. "Can you give me something to cure me?" His symptoms were a lame back and chartered urine and were a sure indication of kidney disease. The druggist told him to use Kidney-Wort and in a short time he effected a complete cure. Have you these symptoms? Then get a box or bottle to-day—before you become incurable. It is the cure; safe and sure.—Knoxville Republican.

IF YOU WANT A REALLY GOOD STEEL PEN Ask your Stationer or send 50 cents in stamps for a box containing two dozen of PERRY PENS. Steel, NICKEL, and GILT. Of Assorted Patterns, in a Nickel-plated Match Box. Sold by all Stationers. IYSON, BISHOP, TAYLOR & CO., SOLE AGENTS, NEW YORK.

NOTICE.
JAMES F. HAYES is no longer connected with JAMES C. SMITH.
Richmond, Va., Dec. 1881.
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FOR SALE OR RENT.
A six room house, with good yard and bath, in the city. Terms—\$400 per annum, rent in advance. Apply to WALTER BRYAN, dec 20 11

Miscellaneous.

SEED OATS! SEED OATS! SEED OATS!
CORN! CORN! CORN!
FLOUR! FLOUR! FLOUR!
BAGGING AND TIES

THE WATT PLOW
And will sell it lower than you can buy an other good plow. Full assortment always on hand. Call and see us before purchasing.

MAYER & ROSS.
TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!
NEW YEAR WILL SOON BE UPON US,
HOLIDAY GOODS.

Fresh Fruits of all kinds, Nuts, Raisins, FIGS, CITRONS, ORRIBANTS, &c.
We are now receiving orders for CHRISTMAS CAKES, and if you desire anything in that line we would be glad to have you call on us.

D. M. RIGLER.
DO NOT FAIL
TO CALL AT EDDINS' BOOK STORE BEFORE YOU MAKE Your Holiday Purchases.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
of all descriptions, just received. Remember none can under-bid us, and none can under-sell us.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.
THE TRADERS' NAT. BANK OF CHARLOTTE, Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 27th, 1881.

FOR RENT.
CENTRAL HOTEL, Greensboro, N. C. first class in every respect, and the best located house in the city. Terms—\$400 per annum, rent in advance. Apply soon to H. H. TATE, Greensboro, N. C. dec 20 11

BOOTS and SHOES AT COST! AT COST! AT COST!
—HAVING JUST TAKEN—
AN INVENTORY.
I FIND I HAVE ENTIRELY TOO MUCH STOCK
ON HAND, AND IN ORDER TO REDUCE IT I WILL OFFER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
ALL GOODS UNRESERVEDLY AT COST.
J. HOYER, Trade Street.
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YOUR LAST CHANCE!!
—OUR BUSINESS WILL BE POSITIVELY CLOSED BY—
JANUARY 1st, 1882.
And in order to dispose of the balance of our stock during this month, we have concluded to OFFER GREAT SACRIFICES. Do not fail to take advantage of this important sale. We offer extraordinary bargains in

BOYS' AND MENS' CLOTHING.
For sale at my residence—one Crimson Parlor Set, One Walnut Bedroom Set, One Handsome Walnut Sideboard, Two Poplar Bedroom Sets, Centre Tables, and general household furniture. Possession given at once.
H. MORRIS & BROS.
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NEW GOODS IN SEASON.
Buckwheat Flour
3LB. AND 6LB. PACKAGES.

Christmas Cakes
IN 2LB. TIN BOXES.

GRIDDLE CAKE FARINA.
FIGS in 1lb. to 10lb. Boxes.

RAISINS, HALVES, QUARTERS & WHOLE BOXES.
Citron and Shelled Almonds.

LeRoy Davidson.
Atwood's Cologne,
HOTTS' COLOGNE, 4711 GERMAN COLOGNE, FINE NAIL BRUSHES, FINE FRENCH SOAPS, Just Received by WILSON & BURWELL.

COOPER'S BUCHU is a superior remedy for all diseases of the BLADDER. Sold only by WILSON & BURWELL.
GROUND SAGE, Ground Cayenne Pepper, Ground Black Pepper, &c. WILSON & BURWELL'S.
FINE TOILETTE SETS, Jewelry Cases, Puff Boxes, Hand Mirrors and other articles. Can furnish the largest and nicest assortment ever brought to this market. WILSON & BURWELL.

TURKISH BATH TOWELS, A fine assortment, just received by WILSON & BURWELL.
HYDRALINE, (HYDRATED OIL). Hydraline has been proven of the highest value in consumption, and all wasting diseases, invariably producing immediate increase in weight. Fresh supply at

Wilson & Burwell's.
MUSIC! VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE NEAR HUNTERSVILLE
I WILL sell at the court house in Charlotte, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31st, that valuable Cotton Farm, near Huntersville, N. C., on which Adam Stenhouse now resides. This is considered one of the best cotton farms in this county, containing 200 acres, well watered and within less than one mile of the A. T. & O. Railroad, and within less than three miles of the depot at Huntersville.
Terms—\$1000 cash, the other payments in six, twelve and eighteen months, with interest at six per cent.
This land can be bought at private sale any time before day of sale.
J. H. McADREN, Agent for Sawyer, Wallace & Co.
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