

SOCIETY DIRECTORY.

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DYALANX LODGE No. 311, A. F. & A. M.—Regular meeting every second and fourth Friday nights.

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

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HOME CHIPLETS.

Another skating rink will be opened next week.

Court house circles fail to furnish news items or amusement to court spectators.

The next date taken at the opera house is February 3d, by Oliver Doud Byron and his company.

Sue Adams, the colored woman shot recently by Martin Orr, is said to be suffering very little from her wounds.

Miss Carrie Watts last night gave a german at the residence of her father, Capt. Harrison Watts, complimentary to her friends.

Messrs. Brem & McDowell are having a handsome sign painted on the side of their hardware store, which will add much to the appearance of the building.

Remember the meeting to be had this afternoon by the relief association. It is very desirable that a good attendance be had. A notice appears elsewhere.

The Home and Democrat of this week contains a communication on theatre-going that is full of good sense, the writer of which evidently views the subject from a practical standpoint.

The superior court yesterday was all day engaged on the case of Davidson vs. McArledge, taken up day before yesterday, the conclusion of which has not yet been reached.

Night before last a thief drew the staple of the stable door on Mr. Walter Brem's lot and carried off a sack of corn. Nothing else was disturbed. The loss is perhaps \$2.50.

"Good Health" for January, a neat little publication containing much valuable information, edited by Dr. H. P. Gatchell, of this city, has just been issued from THE OBSERVER job rooms.

The city has been on its good behavior for the past several days. In fact many of the old "disturbers" that in bygone days gave much trouble to the guardians of the peace have disappeared from the community.

A "young blood" from the country, mounted on a fine, fleet-footed horse, yesterday afternoon gave an exhibition on the principal streets of the city that surpassed anything in the way of horsemanship and mud-splitting that has been seen here lately. He made a tour of the city before being captured, but was finally run in.

Messrs. Hargraves & Wilhelm have become the owners of the skating rink in the basement of the Smith building, and have decided to make it a permanent for the winter. A large lot of improved skates have been ordered, and the hours for skating have been fixed as follows: Every afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock, and every Tuesday and Friday night from 7 to 9, for ladies and gentlemen. Ladies are not charged for the use of skates. The rink will be in charge of Mr. B. F. Tipton.

A correspondent of the Greenville News, writing from Baltimore under date of January 15th, gives the following bit of gossip about a young lady well-known in Charlotte: "Amongst the rumored weddings soon to 'come off' is that of Mr. Frank Baker, son of the wealthy glass manufacturer of this city, to Julia Jackson, daughter of Gen. Stonewall Jackson. It is also rumored that they will reside in a handsome house purchased for them by the father of the reported groom, on Eutaw Place."

Night before last, at the residence of the bride's mother in this city, Rev. Dr. Theo. Whitfield, assisted by Rev. Mr. Nelson of Shelby, united in marriage Miss Lilla, daughter of the late J. M. Springs, and Rev. Theo. Ebbietuft, pastor of the Baptist church at Fayetteville, N. C. The bride is a well known young lady of this city, where she has a large circle of relations and friends, the good wishes of whom she will carry with her to her new home.

The couple left on the 10 p. m. train over the Carolina Central for Fayetteville, which place will be their home.

Thursday evening Col. Chas. R. Jones, Vice Grand Chancellor Knights of Pythias, in company with several other members of the order in this city, went over to Salisbury, and that night instituted a new lodge of Pythians in that town. The lodge commences work with seventeen charter members, with good prospects for an increase in numbers. The following were installed officers for the overman:

P. C.—L. S. Overman. C. C.—E. B. Craze. V. C.—R. R. Crawford. P.—J. M. Gray. M. E.—J. D. Gaskill. M. F.—W. L. Rankin. K. R. S.—R. M. Davis. M. A.—C. E. Mills. I. G.—W. H. Overman. O. G.—J. F. Pace.

The Opera House.

We understand that Mr. H. McSmith, of the McSmith music house of this city, has secured by lease a half-interest in the Charlotte opera house for this year. McSmith has had some experience in this line of business, and we have no doubt will do what he can to have a superior class of companies appear here.

In this connection it is due the management to state that they are in no wise to blame for the manner in which the Markham company cut "The Two Orphans" Thursday night. It was understood before the performance commenced that the company intended leaving for Wilmington at 10:30, but a promise was exacted by the management that the piece should not be cut, which promise was not kept. It is a fraud on the audience to act thus, and for the miserably poor rendering we have no doubt the company would have heard a protest. As it was, every one was glad to escape.

S. S. G. cured me of Catarrh after all other treatment had failed; you can recommend it as a sure cure. C. C. Burns, Greensboro, Ind.

A Successful Debate.

The meeting of the Library Association last night was one of great success. The debate which was looked forward to with much anxiety by the participants, came off with scarcely a flaw, in spite of the large and imposing audience, and the difficulty of talking on one's feet, which always confronts his scrapper and puts him to it to collect his scattered wits. Much of the credit for the success of the occasion is due to the skilful manner in which the president, Rev. J. T. Bagwell, manipulated it, and the sympathetic bearing with which throughout he inspired confidence in the young orators.

The committee of judges appointed to decide upon the merits of the discussion, consisting of four ladies and four gentlemen, after a spirited consultation, took a vote and were found to be at a tie—four for "Eloquence" and four for the "Sword." A deadlock ensued, and the decision was deferred to the house as the last resort. After a rising vote it was found that a majority were in favor of the sword, and so it was decided.

Personal.—Rev. J. A. Hartman, of Chambersburg, Pa., is in the city, and will preach at the Lutheran church to-morrow, morning and evening. He is stopping at Mrs. Shannonhouse's.

—Rev. Joseph E. Carter, of Wilson, N. C., arrived in the city yesterday and will preach at the Baptist church to-morrow.

—Capt. W. T. R. Bell, of the King's Mountain High School, was registered at the Central yesterday evening.

—Mrs. G. D. Bernheim, of Mount Pleasant, is in the city, visiting her daughters Misses Lisette and Florence. While here Mrs. Bernheim will undergo medical treatment for an affection of the eyes, from which she has for some time been a sufferer. She is stopping at Mr. W. H. Bailey's.

Police Headquarters.—Why is it that Charlotte, with a population of nearly ten thousand and a fine police force, to look after the interests of the city, cannot afford to have an office for police headquarters, where at short notice an officer could be secured for an emergency? In every city of Charlotte's importance this is considered an absolute necessity, and it may be considered as such here. When an officer is wanted it is never known exactly where you can find one, which is no fault of the police, as they are left to hang around street corners at their will when not on their rounds. We would suggest as an improvement on the present condition of things that a slate be hung to a lamp post on the square where calls can be left, so that when the "cops" wish to know whether all is quiet along the line they can just step up to the slate, strike a match and interview the clerks.

"Merchants Leaving Charlotte."—"We hear that there will shortly be a heavy desertion of Charlotte by a number of the prominent merchants of that place. Witkowsky & Baruch will leave for Baltimore, where they will open out in business, while Messrs. Brown & Weddington, Schiff & Grier, Morris Bros. and Latta & Brother, will go to Richmond. This will be a pretty sharp thinning out, but there will still be a few merchants left.

The above item is from the Concord Sun of yesterday, and but for the fact that the firms mentioned are among the most solid and successful in Charlotte, we should not think it worth while to give a contradiction, but the matter-of-fact manner in which the statement is made is calculated to alike injure Charlotte and the business interests of those mentioned.

Messrs. Brown & Weddington, when questioned about the matter yesterday, gave the reporter to understand that they were negotiating for a house in Richmond for the purpose of establishing a wholesale hardware business in that city, but this would not necessarily close their business house in Charlotte; in fact, it is our opinion that these gentlemen are doing a business here of sufficient magnitude to warrant the assertion that they have no intention of abandoning Charlotte at present. So far as Messrs. Witkowsky & Baruch are concerned, the report is simply absurd. No other house in the State enjoys a larger trade or better reputation than theirs, and they understand too well what it requires to gain the ground they occupy here to abandon the field after they have reached their present success and prosperity.

Messrs. Latta & Bro. have no intention whatever of leaving Charlotte, and so far as we are informed have never expressed themselves in a manner to warrant the statement made by the Sun. They have established branch houses at other points, but Charlotte will continue to be business headquarters for the firm.

Messrs. H. Morris & Bro. left Charlotte the 1st of January, not for Richmond, but Tarboro, where they already had a successful business established.

The extract from the Sun conveys the idea that there is to be a general stampede of business men from the city, when nothing of the kind is thought of by the parties named. It is rumored that Messrs. Schiff & Grier are considering the feasibility of a transfer of their business to Richmond, but we are not at all certain that this move will be made.

Some of the members of the firms mentioned feel that an injustice has been done them, and it might be well for the Sun to be sure that such statements are correct before giving them publicity. The party giving the information was evidently ignorant of what he was reporting, or was actuated by a desire to injure Charlotte's reputation as a business centre.

PREMATURE LOSS OF THE HAIR.—May be actively prevented by the use of BURNETT'S COCAINE. No other compound possesses the peculiar properties which so exactly suit the various conditions of the human hair. It softens the hair when harsh and dry. It soothes the irritated scalp. It affords the richest nourishment to the hair follicles. It promotes its healthy, vigorous growth. It is not greasy nor sticky. It leaves no disagreeable odor. It kills dandruff. Burnett's Flavoring Extracts are known to be the best.

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At Home and Abroad for February.—The February number of this first-class Southern magazine has just been issued and is, as usual, well stocked with original matter, in prose and poetry, from the pens of some of the best writers in the South. This monthly is now an established institution; and we are happy to state upon the authority of the editors themselves that its prospects were never brighter, and it is considered a financial as well as a literary success. We trust the good people of Charlotte will come forward and do their part towards increasing its circulation in this city, which we hope will long be its headquarters. Below we append the table of contents for February, 1882; from it the public can judge of the literary treat placed before it. The story for St. Valentine's Day is written by a lady of Charlotte, and is well worth a careful perusal. We are also requested to state, in this connection, that the recent election of Dr. Bernheim to the Presidency of N. C. College will in no way affect the interests of At Home and Abroad, with which he will still continue to be connected, editorially and otherwise. His work for the College will not commence until June next; meanwhile he will take an extended tour through Georgia, Florida and the Southwestern States, canvassing for the magazine. Even after June, he will travel and work for it, in connection with his presidential labors.

The magazine will be found on sale at Tiddy's and Eddins' bookstores, in this city.

The Forecast of Patrick Henry; The Broken Heart; You and I; What is Love? or, "The Angel in the Cloud;" In the Highlands; "Walk in the Light;" "Judge Not;" Florida Sketches—Tampa; "Au Revoir! The Cherokees in North Carolina; Across the Atlantic; Necessity; Ethel's Stratagem; Oceanside, or Life on the Southern Coast;" "And Days and Years Come Back No More;" Religious Department; Current News; Choice Bits; Editorial Department.

Arrangements of Penions.—To the Editor of The Observer.—That great iniquity—the Act of Congress granting certificates of pension—was passed without opposition or in careless ignorance, as seems to be thought by some who are now discussing it in the newspapers and elsewhere. It is true that nobody knew then, or indeed knows now, exactly how many millions or hundreds of millions will be extracted from the Treasury under it; but enough was known to put on his guard every man who was not carried away by patriotic delirium. It was rumored through the House under a suspension of the rules by men anxious to pander to what they supposed was the soldier sentiment. The vote upon it will be found on page 4874 of the Congressional Record, 2nd session, 46th Congress, where it will be seen that myself and colleagues from this State in the House all voted against it, except two who were absent. It also appears that the Southern Democrats voted against it in a body, that the Southern Republicans all voted for it or dodged; and that the only Northern members voting against it were Democrats; and finally that of the majority who passed it the larger part were Republicans. Whatever Senator Beck may say of the careless manner in which this bill was allowed to pass the Senate, it was strenuously opposed in the House, particularly by the Southern Democrats, who predicted then that it would be found in the end one of the most recklessly improvident and wasteful measures ever passed by the American Congress.

Respectfully yours, ROBERT M. ROBBINS. Statesville, Jan. 19th, 1882.

Charlotte Relief Association.—The members of this association will meet in the Young Men's Christian Association room at 3 o'clock p. m. on Saturday the 21st (to-morrow). The institution and suffering among our poor which calls for aid from our citizens, and the Relief Association having in past years been the medium through which it has been contributed, a reorganization to meet present necessities is now called for. This call is an invitation to every charitable citizen to meet and participate in the organization and work of the association.

Respectfully, JOHN A. YOUNG, Chairman. January 20, 1882.

Kidney-Wort cures the bowels regularly, cleanses the blood, and radically cures kidney disease, gravel, piles, bilious humors, and all the evils caused by diseased kidneys. Thousands have been cured—who should you not try it? It is a most powerful medicine, yet known to be safe in both dry and liquid form, and its use is positive and sure in either.—Julius F. Ross.

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A Rich Gold Mine.

We learn that some northern capitalists and A. W. Graham and Capt. Jones, of Hillsboro, have opened a gold mine on the lands recently purchased from Rev. R. A. Patterson, who resides near White Cross, Orange county. Some time ago they purchased a small piece of land from Mr. Patterson, for which they paid him \$3000, and agreed to pay him one fourth of the proceeds from the mine. They went to work and in a few days they discovered that they had a regular bonanza on their hand. The ore was found to be very rich, and the company then offered Mr. Patterson \$8,000 for his fourth interest. The offer was refused and the company are now digging up the yellow metal in large quantities.

As a perfectly reliable and economical remedy we cordially recommend Dr. Bull's cough syrup. Price 25c a bottle. For sale everywhere.

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FOR SALE. A Good store house and lots at Matthews, N. C. The house is two stories high, with seven rooms up stairs, and basement, suitable for residence as well as business. Matthews is one of the growing towns in the State, and has just now a flourishing school and good church privileges.

MUSICAL. Prof. JULIAN O. SCHULTZ. VOCAL and INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC. Special course for teachers. Unexceptional references. Address him at McSmith's Music House.

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