

SOCIETY DIRECTORY.

MASONIC. CHARLTON LODGE No. 81, A. F. & A. M. - Regular meeting every second and fourth Monday nights.

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HOME CHIPLETS.

Charlotte has been visited by a large number of drummers within the past three weeks.

There has been more marrying in this community during the present winter than usual.

Dr. Norment has returned from Washington, but Col. Cowles says he is unable with the naked eye to discover the scap which he went in quest of.

The Pullman Company has called a special meeting of stockholders, to be held February 1, to authorize the issue of \$2,500,000 of new stock at par.

In reporting the cutting scrap between Laura Pettus and Lizzie Mack, several days ago, the statement was made that the parties were fined by Justice Waring.

Several Charlotte dealers in agricultural machinery report their trade for January to be first rate.

Mr. F. A. McNinch in this morning's OBSERVER advertises a couple of Bible vendors who evidently have no faith in the teachings of the good Book they have been selling.

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JERKED INTO ETERNITY.

A LEGAL TRAGEDY IN SHELBY.

John A. Morris, colored, Executed as the End of the Hangman's Rope Yesterday for the Murder of Joe Roark - The Law Satisfied only with the Culprit's Death.

On yesterday a crowd numbering not less than four thousand people, of all ages, sexes and conditions assembled in Shelby, the county seat of Cleveland county, North Carolina, to witness the execution of John A. Morris, colored for the murder of Joe Roark, which occurred in Lincoln county, North Carolina, on the night of the 10th of August, 1880.

The prisoner rose yesterday morning after a good night's sleep and ate a hearty breakfast. Having professed repentance for his sins the sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered to him on the evening before. He seemed to approach his final end without trepidation, and even walked up to the gallows calmly, under the charge of the Sheriff of the county. He was 29 years old, and weighed 140 pounds.

THE SCAFFOLD.

A rude structure, costing only about four dollars, had been erected just on the outskirts of the town of Shelby, at a place called "Flat Rock," so named from the fact that a huge flat rock covering an area of fifteen acres crops out above the surface of the adjacent earth. The gallows proper was made of four poplar logs, each twenty feet long, two upright beams or logs twenty feet high, with a transverse beam ten feet, and 20 feet logs reaching from the summit of the hill on a level plane, covered with plank led to the west side supported by two iron and wooden pins, while the east side was suspended by a 33 foot rope which the sheriff with an axe cut near the two horizontal logs.

The prisoner, under the charge of the sheriff, escorted by a military company commanded by Captain Hamrick, ascended the scaffold with a firm step and a fearless mien. He was asked by the sheriff if he had anything to say. As in answer to the question he knelt and apparently prayed fervently for five minutes, when rising to his feet he spoke to the assembled crowd about twenty minutes. He confessed the crime of which he had been charged, and admitted the justice of the sentence of the law. He claimed that he had been forgiven for the deed, and said he submitted to the execution without malice toward anyone. At the conclusion of the speech he called for a minister, but no one volunteered, where he again offered up the following prayer:

"Oh Lord, into Thy presence, I, the creature of a moment, present myself. As in Thy hands I commend my spirit, and humbly beseech Thee to help me in this hour of my death. Help me to be strong and to bear the agony of this hour in Thy hands. Have mercy, purify and sanctify my heart and sustain me in this terrible ordeal. Upon Thee alone I rely, and I ask Thy blessing upon all men. Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit."

While adjusting the cap, he whispered the name of "Jesus."

The execution took place at 1:23 a. m., and death resulted from strangulation. The neck not having been broken by the fall, the body suffered terrible jerks and contortions for full five minutes, and blood ran from the nose and mouth to the ground. The drop was about five feet, and publication ceased at the end of ten minutes, and the heart shortly afterwards. After death had been announced, the body was taken down and buried near the scene of the execution. Among the crowd were not a few hundred women who witnessed the execution of the criminal, one of whom faintly just as the rope was cut. Frightened people whose superstitions led them to believe that the hangman's rope was an amulet against fits, got pieces of the rope, amid considerable quarrelling.

THE MURDER.

of Joe Roark, and for which the culprit was executed took place in Lincoln county seventeen months ago.

John A. Morris with Robert McBee Junior, commonly called "Tea Bee" aged 20 years, son of Robert McSenior, Bee both colored, were the assassins. The pistol and heavy walking-stick were the instruments of death. Morris and his accomplice Robert McBee were both armed with Colt's pistols. John Morris fired the fatal shot, on a dark night, the ball penetrating Joseph Roark's spinal column. The victim fell and Robert McBee fled across the court house square. Morris, sending the crowd into a panic, was pursued piteously three times, "oh! oh! oh!" gave three blows with his stick on the fallen man's head, fracturing his skull. Several parties heard the pistol shot, and also heard a percussion cap explode without discharging the pistol. Also the three blows and the agonizing cries of Joseph Roark.

Immediately after the assassination, Morris fled across the Baptist Church lot to the next street, and the Female Academy, by the depot and pump to the colored lodge room. He remained in the lodge room about 16 minutes when the crowd dispersed, and then, according to the testimony of Mr. Alfred Robinson, Esq., arrested the assassin upon the affidavit of Rebecca Hoke, the victim's sister, who saw the bloody deed indistinctly 50 yards distant in the dark, and heard the blows, inflicted by the murderer.

THE MOTIVE FOR THE CRIME.

It seems that in November 1879 Mr. John F. Phifer, a resident of Lincoln county, became satisfied that some one was stealing cotton from his gin-house, and Joseph Roark, the man afterwards murdered was charged with being one of the thieves. After suspicion had fallen upon him he fled to South Carolina where he remained from the 1st of Dec. 1879, to April, 1880, at which time he returned to Lincoln county. He was arrested and afterwards turned State's evidence and implicated Morris and five others in the matter of stealing the cotton from Mr. Phifer's gin-house. It was important to Morris that Roark should not testify against him and "Tea" McBee entered into a conspiracy to kill him. This they did as above described, and McBee fled as an outlaw from the vengeance of the law, while Morris was arrested, tried, convicted, condemned and executed under the mandates of that law.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IN THE CASE.

Upon Roark's testimony the six thieves, Morris among them, were arrested and carried before a magistrate, who bound them over for appearance to answer the charge at the term of court for Lincoln county, next ensuing, but before the court was held Roark was killed and Morris was arrested charged with the murder.

He was prosecuted by State solicitor Maj. W. J. Montgomery, and defended by Hon. W. P. Bynum, Hon. D. Schenck, Hon. W. H. E. Grier, Esq., and Hon. E. G. Grier, Esq.

At his arraignment the trial was moved to Shelby, upon the allegation that the prisoner could not get justice in the community in which the crime had been committed. He was arraigned at the succeeding term of the Superior Court for Cleveland county at Shelby, and pleaded not guilty of the charge, and it is now a notorious fact that all the evidence against him was purely circumstantial. The trial lasted five days, and twenty-five of the best citizens of Lincoln county were summoned to testify in the case against him. The sister of the murdered man testified as to hearing the pistol fire, and the blows which beat out the victim's brains, but she was too far off to positively identify the assassin, while Bob Schenck and Lem Roseman (colored) swore positively to an affidavit for the prisoner. As stated the evidence was circumstantial, but the chain of circumstances, wrought out link by link, by the solicitor, pointed directly to the prisoner before the bar. The tracks in the moist earth, marked by the prisoner, the empty pistol, &c., &c., pointed out the culprit, and formed a verdict for the jury which was afterwards justified by the confession of the man who suffered the penalty of the law yesterday.

Additional Mail Facilities for Salem and Winston.

Several days ago the editor of THE OBSERVER wrote a letter of complaint to Hon. A. M. Scales, at Washington, concerning the irregularity of the delivery of mail matter at Salem and Winston, North Carolina, which letter was laid before the officers of the postal department by Mr. Scales, and the result, as shown in the subjoined letter, is that some additional facilities for the dispatch of mail matter has been given to the route between Charlotte and Winston, which we are satisfied will be of great advantage to the business interests of the two towns in question, as well as to many outside of them. The letter is explanatory, and it is given in full:

RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE.

OFFICE SUP'T OF 3D DIVISION, Washington, D. C., Jan. 24th, 1882.

Hon. W. B. Thompson, General Superintendent, Railway Mail Service, Washington, D. C.

SIR:—I have the honor to return here with a letter from Chas. R. Jones, editor of the "Winston, North Carolina Observer," complaining of the irregularities in receipt of mail at Salem, North Carolina, from the morning train from Charlotte, and to report that we have arranged to have clerks in the morning train from Charlotte at 3:50 a. m. p. on the Salem and Winston, North Carolina, and to be despatched by train No. 51 on the Salem branch of the Richmond and Danville Railway, leaving Greensboro at 9:45 a. m. and arriving at Salem at 11:15 a. m., and in this way the morning papers from Charlotte, as well as the other mail accumulating along the route, will be delivered at Salem and Winston in the morning, instead of being held at Greensboro to go forward in charge of the route agent on this morning train at 11:30 p. m., and arriving at Salem at 11:50 p. m., too late for delivery the same night it is received at those points. Similar despatches of closed pouches from the Washington and Charlotte R. P. O.'s trains No. 52 and No. 54 have been ordered, and the clerks on train No. 54 have been directed that whenever connection is missed at Greensboro with the route agent's train leaving Greensboro at 9:31 p. m., that the pouches be forwarded by way of the 9:45 a. m. train on the following morning. I think that with these additional despatches of closed pouches for Salem and Winston, N. C., that there will be no further trouble in receipt of mails for those points.

Very respectfully, C. W. VICKERY, Supt.

The Entertainment Last Night.

A very large audience assembled at the Opera house last night to witness the entertainment given by the young ladies of Tryon street Methodist Sunday school. In a financial point of view the affair was a decided success, and as the manner in which a performance is received by an audience is often the best criterion for the critic, the decided manifestations of approbation will warrant the assertion that the audience was not disappointed in its expectations.

A number of those taking part in the performance deserve special mention, and notably among these are Miss Carrie Carter, in her recitation of the "Legend of the Jessamine," and Misses Minnie Johnson, Carrie Frazier, Annie Grier and Janie Rudisill in the quartets and solo. Miss Louisa Folsom's recitation of "The Polish Boy" was given in a manner to elicit the warmest applause from the audience, and for an amateur the rendition can be said to have been fine. At the close of the recitation Miss Folsom gave a little epilogue which was a decided hit, and which is worth reproducing:

When you all go home, feeling happy and bright, For having been at this entertainment to-night, You will say Mrs. McSmith and Jones have trained you well, And give praise to our pianist—how much I can't say, But when, sometime after, you think of it all, I hope that one little girl you will recall, For she sure that wherever you think of her part, '3 She did try to please you, with all of her heart.

"Banish, Oh, Maiden," given by the Gounod Club male quartet, was perhaps the finest singing of the evening. Those composing this quartet are among the best vocalists of the Gounod Club, and their part in the programme added much to the pleasure of the entertainment.

Much credit is due Mrs. McSmith and Mrs. W. L. Jones, under whose direction the entertainment was, for the success with which it met.

It is but due to state that the singing by the young ladies was very much interfered with by the burning of the calcium lights behind the scenes, the smoke from which became almost stifling in the vicinity of the stage.

Death of Mrs. M. A. Stitt.

Mrs. Matilda A. Stitt, widow of Col. John E. Stitt, died at her home near Covington, Tennessee, a few days ago. The deceased was formerly a resident of Mecklenburg county, having removed to Tennessee from the Providence neighborhood in 1848.

A LUCKY MAN IN MILFORD, DEL.

The peach crop of Delaware about this time is said to be a very good one. Mr. Z. Ackerman, at Milford, however, does not take the same view on the subject. He has just secured a prize in the December drawing of the Louisiana State Lottery, which entitles him to \$100,000. The sole winner was M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La.

Marriage in the Country.

Near Hebron, N. C. last Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. A. Robinson, Mr. Rosser Wolfe and Miss Emma Robinson were united in marriage, in the presence of a very large number of friends, Rev. Springs Robinson performing the ceremony in a short but beautiful manner. Miss Maggie Barnett, Mr. Robert Morrow, Miss Ella Parks and Mr. Wm. Barnett, were the attendants, with Mr. John Miller as master of ceremonies. The bride and groom are two of the county's most popular young people, and have the best wishes of a very large circle of friends and acquaintances. They were given on Friday, at 11 o'clock, at the residence of the groom's father, Mr. Sampson Wolfe, a reception, and the dinner was magnificent.

A droggist says that he has heard the very highest praise given to Dr. Bull's cough syrup in very many instances—some chronic. Price 25c.

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REWARD.

W. D. KELLY and DANIEL WEST, registering at the hotel as being from Staunton, Va., engaged in selling illustrated Bibles, left this city in the night without paying their board bill. Kelly is about 5 feet high, thin, blue eyes, and mustache, about 30 years old, weighs about 150 pounds, and has very fair skin. West is about 5 feet 10 inches high, yellow complexion, slim face, short, small side-whiskers and small mustache, dark hair, and about 25 or 30 years old. The reward will be paid for information that will lead to their arrest. F. A. MCNICH, Chief of Police, Charlotte, N. C. Jan 28 1t

SALE OF VALUABLE LAND.

BY Virtue of a decree of the Superior Court, I will sell at the court house in Charlotte on MONDAY, THE 27th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1882, the following tracts of land in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, to-wit: 1. A tract of 100 acres, being a part of the home tract, adjoining the lands of John D. Hunter, Jasper Hinson and others. 2. A tract of 41 1/2 acres, adjoining the lands of Dr. T. C. Neal, James Flow and others. 3. Another tract of 4 1/2 acres, adjoining the last named tract and also A. H. Alexander. The title in all the above lands is vested in Alexander & Harris, in Charlotte, N. C. Persons desiring to buy land in this country are invited to attend, and in a good neighborhood will find this a good opportunity to purchase. TERMS: One-fourth cash; balance on 12 months credit, purchaser to give note with approved security bearing interest from date at the rate of eight per cent per annum. T. L. ALEXANDER, Commissioner. Jan 28 4-t wtds

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