

SOCIETY DIRECTORY.

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PHALANX LODGE No. 31, A. F. & A. M.—Regular meeting every second and fourth Monday nights.

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HOME CHIEF.

Geo. Adams carries \$18,000 worth of stage paraphernalia.

A large folding key has been found and left at this office, which is advertised elsewhere.

The receipt of an invitation to a Mardi Gras Ball, to be given at the Central-to-night, is acknowledged.

Members of the Pleasure Club, and young gentlemen not members, desiring to attend the ball this evening can secure tickets by calling at Tidley's book store.

At Augusta, Saturday, Mr. Bennett Barnes' Col. Sellers won the third race of the day, dash of one mile for all ages, against three competitors. Time 1:50; purse, \$125.

Mr. Jas. H. Ross, cashier of the Traders National Bank, has resigned, and yesterday the directors unanimously elected Mr. Thos. L. Vail to fill the vacancy, and it is understood that Mr. Vail has accepted the office.

Andrews, the furniture man, yesterday received a patent business desk, ordered for Dr. J. H. McAden, that is the most perfect and beautiful article of the kind ever brought to Charlotte. It attracted the attention of every passer-by, and was much admired for its completeness and fine finish.

Committed to Jail. Coroner Alexander has been heard from, and in a manner that indicates business. He went out to Long Creek Friday, as heretofore stated, to investigate the death of a negro, alleged to have died from injuries inflicted by another of his race. Since his absence he has sent to the jailer in this city two negro men, John and Henry Patterson, who have been put in jail for safe keeping. It is supposed they are implicated in the Long Creek affair.

Knights of Pythias. At the session of the Grand Lodge of this order at Goldsboro, last week, the following officers were elected: G. C.—J. L. H. Missillier, of Newbern; G. V. C.—H. C. Fremper, of Wilmington; G. P.—J. F. Townsend, of Lilly's Grove; G. M. of E.—R. T. Scanlin, of Fayetteville; G. K. of R. and S.—John L. Dudley, of Wilmington; G. M. at A.—J. C. Brewster, of Raleigh; G. I. G.—Robert Chambers, of Charlotte; G. O. G.—W. T. Howell, of Goldsboro; Sup. Rep.—J. A. Bonitz, of Goldsboro.

The Best Railroad Case. The motion to strike out certain portions of the complaint in the case of W. J. Best vs. Clyde, Logan and Buford, was heard at Raleigh last week before Judge Graves at Chambers. Saturday the judge announced his decision overruling the motion to strike out, and giving the defendants until April 1st to file their answer. It is stated that Judge Graves does not assign the reasons upon which he bases his judgment, but it is understood that while he considers the complaint to be faulty in some of the points pointed out by the defendants, in his opinion the motion was not made in apt time.

Humpty Dumpty To-night. Geo. Adams' Humpty Dumpty company will give a performance at the opera house to-night. Of the new company the Lynchburg News, of Feb. 7, says: "Geo. H. Adams' new Humpty Dumpty was presented before a good audience at the opera house, last evening, and was heartily enjoyed. Of Humpty Dumpty, the individual, it is useless to speak, for it is now universally admitted, even by rival managers, that Geo. Adams is the foremost clown in America. He sustained his great reputation well last night, and provoked vociferous applause. His pantomime has undergone great change, and the entire performance is novel, entertaining, and in the highest degree provocative of the heartiest laughter, while, above all, it is marked with characteristics of refinement."

Meeting of the Inferior Court. The Inferior Court met in this city yesterday, with all the Justices present. The following named gentlemen compose the grand jury: T. L. Alexander, foreman; H. M. Hargett, M. L. Davis, Sam'l Grier, A. McIntosh, A. M. Doldson, T. C. Smith, W. L. McConnell, J. A. Knox, R. H. Fields, Wm. Todd, M. N. Yandle, H. C. Hubbard, H. C. Smith and R. C. Miller.

Some difficulty occurred in securing jurymen of requisite qualifications, causing a delay in its formation. Justice Waring's charge was an exceptionally good one, and it can be said that it fully covered the whole of the duties devolving upon a grand jury with the exception of capital felonies, which do not come within the jurisdiction of the Inferior Court. Considerable stress was laid upon that portion relating to the retailing of liquor without proper license; of selling liquor to minors; of selling on Sunday in violation of law; and attention was directed to the law making cruelty to animals a misdemeanor. Special attention was also called to the condition of the county jail and poor house, as reported by the county superintendent of health, and the suggestion given that the grand jury visit those institutions and report upon their condition. That portion of the charge relating to those institutions may be characterized as sharp and to the point, but the justice stated that the management, he believed, was all that could be had under the condition of circumstances. The condition of the public roads was touched upon, and a recommendation given that a report be made on them, but it was his honor's opinion that any bills from this direction might be unjust, as the necessary means were not available to improve the roads.

There were only two cases disposed of yesterday, the first being an indictment against Wiley Radcliff, white, for retailing liquor without license, in which a verdict of guilty was given. Martin Summerville, for stealing chickens, verdict guilty.

Diamonds and Rich Jewels. Visitors to Mardi Gras should read the announcement to the E. Second Jewelry Company, of St. Louis, one of the oldest, wealthiest, and most reliable jewelry houses in the country.

CITY AFFAIRS.

Meeting of the Board of Aldermen Yesterday—Some Important Business Transacted.

The board of aldermen met in monthly session yesterday afternoon, Aldermen Scott, Miller, Schenck, Long, Adams, Allison, Wilkes, Osborne and Smith being present.

A request was made for a crossing on College between Trade and Fifth streets, which was complied with.

The Richmond and Danville Railroad company asked for a policeman, with duties and responsibilities of a regular, subject to the orders of the chief, who may be at the depot on the arrival and departure of trains, the railroad company to pay such officer the sum of \$30 a month towards his salary.

On motion R. J. Porter was elected to fill the position, at a salary of \$45 per month, the city paying the sum of \$15 per month, and the railroad to pay the remainder. This officer will be uniformed and equipped as other city policemen, and is required to report for orders to the officer on duty at the depot. Mr. Porter was qualified and will enter upon his duties at once.

The mayor stated that a lamp had been ordered for the corner of Graham and Sixth streets; also that the duties of vaccination at the public schools had been very successfully accomplished.

The committee to consider the request of R. A. Lee & Co., to have their cotton tax refunded asked for further time to report, which request was granted.

The special committee appointed for the purpose reported that they had made a contract for necessary hose for the fire companies.

The street committee reported the following ordinance, which was read by the mayor:

Be it Ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Charlotte:

SECTION 1. The sidewalks on Trade street from the public square to the North Carolina railroad, and from the public square on the north side to Church street, and on the south side to Poplar street, and the sidewalks on Tryon street from the public square to Fourth street, and from the public square to Fifth street, and the sidewalks on College street from Trade to Fourth streets, shall be well paved and curbed with hard dressed stone.

That all curb-stones used in making said pavements shall be at least 2 1/2 feet long, 4 inches thick and 14 inches wide; the ends shall be squared so as to form close and even joints, and the front and top hewn so as to present a fair, smooth surface.

So much of chapter 2, page 12, of the printed ordinances of the city after section 15 ordering sidewalks, as provides for payment of the cost of the pavements laid in brick and Portland cement on the streets and within the limits named in this section is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the street committee to establish a grade for each of the sidewalks as are now or may hereafter be required to be paved, and they may employ a competent civil engineer to aid them in making a survey and fixing such grades. And all pavements shall be laid or repaired under their superintendence and direction, and they are authorized to make contracts therefor. Nothing in the first section of this ordinance shall make it the duty of said street committee to remove or interfere with the brick pavements now existing on certain portions of the streets named in Section 1 until such brick pavements are so worn as to be unfit for use, and to repair the property along which they extend neglect to keep them in proper repair.

SEC. 3. The sidewalks on the south side of Trade street from the intersection of said street by the Atlanta and Charlotte Air-Line to the intersection of Trade street with the N. C. R. R. street on its west side from Morehead street to Fourth street, and from Fifth street to Twelfth street on its east side, shall be paved with good hard burnt brick for the width of five feet in the middle of the sidewalks; the sidewalks on the west side of Church street to its intersection with Trade street, to First street and B street on its east side from the intersection of Trade to Seventh street, shall be paved with good hard burnt brick for the width of four feet in the center of said sidewalks.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the street committee to determine the width as well as the grade of the sidewalks named in Section 1 and all other sidewalks paved or to be paved under this ordinance. And they shall have all sign-posts, awning frames, hitching-posts, and every and all other things on or upon said sidewalks to be paved with dressed, stone removed, and when said sidewalks are paved with stone as provided, the same shall not be cut, taken up or removed for any purpose whatever except by special permission given by the Board of Aldermen. Every person violating the provision of this section shall forfeit and pay not less than \$25, and incur a further penalty of \$5 per day for every day any post, frame or other obstruction remains in or upon said sidewalks. Openings under the sidewalks for the purpose of lighting or ventilating basements and cellars shall not extend more than three feet across the sidewalks, and the owners of property having them on the sidewalks to be paved with dressed stone are required to make them conform to the requirements of this ordinance, and to have them curbed with well dressed rock of the dimensions to be prescribed by the street committee, and covered with close and strong iron grates or glass; and it shall be the duty of the street committee when the work of paving with stone is begun on any of the streets named in Section 1 to notify the owners of property having or using any sky-light beneath the pavement as above referred to, to comply with the requirements of this ordinance; and in case any property owner refuse or neglect to do as required in this section, the pavement shall be filled up by said committee with dirt and paved as other parts of the sidewalk.

SEC. 5. Private cartways, or entrances to any stable lot, yard or premises, crossing any of the sidewalks of this city shall be kept in good repair by the owner or occupant of the premises; and all such cartways or private entrances to lots, etc., shall be paved by the owners of the property with square flag stones, hewn and laid close together, or with thick plank closely laid and securely fastened to sills placed in the ground. In case the owner refuse or neglect to comply with the requirements of this section, such cartway or entrance shall be declared private cartways, and the owner shall be fined not less than \$5 for every time he uses or permits such cartway to be used across the sidewalk. All lanes, alleys, or passages, hewn and laid close together, or with thick plank closely laid and securely fastened to sills placed in the ground, in case the owner refuse or neglect to comply with the requirements of this section, such cartway or entrance shall be declared private cartways, and the owner shall be fined not less than \$5 for every time he uses or permits such cartway to be used across the sidewalk. All lanes, alleys, or passages, hewn and laid close together, or with thick plank closely laid and securely fastened to sills placed in the ground, in case the owner refuse or neglect to comply with the requirements of this section, such cartway or entrance shall be declared private cartways, and the owner shall be fined not less than \$5 for every time he uses or permits such cartway to be used across the sidewalk.

SEC. 6. The street committee shall keep on the work of paving with stones as provided in Section 1 of this ordinance, at such place as they think such paving most needed; and the work of paving

with brick shall be begun by them on the street where a petition signed by all the owners of the property to be paved in front of shall join in a petition to said committee requesting the same and giving their assent to the terms on which the same is to be done. If no such petition is filed they are to exercise the same discretion as in laying pavements with stone. If all the property owners fronting any sidewalk in the city for the distance of 3 squares shall unite in a petition to the Board of Aldermen asking the same to be paved as provided for, and shall consent to pay one-half of the expense of same, it shall be the duty of said street committee to pave the street for which the petition is filed in preference to and before the streets designated, where no such petition is filed.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the mayor to give the owner or his agent or tenant, in front of whose lot such curbing and paving is ordered to be done thirty days notice in writing, of such order of the board before the work begins. And every owner of lot curbed or paved in front by the city, shall pay the city one-half the cost and expense of such curbing and paving, which shall be a lien on the lot in front of which such paving is done, as prescribed in section 42 of the amended charter of 1881, and it shall be the duty of the mayor to enforce such lien in the manner prescribed by law.

This ordinance to take effect, and be in force from and after its passage. Alderman Scott moved that the report be received for information, which motion was adopted.

Alderman Wilkes moved that the ordinance be taken up and put on its first reading, which motion carried, and the ordinance was adopted by the following vote: Ayes—Aldermen Scott, Miller, Schenck, Smith, Allison, Wilkes, and Osborne.

Noes—Aldermen Long and Adams. The ordinance lies over until the next meeting of the board, when final action will be had.

Several old accounts were presented and disposed of by the board.

Alderman Schenck moved that Trade street be macadamized from the railroad to College street crossing, and that the grade be made equal; that is, that the street level from College to the railroad, and the sidewalks, when fixed, be made to conform to it. The motion was adopted.

Alderman Osborne referred to the sanitary condition of the city, and suggested that the sanitary committee curb the matter and select a proper person to act as sanitary policeman. No action.

Alderman Schenck moved that all hog pens be required to be moved outside the city limits. The matter was referred to the sanitary committee with instruction to report an ordinance on the subject of hog pens and similar nuisances.

Two Freight Trains on the Air-Line Collide on the Flowery Branch Trestle.

Sunday morning a little after 1 o'clock, a terrible collision occurred on the Air-Line road at Flowery Branch, 44 miles from Atlanta, by which two freight trains were wrecked and a portion of them burned. From what information could be obtained it seems that the South bound freight was behind time, and the north bound train ran into it on Flowery Branch trestle, both of the engines going down together, and being completely wrecked, the trains sharing the same fate. Immediately after the wreck the trains took fire and were consumed, together with the freight, consisting of cotton, bacon, buggies, &c., and the loss to the company is estimated to be not less than \$100,000. The engineers and firemen of the respective trains jumped from their engines before they came in contact, and thus saved their lives. Several train men were injured, but no particulars or names have been ascertained. About one hundred yards of the trestle was burned, necessitating a transfer of mail, express, and passengers at that point, but it was expected that the burned section would be replaced within forty-eight hours, as 300 men were immediately put to work to rebuild it.

Arrival of Pumps and Engines. The pumps and engine for the water works, together with a portion of the material for the standpipes, has been received. The engine house will soon be completed, and the pipe laying is being rapidly pushed, all indicating an early completion of the works. A number of hydrants have already been put in, and in this connection we will state that it is the understanding that of the forty-five hydrants required by the contract, the whole number will be double. The specifications call for 15 double and 25 single.

"My Partner." A small but appreciative audience witnessed the play at the opera house last night. It is of a decidedly sensational character, but the plot has much in it, and the acting as a whole was good. The two leading characters, Joe Saunders and Wing Lee, were well sustained throughout, the former with his blunt, rough manhood, but noble heart and purpose, winning the sympathy of his audience, while the latter never failed to provoke laughter when he appeared and discoursed in his pig-iron English, in which he is clever.

Complaint against the A., T. & O. Railroad. A firm engaged in the mercantile business at Huntersville writes THE OBSERVER a complaining letter in regard to the irregularity in the delivery of goods at that place by the railroad, and we know of no better way to present the case for consideration by the proper authorities than to publish the letter:

To the Editor of the Observer: You will do us a kindness by calling the attention of the authorities of the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad, to the fact that we cannot get any freight from Charlotte, as the roads are so bad and the train does not bring it. We have to wait a week to get freight from Charlotte, when, before the change we could get it the same day that we bought it. It is an outrage upon those who patronize the road. There have been wagons here for goods the time of a day, a distance of seven miles and waiting till train time, and having to go all the way back in the dark through the mud, which causes them to sweat, that they will not do it again. It seems to us that it must be negligence on the part of agents or some one. The people are awfully dissatisfied, and as to ourselves, we have heretofore been contented, but we fear we will be compelled to leave it to your road.

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