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ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. This powder never sours. A marvel of purity strength and purity... L'ROY DAVIDSON, Sole Agent, Charlotte, N. C.

BROWN'S IRON BITTERS will cure dyspepsia, heartburn, malaria, kidney disease, liver complaint, and other wasting diseases.

BROWN'S IRON BITTERS enriches the blood and purifies the system; cures weakness, lack of energy, etc. Try a bottle.

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HOME CHIPLETS.

This is the day appointed for the meeting in Charlotte of the anti-prohibition convention.

A party of Northern capitalists arrived in the city yesterday, for the purpose of looking at the gold mines in this vicinity.

Charlotte's new enterprise, the milk and butter store, is doing well and promises to be a success, and there is no reason why it should not be.

Dr. Hogg, of Raleigh, and T. J. Sumner, of Salisbury, railroad experts and examiners, were in the city yesterday. They visited our water works and were very favorably impressed.

Yesterday the Baptist Sunday school picniced at Sugar Creek church. They went out in wagons and on their return last evening gave glowing accounts of the day.

The invitation to the King's Mountain High School commencement, which occurs on June 6th to 9th, has been received. Kemp P. Battle, president of the North Carolina University, is commencement orator.

Mr. Jake Hand has been going over the streets on the line of the water works, taking up and replacing the bursted mains. When Jake gets through and pronounces the mains all right, we can count on it to be so.

Mr. H. M. Caldwell, of Sharon township, came into the OBSERVER office yesterday, and brought a hand-full of ripe peaches from his orchard. They were the Brigg's May variety. Mr. Caldwell is ahead on peaches this year.

The fronts of nearly all the grocery stores display crates of peaches, which have been brought up from Georgia in the past two days. They are small, not well matured and priced tolerably high.

Mr. J. W. Cobb, the tax lister for Charlotte township will have his books open, at his office in the court house, from June 1st to 20th, for the purpose of receiving the tax returns for this township. This is a matter that should always be attended to early.

The members of the Library Association are requested to meet at the rooms of the association, this evening at 5 o'clock, to make arrangements for the festival Friday night. It is this association which is to give the apple dumpling match, by the way, and not the Literary and Debating club, as we had it yesterday.

Sugar Creek church appears to be a popular place for picnics and a request comes to THE OBSERVER from officers of the church to announce that all picnic parties will be welcome, provided they replace the benches they take out of the church and leave everything just as they find it. Some annoyance seems to have been caused by parties misplacing the church property.

Mr. Bill Newman, an old and esteemed engineer of the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railroad, his severed his connection with that road and is now on General Gordon's new road, out from Atlanta to the Georgia coast, piloting the "dog tail" of a new locomotive. Bill, the "wild horse," as he was familiarly and belovedly known amongst us, parted with his darling "dog" with many tear drops.

The plaque mania has been a long time reaching Charlotte, perhaps, but it is here at last. A painting school has been opened and is attended by a large number of young ladies, all of whom have shown decided talent in the art, and many of them can touch off a plaque in a truly beautiful and artistic manner, fully equaling the work of their instructors. The Observers has seen a few of these plaques and is dead gone on them. Pretty things they are, to be sure.

The colored population of Charlotte are arranging for a big blow out on the 4th of July. The Neptune fire company expect a lot of colored firemen from other towns, having sent out invitations to seven companies to come and join them in a tournament of the same kind as we had here on the 30th. The Neptune are crack runners and don't be taking in the silver cups and other prizes that will be offered. They expect to have a big time on the 4th.

At the regular morning session of the mayor's court yesterday, Lizzie Smith, colored, was arraigned for cursing Emma Johnson, and indulging in loud and profane language. For this the mayor fined Lizzie \$5.00, and, as she hardly had the pronounced sentence when Lizzie jumped up with a chair in her hands and made for Emma, who would have fared badly had not the officers promptly interfered. Lizzie was remanded to the guard-house and will be brought out this morning to answer for the affray and for her contempt of court.

The First Presbyterian Church Sunday school will have a picnic on the line of the C. C. R. R. on Friday, June 2. The train will leave at Salisbury's crossing at 9:30 a. m. Members of the congregation are invited to attend. All bring baskets well filled with food and refreshments.

The Tryon Street Methodist Sunday School will have a Holiday next Tuesday, June 6th, somewhere on the Carolina Central railroad. Friends of the school have furnished the money to pay for the train and an Sunday school scholars and parents are invited to take the ride on the railroad. Further notice will be given in due time.

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CHARLOTTE'S FIREMEN.

The Boys who Stand Between Our City and the Fire Fiend--A Talk over their Past and Present.

The display of firemen, the parades, races and contests of the late celebration have had their influence on the fire department of this city and there is a general revival of interest in the fire companies. The old companies are getting in scores of new members, while two new reel companies have been organized and another one is talked of. The first indication of the brightening up of the department was noticed several weeks before the celebration, when a force of kalsominers, upholsterers and painters were engaged to transform the various fire halls from plain, uninviting rooms, to elegant parlors, with ceilings and walls delicately tinted and shaded, floors covered with the finest Brussels and windows hidden behind heavy Damask and lace curtains. In this step of advancement the firemen were greatly assisted peculiarly by the city council, whose action in extending them this aid, is to be highly commended. The halls of the Hornet, Pioneer and Independent Hook and Ladder companies are now justly pronounced to be the finest firemen's halls in the South, with the exception perhaps of those of Augusta, and the firemen who were entertained in them on our late occasion were charmed with the elegant surroundings. The walls are hung with pictures, and with portraits of deceased members and officers; easy comfortable chairs and fine furniture, with the rich appointments already mentioned, make the halls inviting and give them an air of completeness and beauty equal to the most gorgeously furnished parlor.

Besides having the finest fire halls, Charlotte is proud of her firemen as the best boys that ever "run mit der masehen." The members have always taken the greatest interest in their companies and whenever the alarm should sound, whether at noon-day or at midnight, in summer's heat or winter's cold, they have always responded with an alacrity and promptness that has justly made them the pride of our city. Their many battles with the fiery element and their fights to save the property of the citizens, are monuments to the worth and excellence of the department and to the gallantry and skill of the firemen.

It was not until 1875, about the time of the great depot fire, that the organization of the fire department was effected. Previous to this the companies acted separately and were individual organizations, and it will be interesting to take up the history of each company and follow it along briefly to the present time.

The Hornet steam fire company is the oldest organization of the city. In 1866 it was organized and Jas. Earnshaw the captain, petitioned S. A. Harris, Esq., who was then mayor of the town, for an engine, which was granted and the purchase of an engine was made from Clapp & Jones. The engine was delivered in December, 1866, and on January 29, 1867, a meeting was held in Treloar Hall for a formal organization. At this meeting Gen. J. A. Young presided as chairman and M. L. Wriston was secretary. The temporary organization was made by the election of Jas. Earnshaw as president, T. W. Lewis as vice-president, and M. L. Wriston, secretary and treasurer. On February 20, 1867, the company was permanently organized as the Hornet steam fire engine and hose company, No. 1, of the city of Charlotte, with Jas. Earnshaw president. Their first anniversary was celebrated by a ball at the Mansion House, now the Central Hotel, May 20th, 1867, and the first president was re-elected. Sometime after, differences among the company caused it to be disbanded, but it was reorganized the same evening, March 12, 1868, with M. L. Wriston president, which position he held until 1873, when he declined a re-nomination. D. M. Rigler served as president in 1873-74; W. H. Trezevant in 1875; C. T. Walker in 1876-77; R. E. Miller in 1878-79-80, and W. R. Cochran in 1881. Mr. C. T. Walker is now the president of the company.

The Independent Hook and Ladder is the second oldest company, dating its organization from 1866, when it started out as a hand engine company, the engine, an old concern that had been left standing in a vacant lot near the depot before the close of the war. The first president was Mr. Jas. Gleason, and after his death, Col. J. Y. Bryce was elected and continued to be president for some time. Mr. Jas. H. Orr was the next president and soon thereafter the company changed to a hook and ladder, and in 1870 the hand engine was turned over to the city in exchange for the present hook and ladder truck. Mr. Orr continued to be the president until the organization of the department in 1875, when he was elected as first chief. Mr. J. W. Sprinkle was then elected to the presidency of the company, and served as such acceptably until Mr. Orr, resigning the position as chief longer than one term, was again elected president of his old company, the hook and ladder, and continued in that office until his death, greatly beloved by all of his men. There never was nor has been a man in the city who did more to build up the fire department than he. Since his death the company has been presided over by Mr. J. A. Dixby and the present president, Robt. Chambers.

In 1874, the Pioneer steam fire engine and hose company No. 2, was organized by Mr. A. A. Hand, assisted by Messrs. J. P. Myers, H. D. Lisk, A. E. Rankin and a number of others, taking the old engine which had been condemned by the Hornet company. The engine was overhauled and made good as new by Mr. Hand, the engineer of the new company. Capt. F. A. McNinch was the first president, and to him and to Mr. Hand the greatest credit is due for their untiring efforts in organizing and sustaining the company. Since 1871 the company has been presided over by Messrs. H. T. Aldrich, H. T. Blam, L. E. Long, and the present incumbent, W. E. Outpepper. During the eight years of its organization the company has lost but two members by death, Messrs. Jas. D. Hester and Milton Hester. Mr. Eagle's little son, who has been adopted as the successor of the company.

The Neptune is the only colored fire company in the city, and was organized in 1870, with the exception of the Pioneer steam fire engine and hose company, which was organized in 1870 and has proved to be a good company, doing excellent work whenever their services are needed.

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