

SOCIAL

Mr. W. L. Wilhite, who will succeed Mr. L. I. Harris as agency director of the New York Life Insurance Company here, has arrived and will begin work at once. His wife will join him in the city, and Mrs. Wilhite will keep house.

Miss Janie Klutta, of Salisbury, is in the city visiting Mrs. D. H. McCollough.

Mrs. J. W. Sprinkle and Mrs. E. C. McQuinn returned Friday night from Raleigh where they visited Mrs. Nellie Price. Mrs. Price left yesterday for her home in Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Biggers, of Anshline, Rutherford county, are in the city, stopping at the Buford.

A SECRET MARRIAGE

Reporters Fail to Get Names of Couple Who Became Man and Wife

Some fellows and some women got married in the city of Charlotte last night and from the way they built barriers to keep their names out of the papers there must be some mystery behind the whole affair. "Somebody is going to get married here to-night," said a bright young man who came in from the streets and spoke to a reporter. "I saw the man and heard him," said where he could get a license.

From that time the reporters were busy trying to find out that chap's name. Mr. A. M. McDonald, registrar of deeds of the county, was asked to tell him the name of the man, but he said "Nay, nay, Pauline, the groom asked me to withhold their names from the press."

It was said that Dr. J. R. Howerton would perform the ceremony. Dr. Howerton is a hard man to get over the telephone. He will take a message but rarely ever honors reporters with a direct chat. So it was late night. A sweet, gentle girl's voice said: "Dr. Howerton will not be interviewed. He has nothing to say."

The poor devil who is paid to gather and write news is blocked. He did find, however, that the man had asked Officers Asbury and McCall where he could find the register of deeds and he rode around in Barber Albright's carriage.

That is all. Some one declared that the man was from Georgia and the bride from Taylorville. If the recording angels in heaven got the names of the couple they must have eavesdropped.

MR. SHERILL'S GOATS

The Department of Agriculture at Washington writes him a letter. Mr. N. J. Sherill's Toggenburg goats are attracting considerable attention. He has purchased them to milk, and the demand for the milk is greater than the supply. After receiving them Mr. Sherill had the following letter from the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry, at Washington:

"The Charlotte Observer, of September 8, contains very excellent article on the subject of milk goats and refers in a pleasant way to the work which this Bureau is doing to assist this industry. In the article you name is mentioned as being the owner of some Toggenburg goats recently imported from Switzerland. I should be glad if you would inform me whether this information is correct or not. If so, I would like to inquire whether you intend to breed them pure or cross them upon the common goats that you may have in your section of the country. This Bureau in its effort to build up this industry is making every effort to obtain all of the information possible and invites your correspondence.

"Assuming that you have not had a copy of the bulletin on the subject of milk goats recently issued by this Bureau, I take pleasure in sending you a copy under another cover."

The letter was written by Mr. A. D. Melvin, acting chief of the Bureau.

"The Clansman" Begins in New York To-Night

Tom Dixon's Clansman begins an engagement at the Liberty Theatre in New York city to-night. Thousands of people are waiting anxiously to see what effect "The Clansman" will have on New York theatre-going people. The future of the play depends on its reception in New York city. It will either take the town by storm or fall flat. Mr. Dixon says that it will thrive there and will bring him fortune and fame, while others claim that it will perish in a single night. Therefore, the onlookers in Venice are eager to know the result of the first performance.

Central Hotel to be Improved

Mr. M. P. O'Callahan, the new proprietor of the Central Hotel, will begin improving the inside of the building at once. A new electric elevator will be put in, a new floor in the office and lobby, new furniture in the rooms and a number of private baths and new paper and fresh paint added. The remodeling will extend to the kitchen, where the ranges for the better will be made. The repairs are to cost between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

PERSONAL

The Movement of a Number of People, Visitors and Others.

Mr. W. F. Marshall, of Gastonia, was in the city yesterday, stopping at the Buford.

Mr. James Webber, who has a responsible position with the Southern Electric Company, at Winston, is in the city visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Webber.

Judge F. I. Osborne left last night for New York city where he will assist his brother, Mr. J. W. Osborne, with some important cases.

FROG GEORGE AS HOST

He Invites His Neighbors in for an Occasional Dance and Gives Them a Lively Time—He Calls Figures and Uses the Gun—The Scene Inside of the House.

When George Gable, better known as Frog George, gives a blow out there is bound to be something doing, for George does not like a dull time, and his sister Martha is just as restless as he ever dared to be. Therefore, when the notorious George puts out the word that there is to be an inter-tainment on "The Hill" in Sevierville town, the bloods get together and make ready for a regular hog-killing time here.

"Look here nigger, is yu gwine to be party at Frog George's to-night?" asked one negro of another Christmas week.

"No, cepin' I slip an slip dat way," was the quick reply.

"Why, whut de matter wid yu? Don't yu think yu kin go de gait?"

"I know I can't go de gait. I see one nigger, mersed, dat nigger, if he hurt you, you fool, long wid him."

"Dat's des wat I know an' dat's why yu kin count dis nigger in. He's gwine ter be dere wid 'is razor an' 'is fighting gun."

"Gaitin' gun nothin', I heard dat Frog George singin', one day, an' he kep sayin'—"

"'Ee Gaitin' gun's no gun at all. 'I been shot wid calumet bolt.'"

"No, sir, dat nigger ain't afraid of nothin'."

This is about the opinion of the average negro of Frog George; he is considered a fearless and reckless One night, last fall, when he was giving a function, some negro made him mad and started for the door on a run. George stopped, calling figures loud enough to pick up his old gun and bore a hole through the door in an effort to fill his impudent guest full of shot. The load passed through the door and landed in the being negro's side. The facts were made known to George but he climbed back upon his chair and began to call out, "Git yo' partners fur de second quadrille, and on the side, 'An' de fust nigger dat leaves dis house will get de tober barrel."

The dance went merrily on. Frog George is not a stickler for fashionable dress. He cares very little about what he wears himself and much less about what other wear. His inter-tainments are open to one and all if the guests take their money and spend it freely for his refreshments.

It was Christmas week—the night that Martha Gable lay in the city police station—that Frog gave his master frolic. He went hunting early in the day to catch rabbits for his chicken salad and his sister Martha, sit an unruky guest up and down the back with her razor and was arrested and brought to town. But George took charge of the party and carried it to the most successful end. He never changed his hunting clothes.

Late in the night the police wagon drove up to Frog's door and went in to search for Joe Freeman, a big black negro who had served up one of his fellowmen a few days before.

As the officers entered the door an interesting sight greeted them. Frog stood in a split bottom chair, in the poverty-stricken room, holding a little oil lamp high over his head and calling the figures.

"First couple forward and back again," shouted Frog. Two banjos were rattling off a merry tune in the opposite corner. Twenty-five couples were on the floor and they all seemed to be having a jolly time. They danced as only the negro can dance.

In the corner close to the door sat an old bureau from which the glass had disappeared and nothing but the frame remained. High on top of this sat a chicken rooster and two hens. Below, on the edge of the bureau proper, sat other chickens, all perched for the night. The rooster and two hens looked down on the dancers in silent contempt but seemed interested in the boss of the ranch as he called from his lofty perch.

A most interesting story would be a detailed account of one of Frog's to-do's just as it is pulled off.

BRIEFS

A Few Minor Happenings in and About the City.

"The Runaways" at the Academy of Music to-night.

Dr. R. J. Brevard is confined to his home with a very bad cold.

Reverend Mr. Brown's in Town" on sale at Jordan's this morning.

An enjoyable part of the musical program at St. Mark's Lutheran church yesterday morning was a solo by Miss Alice Baird. Miss Baird has a voice of much sweetness and plenty of volume and sings easily.

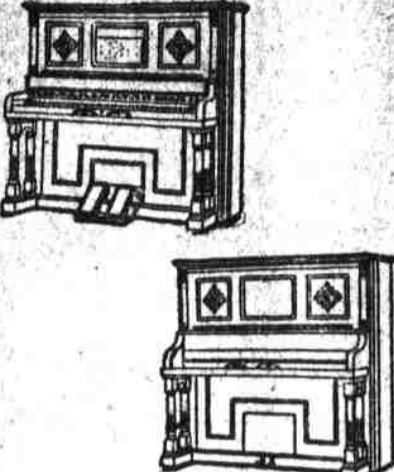
The ladies missionary society of the Second Presbyterian church will meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the church and at the ladies' social congregation, all members of missionary societies in the city are invited to attend. Mrs. J. Murphy Blaine, who was Miss Claude Greer, tel of her life in China.

Ask your grocer for Burnett's Vanilla No State pure food commission has ever questioned its absolute purity. Use it and take no risks.

Installation Services Yesterday

The services were of more than usual interest at Tryon street Methodist church yesterday. At the morning service the pastor, Rev. H. K. Boyer, preached a special sermon bearing on the duties of members and the qualification of ministers. The following were installed as the board of stewards, the scope of which included the duties of members and the qualification of ministers. The following were installed as the board of stewards, the scope of which included the duties of members and the qualification of ministers. The following were installed as the board of stewards, the scope of which included the duties of members and the qualification of ministers.

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We have been preparing for two months for this the best White Goods Sale we have ever held. We know it will be the best values we have ever had. Even if you do not care to do early sewing, it will well pay you to secure many of the bargains and save them till later.

10c Embroidery Sale, Monday 10 a. m.

Not the coarse, showy, cheap goods shown, but all fine work and fine cloth, edges and insertions. Worth mostly 15c. and 20c. yard. You will be delighted with this sale.

White Madras Pretty styles mercerized Madras for waists and shirts, in pretty figures, short lengths of 15c. and 20c. grades, regular 25c. grades, beautiful for waists and dresses 15c. yd.

Lawn Bargains 40-inch White Lawn 5c. 1-2c. yard, etc.

Long Cloth and Nainsook It will pay you to buy these now. They will be higher later. These were bought some time ago at the low price.

Wamsutta Long Cloth, a splendid bargain 10c. yard. Imported 100 Long Cloth, every lady knows this value. Worth 15c. per yard. Fine quality soft Nainsook. A bargain \$1.75 bolt.

Dimities Special lot short lengths fine Dimities in 15c. grade 10c. yard. 36-inch Check Dimity 10c. yard.

Short Lengths White and Colored Madras 8-13c Yard Worth 12 1-2c. to 20c. yard, all white, with stripes, etc., and white with neat colored stripes, for waists, dresses, etc. One of the biggest bargains of our White Goods Sale 8-13c. yard.

New Laces We are showing during this White Goods Sale week our full line of new styles in Val Laces. All match sets, Special reduction by the dozen yards. See our new display on our Lace Counter.

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FIRST JANUARY White Sale Monday

WE intend running a series of White Goods Sales during January and February. We begin Monday by offering some excellent EXTRA SPECIALS in this line.

15c and 18c Persian and Linen Finished Lawns at 10c 3,000 yards fine sheer 36-inch Persian Lawns, value 15c and 18c, also 36-inch linen finished India Linens—both lots short lengths—5 to 20 yards. Sale Price Monday . . . . . 10c.

12 1-2c 36-inch Nainsook at 7 1-2c 1,500 yards fine White Nainsook, 36 inches wide; on account of being short lengths, Sale Price . . . . . 7 1-2c.

15c Yard-Wide Long Cloth at 10c Leicester yard wide, Long Cloth. A beautiful soft domestic, the value of which is 15c. a yard. This lot we bought in July for this January sale. Sale Price . . . . . 10c.

Dress Linen Bargains 25c. yard wide Dress Linen. Monday . . . . . 15c. 50c. yard wide Dress Linen in short lengths. Sale Price . . . . . 25c. 38c. yard wide White Linen Cambric. Special . . . . . 25c. 50c. yard wide White Linen Cambric at . . . . . 38c.

Towels 100 dozen large Full Bleached, Hemmed Huck Towels, 12 1-2c. value, at . . . . . 8c. \$ 1-2c, 32-inch sheer India Linen at . . . . . 5c. One lot (our own accumulation) short length Lawns and Swisses, values from 10 to 15c. Sale Price 5c. Another lot Remnants, values up to 25c. Sale Price . . . . . 10c.

Belk Brothers Wholesale, Retail.

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LOTS of Short Lots, Odds and Ends, Remnants, etc., of All Kinds of Goods Gotten Out While Taking Stock and Ready for Selling Now at Very Low Prices.

Every Department Being Cleared of All Odd Lots, etc., and There's Lots of Fine Goods Going Here at Sacrifice Prices in Order to Clean Up Stocks.

FINE OUTING SHORT LENGTHS

The fine grade Outing in pretty new colors and patterns, good heavy fleece, worth 10c yd., going for 7 1-2c Bargain Outing, regular 5-cent grade, at 3 1-2c colors, for . . . . . 3 1-2c

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NEXT WEEK Muslin Underwear, Wool Dress Remnants, Ribbons in Short Lengths.

Water Rents Due. Water rents are due and payable at the office of the Water Department, No. 4 City Hall, January 1 to 10 inclusive. Office open until 9 o'clock on the 10th. Save the discount. CHARLOTTE WATER WORKS, Pat. H. Williams, Act. Sup.

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