

FARMERS' INSTITUTES IN JULY.

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The funeral services will be conducted at the home this afternoon at 4 o'clock, by Rev. H. K. Boyer, pastor of Tryon Street Methodist church, assisted by Rev. C. T. Williamson. The interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Grimes was a native of Portsmouth, Va. With her husband, she came to Charlotte nearly half a century ago. She was a woman of many noble traits of character; a kindly, generous, gentle woman, loved by everyone who knew her. She was a devout member of the Methodist church and lived her religion.

COL. ASBURY'S QUARANTINE.

His Office Bears the Yellow Flag and All That It Signifies.

"Quarantined," said the sign on Col. Burkus Asbury's office Friday. The yellow card caused considerable comment, and the citizens of the wharf are still speculating as to the meaning of the card hung out by the new meat and milk inspector, Col. J. R. Winchester.

"What is the matter with the farmer's friend?" asked Will McGinn as he read the suggestive word: "Quarantined."

"The old bovine has the hollow horn, I reckon," said Col. Tom Black, as he gave his billy an extra turn or two.

"Nope, he's lost his end," declared the newspaper man.

"Couldn't be founded, I guess?" said Col. R. O. Cole, one of the blessings of prohibition.

Others stood ready to make remarks but the minds of all were diverted by the approach of Mr. Nelson A. Barnhardt, keeper of the crematory.

"Ah, yes," said Col. Black, "he is not fit to live and they are going to cremate him; that's the reason for this yellow sign. Well, old Lou Asbury, Bob is a better judge of things than I thought he was. I had rather be in a Norfolk jail, where they give out free lunches, than to be in a Charlotte crematory where they dish out hot flames. The old fellow's going to get his reward earlier than I had expected."

The crowd laughed at the expense of the dear old farmer's friend, but he was searching for something to give in return.

"Well, there's one thing certain," said Col. Asbury, as he pulled off and out of reach of Col. Black's stick, "I haven't been caught red-handed with a lot of chickens, and I haven't had no rooster to fly away with a \$15 pair of gaffs."

As the last words were falling Col. Asbury began to run, for he knew that the bare mention of the rooster incident, referred to above, meant a fight or a foot race and the latter was what he preferred.

To Take Automobile Risks.

The Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, of San Francisco, Cal., has announced that it has arranged to issue special policies covering all forms of automobile risks. This class of risks have heretofore been refused by the insurance companies, owing to the fact that no statistics could be secured to enable the actuaries to compute the cost of the hazards incurred. Lately sufficient facts have been accumulated, and this class of risks will be just as much sought for in the near future as any other.

Accepts Raleigh Agency.

Mr. R. M. Dulaney, who for some time has been general agent for the Security Trust & Life Company, of New York, with headquarters in Johnson City, Tenn., has accepted the position of agency director of the Raleigh branch office of the Conservative Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Charlotte. Mr. Dulaney, with several of his agents, is to take up his new work on or about April 5.

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MANY COUNTY SCHOOLS CLOSING.

Dilworth Graded School to Have Nine Months' Term—School Notes.

Many of the county schools are closing. The public schools at Providence, Hickory Grove, Robeson and Ebenezer closed Friday and several others are to end this week. From now on until the last of May, one or more schools will close each week.

Prof. R. J. Cochran, county superintendent, stated to an Observer reporter yesterday that he was highly pleased with the work of the several schools of the county during the past year. The enrollment, attendance, and general average has been unusually high, and there has been but little difficulty in any of the schools.

The Dilworth school committee met several days ago and decided to continue the school one month longer than the public money allowed. The funds furnished by the county gave the school an eight months' term. The patrons chipped in and raised enough to give the school a nine months' term.

BLACK DAMSELS IN A FIGHT.

Police Officers Storm a House, but the Desired Lou Escapes.

There was a hot time on Middle street last night when Lou Atkinson assaulted Clara McInnell. Blind tiger liquor had been flowing freely and the dusky damsel was in high spirits; a few words passed and they flew together. A call for police officers was registered and Sergeant Pitts and his men rushed to the scene. Atkinson responded. The residence of the Atkinsons was surrounded and entered but while Lou's husband entertained the officers she slipped out and made off with him. The night was dark and dreary, and when the officers returned to the police station Baptist John Asbury was covered with mud from his heels to the waistband of his trousers. His shoes looked as if he had walked through Gaston county and back again.

Y. W. C. A. Personal Notes.

Miss Mary Winecoff, who has been at the Y. W. C. A. Home the past week, has gone to Concord for a 10-days visit with her brother.

Mrs. R. Buckley, of Patterson, N. J., left yesterday for Atlanta, Ga. She has been a guest in the Home the past week.

Miss Lillian Hilton Todd left yesterday for Salisbury.

Six of the eight members of the house committee were present yesterday at a called meeting of the committee. The position of matron of the boarding house had not been filled and this selection was the main business of the committee.

Miss Annie Trotter led prayers last evening at the Home speaking on the Apostle Paul. These evening services are a source of strength to all who attend.

Mrs. J. O. Baird, a member of the board of directors of the association, will lead the vesper service to-day at 6 o'clock. Her subject will be "The Secret of Peace." The women of Charlotte are invited to attend this service.

Miss Martha May Carr, who has in charge of the music this past month, may play an instrumental solo and Mr. Moody will sing.

THE MAN AND HIS LABOR.

The Observant Citizen Thinks That a Working Man Should Have a Pastime and When He Becomes Tired Stop and Rest—Story of John Sharpe Williams.

"In your story of to-day, you say that David Bennett Hill is a man without a wife, without a vice and without a pastime," said the observant citizen to an Observer reporter yesterday.

"Yes, that is his present condition." "I think that is pitiful," continued the citizen. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is as old as the hills. So many men know how to labor and, while young, they think little of rest, but these will come a day when the tolling slaves must rest, or die long before their allotted time. I have heard it said that John Sharpe Williams, one of the most brilliant men of the age, has no pastime, no way of recreation. A cousin asked him, one day, why such a fine fellow, with so much sense, should drink and get on little tears, and his frank reply was that he had no other way to rest. That may seem absurd to pure water drinkers but I have seen many such men. The greatest of men should learn to rest as well as work. Take Grover Cleveland, Teddy Roosevelt, John Burroughs, Leon Tolstol and other great men of the time. There is no man of the century who has turned out more good work than Roosevelt, and he has hunted and romped with men of all nations. "Every man should have a pastime. Rest and diversion are conducive to good habits and longevity."

Two Marriage Licenses Issued.

Deputy Register of Deeds Benj. Powell yesterday issued licenses for the marriage of A. Conner, of this city, to Mrs. M. C. Crump and Miss Alice Taylor, of Morning Star township, and Mr. C. B. Wilhelm and Harriet K. Riley.

Spring Suits



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It's about now that all sorts of Spring Suits will be offered at all sorts of prices by all sorts of clothiers. The man who comes here for his suit will surely not go wrong and HE CAN BANK ON IT. Nothing but the best of clothing ever comes in or goes out of this store. The New Spring Styles are now ready in great variety, and we take pleasure in showing them.

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Care Was Given to Each and Every Detail. When we selected our stock of Spring Negligee Shirts. They are now in and ready for your inspection. We have one of the neatest lines of Spring Shirts that we have ever offered to our customers. ALL THE NEWEST STYLES AND COLORS WITH CUFFS ATTACHED AND DETACHED. Prices \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00. Just the thing for particular dressers. LONG-TATE CLOTHING COMPANY

Children's Clothes. On former occasions we have been able to dress the little ones in as stylish and pretty clothes as the manufacturers produced, but they have never produced such stylish, nobby effects as they have for this season. There isn't any reason why anybody's child should look better than your child, and if you let us dress him in a new spring suit, he'll look as "good as the best and better than the rest." There are so many suits that would become your boy that we hardly know what to recommend, but are sure that some of the following will in every way meet your expectations: Plain and Double-Breasted Suits in neat Plaids, Stripes, Scotch and Fancy Worsted. Elegant line of Serges. Beautiful lot of Buster Brown Blouse Suits; sizes 3s to 17s. ED. MELLON CO., Leading Clothiers. Mail Orders Have Prompt Attention.

HELMS' CROUPALINE. An External Remedy. For Croup, Colds and Whooping Cough in children—Colds, Soreness in Chest and Cold in Head in adults. Physicians prescribe it and get the best of results. Don't take any substitutes, as they are not as good. Sold by all druggists. 25c for two-ounce box. J. D. HELMS Mfg. Chemist, 310 South Elm Street, Greensboro, N. C. Opposite McAdoo House.

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