

TWO BOYS DUMB SHOW.

Now Ephraim and Uthman Alexander were together. Each of them was a dumb show. Without a word, a man was going along South Tryon to sup with another man, they saw a boy squatting on his timber toes at Second street, a yard or two from Tryon, his eye screwed at a crack in that board fence opposite the Cramer lot. The two men stopped curiously. "What's the matter with you, Buster?" asked one. The boy made signs and whispered until they understood that something momentous was on hand. But they were pitiless and kept questioning him. Finally he ceased upward and looked cautiously over the fence. "Doesn't he know you are here?" asked one of the men, referring to another boy, who sat on that block of ground 25 steps southward. "I reckon he does, now," said the boy, crestfallen, "since I looked over the fence." He said his name was Uthman Alexander, but no question could get the game out of him. He wouldn't tell. "Nothing," he would reply. The men moved on to the other boy, a ruddy faced fellow, barefooted and healthy. He kept his seat on the granite block, drawing water from the dusty canteen in his toes, half-smiling and half-sneering. "What influence are you under?" a man asked. "That other boy? Have you and he hypnotized each other?" "No, sir," denied Ephraim Alexander, for that was his name—a brother of the other fellow. He went on drawing with his toes. "I told him if he beat me to this rock he might hit me three times. But I beat him and he hid back there and thought I didn't know where he was and was waiting for him." Very likely it is true that Ephraim did not know where his brother was until the men made him discover himself. "Were you to hit him three times. If you beat him? Come, now, isn't that the way it was? I'll bet you've hung back there to let you go on, so he wouldn't have to take the licking. Ain't that so?" Ephraim spraddled his fat toes out and twisted his legs together. "No, sir," he said. But the men were in a hurry. Evidently the kids were up against each other to see which could tough the other out. When last seen they had settled back in their places, as if to say, "This rock shall fly from its firm base as soon as I."

BASEBALL LEAGUE ORGANIZED.

Games Will be Played Four Days in the Week at Wilmore Athletic Field—Teams Divided Into Three Classes. A very interesting meeting was held at the Young Men's Christian Association yesterday afternoon, at which time a baseball league for the boys of the city was organized. The organization will be known as the City Baseball League and its object is to get all teams of the city under one management and thus promote the interests of the game. The league will be under the direct supervision of the boys' department of the Young Men's Christian Association, and managed by a board of management with the following named officers: H. J. Knebel, president; Rev. Frank C. Gentry, vice president; T. J. Hutchison, secretary; C. H. Seibring, treasurer. Officers of the league will officiate at all games. Any team in the city having boys 15 and under may enter the league. There will be three classes, class A, 15 to 18; class B, 13 to 15; class C, 10 to 13. Games will be played on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week at 3 p. m. Each team will play eight games, and at the close of the league competition the awards will be given to the winning teams, and a banquet given. All games will be played on the Wilmore Athletic Field, a block from the car line on South Tryon street. The first game will be played to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock between the D. A. C's and the Conventners.

SANTARIUM FOR BARHUM.

Representative of Northern Company Examining Water and Conditions at the Springs—May Establish Institution There. Mr. Charles H. Towson, of Ohio, representing a Northern company which contemplates the founding of a sanitarium somewhere in this section of the country, is spending a few days at Barium Springs examining the water and conditions there, that being one of the places under consideration for the institution. Mr. Towson has visited a number of locations in the South Atlantic States, among them being several in North and South Carolina. While in Charlotte on route to Barium Springs, he told an observer reporter that after he makes his report on the various places visited the physician who will be manager of the sanitarium will visit the two or three best sites and make the definite selection. The proposed sanitarium, according to Mr. Towson, will not be a charitable institution, but a business enterprise. The institution will be a sort of pleasure resort for sick and tired people. All forms of contagious diseases will be excluded.

STORES TO BE ILLUMINATED.

Twentieth of May to be a Brilliant Celebration. The committee having charge of the electrical display for the Twentieth of May celebration is hard at work. A number of prominent merchants of the city have agreed to have the front of their stores illuminated. The electricity will be furnished free, and the material can be had at cost. The only expense that will have to be borne by the merchants is the cost of material and the connections. The committee has secured a competent electrician who will do the work at a most reasonable price. In this way the expense of the illumination will be reduced to a minimum. Nothing could be done that would add more to the beauty of the celebration than to have all of the stores brightly lighted.

Big Picnic at Great Falls, S. C., May 5th.

There is to be a big picnic at Great Falls, S. C., the 5th of May. For years past it has been the favorite of all the people in the vicinity to gather at this picturesque spot, the first Saturday in May, to have a jolly big time. The indications this year are that the celebration is to be larger than ever. It is not improbable that the Southern and Seaboard will run excursions there on that date.

ABOUT RHEUMATISM.

There are few diseases that inflict more torture than rheumatism and there is probably no disease for which such a varied and useless lot of remedies have been suggested. To say that it can be cured is, therefore, bold. It is to make but Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which enjoys an extensive sale, has met with great success in the treatment of this disease. One application of Pain Balm will relieve the pain, and hundreds of sufferers have been cured by its use. Why suffer from Pain Balm affords such quick relief and cures so many. It is for sale by E. H. Jordan & Co., Druggists.

FIRST COTTON ASSOCIATION.

Formers of Mecklenburg Organized One in 1898—Very Similar to the Present Association. The fact is not generally known that Mecklenburg county was the first in the State to organize a cotton association. In 1898, a number of prominent farmers gathered in the court house and organized what was then known as the Mecklenburg Cotton Growers' Protective Association. A constitution was adopted very similar to the one under which the present cotton association operates. Officers were elected and an executive committee was appointed. Mr. T. M. Shaw was elected president; Mr. R. A. Grier, vice president; and Mr. L. M. McAllister, secretary and treasurer. The executive committee was composed of the following named: Charlotte township, J. C. Dowd; Bushy Hill, H. D. Stover; Steele Creek, W. N. Peoples; Pineville, J. N. Elms; Providence, W. E. Ardrey; Morning Star, J. W. Hood; Clear Creek, Crawford Biggers; Crab Orchard, J. R. Lyle; Dewees, C. E. Host; Mallard Creek, H. W. Robertson; Lemley, H. C. Hubbard; Huntersville, Charles F. Alexander; Paw Creek, Capt. J. T. Clark; Long Creek, J. M. Sample; and Sharon, Walter S. Pharr. The constitution was a very interesting one. The object of the association, as stated in section 2, was to "educate the cotton growers of the county as to their rights and duties, and to devise ways and means for the improvement of their condition." In section 3, it was stated that, in order to arrive at the ends sought for, a thorough organization should be effected, the acreage should be reduced to such a point as to insure a fair average price to every grower, and the association should strive to impress upon its members the following: First, to reduce the cost of production of cotton; second, to practice the principles of thrift and economy which would enable him to escape debt and make his cotton a real money crop; third, to make all his supplies at home to the end that the crop, when produced, may be all his own; fourth, to hold his crop each year until he can sell it to the best advantage; and fifth, to aid in building factories that the home market may be built up for all other farm products. The constitution further provided for the organization of township clubs all over the county. The meeting was under the supervision of the American Cotton Protective Association. Owing to the fact that the people were not educated up to the needs of such an association, it did not prosper. It lived along for some time, and finally disappeared. One thing, however, it did, it prepared the way for the present association and showed to the farmers of the county the need of cooperation.

Snipe Hunters Get Busy.

The snipe hunters, not the fellows that take out greenhorns and leave them standing in some dark, damp place to hold a bag until the cows come home or any old thing happens, but the men who take their guns and go out to kill the little game bird that feeds in the swamps of this section of the country at this time of the year, are getting in their work now. The season is nearing the end but a number of birds were killed last week. The snipe hunter, if he be a successful one, must have an alert eye, a ready gun and an accurate aim. The snipe feeds in grass patches along the edge of ponds and running streams, and, when he scents danger, rises like a little brown colored rocket, turns away and darts out of gun-shot like an arrow. If a hunter gets a dozen in a day's hunt he does well. The dog, unless he be very carefully trained, is not of much service in finding snipe, but if he can be made to follow behind until one is killed he is fine for locating the dead bird. Charlotte has a number of sportsmen who take turns now and then after snipe. A few more of the little birds will be killed this week and then the boys will take a rest.

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