

INTEREST IN BENEFIT CONCERT

All of the Best Musicians in the City Will Take Part—A Fine Programme to be Rendered.

Much interest was manifested yesterday in the benefit concert to be given by the musicians of the city at the Academy of Music to-morrow night.

REV. DR. H. H. HULTEN ACCEPTS.

Will Preach First Sermon at First Baptist Church June 3rd—Letter of Acceptance Received Yesterday.

Rev. Dr. H. H. Hulten, of Kansas City, Mo., has accepted the call recently tendered him by the First Baptist church of this city and will preach his first sermon here the first Sunday in June.

Dr. Hulten was in Charlotte several weeks ago and preached two very fine sermons in the First Baptist church. The people were so pleased that they decided to call him without delay.

The members of the church, as many of them as heard the news yesterday, were jubilant over the coming of Dr. Hulten. They believe that they have found an admirable preacher and pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. Hulten will arrive in the city early in June and will take up their abode in the First Baptist parsonage on North Tryon street.

COL. ASBURY'S NEW TIE.

He is Preparing to Take the City's Donation to California.

Colonel what for all this new necktie here at the shirt of the week? asked a newspaper man of Col. Burkus Asbury, yesterday, as he leaned heavily against the counter post of his office.

"I am preparing for a long trip," said the colonel, "and I want to look nice."

"Yes, I am going to San Francisco."

"Are you not afraid to go there at this time?" was asked.

"Yes, but I think it is my duty. I think the city fathers are going to give me over the donation for the donation to the stricken city. You see it would not be safe to trust that sum of money with the express or telegraph people. I go as a special representative of the authorities."

LOCAL COTTON FIGURES.

Some Comparisons Are Made—Receipts Increasing.

The price of cotton on the local market dropped a quarter of a cent a pound last week and yesterday recovered 15 cent, the market for the week closing at 11.65 cents a pound. The receipts at the city platform yesterday were 62 bales. The receipts for the corresponding date of last year, when the price was 7.60 cents, were 67 bales.

Three weeks ago 1,400 more bales of cotton had been sold this season than for the corresponding period of last season. The receipts have been so light during the last few weeks, however, that the receipts for this and last season now almost exactly correspond. The receipts to date this season have been 16,329 bales; the receipts for the corresponding period of last season were 16,315 bales.

The Relief Fund for San Francisco Sufferers.

Quite a number of new subscriptions were received yesterday for the relief fund for the San Francisco sufferers. Suzie Temple, No. 73, D. O. K. K. yesterday wired Mr. Herman Shaffner, grand keeper of records and seals of the D. O. K. K. for California, to draw on the treasury for \$100. The list, up to date, is as follows:

Table listing donors and amounts for the relief fund: Merchants & Farmers' Bank \$100, Suzie Temple, D. O. K. K. \$100, Mayor S. S. McNeill \$25, H. C. Doiger \$25, Mrs. J. R. Van Ness \$10, C. C. Hook \$5, T. B. Lee \$5, Miss A. N. Knapp \$1, Mr. Gilchrist \$1, Cash \$1, Total \$470.

Deferred Whipping Post to Fine.

The only defendants who were found guilty of the charge against them in the city police court yesterday morning were James Williams and John Hope, two diminutive descendants of African emigrants, were charged with punching each other's face and pulling wool. Their fine was fixed at \$5 each. Green Arnold, another negro youth who had disturbed the peace of mind of John Hope, a companion, was found guilty of an assault and fined \$10 in the case of all three of the defendants. Recorder Stinson agreed to suspend judgment if the respective parents would use the cowhide. The parents gladly agreed and were marched into the lobby, where the job was accomplished to the Queen's taste.

Where Subscriptions May be Made.

At a meeting of the directors of the Charlotte Retail Merchants' Association yesterday, a resolution of sympathy for the sufferers in San Francisco was passed and the request was made that subscriptions be taken up for the benefit of the homeless, all of which to go to what is known as "The San Francisco Relief Fund." Subscriptions will be received at the following places: J. N. Clausland & Co., Stone-Barringer Company, Miller-Van Ness Company, Parker-Gardner Company, W. J. Malone & R. L. Latta, Usher Brothers, Woodall & Simpson, L. E. Hand & Company, E. W. Berryhill, R. H. Jordan & Company, Dilworth Drug Co., J. E. Darby, Palmetto State Co., and the Lufkin Furniture Company.

The Charlotte League Games.

In the second game of the City Baseball League played on the Wilmore grounds yesterday afternoon, the Junior D. A. C's were defeated by the Stars. The score was 15 to 8. Preston Andrews pitched a fine game for the winning team, and Cyrus Long, on first for the D. A. C's, played well.

The schedule for the remaining games of the month is as follows: April 25, Junior Baraca's vs. Convention; April 26, D. A. C's vs. Cotton States Juniors; April 27, Boys Brigade vs. Stars; and April 28, Cotton States Juniors vs. Junior Baraca's. No team will be admitted in the league after May 1.

DRIFTS

A Few Minor Happenings in and About the City.

The Easter music will be repeated at St. Peter's Episcopal church to-day. By request, "The Resurrection" will be repeated by the choir of Tryon street Methodist church to-night. In a game of basket ball at the Y. M. C. A. last night the Joplinites defeated the Invincibles by a score of 35 to 25. The Steel Creek band passed through the city yesterday en route home from the Unionville Academy commencement. Carpenters are at work in the Burwell building, No. 216 South College street, making ready for the new tenants, The Southern Pants Company.

A very enjoyable Victor talking Machine concert was given in the store room of the Charlotte Music Company yesterday afternoon and last night. Messrs. Bonner and Barrowell, manufacturers of pure oak tanned short lap leather belting, have moved into their offices at No. 27 East Fourth street.

The first regular meeting of the Textile Social Club will be held in the assembly room of the Southern Manufacturers Club to-morrow evening at 8.30 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Mr. David Simpson has resigned his position with the Southern Express Company to accept one with Swift & Company. Mr. Simpson will have charge of the office of Swift & Company at Greenville, S. C.

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Ross took place at the First Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, the services being conducted by Rev. Dr. J. R. Howerton. The interment was made in Elmwood cemetery.

An important meeting of the Knights of Columbus was held Tuesday night in the Catholic parish hall. Plans are to be discussed and arrangements made for the big ceremonial session which is to be held in the city in May.

Miss A. V. Nealon, who has been here for two years, employed as a telegraph operator and boarding at the home of L. J. B. Alexander, will leave in a day or two for Toxaway, where she will have charge of the local telegraph office.

"The Resurrection" will be given by the Tryon Street Methodist church this evening by the choir assisted by local talent. Those who failed to hear "The Resurrection" when given some time ago will have that opportunity this evening.

North Carolina is stepping forward in the insurance business now and it has been suggested that there should be a Tar Heel insurance newspaper. Every prominent State has such a paper and the Old North State should bestir herself.

In a game of baseball at Piedmont Park yesterday afternoon the team from the Continental Mills defeated the team from the Cole Manufacturing Company by a score of 10 to 2. The same teams will play next Saturday at the Continental Mills.

The open tennis tournament for the Southern championship, under the auspices of the Atlanta Athletic Club, will be held on the 25th, 26th and 27th of July. A number of Charlotte racket swingers will attend the contests if they do not enter them.

The April criminal term of the Mecklenburg Superior Court will convene to-morrow morning. There are about 75 cases on the docket. About 30 prisoners are in the county jail awaiting trial at the term, at which Judge H. R. Bryan, of Newbern, will preside.

Rev. H. M. Parker, of the Charlotte Presbyterian, will preach at Bank's church in Union county to-day. Mr. Parker is visiting in Charlotte and has been held with a view to accepting a call to fill the place left vacant by the resignation of Dr. H. C. Mack some time ago.

The will of the late Mr. William McCall was admitted to probate before Clerk of the Superior Court J. A. Russell yesterday afternoon. The entire estate, consisting of a farm and equipment in Moring Star township, was left to the widow, Mrs. Frances M. McCall.

Col. Peg Leg Graham is in the throes of the chills. He has had a relapse on the shakers, and as the town is dry he remains in bed. "Peg Leg" gets what comfort and consolation he can from Sam and Tom, those sorrowful mules, that carried '63, '64 and '65 down to the Hilton place one afternoon.

Tryon street, for about two blocks in either direction from Independence Square presents a pretty ragged appearance. Many signs and a force of hands are overhauling the east side of South Tryon; another force is constructing new gutters and curbs on North Tryon and the 4's have a force of men erecting steel trolley poles which will take the place of the sagging poles now in use.

Skipped His Bond.

Special to The Observer. Reidsville, April 21.—A true bill was found against S. T. Mills, of Caswell, at this week's term of Superior Court. They defendant skipped and has not been located. Mr. Mills was under a \$500 bond for killing, Walter Mills, who formerly worked with him.

DEVIL'S ISLAND TORTURE.

Is no worse than the terrible case of Piles that afflicted me 16 years. Then I was advised to apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and less than a box permanently cured me. E. Knapler, of Rugles, Ky. Heals all wounds, Burns and Blisters like magic. See at R. H. Jordan & Co., druggists.

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Drop in and see them.

Houston, Dixon & Co.

Book, Stationery and Art Store.

SONGS, MERRY AND SAD.

"37."

Where the rails converge to the station yard She stands one moment, breathing hard,

And then, with a snort and a clang of steel, She settles her strength to the stubborn wheel

And out, through the tracks that lead astray, Cautiously, slowly she picks her way

And gathers her muscle and guards her nerve, When she swings her nose to the westward curve,

And takes the grade, which slopes to the sky, With a bound of speed and a conquering cry.

The hazy horizon is all she sees, Nor cares for the meadows, stirred with bees,

Nor the long straight stretches of silent land, Nor the ploughman that shades his eye with his hand,

Nor the cot's and hamlets that know no more Than a shriek and a flash and a flying roar;

But, bearing her tidings, she trembles and throbs, And laughs in her throat, and quivers and robs,

And the fire in her heart is a red core of heat That drives like a passion through forest and street.

Till she sees the great ship in their harbor at rest, And sniffs at the trail to the end of her quest.

If I were the driver who handles her reins Up hill and down hill and over the plains,

To watch the slow mountains give back in the west, To know the new reaches that wait every crest,

To hold, when she awakes, with a confident clutch, And feel how she shivers and springs to the touch,

With the snow on her back and the sun in her face And nothing but time as a quarry to chase,

I should grip hard my teeth, and look where she led, And brace myself stooping, and give her her head,

And urge her, and soothe her, and serve all her need, And rejoice in her thrill and her thunder of speed.

TWO METHODS.

I'm 'feared young miss is gwine to die, Because she's turnt so white, En a cull's look been in her eye, En she scacely eats a bite,

En work don't 'pear to heat her blood, En restin' hit don't do no good, En I 'ud make her, if I could, Sleep some mo' at night.

I sholy would n' have no man, 'F 'e 's gwine trouble me, 'I'd up on take him by de han', 'Er 'I'd let him take a tree, When me en Silas 'greed to jine, We din have time to put en pine, Dat same night's moon, hit seed us gwine.

To A. E. Shaw, J. P. JOHN CHARLES McNEILL.

Tags bearing the inscription "If you want to vote pay your poll tax" have been posted all over the city. Things are getting "warmed up" for the election, evidently.

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Wear a Dunlap Hat and enjoy that comfortable feeling of knowing you're wearing the correct hat?

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Queen City Dyeing and Cleaning Works

MRS. J. M. HESTER, Proprietress.

Davidson, N. C., March 18, 1906, R. F. D. No. 25.

About five months before the birth of my first child I was taken with some blood trouble, which the doctors said was dropsical in its nature. My some blood trouble, which the doctors nounced it dropsy, and said my blood had turned almost absolutely to water. My whole body was fearfully swollen and when I would press upon it the dent would remain, as if so it were known in dropsy. The doctors' treatment did not do one particle of good, and at the birth of my child I had convulsions and was critically ill, and for weeks I was very low. When I got up I was in a fearfully weak condition and still suffered from that dropsical trouble. This remained my condition until a few months before the birth of my second child. I then determined to quit doctors' treatment and bought one dozen bottles of Mrs. Joe Persons' Remedy and when I took it, by the time I finished the dozen bottles, every indication of that dropsical trouble had disappeared, and my health was good. At the birth of my second child my condition was natural, and I was soon up and well, and my health has remained so ever since. Before the birth of my third child, I again took a dozen bottles, and never had a touch of that dropsical affection, and had a healthy, natural outcome as was possible. I do not believe that there is another medicine in the world its equal, and no one need hesitate to try it—only takes enough to counteract the acid in the blood and it will cure. It is a grand medicine.

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We will accept coupons given by any piano firm as a portion of the first cash payment on a new Artistic Steiff, Shaw, or any new piano we sell. If you wish to buy in the future, send in your due bills and we will issue our own due bill, good whenever you are ready to buy.

Chas. M. Stieff,

Manufacturer of the Piano With the Sweet Tone Southern Warerom: West Trade Street, CHARLOTTE - - - N. C. C. H. WILMOTH, Mgr. 5 West Trade Street.

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TAKE a look at our Straws and Panamas—one of the swellest lines we have ever displayed. It's necessary to keep a cool head this kind of weather, an onde of the ways to do it is to wear one of our good breeze-wafting

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