

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. W. L. Hand and children, who have been visiting in Chester and Yorkville, S. C., have returned to the city. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lambeth leave to-day for Wrentsville, where they will spend several weeks. Mrs. J. A. Dorritze has returned to the city after a visit of several weeks in Virginia. Miss Johnnie Bacon will leave to-morrow night for New York to spend the summer with relatives. Miss Annie Boney has returned to the city after a short visit to relatives in Chester and Yorkville, S. C. Miss Jessie Willis leaves this morning for Salisbury to visit relatives and friends. Mrs. C. G. McManaway returns this week from Hiddente, where she has been spending several weeks. Miss Beatrice Blake is visiting relatives in Maxton. Messdames C. C. Kennedy and T. L. Davis attended the Stokes-Sifford wedding in Yorkville, S. C., Tuesday night. Miss Susie Russell of Rockingham, is visiting Miss Shirley Ross, on North Church street. Miss Gladys Withers, of Charlotte, S. C., is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. E. McCuen, on East avenue. Miss Annie Louise Hutchison, who has been visiting Miss Louise Daniels in Winston-Salem, is expected to return to the city the last of this week. Miss Grace Kirk, of Mallard Creek, spent yesterday in the city shopping. Mrs. S. L. Hoover, of Pineville, was a Charlotte visitor yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. B. Alexander, Jr., and Misses Violet and Julia Alexander will leave next week for Atlantic City, N. J., where they will spend some time. Mrs. R. M. Gray, of Mooresville, is visiting Mrs. Alexander Martin, at Dilworth. Mrs. R. E. Conner is visiting relatives and friends at McAdenville. Mrs. Heriot Clarkson and children left yesterday morning for Wrightsville Beach, where they will spend some time. Mrs. W. B. Hamilton left yesterday morning for Unionville, S. C., where, last evening, she attended the wedding of her brother-in-law, Mr. C. E. Hamilton, and Miss Bertha Secret. The young couple passed through the city last night en route for the West on their bridal trip. Misses Annie and Joanna Clark will leave this morning for Hiddente, where they will spend some time. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lambeth will leave this morning for Wrightsville Beach, where they will spend two or three weeks. Mrs. O. P. Hooper will go to Cleveland Springs Saturday. Misses Willie and Alice Baskerville have returned to their home in Mecklenburg county, Va., after a visit at the home of Capt. and Mrs. J. G. Baskerville, on North Tryon street. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Johnston are moving from their former residence No. 806 North Tryon to their new home at No. 511 North Tryon. Miss Rachael Howerton has returned home after her visit to Miss Anna Morrison, at Mariposa. Mrs. H. A. London, Jr., yesterday entertained the Wednesday Morning Bridge Whist Club at her home on East Morehead street. Mrs. S. B. Jones won the first prize and Mrs. W. S. Liddell the second. Those present were: Messdames John M. Scott, L. A. Dowsorth, H. S. Bryan, W. S. Liddell, S. B. Jones, Fred W. Glover, Paul Chatham, J. A. Solomons and Miss Margaret Thurmond. Mrs. R. M. Brannon will entertain at cards at her home at Dilworth to-morrow afternoon in compliment to Misses Myrtle Rutherford and Minnie Lucas, of Athens, Ga. Miss Rutherford is visiting at the home of Mr. Jordan S. Thomas. Miss Lucas is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. C. Bussey. Mrs. Frank R. McNeill returned home last night after her visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Groome, in Guilford county. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Ruth Groome. Little Miss Walter Isaac left for her home in Chester, S. C., last evening, after a short visit to her cousin, Miss Frank Hoover. Mr. and Mrs. C. N. G. Butt left yesterday for Cleveland Springs, where they will spend several days. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Gaffney are visiting relatives in Shelby. Miss Cornie Fore entertained yesterday morning in honor of her guest, Miss Louise Beery, of Wilmington. The invited guests were Misses Emily Holt, Julia Irwin, Margaret Haughton, Helen Eddy, Annie Louise Hutchison, Alice Moore, Camille Durham, Mary Johnston, Polly Shan-nonhouse, Louise Miller, Jean Dowd, Adelaide Orr, Cammie Rodman, Nancy Brown, Louise Beery, Maud McKinnon, Laurie Spong, Minta Jones, Lella Beatty, Margaret Reese and Martha Howell. Miss Nell Orr will leave to-day for Gastonia to visit her cousin, Miss Rosebud Adams. Miss Rob Miller, of Pineville, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. C. M. Strong, on South Tryon street. Miss Mary Ranson, of Spartanburg, S. C., is spending a few days with her grandmother, Mrs. J. J. Ranson, on North Graham street. Mr. E. N. Hunter and bride, nee Neal, of Starkville, Miss., will spend a few hours in the city to-night en route North on their honeymoon. Miss Mamie Walsh, of Cheraw, S. C., is visiting Mrs. H. H. Harper, on East avenue. Mrs. T. J. Matthews is spending several days with her mother, Mrs. Gessie Kirkpatrick, in Sharon township. Mrs. Hugh Miller, is visiting relatives and friends in Monroe. Mrs. Sam Husy will leave to-mor-

row for Brooklyn, where she will spend the summer. Mrs. W. F. Dowd and children will leave Friday night for Wrightsville Beach, where they will spend two or three weeks at the Hotel Tarrymore. Miss Eunice Henderson, of Mint Hill, will go to Pineville to-day to be the guest of Miss McWhirter. Miss Henderson will be a bridesmaid at the Culp-McWhirter wedding next Tuesday. Mrs. L. C. Caldwell and Master Joe Caldwell, were guests in the city yesterday. Miss Lou Davis, of Mint Hill, is spending the summer at Waynesville. Miss Jennie Davis, of Mint Hill, is visiting her sisters, Messdames S. L. Hoover and T. R. Garrison, in Pineville. THE LENGTH OF A MULE. United States Court Occupied With Grave Inquiry Yesterday—Great Solemnity and Keen Interest in Testimony of Five Witnesses as to How Long a Mule Is. The case of E. M. Spoon against the Southern Railway Company was argued yesterday before the United States Court. The train had run against Spoon's wagon and knocked him up into the air. The railroad contended that there was plenty of room for him and his team between the main track and the spur track, namely, 23 feet. It was no trouble to get the length of the wagon, but that of the mules was of another color. Capt. Geo. F. Bacon, for the railroad, put up five witnesses, among them some negroes, and failed to elicit even an opinion as to how long a mule is. They all confessed their ignorance, white and negro. "I don't ask you," the captain explained to the witness, "how long a mule is from his nose to the end of his tail, nor from the end of his tail to the tip of which ever ear he thrusts forward; what I ask you is your best idea of a mule's length from his nose, between his ears, to the root of his tail. What is your opinion?" Col. Kirkpatrick was diligent in cross-examination. "If you had mule at hand and were going to measure him," he asked a colored witness, "where would you stand?" "Anywhere," said the negro, "except at his hind end." Both Capt. Bacon and Judge Boyd were in the mule pen last night to get the benefit of reportorial omniscience. Not a reporter present was able to clear the query, and William, the club doorkeeper, admitted, "Judge, hit's too hard a question for dis hyuh po' nigger." Anyhow, the jury turned in a verdict against the road for \$2,000. "I lost the case," said Capt. Bacon, "because I didn't know and couldn't prove the length of a mule. By gosh, if I had known how big a sigger it was going to cut I would have got J. W. Dowsorth or Charlie or some of them as witnesses, who are experts on the length of a mule. The jury system is the darnedest fraud in existence. Because there was 23 feet between them tracks and I failed to show how long a mule is that crowd of fellows, who have looked against a mule all their lives, found against me. Don't you reckon that any man on that panel knew that 23 feet gives plenty of room for a mule to get in? I didn't see any great story by the point: I thought I had just as well hunt witnesses to prove that the sun shines at noon as to prove the length of a mule, ders it all! But these dern hoodlums will put expenses on the railroad anyhow. And people keep asking, 'Why do you want to move from the State to the Federal Courts?' Don't they know that all these State people are politicians and have to get up against the campaign, and that the Federal people have got a life-time job of it? When the Federal people get seventy, why, they can go a-nehin'. The length of a mule! Gosh dern it all!" IN THE CITY POLICE COURT. Negro Fined for Threshing His Better Half—Prescription Drunk \$20. The case of paramount interest in the city police court yesterday morning was that of Lonnie Giles, who was charged with administering more corporal punishment to his better half than the law allows. Rena Giles, the unfortunate spouse, acknowledged that sometimes when Lonnie slapped her she deserved it, but insisted that she "didn't need killin'." Lonnie was fined \$2.50 and the costs for his offense. Louise Campbell, the big, double-jointed negro hauled in by Patrolman Blum in the previous day, was found guilty of a prescription drunk and he was taxed with the usual fine for that species of drunk, \$20. J. S. Wilson, who had gotten on a nice, quiet sort of spree the night before, was allowed to go upon payment of the costs. MORE THAN \$700 WORTH OF GLASS. A citizen of Greensboro who was in the city yesterday said that the hail-storm that visited the Gate City a few days ago broke every one of the several thousand panes of glass at the J. Van Lindley Nursery. "The glass broken at this nursery alone was worth more than \$700," declared the Greensboro man. "Every sky-light in town was smashed out."

IN THE DISTRICT COURT. Mr. E. M. Spoon, Who Was Suing the Southern for \$20,000, Awarded \$2,000—The Case of C. B. Simmerman vs. the Southern Railway Company Taken Up. In the District Court yesterday afternoon the case of E. M. Spoon vs. the Southern Railway Company was finished, and, after the adjournment of court, the jury returned a verdict awarding the plaintiff damages in the sum of \$2,000. Mr. Spoon was suing for \$20,000 on account of injuries he received at the hands of the railroad. While driving across the tracks of the Southern near the Southern Cotton Oil Company's plant, south of the city, Mr. Spoon was struck by a train and, as he claims, permanently injured. The case was begun Monday afternoon and the plaintiff was represented by Clarkson & Duls and Mc-Ninch & Kirkpatrick. After the Spoon case was finished yesterday the case of C. B. Simmerman vs. the Southern Railway Company was taken up. Mr. Simmerman is suing for \$5,000 on account of injuries he received while working in the shops of the defendant company at Spencer. While at work in the shops the floor fell through and Simmerman was precipitated to the ground, lacerating and tearing away the calf of his leg. The next case to be taken up is that of L. Heilig against the Southern, in which the plaintiff is suing for \$5,000. DISTRICT CONFERENCE TO MEET. Session Will be at Harrison Church, Near Pineville, July 26th-29th—Rev. J. E. Thompson to Preside. The Charlotte District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be held this year at Harrison church, on the Pineville circuit. Rev. C. M. Pickett is pastor of this charge, and he will look well after the members of the Conference and all who attend. The conference will commence July 26th and continue until the 29th. Rev. J. E. Thompson will preside over the conference, and in addition to the pastors and lay delegates from each pastorate charge in the district, there will be representatives of the conference schools and the conference paper present. Unfortunately for these representatives, four of the eleven district conferences of the Western North Carolina Conference will be in session at the same time. These are the Waynesville, Winston, Salisbury and Charlotte district conferences. There was an effort made several years ago, at the annual conference, to pass a resolution which would prevent any conflict in the date of meetings of the various district conferences, but this resolution was not adopted. FUNERAL OF MRS. B. J. HOLLIMAN. The funeral services of Mrs. B. J. Holliman, who died suddenly Sunday night at her home at Columbia, S. C., were conducted at Brevard Street Methodist church yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock by Revs. L. A. Falls and W. L. Nicholson. The interment was in Elmwood Cemetery.

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