

THE MULE-BACK RIDERS.

They Come From South Carolina—No Visitors Ever Attracted More Attention to the Hazy, Foggy Past the Hazy Past.

Several days ago a pair of ancient-looking white men, mounted on a couple of little black mules, rode into the city early in the morning and out again late in the afternoon; they came in West Trade and went out South Tryon.

John McKinnon Alexander, who has Charlotte people been more interested in two men than they were those fellows, who looked like twin brothers, wore long hair and rode saddles without stirrups and bushy-tailed mules.

"Did you see those woolly fellows riding a pair of unique-looking mules the other day?" asked an Observer man of Baptist John Asbury, of the police force.

"No, but Youngblood can tell you about them. They are from his old neighborhood."

The Observer man called on Patrolman Youngblood and had his curiosity gratified.

The gentlemen in question are Messrs. Jeff and Lewis Wilson, two farmers who live just across the line in South Carolina. They are very peculiar men. They spend most of their time at their home, mind their own business and let other folks alone. Their neighbors like them.

REV. MR. ELGAR AT Y. M. C. A. He Will Preach on "Gates of Brass and Bars of Iron."

Rev. Thomas Elgar, the prison evangelist of New York city, will be the speaker this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Young Men's Christian Association.

The subject of Rev. Mr. Elgar's address will be "Gates of Brass and Bars of Iron." Mr. Elgar comes to the city with "the best references from both press and pulpit, and those who are fortunate enough to hear him this afternoon will undoubtedly be much profited."

The following from The Record, of Wilkesbarre, Penn., will prove of interest: "Of prison life, its consequences and its broken hearts, Thomas Elgar spoke in the Memorial Presbyterian church last night. Not many men are gifted with the talent of forming words into such eloquent sentences and uttering them with so captivating an expression as he. His place is eminently in the pulpit, where he has the power of touching an audience as much with elocution as with eloquence."

The service this afternoon will begin at 5 o'clock and all men are invited. Strangers in the city will be especially welcome.

St. Peter's Sunday School Programme The St. Peter's Episcopal Sunday school has arranged a highly interesting programme for the services this afternoon which begin promptly at 4 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend. The programme follows:

Opening hymn, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War." Lesson, creed, canticles and prayers. Hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." Solo, "The King of Son My Shepherd Is." Gounod; Miss Mary Harrison, organist.

Roll Call. Lesson Study. Address by rector. Offertory Solo. Closing Prayers. Hymn, "Once in Royal David's City."

Mr. Charles R. Maddock Here. Mr. Charles R. Maddock, of Philadelphia, Penn., arrived in the city yesterday and is a guest of the Buford.

Mr. Maddock has been for 20 years an inspector in the purchasing branch of the War Department, and is here to inspect the mattress factory of the Southern Cotton Oil Company. It will be remembered that the Southern Cotton Oil Company is making 10,000 elastic felt mattresses for the War Department. Mr. Maddock is very much pleased with the splendid equipment of the Charlotte concern and is perfectly satisfied in the manner in which this big order is being handled.

IN COUNTY SCHOOL CIRCLES.

New \$2,000 School Building at Dixie to be Dedicated the 11th Instant With Elaborate Exercises—The Last Log Cabin—North Carolina Day to be Observed the 14th.

The new school building at Dixie, Berryhill township, will be formally dedicated Tuesday, the 11th instant. This building cost about \$2,000 and is one of the neatest rural school buildings in the county. The Dixie camp of Woodmen of the World supplied \$500 of the building fund for the privilege of using the auditorium on the second floor as a meeting place for the camp.

The exercises Tuesday will consist of an educational address by a well-known speaker; an address by Mr. E. B. Lewis, of Winston, one of the best known Woodmen in the State; the observance of North Carolina Day by the school; a picnic dinner on the grounds, and the presentation to the school by the Junior Order United American Mechanics of a Bible and flag.

North Carolina Day will be generally observed by the schools throughout the county Friday, the 14th instant. Some of the schools will have more than the official programme for the day, having speeches, etc., and inviting all the patrons of the schools and others to be present.

Mecklenburg county has now passed the day of the log-cabin school house. The last building of this type used for school purposes was in district No. 5, Berryhill township. This building, with the site, was sold by County Superintendent of Education R. J. Cochran yesterday to Mr. J. H. Bigham, the consideration being \$60. The material is on the ground for a neat new building to replace the log-cabin.

Every school in the county, with one exception, is now supplied with teachers. Mr. F. A. Hamilton has taken the school at Arlington, Clear Creek township, having opened it last Monday. Miss May Price, of Steele Creek township, will open Lucky school, in Long Creek township, tomorrow.

WILLIAM IN A BAD WAY. He Thinks the White People Are Plotting Against the Blacks—Farmers Chase Him When He Goes Gunning.

Last night, while the votes in the Chronicle contest were being counted a Mule Pen regular passed out into the street by the hallway of the Southern Manufacturer's Club, where William Gorrell is monarch of all he surveys. On observing that the face of the well-known door-keeper was lit longer and darker than usual the Observer man tarried to ask: "What ails you to-day, William?"

"I was des thinkin', thinkin'," said William, "I was des thinkin' 'bout 'em." "What makes you look so blue?" "O, I went huntin' dis mornin' an' every time I put my foot down some man would say 'git off! git off! Move on!'"

"Do white folks is disfranchised nigger; dey's posted doper lands agin him; so he can't vote; can't hunt, can't pick blackberries or gather 'simmons to make beer."

"I don't know what's goin' to happen next. Dis here stenshun bizness don't suit me. It's somefin agin de nigger. I can't see into it now, but it's agin de nigger."

"I des know dis, dat de piecemen goes too far out in de fo'rd ward now and de fire waggins don't go far aft. If er nigger gets in a night any where in de county de piecemen will go out an' git 'em, dat is if dey don't hide under a barrel or jump behind a log, but ef de fire bell rings an' de piecemen's houses is burnin' de nigger's crops at de bridge an' looks on. I say let the piecemen stay in an' send de firemen out."

"You are grumpy to-night, William. You have been eating ham."

DEATH OF MRS. C. B. SIKES. The End Came Yesterday Afternoon at Her Home on Brevard Street—The Funeral To-Day.

Mrs. C. B. Sikes, wife of Depot Policeman Sikes, died at her home on North Brevard street yesterday afternoon. She had been seriously ill for several months.

Amusements

The Canon Stock Company will open a week's engagement at the Academy of Music to-morrow with entire new shows, special scenery and specialties. This company has some of the latest and best plays in its repertoire and will no doubt give the best of satisfaction. The opening bill, "The Moonshiner's Daughter," is a four-act comedy drama and is said to be one of the best bills in the company. The usual conditions, ladies free, with one paid admission, will be recognized Monday night.

Creston Clarke comes to the Academy on Monday, the 16th instant, in "The Ragged Messenger." This is one of the best attractions at the Academy during December.

Harry Bulger, in "The Man from Now," will appear at the Academy soon. Black Patti will be seen in this city soon.

Among the big attractions at the Academy soon will be Lillian Russell in her new play, "The Lion and the Mouse" which will appear at the Academy next month.

Robert Eddins, in "Strongheart," will be here shortly with "original company."

MISS BURNS GETS THE CAR. The Evening Chronicle Subscription Contest Closes—Miss Bernice Burns of Wadesboro, the Winner of the Cadillac Car—The Other Prize Winners—Almost Five Million Votes Cast.

No contest has been held in Charlotte in recent years which excited greater interest than The Evening Chronicle subscription contest, which closed last evening. The prizes were larger, the struggle fiercer and the interest more intense than ever before.

The first prize was a fine Cadillac car costing \$500, which was to be awarded to the lady receiving the largest number of votes. The issue was in doubt until the last moment last night. By polling a total of 1,063,725 votes Miss Bernice Burns of Wadesboro, was the fortunate young lady, securing this gift. The other prize winners were as follows:

In district No. 1, Mrs. W. E. Long, who resides at No. 602 North Poplar street, received \$56,147 votes and has the choice of trips either to Bermuda or New York. Miss Anna Twelvetrees, who lives at No. 803 North Tryon street, secured 149,252 votes and has the choice of a watch or a scholarship. Miss Julia Minish, of North Church street, secured 133,609 votes and is entitled to the remaining prize.

In district No. 2, Mrs. E. Nye Hutchison secured 256,664 votes and has the choice of the trips. Miss Julia Grey, with 229,156 votes, received the choice of a watch or scholarship. Miss Dullin Eddins, with 142,632 votes secures the remaining prize.

In district No. 3, Miss Maggie Wilkinson, with 66,838 votes, secures the trip. Miss Alma Coffin, with 21,693 votes, receives the choice of the watch or scholarship. Miss Fannie Andrews with 17,878 votes, receives the remaining prize.

In district No. 4, Miss Carrie Lawson, of Severville, with 99,727 votes, receives the trip. Miss Minnie Cathey, of Davidson with 23,000 votes, receives the choice of the watch or scholarship and Miss Bernice Stewart, of Matthews, with 17,569 votes, receives the remaining prize.

In district No. 5, Miss Pearl Council, of Gastonia, with 234,160 votes, receives the trip. Miss Rosa Abernethy of Gastonia with 90,902 votes, receives the choice of the watch or scholarship and Miss Nannie Lee Nisbet, of Mooreville, with 88,801 votes, receives the remaining prize.

In district No. 6, Mrs. J. F. Scott, of Chester, S. C., with 754,135 votes, receives the trip. Miss Hallie Horne, of Monroe, with 99,933 votes, receives the choice of the watch or scholarship and Miss Frances Harris of Fort Mill S. C., with 65,855 votes, receives the remaining prize.

THE SINS OF THE FATHER.

A Good Play That Would Make Good in the Hands of a Strengthened Company.

"The Sins of the Father," a new play by M. Douglas Flatery, was presented to two rather small audiences at the Academy of Music yesterday. The play is a pretty good production and, in the hands of a more capable company, would make good. As presented yesterday, however, it was rather ragged, besides being a little too melodramatic for a Charlotte audience.

However, several members of the cast showed strength in their roles and their work was not unappreciated. Leonard Shepherd and C. A. Morton, in the roles of Robert Coyle and Samuel Leavett, were good, especially Shepherd. The rest of the parts were passable, except that of Faith Mather, taken by Miss Lucile Nelson. This is supposed to be the leading role and there are opportunities for some nice work, but — there will have to be a change of the leading lady before any audience will enjoy "The Sins of the Father."

The performance last night was the third given by the company. It having opened Wednesday, and considering this fact, the play went very smoothly—except the cumbersome work in the leading role.

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