

THE Y. M. C. A. SUM \$11,283

COLLECTORS ARE DOING WELL. The first day in the field brought good results. The amount yet to be subscribed is \$28,717. The net gain of yesterday amounted to \$1,283. A list of the names of those who have already given to the fund—the showing of each committee—follows on the campaign.

The remarkable success of the first day's canvass of the campaign committee of the Y. M. C. A. resulted in the large sum of \$1,283. This, in addition to the amount previously announced, \$6,000, makes a total of \$7,283. The members of the campaign committee feel greatly encouraged at the surprising result of the first of the 14 days' canvass. If the present interest is maintained and the membership of the association are enabled to see all who wish the movement success it is evident that the members of the board of directors and trustees will be called upon to make good their promise to give the \$20,000 if the citizens would contribute \$40,000 in fourteen days.

Table with 2 columns: Name/Committee and Amount. Includes 'The monster clock this morning registers \$11,000, and is the centre of all attention at Independence Square.' and 'The citizens' committee reported by sub-committees as follows:'

The list of contributors previous to the Governor's banquet and announced on the 22nd of January is as follows: Messrs. S. W. Cramer, Jr., George Howell, W. E. Holt, J. A. Durham, F. C. Abbott, George Stephens, W. F. Dowd, Mrs. G. B. Hanna, B. D. Heath, D. A. Tompkins, J. H. Weaver, D. L. Probert, Julian H. Little, A. G. Brenner, Robert Glasgow, Jr., J. M. Harry, A. G. Craig, J. H. Ross, S. S. McNinch, J. B. Ivey, G. H. Brockenbrough, Heriot Clarkson and G. W. Tillett.

The fund of contributors to the building fund of the Y. M. C. A. reported at the committee luncheon yesterday is as follows: Chase Brenner, S. A. Abbey, I. W. Murphy, N. J. Kabet, T. H. Tatum, W. H. Morrison, R. H. Trotter, A. B. Craig, F. R. Kose, W. B. Bradford, M. H. Spier, C. A. Duckworth, F. E. Walker, R. C. Hutterstein, A. M. Craig, G. W. Pressley, M. E. Trotter, J. W. Jamieson, E. M. Bell, C. H. Robinson, C. E. Water, E. R. Bucher, R. P. Connelly, B. R. Cates, F. H. Jones, R. W. Mitchell, Dr. I. W. Faison, Jerome Dowd, J. A. Jones, Willis Brown, J. A. Henderson, W. D. Alexander, J. J. Adams, E. P. Tingley, Peter S. Gilchrist, G. H. Bellinger, C. B. Bryant and J. R. Alexander.

The campaign committee is evidently taking its duties very seriously, judging by the many means of informing the passer-by as to the place of their headquarters and the state of the new building fund. The headquarters of the committee is in the Y. M. C. A. building on South Tryon street and it is made known to every one on the street by a great sign 10 by 20 feet, which hangs high in the air and in the center of the street, and announces in large letters "Headquarters Y. M. C. A. Building Campaign."

On the Jordan corner of Independence Square a monster clock, a facsimile of which appears in today's paper, is seen by every one crossing this intersection of the two busiest avenues of the city. This clock is 12 feet in diameter, though it appears smaller because of the height of its position.

The daily rallies are also unique features in the campaign. In an improvised dining room in the old building, at 1 o'clock sharp, prominent business men of both the older and younger sets may be seen eating a hurried luncheon and listening to reports which are frequently greeted with bursts of applause. Photographers at the ends of the tables take the names of canvassers as they are assigned names of citizens by those who run over hurriedly the long lists of people to be seen. A man at a blackboard marks up the returns of the day as they are reported. Immediately after work is assigned the meeting breaks up until 1 o'clock the following day. The room looks like a cross between a railway lunch room at train time and a city stock exchange on a busy day.

Mr. H. M. Victor's Father Dead. News was received in Charlotte yesterday of the death of Mr. H. C. Victor, the father of Mr. H. M. Victor, which occurred Thursday night at his home at Lynchburg, Va. Mr. H. M. Victor was with his father at the end, having left several days ago, accompanied by his wife. Mr. Victor was about 70 years old and had been in ill health for some time.

Suing for \$150 for Killing of Horse. Mr. F. C. Arant, represented by McNinch & Kirkpatrick, has instituted action in a suit against the Southern Railway Company for \$150 on account of the killing of a fine horse belonging to the plaintiff by a train on the Southern.

RECIPROCAL DEMURRAGE BILL.

The Asheville Lumber Exchange Will Ask the Legislature to Pass Such a Bill—The Proposed Bill is Given Here. The Asheville Lumber Exchange has formulated a bill relating to freight car demurrage, the purpose of which seems to be to require a shipper to unload a car promptly or pay \$5 per day demurrage. And on the other hand, require the railroad to furnish and move a car promptly or pay \$5 per day for demurrage.

The following is a circular letter sent out accompanying this bill: "Dear Sir:—As directed by the vote of the Lumber Exchange, we, the undersigned committee, enclose herewith a copy of a proposed act which this Legislature will be asked to enact, relative to reciprocal demurrage charges. Should the bill fail to pass, it is proposed that authority be given to the corporation commission to amend its present rules and enforce the rules submitted herewith.

"You will note first, that a penalty of \$5.00 is provided for failure of shipper or consignee to load or unload a car promptly and a like penalty for failure of the railroad companies to furnish cars, or move them with reasonable promptness, etc., and second, that said penalties are to be instantly payable or collectable at the station where the business is handled. At present the railroads demand and collect their demurrage and it is right that shippers should be able to do the same without delay on the part of the railroad.

The charge of \$1.00 per day under present rules is not a penalty and does not serve its purpose—that of keeping cars moving. It is a well known fact that cars are often held for storage purposes to the delay of traffic in general until several thousand cars have been idle on a charge of \$1.00 per day. Railroad officials admit this to be a fact.

"You are requested to send this copy of the proposed act to your representative in the Legislature at once, with a strong letter endorsing same. We take it for granted that you will endorse this proposed act, for you have no doubt suffered like ourselves and will heartily support this reasonable and equitable bill which our members feel will go a long way toward remedying the intolerable freight service under which all are and have been suffering.

"You are also requested to send our exchange a copy of your letter, together with any changes or additions you would suggest in the bill, that we may have all possible information for the use of a committee we propose to send to Raleigh in the interest of this act.

"Additional copies furnished on request. "We trust you will take immediate and continual action in this matter, for in this way only can the desired results be obtained. (Signed) "J. M. BURNS, "C. H. HOBBS, "W. B. McEWEN, "Committee."

A copy of the bill and letter are being sent to business men in the State, soliciting support of the bill before the Legislature.

The proposed bill also requires the railroad to move freight cars at the average rate of 50 miles a day.

EARLY POLITICAL GOSSIP.

Mr. McNinch is all Right for Mayor, But There Must be Some Changes Among the Aldermen—Prohibition is a Fixture and Men Will be the Issue in the Spring Campaign.—A Citizen Who Likes to Talk Tells a Newspaper Man a Few Things of Interest.

"I am looking forward to a good time in the spring," said a Charlotte politician to an Observer man yesterday. "Things begin to bear the right color. We have settled the liquor question forever, now we are looking for men instead of measures. Prohibition is working like a charm if we can get rid of the few over-zealous specialists. If the over-zealous doctors can be curbed we will glide smoothly on for two years."

INSURANCE COMPANY LOSES.

Jury Answers the 19 Issues in Case of James A. Cathcart and Wife vs. the Life Insurance Company of Virginia in Favor of Plaintiff—\$9 Cases on Docket Against the Defendant Company.

In the Mecklenburg Superior Court yesterday afternoon the jury in the case of James A. Cathcart and wife vs. the Life Insurance Company of Virginia returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs, answering every one of the 19 issues in their favor. The amount sued for was \$220.44, the amount of the premiums, with interest, paid on policies in the company. The case was begun Friday and it was not until yesterday afternoon that the case was given to the jury. The plaintiffs were represented by Mr. C. D. Bennett and Stewart & McRae, and the defendant company by Col. W. B. Rodman and Morrison & Whitlock.

Much interest was manifested in the above case, not on account of the amount sued for, but because there are 19 similar cases on the civil docket of the Mecklenburg court, the amounts ranging from \$50 to \$500. One case has been tried previously and the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs. Both cases will be passed upon by the State Supreme Court.

The January civil term of the court will come to an end this morning. Judge W. R. Allen will convene court at 9 o'clock to hear and motion when the business is handled, will probably be adjourned before noon.

The Crescents vs. the Spartans at the Y. M. C. A. this Afternoon.

It is expected that a large crowd will be on hand to witness the game of basketball to-night in the gymnasium of the Young Men's Christian Association. This will be the third of the "trophy cup" series of games which are to be played on Saturday nights for the next two months.

The game will be between the Crescents and the Spartans. These teams have been having private practice for the contest and a very close game is looked for.

The teams are as follows: For the Spartans: Marvin Ritch, captain; R. I. Dalton, Charles Manies, Harry Lovins, Walter Moore, Rudolph Willman and Rufin Smith. For the Crescents: Will Bradford, captain; W. B. Huntington, Frank Crowell, Fred Walker, John Bradford, George King and Jenks Brady.

The game will begin promptly at 8.30 o'clock. Admission to the game will be 10 cents.

The Cigar Stand at the Selwyn.

The Consolidated Cigar Stores will run the cigar stand in the Selwyn Hotel. This is a Charlotte concern and quite a different organization from the United Cigar Company. In making the notice of the lease the other day the Observer confused the two names.

HALF THE WORLD WONDERS.

How the other half lives. Those who use Bucklen's Arnica Salve never wonder how the other half lives. It cures cuts, burns, sores and all skin eruptions; they know it will Mrs. Grant Shy, 1120 E. Reynolds St., Springfield, Ill., says: "I regard it one of the absolute necessities of housekeeping." Guaranteed by all druggists. 2c.

Receiver for Two Mills. Judge W. R. Allen yesterday appointed Mr. L. L. Jenkins, of Gastonia, receiver of the Whetstone and the Vermont Cotton Mills of Bessemer City. The officers of these mills hope to have them running again by Monday or Tuesday. The Vermont has 5,000 spindles and 100 looms and the Whetstone 43 Jackard looms. Both of these mills are well equipped and have been making money.

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Don't Be Deceived. There is lots of winter to come. Don't think a few days indicate spring. February and March will no doubt bring snow and ice. Better get an OVERCOAT OR HEAVY SUIT. We have an excellent stock, made of the very best material—fit and style guaranteed. Better come and get one. Mellon's Clothes Fit. Ed Mellon Co. Leading Clothiers.

Rugs, Carpets, Mattings. Pattern 9196 "IMPERIAL" SMYRNA RUG. for spring are now here, for inspection. Make your selections at once. We will hold them for you until you are ready for them. Something entirely new and original in Mattings this season. AKAWO finished edge Matting. The best that has ever been made with finished edges. We are exclusive agents for this great Japanese firm in this city. Special inducements in fine Leather Couches during this month.

Parker-Gardner Comp'y CLOTHING AND FURNISHINGS. Do you need a neat, nobby Suit for the late winter wear? We have an assortment of them which are made to fit and made of the very best material. A line that can't be duplicated. Perhaps a Tie, Shirt or Gloves would help your wardrobe. We have an excellent line to select from. Long-Tate Clothing Co. Goods Sent on Approval Returnable at Our Expense.

Attractive Bed Room Furniture at Low Prices. We are offering a superb line of Dressers, embracing all the latest styles and made up in Oak, Mahogany, Bird's Eye Maple or Early Birch. We have Washstands and Chiffoniers to match up in making suits. See our special for this week in Princess Dressers, Oak, Mahogany or Bird's Eye Maple, for \$16.50; worth \$20.00. We will be pleased to show you through, whether you are ready to buy or not. W. T. McCOY SOUTH TRYON STREET.

The Tate-Brown Co. Dame Fashion has decreed Scotch Plaids to be the proper style for Men's Cravats. We are showing advanced styles in the "Bonniest line of Scotch Plaids," you have ever seen. Also many high-grade specialties absolutely controlled by us. Furnishing Goods, Hats, Men's Fine Garments. The Tate-Brown Co. No. 6 South Tryon Street.

Shirts. We have about twelve dozen Colored Stiff Bosom Shirts, regular \$1.00 and \$1.50 Shirts, we will sell for 50 Cents Each. All sizes, 14 to 16 1-2. First come, first served. Yorke Bros. & Rogers