

A CHILDREN'S QUARREL

The striking of little Willie Weddington by a colored woman tried before Recorder—said to have Crowned out of Mississippi—between White Child and Colored.

A children's quarrel called into play all the discerning qualities of wisdom which the recorder possessed yesterday morning. Malinda Cornwell, a colored woman, it seemed had struck the little 4-year-old daughter of Mr. W. J. H. Weddington in the face. Three colored witnesses testified that the white child struck the colored child, the woman's child, in the face with a brick bat and that the brick bat was broken on the breast of the child. The daughters of Mr. Weddington were in court and declared that the colored child had struck first and that the white child retaliated with its hand. Then the colored woman came up and struck the white child, Willie Weddington, in the face, leaving a bruise on her temple. The recorder thought the brick bat story very questionable and taxed the negro woman with the costs.

Will Mabry, colored, was bound over under a \$200 bond on the charge of removing a watch from the pocket of clothing belonging to George Wade, and appropriating it to his own use.

FARMERS TO REORGANIZE

Mecklenburg Cotton Planters to Adopt Warehouse System Recommended by Central Executive Committee of Whole Organization.

The cotton growers of Mecklenburg county will meet in this city to-morrow to organize the Mecklenburg Warehouse and Holding Company. This statement was made yesterday by President of the State Organization, C. B. Moore. The different subordinate divisions of the county association will make their reports at the meeting to-morrow and definite action will be taken.

Mr. Moore says that there is no doubt about the formation of the warehouse and holding company. A company with Mr. J. N. Bigham, who is the county organizer, he has traveled over this territory making speeches and explaining the plan in the different townships. The plan has met with an enthusiastic reception which appears to demonstrate that the farmers mean business in their fight on the New York cotton exchange. The organization which will be formed to-morrow is designed to help the farmers who need the money, to hold their cotton and to save them the costs of warehousing insurance.

AFFRAY IN BELMONT

Messrs. Batten and Stone Join Battle to the Edification of a Large Crowd of Natives—Many Witnesses in Squire Holton's Tribunal—Costs Divided.

A lively affray while it lasted in Belmont yesterday afternoon filled Squire Holton's office to overflowing with witnesses yesterday afternoon. The combatants were Mr. G. J. E. Batten and Mr. John B. Stone. The affray grew out of the fact that Mr. Batten had been in the habit of watering his horse at a well near the property of Mr. Stone. This, the latter claimed, muddied up the place and he ordered Mr. Batten away. The customary "hot words" followed and the two disputants mixed. Mr. Batten got rather the worst of the encounter, as he was knocked down by his opponent. He maintained, however, that he would have got the better of his antagonist had not that gentleman seized him securely by his beard and would not loose him. Half the population of Belmont, apparently, were summoned to bear witness as to the thing which had come to pass among them. The costs of the action, which amounted to \$10, were divided between the two.

MR. JONES IN RACE

Mr. J. M. House Withdraws From Aldermanic Race in Ward 9. Owing to Disqualification—Contest Now Between Messrs. Jones and Klouse.

Having discovered that, owing to a technical disqualification, he will be unable to vote in the approaching municipal election, Mr. J. M. House yesterday announced his withdrawal from the aldermanic race in Ward 9. He has resided in Spartanburg, S. C., for some time, having moved back to this city only a year and a half ago. The statute requires two years of residence in the State as a requisite to voting or holding office.

The contest in this ward, which will be a warm one, has now narrowed down to Messrs. J. A. Jones, the contractor, who has entered it, and Mr. Joe Klouse, the butcher. The adherents of each are exceedingly zealous in their behalf and times will be lively in the ninth from now on.

Rev. Plato Durham at the Y. M. C. A. "The Resurrection" will be the subject of an address to men at the Academy of Music this afternoon at 5 o'clock by the Rev. Plato Durham, pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church.

The meeting gives promise of being a memorable one and is being promoted by the Young Men's Christian Association has a special Easter service for men.

The address will be one of special appropriateness and the musical features of the meeting, under the direction of Mr. W. Harvey Overcash, promises to be of a high order. In addition to the usual appropriate hymns, the Ariel Quartette has consented to sing a special Easter song. The doors of the Academy of Music will be opened at 4:30 o'clock to enable those who especially desire to have seats on the first floor to come before the rush hour and find seats where they wish.

No seats reserved; all free; all men invited. The meeting will begin promptly at 5 o'clock and will be presided over by the chairman of the religious work committee of the association, Mr. Morgan B. Speir.

It is Too General for That. Greensboro Industrial News.

Says The Charlotte Observer: Asked to explain this record-breaking March heat, we reply that the cause is to be found in undue persistence on the part of the sun spot and the Gulf stream. Unmindful of the fact that the groundhog has retired vanquished, they have continued their efforts as if he were still in the field. It is to these unopposed anti-cold influences that we owe our present discomfort.

We think our contemporary too modest by half. There is no doubt in our mind that the rise in temperature was caused by The Observer's declaration of war on the radical wing of the Democratic party coming in contact with some things the before-mentioned wing has been saying about the conservatives.

Many Callers at League Headquarters. The Business Men's Municipal League headquarters was a lively place last night. More than 100 persons called there and chatted and talked until a late hour of the night. The workers in the various wards made favorable reports. The league is making good headway.

WHO IS THE AUTHOR?

The Pretty Little Toast Said by Ralph Holland.

The pretty little toast said at the North Carolina dinner in New York some time ago by Mr. Ralph Holland, of this city, is attracting much attention and many people are wondering who is the author of the lines.

The toast follows: "Here's to the land of the long leaf pine The summer land where the sun doth shine; Where the weak grow strong, and the strong grow great. Here's to 'Down Home' the Old North State."

Miss Edna Kenley, of Wilmington, has illustrated the lines with a long leaf pine limb, with leaves and burs, and it is being sold and framed as an ornament and pretty sentiment.

Dr. Paul Barringer, of Charlottesville, Va., was the first man to call the North Carolinians "Down Homers," but he is not the author of the foregoing lines. Some say that Tom Dixon is the one to whom the credit is due, but that claim is disputed.

TO EDIT LETTERS

Miss Barnette Miller, of Columbia, S. C. to Edit Letters Written During Revolutionary Seige—Will Assist Professor Snowden.

Miss Barnette Miller, of Columbia, S. C., the granddaughter of the late Mr. A. B. Davidson and the niece Miss Sallie Davidson, of this city, resigned her position at Vassar some months ago on account of ill health. Miss Miller had a contract for some encyclopedia work in New York. This she has recently finished and her work was highly commended by the editor. Since then Professor Snowden, of the University of South Carolina, has asked her to edit jointly with him a volume of letters written by a Charleston woman during the seige by the British in the revolutionary war. Professor Snowden will do the historical annotations, while Miss Miller will write a literary appreciation of the letters, to serve as an introduction.

Mrs. Martin D. Hardin at the Y. W. C. A.

All the ladies of the city are invited to attend the vespers service of the Young Women's Christian Association this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Martin D. Hardin will give an Easter talk.

Death of a Little Child.

The 14-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Hester died at the home of her parents, six miles from Charlotte on the Statesville road, Friday night at 8 o'clock. The funeral was conducted from the residence yesterday at 1 o'clock.

Willie whined and Winnie wheezed, while Wintry winds whined weirdly, Willie wriggled while Winnie wheezed wretchedly. Wisdom whispers, winter winds work wheezes. Wherefore we write, "Use Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup." Nothing else so good. Sold by Hawley's Pharmacy.

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