

B. AND I. MARDI GRAS.

Large Number of Building and Loan Men From North Carolina Will Attend the Annual Meeting of the United States League at New Orleans.

The next annual convention of the United States league of local building and loan associations will be held in New Orleans on Friday and Saturday, February 23rd and 24th.

North Carolina will be represented at the league meeting and at the Mardi Gras event by Messrs. S. Whitkowsky, president of the North Carolina league, his wife and daughter; D. A. Tompkins, and sister, Miss Grace Tompkins, of Edesfield, S. C.; J. W. Wear and wife; J. M. Hendrix, of Concord, who is on the program to make an address; L. E. Heilig, of Salisbury; George Howard, of Taylorsville, and probably J. M. Hendrix, of Charlotte and return is \$23 and 25 cents extra.

The delegation from Charlotte will leave here February 25th. The building and loan people will get special attention from committees appointed by the Louisiana State league and by the Louisiana State league and by the ladies' committee of reception and entertainment.

GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL.

Fine Showing Made by Institution For Treatment of the Colored Sick—The Work in Detail.

The following is the annual report for the year of 1907, returned by the management of the Good Samaritan Hospital, for colored people. Number of patients brought to the hospital, 1906, 5; number admitted during 1907, 204; total, 209; males, 108; females, 101; 16 county patients for 168 days, paid \$165; 4 county patients for 146 days, paid \$147; 48 patients sent by railroads, mills, for \$24,500; paid \$24,500; 53 patients paying for themselves, 1,085 days, paid \$157,250, about 14 cents a day; 83 charity patients for 318 days; Deaths, 16; receipts \$471,622; expenses \$440,711; cash on hand, \$30,885; bills for food, fuel, medical supplies, due December 31st, \$450; bills owing to hospital for patients, December 31st, \$129.

Dr. C. M. Strong and B. C. Nalle, physicians in charge. Anna Robinson, matron. Board of Managers: Mrs. John Wilkes, president; Mrs. William Clark, Mrs. R. F. Linder, vice president; Mrs. H. Mallinckrodt, Mrs. R. L. Jones, Mrs. James O. Gardner, Mrs. M. A. Bland.

FOR CLOSER RELATIONS.

Effort Being Made to Bring the Secretaries of the Commercial Organizations of Carolina Cities Into Closer Touch With Each Other—Meeting Here February 25th.

Messrs. C. W. Moorman, of the Columbia chamber of commerce, and John Wood, of the Greenville chamber of commerce, spent yesterday in the city in conference with Secretary Crowl, of the Greater Charlotte Club, for the purpose of discussing the wisdom of perfecting an organization of all the secretaries of commercial organizations of the Carolina cities. These gentlemen decided to call a meeting to be held here February 25th, when it is hoped all the secretaries of every chamber of commerce, board of trade and such commercial organizations will be present. They believe great good can come from a closer relationship between these associations and that in bringing them all together frequently, new ideas can be promoted relative to the best ways to boost Carolina cities.

THE TERRIBLE DUST.

One Merchant is Willing to Pay His Two Bats to Have Streets Sprinkled if the City is Impoverished.

A prominent merchant stepped into the Mule Pen last night to state that he was willing to pay his pro rata share for sprinkling the streets, if the city was too poor to have it done. Other merchants made similar statements, some in milder, some in stronger form. Everybody was disgusted with the situation yesterday, and complaints were heard from various sources. The dust was simply terrible, and pedestrians as well as merchants were victims of its merciless sweep. The sprinkler was driven over Tryon street once during the afternoon, but the good accomplished was only for a moment. A good many people are of the opinion that the city officials were grossly negligent in this matter and the criticisms were not made with qualifications, either.

Patents to Carolinians.

R. W. Bishop, patent attorney, of Washington, D. C., reports the issue of the following patents on the 21st instant to residents of North and South Carolina: \$77,984. Traveling ring for spinning machines, C. W. Jackson and W. A. McVicker, Reidsville, \$77,990, saw, mill set-screws, W. F. Koch, Newbern, \$77,989, cash register, C. F. McCrary, Hendersonville, \$77,228, ratchet-drum, J. B. Blackwell, Darlington, S. C., \$7,325. Cross-tie, J. F. and C. F. Grandy, Grayville, S. C., \$7,424, combined silv and fertilizer distributor, J. E. Wolf, Wolf Point, Washington, Richmond county.

To Practice Law Here.

One of the latest acquisitions to the life and legal profession of Charlotte is Mr. Floyd M. Simmons, who has arrived and has opened offices in the handsome new law building. Mr. Simmons comes equipped for his work. In addition to his qualifications as a lawyer, he has made a reputation as an athlete and was for nearly two years coach to the North Carolina University baseball team. Mr. Simmons comes from Pittsburg, Pa., but has also recently been to Chapel Hill where he pursued a post-graduate course in special work.

LAME SHOULDER CURED.

Lame shoulder is usually caused by inflammation of the muscles and quickly yields to a few applications of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Mrs. F. H. McEwee, of Brunswick, New Brunswick, writes: "Having been troubled for some time with a pain in my left shoulder, I decided to give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial, with the result that my pain was relieved. For sale by W. L. Hand, Charlotte, N. C."

AFTER THE CONVENTION.

Charlotte People Pleased With Personnel of Cotton Growers' Organization Which Held Annual Convention Here This Week.

Charlotte people were mightily pleased with the convention of the cotton growers of North Carolina, which was held here this week in the Selywn Hotel. The ordinary citizen was greatly surprised to see that body so well informed on current conditions of the cotton market, money situation and other matters of every kind. But for the failure to rally to the aid of its president, Mr. C. C. Moore, the convention would have been regarded as a strictly private affair. The lack of support given Mr. Moore, which at least showed an inappreciation of his position as president, lowered the estimate of the organization in the minds of the people of this city.

It is only fair to add that Mecklenburg county has done twice as much for any other county in the whole State to raise its quota of annual expenses. The financial statement submitted at the convention showed that it had raised and turned into the State treasury a total of \$54, which was unapproached by any other county.

PLUMBING CONTRACT LET.

T. C. Toomey & Co. Gets Contract For Doing the Plumbing Work in the New Skyscraper—Will Be of the Durham System, and Will Be the First Building in the State in Which It Operates.

The plumbing firm of T. C. Toomey & Co. was awarded the contract yesterday afternoon for the plumbing work in the new twelve-story structure to be erected on the corner of the Charlotte Trust and Realty Companies. There were five bidders, four of the firms placing estimates being from Charlotte and the other from Washington, D. C. Mr. Toomey & Co. succeeded in landing the contract, which amounts to \$15,000. This firm had under contract the plumbing work in the Selywn Hotel, and is well known in this and other places where it has done work.

VERDICT OF \$2,500.

Mr. W. M. Smith Wins Suit Against Railroad—Sued For \$10,000 and Got \$2,500.

A verdict of \$2,500 was returned in favor of Mr. W. M. Smith, administrator, who has been suing the Southern Railway for \$10,000 damages for killing Jim Wright some years ago. The verdict was returned yesterday afternoon after a protracted wrestling. A number of able lawyers were engaged, and the case was quite hard-fought.

THE HAND OF AFFLICTION.

Head of Large Family Near Death's Door—Has Lost Four Children in That Year.

Mr. Dickey Mauney, a native of Cleveland county, who lives in the Atherton neighborhood, lies at death's door, a sufferer with cardiac dropsy. Circumstances of peculiarly deep sorrow surround the dying man and his stricken household. Within less than a year death has claimed four of his children, three of them, two daughters and a grandchild, having died late last spring in as many days, and another daughter in July.

Grocery Changes Hands.

Mr. W. J. Flite, the well-known grocery merchant, has bought the stock of Mr. T. O. Watkins, and will conduct that business at No. 1201 East Fourth street.

Will Put Agents in Each County.

The Maryland Life Insurance Company, of Baltimore, now in the forty-second year of its business, has determined to organize its agency system in North Carolina by appointing agents in each county who will report direct to the home office, and who will have the contracts usually allowed State general agents. The company also desires to employ two competent special agents to work in the State at large.

Teachers Meet at Bain Academy Today.

Prof. H. J. Cochran will go out to Bain Academy, in Clear Creek township, to-day to conduct a meeting of the teachers of that community. These assemblies are being held this week throughout the county. The teachers and patrons of the several schools are exhibiting marked interest in the exercises, and Professor Cochran feels that they will be productive of much real good.

THE PURE FOOD LAW.

Secretary Wilson says, "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the presence of certain harmful drugs in medicines." The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine, and other habit-forming drugs be stated on the label of each bottle. The manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have claimed that they remedy did not contain any of these drugs, and the truth of this claim is now fully proven, as no mention of them is made on the label. This remedy is not only one of the safest, but one of the best in use for coughs and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by W. L. Hand & Co.

ROB GETS HIS.

Well-Known Negro Fined Twice and Bound Over to Court on Different Charges—Cases of Affairs.

What Recorder W. M. Smith did to Rob Alexander, colored, when he appeared before him yesterday morning on a triple charge was a plenty. Even the negro admits that without hesitation or cavilling, Retaining liquor, assaulting the woman to whom the liquor was sold and being drunk—these were the indictments written opposite his name in the book of doom. He was fined \$10 and costs for striking the woman, \$25 for being drunk and was held in the sum of \$100 for Superior Court in the case of retaining. A case which furnished the occasion for much battling of lawyers and going man, charged with assaulting W. when he reached the jail, the case grew out of the alleged finding of a knife by Morris, for which he was asked by Stillwell, This brought on a controversy and the evidence showed that he did not get it. It was in evidence also that a threat had been made, Counsel for the defense, Messrs. J. L. DeLaney and L. L. Caudle, contended that there was no evidence of assault and took the appeal, declining to let their client pay the costs, which was the disposition proposed.

Messrs. Tom Irvine and John Johnson were charged with an affray, but the case against Mr. Johnson was continued until Tuesday. Mr. Irvine contended that he had had a former trial.

Is Will McConnell a vagrant? This was the question which next came up to be decided. The defendant's wife and sister swore that he had a job up till a short time ago when he was dropped. He was found guilty by the court and an appeal entered.

PARALYTIC HURT BY FALL.

Afflicted Negro Badly Cut by Broken Glass—Worn Crutch Tip Occasioned Fall.

Charles Sellars, a worthy young negro who conducts a pressing club at No. 313 South Caldwell street, suffering painful injuries yesterday morning when he fell headlong against a large showcase glass in Hand's drug store.

Success For February.

"Success Magazine" for February contains Robert Mackay's account of the struggle between the two great opera houses of New York City. The workings of Galveston's new form of government are described by H. S. Cooper. Frank Fayant continues to lay bare the stock operations of Thomas W. Lawson, and Samuel Merwin, the opium curse in China, "From the Press Gallery," by O. O. Stealey contains anecdotes of well-known men at Washington. The action consists of "How It Happened," by Porter Emerson Browne, "The Bear and the Bomb," by Louis Augustin, "Mitholand's Victory," by William Hamilton Osborne, and "Lentia," by W. C. Morrow. J. C. Leyendecker contributes the cover design.

Another Regular Added.

The local United States recruiting force for the national standing army has been strengthened by the addition of Private Frank A. Wagner, who comes from Company M, of the Thirtieth Infantry, at Fort Leavenworth. Mr. Wagner swells the number in Charlotte to four. He has a long war record behind him, having served twice in the Philippines and been in the battle of San Juan.

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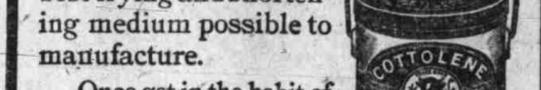
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THE ASSESSMENTS FINISHED.

Computations Made Which Establish Proportions of Expense of Street Paving Which Must Be Borne by Different Factors. The city engineer, Mr. Joseph Firth, has just completed the assessments for the expense of laying the bituminous pavement on six of the city streets within the fire limits. The amount which the property owners on the different streets will have to pay is as follows: Tryon street, \$15,872.42; Trade street, \$17,484.24; Fourth street, \$3,310.93; Fifth, \$2,807.83; College, \$6,512.81; Church street, \$4,142.21. This makes a total for the property owners of \$49,930.33.

Whether or not the churches will have to pay their proportionate amount is a matter not yet decided. The amount involved in this is \$4,262.08 in the matter of pavement. The city will have to pay, counting the churches in, until the matter is settled, \$55,739.09, including the drainage and curbing, \$24,000. The amount which the street car company will have to pay out is problematical, since some special work will have to be done by it which has not yet been computed. The amount for which the company is liable on the bituminous basis alone is \$12,500. The total cost for the work, including drainage and curbing, is reckoned at \$92,000.

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