

MR. SHERWELL'S SIDE

An Altogether Different Story From the One That Came to Charlotte.

The following from The Dispatch, of Lexington, of yesterday, gives Mr. Sherwell's side of the sum-bur on the train Tuesday.

The city officers were very curious yesterday morning when a telegram was received from the conductor of No. 27, the southbound vestibule, asking that an officer be at the station when the train was scheduled to pass this place. Chief Hayworth went to the station to learn the trouble, but the conductor refused to make any charge against any one asking Chief Hayworth to accompany him to Spencer. This Mr. Hayworth told him he could not do. When the train stopped here—this is not a regular stop—Mr. Baxter Shemwell stepped off.

Later in the day a report was circulated in regard to Mr. Shemwell having had some trouble on the train with the conductor. Mr. Shemwell's version of the difficulty, it is understood, is that he boarded the train at Staunton, Va., having purchased a ticket at that place for Lexington, N. C. Yesterday morning when between High Point and Thomasville he and the conductor had words about the train making the stop and Mr. Shemwell says the man in charge of No. 27 backed him against the side of the car and drew his ticket puncher on him. Mr. Shemwell quickly reached for his gun and covered the conductor.

As stated above, the conductor refused to make any charge when the officer went to the station and it was not until afterwards that the nature of the difficulty was known.

The Charlotte Observer this morning contains a column and a half account of the affair, from the standpoint of the conductor and several passengers, and Mr. Shemwell is handled with gloves off. No mention whatever is made of the conductor drawing his ticket puncher, but the article says Mr. Shemwell drew his gun first and repeatedly threatened to kill the conductor.

SIXTY STITCHES NEEDED.

Will Grier Fearfully Slashes Dan Watt, Leaving Him in an Extremely Critical Condition.

Sixty stitches were required to bind the lacerations inflicted Tuesday upon Dan Watt by Will Grier, two colored men in the Berry Hill community, who fell to arms about a woman. Watt's chances for life are hardly worth speaking of, so extremely critical is his condition. Seven ugly wounds were made upon his body, these covering his head, face, back and breast.

Both men drew their knives, according to some of the evidence, when the first hot words rushed from their lips. Grier took the initial whack, however, and laid open Watt's scalp from the back of his head to the forehead. The next swipe carved his right jaw from the ear to the mouth. From the back across the shoulder blade, the next cut was made, barely missing the jugular vein. Two other cuts were across his back and others were made on his breast.

By a swift movement of his head when Grier was making his second stroke about the throat, Watt saved his life in the immediate altercation. Notwithstanding this precaution, however, this is one of the most dangerous of the many slashes. None of those about his head is inconsiderable.

Grier has been committed to jail to await the condition of Watt, not being allowed bond by Squire Hilton before whom the warrant is returnable. Mr. F. Marion Redd has been secured to represent him in the case.

MARTIN CASE STILL ON.

The \$50,000 Litigation of Martin Against Street Car Company and Seaboard Still in Progress.

The important suit of Leo O. Martin, a former conductor of the C. & N. C., who is suing that company jointly with the Seaboard Air Line Railway in Superior Court is still in progress and will not likely end today. He is asking for the extent of the rather serious injuries he received in a collision some months ago between a street car and a train at the North Broadway street crossing.

The case is becoming more interesting, primarily because of the fact that there are two defendant companies in the case and each of these is holding out for itself in the litigation. Messrs. D. M. C. and Brevard Nixon represent the plaintiff, Messrs. Plummer Stewart and J. A. McRae appear for the railway company and Messrs. C. W. Tillet and T. C. Guthrie represent the street car company.

CORPS OF TEACHERS READY.

Huntersville High School to Open September 14th—The Teachers.

The Huntersville High School, one of the very best in Mecklenburg county, will open for the fall term the second Monday in September. The old building has been largely repaired during the summer and is now well equipped and conveniently arranged. The faculty next year will be composed of the following named: Prof. Howard T. Ruhl, of Maryland, principal; Miss Jennie Morrow, Graham, first assistant; Miss Addie Houston, of this county, teacher of the fourth and fifth grades; Miss Jessie Query, also of this county, teacher of the third and fourth grades; Miss Lena Flowers, Red Springs, primary department.

As soon as a capable music teacher can be secured, the faculty will be complete.

Marriage Last January Just Announced.

Announcement cards were received yesterday by Charlotte friends of the marriage last January of Mr. Charles F. Barnett to Miss Annie Ewart, both of Huntersville and both popular young people that section of the county. No intimation of the fact had ever been received up to this time by their numerous acquaintances, their efforts to maintain its secrecy being altogether successful. Mr. Barnett is a prosperous young business man of Huntersville and is well known in Charlotte.

An Extensive Honeymoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Davis have returned to the county after a trip over the western part of the country, covering 2,600 miles in point of space and since last February in point of time. Mr. Davis, who formerly lived on and owned the General Neal place, in the lower section of the county, married Miss Maggie Stone last February and they have been spending the time since then on their wedding trip. Mr. Davis intends to return to farming in this county.

Death of a Little Child.

The 15-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom W. Neal died yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock after an illness of a few days. The funeral services will be conducted at the residence, 305 South McDowell street, this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Rev. W. W. Orr and Rev. J. A. Smith officiating.

DEATH OF MRS. BRASINGTON.

Esteemed Charlotte Lady Passes Away at Wadesboro—Funeral To-Day at Wadesboro.

Mrs. Mattie Brown Brasington, wife of Mr. Clayton S. Brasington, of this city, died in Hendersonville Tuesday night at 9 o'clock after a lingering illness which lasted for a number of months. The body, accompanied by sorrowful loved ones and bereft friends, passed through the city yesterday afternoon en route to Wadesboro, the old home of the deceased, where the funeral and interment will take place to-day.

Mrs. Brasington was 27 years of age and aside from her husband and one small son, Master Clayton S. Brasington, Jr., is survived by her mother, Mrs. H. Brown, one sister, Miss Minnie Brown, and two brothers, Messrs. Claude Brown, of Hendersonville, and Will Brown, of Birmingham, Ala. Mr. and Mrs. Brasington came to Charlotte from Wadesboro several years ago and made their home on East avenue, Mr. Brasington holding a responsible position with the Allen Hardware Company. Mrs. Brasington was accustomed to spend her summers in Hendersonville for her health. It was known for some time that she was falling and the end Tuesday night was not unexpected.

Mrs. Brasington was a life-long member of the Baptist Church and was always one of its most loyal and enthusiastic workers. Sunny, sympathetic and kind, she counted among her acquaintances hosts of warm friends. To know her was to love her. Though stricken with a disease from which there was little hope of recovery and having at her knee a son of tender years, whose future was more to her than life itself, she never complained or repined but bore her affliction with truly Christian fortitude, leaving everything to Him who doeth all things well. The end was very easy.

Rev. Dr. J. Q. Adams, Mrs. Brasington's former pastor, joined the party here last evening and accompanied the remains to Wadesboro in order to assist at the funeral services to-day.

FRUIT ON LOCAL MARKET.

Plenty of It of All Kinds Being Offered at Prices Which the Masses Can Pay.

There is no reason why the population of Charlotte is not enjoying choice fruits and in abundance too. The local market has been deluged with fine specimens from orchards of Mecklenburg growers for several days and fruit is now very cheap. Peaches continue to bring a good price, being about the only kind of fruit offered that has not had a slump. Good peaches are bringing from \$1 to \$1.50 on the local market.

It is too soon to tell what the county watermelon crop is going to amount to, very few loads of melons being brought to the city yet. These were nothing to brag about. The cantaloupe crop has been damaged by rain, the flavor and not the quantity suffering from overflows. Watermelons are being sold plentifully for figures ranging from 12 to 20 cents a dozen. Beans are worth \$1 a bushel and tomatoes about 50 cents. Apples can be bought for a song.

The quantity of fruit which Mecklenburg growers are offering this season is peculiarly good and considerably above the average. The weather in most instances has been so combined as to bring about both a choice in flavor as well as an abundance in quantity.

An Attractive Show.

The Air-Dome is a popular resort these warm nights. People like to go there and sit for a half hour or longer beneath the blue sky and drink in the fresh air. The Lilliputians, Roasting ears are being sold plentifully for figures ranging from 12 to 20 cents a dozen. Beans are worth \$1 a bushel and tomatoes about 50 cents. Apples can be bought for a song.



midgets, are the chief attraction this week. They sing, do magic work, ring bells and fight. The large audiences last night were delighted with their performances.

Robbed Country Home.

Andrew White, Sam Alexander and John Caldwell, three negroes, were tried before Squire S. H. Hilton yesterday afternoon on the charge of robbing the residence of Mr. John Griffith, near Ebenezer church, several days ago. The first-named was sent to jail in default of a \$100 bond and the other two were required to give a \$50 bond, which they could not do. The house was entered while the family was absent and quite a number of articles were taken while the rooms were being thoroughly ransacked.

Mr. Connelly Changes Base.

Mr. J. M. Connelly, of Statesville, one of the best known traveling men coming to this city periodically, is now at the home of his parents resting awhile prior to going to California. Mr. Connelly travels for the American Tobacco Company and has been transferred from this territory to the extreme West where he will operate in the future.

No Sickness at Morehead City.

It seems that a report became circulated somehow or other that there was a great deal of sickness at Morehead City. This statement is refuted by a Charlotte gentleman who has just returned from that splendid resort. He states that there has not been a serious case of sickness at that place this summer and no fever at all.

The Post Card Business Expanding.

One has but to be an ordinary observer to see that the post card business is expanding. Charlotte, in 27 views, can be had at the rate of 12 cards for five cents at the newsstands, book stores and other places. Thirty-seven beautiful mountain views are on sale in the local shops. The printers will not make less than 3,000 of any one view. Therefore one will get an idea of the extent of the business. Millions of North Carolina cards are on sale. This form of advertising is becoming more popular, the dealers claim. Visitors to Charlotte send greetings home on post cards. One Charlotte firm bought a car load of cards some time ago.

Doing Well in the West.

The Ames brothers, Willis M. L. Waldo and Chester Winthrop, are doing well in the West. Messrs. L. Waldo and Chester W. Ames lived here for a number of years. Recently they joined their brother, Mr. Willis M. Ames, the promoter of the Ames Brothers Company, manufacturers of the "advertising cabinet system for hotels and resorts."

The Street Car Ride to Chadwick.

"Charlotte is growing some," said a frequent visitor. "I did not know until last night of the street car line extension to Hoskins. What a blessing! Why, these warm nights a person can climb in a car at the square and run out to Hoskins over the hills, through the valleys and across the fields of cotton and corn, and enjoy the cooling breezes. I had a most delightful trip on a Hoskins car last evening. As we shot along I caught the aroma of the pine and the cedar and when I got back my lungs were full of ozone. The more suburban the lines the better. We need more means of amusement."

Special Meeting of Post C. T. P. A.

Post C. Travelers' Protective Association, will meet to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Williams &

Shelton Company's store on South College street for the purpose of considering and acting upon some very important business. All members are urged to be on hand promptly.

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