

AFTER SHIRKERS OF CITY TRIBUTE

SEVEN HUNDRED TAX DELINQUENTS REPORTED AND MORE TO BE FOUND.

Residents Want Merrimon Avenue Paved.

Mr. Cutler Addresses the Board and a Bill to Change Law so as to Allow Street Cars Faster Rate is Put on First Reading.

At the meeting of the board of aldermen last evening Mr. Cutler made a report on the proposed change of the city code to allow street cars to be run on a faster schedule. He said the street car companies desired a 15 minute schedule on Montford avenue, as the switch on their line is one mile from the square, requiring a speed of 8 miles per hour, and to allow for stops, a mile an hour. The change he suggested provides for a speed not greater than 10 miles per hour at the following places: On Patton avenue from the square to Depot street, all of Haywood street, on Montford avenue from Haywood street to Bearden avenue, on North Main street from the square to Merrimon avenue, on South Main street from the square to South Main avenue, on all of College street, on street and Wodfin street and on side of those limits at a speed not exceeding 20 miles per hour.

Mr. Cutler said in explanation that the speed is not excessive compared to that of cars in other cities, that the crowded portions of the cities are protected by the slow speed, and that the high rate of speed will not relieve the companies from damage suits in case of negligence on their part.

The bill was placed on its first reading. The matter of location of the switch on Charlotte street was ordered left in the hands of the street committee. Thirty-two residents of Montford avenue presented a petition asking that Montford be washed and cleaned. It was decided that it be swept to west street.

Charles A. Webb brought the matter of paving Merrimon avenue from the end of the present paving to the city limits. It was brought up last evening but other streets got the preference. He suggested that a macadam road be put down. Dr. Ambler will pay \$100 of the city's one-third of the cost, leaving the city only about 100, the cost for 18 feet wide is estimated at \$800. He said he learned the city had loads of stone on hand and thought it could be paved in this way. The matter of location of the switch on Charlotte street was ordered left in the hands of the street committee.

The water committee reported that the sewer line to the Barnard building had been completed. It was decided that 25 cents a bed be allowed per week for cleaning the sewers for the firemen.

The street committee recommended that the street car companies be asked to keep the exhaust steam from falling on the sidewalk of Valley street. It was decided that fireworks be allowed on Christmas night from 9 p. m. to 12 m. on the principal streets.

J. B. Bostle was given permission to build a seven room frame house on Depot street. The postoffice department asked leave to put in two collection boxes for paper in the square, and it was granted, the boxes to be designated by the mayor. The following bills were allowed: Water department pay roll, \$33.97; C. Matthews, \$20; Kelly and Felthaus, \$10; Mercantile Trust and Deposit Co., \$10; sanitary department pay roll, \$11.50; Gray Novelty company, \$2; Montford avenue pay roll, \$103.75; Walton, \$19.17; Street department pay roll, \$73.12; crusher pay roll, \$204.17.

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If you have neuralgia, Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil will feed the nerve that is crying for food—it is hungry—and set your whole body going again, in a way to satisfy nerve and brain with your usual food. That is cure.
If you are nervous and irritable, you may only need more fat to cushion your nerves—you are probably thin—and Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil will give you the fat, to begin with.
Cure, so far as it goes. Full cure is getting the fat you need from usual food, and Scott's emulsion will help you to that.

Send you a little to try, if you like.
ROTT & BOWNE, 499 Pearl street, New York.

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New York Danish Cabbage.
Charles U. Monday
Phone 173. Central Market.

Headache
Is often a warning that the liver is torpid or inactive. More serious troubles may follow. For a prompt, efficient cure of Headache and all liver troubles, take
Hood's Pills
While they rouse the liver, restore full, regular action of the bowels, they do not gripe or pain, do not irritate or inflame the internal organs, but have a positive tonic effect. 25c. at all druggists or by mail of C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

MRS. C. VANDERBILT VISITS ASHEVILLE
And Interesting Rumors Are Thereby Set in Motion.

Three very unpretentious looking ladies, in mourning costume, were to be seen about the city yesterday. There was nothing in the appearance of any one of the three to mark them as especially different from the hundreds of visitors to be met on the streets daily. And yet they were different, in some respects. For instance, one of the ladies, in getting a check cashed, casually remarked, "I will give you a check on one of my own banks." This remark is regarded as somewhat unusual here. Ladies who own several banks of their own may be said to be the exception, rather than the rule, in Asheville.

The ladies of this party were Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt the widow of Cornelius Vanderbilt sr., who died last year, and was the brother of George W. Vanderbilt; Mrs. Frederick Bronson, of New York, and her daughter, Miss Bronson. They arrived here Thursday afternoon, and their private car was switched off at Biltmore. After a short stay in the village, they drove to the Battery Park hotel, where they spent the night. Yesterday morning the party again drove to Biltmore, and spent the day in an inspection of the various objects of interest created by Mrs. Vanderbilt's brother-in-law—Biltmore house, the estate, the village, All Souls church, etc. In the afternoon they left for the east.

There may not be grounds for rumors that are circulating regarding the object of the visit of the multi-millionaire's widow. It is interesting to call to mind that long ago two Vanderbilts—George W. and his mother—visited the Battery Park most of the time. The story is that Biltmore estate and all that appertains thereto grew out of that visit.

With Mrs. Cornelius follow the example of her husband's brother, and build a palatial home in the Land of the Sky? The possibility, if any, is doubtless very remote. But it is interesting to conjecture just what errand could have brought Mrs. Vanderbilt all the way to Asheville at this particular time.

JUDGE REED DEAD
He Was One of Asheville's Oldest and Most Esteemed Citizens.

Another of Asheville's oldest citizens has passed into the great beyond. Judge James B. Reed, a great part of whose life of 76 years had been spent in active public life here, died at 6:30 a. m. yesterday, at his home in North Asheville.

Judge Reed served as probate judge just after the civil war, and afterward was appointed chief of the federal court, which position he held for 16 years. His public spirit and his probity were known to all men in touch with public affairs of the community.

Judge Reed had been ill about one week. Several days ago his son, Thomas J. Reed of Portland, Ore., arrived here. Another son, George W. Reed is postmaster at Biltmore. Judge Reed's wife survives, also three daughters, Mrs. C. B. Moore and Mrs. Mary E. Henderson, of Asheville, and Mrs. F. F. Clapp of Biltmore.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the residence, by Rev. E. K. McLarty. The body will be interred at Riverside. The pall bearers will be Captain T. W. Patton, Colonel Thomas B. Long, Maj. W. W. Rollins D. W. Caudle, James E. Henderson and R. Z. Sorrels.

BOARD OF TRADE.
Various Committees Appointed by the President at Monthly Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of trade was held Thursday afternoon in the city hall. The principal business transacted was the appointment of committees by President Nichols, as follows:
Real estate and building—George S. Powell, chairman; H. F. Grant, J. M. Westall, Transportation—W. B. Northrup, chairman; M. V. Moore, W. J. Skayden. Legislative—Frank Carter, chairman; J. S. Barnard, Julius C. Martin. Immigration—T. W. Raoul, chairman; Hugh LaBarbe, George E. Clafin. Membership—Claybrook James, chairman; S. Lipinsky, B. M. Jones. Forestry—Dr. C. P. Ambler, chairman; A. H. Mc Quilkin, H. T. Rogers. Statistics—T. S. Morrison, chairman; B. H. Cosby, H. T. Collins.

The oftener a man is in the wrong the louder he crows when he happens to be right.

SITUATION—Wanted—Book keeper, young man, experienced, address Gazette, R. 264-6t

LADY—Wants work, either in a store or at a dressmaker and tailor's at sewing to do at home. Address, A. M. W. This office. 265-2t

SECOND HAND SHOW CASES FOR SALE—Half dozen good second hand show cases, 3 feet to 10 feet long, in good condition at low prices. RAY'S BOOK STORE. 226-6t

WORLD CHAMPION.
"but found no relief until I used Buckner box, guaranteed by all druggists."
"I tried many remedies to cure piles," the best salve in the world. 25 cents

A well-filled cup-board is the best board of health.

HOW'S THIS?
We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.
WEST & TRUAX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.
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Hall's Catarrh Cure taken internally acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

When the stomach is tired out it must have a rest, but we can't live without food. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure "digests what you eat" so that you can eat all the good food you want while it is restoring the digestive organs to health. It is the only preparation that digests all kinds of food. Dr. T. C. Smith.

MISCELLANEOUS YARNS.
And Bits of Gossip Picked Up Here and There.
In a certain large western city there is a very fine art gallery, quite similar in nature and scope to the Metropolitan Museum of art in New York City. It is crowded with priceless paintings and statues, rare bric-a-brac, time honored tapestries, manuscripts—a veritable home of all that is best in the plastic arts. Naturally the directors of the institute are anxious to obtain desirable additions to their collections, and stories told by an official who recently spent a vacation in Asheville show that outsiders willing to assist in this are not lacking.

"An important looking individual called one day," said he, "and said he had a work of art, a rare masterpiece. He offered to lend it for exhibition, and asked whether we would accept it. He was told that any meritorious piece of art would be gladly accepted."
"Painting, I suppose?" asked the official.
"No, it isn't a painting."
"Statue, then, or relief?"
"No, sir, it's no statue nor no relief, but it is one of the finest works of art ever produced in this country. Here it is," and he proceeded to unfold a package which was found to contain a set of false teeth. He was supremely indignant when his offer was declined and protested that the world did not contain another such example of dental art. Just before I left we received a letter from a farmer who wanted us to buy a calf distinguished above his fellows by having two tails and six legs."

The following story was given for a true one. I am not the magistrate who is its hero, nor am I either of the fond young things who posed as victims. In fact, I wasn't present. So if you doubt its truthfulness don't go around casting reflections on my reputation for veracity. It happened in a neighboring county, and the justice was a newly made one, whose knowledge of the law had not reached that state of profundity which leaves little room to be learned. When the love smitten youth and maiden asked to be spliced together in holy matrimony Thomas Blank J. P., turned to his books. He searched and he searched, and finally he found something that he thought would do. He made the pair stand up and solemnly swear to support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith. Then he told them they were married, fast and tight. He had got hold of the election law.

An able connoisseur of art in the broad sense of the word, who recently spent a few days in Asheville, declared that no words in praise of the natural beauties of this section could be extravagant.
"I notice," said he, "that the sign painter and the enterprising pill advertiser are given full sway and are allowed to desecrate your beautiful scenery with their abominations in a way that is painful. It is bad enough when the scenery of a country that is flat, unpicturesque marsh screams with vulgar praisers of sticking plaster, horse lintment, etc., but the same things on the towering rocks and grand stretches of this vicinity strike one as being supremely out of place, and ought to be prohibited."
"I regard the impress of Architect R. S. Smith's art," the same gentleman said, "as a most satisfactory feature of Asheville and the surrounding country. This is said with no thought of disparaging the work of the other talented architects of the city. Mr. Smith's conceptions blend happily into the individuality and the natural features of the place."
E. G.

CHRISTMAS ATTRACTIONS AT BAINBRIDGE'S
Bainbridge, who always keeps a fine stock, has an unusually fine selection of Christmas goods this year. Of these his collection of beautiful pottery is perhaps the most noticeable. All the best wares are represented by rare specimens. Pieces of unusual beauty of Doulton, Japanese, German, Austro-Hungarian, Rotterdam and other manufactures attract the eye and offer the fastidious purchaser an opportunity to gratify an educated taste. The Danish glassware is equally beautiful and attractive. Photograph panels in metal and leather of the latest and most artistic design. Of course he has the newest books, and it is a treat to examine the handsomely bound volumes of new editions of well known authors. Calendars, diaries of all sorts and prices, Christmas cards of every variety of design, pocket books, quadrant and beautiful desk-furnishings, and novelties of all kinds make a display that cannot fail to attract and please and that will add to the reputation Bainbridge has established for artistic goods.

Neckwear. A beautiful assortment of Light and Dark Puffs, Ascots, Four-in-Hands, Imperials, Batwings, Butterflies and Tecks, from 25c to \$1.00, bought specially for Christmas.

Handkerchiefs White and Colored Border Silk, at 50c to \$1.50. Linen Handkerchiefs from 15c to 50c.

Suspenders. X-mas Suspenders, one pair in a box, in White, Black, Purple, Blue, Red and Fancy Silks, from 50c to \$1.50, with Plaid and Sterling Silver Buckles.

Shirts. SPECIAL DRIVE in all last year's \$1.00 and \$1.25 Stiff Bosom Shirts for 50c. These goods are not the latest in style, but the best Christmas present you can make for the money.

Mufflers. Ready made with Quilted Satin Lining and Reversible, and Plaid and Fancy Silk Squares from 50c to \$3.00 each.

Full Dress Protectors. Black Satin with White Quilted Satin Lining, from \$1.80 to \$3.00.

Fancy Socks. In Stripes, Dots and Checks, at 25c and 50c.

Gloves. Everything you can wish for in Wool, Lined and Unlined Dogskin and Kid from 25c to \$2.50 a pair. Kid Gloves lined with Real Fur or Silk.

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will enjoy a visit to our store, for we have a large assortment of select goods in glass, tin and cartons to tempt him. Our prices are as low, or lower, than the same grade of goods can be bought for elsewhere, as we buy for cash, and mostly from first hands, so you reap the benefit.

We have something nice in the "Olney Brand" of canned goods— Preserved Cherries, Strawberries and Raspberries in two pound tins at 30c. Rosebud Sugar Beets in 3 pound tins 20c. Custard Pumpkins in 3 pound tins 15c.

We would like to have you try a bottle of our GRAPE WINE VINEGAR, undoubtedly the best on earth; pints 15 cents, quarts 25 cents. This Vinegar is bottled by us and we guarantee it to be absolutely free from adulteration and know you will continue to buy if you once try it. It is as cheap as the ordinary vinegar for you will have to use only one third as much.

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