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## A BROWN-STONE MANSION

To Be Erected by Mr. George W. Watts.

IT WILL COST NEAR \$100,000

Mr. C. H. Norton, of This City, Has Awarded the Contract.

WORK WILL BE COMMENCED AT ONCE

The Building Is Expected to Be Underway When Mr. Watts Returns from Europe.

Mr. George W. Watts is to have a brown-stone mansion and it will cost somewhere between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

It will be erected on the site of his present residence on Morehead avenue and work will begin on it at once.

Mr. Watts decided some time ago to have a brown-stone mansion erected and so when he began to go on a trip abroad he decided to make arrangements to have the work to begin at once and the contract was awarded to Mr. C. H. Norton, Durham's well known contractor.

Contractor Norton said yesterday that the building would be 125 feet each way, would be of brown stone and of the latest design. He said he would begin to make arrangements at once to move the present residence of Mr. Watts to the vacant lot in front of where it now stands and as soon as that is done he will begin the new and modern mansion and expects to have it well under way of construction by the time Mr. Watts and his family returns next July.

Mr. Norton further said that the building would cost Mr. Watts somewhere near one hundred thousand dollars and would be one among the finest residences in the state.

Architects have been working on the plans of the mansion since the first part of January and will soon be ready to turn the design over to Mr. Norton.

About the time Mr. Watts first decided to build the new residence, it became reported that it would be erected in Baltimore and that he would make his home in that city after his return from the old world. Much regret was expressed at the time by his numerous friends in this city and elsewhere in the state that he had decided to leave Durham and North Carolina, and this announcement that he is not only going to remain in North Carolina but that he is to make his home here for life, will be read with much interest.

Contractor Norton will employ some twenty or twenty-five stone-masons in erecting the building and the work will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

The Recorder is glad that Mr. Watts is not to leave Durham and also that he is to have this fine residence erected, for that will be another one added to the many fine residences that grace the different sections of the city and will be an honor to Durham.

In awarding the contest to Mr. Norton it proves that Durham is well prepared to do all her work and that there is no use in sending off to get men to do the best work. It would be well for other Durhams to follow the example of Mr. Watts and keep the work at home.

## Houses for the Poor.

The city of Glasgow, which is probably the best managed municipality in the world, some years ago bought at great cost a large body of land in the tenement district and erected substantial and comfortable houses for the poor, which are rented at a price graded according to the income of the workingman. It also erected large warehouses where women were allowed to wash their clothing, for a few cents a day. These and other plans succeeded beyond expectation, and the city is now deriving some revenue from its outlay.—Baltimore American.

## Soldier Boys to Turn Out.

There was a regular meeting of the Durham Light Infantry last night and the company decided to attend services at St. Phillip's church Sunday morning, next, at 11 o'clock in a body. Rev. Mr. Pruden, the rector, who is now on a tour, will return by Sunday and preach a special sermon to the "boys in blue." The company will go out in full dress uniform and carry side arms. There will be a full turn out.

Col. W. A. Bobbitt passed through yesterday from Oxford to Winston, where he represents the A. T. Co., in the purchase of tobacco.

## RUNAWAY AND ACCIDENT.

Dave Lyon Thrown Against a Telephone Pole and Hurt.

There was a runaway and accident between here and East Durham yesterday afternoon that came near resulting fatally.

Dave Lyon, colored, who drives for A. D. Markham, was bringing a load of wood to Durham and when just below the residence of Talbot Smith the wagon dropped into a ditch and the wood struck the horses which caused them to run away.

The driver was thrown out between the horses and about the same time the wagon struck a telephone pole and Lyon was thrown against the pole with considerable force.

He was rendered unconscious by the force of the blow he received and some men who were passing moved him to a store nearby and Dr. A. M. Moore, colored, was summoned to attend him. At first it was thought that he was hurt internally but last night he was resting very well and it is now thought that he will recover.

There were two wounds on his head each of which were about an inch long and cut to the bone. After he regained consciousness he was moved home.

## RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

The Masons Pay a Tribute to the Memory of Dr. Brown.

At a regular meeting of Durham Lodge No. 352 A. F. and A. M., last night the following resolutions were passed in regard to the death of the late Dr. J. C. Brown, who was a member of the Masons:

"Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our beloved brother J. C. Brown, who was an acceptable member of Durham Lodge No. 352 A. F. and A. M., and who as such always departed himself honorably and in the most sincere manner toward his brethren, therefore be it resolved:

"First, That, in this dispensation of Divine Providence we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.

"Second, That, in the death of our brother, a loss has been sustained an irreparable loss.

"Third, That, out of respect to our diseased brother our hall be draped in mourning for thirty days according to our custom.

"Fourth, That, this Lodge tender to the bereaved family its sincerest sympathy and condolences, commending them to the Great Friend of the widow and orphan.

"Fifth, That, a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, and copies, with request to publish the same, be sent to the city papers."

CHAS. E. TURNER,  
C. C. TAYLOR,  
JOHN B. MORRIS,  
Committee.

## "The Pride of Durham."

In its issue Monday the Press-Visitor, Raleigh's bright and newsy afternoon daily, has the following to say about Durham's beautiful Hotel Carolina, which the Press-Visitor refers to as "the pride of Durham":

"A gentleman who has traveled much and who knows what a first class hotel is, remarked to the Press-Visitor a day or two ago that it was worth while to spend a day in Durham just for the pleasure of stopping the Carolina hotel. He declared it one of the best equipped and furnished, and one of the best managed hotels in the South. It is indeed a fact that the Carolina is a credit to Durham and the whole state. Few hotels in the country are more attractive. The finish is superb, especially on the interior, and the furniture is of the most modern and elegant. Of Manager Cobb it must be said that what he does not know about conducting a first class and up-to-date hotel is not known in hotel business, and it is always a pleasure to stop at his sumptuous hostelry."

## Farmer Taken Sick.

About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon John Terry, a farmer, son of George Terry who lives out in the Red Mountain section, was taken with something like the cramp colic and for some time suffered considerably. Dr. A. Cheatham was summoned and did all he could to relieve his pain. After he became easier he was moved to the boarding house of Mrs. Royster and was resting very well last night.

J. J. Caudle, who recently resigned his position at the Golden Belt Hosiery Company, left on the early train this morning for Charlotte where he has accepted a position with the Mecklenburg Iron Works. Mr. Caudle is an experienced mechanic and Charlotte has secured a good workman.

## ICE FACTORY STARTED.

The Ground Broken for the New Building Yesterday Morning.

The ground was broken for the new "Durham Ice Factory" yesterday morning and the work will be pushed as rapidly as possible until it is completed.

The new factory will be on the vacant lot immediately in the rear of the Southern freight depot and yesterday workmen were engaged in digging out the foundation.

In conversation with a reporter yesterday afternoon the manager, Mr. Lee H. Simmons, said that the building would be erected and machinery put in as soon as possible and that, unless bad weather sets in so that work on the building could not go on, the company would be ready to begin the manufacture of ice by the latter part of next month or first of April.

Then Durham will not only be prepared to furnish her own ice but can help supply the trade of the outside world also.

We wish the company much success. It starts off under very flattering prospects and will, no doubt, do a large business.

## MISS PEO ALBRIGHT TO WED.

The Event Will Take Place on the Seventeenth of this Month.

Miss Peo Albright, formerly of this city but now of Greensboro, is to be married on the seventeenth of this month. The groom-elect is W. H. Mathews, a prominent young business man of Greensboro.

The Greensboro Record said that the cards are out and then adds: "We congratulate the contracting parties. The bride to be is a daughter of the late Wm. A. Albright, of Durham, and has resided in Greensboro only a few years, but long enough to win a host of warm friends by her kindness of heart and sunny, genial disposition. The groom is well known, having lived here for many years. He is one of our most substantial young men, a member of the firm of Matthews, Chisolm & Stroud, clothing and furnishes. He is to be congratulated on his good luck in winning for his wife a lady possessed of so many personal charms and noble traits of character."

Miss Albright is a daughter of Mrs. Margaret B. Albright and the late Col. W. A. Albright. She numbers her friends in this city by the score all of who will hasten to wish her and her chosen husband a long and happy life.

## A Large Number Arrested.

Last night was regular weekly drill of the Durham Light Infantry and when the time of meeting arrived there were only a few of the "boys" present.

This did not suit Capt. J. C. Michie very much so he sent out several squads in different sections of the city with instructions to arrest and bring to the armory any member they should find.

The squads went out and in a short time were picking up one man here and one there—some were found on the streets, some at home and others at homes of their best girls—but it made no difference, for they had to come.

In a short time there was a good sized company at the armory, and the drill then went on as usual.

## Under Direction of Robert Downing

Eugenie Blair will appear at the Opera House tonight in "East Lynne" and the theatre-going public in Durham should give her a large house—that is, if they want to witness a first class play. This beautiful and talented actress will be assisted by an accomplished and specially chosen company, which is under the direction of Robert Downing (Eugenie Blair's husband), who has a national reputation. It will be one of the best plays of the season. Reserved seats 75 cents.

## Swiss Bell Ringers.

The Armstrong family of Swiss bell ringers will appear at the Durham Opera House Friday night. This company has appeared here on two former occasions, several years ago, and it is one of the oldest families of bell ringers now traveling. The Armstrong family have been musicians for four generations, and have appeared all over the country. They give a program of classical and popular music, and in their line have few equals.

## Business Picking Up.

Business is getting some better in the register of deeds office and they have issued three marriage licenses in the past three days. Those issued are as follows: G. W. Lynn and Mrs. Mary Fullerton; Arthur Broy and Miss Lucy Parkel, white, and Moses Blackwell and Janie Bailey, colored.

## Revenue Officer J. H. Shelburn

left yesterday evening for Halifax.

## AFRAID OF THE BACHELOR TAX

G. W. Lynn, Will be Married This Afternoon.

## BRIDE OVER FORTY YEARS OLD

The Groom Did Not Want to Run Any Chances of Paying the Tax.

## HAVE MANY FRIENDS IN THIS COUNTY

Ceremony Will be Performed at the Home of the Bride's Mother East of Durham.

There will be a marriage five miles east of Durham this afternoon at 2 o'clock and the contracting parties will be Mr. G. W. Lynn and Mrs. Mary Fullerton. The groom is 50 years of age and the bride-to-be is put down as having passed her 40th birthday.

A gentleman informed The Recorder reporter yesterday that his match might not have been made but for that the groom-to-be wanted to escape the vengeance of the bill recently introduced in the legislature to tax bachelors \$10 for the first year after the bill goes into effect and double the amount of tax each year thereafter.

Mr. Lynn, so our informant stated, was afraid the bill would pass, so he "took time in the forelock" and made himself safe in time. Both the bride and groom have many friends in this county who will be glad to hear of the match and wish them much happiness in the declining years of their life.

## People in General.

Procurator Pobiedostzoff is desirous of having Tolstoi tried by the Holy Synod of Russia for heresy.

George Wombwell, who used to be a famous English showman, now makes a precarious living by playing a cornet before the public houses of London.

All the Chief Justices of Kansas except the last one, and Mariah and Justice Martin were the only one holding the office who swore in his successor.

John Burns, the English labor leader, has made a will which he thinks no court can break. "He leaves his best love to his wife, a sound constitution to his son, his books to the parish, and his debts to his country."

Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria is having his portrait painted by the Viennese artist, Eduard Horowitz. He sits for the artist in the Historical Art Museum, where the directors' office has been fitted up for the purpose.

Paul Lawrence Dunbar, the young negro poet, who was an elevator boy, is to go to London this spring and give readings there from his works. It is proposed to introduce him first as a drawing-room reader. Dunbar is very black, and is about twenty-seven years of age. He first began to write in 1893.

The Oklahoma House elected Mrs. Weeks clerk. She was duly sworn in before a notary and went to work. Then the house reconsidered the vote and revoked the appointment. With a proper contempt of such a variable and mutatable lot of legislators, "Mrs. Weeks is at her work and refuses to quit, defying the house."

## After "Old Reynard."

A hunting party will leave here this morning and, if their intentions prove to be realities, they will make some old fox "hard to catch."

In the party will be J. W. Hutchins and A. J. Weatherspoon, two hunters of considerable experience, and they will use ex-Sheriff J. V. Rigsbee's pack of hounds.

Mr. Rigsbee cannot go on account of sickness in his family, but he said yesterday that there would be no use to ask the party if they caught anything, but it would be sufficient to simply ask how many they got and where they were caught at. He said his dogs were hard to beat.

## "A Smart Man."

Prof. Eliot, of Harvard, doubtless is a smart man and an experienced educator, but he will have a hard job to make the laborers of the country believe that he is right when he says: "The workingman should be taught that higher protected industries mean lower wages." A better teacher than the learned professor, namely, practical experience, has taught the workingmen the very opposite, and it will be useless to teach them to believe something that is not true.—Burlington Hawk-Eye.

## THE PARTY OFF.

Miss Lallah Ruth Carr Accompanied Them.

The party of Durhmites, who are to travel abroad for several months, left the city yesterday morning at 11 o'clock on the Durham and Northern train.

The party was composed of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Watts, their accomplished daughter, Miss Annie Louise Watts, Dr. L. B. Turnbull, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and Miss Lallah Ruth Carr, the beautiful daughter of Col. and Mrs. Julian S. Carr. In yesterday morning's issue we failed to mention that Miss Carr was going with the party, but she went along and will take in the "entire trip," but more especially to visit the "Holy Land."

Dr. Turnbull said yesterday that it had been announced that he would remain abroad five months, but he said that it was an error. The rest of the party will be gone five months, but Dr. Turnbull will visit the "Holy Land" and other places of scriptural interest and then return home—reaching here the first of June, about four months.

A large number were at the train yesterday morning to bid them "good-bye" and wish them a bon voyage, happy trip and a safe return home.

They were accompanied as far New York, from which place they will sail next Saturday, by Col. J. S. Carr. The Recorder joins their friends, in wishing them a happy trip.

## ONE MILE A WEEK.

An Incident in the Early Days of the Western North Carolina Road.

When the Western North Carolina railroad was pushed through the Blue Ridge mountains twenty years ago, the construction was carried on at both ends from Old Fort, N. C., westward upon the eastern side, and between the Shannock gap and Asheville upon the western side. As the work progressed, an engine upon the western side became a necessity, and the line upon the eastern side and only reached Henry's a small station near each Henry's a small suspension work meant a long delay. An engine must go out, and the problem arose how to get it over the mountain. One of the lightest engines on the line was sent in as far as Henry's. From there to the rails on the other side of the gap it was three and a half miles, and all the way up hill, 500 feet to the mile. The track to the top was but roughly graded. There were bridges and culverts to build. "It was decided to utilize the turnpike road. By means of short sections of track, the sections being taken up after the engine had passed them, and carried forward to be replaced by further progress, it was regarded as possible to effect the ascent."

As it was manifestly impossible for any friction-wheeled engine to carry itself up such a sharp grade, it would have to be dragged up by other means. A long line of oxen was tried, but the plan failed through the inability to obtain a uniform pull from the team. There was plenty of power, but it could not be made to harmonize. Finally the large crew of convicts, by whom the roads was being built, was set to work. Ropes were run forward upon which some 200 men in striped clothes were set to pulling. Others worked at the wheels with pinchbars, while others stood ready with blocks of wood to serve as wedges behind these wheels, to hold every inch of ground that was gained. Almost inch by inch, "with a long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull altogether," this forty tons of dead engine was dragged up the mountain at the rate of a mile a week. Trains have been snowed in, broken down and delayed so that the progress was slow. But it is doubtful if a complete engine was ever kept in motion day after day for three weeks at a slower rate of movement than one-sixth of a mile per day.—Yorkville, S. C. Engineer.

## Buck Is a 'True Honey.'

Buck Kitchin has issued another manifesto, in which he declares that "Butler is leading the populist party to hell." This because Butler tried to get his crowd to vote for a silver man for United States senator. The last manifesto Buck issued was one denouncing the middle-of-the-road populists for not taking down Tom Watson and voting for Bryan and Sewall straight, in the interest of free silver. Buck is a plump honey.—Asheville Citizen.

On account of the North Carolina State Convention Y. M. C. A., Winston-Salem, N. C., Feb. 18-22, 1897, the Southern railway will sell round trip tickets, inclusive of a limit Feb. 24.

## AT DEATH'S DOOR.

Mr. G. M. Harden in a Precarious Condition and Not Expected to Live.

Mr. George M. Harden, Sr., is critically ill and fears are entertained by his many friends for his recovery. He is paralyzed on the right side and has been unconscious since yesterday morning or Monday night.

He has been sick for sometime but was not considered to be in a critical condition until he was stricken with paralysis. He is attended by Dr. Arch Cheatham.

A reporter of the Recorder called at the residence of Mr. Harden last night at 11 o'clock and he was no better than reported yesterday—being still unconscious and in a very precarious condition.

Mr. Harden's sister, Mrs. R. A. Noel, of Roxboro, is attending his bedside, and G. M. Harden, Jr., who has been in Danville for some time, arrived here yesterday.

The many friends of Mr. Harden only hope for the best.

## Flowers Made of Bread.

The latest method of making artificial flowers is from fresh bakers bread. The materials required are wire, bread, coloring matter and knowledge of the process, now familiar to only a few persons. The factory, the only one at present, is in the west end of London, and employs about one hundred expert hands. According to a well known importer of artificial flowers, the novel method is likely to supersede all others so far as flowers to be worn on the corsage are concerned. Not only these bread flowers look exactly like the real article when freshly made, but as the bread grows stale the flowers assume a slightly withered appearance, which is almost identical with that of a natural flower beginning to fade. Of course, this faded appearance never becomes very marked, being just sufficient to overcome the unnaturally bright and fresh appearance which is so objectionable in the ordinary artificial flower after being in the heated atmosphere of a ballroom for several hours. The fading power of "bread" flowers practically insures them against detection, even by the eyes of an expert.

\$15 to \$8 per dozen, and chrysanthemums from \$12 to \$5. Violets, hyacinths, and other small flowers come several dollars cheaper.—New York Tribune.

## Monroe Johnson Staged.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 8.—Monroe Johnson, the colored burglar, was hanged in the jail at 11:10 this morning.

The execution was private, only 100 being admitted. Large crowds gathered outside the jail. Johnson protested his innocence to the last. Father Francis stood with the scaffold. Eleven minutes after the trap was sprung life was extinct. He was turned over to his wife for burial. The crime for which he was convicted was the burglary of a house of an old man living in the country. He entered Miss Shields' room and was found there by her father. He shot at the father and daughter, badly wounding Mr. Shields. The case was carried to the supreme court, who affirmed the decision of the lower court. The governor refused to pardon or commute the sentence. Mr. Walter Henry, counsel for Johnson, used all efforts to no avail.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Gattis will regret to learn that they are both confined to their room with illness. They have been sick for some time and were reported yesterday as being no better.

Miss Blanche Blake, Miss Bagley and Miss Simmons, of Raleigh, who have been here on a visit to the family of Mr. Sam Kramer for a week, returned to Raleigh on yesterday evening's train.

On account of the presidential inauguration ceremonies, Washington, D. C., March 4th, 97, the Southern Railway will sell round trip tickets from Durham to Washington at \$8.85 each. Tickets on sale March 1st, 2nd and 3rd; final limit returning March 5.

Mrs. J. T. Kerr left last evening for Washington, D. C., where she will remain for sometime.

Col. J. C. Wilkerson, who has been confined to his room for several days with illness, was out on the street yesterday.

J. H. Vetter, advanced agent for the "Farmer Hopkins" comedy company which is to appear here on the seventeenth instant, was in the city yesterday.

B. H. Cozart, who is an applicant for Internal Revenue collector for the Eastern, N. C. District, went down to Raleigh yesterday evening.

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