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THE CIRCUS IN TOWN.

Large Crowd Witnessed the Parade and two Performances Here.

John Robinson's ten big shows and all the tatterdemalton evils and amusements was in Durham Thursday and large crowds, as usual, were on the streets to see the parade and a large crowd witnessed the two performances.

Everybody says, and of course they know, that there is nothing new in the circus line, and in fact it was entirely different from what had been here before, it would give the old timer a chance to say that the circus of this day and time is not what it used to be, and the younger generation would be deprived of seeing that about which they have heard so much. When you think of the matter it is just as well that all circuses are alike.

John Robinson's circus is no exception to the general rule of circuses and he holds the reputation of carrying the largest circus that travels this section, and people go out to see it and are satisfied at the sights. The performances of Thursday pleased all that saw it, and when John Robinson comes this way again they will go out and enjoy it again.

John Low Low.

Although dead, and having had the pleasure of reading his obituary several times, John Low Low, the celebrated clown of the earlier days of the circus, was a caller at this office Thursday afternoon. His talk and manner of expression, he is the same John Low Low we have heard of ever since we first heard of circuses and clowns.

In speaking of Durham he said that its growth from a small home and water tank in so few years was one of the most marvelous things he knew of in his varied experience. He is an interesting character and while he does not play the clown, many that have seen him in former years are glad of an opportunity to see him and shake his hand.

Negro Chauffeur Hurt.

Thursday just before noon Sam Watts, negro chauffeur for the Durham Auto company, was attempting to cross the railroad at the South Mangum street crossing, the shifting engine ran him down. The auto was struck about the center and carried along the track for twenty feet before the engine could be stopped. The damage to the machine was slight.

Sam Watts, the driver, seeing the position he was in, attempted to jump and escape and in so doing broke his leg. His wound was dressed and he was getting along all right at last accounts.

Regarding the accident Watts says that the gate was not down and he had no idea a train was approaching. Only one passenger was on board and he escaped without injury.

The debris in front of the new Y. M. C. A. building is now being removed, and the sidewalk will be open to the public in a few days.

A new cool drink salon was opened up on Thursday in the old Sid Mangum store on South Mangum street by Mr. S. A. Ginnerty, who is also proprietor of a pool room on Market street.

THINGS ABOUT TOWN.

What a Reporter Sees.—Comments on People and Their Doings.

BY R. H. COWAN

As a wholesale market, Durham is rapidly forging to the front, and the latest firm for popular favor is the Durham Notion company, which has its quarters in the new Flat Iron building at Five Points, having an entrance on both Main and Chapel Hill streets. While carrying a full line of notions, will make a specialty of hosiery and small notions. The firm is composed of Mr. E. G. Reade, president; Mr. F. G. Satterfield, vice-president; and Mr. J. B. White, secretary and manager. Mr. Reade and Mr. Satterfield are Person county men, Mr. Reade having moved his family here, and taken a house on Lamond avenue. Mr. White is an old traveling man, having represented the J. W. Old Co., of Lynchburg, Va., on the road for twelve years, and Mr. Reade has been a merchant for fifteen years, a long time at Helena and Mt. Tirzah. The house has three men on the road now, and expect to have more as the fall trade opens. We welcome the firm to our city, and take it as a happy augury of Durham's coming prominence as a wholesale mart. To Mr. Reade we extend the glad hand of good fellowship.

Durham ought by right control the trade of eight adjoining counties. Shall she do it? What say our business men?

Hope deferred the heart makes sick,
But keener far it be
To have an unexpected hope
Cut short in LIMINE.

We were thinking of Charlotte as a "convention city." How she toiled and spun, and here comes Greepsboro and moves a hippo dome down from Norfolk.

If any citizen of Durham county opposes moving the court house from its present site, let him attend a public speaking while a street car or an empty wagon passes by.

Since Durham sprung from a water tank into a blooming city, like Jonah's gourd—in a night—let none of its new comers shout "carpet-bagger" at any who preceded him. Few of us are "native here, and to the manor born," but all are working together to gether to make her the Gem City, as she is now the business and financial metropolis of the commonwealth.

Messrs. C. P. and R. T. Howerton, well-known business and enterprising firms on North Mangum street will shortly begin some substantial improvements upon their respective places on the east side of that thoroughfare.

Corcoran street, we understand, will soon be extended through to Watkins street, just in front of the Banner warehouse. This will be a great convenience to the patrons of this popular tobacco saleroom.

AGE AND YOUTH CALLED.

J. T. Giddens Dies Suddenly Tuesday Night.

City Market Clerk J. T. Giddens, died suddenly at his home on West Main street, Tuesday night. Heart failure was the cause of his death, and the end came without warning, as he was sitting on the steps at his home. When carried into the house, there was no signs of life.

Mr. Giddens is well-known in Durham, where he has made his home for about 25 years. For the past twelve years he has served in the capacity of city clerk at the market, where he came into contact with every phase of Durham life. This position he filled so well that the city administration had no effect so far as removing was concerned. Tuesday he attended his dutiee as usual, and no one heard any special complaint, although for several days he has complained of not being so well.

Mr. Giddens was in the 70th year of his age. He came here from Sampson county, where he was born and reared. He was twice married. His first wife was Miss Frances Turner who came to Durham with him as a companion. Of this union there are eight living children as follows: The sons, Edgar, of Jacksonville, Florida, and Sherrod, of Brunswick, Georgia. The daughters: Mrs. Ida Harper and Mrs. Fannie Crook, of this city; Mrs. Arthur Vicellio, of Portsmouth, Virginia; Mrs. H. L. Clifton, of Faison; Mrs. T. J. Horton of Zebulon, and Mrs. Bessie Moore, of Greenville. In addition to these members of his immediate family there are three brothers and one sister.

The funeral and burial took place Thursday afternoon from the home on West Main street, conducted by Rev. M. Bradshaw and Rev. Dr. J. C. Kilgo, and the interment took place in Maplewood cemetery.

JOSEPH J. JENKINS.

Joseph Jenkins, age 13, died at Watts hospital Wednesday evening about 6 o'clock, the result of appendicitis.

He was brought here Tuesday upon the advice his physician in Chatham county, to undergo an operation. The operation was performed and there was hopes that it would prove the remedy, but the little fellow failed to survive and was carried back to his home in Chatham county Thursday for interment.

Joseph was visiting his uncle, Mr. P. M. Pearson, when the disease developed and he was brought here. His father, ex-Sheriff Jenkins, of Chatham, missed the train that would bring him here in time and drove sixty miles through the country in order to be here with his only boy. However, he only arrived here Wednesday morning about 4 o'clock, and remained with his boy the remainder of the day. The circumstances surrounding the death of this young fellow are peculiarly sad and Mr. Jenkins has the sympathy of his many friends both here and in Chatham county.

The funeral party left Durham Thursday morning for Lystra Baptist church, where the interment took place the same afternoon.

STATE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

Happenings in North Carolina of General Interest.

In the Wake county Democratic primary the following gentlemen received the highest votes, and will theretore be candidates for the respective offices mentioned: for the senate, Mr. B. Jones; for the house, John W. Hinsdale, Jr.; for sheriff, Jos. H. Sears; for Register of deeds, Joseph J. Bernard; for coroner, Chas. A. Shepard; for surveyor, Wm. P. Murray; for county commissioners, D. T. Johnson, W. C. Brewer, D. B. Harrison, A. T. Smith and W. M. Yates.

R. J. James, of Pembroke, a deputy sheriff, was arrested in Wilmington for drawing a pistol on a negro on a colored excursion train from Hamlet.

The National Editorial Association met in St. Paul Monday. Mr. H. B. Varner, of N. C., is the President, but new officers will be elected at this session.

Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, the foremost Republican of the State, is out in a statement declining the use of his name for governor. Judge Pritchard says he cannot afford to make the race, and that he is satisfied with his judgeship. At the same time he appreciated the honor intended, and the confidence of his friends shown in their efforts to have him nominated. He says ex-Senator Butler's letter, estimating that if Pritchard ran, he might be put in Taft's cabinet, was misconstrued.

Murphy Appointed Judge.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 18.—Mr. J. D. Murphy, of Asheville, is appointed by Governor Glenn as judge of the fifteenth judicial district, succeeding the lamented Judge Fred Moore. The appointment is effective at once, and holds until January 1st, subject to the Democratic judicial convention to be held later. The appointment was made at 4 o'clock this afternoon just before the governor left for Laurinburg to address the big Confederate veterans' reunion later in the week. Before leaving the city, the Governor said of the appointment that all the men applying—J. D. Murphy, J. S. Adams and W. M. Whitson—had very strong recommendations, and each felt that he ought to have the appointment, but knowing the men as he does he feels confident that they will abide by the appointment. He says he very much desired to leave the appointment open until a convention could be called, but there was a crying need for McDowell county Superior Court to be held as scheduled, and it would not be held unless he appointed Judge Moore's successor.

Mr. N. Underwood, the contractor, is hauling brick for the foundation of a new livery stable on Foster street between Chapel Hill and Watkins.

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