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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Mr. E. R. Fishplate has been sick for several days.

—Mr. A. M. Scales is spending some time in Wilmington.

—Mayor Taylor is spending a few days in Washington city.

—Mr. J. M. Walker is at the Mt. Airy White Sulphur Springs.

—Mr. and Mrs. John N. Wilson are visiting relatives in Morganton.

—The Fishplate-Katz Company is preparing to retire from business.

—Mrs. T. A. Hunter and children are visiting relatives in the country.

—Mr. Charles C. Weaver, of Salisbury, spent several days here last week.

—Editor Pepper, of the Pilot Mountain Journal, was among the visitors last week.

—Mr. Charles D. Benbow, of Pinehurst, has been spending several days in the city.

—Rev. T. E. Wagg, pastor of Centenary Methodist church, is off on a short vacation.

—Miss Etta Clapp left Monday on a visit to friends at Burlington, Graham and other points.

—Prof. J. Y. Joyner was called to LaGrange yesterday by the death of his brother's widow.

—Mr. J. W. Stack has been quite sick for about a week, we regret to state. He has fever.

—Miss Sadie Fisher, of Concord, is visiting her friend, Miss Nettie Murray, on Asheboro street.

—Mrs. C. M. Vanstory and children are spending some time at Mt. Airy White Sulphur Springs.

—Rev. Livingston Johnson has returned from a pleasant vacation in the eastern part of the state.

—Dr. C. Gray, of Pleasant Garden, and Mr. D. L. Clark, of High Point, were among our callers Monday.

—Rev. R. A. Brown and wife, of Waycross, Ga., are visiting their many relatives and friends in Guilford.

—Rev. Dr. E. W. Smith is visiting his wife, who is spending some time with relatives in East Tennessee.

—Mr. C. R. Norman, of Marion, spent Sunday and Monday here with the family of his aunt, Mrs. A. L. Willis.

—Mr. W. A. Farris and wife, of Wilmington, who formerly resided here, spent several days in the city last week.

—Mr. James N. Marsh, a former resident of this city, but now of Baltimore, has been spending several days here.

—Mr. C. P. Sellars has gone to Clinton, Sampson county, where he will spend several months on the tobacco market.

—Mr. Charles E. Brower, of Will H. Matthews & Co., will leave this afternoon for Mt. Airy White Sulphur Springs.

—Mr. Percy Page was called to Fayetteville Friday night by the death of his brother, who had been ill for some time.

—Mrs. C. H. Belvin, of Raleigh, spent last week in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. L. W. Crawford, returning home Monday.

—Mr. R. B. Elam, of Charlotte, accompanied by his wife and children, visited the family of his brother, Mr. H. J. Elam, last week.

—The Friends Yearly Meeting is in progress at High Point this week. Quite a number of Friends from this city are in attendance.

—The four-months-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Wyrick died last Friday morning. The body was taken to Mt. Hope Saturday for burial.

—Rev. H. D. Lequeux, pastor of Alamanco and Springwood churches, returned Monday from a visit to Statesville, where he formerly resided.

—The annual revival meeting was begun at Tabernacle church last Sunday. Services are being conducted daily by the pastor, Rev. W. A. Bunch.

—Mr. John Schenck, of Charlotte, who has been spending some time with his parents in this city, has gone to Philadelphia to have his eyes treated.

—Mrs. J. Harper Merritt, who has been in feeble health for quite a while, has been seriously ill for several days. She is suffering from pulmonary trouble.

—Mr. R. J. Marks has moved into his new residence on North Forbis street. The house he vacated on North Davis street will be occupied by Mr. P. G. Welch.

—The junior teams of this city and High Point played a game of ball here last Thursday afternoon. The Greensboro boys won the game, the score standing 7 to 5.

—Mr. C. W. Burnside, who has been the Southern Express Company's agent at Winston, has been appointed assistant route agent for this division, with headquarters at Greensboro.

—Dr. A. L. Stratford, wife and little son, returned to their home in Richmond, Va., Monday after spending a few days with the family of Dr. Stratford's brother, Mr. W. O. Stratford.

—Mr. R. G. Glenn Monday sold his residence, on West Market street, to Mr. A. W. McAllister for a valuable consideration. It is one of the most beautiful home places in Greensboro.

—Mr. J. T. Matthews has acquired the interest of his partner in the insurance firm of Matthews & Hammer. Mr. Hammer will go on the road as a special agent for a life insurance company.

—Rev. C. G. Vardell, president of Red Springs Female Seminary, occupied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening, preaching two excellent sermons.

—The residence of Mrs. J. M. Winstead, on West Market street, was sold at auction Monday. It was bought by Mr. W. T. Bradsher, of Roxboro, the consideration being \$4,500, subject to dover.

—Mrs. G. R. Parker, of Guilford College, left at our office Saturday two very fine tomatoes, weighing three pounds and five ounces. The larger of the two weighed two pounds and five ounces.

—F. S. Davis, Esq., of Center, is again making his celebrated "liver regulator," otherwise known as apple cider. The PATRIOT force drank some of it, yet the paper is issued on time this week as usual.

—The members of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association gave a brilliant reception at their club rooms last Wednesday night. A large number of guests was present and a pleasant evening was spent.

—Mr. J. N. Leak has acquired an interest in the business of the Sample Brown Mercantile Company and has been elected president of the company. Mr. Leak is an experienced business man and will add strength to the firm.

—Large shipments of men's and women's shoes for the fall season have already been opened up at Thacker & Brockmann's, and PATRIOT readers can depend upon finding any size and shape they want in honest, good wearing shoes from this old and reliable house.

—The contract for the monument to the memory of Calvin Graves, which is to be erected at this place by the stockholders of the North Carolina Railroad Company, has been let to I. W. Durham, a Charlotte marble man. The monument is to be built of Mt. Airy granite.

—Have you entered G. S. Gaudin & Co.'s watermelon contest? To the person leaving them the largest melon raised in Guilford county they will present a fine riding saddle. It is now on exhibition at their store and is a beauty. Call and see it and enter the contest.

—We are under obligations to our young friend Mr. J. F. Greeson, of Brick Church, for a nice list of new subscribers. No better people live than those of eastern Guilford, and their appreciation of a good thing is shown by the size of our subscription list in that section.

—The sale of the property of Dr. D. W. C. Benbow, advertised for Monday, was postponed until Monday, the 28th, on account of a restraining order granted by Judge Ewart, of the United States District court. The sale was to have been held under an order of the Superior court.

—Thursday morning a negro entered the clothing store of Rankin, Chisholm, Stroud & Rees from the rear end and stole eleven blue serge coats. He secluded the garments in a building near the store, evidently intending to return for them later. The coats were recovered, though the thief was not captured.

—Mr. B. B. Bouldin retired from the management of the dispensary Saturday night. His successor has not yet been elected, though we understand the position will be filled by the board of directors in a few days. In the meantime the dispensary is in full blast, Mr. John McCauley, the head clerk, being in control.

—The commissioners of Alamance county rescinded the order for the election to issue bonds for the public roads, which was to have been held last Thursday. This action was taken on account of some question having arisen as to the validity of the bonds, in the event the election had been carried in favor of the issue.

—Misses Ada Clapp and Vivian McLean, two charming young ladies who came up from Whitsett to attend some of the gala week exercises, graced our office for a few minutes last Wednesday. The average printing office is more or less a stranger to feminine beauty, and for this reason such visits are all the more appreciated.

—A reunion of Confederate veterans will be held at Asheboro next Saturday. Hon. F. C. Robbins, of Lexington, and other noted speakers will be present and deliver addresses. The railroads will give reduced rates and a large crowd is expected. Of the 2,500 brave soldiers Randolph furnished the Confederacy, only about 250 are now living.

—Dr. H. T. Bauer, a veterinary surgeon, died suddenly Friday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock. He had been in poor health for some time, but was on the street a few hours before his death. He died in his room at Mrs. Woods' boarding house. Dr. Bauer was a single man and had resided in Greensboro for several years, coming here from Baltimore.

—Striped hemp carpet, 13 1/2 cents; fancy cottage carpet, 20 cents; cotton and jute combination carpets, 25 cents; special styles in half wool extra super carpets, 35 cents; a dozen good styles union ingrain carpets, 40, 42 1/2 and 45 cents, and a magnificent line of strictly all wool ingrain at 50, 55 and 60 cents, at Thacker & Brockmann's. All these carpets are full yard wide.

—Rev. J. McL. Seabrook recently purchased a nice lot on Percy street near Summit avenue, and is building a modern dwelling thereon. While he moves to the city chiefly to avail himself of our superior educational facilities, the change will undoubtedly prove an advantage in many respects, yet in no sense will it be a disadvantage to either of his flourishing congregations.

—As has been expected by many, the failure of the bank of Guilford is to result in litigation. The financial affairs of the institution are in a muddle, there being a shortage of more than \$30,000. To recover this amount the receiver of the bank has brought suit against the bondsmen of the cashier, teller and book-keeper, and these officers have been summoned to appear at the next term of court.

—Another new enterprise will soon be established in Greensboro—the manufacture of chewing gum. Messrs. George W. Kestler & Son yesterday purchased a complete manufacturing outfit and the "Southern Sweetgum" brand. This brand has an established reputation and we understand that the new owners will have it on the market within a short while. The sale was consummated through Mr. George W. Pritchett.

—The county commissioners held their regular monthly meeting Monday, a full board being present. At this meeting the new bridge which has recently been built across Reedy Fork, near Summerfield, was accepted and paid for. The bridge is a substantial structure, and was built at a comparatively small cost. It is a gratifying fact that the bridges now being built in this county are much better than those formerly built.

—Mr. D. S. Hodgins, of Sumner, returned last week from Stoneville, where he was called by the death of his daughter, Mrs. N. H. Lewis, which occurred on Thursday, July 27th, of fever. Mrs. Lewis was in her twenty-fifth year. She was born and reared in Guilford and had lived in Rockingham about two and a half years. She was a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South. A sorrowing husband and two young children survive her.

—A small blaze in one of the large show windows of Rankin, Chisholm, Stroud & Rees yesterday afternoon created a little excitement for a few minutes. One of the clerks was attempting to locate a gas leak, and when a match was struck the tissue paper decorations caught fire and in an instant the interior of the window was ablaze. The flames were extinguished with slight damage, the decorations, the window shades and a few articles of neckwear being consumed.

—A most unfortunate affair occurred at Pleasantville, Rockingham county, last Thursday night. A. C. Flynn, a merchant of the village, shot his brother, J. W. Flynn, the wounded man dying Friday morning. It is claimed that the shooting was accidental, but the coroner's jury returned a verdict to the effect that it was premeditated. It is said that bad blood had existed between the two brothers for some time. The murderer was placed in jail to await an investigation by the grand jury.

—The various gala week committees held a meeting Monday night and wound up their affairs. The report of the treasurer of the finance committee showed a deficit of about \$175, but the amount was raised with no trouble and the accounts squared. Resolutions thanking the Southern Railway Company for low rates granted and the extra service inaugurated to handle the crowds were adopted. The ladies, business men and others who contributed to the success of the celebration were also thanked.

—Last Wednesday morning Leslie Allen, a young white man of this city, was found lying dead by the side of the railroad track near Conrad's, between Lexington and Thomasville. It is not known how he met his death, but it is supposed that he was either knocked from the track by a passing train or fell while beating his way. His skull was fractured and there were bruises on different parts of the body. The remains were carried to Charlottesville, Va., the former home of the family, for interment. The deceased was a son of Mr. R. J. Allen.

—It is not to be expected that a prospective bridegroom would forget the name of his intended, but this actually happened in the register of deeds' office Monday. A country negro came to have Brother Kirkman fix up the necessary "papers," and when the genial register asked the name of the "lucky woman," a sly smile spread over the countenance of the matrimonially inclined darkey and he was forced to confess that he had forgotten the name of his affianced. He took a trip to the country to straighten out matters and it is hoped that the delay will cause no future unhappiness.

—An enterprising little boy appeared on our streets the other day with a basket of parsley slung on his arm. He had not proceeded far down Elm street when he was accosted by a distinguished-looking man who wanted to know what he had and what he was going to do with his burden. Upon being told it was parsley and that he expected to sell it, the man scornfully remarked that such stuff was fit only for hogs. "Well," said the little fellow, "will you take the whole basketful?" A sly smile overspread the features of the fashionably-dressed man as he turned and walked slowly away.

—In writing of the Greensboro District Conference, held at Holt's Chapel July 26th-30th, Rev. Dr. L. W. Crawford gives the following interesting statement in the North Carolina Christian Advocate: "We are told that section of country now covered by the Greensboro district has probably sent out more Methodist preachers than any district in Southern Methodism. Two presidents of Trinity College, Drs. B. Craven and M. L. Wood, were born in Randolph county, and also Dr. A. S. Andrews, president of the Southern University, and, possibly, nowhere do you find a more loyal or better type of Methodists than in this section."

—The Wholesale Grocers' Association met here last Wednesday and Thursday, the sessions being held in the club rooms of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association. Quite a number of wholesale grocers were in attendance, and the meeting was both pleasant and profitable. The object of the association is to strengthen business relations and for mutual protection. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: M. C. Meyer, of Charlotte, president; J. F. McNair, of Wilson, first vice-president; W. S. Parker, of Henderson, second vice-president, and J. G. Ball, of Raleigh, secretary and treasurer. The association will authorize the establishment of a buying committee to pool the purchases of all the wholesale grocers in the state.

—Mr. Thomas Rankin, one of our oldest and best known citizens, has gone to his reward. About a year ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis and had been in feeble health ever since. Early last Wednesday morning the messenger of death came for his soul. His house was in order and he was ready for the transition to the spirit land. Mr. Rankin was eighty-four years old and leaves a wife and five children to mourn his death. His children are all married. He had made his home in this city for the past six years, moving here from the Bethel neighborhood. Rev. Dr. E. W. Smith conducted the funeral services from the residence of the deceased Thursday morning, the interment being in Greene Hill cemetery. The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of a large number of friends in their affliction.

Gala Week Notes.

Greensboro probably never made a more profitable investment than the money she spent on the occasion. The business men received good returns for the money they donated to pay the prizes and expenses, and a number of them have expressed their willingness to subscribe even more liberally for another gala week.

The absence of thugs and pickpockets was very noticeable. They are usually very numerous on such occasions, but out of the immense crowds that were here we have heard of no one who was "huncod."

The orderly conduct of the crowds was very gratifying. During the entire four days there was not a single arrest made for drunkenness or disorderly conduct.

The Southside Hose Company, of this city, won more prize money than any other company taking part in the tournament. In addition to this, the Southside boys won the championship belt, making the fastest run that has ever been made in the history of the firemen's association. The boys are so elated by their success that they are thinking of entering the tournament of the Virginia State Firemen's Association, which will be held in Roanoke, Va., during the month of September.

The industrial feature was much better than our people expected to see. It was one of the gala week's best drawing cards and showed that we can make as creditable a display as any people.

Why not make gala week an annual event for Greensboro and Guilford county? We believe it would pay, and pay handsomely.

The management was fortunate in securing the services of two such musical organizations as the First Regiment and the Gate City bands. Their music was superb and added much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

It is unfortunate that two accidents are numbered in the record of the week, but such occurrences cannot always be avoided. Miss Ruth Porter, who was to have occupied a place on one of the handsome floats in the street parade, was struck on the head by a section of the float falling just as the parade was preparing to move. Fortunately the injury was not serious, though Miss Porter was prevented from taking her place in the parade. She is a sister of Mr. Clark Porter, whose leg was broken while practicing for the tournament a few weeks ago.

Mr. L. V. Butner, a member of the Greensboro Hook and Ladder Company, had a narrow escape from death in the horse hook and ladder race Thursday afternoon. In some way he slipped and one wheel of the heavy truck passed over both feet, crushing the toes. His presence of mind was all that saved his life, for had he not held on to the truck the wheels would have passed over his body, resulting in death. He is getting along nicely and will soon be able to resume work.

The attractions at the Academy of Music were of a high order and were well attended. Tuesday night the Greensboro Dramatic Club presented "The Diplomats." Wednesday night "Captain Dick" was on the boards, the cast being made up of local talent. An opera, "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," was presented Thursday night under the direction of J. W. Tillinghast. The Winston Dramatic Club appeared in "The Midnight Fire" Friday night.

One of the interesting features of gala week was the state tennis tournament. Three very exciting matches were played. The first game was between Messrs. H. W. Smith and Lee G. Wharton, of Greensboro, against Messrs. Reid Smith, of Columbia, S. C., and Chedester, of Asheville, resulting in a victory for the home team. The second match, between Messrs. Donnell and Miller vs. Berger and Douglas, was won by the former. The third and final match was played by the winners of the first two—Wharton and Smith vs. Donnell and Miller, and was won by the latter. Score, 6 to 2 and 7 to 5.

The action of some of the firemen while in the city and when leaving for home was anything but commendable, though it is said that there was less friction at this tournament that has been known on former occasions. With the exception of the Newbern and Goldsboro companies, the conduct of the visitors was gentlemanly. The members of these companies, or some of them at least, are known as chronic kickers and pursue a kind of "rule or ruin" policy. When they failed to secure some of the best prizes they accused other contestants of treating them unfairly and made themselves very obnoxious. Their conduct at the depot Saturday morning would have brought a blush of shame to the cheek of a jackass. In addition to a liberal and loud use of vulgarities and profanity, many of them were drinking. Before the train left they stretched a banner along the side of the car they occupied bearing these words: "We Have Been Robbed." After throwing away a few empty whisky bottles and gathering up some stones and other missiles to ward off an imaginary attack, they boarded the cars and left Greensboro.