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The President and his wife figure as leading characters in a recently published summer novel. The President is described as "a handsome, courtly gentleman of some three and forty summers." He holds "an unlighted cigarette listlessly in one scholarly white hand, while the slender, delicate fingers of the other caress his brow and idle through the soft brown curls that have their luxurious richness about a head as classic as a Greek god's." He is further said to be "intellectually, morally and spiritually faultless."

The Chicago Railway Age says: "The financial outlook of our railways, as indicated by the weekly and monthly reports of their earnings, as well as by the general condition of the country, is encouraging, and there is every reason to believe that the black and disgraceful records of bankruptcy, through which during the past twelve and a half years, as our files show, no less than 392 roads, with a mileage of over 39,000 miles, and representing a nominal capital stock and bonded debt aggregating the vast sum of almost $2,310,000,000, have been sold under foreclosure, will not again be repeated."

Some idea of the magnitude of the present operations of the pension bureau may be drawn from the fact that the mail of letters received at the bureau and sent out from it averages more than 12,000 a day. The total number of pension certificates issued during the fiscal year just ended was 112,340, of which 55,194 were original allowances. This is the largest business ever cleared off the desks in one year. The average number of clerks for the year was 1,530, or about 100 less than in the last year of Mr. Arthur's Administration. The amount paid out for pensions during the year is not yet fully ascertained, but will probably exceed $74,000,000.

The Boston Journal says: "Members of no party will nowadays rebuke the President for being absent from Washington as much as necessary in the heated term. It is considered more important for a Chief Magistrate to understand the country and the people than to be chained like a routine clerk to a desk. The danger to President Cleveland is that he will take too little recreation. He has had two warnings from overwork and is giving better heed to them now. He works with more ease, and gives himself more social recreation since his marriage. He is not quite so much a slave to the lamp, but he has not yet acquired the faculty of dictation and still prepares the first draft of nearly every State paper with his own pen."

The New York Times says: "The plan now proposed in reference to North Carolina special tax bonds is the forerunner of a general settlement of Southern States' liabilities. The amount of these defaulted bonds now outstanding is comparatively small, great reductions having been made by previous findings. The statistics show an immense ratio of increase in taxable property in these States. The settlement of their non-interest paying debt would involve such a small increase of

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tax-tion that the rate would still remain far below the average tax throughout the country. The railroad corporations in the South recognize the injury to their credit from the present state of things, and as they are among the leading taxpayers, their co-operation is of great value." Yet, nevertheless and notwithstanding, the special tax steal in North Carolina will never be made good by the honest people of this State.

LOCAL NEWS.

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C W YATES—Country Merchants
HEINSBERGER'S—Pianos and Organs

Ger. barque *Lucy & Paul*, Andreas, hence, arrived at London July 13th.

The cheapest place to buy your school books and school stationery is at Heinsberger's. †

Paints and Varnish. Best in city at JACOBI'S, and at lower prices than you can buy elsewhere. †

Last night—like some of its immediate predecessors—was a scorcher, and sleep was almost an impossibility, owing to the intense heat.

It has been so hot to-day that the hands employed in loading a vessel at the Carolina Oil and Creosote Works were obliged to quit work for awhile.

Carolina Beach. Keep cool and remember that the headquarters for bathing suits is at the Wilmington Shirt Factory. Suits made to order. Ladies' a specialty. J. ELSBACH, Prop., 27 Market street. tf.

The Lawn Party for the benefit of the "flag fund" of the Wilmington Light Infantry, will be given at City Hall Park next Tuesday evening. Of course, everybody will want to attend, and a large company will be present.

"Where can I go to buy what I want?" "What do you want? Well, whatever you want, whether Matting, Towels, Trunks, Gossamers, Hammocks, Straw Hats or Summer Clothing, you can save money to buy at Sol. Bear's." †

Indications.

For North Carolina, fair weather, and stationary temperature.

The Hottest Yet.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the thermometer in our office, which is one of the coolest places in the city, indicated 95 degrees. From this it would appear that to-day has been the hottest of the season. We hear of thermometers that have indicated 98 degrees and even 100 degrees, but the foregoing are the indications in our office.

Personal.

Mr. W. W. Shaw will leave for his new home at Durham to-morrow morning, where we hope health and prosperity may attend him.

Mr. S. W. Vick, the newly appointed Clerk to the County Auditing Committee and Warden of the Outdoor Poor, assumed the duties of his office this morning.

At the Lake.

The excursion to Lake Waccamaw yesterday by the Cornet Concert Club was a grand affair and a most complete success, socially as well as financially. The Club turned out in full numbers and their playing was excellent. Notwithstanding the intense heat the enjoyment at the Lake was all that could be desired, and the excursionists returned last night in due season all delighted with the day's recreation and pleasure.

Base Ball.

Notwithstanding the intense heat there was a goodly assemblage of ladies and gentlemen at the Seaside grounds yesterday afternoon to witness the first match game of ball between the Wilmington and Charlotte nines. Mr. Kiley acted as umpire, to the complete satisfaction of all concerned, and Mr. W. P. Monroe was scorer. The game was hotly contested and there was some remarkably skillful playing on both sides, but the Charlotte boys were the winners in a score of 4 to 0. They play again this afternoon, when the home team will put in their best licks for success.

The Heat.

Yesterday the heat was intense, and it is something remarkable in our climate that there were not numerous cases of sunstroke. Only two such cases have been reported, both of whom were street hands. These were Richard Farrow and —— Hewlett and both had to be conveyed to their homes. Later in the afternoon there were refreshing and much needed showers, which laid the dust and for a time materially cooled the atmosphere. After the showers, however, and as night approached, the sweltering heat returned and continued until after midnight. The heat was almost suffocating and sleep was one of the impossibilities. The children were the greatest sufferers and their condition were really pitiable. It will, we trust, be cooler one of these days.

Last Night's Lecture.

Dr. B. F. Dixon, Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, lectured last night at the lecture room of the First Presbyterian Church. The heat was intense, yet the room was well filled. The exercises were opened by singing "Bow Down Thine Ear," by a male quartette composed of Messrs. J. D. Smith, first tenor; D. B. Mitchell, second tenor; H. H. Munson, first base, and R. H. Grant, second base, with Miss Sprunt presiding at the organ. Rev. P. H. Hoge, pastor of the church, then offered prayer, at the conclusion of which Mr. C. H. Robinson, Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of North Carolina, introduced Dr. Dixon to the audience in a brief but felicitous speech. The subject selected by Dr. Dixon was, "North Carolina Boys, and how to save them," a theme full of interest and solicitude, and one which appeals directly to the heart of every father, mother and sister in the good old State. In the discussion of this all-important theme the speaker was plain, practical and candid and at times his remarks were full of genuine humor, which is one of his happy characterestics. He has a fine presence, a rich full voice and is an earnest man. At the conclusion of his lecture, by request of Grand Master Robinson, Dr. Dixon gave some account of the Orphan Asylum, stating that there were now 205 children who were being prepared for the duties of life at that institution. Of these the boys were being taught farming, shoemaking and telegraphy, while the girls were being taught cooking and sewing, and all were being given a good practical education in the English language. The speaker made a most favorable impression upon our people, who would be glad to greet him again when the weather shall not be quite so hot.

At the conclusion of his remarks the quartette sung, "Remember Thy Creator," after which Rev. Mr. Hoge made a few remarks expressive of approbation of the lecture and the audience were dismissed.

Exports Foreign.

Ital. barque *It Vero*, Cafiero, cleared to-day for Trieste, Austria, with 4 106 barrels rosin, valued at $4,384 shipped by Messrs. Paterson, Downing & Co. Nor. brig *Emma*, Anderson, cleared for Hull, Eng., with 1,844 casks spirits turpentine, valued at $31,350, shipped by Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son; making a total of exports foreign amounting to $35 734.

Half Holiday.

Our streets this afternoon presented quite a deserted appearance, in consequence of the closing of nearly all the stores in order that the clerks may have a half holiday o recreation. The movement has become general among dry goods merchants, clothing, boot and shoe dealers and jewelers, and the employes engaged in those vocations will have an opportunity for a half day of pleasure.

City Court.

W. H. Loftin, colored, who was brought before the Mayor yesterday morning charged with keeping an unlicensed dog, but whose case was continued, was brought up again this morning and was fined $5. He took an appeal which was granted upon condition that he furnish a justified bond in the sum of $50 to prosecute the appeal.

W. Collison was charged with being drunk and down, but the hearing in his case was continued by the city on account of the absence of two important witnesses. A fine of $5 each was entered against the absent witnesses who were both police officers.

Alexander Sauls, colored, charged with disorderly conduct, was discharged, as the testimony was not sufficient to convict.

Perry Furnace, Westley Mitchell, S. J. Bell and Henry Rowe, all colored hucksters, were charged with failure to pay the required license tax, but were discharged upon payment of the same.

Jack Davis, another colored huckster, ster, was fined $2 for nonspayment of licence tax.

Dot on His Travels.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., July 12, 1887.

EDITOR REVIEW:—It was so hot when I closed my last I hardly know what I said about the magic city. I don't feel that it is my province to write it up as those who are better able are doing so. There are so many Wilmington boys here I thought their friends would be pleased to know how they are progressing in the city of their choice. It would take me a longer time than I have to spare to tell all about this city. I met up with friend Pen Meares, son of Judge O. P. Meares. He is of the firm of Meares & Walker, a firm that is doing well. We took a pleasant ride on the "dummy" line street railway, four or five miles to East Lake, on the high lands, where many splendid residences are going up and where we had a splendid view of the surrounding country. We also saw Mallette & Co Mr. Mallette is brother to Mrs. Gabriel Holmes. They are doing a fine business and speak very encouragingly of the future. The fact is, nearly all of our boys are doing well.

I am glad to see by the papers that Wilmington is now on a boom. Now, what are her needs? More pluck, energy and vim! You ought to build and equip a dummy railway to Wrightsville Sound, which could be done for between $50,000 and $60,000 and run a train every hour or two hours as the demand might be, with round trip fare at 25 cents. I think it would pay the Carolina Beach Company well to run a dummy line down to Ocean beach. They could make a trip every two hours at 25 cents a trip. They have here six dummy lines, one of which is 20 miles long, and they all pay, also five horse car lines, making eleven in all; cannot Wilmington afford two or three? I think she can, if she wills it.

And why not have factories for wooden buckets tubs, pails &c. And why not run a railroad to the Cranberry Iron Mines which are said to produce the best iron in the South, carry the ore to Wilmington, put up a furnace there, which could be done, and may done in the near future. One of the oldest and most experienced iron men of Tennessee remarked to a gentleman here that the minerals of North Carolina were the same as those of Alabama and that he had bought thousands of acres of the land, waiting for railroad facilities to develope the same. The firm of which he is a member are erecting two iron furnaces here, having also bought largely of mineral lands in this State. A gentleman here of experience and means said he would take $10 000 in stock to erect an iron furnace in Wilmington. Now, what will you all do? I see you are soon to vote on a subscription for the Onslow Railroad. What a difference between there and here! This is a city of only 16 years' growth, with between 40,000 and 50 000 inhabitants, and at the close of this year will have 16 railroads running out in different directions, and the citizens were never asked to subscribe one cent, but your city, over 100 years old, with a population of 20 000, is asking the people to tax themselves to build a 40 mile railroad. Oh, you want the spirit of the noble souls that built the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad. If you had manufactories of different kinds, such as the country needed, they would soon build railroads to your city so as to carry the products away. I hope that the men of nerve and energy will not sit down and depend upon cotton and naval stores. They have already done too much of that. You want the C F & Y. V R R built at once connecting with the iron mines I have named. Build up factories and then truly the "City by the Sea" will have a boom. God help her.

Yours. DOT

DIED.

BEAR—In this city, at 1 o'clock, p. m., Thursday, July 14th, 1887, MARCUS BEAR, a native of Bavaria, Germany, aged 42 years.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 12 North Fifth street, this afternoon at 5 o'clock.