

Table with advertising rates: One Square one day, Two Squares one day, etc.

OUTLINES.

Chicago Crispiens are on a strike. San Salvador and Guatemala besiege the capital of Honduras. Rev. Dr. Mason, of Raleigh, died yesterday in that city.

THE VICTORY OF EXPANSION.

The passage of the resolution in the Senate Friday instructing the financial committee to report a bill increasing the currency forty millions, is a grand triumph for the inflationists, who have conducted the contest with consummate skill and ability.

A MEMORABLE AND PROMINENT MINISTER DEAD.

A brief telegram from Raleigh announces the death in that city yesterday of Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., the venerable and beloved pastor of Christ's Church.

This news will be received everywhere with sadness. Dr. Mason was one of the oldest clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and was revered equally for his lovely qualities of heart and his extensive learning and services in behalf of his Church and society.

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Our Churches To-Day.

First Presbyterian church, corner of Third and Orange streets: Services at 11 o'clock A. M. and 7 1/2 P. M., by Rev. W. S. Plumer, D. D. L. L. D., of Columbia, S. C.

Services at the Second Presbyterian Church, corner of Fourth and Campbell streets, at 4 P. M.

Services at Front Street M. E. Church at 11 A. M. and 7 1/2 P. M. Sunday School at 3 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7 1/2 o'clock. Seats all free. Gentlemenly ushers will be in attendance to conduct strangers to seats. Rev. R. S. Moran, D. D., Pastor.

Fifth Street M. E. Church, Rev. W. N. Conoley, Pastor: Services at 11 A. M. and 7 1/2 P. M. Sunday School at 9 1/2 A. M. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Services in St. John's Church to-day, 1st Sunday in Lent, as follows: Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 7 o'clock; Morning Prayer at 11 o'clock; Evening Prayer at 7 1/2 o'clock.

S. James' Parish, 1st Sunday in Lent.—Morning Prayer at 11 o'clock; Evening Prayer at 5 o'clock; Sunday School at 3 P. M. Daily service during the week: Morning Prayer, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7 1/2 A. M.; Wednesday and Friday at 11 A. M. Evening Prayer, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 5 o'clock; Wednesday at 8 o'clock.

Services at St. Paul's (Episcopal) church, corner of Fourth and Orange streets, at 11 A. M. and 7 1/2 P. M. Rev. T. M. Ambler, Pastor. Seats free.

First Baptist Church, corner of Market and Fifth streets, Elder J. C. Hiden, Pastor. Services at 11 A. M. and 7 1/2 P. M. Sunday School at 9 1/2 A. M. Prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Services in St. Paul's Evang. Lutheran Church as follows: English service at 11 A. M.; German service at 7 1/2 P. M.; Sunday School at 3 P. M. Congregational meeting at 9 1/2 P. M.

St. Thomas' Catholic Church, Dock St., between Second and Third. The 1st Sunday of Lent: Mass at 7 and 10:30 A. M.; Catechism at 9:30 A. M.; Vespers chanting at 4 o'clock P. M.; Daily service at 7 A. M.; Stations of the Cross on Friday night at 7 1/2 o'clock. Officiating Clergymen, Rev. Mark S. Gross, P. P., Rev. Jas. B. White.

Seamen's Bethel: Services at 11 A. M. and 7 1/2 P. M. Rev. H. B. Burr, Chaplain. Services at St. Mark's (Colored) Episcopal church, being 1st Sunday in Lent, as follows: Morning Prayer at 11 o'clock; Evening Prayer at 7 1/2 o'clock. During Lent, daily Morning Prayer at 7 1/2 o'clock; Evening Prayer at 5 o'clock.

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Tax Receipts.

The receipts at the office of the city Treasurer and Collector, during the week just closed, footed up \$704 70, of which \$309 95 were for specific taxes, \$321 for real and personal taxes and \$73 75 for dray licenses.

The Wrong Man.

Mr. John Burnett, one of the witnesses in the late robbery case, informs us that it was James Leggett, the State's witness, whom he saw standing in the door of Messrs. Binford, Crow & Co.'s store on the night of the robbery, and who subsequently hailed him and whetted his knife as if he meant business, and not Charles Mackey, as it appeared in our report of the trial.

Friends of Temperance.

Mt. Olivet Council No. 9, of this city, having admitted a number of ladies as active members, some of whom occupy official positions, is represented as in a very flourishing condition. The attendance upon the weekly meetings is very large, frequently every seat being occupied, while the music, both instrumental and vocal, is represented to be fine.

New M. E. Church in Columbia.

Many residents of this city, who feel an interest in and have contributed towards the erection of the new Methodist Church in Columbia, S. C., which is to supply the place of the one destroyed by fire when that city was almost laid in ashes, will be pleased to know that its completion is expected this summer, the exterior being now nearly completed and represented to be handsome.

Mortuary.

There were only two interments in Oakdale Cemetery during the past week, one an adult aged 69 and the other an infant three weeks old. The first named died of consumption and the last of erysipelas. The adult died in Harrisburg, Pa., and was brought to this city for interment.

In Pine Forest (colored) Cemetery, for the same period, there were four interments, of which three were adults and one a child.

And Still the Work Goes On.

Yesterday morning, about 2 o'clock, while the employees at the Gas Works in this city were busily engaged in charging up, a thief entered a room in the building and carried off a fine clock, which was missed soon afterwards. It was subsequently found, however, in a vacant lot near the corner of Ninth and Rankin streets, by Officer Eagles, of the police force. It is time that a timely stop should be put to these robberies when the thieves descend to stealing time-pieces.

A Slight Mistake.

We were in error yesterday in our statement that Sheriff Briggs, of Wilson, took Louis Selby back for trial. He will be held here until his term of imprisonment in the Work House expires, when he will be re-arrested on a capias. The Sheriff came here expressly for Small Blount, a colored individual of Wilson, who was arrested in this city a few weeks ago on the charge of assault and battery in that county. Blount was taken to Wilson for trial.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

Richard Hooper, charged with assaulting Ned Gause with a deadly weapon, was arraigned before Justice T. M. Gardner yesterday, and, after a patient hearing of about two hours and a half, the case was finally dismissed at the cost of the prosecutor. The plaintiff, through his counsel, Mr. R. B. Frayer, appealed to the Superior Court. Hooper was also arraigned on a peace warrant, sworn out by Gause, and was required to give security in the sum of \$50 for his appearance at the next term of the Superior Court.

Temperance.

Theo. N. Ramsey, Esq., General Deputy of the Order of Good Templars, organized a Lodge of the Order at Shoo Heel, Robeson county, on Friday night, with the following officers: Henry Smith, W. C. T.; Miss Emily McRae, W. V. T.; James McLean, P. W. C. T.; L. McLaurin, W. C.; M. McNair, W. M.; James McLean, W. D. M.; Miss Mary McLean, W. I. G.; D. S. Harlee, W. O. G.; G. M. Whitfield, W. S.; Wm. Harlee, W. A. S.; Mrs. Alex. McRae, W. T.; J. B. Weartherly, W. F. S.; Mrs. J. E. Eldridge, R. H. S.; J. E. Eldridge, L. H. S.; J. H. Eldridge, L. D.

Found Drowned.

The body of an unknown man was found floating in Barnard's Creek, about seven miles below the city, on Friday, by some men who were passing in a boat. The body was secured and Coroner Hewlett notified of the fact, who went down yesterday for the purpose of holding an inquest. The body had been so long in the water and decomposition had progressed to such an extent that it was impossible to tell whether it was that of a white or colored man. It is the general impression, however, that it is the body of a sailor who was drowned off the brig *Dorothea* some weeks since.

Hotel Arrivals.

PURCELL HOUSE, J. R. DAVIS, Proprietor. D. A. Long, Baltimore; Jas. W. Taylor, A. H. Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Hull, Wm. McCullough, S. C. Emley, Gen. Kemp, wife and child, Master Kemp, maid and nurse, New York; C. Warwick, Richmond; Chas. H. Mason, Philadelphia; H. Clark, City; John E. Taylor, O. C. R.; Jas. S. Ryan, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Stuyvesant and servant, N. Y.; S. C. Keating and lady, Mrs. Bush, Miss Tombs, Lock Haven, Pa.; Sturtevant, wife and child, Cleveland, Ohio; M. K. Smith, Horse Shoe; A. Buie, Rosendale, N. C.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Sad Death from Asphyxia, Caused by Inhalation of Gas—The Victim a Prominent Citizen of Robeson County—The Verdict of the Jury of Inquest, &c.

Our community was startled yesterday, about 12 o'clock, by the announcement that Mr. A. McGeachy, of Robeson county, had been found dead in his room at the Purcell House, caused by the inhalation of gas. Mr. McGeachy arrived in this city on Thursday to meet a raft of turpentine which he was having brought down the river. The raft did not arrive as soon as expected and he continued to lay over here, intending to go home on one of the Fayetteville steamers leaving yesterday afternoon. He roomed in No. 24, and retired about 10 o'clock on Friday night. His failure to leave his room yesterday morning attracted no attention, as guests are frequently in the habit of retiring late and keeping their rooms until a late hour the next day. At 12 o'clock, or near that hour, a chamber-maid, in pursuit of her customary duties of cleaning up the rooms, came to No. 24 and found that the door was locked on the inside. Hesitating for a moment she discovered that there was a strong current of gas oozing through the cracks of the door. Becoming alarmed, she hastened to inform Mr. Cobb, the clerk, of the fact, who immediately repaired to the room and found it as the girl had stated. He procured assistance and burst the door open, the gas in the meantime almost stifling those who entered. The windows were immediately thrown open, when the body of Mr. McGeachy was found on the bed stiff and cold in death. As a measure of precaution medical assistance was promptly summoned, in the persons of Drs. Wood and Walker, but the vital spark had long since left, the impression being that he must have died about midnight, or perhaps before. The tongue of deceased was doubled up and slightly protruded from the mouth, which was the only indication that he had suffered pain during the struggle between life and death.

It is supposed, as the only rational way of accounting for the accident, that Mr. M., on retiring, not being used to gas, blew the light out or he would a candle, instead of turning it off, or that after turning it off he unconsciously turned it back. His garments were carefully folded and laid upon a chair by the side of the bed.

Mr. McGeachy resided near St. Paul's, Robeson county, where he carried on the turpentine and timber business on quite an extensive scale, being consequently well known to a number of the business men of this city. He married a daughter of Ex-Sheriff Hector McNeill, of Cumberland county, who, with their two children, are left to mourn the sad accident that has so suddenly deprived them of a kind husband and an affectionate father. Deceased is represented by those who knew him well to have been a steady, industrious, temperate, hard-working man, and his bereaved family will have the heartfelt sympathies of a large circle of friends, as well as relations, in the sad dispensation which has befallen them.

Mr. McNeill, a brother-in-law of deceased, arrived on a Fayetteville boat yesterday morning, to meet him, and called at the Purcell House just after the discovery of the accident to inquire after him.

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Soon after the inquest was concluded, the body was suitably prepared and put on the steamer *D. Marchion*, in charge of Mr. McNeill, to be taken to his afflicted family, who were doubtless anxiously awaiting and expecting his return home, as he had left them so shortly before, full of life and in all the vigor of manhood. Who can picture in the mind the grief and woe which they were to experience without shedding a tear of sympathy for the bereaved ones?

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Local Notes.

A club of 13 subscribers received yesterday from Richmond county. A Norwegian Barque, name unknown, was reported in below yesterday, awaiting orders.

We learn that St. James' Parish was robbed a few nights ago of a large mirror and hair brush.

Two of the street convicts, whose terms had expired, were discharged from custody yesterday.

Both printing and ruling done in the finest grades of copying ink at the Star Job Printing Office.

The Northern 6 P. M. mail has been reaching the post-office very late for several days. What's the matter?

The Register of deeds and his Deputy are both indisposed, and as a consequence the office was closed yesterday.

To-day is the 142d anniversary of the birth of George Washington, who was born on the 22nd of February, 1732.

J. H. Smyth, of the Freedmen's Savings Bank, qualified yesterday as County Examiner in place of Rev. H. B. Burr, resigned.

Rev. G. W. Price will lecture to the Sabbath School of the Second (colored) Presbyterian church this morning, at 9 1/2 o'clock.

A dispatch from Raleigh, received in this city yesterday, states that Henry Bunning, the alleged safe robber, is in that place.

Ninth anniversary of the evacuation of Wilmington by the Confederates and occupation of the city by the Federal forces under Gen. Terry and Schofield.

Deputy Sheriff A. H. Morris is announced as having arrived in Raleigh with his gallant band of recruits, eight in number, for the State Penitentiary.

An attempt was made to enter a dwelling on Dock street on Friday night, by taking the sash out of a window, but the thieves were frightened off before accomplishing their purpose.

Geo. Owens and Dennis Williams, convicted of larceny and being unable to give the necessary bond for their appearance at Court, the former in the sum of \$600 and the latter in the sum of \$300, were committed to jail yesterday.

Rev. W. N. Conoley, of the Fifth Street M. E. Church, has returned to the city after a few days absence and will occupy his pulpit to-day; and, by special request, is expected to repeat his sermon on the Prodigal Son this evening.

A few minutes work would remove one or two puddles of water which form during rainy weather on the sidewalk on Seventh street, near its intersection on the North side of Market, through which pedestrians frequently have to wade.

CITY ITEMS.

FORD'S EXTRACT—"The Vegetable Pain Destroyer" never fails to afford relief from Pain. Try it once, and nothing could induce you to be without it.

LATE PAPERS.—To Harris' News Depot, West side Front Street, we are indebted for copies of the *New York Ledger*, *Chimney Corner* and *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper* for the current week. The stand will be open until 10 o'clock this morning.

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