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LOCAL.

Dr. Pritchard has been invited to a ten day's meeting up north.

Frickel, with his trained Canary birds and other attractions, appears this evening at Tucker Hall.

The Keeper of the Capitol Grounds advertises that the beaux of Raleigh can't adorn their vest button-holes with his flowers.

Blind Tom, the musical prodigy of the age, will be in our city the 7th of February, appearing for a night only at Tucker Hall.

Our city fathers are discussing City Gas and Water Works. And now something is being said about street cars.

Rev. Junius P. Moore, P. E. of the Raleigh District, was married to Miss Cornelia Boddie, in this city, Tuesday morning last.

Bro. Z. M. Foster writes that, P. E. Casper's council is coming west, considering the opposition it has to contend against.

Col. E. R. Stamps, late editor of the Tarboro Enquirer, but now a citizen of Raleigh, led Miss Bettie V. Williams, second daughter of our esteemed fellow citizen, John G. Williams, Esq., to hymen's altar on the morning of the 26th inst. After receiving the congratulation of friends the happy pair started on a bridal tour.

New Books.—The attention of our readers is called specially to the advertisement of T. B. Peterson & Brothers, in which they present to the public Mrs. Warfield's New Books, which are now ready for sale. These are fine publications and will, doubtless, command a good sale.

RALEIGH COUNCIL.

At the last meeting quite a number of applications were brought in. One lady was initiated. After the usual routine, the Council, under the head of the good of the Order, listened to several very interesting little speeches from various members.

Rev. Dr. Burkhead, the President, and W. C. Stronach, Esq., the Associate, were, by action of the Council, invited to deliver addresses at the next regular meeting, which they consented to do. Let every member of the Order in the city be sure to come out next Friday evening.

HOMICIDE.

Geo. W. Swepson, Esq., shot Adolphus G. Moore, at Haw River, on Tuesday last, inflicting a wound from which Moore died the next day.

The first version of the matter was, that Moore was passing along the road going bird hunting, and, without provocation, Swepson fired at him with an army rifle from behind a chimney, without effect; then retreating to the inside of the house he again fired from behind a partially closed door, this time inflicting the wound.

Another version is, that Swepson acted on the defensive; that Moore went for a fight, and was in the act of shooting Swepson when Swepson shot him. Moore, in his dying statement, denied this.

The matter, at the time of this writing, is being investigated. Strong counsel have been employed on both sides.

DISTRICT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Commissions have been sent out, during the last week, to over fifty persons in North Carolina, making them the Vice Presidents, or the representatives of the President of the State Council in their several localities.

We hope that every one, to whom a commission was sent, will accept it, and use his influence and very much of his time for the promotion of the cause of Temperance.

The President, let it be understood, does not send out these commissions as so many compliments. He means business, and the commissions mean work. If, therefore, there be any who do not intend to work, do not expect to give of their time and influence to the cause of temperance and to the extension of our Order, let not such retain their commissions, but return them at once to the Secretary, with a recommendation of some other person in their community who will work.

We hope that all will accept the office, and that all will work. A little done by all will amount to a great deal in the aggregate.

DIDN'T KNOW HIM.

Since our city has grown to be a great cotton emporium and a wholesale dealer in Fertilizers, Whiskey and Groceries, our city government and police force have been wonderfully improved, both in quantity and quality, but mostly in appearance.

In the olden time we knew all the policemen and they looked as natural as other people; but now we don't know all of them, and, with their fine uniforms on, we sometimes don't know those we use to know. Such was the case the other evening when Mr. Parham approached us, in the market, and began to talk about a certain article which had appeared in our paper about him. After enquiring his name we assured him that he was mistaken both as to the man and the paper—that his grievance, probably, was against the Spirit of the Age. But, as we have heard of no fight in that quarter, we are persuaded to hope that his grievance turned out to be an imaginary one.

Were it not for the imaginary ones, how few would be the ills of life.

CENTENNIAL OF METHODISM.

The Methodist church of North Carolina will celebrate the present year, it being the centennial of their first labors in this state. And, on the 21st of March a grand Centennial celebration will be held in this city, which promises to be one of the most imposing occasions ever witnessed in the city.

Among the other distinguished divines invited, we learn from the Advocate that Dishop Marvin is one of them, and that he will attend. Everybody who has seen and heard the Bishop will want to see and hear him again, and his coming, will, of itself, bring hundreds to the Centennial.

One of the purposes of the Centennial meeting is to raise money to build a Memorial Church in this city. We hope that all the purposes, including this, will be fully consummated, and that the church which celebrates its Centennial may enter upon the century with a determination to do a thousand fold more for Christ than has been done in the hundred years that are drawing to a close.

PUFFING THE GOSPEL.

There are a great many business men who do not know, or, seemingly do not properly appreciate, the importance of advertising. A man must keep himself before the people if he would be known, and to make his business known he must advertise.

Politicians and some worldly minded ministers of the Gospel who are working for worldly glory and the applause of the multitude, appreciate the importance of advertising. Hence, it is often the case, that, over a fictitious name the politician writes a puff of himself, to keep himself before the people; and quite as often the case that the minister of the Gospel writes the very complimentary and fulsomely flattering local notices of himself which appear in the daily papers.

It is well enough to puff, or rather to stuff, small men, and men who make the Gospel a matter of business, but great men and truly pious gospel preachers don't care for advertising.

The Temperance reform movement is exciting the greatest interest and enthusiasm in Maine. Large meetings are every where being held, while the liquor law is being vigorously enforced. At Saco to-day (Jan. 17th,) a druggist for a single case of liquor selling was sentenced to sixty days in the county jail and to pay a fine and costs.—New York World.

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY.

Men and women should be careful what they say before each other—before the world. Idle words, often spoken in jest—are sometimes potential evils, because not fully understood and properly appreciated.

In one of our public addresses on the subject of temperance, not a great while ago, we related an anecdote, which caused considerable merriment, and to our mind it was entirely innocent and altogether free from the least taint of coarseness. But it was misunderstood and misapplied by a boy who sat in the audience, and the effect on him was damaging, until he was convinced by a minister of the gospel, who also heard it, that he had misunderstood the remark.

Children are always listening because they are always trying to learn, and people should be careful what they say before children, if they would not have them repeat, in public what they have heard in private.

We heard a traveling temperance lecturer, from Boston, say, not long ago, that, just before taking leave of his family, as he was on the point of starting South, his children tried to dissuade him from coming lest he might be shot and murdered by Southern people. Those children were not warned by a dream. They had heard father and mother talk about those "cruel, murderous Southern rebels," and hence their alarm when father was about to go among them. We must take heed to our words as well as our ways, if we would be blameless in life.

WASTE OF AMUNITION.

Dr. Pritchard occupies nearly a column in the Biblical Recorder, in which he expresses his "most decided dissent from the spirit and sentiment of several articles," which he says, "have recently appeared," but which the editor says, he don't remember having appeared in that paper.

The Doctor's "dissent" is very strong as well as "decided," and the affair reminds us of an anecdote.

A lean, lank, lazy-looking, good-for-nothing fellow, whom we call Jack, appeared at a neighbor's door just as the family had taken their seats at the breakfast table. The good lady invited him to sit down and have some breakfast. But he declined, saying, he wasn't at all hungry—didn't feel like eating—in fact, he was quite unwell. She insisted, and Jack still declined. She made her little boy get up, and again invited Jack to take a seat, which he finally did, and although still complaining of feeling badly, and lamenting his complete loss of appetite, he went to work vigorously on the biscuit, coffee, fried ham and eggs, &c.

The little boy, who had to give up his seat, took his stand at the back of his mother's chair, and when Jack, whose appetite seemed to be "coming," reached for his fourth biscuit, he groaned audibly. His mother reached around and with a gentle pressure of her hand upon his arm warned him to keep quiet, which he did until Jack reached forth for his seventh biscuit, when the boy could contain his feelings no longer; but gave vent to them in a shrill, prolonged whistle. His mother arose quickly with a flushed face, when the little fellow, knowing what was coming, started to run. As he fell out the door his mother caught him and led him toward the place of penance. But, as they were going he said: "Mother, if a man as ain't hungry, and don't feel like eating, and is sick, can eat seven biscuits, how many could he eat if he was well, and was hungry and felt like eating?"

History does not record the mother's answer to that sum; but the anecdote prompts us to enquire: if the Doctor can write such a "dissent" from expressions which, according to the Recorder, must be wholly imaginary, what might he do as a "dissenter," if, instead of an imagination, he had a reality upon which to base his "dissent"?

RELIGION.

The N. Y. Sun asks: "What is any religion worth to any man who pretends to possess it, if it be not to him an influential power? How can any man be said to believe in this or that religion when he practically ignores the controlling principles upon which it is founded, and spurns the governing precepts which are its essence? There are a great many men in these times who are called professors of religion, but we need another class of people who can show that they are entitled to be called practitioners of religion. Whatever be the form of a man's creed, he is required to forsake his evil ways."

Col. Henry L. Guion of Newbern is dead.

A few Almanacs left.

GOING TO CHURCH IN WASHINGTON.

A correspondent of the N. Y. Sun, writing from Washington City, Jan'y 24th, has the following to say about going to church in that city:

"The Metropolitan Methodist Church is distant only a few blocks from the Metropolitan Hotel, where I am sojourning, and this morning I concluded to stroll around to hear the Rev. Dr. Newman, lately returned from Europe, and to see Gray, Babcock, Sartoris, and the rest of the Presidential household. I desired to behold with my own eyes the minister who has recently traveled so extensively on Government account, and to view critically the person who aspires to rule us during another and a third term. It is not often one has a chance to meet with a gentleman who thinks himself superior to George Washington; so I was compelled, as were, to see Ulysses anyhow.

As for Dr. Newman, I shall not attempt an analysis of his sermon. His text was taken from Romans, twelfth chapter and eleven verse: 'Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.' The subject suggested by these is the compatibility of business with piety, and all I wish to say in regard to Dr. Newman is that he illustrated personly the truth of his text by announcing a series of discourses on Mohammed on the Koran, and on Religion in the Turkish Empire, and suggesting at his congregation as well as strangers would be expected to contribute liberally on the occasion of these lectures, the first of which will be given, on the 30th of this evening. The exact expression of Newman to the congregation was, 'Bring your cash with your prayers this evening.' It appears, therefore, that the reverend gentleman purposes to turn to valuable account the ideas and information obtained by him while traveling at the expense of the Government, and to exemplify his own person the beautiful harmony which exists between piety and piety.

When I reached the church door I told the usher that I had never seen Grant, and that he would oblige me by procuring for me a seat which commanded the position held by the General. Looking at me, as I staggered at my excessive lack of travel, he kindly led me down the aisle to the pew of a straight line with the pew of the President, who soon put to his appearance, his lady, accompanied by her while Babcock and Sartoris, with several ladies, took seats in the pew immediately in rear of Grant and his wife. And now commenced my entranced gazing. I was near enough to Grant to see every motion he made, every wink of his eye. He seemed to be very nervous and restless in his seat. His wife had to tell him each time where to find the page of the hymn. He paid little or no attention to the sermon, yawned frequently, and stroked his beard. In one word, Grant showed every indication of having been on a spree. His face was bloated and ruddy, and his whole bearing indicated that the services were boring to him to the last degree. As I took in the lineaments of his stolid countenance, the thought arose, How can such a person ever succeed in setting aside the precedents established by the fathers and in obtaining a third term? I do not believe that Grant will get the Republican nomination at Cincinnati, but if he should he will take it. He has never refused anything given to him yet."

PETER DWYER. At 38 Vandam street, New York, Peter Dwyer, an illiterate but very earnest and we suppose a very sincere christian man, is, and for some time, has been, holding a revival meeting, of which the Sun recently makes mention in terms of kindness. The little cellar or basement room in which he holds his meetings is crowded nightly with the roughs of that portion of the city and many of them have been converted. The Sun says that Dwyer is doing a good work, notwithstanding the world the flesh and the devil, including some of the police, seem to be working against him.

A few nights ago a general row occurred there, in which the police participated, siding with the disturbers of the meeting. But the next night better policemen were put on duty and quiet prevailed. Dwyer seems determined to prosecute his work among the outcasts, at all hazards. May his efforts be crowned with success. The battle is not yours, but God's, said the prophet to Jehoshaphat.

Richmond, Va., is probably, without a parallel in the country in the proportion of its church members to its inhabitants. Of its population of 50,000 there are 238 church members, and a large majority of children.

TEMPERANCE LECTURES IN THE SENATE.

So the N. Y. Sun heads its Congressional column for January 25th, 1876, and among the proceedings of the Senate of that day, we find that Mr. Sherman of Ohio and Mr. Morrill of Maine made lengthy speeches in favor of a bill to provide for a commission on the subject of the liquor traffic.

Mr. Bayard of Delaware, spoke in opposition. Pending the discussion the Senate went into executive session and afterwards adjourned.

In the House on the same day, we observe, Mr. Scales of N. C., introduced a bill to reduce the tax on tobacco and whiskey.

So, it is likely that the temperance question will come up for discussion in the house also, and should it come to a square vote, the country may expect to see any amount of dodging. We care very little how the matter is decided, for we are free to confess, that experience has greatly changed some of our views upon the temperance question—especially with regard to prohibitory legislation.

A CALL THAT WILL NOT BE HEARD.

Rainey, a colored member, (we are particular in saying "colored," because we observe that the N. Y. Herald takes the Biblical Recorder of this city to task for saying "negro" instead of "colored,") from South Carolina, offered a resolution in the House last week calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for a full and complete report from the commissioners of the Freedman's Savings Bank.

Our opinion is Rainey will have to make another call before that "full and complete report" will come.

Speaking of the colored people, we will state that Friday Jones, a patriarchal colored gentleman of this city, has issued a proclamation to the colored people of the State of North Carolina, in which he says a great many very sensible things. He tells them to go to work—to quit loafing and stealing and getting into scrapes, or the race will be ruined beyond redemption.

We heard Bishop Beebe, colored, preach a sermon on the Fall, in Durham, in which he said, "I view pretty certain, crime, as a rule. One thing is plain, in the instance of the colored people of the matter by what Mr. Jones writes in the Daily Sentinel, and it behooves the good men of both races to put a stop to it."

"SUNSET" COX.

We return thanks to Hon. J. J. Davis member of Congress from this district, for a copy of the speech recently delivered in the House on the Amnesty bill and in reply to Blaine. The speech is exceedingly humorous, and withal, a very strong one. It shows up Blaine pretty effectually, making his recent opposition to amnesty to appear very ridiculous when compared with his action three years ago.

Mr. Cox says he cannot account for the change which has come over Mr. Blaine, nor will he attribute motives. It is understood that Mr. Blaine is a candidate for the presidency, but that is no reason why he should be a mean man. But, he does think it is very singular that Blaine should antagonize Grant who is committed to General Amnesty.

LETTER BOX.

Middleton, 262.—Bro. W. E. Grimesley writes: 'Our Council is increasing rapidly, numbering now 49 members.' (Returns received. Ed.)

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL.—The revival in the M. E. Church in this place still continues, there being some 20 to 30 at the altar nightly. The Rev. Mr. Swindell is assisted in his labors this week by Rev. Mr. Willis of Wilson, and Rev. Mr. Burton of Greensboro. This is the largest revival and more conversions than has ever been in Tarboro for many a year. Let the good work go bravely on.—Southerner.

A correspondent sends the following reminiscence: When Congressman Lamar was returning home at the close of the session of Congress in 1860, a newsboy on the Memphis and Charleston Railroad insisted that he should purchase a book he repeatedly offered him. Mr. Lamar said to him, with a wave of the hand, 'Oh, pshaw! don't bother me so, I wrote the book.' Quick as thought the little fellow answered, 'Ah! now I know. That's what makes it so darned hard to sell.'

Marietta (Ga.) Journal: Mrs. Baker, a widow living some five miles west of Acworth, becoming frightened last Sunday night at what she supposed to be an approaching storm, attempted to descend into the cellar for safety, and fell and broke her neck.

WHAT NOTS.

—A monkey bit a child in Tallahassee Fla., the other day.

—The R. E. Lee is the name of a Mammoth Steamboat to be run on the Mississippi.

—Two runaway negroes from North Carolina are in the Alabama Legislature.

—White people of Georgia are doing their own work and the negroes are going to Mississippi.

—Hon. John H. Ragan, Representative from Texas, was born in Tennessee, in October, 1818.

—The skeleton of Gen. Lee's horse, 'Traveller' will be on exhibition at the Philadelphia Centennial, reconstructed, of course.

—A movement is on foot to erect a statue to Father Mathew, the great temperance apostle, in St. Louis.

—On account of his liberal views on temperance, Rev. R. C. Palmer has been expelled from Baptist Ministerial Union, of Genesee, N. Y.

—The annual meeting of the Bishops of the M. E. Church, South, will be in Nashville, Tenn. on the first Wednesday of May, next.

—The 'Mess Club' system of boarding has been in successful operation at the Richmond, Va., for several years, averaging board at about \$10 per month.

—It is said that there are eight pin factories in the United States which turn out about forty-seven millions of pins per day. What a mighty pin cushion this Union must be.

—The Irish census just published gives the religious status thus: Catholics, 4,150,857 Protestants of all denominations, 1,261,410, Excess of Catholics over Protestants 2,889,347.

—The Chief of the Cherokee nation, Ouchalattar, is a member of the Baptist church. So are three of the Supreme Judges of the Creek nation, and also the Superintendent of public instruction.

—Forty or fifty thousand dollars are being expended, on the Hippodrome in New York, for the great revival meeting of Moody and Sankey which commences in a few days.

—The church property of the ten principal denominations in the United States has increased in value \$330,324,595, during the last twenty years. Catholics next and the Baptist next.

—Mrs. Tilton's daughters—Florence and Alice—went to see Mr. Tilton sent them back and returned Mrs. Tilton's girls.

—A gale of wind, which passed over Baltimore recently, played havoc with Schroeder's celebrated air ship of which the public has heard so much during the last few months. The thing's 'busted.' Who'll build the next?

GENERALITIES.

'Pull down your vest,' is the slang expression for telling a talkative bore to 'shut up!'

The English volunteer force now consists of 233,261 rank and file, of whom 168,700 are efficient.

Ministers, teachers, fathers, mothers, sisters, call upon the young men to touch not, taste not the accursed bowl. God save our young men.

The London Lancet says that the habit of secret drunkenness is becoming very common among the boys at the English public schools.

John Childs failed in an attempt to rob the Galveston bank in which he was employed. Then he failed in an attempt to kill himself. His attempt to get into the State prison will end in success.

At the forty-second annual meeting of the London Beer and Wine Trade Protection Association, it was stated that while drunkenness was indisputably on the increase, convictions against the vendors were fewer than under the former less stringent law.

The debt of New Orleans is twenty-one millions of dollars, and the city is trying to make a compromise with its creditors on the basis of sixty cents on the dollar.

The Mormons have a hymn. 'We are not Ashamed to Own Our Lord. Very good; but the question is whether the Lord isn't ashamed to own them.

He was the proprietor of a restaurant and a prominent member of a fashionable church. When the brethren passed round to collect the subscriptions he fumbled in his pocket for his slip, drew out a number of papers, and dropped one in the plate. The next day he was astonished, upon opening it, to perceive that he had contributed not exactly a subscription, but a paper bearing the legend: 'Good for twelve drinks.'

Communications.

NORTH CAROLINA.

FOR THE FRIEND. FOUNTAIN HILL, Greene Co., N. C., Jan. 18th, 1876.

BRO. WHITAKER:—The 25th of December being our regular day of meeting to elect officers, &c., and our usual having secured the services of Bro. Jno. N. Andrews to deliver a public address, there was a large number of ours, and the several adjacent councils present, and many others not members of our Order, who were handsomely entertained by Bro. Andrews, and after the address all partook of the barbecue, turkey, cake, &c., prepared by the hands of the fair sisters of our council and others friendly to the Order.

Our council is in a flourishing condition and I can safely say will continue so, as long as we have such material in it as Bros. Harper Barwick, Stanley, Kilpatrick, and many other male with a score of female members, whose hearts are nobly enlisted in the good work of temperance reform.

Heartily approving of the action of the State Council, relative to employing lecturers in the several Districts, I am yours, &c., E. J. Brooks, Secretary Bethel Council, 207.

FOR THE FRIEND.

SHOE HEEL, N. C., Jan. 21st, 1876. BRO. WHITAKER:—I herewith hand you reports of our council for 2 last quarters, together with the dues, \$8.25.

Our council is doing well. We had a Temperance Sociable 31st Dec.—There was a large crowd present, consisting of ladies and gentlemen, old and young, married and single; spent a few hours together very pleasantly, when all retired to their homes rejoicing 'without the aid of wine.' We have these Sociables often, and we find that it is not only pleasant to ourselves, but that it is beneficial to the temperance cause. We have a new organ which adds very much to the pleasure of the meetings of the council, and to the public meetings. We were favored with a sermon on the subject of temperance on the 12th of this month by the Rev. Joseph Evans. It was very pleasant to hear it, but it was spoken of by those who were present it was to hear it, as being a very able thing, and I hope has done some good.

The officers of our present term were installed publicly at the same time.

McLean, President. D. J. Patterson, Associate. W. J. Curran, Chaplain. Miss Nancy Patterson, Secretary. Miss Effie Patterson, Treasurer. D. D. Sutherland, Conductors. Miss Hattie Harker, Asst. Conductors. Eddie McQueen, Int. Sentinel. John Morrison, Out Sentinel.

We have a goodly number of members—ladies and gentlemen—whose souls seem to be in the work. With such advantage we hope to "press onward."

Yours in F. T. and C., W. J. CURRIE.

FOR THE FRIEND.

TEMPERANCE BACKSLIDERS.

Mr. Editor:—I blush when I look at the vast army of temperance backsliders. I feel almost sometimes as if all our work were in vain. This, however, does not comport very well with what you have heard me state in a public speech.

I take it that whenever a man falls away from any spiritual, moral, or social attainment, he is an injured man, and injured to an extent that he seldom is willing to admit even to himself.

Men seem to think there is no great injury done when they fall away from the principles of total abstinence.—But the truth is they suffer both in a moral and social form. The social status of a drinking man cannot be as high and as good as one who totally abstains; for the simple reason that perfect sobriety is a virtue which is sullied by the slightest indulgence.

His morals suffer, if he drinks intoxicating beverage, to the extent of its influence over him,—or, in other words, to the extent of his departure from strict sobriety. We need not mind words and things, drunkenness is highly immoral—and the sooner the world knows the better.

To this we may add the loss of spiritual attainments. For I verily believe, that the devil controls no two things so potent for evil to professors of religion, as dram-drinking and the ball-room. Look around you, sir, and you will find that in these two things, which are almost always together, a majority of apostates begin. No wonder the devil suggests that every one should not be attacked too severely—