

CITY IN BRIEF.

Mr. J. J. Rogers, Register of Deeds, declines to accept the office of Trustee of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum, because he thinks it would be unconstitutional to hold two offices.

Rev. L. N. Chappell, of Chinking, China, from whom the Biblical Recorder prints an interesting letter this week, will return to North Carolina shortly, on account of the failure of his wife's health. He will return to his field as soon as possible.

Rev. C. Durham leaves to-day for the eastern part of the State. On Sunday he will dedicate the new Baptist church in that county—the first one of that denomination ever built in Hyde county, and Dr. Durham will spend twelve days preaching in that and other counties along the seacoast.

The Biblical Recorder refers to Rev. W. V. Savage "as one of our ablest preachers." He was at one time Principal of the Centennial Graded School in Raleigh, and his success is pleasing to his many friends. He married Miss Mattie Williams, daughter of the late John G. Williams, a Raleigh belle.

Mr. J. E. Potter has been appointed a delegate from the Third ward in place of Mr. E. V. Denton, who will be out of the city Friday night. He is for Capt. Harris for Mayor. Mr. W. G. Forsyth was elected a member of the executive committee from that ward. The other members are Josephus Daniels and M. Rosenthal.

There has been much discussion of sanctification in Raleigh during the last six months. Dr. Carter, pastor of the First Baptist Church, said this week in his prayer meeting talk: "I have said but little in the recent discussion of sanctification because I have seen no indications that any of you are in imminent danger of professing it."

Librarian Ellington said yesterday touching the suit against him of E. D. Stanford, claimant for his office that the suit would be instituted at the next term of the Superior Court but would not be tried until the term following. Mr. Ellington will answer through his attorney whom, however, he has not yet selected. Mr. Ellington said he had no fears concerning the outcome, not if there be any justice in the courts and he added "I think there is some yet."

Major J. W. Wilson, Railroad Commissioner, is expected back on Monday next. The Major is now making a tour of inspection over the Carolina Central Railroad, the Asheville and Spartanburg, the Chester and Lenoir and the Three C's. On the 16th of this month all the Commissioners, including Otho, will have their first sitting en trois under the new regime when cases will be heard touching overcharges, discriminations in freight rates, etc.

Judge Charles J. Moore yesterday afternoon returned to his home in Asheville, having completed in the morning his argument before the Supreme Court. The case was an interesting one. Lumber Companies in floating logs to their mills were at the times of rapid streams causing damage, sometimes serious damage to county bridges. The counties were taking action against the lumber companies to enjoin them and one of these lumber companies was represented by Judge Moore. The case is now in the hands of the Court.

What was called the Missionary Vesper Service at Edenton Street Methodist Church last Sunday afternoon was as beautiful as it was novel. There was the Organ Voluntary followed by responsive reading. The reading was read at different times by different young women of the church whose voices suited the service admirably. Hymns were interspersed, the exercises being continuous. Toward the end, the second psalm was read followed by Gloria Patri, the congregation standing. After an impressive rendering of the solo "Abide With Me" the meeting came to an end with the Lord's prayer by reader and congregation.

"Judge" Ewart came in Tuesday afternoon quietly, and slipped out early Wednesday morning. The reporter of the NEWS AND OBSERVER addressed him a note asking for an interview, but was unable to make connection, for "Judge" Ewart was engaged in an earnest conversation with Judge Whitaker, whether as counsel or not remains an awful mystery. At any rate he was turning down reporters for reasons which, no doubt, were quite satisfactory to himself. It is not hard to think that the Henderson gentleman was looking after his worm-fences, or perhaps better, his worm-eaten fences. In any event, he had on a brand new coat, and looked every inch the quotation mark "Judge" that he is.

The Ladies Monument Association in some quarters seems to have gotten the credit of the banquet given at the Yarboro, in connection with the monument Tuesday night. The reporter of the NEWS AND OBSERVER learns that while the ladies were much gratified at this expression by some gentlemen of this city, yet that their treasury is in such a condition as to forbid their taking any thought of banquets to anybody now. The aim of the Association at present, as stated by Mrs. Armistead Jones yesterday is to bring together its forces and funds toward a brilliant success on the 20th, the unveiling day. Many plans are on foot to get help, through different entertainments, from the citizens. Meantime, the ladies providently are perforce hoarding every cent for the main object on the 20th and only for that.

The last Legislature passed an act appointing John Able, a Republican of Alamance, and W. A. Lineberry, a Populist of Chatham, Commissioners, to have the line between Chatham and Alamance surveyed to fix the dividing line between the counties. The original act creating Chatham county, passed in January, 1771, fixed the line sixteen miles south of Hillsboro, and thence due west. Therefore, in order to be certain about fixing the line, the Commissioners, accompanied by the Surveyor, met in Hillsboro Monday, and commenced the work. There was some dispute as to what point in Hillsboro the survey should be started, but it was finally agreed that the court house was the proper point. This decision is to the advantage of Chatham. Five thousand acres of land

is in dispute, and it is stated that when the original survey was made, the surveyors got to a big hill one night, and went around it to save themselves the trouble of making the survey. Alamance contends that because of this, 5,000 acres of land in Chatham county ought justly to be a portion of Alamance.

Yesterday near Holly Spring a farmer's dog was noticed running across a lot with something in his mouth. The "something" proved to be the roughly severed foot of a newly born negro babe. No arrest has as yet been made, although a negro girl is suspected of having killed her child.

Yesterday, at the residence of Mr. E. M. Perry, who lives in Oak Grove township, the novel and always interesting ceremony of a double wedding was performed. The contracting parties were Misses Nellie and Sallie Perry, his daughters, and Messrs. W. H. Hix and W. A. Pugh, all of Oak Grove. Rev. James W. Atkinson officiated.

Yesterday there was incorporated the "Raleigh Ice and Refrigerator Company." The incorporators are A. L. Baker, T. L. Eberhardt and B. W. Baker, all live business men who may be depended upon to make a success of their venture. The company will manufacture ice and conduct a cold storage business in the latest and most improved style. The latter is a convenience that Raleigh has long needed.

A few nights ago the store of Mr. Bob. Rollins, near Chalk Level, was entered, plundered and set on fire and its contents destroyed. Suspicion fell on two men, Johnson and Driver, who live near there. They were arrested and are in jail at Lillington. Not long ago the tobacco barn of Mr. Phillips, of Holly Springs, was burned and some tobacco boxes stolen. The stolen tobacco was found in the houses of Johnson and Driver. The alleged incendiaries will be brought here and jailed, as Harnett's jail is considered insecure.

Yesterday the remains of Miss Edith Turner, of Cary, were carried to her home from Richmond, where she died last Tuesday afternoon. She had long been an invalid and had gone to Richmond to have an important surgical operation performed, the removal of an internal tumor. She rallied well from the operation. Turning over in her bed, she suffered a severe strain and died within a few minutes. The funeral was held at Cary yesterday afternoon from the home of her widowed mother.

Col. A. W. Shaffer, when asked by a reporter about the rumor that he is to build in Bledsoe's grove a large and improved athletic grounds, with bicycle track, baseball and football grounds, tennis courts, etc., said that he was thinking the matter over. He further said that he would build immediately were it not that the title of the land was involved. This question of title will be decided at the next term of court, and if the Colonel wins, which is probable, he will at once commence work on this much needed improvement. A movement is also on foot among a number of young men to establish an athletic association here with various clubs.

THIS THIEF HAD GALL.

Lady Lost a Watch--The Thief is Caught--Watch Comes Back, Marked "Stolen But Not Lost."

The other day a certain Raleigh lady lost a watch, a fine gold watch, the loss of which was worth investigating. Now it so happened that the watch disappeared from the dressing case in the lady's room. No one but the housemaid, outside of the family, had access to the room. Naturally suspicion fell upon her and she was arrested, charged with larceny and put in the station house for safe keeping. She staid there all night, but protested her innocence stoutly.

The next morning her brother called on Chief of Police Heatt to "see about the matter." There was no absolute proof of the girl's guilt so the chief tried a bluff game. "The way for you to settle the matter is to find that watch," he advised. So the colored man went away.

The next day it was reported that the watch had been recovered. The manner of its recovery is strange and well worth mention. Yesterday morning when the head of the family minus a watch, went on his front stoop he saw a queer little package lying there. He picked it up and found that it contained the missing watch. It was wrapped in a scrap of thick paper, much soiled as though the package had been buried. On the outside was written in a scrawling hand, "stolen but not lost."

There was no evidence against the girl, so she was released from custody to-day. In fact, at the time of the watch's recovery, she was asleep in a station house cell. And this is the story of "how the watch came back."

WILFRED CLARKE TO-NIGHT.

This Comedian Will Appear at the Academy in "A Widow Hunt."

With a full support, Mr. Wilfred Clarke will appear to-night at the Academy in that amusing comedy, "A Widow Hunt." Mr. Clarke comes from a family trained to the stage, and is therefore fairly entitled to his talent. In speaking of his appearance in Philadelphia as Major DeBoots in "A Widow Hunt," the Times of that city said: "The opening night of the last week at Mr. Holland's pretty play-house was celebrated by the popular Wilfred Clarke in "A Widow Hunt." The large audience present gave him a rousing reception, and he in turn kept them laughing all the evening with his splendid efforts. This famous comedy needs no introduction and it is enough to say that it was fully appreciated." Tickets on sale at King's Drug Store, 25 cts., 50 cts., 75 cts., and \$1.00.

Supreme Court.

Sledge vs. Elliott; motion of defendant for new trial for newly discovered evidence. Set for argument at end of Eleventh district. Mostella vs. Largent, from McDowell; dismissed for failure to point record. Pearson vs. Knott; motion of plaintiff to docket and dismiss appeal allowed.

A TRI-STATE CONCERT

To be Given Here May 10th For the Benefit of the Monument Celebration

Last evening there gathered in the mayor's office a number of gentlemen of the committee appointed by the ladies of the Monumental Association as a committee of ways and means to raise funds for the purpose of making the unveiling of the Confederate monument the grand and glorious occasion it should be. The committee was selected from the Chamber of Commerce and named by the ladies, at the suggestion of Chief Marshall Carroll. That the suggestion is a good one is well proven by the push and go that was in evidence at this, the committee's first meeting.

Mr. J. B. Kenny was elected chairman, and Mr. Jos. Pogue, secretary. Then followed a general discussion of plans, "for revenue only," for that is what the committee is working for, as a secondary object. The primary one is to make the unveiling ceremony an ever memorable occasion. The chief plan that was proposed and the one that was adopted, is to have a grand concert given here for the benefit of the celebration fund. The date fixed is Friday, May 10th, and the concert will be held in the Academy of Music.

The committee is to push this project and propose not only to raise a considerable amount of money from the proceeds, but to give the people of Raleigh an opportunity to hear such music as is rarely heard here. Singers of note and reputation are to be invited and procured for the occasion from three States, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

Other business transacted was the election of an executive committee, which is composed of Messrs. J. B. Kenny, Jos. E. Pogue, N. B. Broughton, T. T. Hay, J. R. Ferrall, R. B. Raney, J. C. Marcom and E. B. Barbee. A committee composed of Mr. John B. Kenny, Mrs. Armistead Jones, Mrs. Garland Jones and Mrs. R. B. Raney was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the concert.

The following is a list of the members of the main committee:

John B. Kenney, Chairman; Thomas Pescud, Geo. N. Walters, J. M. Broughton, L. B. Pegram, Wm. M. Ross, Capt. Chas. S. Allen, D. M. King, R. H. Bradley, Henry M. Cowan, J. R. Terrell, J. R. Ferrall, E. G. Harrel, Geo. W. Thompson, Alex. Stroonach, Jr., E. B. Bain, Graham Haywood, Frank I. Ward, Henry Horton, G. M. Allen, Job P. Wyatt, Thos. B. Terrell, J. C. Birdsong, Thos. T. Hay, Wm. Boylan, Jr., Jno. A. Duncan, J. E. Pogue, R. B. Raney, L. T. Brown, R. E. Lumsden, E. B. Barbee, M. T. Norris, W. A. Myatt, J. S. Wynne, J. C. Marcom and S. W. Brewer.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Meeting Last Evening--Semi-Annual Election of Officers.

Last evening the Epworth League, that prosperous and helpful society of young people of the Edenton Street Methodist church, met in the Sunday school room. The object of the meeting was to go through the semi-annual election of officers of the League. Here is the result: For President, Mr. Garland Jones was unanimously re-elected. The Vice Presidents are Mr. John Mitchell, first; Mrs. Jane Cole, second, and Mrs. W. H. Bobbitt, Jr., third.

Mr. A. F. Bowen was elected Secretary, and Miss Clark lady manager of the Junior League, which is composed of boys and girls. Miss Alma Wynne was elected Treasurer unanimously. The Epworth League is now closing a prosperous half year. Since its organization here several years ago, it has grown from a handful of members into a large, but sturdy and zealous band of Christian workers. Its purpose is three-fold, Worship, Charity and Literary Improvement. While its members perform an immense amount of church and charity work, they nevertheless contrive, by meetings of literary and social interest, to make their membership of great profit to themselves, beyond the primary good of doing good. These three departments are divided into three committees, the chairmen of which are the three vice-presidents, ex-officio. Thus Mr. Mitchell is chairman of the Worship Committee, Mrs. Cole of the Charity and Help, Mrs. Bobbitt of the Literary.

TAXATION OF THE N. C. R. R.

The Question of Surrender of Exemption Presented at Greensboro by Messrs Haywood and Battle.

Messrs. A. W. Haywood and R. H. Battle returned yesterday from Greensboro where for two days they have been presenting a case before standing master in chancery, Col. R. M. Douglas. The case involves the question of the surrender by the North Carolina R. R. of its exemption from taxation. The State advocates the surrender and is represented by Mr. James H. Manning, of Durham, the private stockholders who oppose the surrender being represented by Messrs. Haywood and Battle. Much evidence was taken on the part of the State and the matter was continued.

Mormon Evangelists Told to Move On.

Yesterday morning the two Mormon "evangelists," who have been infesting this city and county for some weeks, went down to the Pilot Mills to propagate their doctrine. They received orders to "move on," and they walked down the railroad track. They hold no meetings, but seek to make conversions in private conversation and personal visits. As a rule they go among the most ignorant, and seek to secure their adherence to Mormonism. They ought not be hurt, but ought to be given the cold shoulder everywhere.

Betsy Hamilton Coming to Raleigh.

Betsy Hamilton, the "Georgia Cracker," as she calls herself, whose contributions to the Atlanta Constitution have given her wide reputation as the author of homely wit and humor, will be in Raleigh May 21st, and give an entertainment for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church. She will bring her spinning-wheel along with her, and give amusement and pleasure.

BRIDGE-SPANS SWEEPED AWAY.

Neuse River on a Spruce and Making Mischief as it Goes.

Two spans of the bridge at the Falls of the Neuse have been swept away by the flood of the last two or three days. On the first day the rise in the stream was the result of nothing less than a water-spout, and then there always comes in this stream what is known as the "second rise" on the third day. Yesterday was the third day, and the water there is generally two feet higher than on the first rise. So that the reports were rife yesterday as to all kinds of possibilities.

The two spans swept away are each 30 feet long, and the bridge 500 feet long. The bridge is about 15 feet above the normal stream, and the damage was done by a rush of rafters and what not that came pell-mell over the dam. People from that section yesterday report the river as higher than it has been for years, and it is thought a new bridge will have to be put up.

A DEPUTY'S CLOSE CALL.

On His Way from Shotwell to Auburn He Came Near Joining McGinty.

Deputy Sheriff Walters yesterday went to Shotwell for the purpose of taking possession of the goods of Mr. Samuel Watts who assigned there two days ago. Mr. Watts had a store at Auburn, also, whither Mr. Walters was moving the Shotwell stock. The value of the outfit was some \$500, and was hauled away in wagons, and all went merry as far as Clayton bridge. Here the swollen Neuse was struck and mid-stream one of the mules began to sink, and went almost out of sight. The Deputy said the saving of the mules and goods seemed to him almost a miracle after it had been done, and but for the timely help of negroes who were promptly pressed into service, not only the mules but our popular Deputy might have joined the late McGinty. As it was, all were saved, thanks to the presence of mind of the Deputy.

Who Got the \$500?

A prominent Wake county allien came and one who worked early and late, and voted early for the Fusion movement, requests the NEWS AND OBSERVER to propound the following question, on which the gentleman from Cabarrus may not desire to call the "previous question."

"What had Executive Committeeman Hileman, of Cabarrus against his brother allien in the State of North Carolina, that induced him to use the high, and responsible position with which they had honored him, to recommend the passage of a law, which would if it had been enforced, caused more suffering in the families of thousands of allien than all the sickness, and diseases from which they have ever suffered?"

Did he represent his brother farmer's interest? or did he represent his own? Some people say that \$500 were used to slip the anti alien bond bill through."

Death of Mrs. Mary Weddin.

Mrs. Mary Weddin, of this city, died at the residence of W. P. Linehan, on Person street, at 11:45. She was the mother of Mrs. P. Linehan, and was 86 years of age. She was a member of Christ Church, from which the funeral will be held at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

BURNED HIS OWN FACTORY.

Cigar Maker Stehman Goes Crazy and Destroys his Property.

LANCASTER, Pa., April 10.—The large frame cigar factory of Henry L. Stehman, at Rohrstown, was destroyed by fire early this morning. Later Stehman surrendered himself to the authorities here and acknowledged that he had set the place on fire, and wanted to be locked up. He was committed to jail. The man is undoubtedly insane.

The loss is about \$7,500. Stehman is a son of ex-State Senator John M. Stehman.

REBELLION GAINS GROUND.

Insurgents Have Many Sympathizers and the Uprising is General.

NEW YORK, April 10.—The Ward Line steamer Seneca, arrived this morning from Mexican ports and Havana, and it was learned that while nothing official could be heard of the progress of the Cuban insurrection, the uprising was general throughout the island and was gaining ground daily. Everything is at a high tension among the people and the insurgents have more sympathizers than the authorities are willing to admit.

Heavy Advance in Price of Oil.

NEW YORK, April 10.—The Standard Oil Company has made another advance in the price of field oil from \$1.57 to \$1.35, and the product in oil city this morning sold up to \$1.47 1-2, with a subsequent reaction to \$1.45. No new reasons were assigned for the further rise, the scarcity of product still being the main factor at work.

The Seaboard Air-Line's Information Bureau.

The Seaboard Air-Line has adopted a very progressive policy in its efforts to develop the territory along its line. One of its latest efforts is to secure full and accurate information on every point which may be valuable to parties desiring to locate at towns or in counties along its route. Vice-President St. John accordingly has prepared a blank which is to be forwarded to each station agent. This blank contains twenty-four questions, which are to be answered by the agent in spaces allotted to each. The questions cover the following points: Population; number of schools and churches, and whether for white or colored people; area of cultivated and uncultivated land; character of soil; different products and kinds of fertilizer used; climate; frequency of rainfall, water supply from local streams, also water-power available; kinds of forest timber; principal occupations of people; different kinds of live-stock raised, as well as dairy products and poultry; principal fruits and kinds best adapted to the locality; different kinds of vegetables raised, specifying quantity per acre and varieties most profitable; most important local industries; average sizes of farms; description of coal, stone or clay or other valuable deposits, also of factory sites; extent of public improvements; special features for health, such as medicinal springs, etc., and acreage and character of improved and unimproved lands for sale, with price.

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