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YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS IN BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS.

Internal Revenue—Direct Tax Bill—Naval News—Nicaragua Canal—Nominations—Confirmed, Etc.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—House.—On motion of Mr. Rodgers, of Arkansas, the Senate bill was passed providing for writs of error to the United States Supreme court in all cases involving a question of the jurisdiction of the court below.

On motion of Mr. Forney, of Alabama, the Senate amendments were non-concurred in in the legislative executive and judicial appropriation bill, and Messrs. Forney, Randall and Cannon were appointed conferees.

Mr. Morgan offered an amendment to the bill reported from the committee on privileges and elections, which was laid on the table and ordered printed. It instructs the committee to so frame legislation on the subject of elections that it shall not apply to any State whose constitution and laws provide ample security for the honest exercise of the right to vote, for the just and impartial counting of the return of votes, and for the just, impartial and true ascertainment and certification of results.

Mr. Cox, of New York, offered a substitute for the resolution, differing only from Baker's proposition in that it provides for the admission of North Dakota, Montana and Washington by proclamation of the President.

Mr. Baker accepted Mr. Cox's resolution as a substitute for his own.

Mr. Breckenridge, of Kentucky, demanded a division, and the vote was first taken upon that part of the resolution instructing the conferees to eliminate New Mexico from the bill. It was agreed to, yeas 135, nays 106. Mr. McMillan, of Tennessee, then interposed a motion to adjourn, and demanded the yeas and nays, which were ordered. This motion having been voted down, yeas 81, nays 142, Mr. Breckenridge followed it up with a motion for a recess until 11:30 to-morrow, and raised the point of no quorum.

Baker and Breckenridge then attempted to reach an arrangement by which the votes on the motion to table the motion and to reconsider should be taken now, but the demand for the "regular order" from the republican side cut short any agreement, and Mr. McMillan again moved an adjournment. Before the yeas and nays were called, Russell, of Massachusetts, rose to correct the record which reported him as having yesterday voted against the resolution of the minority report of the committee on elections.

On motion of Mr. Baker, the motion to reconsider was laid upon the table. The next clause of the resolution which was voted upon, was that instructing the conferees to amend the bill so as to provide for the admission of south Dakota by proclamation without a further vote on the question of division. This clause was agreed to—yeas 137, nays 102.

Motions to reconsider and lay upon the table were made by Baker, and the yeas and nays were ordered on the latter motion.

Breckenridge interjected a motion to adjourn, but this was voted down.

Baker appealed in the name of the appropriation bill to Breckenridge not to filibuster against this measure.

Breckenridge replied that he did not intend to filibuster any longer than was necessary to secure a full house. On the resolution that the vote shall be taken to-morrow, at 12.45 p. m., the House at 5.10 p. m., adjourned.

SENATE.—I adjourned a resolution which was agreed to, directing the commission on commerce to take into consideration the expediency of purchase by the United States of the Dismal Swamp Canal in the States of Virginia and North Carolina, with the view to its being improved and made an adequate highway for commerce.

A conference was ordered on the legislative appropriation bill, and Allison, Dawes and Cockrell were appointed conferees.

The Senate then, at 2.15 p. m., resumed consideration of the resolution reported from the committee on privileges and elections, and was addressed by Mr. Coke.

Mr. Coke yielded for other business; Mr. Vance was at his own request, presented through Mr. Harris, excused from further service on the committee on privileges and elections, and Mr. Gray was appointed in his stead. After a brief executive session the Senate at 5.10 p. m., adjourned.

CONSIDERATION OF THE COWLES' INTERNAL REVENUE BILL.

The appropriation committee of the House grappled the revenue problem in earnest this morning. With but little opposition the committee decided to consider the Cowles' internal revenue bill, although certain democratic members took care to explain that their consent given to consider the bill, did not bind them to vote for it. When the formal reading of the measure was completed the members began to express their views and suggest alterations. The committee was obliged to adjourn by reason of the meeting of the House, leaving the bill pending. Just what the result of its consideration will be no member felt warranted in predicting, beyond the statement that the measure will surely be reported back to the House in the same form. It is gathered that the democratic

members of the committee are pretty widely divided in regard to the policy they shall follow, and that while the republicans are not entirely solid, they are in much better shape than the other side. It seems probable that the bill will eventually be reported favorably by the committee, but with important amendments, striking out the "moonshine" sections, or those provisions intended to mitigate the rigors of the administration of the internal revenue laws. The bill will be further considered to-morrow, and may then be finally acted upon so far as the committee is concerned. It is learned that the vote by which the committee resolved to consider the bill resulted yeas 9, nays 2. Later, as the question was put: "Shall customs, revenues be considered in connection with this bill," it was decided in the negative, yeas 1, nays 12, other members having entered the room since the first vote.

Mr. Springer, of Illinois, called up the conference report on the Senate bill for the admission of the State of South Dakota, where he reported a total disagreement, which was agreed to. Mr. Springer moved that the House insist on its amendments and ask for another conference. This motion having been agreed to, Mr. Baker, of New York, offered a resolution, giving the House conferees the following instructions: First, to exclude the Territory of New Mexico from the bill. Second, to amend the bill, so as to provide for the admission of South Dakota by proclamation of the President, and that the proposed States of North Dakota, Montana and Washington shall be admitted on the same basis, either all by proclamation of the President, or by formal acts of admission.

THE NICARAUGA CANAL BILL GETS A HEARING.

Secretary Bayard and Attorney-General Garland gave a hearing at the State department to-day to the friends and opponents of the Nicaragua canal bill, now awaiting the action of the President. The hearing was given on the President's suggestion in order to determine if there were any valid legal objections to the approval of the bill. Simon Sterne and John Jay McCook, of New York, representing the American, Atlantic and Pacific Transit Company, made speeches against the bill. The former concluded that it was clearly unconstitutional, contrary to the spirit and traditions of the United States government, and entirely unnecessary and vicious, in that it recognized and encouraged one corporation to the detriment of others equally, if not more deserving. McCook argued that to allow this bill to become a law would be an act of great injustice to the Americans and Englishmen holding nearly two millions worth of bonds of the Atlantic and Pacific Transit Company, and would undoubtedly lead to serious complications with Great Britain.

Judge C. P. Daly, of New York, replied in behalf of the Nicaragua Maritime Canal Company, contending that the constitutional features of the measure were fully and freely discussed in Congress, and that no unlawful power or concessions are conferred by the bill. Secretary Bayard and Attorney-General Garland will submit their views on the subject to the President in a few days. From the remarks made by each of them during the hearing, it is not regarded as likely that they will report against the constitutionality of the bill.

It is said at the State department that as there is not the slightest wish or desire on the part of the President or Secretary Bayard to embarrass the incoming administration with respect to its Samoan policy, and it is not at all likely that the present administration will arrogate to itself the selection of American representation at the proposed conference at Berlin, or that it will take any action whatever which might tend to commit the next administration.

THE DIRECT TAX BILL AGAIN.

The conferees on the direct tax bill held another meeting to-day, and it is understood have reached the basis of argument. The House conferees, the report says, have consented to the amendment with respect to the Beaufort, S. C. claim for property sold for taxes during the reconstruction era, by which the amount to be paid is limited to the amount received for the property at sale. A part of this was added to the school fund of the State, where it has since remained, and this sum is to be deducted from the gross amount appropriated by the bill for the State's share.

ITEMS OF NAVAL NEWS.

Capt. P. M. Ramsey was to-day ordered to duty as commandant of the George-yard at New York. Commodore George E. Belknap was to-day detached from duty as commandant of the Mare Island navy-yard, California, and ordered to command the Asiatic station, taking the place of Rear-Admiral Chandler, who died last Sunday. No person has yet been selected as commandant of the Mare Island yard.

A telegram was received at the Navy department to-day, announcing the success of the official trial of the gunboat *Yorktown*, which took place yesterday.

BOND ACCEPTANCES.

The treasury to-day accepted \$88,500 four and a half per cent. bonds, at 109 and 109½.

NOMINATION CONFIRMED.

The Senate to-day confirmed the nomination of Carroll D. Wright, to be commissioner of labor.

GOFF 41; KENNA 41.

By Telegraph to the Citizen.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., February 14.—The ballot for United States Senators to-day resulted, Goff 42; Kenna 41; balance scattering; necessary to a choice of 45.

ACROSS THE WATER.

A RECORD OF YESTERDAY'S HAPPENINGS IN FOREIGN LANDS.

The Parnell Commission Trials—French Politics Disturbing the Republic—Reagan's Room.

By Telegraph to the Citizen.

THE PARNELL COMMISSION.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Mr. Sommes, solicitor for the Times, testified before the Parnell commission to-day, stating that he visited Dublin in May, 1888, in quest of evidence, as an officer of Alexander Morphy, the Crown solicitor for Kerry. He had an interview with a person who was introduced to him as a former employe in the office of the league, and who produced a slip bearing the signature of Miss Anna Parnell, specimen of Patrick Parnell's handwriting, and a bundle of documents, which the witness inspected at length. He copied some of these documents, and made note of the others. Witness arranged so that the documents should be brought to London, and they were brought here on Whit-Monday 1888, and embodied in an affidavit produced during the suit of O'Donnell against Walter for libel. Witness was about to put in evidence another letter to which it appeared no official names was attached, but Sir Chas. Russell, of counsel for the Times, argued that the letter was admissible, as it had been obtained with the other documents from Phillips.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—In the Bow street police court to-day, Patrick Mulloy, who is charged with perjury, when testifying before the Parnell commission, pleaded not guilty, and reserved his defense. He was committed for trial.

THE NEW BISHOPS.

ROME, Feb. 14.—The Pope and Consistory to-day preconized the new Bishops of Detroit, Natchez, and Wichita.

THE MINISTRY RESIGNS.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—The Chamber was crowded. The Prince of Wales and Lord Lytton, British ambassador, occupied seats in the diplomatic gallery. Baron Mackau, president of the Right, moved to adjourn the debate or the revision of the question for one week. He declared that the Right desired a complete revision as well as a dissolution of the Chamber. A delay of one week would enable the government to decide in regard to the dissolution. Premier Floquet refused to entertain the motion, stating that the government could not consent to dissolve the Chamber. Baron Mackau's motion was rejected 375 to 173.

THE MINISTRY WILL RESIGN.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—When the question of the revision of the constitution came up in the Chamber of Deputies to-day, Count Deonville Maillien moved that the debate on the subject be adjourned, notwithstanding the opposition of the government. The motion was adopted by a vote of 307 to 218. Premier Floquet thereupon announced that the Ministry would resign. Newspapers here believe that the Chamber of Deputies will pass the government bill for the revision of the constitution, but at the same time they believe that the amendment of M. Loussan, providing for a reference of the whole matter to a specially elected constitutional assembly will probably cause complications.

A Collision in Hampton Roads.

NORFOLK, Va., February 13.—A. E. Bateman's yacht *Meteor*, and the Old Dominion steamship *Wyanoke*, collided in Hampton Roads this evening. The bowsprit of the yacht was carried away, and her side badly scraped. No other damage was done to either vessel. At one time a serious disaster to the yacht seemed imminent, but the party aboard composed of Mr. and Mrs. Bateman, V. D. Grover, of Norfolk; Canon Little, of Canada, and several English gentlemen, behaved with great coolness and no one was injured.

Can Only Approximate the Loss.

By Telegraph to the Citizen.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 14.—The Lloyd's agent says it is impossible to do more than approximate the damages to the cargo of the steamer *Chancellor*. About fourteen hundred bales of cotton in the lower hold are submerged and probably damaged twelve to fifteen dollars per bale. Some of these are slightly burned. The remainder of the cotton is unburnt, and the vessel is very slightly damaged.

Sanctions of War for Haiti.

Special Telegram to the Citizen.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The steamer *Carondelet* sailed late this afternoon for Samana. It was authentically learned during the day that one hundred and thirty-three cases of rifles, shells and ammunition, brought here by the Red Star steamer *Westernland* from Antwerp, on Wednesday, had been placed on board of the *Carondelet* in the early hours of the morning. It was announced officially to-day that Henry Kunhardt, Haytian Consul, of Boston, has been removed by President Legitime.

Branching Out.

In addition to his present business, Mr. Henry Redwood will, in a few days, open business of a generally similar character in the city of Richmond, Va., dividing his time between New York, Asheville, and Richmond—with the greater part to Asheville.

Gen. Johnstone Jones returned home last night, after a ten days' absence in Alabama, upon professional business.

A COLORED DELEGATION

Calls Upon Harrison and Complains of their Wrongs in the Southern States.

By Telegraph to the Citizen.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 14.—An important conference of colored men was held here to-day. It gathered at the instance of Prof. John Mercer Langston and seven States were represented by delegates, representing South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida and Missouri.

Letters were read from the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Maryland, West Virginia, Alabama, Texas and North Carolina.

Rev. Wm. J. Simmons, D. D., President of the State University of Louisville, Secretary for the Southern States of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and a member of the many national organizations, is one of the prominent persons present. Dr. C. M. Bryant, of St. Louis; Capt. Jackson McHenry, of Atlanta; Rev. J. W. Dinger, a distinguished Baptist preacher from Augusta, Ga.; Hon. G. E. Evans, of Memphis, member of the Legislature; John Mitchell, Jr., editor of the *Planet*, and member of the city council, of Richmond, Va.; E. A. Lawrence, of the Avery Institute, Charleston; Wm. H. Stewart, of the *American Baptist*, Louisville; T. H. Johnston, President of the West Tennessee University, and presiding elder of the South Memphis District, Memphis, Tenn.; Prof. M. S. White, Pensacola, Fla.; Capt. H. Hoss, Memphis, and W. J. White, of the *Georgian Baptist*, Augusta, Ga., were also present.

The conference was held with closed doors, and an address to Gen. Harrison was formulated, in substance, as follows: "The undersigned would assure you that they are loyal members of the republican party; that they reside in the States severally, which are overwhelmingly republican, and upon their election would give their respective electoral votes to such party by a large majority. Such, however, are under the influence and frauds brought to bear against the great body of the voters in these States that the desires of the republican masses are constantly defeated. We believe that the fifteenth amendment should be maintained with fairness and vigor, and that ample protection, through federal agency, should be given to every citizen. We cannot doubt that you agree with us in such an opinion, and that you desire that such objects shall be accomplished in the interest of the seven millions of American citizens who to-day, in the South, are practically disfranchised, and whose cause we represent and plead in view of our present and prospective condition.

Pending your administration of the government, we are profoundly interested in the construction of your Cabinet, so far as it concerns the attorney-generalship. Therefore, we offer you the name of no man for such position. Such course would, we apprehend, be unbecoming. We ask simply, that the person be appointed to such position, whose cordial acceptance of the great American doctrine, as respects the citizenship and ballot for the humblest of our citizens, however, formerly slaves and outcasts, would lead him to search diligently and thoroughly, for law in such behalf.

Such being our opinion, we have ventured to bring it formally and earnestly to your consideration. If you have anticipated in such appointment already made, suggestions which we here offer, we shall ever be your grateful delighted fellow-citizens."

Resolved to Apply for the Writ.

By Telegraph to the Citizen.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 14.—Some weeks ago a petition was presented to State Attorney-General Ayres by Samuel Dickson, of Philadelphia, and Charles L. Dacosta, of New York, in behalf of an unknown stockholder, presumably the Norfolk & Western Railroad, begging that proceedings be instituted in the Circuit Court of this city against the Richmond & West Point Terminal Railroad and Warehouse Co., for forfeiture of charter. The grounds alleged by counsel were that the company had exceeded the provisions of its charter. The Attorney-General, in a long letter to-day, declines to apply for a writ of *quo warranto* without expressing an opinion upon the merits of the case, but simply upon the ground that the action should be taken in King William county, where the principal office of the company is located.

The System to be Re-Established.

By Telegraph to the Citizen.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—The Senate to-day by a vote of 228 to 52 adopted the bill providing for the re-establishment of the *Scrutin d'Arrondissement* system of election.

SEAWALK SAVING.

No cases before the mayor yesterday.

Prescott and McLean play in Greenville to-night.

Prices for leaf tobacco were high at all the warehouses yesterday, and breaks were heavy.

Buncombe Land in Demand.

We learn that a party of New York capitalists are looking after lands in Black Mountain township, with the evident purpose of purchasing the same. Buncombe land will sell, and we are glad to see the activity displayed in its acquisition by our northern and western friends.

HENDERSONVILLE.

A NEWSY BATCH FROM A PROGRESSIVE TOWN.

Superior Court in Session—Mercantile Matters—Entertainments—Removal—Prisoners in Jail, Etc.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C., Feb. 14.—Superior court for this county began here Monday morning, Judge H. G. Connor presiding, and Solicitor W. H. Bower prosecuting. Both the civil and criminal dockets are light, and the attendance of visitors and witnesses correspondingly small. As yet, there are only two cases to be disposed of which excite much general interest, that of Capt. S. V. Pickens, institut against the Asheville and Spartanburg railroad company for damages; the grounds for which exist in the allegation of the fact by the Captain that he was twice rudely ejected from the train by the conductor, first, on account of some uncial irregularity of the ticket which he held, and second, on account whereof, as he tendered the money to pay his fare, which was rejected and the Captain again ejected, but finally permitted to board the train and continue his journey. The amount of damage claimed is \$7,000. The other case mentioned is that of the State vs. Joe Jones, charged with horse-stealing. Jones was first arrested for this crime some two years ago, but was released on bail, his mother becoming security for his appearance at the following term of court, but Jones did not appear, having made his way into Alabama, in which state he was recently arrested and brought back for trial.

CHANGE IN MERCANTILE AFFAIRS.

The large stock of general merchandise recently assigned to creditors by Messrs. Hyman & Jordan has been purchased by Capt. W. D. Barnett, of Jacksonville, Fla., but more recently of Gloucester, Transylvania county. A copartnership having been formed with Messrs. Hood Bros., also large dealers in general merchandise, the two stocks have been consolidated and the firm name of Barnett, Hood & Co., adopted, under which the business of the establishment will hereafter be conducted.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

The ladies composing the organization known as the "Social Club" of Hendersonville, will give an oyster supper and musical entertainment at the Alpine House on Thursday night next, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the purchase of a new chandelier for the Baptist church.

On Tuesday night the lady members of the Methodist church, South, will also engage in an effort to overcome the sordid nature of the sterner sex by an appeal to appetite. Their entertainment will consist of an elegant hot supper, which will be spread at the Fletcher House.

REMOVAL.

Rev. D. B. Nelson, a prominent Baptist minister of this county, and president of the Western Baptist Convention, has received and accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Swannanoa Junction, two miles south of Asheville, and will remove with his family to that place in a short time. Mr. Nelson has resided in this county for a number of years and was for a long time pastor of the church at this place.

COMMERCIAL DRUMMERS.

Have been quite numerous in town for the past two weeks, contributing greatly to the cleanliness of the streets, and affording spirid employment to rival hotel proprietors and business.

JAIL.

There are ten prisoners confined in the county jail here at this time, which is a larger number than for many years past. This is a great measure owing to the stringency in money matters, as many have been committed in default of payment of costs in offenses of a trivial nature.

AN EPIDEMIC.

Of whooping cough is prevalent among the children of the town and surrounding country at this time. No deaths have occurred, however, and with this exception the section is entirely free from sickness of every description.

TO VISIT WASHINGTON.

A large number of our citizens, young and old, are making the necessary preparations to visit Washington, to be present on the occasion of the inauguration of President Harrison.

THE CITIZEN.

The Citizen is growing in popularity here, and is considered by many good judges to be the best daily and weekly in the State.

THE FARMERS.

Of the county continue very active in the organization of Alliance clubs. Nearly every township in the county has been visited by the organizer with success.

The Asheville Rose Houses.

B. P. Hemphill, the gardener at the Asheville Rose Houses, on White Oak Street, deserves great credit for his success in the culture of the "La France," "Puritan," "Sunset," "Grace Darling," "Nathans," "Etrole de Lyne," and other exquisite varieties of roses, which are now in season.

The Proposed Meeting.

With Mr. Jacobs, on the subject of a machinery factory will be held at the First National Bank to-day at ten o'clock a. m. Each member of the committee is requested to be prompt attendance.

Sua Washit appears to be a prominent child in the Samoan war. It does not appear what soap factory he represents.

CAPTURED IN GREENVILLE.

The Parties who Stole Two Horses Near This City Yesterday Morning, in Jail at the Above Named Place.

Early yesterday morning, Mr. Horace Smith, living on Beaverdam, discovered that one of his horses was missing from the stable. He began a search for the missing animal, but could learn nothing of its whereabouts. Later on in the day Mr. Zel Baird, who lives on Reems' Creek, six miles north of the city, came to town and reported that one of his horses had also been stolen during the night before, and he was considerably worried over the loss of his animal. No positive clue could be obtained as to who the thieves were, but two individuals living in the neighborhood, were also missing yesterday, and suspicion pointed to them as the guilty parties. A party was made up and at once went in search of the thieves and their ill-gained booty. Telegrams, describing the horses and the parties supposed to have stolen them, were sent to the police authorities at Greenville, Tenn., Morristown, Tenn., Jonesboro, Tenn., and other points, with instructions to arrest the parties and hold them and the horses until an officer could be sent from Asheville to bring them back. The horses stolen were valued at about \$150 each.

Late yesterday evening, chief of police Waddell, received a telegram from the chief of police at Greenville, announcing the arrest of the thieves and the capture of the horses at that place. The thieves are in jail, and an officer will be sent from Asheville to bring them back to this city. This is the first case of horse-stealing which has occurred in Buncombe in several years, and the offenders will no doubt be severely dealt with for their crime.

REV. R. ALDER TEMPLE.

The Distinguished Temperance Advocate to Spend Two Weeks in Asheville.

Rev. R. Alder Temple, Most Worthy Patriarch of the National Division of the Sons of Temperance of North America, will arrive in this city on Saturday. He will remain among us about two weeks, during which time he will visit several of the subordinate divisions in this section, give public lectures and look after the general interests of the Order in this State.

On Sunday night Mr. Temple will deliver a Gospel temperance lecture at the Central Methodist church.

Hon. Benj. R. Jewell thus endorses Mr. Temple:

In Nova Scotia he is the most prominent member of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, and the National Division of North America honored itself in electing him its presiding officer for the term 1888-90. Mr. Temple is an eloquent speaker, an efficient organizer and a Christian gentleman. I commend him and his work, not only to all Sons of Temperance, but to all friends of the Temperance Reform. His visit will strengthen every reformatory, educational or Christian, agency, in the State.

BENJ. R. JEWELL, M. W. S.

Everybody is specially invited to hear this distinguished gentleman.

PRESCOTT AND MCLEAN.

In Shakespeare's Delightful Comedy—"As You Like It."

At 8.30 last evening in our Opera Hall, the curtain rose upon those real artists, in Shakespeare's play of "As You Like It."

An audience both elite and critical filled every space and were well pleased with the performance throughout.

The second act is especially pleasant, and we have never witnessed a better, and seldom as good, a presentation of the seven ages of man. Jacques carried the hearts of all with him, as he portrayed with uncommon force, the path from the "Infant's muling and puling in his nurse's arms," to the last, "sans teeth, sans eyes, sans teeth, sans every thing." Mile. Marie Prescott's presentation of "Rosalind" was bright, sparkling and in all points admirably conceived. The support was most creditable, "Touchstone" and the wrestler Charles, especially so. To the latter we are indebted for the promise of a Booth or Jefferson in future.

We profess to have often enjoyed this delightful play, but never more than last night. May these real stars long shine, and often upon us.

The Health of Buncombe.

Dr. H. B. Weaver, superintendent of health for Buncombe, in his last report says:

"The marked general healthfulness of the whole country still continues. 'Catarrhal troubles of a mild type are found in some portions of the county. No meningitis, as yet, has made its appearance. There has been no epidemic of any kind among domestic animals. We have had a general renovation of the jail by burning all old clothes, and scouring and disinfecting furniture. The poor-house is clean and healthy."

A Sad Death.

We are pained to announce the death, last evening at 8.15 o'clock, of Mrs. E. C. Chambers, a daughter of Mr. W. Halyburton, of Haywood county, and who was born in Durham, N. C., in 1858.

Mrs. Chambers has resided in Asheville since her marriage, two years ago. The funeral services will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church, South, on Saturday at 3 o'clock p. m., and the interment will occur at the city cemetery.

Reception To-Night.

The second reception and ball of the season at Battery Park will occur to-night. Quite a number of invitations were sent out yesterday, and the affair promises to be a brilliant success.

STREET RAILWAY.

A Full Explanation of the Delay, Etc.

Although considerable time has elapsed since the charter of the Street Railway Company was amended, no visible work has been done on the three additional lines; and this fact has given rise to apprehensions that the company may not comply with its part of the agreement within the time specified. From information, which we consider reliable, there is no cause for such apprehension.

As soon as the Council granted the amendment to the charter, the contractor of the company telegraphed for all the additional electrical appliances needed, and efforts were immediately made to secure a contract for the required cross-ties and stringers. After considerable difficulty, contracts have been recently completed with reliable persons for the full amount of timber, as the City Council and others are aware. Some of this material has been delivered already, and as soon as a sufficient quantity has been received, the work will begin. The one-half mile, on each of the three new routes, with the overhead wire, can be completed and ready for the cars, within two weeks from the commencement of the work, and as the company still has until April 4th, in which to build this part of the road, the remaining time is ample for the purpose.

There are many good reasons for this apparent delay. The experiences of the managers of the electric railway in Richmond, Va., admonished the contractor that he might expect to encounter unforeseen difficulties and perplexities, and that much remained to be learned about the construction and operation of electric railways, which, indeed, are yet in their infancy. Knowing, therefore, that experience is the best guide and teacher, he wisely determined that the efficacy of the at first, apparently perfect line, already constructed, should be thoroughly tested, and its defects and irregularities discovered and corrected, before constructing new lines in which these deficiencies would be perpetuated or repeated. All the existing troubles that have been discovered on the completed line, are being corrected as rapidly as possible, and at a great cost. It was found necessary to purchase grooved rails for curves, which is causing the present delay, which is causing the completion of the line, until the present time.

Then, too, Patton avenue, for a portion of its length, is given up to the men who are laying the sewer pipes; considerable frost has been in the ground, rendering work difficult to perform, and unstable when completed, and no good end was to be accomplished by tearing up the three principal thoroughfares of the city, and thus inconveniencing the public, before the track and wires were actually on hand, and ready to be placed in position, so that the streets might be immediately restored.

We believe, therefore, that the work will not only be accomplished by April 4th next, but that when completed, all the deficiencies of the present line, will have been eliminated, and the tracks capable of continuous operation of the cars from the beginning, without any of the vexatious and expensive delays, which have so embarrassed the company since the formal opening of the completed line, until the present time.

The Telephone Exchange.

Mr. C. E. McClure, of Richmond, Va., superintendent of the Southern Bell Telephone Telegraph Company, is in the city for the purpose of securing data for estimates for the proposed Telephone Exchange.

As it is necessary that the estimates shall include all intending subscribers in order to provide the lines and inaugurate all the stations simultaneously, Mr. McClure requests all parties who have not signed the subscription paper to hand their names to Mr. M. F. Burke at once.

Parties who delay may have to wait until the exchange is opened before they can be served.

A Good Old Fashion Renewed.

It is proposed on next Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, to hold in Johnson Hall a spelling bee, which we predict, from what we know of the promoters, will be one of the jolliest things yet. Jolly, is hardly the word to apply to Y's or W. C. T. U., but the CITIZEN has been invited to the competition and expects to carry off all the prizes. So it will be jolly at any rate.

Real Estate Transfers.

There were only three deeds recorded in the Register's office yesterday, as follows:

Jane Swan to Walton Stine, tract of land in Buncombe; amount, \$ 50

Stephen Jones, Sr., to Wm. Brown, tract of land in Buncombe; amount 25

T. M. Parker and wife to G. W. Radford, tract of land in Buncombe; amount, 700

Total amount of transactions, \$755

Came Back to Asheville.

Mr. Geo. W. Hampton, late of the Fifth Battery, U. S. A., stationed at San Francisco, Cal., arrived in the city last night, and will in future make Asheville his home. Mr. Hampton was honorably discharged—his enlistment having expired by limitation after five years' service in the regular army. He is a brother to police officer Hampton of this city.

Regular meeting of the City Council at the mayor's office this evening, at eight o'clock.

Mr. Thos. D. Carter, who has been quite ill at Weaverville for some time past, is convalescing.