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TOO MUCH DYNAMITE

USED IN CLEARING AWAY THE JOHNSTOWN WRECK.

Houses Tumbled Like Leaves and Dishes Broken in Houses Half a Mile Away—Windows Shattered and Chimneys Shaken Down.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 15.—Sunshine has succeeded the morning showers and this is the first bright noontide Johnstown has seen for a week. On the general principle that rain cannot fall perpetually, several thousand men who are anxious to clean up the ruined city, are hoping for fair weather from this on. The Conemaugh is swollen and its rushing current serves to remind Johnstown of the day preceding the flood. Water is an advantage, however, as it carries away a great portion of the impurities lodged along the river's bank. Engineers resorted to 300 pounds of dynamite cartridges to clear that portion of the wreck known as the raft. This morning the first charge of that size frightened the town and shook houses. Half of the windows in the Millville schoolhouse were shattered. In Prospect, just opposite, the chimneys came rattling down upon the house. In the next attempt the charge was diminished somewhat. Adjutant-General Hastings was informed to-day that the Philadelphia delegation of Governor Beaver's commission had started west this morning. Their mission is understood to be the distribution of the Governor's million dollars. This morning the State board of health began a sanitary survey of the towns of Conemaugh valley from South Fork to Ninevah, a completed census of families and a report of the condition of health and living will be made.

Major Philips' dynamiters have had Johnstown in a state of nervous terror all day, and this evening general manager John Fulton, of the Cambria Iron company, dictated a forcible protest to Gov. Beaver stating that the mills and offices of the company were being ruined by the blasts; that adjutant-general Hastings had paid no attention to two requests for its discontinuance, and that the State would be held responsible for any further damage done. The message was filed in the telegraph office with instructions that it be upon the wire as soon as a blast was heard. Meantime adjutant general Hastings had gained communication with Major Phillips and order to discontinue the blasting went into effect. The message did not grate the Governor, but general manager Fulton showed it to an Associated Press representative and said: "I do not hold Gen. Hastings responsible for this dynamiting. It is the height of nonsense, however to make such heavy blasts near valuable buildings. My superintendent informs me that the damp walls of the mills are giving away under the shocks; and here in my own office the ceiling has opened a quarter of an inch within the past hour. The buildings in Johnstown are in too delicate a condition to be trifled with by dynamiters. Major Phillips has been engaged since Wednesday in blowing out the channel of the Conemaugh above the Pennsylvania railroad stone bridge. He was anxious to have a passage for the water by this evening, and to that end put in a 500 pound blast of dynamite at noon. The blast was placed under two buildings, one of which was lying upon the other, and both of them were covered with logs. The explosion was terrific; and one log large enough for a twin mast was hurled 300 feet in the air. The next blast not being placed so deep was a 400 pounder. This one did all the damage. The report was awful and the strongest houses in the city tumbled like leaves. All the glass was blown out of the windows of the Odd Fellows' hall which seems to have stood over a stratum of unusual disturbances. In the same neighborhood the rear wall of the half wrecked Catholic church fell upon the Baltimore & Ohio tracks blocking them. Chimneys rattled down all about, and dishes were broken in houses in Kernville, half a mile away. Asked about the matter, Major Phillips said: "We have used only 2,000 pounds of dynamite to-day. I have ordered several tons of it. The charges will not be so heavy hereafter. I had no idea that we were doing any damage, and so far as I know no persons were injured."

Soon after the last blast which opened the channel of the river, the logs formed a gorge. A gang of lumber men were put to work with cant hooks and cleared the stream.

Adjutant General Hastings is in receipt of the following:

"ELLERSLIE, Rhinecliff-on-Hudson, June 10.—My Dear General: On my return to my country home I find that my little girls from eight to fourteen years of age, have been hard at work since the terrible flood at Johnstown, making articles of clothing for the poor homeless children who have survived the recent floods in your State. I am forwarding to-day by the American Express company, free of charge, one hundred and twenty-seven articles of wearing apparel, as per list enclosed, made by their own hands or purchased with their own money, with some of their dresses. My children will feel greatly obliged if you will cause the clothing to be distributed among the little sufferers by the recent calamity for whom they feel the deepest sympathy. I am, dear General, very faithfully yours,

"[Signed] LEVI P. MORTON."

HARRISBURG, June 15.—To-day Gov. Beaver issued a proclamation in reference to a request of the State board of health which made an official report declaring the drift in Conemaugh river at Johnstown and at other points and about said locality a public nuisance, and directing the said nuisance to be immediately abated. To this end he directed that the men and means be immediately employed and continued at work until the nuisance has been abated and the danger to the public health and safety removed, and pledges the faith of the State to provide funds therefore.

The World's Cotton Supply.

NEW YORK, June 15.—The total visible supply of cotton for the world is 1,742,591 bales, of which 1,095,691 are American, against 1,741,486 and 1,209,486 bales respectively, last year. Receipts at interior towns are 4,175 bales; crop in sight 6,802,269.

Denial of Alarmist Reports.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 15.—The Journal de St. Petersburg makes an emphatic denial of the alarmist reports circulated by foreign newspapers attributing warlike intentions to Russia.

The Weather.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15.—Indications for North Carolina—Fair, followed Sunday afternoon by light showers; stationary temperature, followed by slightly warmer in the interior.

RALEIGH'S BUDGET

Of State News of Interest and Importance.

RALEIGH, N. C., June 15.—[Special.]—The splendid new wing of the Eastern Insane Asylum building at Goldsboro has been accepted by the directors. The accommodations are now ample.

The sentiment with the alumni of Trinity College is to submit to the decision of the trustees. The impression is that Trinity College at Raleigh, N. C., is a fact in the near future. All the trustees and alumni are invited to meet at Greensboro and discuss the matter.

Governor Fowle announces that he intends at his earliest possible convenience to go over the line of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad and converse with the people so as to ascertain their views and wishes in regard to the management of that road. This decision gives great pleasure to the people in the eastern section.

There is trouble at Washington in connection with the appointment of Geo. Z. French to the postmastership at Wilmington. The department's attention has been called to the report of the Fraud Commission. Friends of French claim that everything has been satisfactorily explained to the President and Postmaster General and that French will assume charge of the office July 1.

A negro named Armstrong, who in April was appointed postmaster at Tarboro, has failed to give his $16,000 bond and another appointment will have to be made.

The secretary of the Teachers' Assembly says that the special excursion train next Tuesday which will carry members to Morehead City will be as well filled as usual, and that over 1,200 teachers will be present during the session.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction went to Morehead City to-day to remain until after the adjournment of the Assembly.

THE STRIKERS GO BACK

Trusting to the Association to Right Their Grievances.

BALTIMORE, June 15.—Manager Davidson announced this evening that he had fined each of the striking players an additional $100 for failing to report at the grounds. He and President Watkin had a consultation lasting nearly an hour, at the end of which time Davidson said that if they will not play [illegible] will accept any [illegible] possible substitutes. [illegible] Two games were to have been played here to-morrow between Louisville and Baltimore clubs, but Louisville stopped the first game at the end of the fifth inning and prevented others striking. The Louisville players again failed to report and three amateur players were called into requisition. Baltimore won the game in the first innings when they secured four runs. Attendance, 750. Score: Baltimore, 4; Louisville, 2.

Manager Barnie, of the Baltimore club succeeded to-night in persuading the dissatisfied Louisville players to agree to play Monday. Hecker, Cook and Shannon called on Barnie, who had returned from a southern trip, and presented their grievances. Barnie told them they were making a mistake in not playing, and were rendering themselves liable to expulsion. He told them to play and rely on the association to right them. They agreed to do so, and have notified Davidson they will report on Monday.

BARRY PRESIDED.

A New and Large Labor Organization.

CHICAGO, June 15.—The organization committee of the new labor organization known as the Brotherhood of United Labor met last night. T. B. Barry, presided. It was reported that a large organization representing about 7,000 men had signified their intention of meeting with the new order. Mr. Barry presented his plan of government for the new order, which is a radical departure from the methods used by the Knights of Labor. All power is to rest in the local organization. The annual convention and executive officers can only advise measures, having no power to formulate the policy of their own. They cannot order a strike or declare one off; nor can they levy assessments of any kind; but may recommend one, though they cannot enforce it. The organization contemplates local, central State and national trade branches. John E. Ables, of Davenport, Iowa, and George E. Detwiler, of Chicago, were elected delegates to the World's Congress of the Labor, which is to meet in Paris, July 14.

The Cronin Case.

CHICAGO, June 15.—The grand jury in the Cronin case began its fourth day's session this morning, and the indications are that several days yet will be consumed ere the jury is prepared to make its final report. A large array of witnesses have been subpenaed and the jury evinces a determination to inquire into the details of the case. Judge Tuley received the following letter this morning:

"PITTSBURG, June 13.

"Judge Tuley, Court House:

"Dear Sir:—I am in Pittsburg. I am the man who rented the cottage in Lake View. Revell & Co. sold the furniture to me. If you know me, I am the Williams that threw Dr. Cronin in the catch basin. I haven't much time to write. Yours,

"WILLIAMS,

"9 Garfield street, Pittsburg."

St. Louis Races.

ST. LOUIS, June 15.—The weather to-day was fine, and track and racing fair.

First race—Selling, all ages, six furlongs: Cora Fisher won, Kermesse second, May W. third. Time 1.33.

Second race—Four furlongs, selling, for two year olds: Indian Princess won, Westanna second, Leo third. Time .53¼.

Third race—Directors' stakes, mile and a quarter, for three year olds, $1,000 added: Joe Courtney won, Havillah second, Sportsman third. Time 2.16¼.

Fourth race—Six furlongs, selling, all ages: Red Stone won, Mamie Hunt second, Tudor third. Time 1.17¾.

Fifth race—Ellis Wainwright purse, $600, for three year olds and upwards, one mile: Spinnette won, Winona second, Insolence third. Time 1.46½.

Exports of Specie.

NEW YORK, June 15.—Exports of specie from the port of New York, during the week amounted to $4,675,463, of which $4,530,343 was in gold and $145,150 in silver. $4,661,722 in gold went to Europe and $135,71 in silver. The gold went to South America. Of gold shipped to Europe $5,731,311 went to France. Imports of specie for the week amounted to $34,855, of which $25,294 was in gold and $9561 in silver.

WILLIAM WALTER PHELPS

LOOKED UPON IN GERMAN DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS

As the Coming American Minister to the Court of William II—The Samoan Conference Matter—The Financial Problem.

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BERLIN, June 15.—The American delegates to the Samoan conference are much complimented on the result of their labors. Mr. Phelps is regarded by every one as the coming United States minister, though he himself denies that he has been offered the position.

The official press is disinclined to dwell upon the matter of the Samoan settlement, all the glory of which is lost to Germany. A brief paragraph in the North German Gazette on the conclusion of the conference, states that the agreement was arrived it with perfect unanimity by the powers represented, and to the satisfaction of all the parties concerned.

To-day being the anniversary of the death of Emperor Frederick, memorial service was held in the Friedenskirah at Potsdam. The exercises were conducted by Dr. Winden. All members of the official family, ministers and high officials were present. The choir of the Church of the Twelve Apostles sang the late Emperor's favorite hymns. The Emperor and Empress placed wreaths upon the tomb and remained kneeling beside it a long time.

The Reichsanziger dwells upon the recollection of emperor Frederick's fruitful labors for the empire, which in royal circles in German and Perssian history and in the hearts of all Germans have left ineffacable traces which will ever be a source of patriotic inspiration. A majority of the papers made respectful and reverent allusions to the anniversary, and but few revive the unseemly strife of a year ago.

The Shah to-day instead of paying the expected visit to the Krupp's Essen works spent another day at Willhelmsrhue, inspecting all points of interest, including the room which Napolean III occupied after Sedan.

The statement that the Persian—Russian minister at Belgrade had proposed a Russo Servian convention has caused uneasiness here. The receipt of a semi official telegram from Belgrade to-night declaring the story unfounded, has caused considerable confidence.

[illegible] in the Balkans do not mature so rapidly as it was feared they would. The tension is relieved by a renewal of the mutual pressure to make upon the Russian [illegible] during the past week which reached a climax yesterday upon German securities. The Russian minister of finance was urging [illegible] with leading houses here, including Gaudesmann, in relation to the conversion of certain private Russian railways. The North German Gazette pointedly referred to the proposed operations as illegal and even the liberal Vossiesche Zeitung warned German investors to unload Russian stock as speedily as possibly in readiness for the inevitable life and death struggle between Russia and Germany.

The committee of the Boerse is expected to deliver an opinion to-morrow on the legality of the proposed conversion, but it is felt that the government would not have exposed German capital to heavy losses, except to avert still greater dangers, and that had Balkan affairs been peaceful, nothing would have been heard of the illegality of the conversion scheme.

THE CAB STRIKE.

The Government Called on to Mediate.

PARIS, June 15.—In the chamber of deputies this evening Basty attempted to discuss the strike of the Paris cabmen. Constans, minister of interior, objected to the present consideration of the matter and moved that the discussion be postponed until Monday. The motion was rejected by a vote of 282 to 242. Basty thereupon demanded that the government compel cab owners to concede the demands of the strikers. Constans explained that the government was doing its utmost to effect a settlement between proprietors and employes. The government, he declared, would not tolerate any rioting. He then moved that the subject be dismissed, and the motion was lost by a vote of 327 to 252. The motion calling upon the government to continue the mediation was carried by a vote of 247 to 224.

There is an increased number of cabs flying in the streets to-day. The strike, however, continues.

The awarding of prizes at the exhibition will take place September 4th.

The Shah of Persia will arrive in Paris July 20th.

Some of New York's Contributions.

NEW YORK, June 15.—Mayor Grant this morning, transferred the work of receiving subscriptions to the Johnstown sufferers to J. Edward Simmons, president of the 4th National Bank, treasurer of the fund. At 3 o'clock this afternoon the total sum received at the bank was $40,740.54. The Master Plumbers Association to-day contributed $1,000 and the Fifth Avenue Bank $500.

Switzerland Shows Her Pluck.

BERLIN, June 15.—Switzerland has sent a reply to Germany in regard to the case of German Police Inspector Wohlgemuth, who has been expelled from Switzerland on the charge of bribing a Swiss to act as agent *provocateur*. Switzerland upholds the expulsion of Wohlgemuth and reminds Germany that a special bill regarding the foreign police has already been submitted to the Swiss Chamber.

Of Interest to Lawyers.

Judge Hugh L. Bond, U. S. Circuit Judge, has ordered that rule 24 of the U. S. Circuit Court of the Western District of North Carolina be changed so as to read as follows:

"The peremptory call of the civil docket in the Circuit Court shall not take place before Thursday of the first week of the term."

Weekly Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, June 15.—The weekly bank statement is as follows:

Reserve, increase	$452,950
Loans, increase	2,384,400
Specie, decrease	1,334,900
Legal tenders, increase	1,466,900
Deposits, increase	2,339,800
Circulation, decrease	27,900

The banks now hold $10,603,225 in excess of the 25 per cent. rule.

Baseball.

At Columbus—Columbus 16, Kansas City 3.

At Cleveland—Cleveland 4, Chicago 5.

At Boston—Boston 3, Washington 2.

At Indianapolis—Indianapolis 16, Pittsburg 11.

A RESOLUTE MOTHER

Goes to Jail Under Sentence of Contempt of Court.

CINCINNATI, June 15.—A sensational scene was enacted this morning in Judge Okott's Court of Common Pleas. He has had on hearing and under consideration for several months an unusual habeas corpus case, where two women claim to be the mother of the child for whom the writ was issued. Miss Kate Scheller averred that she gave birth to an illegitimate child and placed it in the hands of Mrs. Hunser, a midwife, to dispose of, and that Mrs. Hunser placed it in the family of W. J. White to be adopted. Subsequently Miss Scheller wished to recover possession of her child and applied to Mrs. White, when that lady informed her that the baby she had was not an adopted child but was her own. The testimony before the court was most conflicting, but Mr. and Mrs. White brought many witnesses to show that the baby was theirs. They have had it it charge since the trial.

To-day Mrs. White appeared in court without the child. When asked by the court where it was Mrs. White, in a determined manner, answered:

"Judge Oleott, I was submitted to a severe examination the other day and I understood you were going to decide against me, and I have protected my child. I know the consequences, and am here to abide by them, and if I have to stay in prison ten years I am satisfied, if at the end of that time, I have my darling."

This reply of course made a sensation. Her attorney promptly disclaimed having advised this course of action and asked that his client have time to reflect. The court said that if Mrs. White did not produce the child she must suffer the consequences of contempt of court, and he allowed her till now to consider. The resolute mother for two hours was urged by her attorney and friends to produce the child, but at the end of the time she remained firm and went bravely to jail under sentence of court for contempt. Meantime the judge witholds his decision of the merits of the case.

THE TEXAS TRAGEDY.

Opposed to Negro Constables and Negroes Justices.

CHICAGO, June 15.—A dispatch from Austin, Texas, says that there are conflicting reports about the cause of a bloody shooting affray which occurred eighteen miles southeast of this city, Thursday evening, in which four white men and five negroes were killed, and many others wounded. From one version it appears that in the neighborhood where the trouble occurred a colored justice of the peace, Orange Wicks, and a colored constable, Isaac Wilson, were recently elected, and have issued a warrant for one A. O. Litten (white,) and it was put into the hands of Wilson. Soon after, the latter met Litten and informed him he had a warrant for his arrest and proceeded to read it. Litten remarked that it was no use to read the warrant, for he would not be arrested by a d——d nigger. Quite a crowd had gathered, and Wilson's friends advised that he place the warrant in the hands of a white constable. This he did and Litten was arrested, but declared he would not be tried before a colored justice. Notwithstanding his protest he was carried before justice Wicks, whose court was in session. The room was crowded with blacks and whites in the court room. Litten was very abusive, and finally words led to blows, then to the use of six shooters and Winchesters. Justice Wicks and Litten were riddled with bullets and died immediately. A colored constable was also killed as was a negro named Bell.

A spectator was filled with lead and died soon after. Houston Moore, a colored boy was also killed by a stray bullet, Alexander Notch and George Schochel, both white men were shot down and instantly killed, as was another white man whose could not be learned. One hundred armed men gathered around, ready to renew the fight, but all has been quieted as far as known here. Sheriff White of this city sent a strong force to the scene of trouble yesterday, and he anticipates no further fighting.

STATE NEWS.

The State has thus far won its case against the opulent "Georgia Company," which has carried on so vast a business in Guilford county. But the matter will get into the Federal courts, of course, and there all is uncertainty.

It is learned that the movement for a soldiers' home will assume large proportions immediately after July 4th, when the ex-Confederates will form a permanent organization in each county and go earnestly to work in this good cause.

Henry Russell, a negro, has been captured and is in jail at Taylorsville charged with the murder of Old Man Tompkins in Alleghany county some weeks ago. The negro was arrested on suspicion by Gardner Campbell and J. G. Thomburg on Brushy Mountain, in Alexander county. At first he confessed his guilt, but after being placed in jail said he had been persuaded to make a confession by Campbell and Thomburg, who told him they would get a reward of $200 and give him half of it. The negro now says his brother, Joe Russell, committed the crime.

To the Editors.

The seventeenth annual convention of the North Carolina Press Association will meet at Lenoir, Caldwell county, July 17, 1889.

It is hoped there will be a large attendance of members of the Press, those who have not heretofore identified themselves with the Association as well as those who have. Let us go resolved and prepared to make this a business meeting, practical in its results, as well as a season of rest and pleasure.

It is probable the editors will take an excursion to Asheville and beyond after the meeting adjourns. Persons who may desire to attend the convention will communicate with John B. Sherrill, secretary, at Concord. THAD R. MANNING, President.

State papers please copy.

Real Estate Transfers.

Transfers of real estate in the county of Buncombe for the week ending June 15, as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, amounted to $124,230.

Religious Notices.

Rev. L. A. Webb will fill the Riverside pulpit, in the absence of Rev. C. M. Bishop, this evening at 8:15 o'clock.

Cyclone in Cuba.

HAVANA, June 14.—A cyclone swept over the northwestern portion of the island to-day.

OLIVER H. DOCKERY

APPOINTED CONSUL GENERAL TO RIO DE JANEIRO.

The Trial Trip of the Petrel—Ensign Ormsby Dismissed from the Service—Naval Court Martial Officers, Etc.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—[Special.]—Oliver H. Dockery was appointed to-day consul general to Rio de Janeiro. The pay is $8,000, including fees. Mr. Ewart thinks Col. Dockery's acceptance of the place uncertain, because the consul general is forced to remain at his post. Small-pox and yellow fever are now raging in Rio de Janeiro.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—The President and Secretaries Blaine and Windom went down the Potomac river this morning in Postmaster General Wanamaker's yacht Restless. They will go down as far as Chesapeake bay, and lay at anchor during Sunday and return to Washington Monday.

The President to-day made the following appointments to be consul generals: Joseph A. Leonard, of Minnesota, at Shanghai; Wakefield G. Frye, of Montana, at Halifax; Zachary T. Sweeney, of Indiana, at Constantinople; Oliver H. Dockery, of North Carolina, at Rio de Janeiro; Oliver H. Simors, of Colorado, at St. Petersburg; Geo. W. Roosevelt, of Pennsylvania, at Brussels; Levi W. Brown, of Ohio, at Glasgow.

Bond offerings to-day aggregated $801,150, accepted $801,050, fours at 129 and four and halfs at 106⅞.

The Secretary of the Navy has appointed the following board of naval officers to attend the trial trip of the new gunboat Petrel, which will be in the course of ten days at Baltimore. Capt. Sketteret, chief engineer Develin, commander Hoff, Lieut. Tilley and naval constructor Hauscom. The board on machinery will consist of chief engineers Develin, Ayers, and Whitaker, assisted by passed assistant engineer Freeman, and assistant engineers Kammerling, Radgrove and Samuel. A naval court martial will be ordered to assemble at the New York navy yard, Wednesday, June 19th. The detail is Capt. Jas. O. Kane, commander G. W. Sumner, paymaster Arthur Burlis, paymaster D. A. Smith, commander J. Nathan, Lieut. commander Lillie, Lieut. commander Camden, Lieut. Tremain, Capt. G. C. Reid, U. S. Marine corps, as judge advocate.

The court is ordered to try paymaster H. R. Smith, late of the Essex, on the charge of absenting himself without leave on the return of his vessel from a long cruise. It was Smith whose mysterious disappearance caused a general search to be made for him under the supposition that he had met with foul play. The case of Ensign Geo. F. Ormsby, which was finally disposed of to-day by his dismissal from the naval service, is the first occurring in a number of years which has had that result. Ormsby was regarded in the service as a "sea lawyer" and had greatly vexed the Department was his law suit and erratic conduct. The formal charges upon which he was tried by his law suit and erratic conduct. The formal charges upon which he was tried by the courtmartial were disobedience of orders and disrespect towards the Secretary and Acting Secretary of the Navy. It appears from the record that when he was ordered from Richfield Springs, and later from Cincinnati, to join the Monongahela, then under orders to proceed to Samoa, he plead illness; and when the department refused to accept this excuse, he disregarded his orders, proceeded south and asked to have his resignation accepted. In some of his letters addressed to the Secretary of the Navy he complains that he was being humiliated contrary to the revised statutes, and requests the secretary either to leave the decision of his case to the civil courts where he had begun an action looking to the ratification of his orders, or to a court martial. Subsequently he was found at Los Angeles, Cal., placed under arrest and conveyed to Mare Island, where he was tried by court martial. In one of his letters, Ormsby said Commodore Harmony, acting secretary, has made untrue and scandalous statements about his case which were contrived to serve as false evidence before the medical board; this, failing of its purpose, the ensign next attacked Secretary Whitney directly charging him with neglect or omission to carry out the laws and regulations, and with stopping him from prosecuting the lawsuit to a just conclusion by ordering him away from the country. On all the charges and specifications the court martial found him guilty; and upon the secretary's approval of the sentence, the President to-day formally dismissed Ensign Ormsby from the naval service.

THE JOHNSTOWN FUND.

A Letter From Treasurer Lewis Acknowledging Its Receipt.

President Breese of the First National Bank yesterday received the following letter from W. C. Lewis, Esq., treasurer of the Johnstown Finance Relief Committee:

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 10, 1889.

Wm. E. Breese, President, etc., Asheville, N. C.

Dear Sir: Your favor of 6th inst., with New York check for $140, to apply to aid of our flood sufferers, received. Kindly express to chief Deaver of the Pinion Detective Agency, and through him to the individual subscribers, our sincere thanks for this mark of their sympathy and prompt and liberal contribution in this hour of our need. Very truly yours,

W. C. LEWIS,

Treasurer Finance Relief Committee.

Sheriff Reynolds Set Right.

THE CITIZEN was in error yesterday when it stated that policemen Bradley and Donovan took a "stroll through the town." Our reporter was misinformed as to the facts, which were these: Bradley and Donovan, accompanied by Mr. L. H. Smith, who was a sworn officer of the law, went to the office of their counsel for consultation, and thence on down Main street to the jail. This statement is made in justice to sheriff Reynolds, who is too good an officer to allow prisoners charged with murder to "stroll through the streets.

Knights of Pythias.

You are hereby requested to be present at a regular meeting of Pisgah Lodge, No. 32, K. of P., Monday evening at 8.30 o'clock at your Castle, to attend to important business. By order of the C. C.

P. A. CUMMINGS, K. R. & S.

FOLKS YOU KNOW.

Who They Are; Where They Are, and What They Are Doing.

Mr. J. D. Brevard returned to the city yesterday.

Ernest Muller has returned from Bingham school.

Prof. Wm. Baker, of Charlotte, is at the Grand Central.

Dr. A. M. Hill, a prominent dentist of Greenville, S. C., is here.

Mr. F. P. Lewis left yesterday afternoon for Salt Lake city.

Mr. A. G. Hallyburton has removed his residence to Grove street.

Stephen Thomas, Esq., and wife, well known in Charleston social circles, are at Battery Park.

Dr. S. D. Pelham leaves to-morrow for Morehead City for a week's rest and recuperation.

Missses Mary and Leslie Pleasant have returned from Richmond, Va. where they have been school.

Dr. W. E. Pelham, of Newberry, S. C., arrived in the city last evening and will spend several weeks here.

R. B. Beckwith and bride, of Nashville, Tenn., are here on their wedding tour. They are at the Swannanoa.

Mr. W. G. Doolittle and wife, of the Mountain Park hotel at Hot Springs, were here yesterday, as were also A. J. Rauh and wife, of New York.

E. Moore, Boston; M. J. Branner, Louisville; J. H. Norwood, Montgomery; Mrs. A. W. Butts and daughter, Springfield, Mass.; H. E. Hunter and wife, New York; C. S. Wallace, New York, and R. E. Harty, Baltimore, were at Battery Park last night.

RANDOM NOTES

Roped In by Rambling Reporters Roaming Around the City.

Carrier's Sulphur Springs hotel was opened for the season yesterday.

The Spartanburg train was three hours late in reaching the city last night.

No contributions to the Johnstown fund were reported in the city yesterday.

Marriage license was yesterday issued to Leander Hill and Rebecca Morrow by the register.

The Vanderbilt land purchase in Buncombe amounts to 4800 acres, for which he paid $220,710.

The regular meeting of Pisgah Lodge, No. 32, K. of P., will be held at Pythian hall to-morrow evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Two parties found guilty of violating section 641 of the city laws, were fined $15 and $5 respectively, by the mayor yesterday morning.

The Weaverville College medals manufactured by Mr. A. M. Field of this city are among the handsomest THE CITIZEN has seen this season.

Hotel and boarding house proprietors report an unusual number of applications for rooms being made by northern and western tourists intending to spend the summer in Asheville.

Ray Bros. open their skating rink at the Buncombe warehouse to-morrow evening. The building is in splendid order, nice elevated seats have been erected, and everybody is invited to attend the complimentary opening.

The entire session of the criminal court was consumed yesterday in the trial of the case of the State against John Creasman, charged with the unlawful disposition of mortgaged property. No verdict has yet been reached by the jury.

ASHEVILLE BONDS

Just the Sort That Suit Mr. Middendorf.

It was our privilege on yesterday to meet Mr. Middendorf, of Baltimore, who is on a brief visit to Asheville, and we took great pleasure in listening to his enthusiastic praises of our mountain scenery and climate.

Mr. Middendorf has had occasion to investigate the value, as an investment, of Asheville 6 per cent. bonds, and gives a most flattering statement of the ease with which he found purchasers at his own figures for $60,000 which he had bought a short time ago. While not at all surprised, we are gratified to hear this.

Mr. Evans, of Wilmington, Del., is also in town looking around, and is much pleased with all he sees, and that is a good deal; for these Northern friends keep their eyes open and see all that is perceptible.

These are the kind of visitors we like to welcome. We want them to see it all. We have nothing to be ashamed of. While we know we are not in all respects perfect, we are amending the slight defects every day, and very soon our only fear is there will be nothing more in that line left for us to do, or to complain and "cuss" about.

AT HOT SPRINGS.

Some Well Known People Now at This Popular Resort.

Mr. J. T. Worthington, of Washington, general counsel of the R. & D. Railroad Company, has engaged rooms for himself and family at the Mountain Park Hotel for July.

Mr. John Hall Watson and family, of New York, will arrive next week.

Mr. L. M. Saunders and Mr. J. Swornstedt, of Washington, are spending a few weeks at the hotel.

Mr. Wm. Krebs and family, of New York, have arrived at the Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Flash and the the Misses Flash, of New York, arrived Friday evening, intending to remain the entire summer.

A NEW PRESIDENT

TO PRESIDE OVER ASHEVILLE FEMALE COLLEGE.

Rev. S. N. Barker, of Texas, Succeeds Rev. James Atkins, who will Return to the Active Ministry of the M. E. Church, South.

Asheville Female College is to have a new President, and Rev. S. N. Barker, of Willis, Texas, is the gentleman who will succeed Dr. Atkins in the control and management of that institution. Mr. Barker was formerly president of Willis College, a school which he established and successfully conducted for many years. He is a minister of the M. E. church, South, a learned and able man and distinguished educator. His wife, a most charming lady, is a graduate of the Huntsville (Ala.) Female College—a noted institution of learning, and has occupied many high positions in the best schools of the South and West.

The acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Barker in these sections is so extensive and favorable that they will bring a strong support to the Asheville school from those localities.

Mr. Barker is a gentleman of means, fine business qualities, and as a school worker, is thoroughly enterprising. We have learned from the school authorities here who have talked with the gentleman, that he has already evolved certain plans for the improvement of the institution which will largely increase its efficiency and popularity.

He has leased the college for a period of five years, and will enter upon its management about the first of September. Among the improvements to be added is the introduction of stenographic and type-writing course; a superior elocution system, etc., etc.

Prof. B. E. Atkins will remain with the college, in his present capacity, we are glad to note. Additions to the faculty will be made, and the entire system of education at this institution is to be increased and strengthened under President Barker's management.

Of Dr. Atkins, the late president, who has resigned the management of a school which for ten years he has labored faithfully and unceasingly to perfect and upbuild, THE CITIZEN cannot speak too favorably. Coming to Asheville at a time when the college was sinking and becoming year by year less useful, he has by superior management and energetic work placed it among the highest grade female educational institutions of the entire South.

His work speaks for itself. A college property, worth not less than $100,000; a school placed upon a permanent, useful and paying basis, and ranking second to none in thoroughness of instruction in the country, is a grand monument to the sterling worth, activity and excellent business judgment of the worthy christian gentleman who left the active ministry of his church to redeem it from ruin and decay. The work he has performed here in ten years seems like the labor of a quarter of a century—so broad, perfect and secure is its character. All honor to Dr. Atkins and the noble mission he has so successfully and lastingly consummated.

It will be a source of regret to his many friends here to learn that he intends to leave Asheville and again engage in the active gospel ministry. He will apply for assignment to work in this great field at the October session of the Holston conference. He is an able, eloquent, earnest and powerful preacher, a learned theologian, a polished scholar, and withal, a most elegant and accomplished christian gentleman whom Asheville can ill afford to lose.

Society Gossip.

Some of Bert Johnston's personal friends "saw him off" on Wednesday last as far as Round Knob. Mrs. Jas. Atkins, Miss Lula Williams, Miss Bennie Ledbetter, Miss Fannie Gudger and Mr. Wallace Rollins were in the party.

The Neatness medal at the college last week was awarded to Miss Jessie Warnes.

Miss Bennie Ledbetter has been visiting the past week at Capt. Johnston's.

Mrs. C. B. Duffie has supplemented her recent donation of books to the city school library by the gift of thirty volumes of Scott's works, and twenty volumes of miscellany, among which is an elegantly bound copy of Macauley's History of England.

A Musical Concert.

Weaverville College is noted for its highly interesting concerts during commencement seasons. The one for next Tuesday night promises to be exceedingly entertaining. An interesting program is being printed at this office. Admission twenty-five cents. Pupils and patrons admitted free.

Captured the Still.

Deputy collector A. H. Baird returned to the city yesterday afternoon from a revenue raid in the South Mountain section, in which he captured an illicit still and six hundred gallons of beer supposed to belong to one Phil. Moore. Moore made his escape.

For Morehead City.

The Western members of the North Carolina Teachers' Asssembly, who will attend this session of that body at Morehead City, will leave Asheville on the 9:55 evening train Monday night next.

Will Become an Evangelist.

William P. Fife, of Fayetteville, has resolved to become an evangelist and will arrive here shortly to study during the summer months under the direction of Rev. R. G. Pearson.