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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Dull times.
A new moon.
Pay your old bill.
Subscribe for the MESSENGER.
Morton's big Four next Wednesday night.
For garden seeds go to A. W. Calvin's.
George C. Scurlock, of Fayetteville has a thousand dollar clerkship in the pension bureau.
Mr. Henry Robinson who was severely injured last week in the burning building is suffering much yet.
Rev. F. K. Bird has been transferred to Worcester, Mass. He was to leave this morning. Success to him.
Mr. Richard Grier was married to Miss Emma Rasco, in Concord, last Thursday night.
We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Pethel, wife of James Pethel, which occurred last night.
If you want fresh garden seeds of any kind, go to Dr. Wilder's Drug store.
Communion at Zion church tomorrow. Elder Rievers will be assisted by neighboring ministers.
Now is your time to renew your subscription. Please send us the money, you paid the preacher last Sunday now pay us.
We have a very long communication answering the article that appeared in the Democrat last week. We are sorry to say the article is entirely too long for the size of our paper. Write short articles to the point.
A press was put to work on the east side of the N. C. Railroad, bailing the cotton that was burned over at the old factory. About seventy-five men were at work picking and carrying cotton.
We learn from one of our exchanges that Miss Rosa Morehead has gone to Texas to take a school, for fifty dollars a month. We congratulate her upon her success as a teacher, and hope she will never have cause to regret going to the far South. Charlotte has several nice young ladies abroad who have prepared themselves, and are doing much good among our people.

Puck and the Boys.

Our correspondent Puck, in last week's issue, raised some excitement among the boys of the city. Now, we said last week, that we did not think Puck had special reference to any individual. At least he was not at all personal in his article, and there is no cause for any one to take offense at the letter unless his toes are mashed. The intentions of Puck are plain, timely and good. He has had many compliments passed on him in our hearing, and some of them pretty rough. Puck has his peculiar style of putting things, yet, as one of the young men, we admit that we are not everything we might be, and as one of them, we admit, that Puck is right.
The object of Puck is to stir the young men up to a sense of their errors and their duty. If you are not touched don't flinch. If you are, and think injustice done you, these columns are open to all.

To Secret Societies.

We would like to have a directory of all the societies in the city desiring to have a standing notice of their meeting time.

We will publish the time of meeting and furnish a copy of this paper weekly for \$1.25 for 3 months. Send in your notices with the cash and get the paper.

A Few Thoughts.

The attention of every reader of this paper is called to the necessity of every subscriber paying for it in advance. Our subscription list must be increased, we must have more advertisements, and we must have a better paper.

The need for a newspaper published by and for the colored people of this city and section is acknowledged by all. Everybody likes the MESSENGER, the editor appreciate their good will &c, but an amount of substantial encouragement given is much more desired. Let every one friendly to the colored race subscribe and advertise and help to widen the circulation of the paper.

The editor expected to make no money so early as this, but he is compelled to appeal to his friends to be more punctual and more liberal in their aid. Our washerwoman and landlady begin to look crossed at us. If you want the paper to be newswy and live, give us money. We can't run without it. Tell your neighbors to subscribe and pay.

Personals.

Rev. Edward Eagles formerly of the first Baptist church was married last Tuesday night in Augusta.

Mr. E. H. Sutton, of Chowan, Belcher of Edgecombe and other members of the legislature spent last Sunday in our city.

Elder Goslin has an interesting revival going on in Statesville.

Mrs. D. N. Ricord is the lady superintendent of the Sabbath school in Statesville.

Col. H. C. Cowles, of Statesville, has been confined to his room for several days.

Interesting to Ladies.

Our lady readers can hardly fail to have their attention called this week to the latest combination of improvements in that most useful of all domestic implements, the "sewing machine"

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THE CITY SCHOOLS.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

A Bill Adopted for Presentation to the Legislature, and What its Provisions Call for.

An important meeting of the school commissioners was held at the city clerk's office yesterday afternoon, at which all the members, save one who was excused on business, were present. A resolution was adopted to the effect that the parents of all children outside the city school limits who are due for tuition up to date, be required to settle by the 1st of March or keep their children at home. A number have already paid up, but there are yet many who are in arrears. It was reported to the board that the colored school children have raised quite a handsome sum of money by subscriptions, to help defray the incidental expenses of their school.

The board then received and adopted the report of the committee appointed to draft a bill for the legislature, in behalf of the city graded schools. It is proper to state, in connection with the bill printed below, that by reason of

the fact that the next session of the board of aldermen will not be held until very near the adjournment of the legislature it was not thought advisable to withhold the bill until such a late day, and the bill was consequently sent direct to the legislature by the commissioners, without having gone through the hands of the board of aldermen. In the discussion of the bill relative to the adoption of the bill, the fact was brought out that the colored school can be kept up at an expense of \$2,000 per year, without drawing upon the white taxes. The board is also of the opinion that the graded schools can possibly be carried on without the necessity of resorting to the provisions provided by the bill, but as the legislature will not meet again for two years, they feel that it is absolutely necessary to have some provision made for the maintenance of the schools at the present session, so that in case help might be needed, it will be at hand. The bill might well be termed an emergency bill. One copy of the following bill has been sent to each of our representatives in the House and Senate:

The General Assembly of North Carolina do Enact:

SECTION I. That whenever the school commissioners of the city of Charlotte shall at any regular meeting pass a resolution declaring that the funds at their command are inadequate to the wants of the graded schools of said city and shall further declare that an additional tax upon the taxable property and polls within said city is necessary for the proper maintenance of said schools, and shall also declare said resolution, the amount thereof or per cent. of tax and amount upon the poll which will supply the wants of the said schools and shall certify said resolution to the mayor of the city of Charlotte, it shall be the duty of the mayor of Charlotte to give thirty days notice in one or more of the daily papers published in the city of Charlotte of the time and places at which an election shall be held to decide whether the assessment which the school commissioners of the city of Charlotte have certified in their resolution shall be levied and collected for the support of said schools.

SEC. III. The mayor of the city of Charlotte shall appoint persons to hold said election.

SEC. IV. Each voter shall deposit a ballot upon which shall be written "tax" or words "no tax."

SEC. V. In case a majority of the votes cast at said election shall be in favor of said tax it shall be the duty of the board of aldermen of the city of Charlotte to levy and collect said tax as the other taxes are levied and collected.

SEC. VI. That the tax thus levied and collected, as well as all other taxes provided by law for the support of said graded schools from the white persons and colored persons shall be so kept and collected that the respected amounts collected from the white people and colored people can be ascertained.

SEC. VII. That if the school commissioners shall so decide the money collected from the white persons shall be applied in support of the school for white children; and the money collected from colored persons shall be applied to the support of the said school for colored children.

SEC. IX. The school commissioners of the city of Charlotte may apply so much of the money raised by said taxes as shall not be required to keep up the schools to the purchase and construction of suitable school buildings for the use of said school children.

SEC. X. This act shall be in force from its ratification.

Our Representatives are to be instructed to supply the vacant clauses in the bill.

Buried With His Money.

About three months ago August Dieffenthal died suddenly at an immigrant's boarding-house in New York, and was interred at Union Hill N. J. A few days ago a letter was received from his brother, in California, inquiring as to the disposition of the dead man's effects, and as to a sum of money which the deceased had realized from the sale of a farm in Germany. His trunks were searched, but the money could not be found. The body was disinterred, and \$2,091 were discovered in a wallet hidden away in a shirt in which the body had been buried.

Battle Between a Sheriff and a Band of Colored Lynchers.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 9.—At Paola, Kansas, yesterday, a colored girl, aged 9 years, was found in the snow nearly naked and almost frozen to death. She revived enough to tell that she had been outraged by a negro named Henry Smith. The latter was arrested and put in jail. About 10 o'clock at night a band of masked men, mostly colored, gathered about the jail and demanded the prisoner. But the sheriff, provided for the emergency, refused the demand, and when the mob began to batter open the doors. They were met with a volley which killed one and wounded several, when they retreated and dispersed.

Struck a Bonanza.

John Burns, a Moore county man, registered at the McAdoo last week. Sometime ago he discovered gold on his farm, and kept the secret to himself until he mined out one hundred pounds of the precious metal. Thinking the vein was exhausted, he offered to sell and did sell finally for \$43,000. He had along with him a bag of gold and was spending it freely for "fire water" when last seen. A few months ago his worldly possessions consisted of a half dozen dogs, now he is a bonanza king, counting his gold by the thousands. Such is life.

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