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**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

The revival at the Baptist church continues with unabated interest.

Richard Smith who was sent to the penitentiary about six years ago for murder in this county was pardoned last Saturday by the Governor.

For cheap groceries go to A. W. Calvins.

The jury in the Felix Wilson case gave a verdict against him for murder in the first degree. The history of this case is still fresh in the minds of our readers.

The entertainment at the Odd Fellows Hall on Thursday night, given by the members of the Order, was largely attended and much enjoyed by all present.

The President has nominated Col. Thos. B. Keogh for U. S. Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina.

As will be seen, Mecklenburg and New Hanover are in the same Congressional District according to the new district.

We hear that Mr. A. P. Hunter, the new mail agent on the C. C. & A. Railroad, has been removed. That's another liberal move.

The editor of this paper will be out of the city the next week or ten days. Persons having business with him may consult Mr. A. W. Calvin.

Rev. R. S. Rivers preached the thanksgiving sermon for the Odd Fellows last Thursday afternoon at the Methodist church.

Prof. J. T. Williams' Music School has been suspended for the present, owing to other business of pressing importance.

**Load Your Shot Guns.**

We are just informed that Rev. J. Wells was visited on Thursday night by some ruffians who threw stones into the windows breaking glass and sash. Mr. Wells is the minister of the M. E. Church, just sent here and had just moved in the house next the church which was formerly occupied by white women. They did not like to give up the house and it is supposed this was a grenade by some of the male friends of the parties removed. The night before some white man was prowling around in the yard of a neighbor of the same church, and was unable to give an account of himself. These people say a police is never seen in that locality only in dog killing time, though its only about four blocks from the public square.

It might be well for our friends to keep a loaded shot-gun on hand. They say the matter might be easily ferreted; but then 'twas all in a negro locality and nobody was hurt. Prepare and keep a sharp lookout.

**The Minstrel Show.**

The exhibition by the Barlow & Wilson company was good. It certainly excelled anything we have ever seen in the way of a minstrel. They did not have so much vocal music as some we have seen but the whole thing was good.

Now it is a well established fact that the colored people make about one half the crowd at all minstrels here. There was out to this last show the largest crowd of colored people we have ever seen. There was a large number of our best ladies and gentlemen out. Now we respectfully ask are we not entitled to some respect inasmuch as we pay for the fair and take back seats. Why are rude boys and bad women allowed to disturb us by their con-

tinued loud and profane swearing under the very nose of ushers and attaches of the building? We feel that we have a right to complain as in this case we encouraged our people to go. Further, all the benefits of advertising, free tickets and the like go to the white press. We do not claim a right to advise our people not to go, but if we are neither benefited nor respected we fail to see why we should advise them to go.

**Superior Court.**

The Superior court convened last Monday. Judge James C. McRae on the bench and Mr. F. I. Osborne State Solicitor. On Monday the juries were arraigned, the grand jury charged &c. On Tuesday McNinch and Healy were tried for false imprisonment and found guilty. This is the second time they have been judged guilty on the same charge and it is said they will take it to the Supreme court as they did before. Robt. Jones was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. Jones is the colored man who killed a white man in Monroe about three years ago. His health is now very bad. Austin Howerton, a white man was found guilty of stealing a mule.

On Wednesday the case of Felix Wilson was taken up. Wilson is indicted for the murder of Mose Rendleman. The entire day was taken up in examining witnesses after a jury had been secured.

**Personals.**

Mrs. J. E. Johnson, of Concord spent several days of this week in our city the guest of Mrs. Robt. Hayes.

Miss Annie Hayes is at home spending her spring vacation with friends.

Rev. Mr. Colley formerly a missionary traveler in Africa was in our city this week.

We regret to learn the death of Mr. Jacob Banks a student of Biddle University. He died at his home in Philadelphia last week.

**AN AGREEABLE SURPRISE THANKFULLY RECEIVED.**

We sincerely thank the young ladies that so kindly surprised us, last Monday night. Their pathetic supplications to a throne of grace for our future success was very appreciating

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the peace of God, that surpasses all understanding," fill their hearts and crown their deeds of kindness. The humble recipient,  
**R. S. RIVES.**

P. S. The following accompanied the surprise:

This little band are yours for true,  
 True followers of Christ we are,  
 And when e're you kneel in prayer,  
 Remember the band who cares for you.  
 These are moments in the band,  
 Their souls upon your prayer shall blend,  
 And when we from this earth have gone,  
 May we with the ransomed be;  
 In that bright world above,  
 We shall meet to part no more.  
 Yours, in Love Purity and Truth.

For the Messenger.

**In Memoriam.**

At a meeting of the Middle Prep. class of Biddle University, Charlotte N. C., the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, on the 23d of February, A. D., 1883, at Philadelphia, it pleased our Father in his all wise providence to remove from earth and take to himself our much esteemed friend and beloved class mate Mr. Jacob Banks.

Resolved, 1st, That we bow in humble submission to Him in whose hands are the issues of life and death yet we feel that our class has lost an earnest friend, the church a zealous and devoted member, and his home a kind and thoughtful son and brother.

Resolved, 2nd, He was earnest in his convictions, zealous in the discharge of his duties, with a kind and thoughtful regard for the feelings and position of those with whom he associated; and the vacancy caused by his death will not soon be filled, for his faith was shown by his good works.

Resolved, 3rd, That the class and

members of the University extend their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family, and that we share the consolation with them that his last moments were sustained by an unflinching trust in God.

"Above the dark horizon's bar  
 Another brightly beaming star  
 Has mounted to the skies,  
 And from its shining home above,  
 Looks calmly down through smiling love  
 And sweetly says, arise—

Arise above the world of strife,  
 To purer heart and higher life  
 Where noblest joys are given,  
 And in the appointed way of God,  
 That all the saints in life have trod  
 Through Christ ascend to heaven."

Resolved, 4th, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased and also to the Charlotte MESSENGER for publication.

S. B. Pride,  
 Y. F. Hood,  
 A. M. Caldwell, } Com.  
 J. A. Ramsuer.

**T. L. Norris, Jr, Sec'y.**

**Diphtheria.**

Notwithstanding the alarming prevalence of diphtheria throughout the country few people comparatively know anything of its history. It is not a new disease, but has prevailed epidemically from the earliest times of which we have any medical record. A medical work published in Sanscrit over three hundred years ago mentions this disease and describes the manner of its attack. It was very prevalent in Spain from 1581 to 1611, and was known as garrotillo. In Naples during 1617 it swept away whole families, and the disease was accurately described in 1640 by a French physician, Baillon. It was first observed in our country by Dr S. Bard, of Philadelphia, who called it an "uncommon and dangerous distemper." It derives its name diphtheria from the Greek word *diphthera* (leather). This name was given to it early in this century by a French physician, Bretzouneau, on account of the leathery appearance of the false membrane, which is one of the characteristics of the disease. There are numerous theories as to the causes which produce diphtheria, but the question has never been satisfactorily settled. What it is quite as much a matter of dispute. All are agreed that it is a virus, known by its faults, but no one has ever traced its actual source. Microscopical and chemical tests have failed to reveal in what this poison consists. Of its effects, however, we have abundant proof.

The greatest number of cases occur between the first and fifth years of life, and his a tendency to affect a number of persons belonging to the same family. This act proves, according to Mackenzie, that age and family susceptibility are important predisposing causes. This eminent authority also observes that "in its endemic form it rarely attacks those who live in healthy and well ventilated houses." Again the same author remarks: "The wealthy are sometimes subjected to causes of infection which the poorest may escape," because, "when diphtheria becomes epidemic in a town an elaborate system of drainage is calculated to convey the poison by means of the sewers." It is well understood by the profession that it may be conveyed by a person not actually affected by it. Several years ago the habit of taking children especially into street cars or other public conveyances was loudly condemned for this reason by New York physicians. The custom of public funerals has undoubtedly much to do with spreading the disease. People do not yet thoroughly understand that it possesses the property of adhering to clothing, walls of houses, furniture, etc, in as marked a degree as do the germs of small pox, only awaiting some particular condition of the atmosphere to arouse it into action. Diphtheria is said to be more common, as well as more fatal, in the country than in the city. This fact would seem to indicate that with all their advantages for obtaining pure air and pure water country people are generally careless as to the proper ventilation of their dwelling houses, the condition of their cellars, and as to the relations their water wells bear to their stables and house drains. However, they are getting to understand these things better, and if the theories of the perpetuation of diphtheria be correct, the time may come when it will be with them but a memory of the past.

**A Novel Railway Report.**

Mr D W Balch, president of the Nevada and Oregon railroad, a wild cat affair, with a nominal capital of \$600,000, has just issued at Carson his sworn report for 1882, "in conformity with the statutes of Nevada." In the course of it president Balch says: "Of the amount and nature of the indebtedness of the company it is impossible to speak with any accuracy, in consequence of the books, vouchers and accounts being stolen, lost and mislaid by the former officers of the company, beyond the bonded debt of the company. Amount of mortgage, \$4,000,000; bonds negotiated, \$49,000; bonds in treasury, \$290,000; floating debt, including all claims and demands against the company of whatever nature, \$250,000. No dividend has ever been declared by the accused corporation, and it is safe to bet none ever will be. The company owns no cars or engines; those on the road are owned by private parties. The net profits of this road have been nothing, as the corporation was conceived in iniquity and born in fraud. Every honest friend of the enterprise has been swindled and robbed, and disaster has overtaken all persons who have been connected with it in any capacity."

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