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The editor has been engaged in the federal court all this week at the expense of the paper. We will give a Christmas edition next week.

Zion will have a female seminary run by and for the church and at the same time not at all embarrassing to other interests.

Invitations announce the marriage of Miss Lucille M. Smith of Wilmington to Mr. Wiley B. Hunter of Raleigh on the 26th inst. at 8 a. m. in St. Stephen's church.

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Judge W. J. Montgomery has resigned and Governor Scales has appointed Mr. R. F. Armfield of Statesville to succeed him.

Col. R. R. Bridgers, president of the W. & W. railroad, died suddenly in Columbia, last Sunday.

The federal court is in session here this week. Judge R. P. Dick presiding.

Invitations have been issued to the marriage of Miss Annie Palmer to Rev. J. S. Gaskill on the 20th.

Rev. G. H. Miles writes us a letter this week encouraging the establishment of a female seminary.

Revs. Hill and Collins will move their families to this city about the first of January. Rev. Gaskill will bring his next week.

Some North Carolinians want the South Carolina election law passed by our next legislature.

No use talking anything else.

Our people must come by moral, mental and material improvement, and the man or woman who can't stand criticism is not the one to lead.

The Oriole literary society will celebrate its anniversary on the night of January 1st by a social entertainment. This society has grown large and popular. New officers will be elected at the first meeting in January.

Grace church Sabbath school is preparing for a Christmas tree on Christmas night. Have not heard from other Sabbath Schools.

The question is asked why do the young ladies of the city marry so slow. Guess the girls would like to have the question answered.

Capt. Bennett B. Goins of Kittrells was elected Major of the first battalion at the meeting in Raleigh last week. Capt. Taylor represented our company. Major Goins is an intelligent and worthy gentleman and will do credit to the colored militia of the State.

Mrs. Jno. S. Leary has gone to Raleigh to live as Mr. Leary has charge of the law department of Shaw.

We have a new evening daily published by Mr. Wade Harris. This may mean that the Chronicle must go. Time will tell.

A bill has been introduced in South Carolina legislature enacting qualified suffrage which would disfranchise most of the colored and thousands of white men. The Columbia Register opposes the measure and has created a sensation by denouncing it in severe terms.

The project to build new railroads out of this city is meeting with much opposition. The county commissioners have rescinded the order for a new registration and the same books used in the State Presidential election will be used. The colored people are not specially concerned about this election, though it is important. They should inform themselves and be prepared to vote intelligently and not let a few men sell them as usual.

When the head and body of the church becomes corrupt, then all are going to the devil, and all talk about temperance and religion is foolishness and vain.

The Daily Press is a new morning Republican paper started in Washington City. It is published by E. W. C. and E. B. Fox & Co., and is a Harrison administration organ—\$6 a year.

Our next Legislature which meets in January will elect a United States Senator. There seems to be opposition to Senator Ransom and many candidates are in the field. Among them are Capt. Sid. Alexander, Col. A. M. Waddell and ex-Gov. Jarvis.

Rev. J. M. Hill is a popular man and will hold his own; Rev. R. C. Collins is a winning preacher and will make his way; Rev. J. T. Gaskill is a good young man and has a fine opening to build up a good church. Let us see if every member of Grace church can't go to services twice to-morrow and on time. If the members of Grace church will do their duty the church will grow. Let us look after our church duty and be out regular and on time.

Will Weddington, John Weddington and Sam Reid, of Monroe, were tried in the Criminal court here last week for the murder of Joe Pierce the town marshal. Will Weddington was convicted of murder and sentenced to be hanged while John Weddington and Sam Reid were convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to ten years each in the penitentiary. Appeal was taken to the Supreme court.

It should be understood that this paper is not the organ of Grace church, and that church should not be held responsible for the individual expressions of the editor. It is provoking to

us to see people so foolish as to blame a church for the sentiments of one of its members. It is time now for our people to think for themselves. A little common sense may keep us from unnecessary worry. Do the right.

Twenty-three Men Shot Down.

The terrible tragedy in Birmingham, Ala., last Saturday is much regretted by everybody, but it is the natural out-growth of this terrible sentiment in favor of lynch law. Such lessons are terrible, but a few such in our opinion would stop armed mobs from going to jails and taking out men and murdering them. The sheriff at Birmingham is to be commended, though he did fearful work. He sustained the law and the law is bound to sustain him.

The man inside the jail may have been guilty, but he was entitled to a fair trial. The mob insisted on breaking in the jail and were fired upon by the sheriff's men and twenty-three of the mob fell dead and wounded. When sheriffs throughout the country show such a determination to do their duty this lynching business will be stopped. It is hoped the country will never witness another such occurrence as happened at Birmingham last Saturday night. Let the law take its course and be content with its judgments.

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An Exciting Time. A straw colored bull pup, avirgan grinder with a monkey, an Irish woman with a basket of bananas, a colored man with a bucket of lime on his head, an inebricated sailor, a white girl with a new pair of shoes under her arm, and a countryman in a cheap blue suit, with a sachel seemingly quite heavy, were all walking down Main street yesterday toward the Catharine ferry. The bull pup was ahead of the procession. His tail stuck out straight, his eyes gleamed and he walked as though full of business. Suddenly the Irish woman slipped on a piece of apple peel. Her feet flew out and she dropped the basket violently on the monkey. The monkey shrieked; the bull pup arose a short distance in the air, through astonishment and excitement, and then swept like a flash between the organ grinder's legs. The Italian let go the organ, the crank of which he had been turning as he walked, and the ancient Roman melody, 'Blue Violets,' was crushed to earth again. In trying to escape the dog the colored man dropped his bucket of lime, the contents of which were splattered over the sailor, who swore and flung up his arms, one of them striking the white girl across the nose. She naturally ejaculated. The countryman, likewise alarmed by the dog and the commotion ahead, dropped his sachel on the animal and began to run. The bull pup howled and the countryman fell over his sachel sprawling, and for the space of three minutes Main street was as animated as a circus.—Brooklyn Eagle.

A Business Scheme. 'Why do you ask for ten cents?' demanded a citizen of a tramp in City Hall park. 'Most of you fellows only ask for a penny.' 'Yes, sir,' politely responded the tramp, 'and if they are repulsed their case is hopeless. With me, I can offer bargains—slaughter prices. In this case I am willing to make a dead reduction of five cents, thus enabling you, my dear sir, to come to the assistance of a deserving but despairing fellow being, with the pleasant feeling that you are not only doing good, but doing it at fifty cents on the dollar.'—New York Sun.



What Line He Was In. What appeared to be a particularly refreshing drummer rattled away to a neighbor in a Sixth Avenue elevated car, yesterday, all about his business success. Then he was curious to learn something about his neighbor's affairs. They were very discouraging. His expenses were \$15 a day, and he hadn't made a sale in four weeks, and didn't expect to make one in another month. 'My, my, don't they kick?' asked the effect-vent one, referring to his neighbor's employers. 'Oh, no,' replied the \$15 man. That so nonplused the other that he asked: 'What business are you in, my friend?' 'I sell suspension bridges,' was the calm rejoinder.—New York Sun.

Brief. This is the age of brevity in business transactions. Placards, humbugs and semi-serious, distributed in mercantile houses, say so. The very latest indication of rush and a convenient means to save time are the signs in the stations along the New Haven road tacked up over some of the clocks. They say: 'This is a clock. It is going. It is the correct time. Now shut up.' The placards save the station men a heap of time.—New York Sun.

Criminally Careless. Miss Maude (meeting her cousin, young Mr. Sissy)—Why, you are not looking well, Charley.

Mr. Sissy (teebly)—No, Maude. I'm enfavoring from shock. I was run down last week by a cowdidge in Central park.

Miss Maude (indignantly)—I think it is a perfect outrage, Charley. These nurses seem to think they own the entire world!—New York Sun.

The Only Way to Get It. The head waiter at a certain summer hotel was named Topp, and the guests noticed that if they wished to have a tip top dinner they had to tip Topp.—New York Tribune.

Things Looking Brighter. Merchant—Well, my dear, I made an assignment this forenoon.

Wife—That's good, and now Clara can go to a boarding school, can't she?—Judge.

Job Hard Enough. 'Never use a crowbar to get a railroad cinder out of your eye.' A lead pencil sharpened to a fine point will work it out if you job hard enough.—Detroit Free Press.

Improving Slowly. Jeweler—Is your watch all right now, Mr. Smith?

Mr. Smith—Well, no, not yet; but it seems to be gaining every day.—New York Sun.

Not the Accordion Either. A correspondent asks: 'Would you or any of your many readers inform a constant reader how to learn to play the flute?' Not if we know ourselves.—New York News.

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