

CHARLOTTE LEADS.

Large Amount of Building Going on in the Queen City of the South.

NEW BUSINESS BUILDINGS.

Extension of Street Car Line, New Office Building, Additions to Factories, Many New Stores and Residences in Course of Construction.

Charlotte always leads the procession in North Carolina. There are other good North Carolina towns—Greensboro, Raleigh, Wilmington, Asheville, Winston-Salem, Durham, Salisbury, Concord, Fayetteville, and others—but there is only one "Best," and that is Charlotte.

A larger number of business buildings and residences are going up here, than ever before in the city's history. The records of the railway companies show that 2,700 car-loads of lumber were received here from January 1st to June 1st, and the record to the present date is probably more than three thousand car loads. Besides this, an enormous amount of brick, slate roofing and structural iron, tiles, etc., have been received. In taking the number of car loads of lumber into consideration, it must be remembered that all the business buildings now in course of erection are of brick.

The O. A. Robbins Co., sash cord manufacturers, is enlarging its plant by erecting a new three-story building forty by eighty feet, and making other enlargements. They will probably add about 800 spindles and some braiding machines to their equipment.

The Golden Crown Hosiery Mill has recently completed a spinning mill which is run in connection with the hosiery factory.

The Four C's. Company is erecting near Dilworth one of the largest electric power and light plants in the South. This will be a very artistic structure, and will have a capacity three times the size of the present building. The street car line is to be extended through the northern part of the city, and a double track built from Latta Park down Tryon street to the Carolina Central depot. Work has already begun on this extension, and the construction is of the highest grade rock ballast. The cross ties have been laid for a part of the double track. The new water tank and water works system of Dilworth has recently been completed, the streets and sidewalks of that suburb are being macadamized and new streets are being opened. As soon as the new power house is completed and the machinery installed, a power circuit to furnish electric power to small industries will be put in.

Mr. J. A. Durham, the owner of the Piedmont Clothing Manufacturing Co.'s building, contemplates erecting a large addition for manufacturing purposes in rear of the present building on S. Tryon street. An independent electric plant furnishes light and power for this building.

The probabilities are that in a short time work will begin on the largest and finest office building in the State, a structure seven stories high, with a tower that will almost equal ten stories. It will be of steel construction, fireproof throughout, and will be a structure that would do credit to any large city. There is every probability that this structure will be erected in the next twelve months.

Work is progressing rapidly on the Elks' Temple, at the corner of North Tryon and Fifth streets, opposite the city hall. This is a handsome structure of white pressed brick and is finely finished throughout. It will contain four stories on the ground floor, club rooms for the Elks' club on the second floor and handsome lodge rooms on the third floor. It is owned by Mr. T. W. Hawkins.

Mr. Vinton Liddell's new business building on the corner of Sixth street and North Tryon is nearing completion. It is a very neat structure and will embrace several store-rooms and a number of offices.

Work is going rapidly forward on the new building of Mrs. E. C. Springs' on North Tryon street. This is to embrace several store-rooms on the first floor, and the upper floors are to be devoted to hotel purposes.

The neat new building of J. N. McCausland and Co., on South Tryon street, is nearing completion.

In a short time work begins on the remodeling of the building at present occupied by the Southern Real Estate, Loan and Trust Co., and the Queen City Printing Co.

On Fourth street near Tryon the new Carson building is approaching.

The Liddell Co.'s up-town offices are already completed, and thus the buildings burned in the fire of last December are all replaced.

Mr. H. G. Springs is putting up a new brick building on West Trade street, to

take the place of a wooden building.

Mr. George E. Wilson has just erected several handsome new residences on South College street.

Dr. C. R. Rakestraw is to erect a \$3,000 residence on Elizabeth avenue. The new residences of Messrs. F. C. Abbott, Frank Mahan and Charles Stone have been completed and are now occupied by the owners.

Mr. Percy Thompson is erecting three two-story residences near the graded school. Two new houses and one store room have been erected near the Card Clothing Co.'s factory.

Westminster Presbyterian church, now being erected in Dilworth, is a handsome and substantial structure of pressed brick.

Trinity Methodist church, on South Tryon street, is a large and handsome structure that does credit to that section of the city. It is nearly completed and the congregation will soon be worshipping there.

The East Avenue Temple, erected by the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, at the end of East avenue, is a very neat and well arranged structure that does credit to that denomination. It starts out with a considerable membership.

The old electric light house on East 5th street, the property of Mr. P. M. Brown, is being remodeled by Glenn and Foil, and will be used for store room. It contains five rooms on the ground floor.

The many improvements that the Southern Railway have in progress and contemplation have already been told of through the News. The compress building is now in course of erection and will be in working order by the opening of the cotton season.

The handsome shed that will be built at the passenger station on West Trade street is another decided improvement and one Charlotte will be proud of. It is safe to estimate that this road will spend \$100,000 in Charlotte within the next twelve months.

Mr. Arthur H. Wearn will soon begin the erection of a dwelling on Pine between Ninth and Tenth streets.

The new residence of Capt. Claude Morrison, on North Graham street, is rapidly nearing completion.

The handsome residence of Mr. John W. Sheppard, on North Poplar street, is being constructed as fast as the material can be gotten together.

Hook and Sawyer are drawing plans for an eight room house for Mr. D. S. Yates. The residence will be built on Seventh street, next door to Dr. Geo. W. Graham's. Mr. Yates is one of Charlotte's successful young business men and is giving considerable attention to real estate improvement.

Mr. J. S. Spencer is building a handsome residence on East avenue. It will be a splendid addition to that section of the city.

Clerk of the Superior Court J. A. Russell has just completed a commodious residence on North Poplar street.

IN DILWORTH.

Charlotte's thrifty suburban town, Dilworth, has been keeping pace with the rapid strides made in this city. Where a few years ago a broad area of well laid-off lots greeted the eye, today handsome residences by the scores are to be seen. A number of Charlotte's business men have located in Dilworth and have erected residences that would beautify the prettiest portions of the most popular residential streets of this city. Two of the most imposing of these are the twin houses of Messrs. E. V. Finlayson and Chas. D. McKnight. These have just been handed over to the owners and are in every particular homes of the most modern design.

Near the Finlayson-McKnight residences, Mr. W. E. Moffatt, vice-president of the Park Manufacturing Company, is erecting a commodious residence, which will be completed within the next sixty days.

On the same street, next to the beautiful residence of Mr. B. D. Springs, Mr. W. C. Alexander, of the Charlotte Trousers Company, is building a handsome home, which will be ready for occupancy by the first of September.

In addition to these, Mr. E. D. Latta informs a News reporter that he will, at an early date, begin the erection of a home. It will be located at the bend to the main Boulevard, near the large oak tree that stands at the corner of the street car line leading to the pavilion. That it will be a handsome structure goes without saying.

SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS.

By Telegraph to the News.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—An examination of the accounts of the Metropolitan Club, as kept by Cashier Eysemar, Jr., who disappeared two weeks ago, showed a shortage larger than was supposed. Although the officers of the club make no official statement, it is believed the accounts are short about twenty thousand dollars.

NINTH ANNUAL REUNION.

The ninth annual reunion of the literary societies of Bain Academy will be held the 28th of this month at the academy building. There will be orations and essays by former students of the school. A public debate will also be one of the attractions. A concert will be given at night and an interesting programme will be rendered.

CARRIED TO NEWTON

Remains of Mr. T. E. Wright, Who Committed Suicide, Taken Home.

SHOT THROUGH THE HEAD.

He Had Met With Business Reverses and in a Fit of Despondency Killed Himself—Was a Native of Chester Co., S. C., and Married Miss Cockrane.

The remains of Mr. Thomas E. Wright, who committed suicide late yesterday evening, were this afternoon carried to his former home in Newton, N. C. He married Miss Kate Cockrane, of Newton, the daughter of Mr. George W. Cockrane, who was register of deeds for Catawba county for many years. She, with two children, survive him. His brother-in-law, Mr. C. H. Mebane, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Mr. L. W. Shuford, representing the Newton lodge of Junior Order of United American Mechanics, arrived this morning to look after the disposition of the body.

Mr. Wright shot himself in his room at the Charlotte Hotel yesterday evening about ten minutes to five o'clock. Mr. J. G. Neely, who had been rooming with him for several weeks, heard a pistol shot just after he had left the room. He ran back and found that Wright had shot himself. The pistol was still held in his clinched right hand. He had put the muzzle of the pistol to his temple and pulled the trigger.

Wright was soon removed to St. Peter's hospital where several doctors performed the operation of locating and extracting the bullet. The scalp was taken off and the skull laid bare. The bullet was extracted from the opposite side to which it had entered. The subject bled profusely, and it was soon evident that it would be impossible to save his life. The operation was performed between six and seven o'clock. Mr. Wright died about nine o'clock last night.

He had evidently been contemplating suicide for some time, as he told several of his acquaintances here that he would not live long. He had been drinking heavily several days and this probably increased of the depression of his spirits. Two unopened letters from his wife to him were found this morning. They showed that he had been in very depressed spirits. Considering all the circumstances, it was thought that an inquest would be unnecessary, as the fact that it was suicide was very evident.

The deceased was a native of Chester county, S. C., and was about thirty-two years old. He had been in the general merchandise business at Lenoir, N. C., but for a year past had been on the road, traveling for the Stimpson Camparting Scale Co. He was a Mason, Odd Fellow and a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics.

Every one who knew him speaks of him in the highest terms. He had met with business reverses, however, and it is supposed this was the cause of his self destruction.

BURGLAR AT MR. MULLEN'S.

The home of Mr. W. N. Mullen on the corner of Fifth and Poplar, was visited by a burglar last night. Several members of the family attended the entertainment at the park. On returning home, Mr. Edward Mullen found that the window to the back room, facing Fifth street had been opened. He suspected something wrong and so informed the family. He went to the door of the room and started to enter when the man on the inside pushed the door to and latched it. Young Mullen then gave the alarm and mentioned that an officer was coming. The man never stopped for a moment but made for the open window on the Fifth street side, jumped out and disappeared in the darkness. So far, nothing has been missed.

MR. BELT TO SPEAK.

At five o'clock tomorrow afternoon the meeting for men at the association will be addressed by Mr. W. H. G. Belt, one of Baltimore's popular traveling men. Mr. Belt will be remembered as the speaker at the First Presbyterian church at a service for commercial travelers, held during the life of Dr. Preston.

The special music will be furnished by the Atlantic Symphony Quartette. This organization has made many friends in the city and will be heard with pleasure at this service.

MR. ROSS ENTERTAINS HIS CLASSES.

Mr. J. H. Ross on last Thursday evening entertained at his home on East Liberty street, his two Sunday school classes, of boys from the Tabernacle and a class of young ladies from the Tryon Street A. R. P. church. The Pineville string band furnished the music for the entertainment.

SUMMER SCHOOL CLOSED

It Has Been a Profitable Week For the Teachers.

The Mecklenburg summer school closed its two-weeks' session today at noon. The idea of a permanent summer normal has found a safe lodgment in the minds of the teachers of Mecklenburg county.

All expect to be back next year, if alive and well, and put in a full month.

So far as known, Mecklenburg, which is ever in the lead, is the first county in the State to institute a county summer normal.

This will enable all teachers desiring to take a summer course to do so without going away from home and at a small expense.

County Supervisor Hunter tells a News reporter that he is assured of an attendance of one hundred next year, and probably two hundred.

The school authorities are to be congratulated on securing Prof. Frank P. Curtiss to conduct the normal next year. Prof. Curtiss has the hearty endorsement of the State Board of Education, and of such prominent educators as Drs. McIver and Alderman. His work in Mecklenburg has been of the highest order. He is a teacher of wonderful capacity and puts life, vigor and originality into the daily class work.

During the two years past that Prof. Curtiss has conducted institutes in this county he has endeared himself to the people of Charlotte and Mecklenburg.

The increased interest in the cause of education and the earnest desire on the part of teachers for the clearer air and broader view of ripe scholarship has been due, in a great measure to the rational lines along which the institute has been conducted.

That the attendance this year has been the largest, the interest and enthusiasm the greatest, and the institute the most popular one ever held in Mecklenburg county, is the verdict of the oldest teachers in the county.

One of the most noticeable and commendable features is the large attendance of the city teachers. This of itself is conclusive evidence that there is a need for a school of methods, and such a school will not only be patronized by the county teachers, but by the city teachers as well.

FUNERAL OF MR. BRIDGES.

Took Place This Afternoon at 5:30 O'clock.

The funeral of Mr. John L. Bridges, who died at his residence on North Tryon street last night shortly before 11 o'clock, took place this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock from the home of the deceased. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. H. F. Chreitzberg, of Tryon Street Methodist church. The pall bearers were Messrs. J. G. Shannonhouse, J. G. Freeland, H. T. Rollins, J. A. L. Butt, C. P. Wheeler and Capt. Everett.

Mr. Bridges had been in poor health for some time. In fact, since the beginning of the present year he has been rapidly failing and for the past ten days his death has been expected. Three days prior to death, the deceased was unconscious and passed away in this state.

Mr. Bridges was 75 years old. He had been long a resident of Charlotte and was a good and substantial citizen.

MAD DOG KILLED TODAY.

About noon today Policeman Bradley was sent for to look after a mad dog near Mr. Wade Harris' residence, on Church street. Getting his double-barrel gun, he hastened to the scene as quickly as possible.

The dog had fortunately bitten no one when he arrived, but had attacked some chickens belonging to a neighbor. A full charge of buck-shot in the dog's side ended his dangerous career and relieved the alarm of the neighborhood.

MRS. BRENZER'S CONDITION.

A letter last evening brought the latest intelligence from Mrs. A. G. Brenzer. She is progressing as much as could be expected under the circumstances, but does not sleep very well. The fracture which is causing the trouble is in the upper thigh bone. Mrs. Brenzer will most likely remain away quite a while as her surroundings and the climate favor that course, in addition to the impossibility of being moved at present.

TO GO TO HERIETTA.

Mr. W. M. Allison, of Yorkville, who is well known in Charlotte, has accepted a position with the Henrietta Mills Company and will be in charge of the dry goods and clothing department of this mill's large store. Mr. Allison has been traveling for a Baltimore clothing house.

BROKE HIS ARM.

Julian Woodruff, five years old, the son of Mr. G. E. Woodruff of Croft, had a painful accident on Wednesday. He fell off a kitchen table and broke his right arm at the elbow—also dislocating the joint. Dr. Sim Henderson set the arm and he seems to be getting on finely.

EXCITING CAPTURE.

Chief of Police Orr's Struggle With a Negro at the Post-office

WANTED FOR ROBBERY.

Sam Archer, Who Robbed the Post-office in Atlanta, Apprehended Here This Morning—\$123.79 Found on His Person When Captured.

Sam Archer, alias Wm. Henry, who is wanted for robbing the postoffice in Atlanta, was arrested here at 12:30 in the Charlotte postoffice by Chief Orr.

A telegram was received this morning by Postmaster Mullen saying that the negro was wanted for a postoffice robbery in Atlanta. The Charlotte office was also furnished with a photograph of Archer, and by means of this Chief Orr was assisted in spotting his man.

Archer had just stepped up to the general delivery window at the post-office here, and was enquiring for his mail when Chief Orr came upon him.

The Chief went up to him and slapping him on the back, attempted to arrest him. Upon this the negro began to make violent efforts to escape. "He wiggled just like an eel," said Chief Orr. Not until Chief Orr had thrown the negro to the floor, in his desperate efforts to get away, was he enabled to subdue his man. Mr. Will Irwin and others who were standing near rendered their aid in subduing the criminal.

After being conquered the negro was taken to the toms and thence to the jail, where he will remain until the United States authorities shall give their attention to the case.

On the negro's person was found \$123.79. Of this amount \$36 was in one dollar bills and \$78 dollars was in gold.

When Archer was shown the photograph he admitted that it was a likeness of himself.

Archer had been in Charlotte since yesterday, according to his statement.

THE STATUE OF VANCE.

Charlotte Should at Once Embrace the Opportunity to Secure it

The suggestion of Mr. T. K. Bruner, State Secretary of Agriculture, that three duplicates be made of the Vance statue to be erected in Capitol Square, one for the rotunda of the capitol at Washington, one for the city of Asheville and one for the city of Charlotte, was the subject of general discussion today, and was universally commended. It is not known what the bronze cast of this beautiful statue will cost, but the News thinks the amount can be raised in Charlotte with proper effort. We can secure a handsome monument now for a small expenditure, and this opportunity should not be allowed to pass. It would be well to appoint committees to go to work on this line at once.

Some years ago a movement for a monument to Vance was begun and about \$500 was pledged to this object. Maj. C. Dowd was chairman of the committee. He and others struggled hard to raise the necessary funds, but the results were discouraging. Mr. S. Wittkowsky, who was one of the original committee, tells the News that all the pledges were conditional and that they could not now be made available for a monument.

But, in spite of this, the News believes that the amount to secure the statue can, and should be, raised.

COFEDERATE RELICS.

Yesterday while excavating at the new comprss, the workmen dug up two shells which were buried there during the war between the State. The ground now being broken for the compress building was at that time occupied by an arsenal—a "navy yard," as one gentleman said.

One of the shells is still loaded and the other, while loaded, has had its plug removed, so that both might still prove dangerous objects, if tampered with.

MR. SEXTON IMPROVING.

About two weeks ago Mr. J. L. Sexton, while in the cellar of the Allen Hardware Co., slipped on a pile of rubbish and skinned his leg to such an extent that the injury has kept him at home ever since. He has been confined to bed for about two weeks and has just become able to walk a little with the aid of crutches. His trouble is due mostly to inflammation following the accident.