

FIERCE BATTLE AT LADYSMITH.

Positions Taken by Boers and Retaken by British Time and Time Again.

CHARGE OF THE DEVONS.

Drove the Boers from a Position They Had Held All Day--British Lose Heavily and the Boer Loss is Said to be Still Greater--Heavy Fighting Saturday.

REPORTS FROM WHITE.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Gen. White reports under date of Sunday afternoon that the Boers were repulsed with heavy losses.

THE BATTLE IN DETAIL.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The War Office has just published a dispatch from Buller dated today giving the following from White, dated Sunday afternoon: "The attack was commenced on my position, but chiefly against Caesars camp and Wagon Hill. The enemy was in great strength and pushed the attack with the greatest courage and energy. Some of our detachments on Wagon Hill were three times taken by the enemy and retaken by us. The attack was continued till seven o'clock at night. One point of our position was occupied by the enemy all day, but at dusk, in a heavy rainstorm, they were turned out of this position at the point of the bayonet in the most gallant manner by the Devons, led by Col. Park. The troops have had a very trying time. They have behaved excellently and are elated at having rendered service to the queen. The enemy was repulsed everywhere with very heavy loss, greatly exceeding ours, which will be reported as soon as the lists are completed. As far as known Buller's demonstration against Colenso had little effect. In spite of the heavy artillery fire the Boers did not reply. The only effect of the shrapnel was to cause a hundred Boers and horses to stampede.

N. C. WOMAN INSANE.

Mrs. Margaret Lenhardt in the Insane Ward of Bellevue Hospital.

Special Telegram to The News. NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Mrs. Margaret Lenhardt, 28 years of age, a beautiful young Southern woman, the daughter of John Best, of Orleans, North Carolina, suddenly became insane here. She was taken by Mrs. Charles Russell Lowell in her carriage to the New York Infirmary for Women and Children and from there transferred to the insane pavilion of Bellevue Hospital for observation. She has been in this city about a year and a half. Mrs. Lowell, refused to see any one about the case. The woman will be kept for three days under close observation when an expert report will be made. Further information could not be had at the hospital.

DUPLICATED SOUTHERN'S STATIONERY.

By Telegram to The News. NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Anson Van Sickle (alias George Roe), was arrested here today for trying to have the stationery of the Southern and other leading railways duplicated for the purpose of securing transportation on a large scale to sell to brokers.

DOES BRYAN WANT CONVENTION IN NEW YORK.

By Telegram to The News. NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—The Evening World says it is reported that Bryan favors holding the Democratic national convention in New York city. Mr. Bryan will not confirm nor deny the report, nor will his friends.

ADVOCATES A REVOLT.

By Telegram to The News. MONTREAL, Jan. 8.—Lasmaine, the religious organ of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, prints an article strongly condemning England and America and advocating a revolt.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Settling the State Tax—Report of Mr. C. A. Spratt.

The board of county commissioners met today to settle the State tax. The law requires the work to be finished today, which will necessitate the board working until a later hour tonight, as the settlement requires much time. The amount in round numbers is about \$27,000.

REPORT.

Mr. C. A. Spratt, county superintendent of roads, submitted the following report: To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg Co., N. C.: Gentlemen:—I hereby submit the following report of work executed by the convict force for the year ending December 31st, 1899, viz: Macadam road constructed. Miles. On Providence road75 On Providence road, reconstructed75 On Monroe road2.60 On Yorkville road2.00 On Statesville road2.72 On Derita road2.96 On Salisbury road50

Total11.18 Amount expended on convict work as shown by county treasurer's books, \$35,331.39. This, however, includes a considerable amount of material, rock, etc., that has not been used, also the expenditure of a considerable amount for mules, wagons, machinery, etc., making the actual approximate cost of road constructed \$3,160 per mile. The above figures show what may appear to be heavier cost per mile than usual, but when you bear in mind the heavy cost of supplies in the way of hardware, lumber, etc., as compared with previous years, also on account of the extremely bad weather during the first three months of the year, you will find the work has been done as economically as practicable. The character of work in the main has been an improvement on all previous work done, and while there is room for improvement, the superintendents deserve much credit for the manner in which they have conducted and managed the convicts. Few escapes have been made, and the general health of convicts has been good, showing that care to food and quarters have had due attention by the superintendent. DAVID JANUARY, 1900.

C. A. SPRATT, C. E., County Supt. of Roads.

MECKLENBURG SCHOOL TAX.

The board of school directors of this county met this morning at the county house. The board consists of: J. G. Baird, chairman; S. S. Herron, W. S. Pharr, and R. S. Hunter, secretary. The principal business of the day was the apportioning of the school fund. The county is entitled to \$2,754.60—the part of the special \$100,000—apportionment voted by the Legislature. Mecklenburg's prorata is, as mentioned above, \$2,754.60. The total amount of the school fund, including the above, is \$36,229.20. This was apportioned today as follows: Charlotte city schools . . . \$11,077.38 Charlotte township 5,235.15 Berryhill 1,155.92 Steele Creek 1,458.63 Sharon 1,361.89 Providence 1,616.43 Clear Creek 1,519.05 Crab Orchard 2,339.32 Mallard Creek 1,376.90 Dewese 1,322.35 Lemley's 1,014.75 Long Creek 1,715.75 Paw Creek 1,417.78 Morning Star 1,149.98 Pineville 952.33 Huntersville 1,355.46

HIGHLAND PARK CO' S ANNUAL MEETING.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock the stockholders of the Highland Park Manufacturing Company, Highland Park, No. 1, in this city, and No. 2, in Rock Hill, S. C., will meet for the purpose of electing officers for the year. The News is informed, officially, that there will be no change in the officers. The present officers are: President, W. E. Holt; vice-president, J. S. Spencer; secretary and treasurer, C. W. Johnston; book-keeper, Leak Spencer. Directors: W. E. Holt, J. S. Spencer, C. W. Johnston, D. H. Anderson, Frank Johnston, P. D. Walker. The mill will declare a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. The new spinning mill of Highland Park, No. 2, is running day and night.

RAILROAD ENGINEER TO MARRY.

A marriage which will be learned of with interest in railroad circles is to take place on the 23rd of this month. Miss Dora Austin is to be the bride and Mr. Leonard Hunter, a popular engineer of the Southern, the groom. Rev. Dr. Stagg will officiate.

HAILE BAR.

The Haile bar was received and assayed at the mint this morning. The bar represents \$9,000, and weighs 447 ounces. The bar is re-melted and assayed and paid for at the Charlotte assay office. The bar this month is not up to the usual weight.

CRIMINAL COURT. FIRE OF PULPIT GUNS

Two Weeks Term Began this Morning at Ten O'clock.

GRAND JURY AND JURORS.

Judge Battle's Charge Listened to With Marked Attention—The Docket is a Long One and But Few Cases of Special Importance—The Work of Today.

The January term of the criminal court for Mecklenburg county, convened in the county court house this morning at 10 o'clock. Judge Dossey Battle is presiding and Solicitor J. L. Webb, of Shelby, represents the State.

The grand jury for the present term which is a two weeks' term, is composed of the following: L. M. McAllister, foreman; C. B. Campbell, R. J. Porter, J. W. Biggers, A. S. McLelland, F. D. Stewart, G. E. Woodruff, J. D. Bigham, R. A. Duncan, Walter P. Cochrane, James M. Sloan, J. E. Snell, W. L. Fisher, J. A. Irwin, J. S. Long, J. H. Stinson, J. P. Flow.

The regular jury is as follows: C. M. Summerville, J. A. Gillespie, J. Graham Davidson, W. H. Hoover, J. N. Lee, D. A. Barkley, J. W. Dewese, W. M. Connell, W. R. Cochrane, J. W. Little, Dan Harkey, J. P. Taylor.

Judge Battle's charge to the grand jury was a bright one and filled with wholesome advice. In his charge he covered all the crimes that the jury will have to deal with. In each instance he explained in a minute way the different classes of crime and the best way to deal with. His charge was listened to with profound attention each juror seemingly glad that the law had been put to him in a simple and instructive manner.

The grand jury went to work at 11:30 o'clock.

At 3:30 o'clock this afternoon the following cases had been passed upon: George Wade, gaming, pay costs. Jim Diamond, gaming, 2 months on chain-gang. Albert Gray, gaming, two months on gang. Paul Pharr, gaming, two months on gang. Will Mosely, gaming, two months on gang. Will Benton, gaming, two months on gang. James Jackson, gaming, two months on gang. Monroe McCraven, assault, pay costs. Richard Torrance, Jim Brown, gaming, pay costs. Pink Henderson, assault, 6 months on chain-gang. Bob Finfer, assault, 8 months on chain-gang. John Young, assault, judgment suspended on payment of costs. Charles Davis, gaming, two months on chain-gang. Henry Ardrey, assault, two months on chain-gang. Jim Williams, carrying concealed weapon, two months on chain-gang. Rufus Monday, gaming, pay costs. June Hunter, gaming, pay costs. Joe Neal, gaming, pay costs. Charles Jones, gaming, pay costs. Jake North, gaming, pay costs.

PASSED INQUIRY RESOLUTION

Pettigrew Introduces a Resolution Looking to Mediation Between British and Boers.

By Telegram to The News. WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The Senate today passed the resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Navy to state whether Dewey had ever reported that he could take Manila with the help of Aguinaldo. Senator Pettigrew introduced a resolution that the United States mediate between the Boers and the British. No action was taken as Pettigrew wished to speak on the subject.

MISSIONARY IN INDIA.

Rev. L. B. Wolfe, of Pennsylvania, who has just returned from the mission fields of India, was in Charlotte for a short while this morning. He landed at Savannah Saturday and was en route home this morning. Mr. Wolfe is an Episcopal clergyman and has been in India for the past 16 years. He is in love with his work and will return at the expiration of his furlough.

GRAHAM STREET CHURCH.

There will be services every night this week at Graham Street Presbyterian church. Tonight Rev. McG. Shields of Astoria, will preach; tomorrow night Rev. J. L. Bridgers, and Wednesday night, Mr. M. J. Westcott, a lay member of the church. Services beyond Wednesday night will be announced later.

Ministers Handle City Matters With Gloves Off--Aim Well at Their Marks.

THE "SMART SET" A TARGET.

The Recent Gambling Affair Referred to in no Uncertain Tones by Two Ministers—Services at the Different Churches Yesterday.

"What's the Matter With the Young Men of Charlotte?" was the question asked by Rev. Dr. Barron, pastor of Tryon Street Baptist church last night. The question was suggested by the text: "Where Withal Shall a Young Man Cleanse His Ways?" The speaker said, in part:

"Ever since the holidays thoughtful people have asked, 'What is the matter with the young men of Charlotte?' By neither in the sight of God or men. By papers, and they have become preachers of righteousness. It is about time the pulpit was heard. In answer, I would say the ways of the young men and boys of Charlotte are not clean, represent society, and who are a law that I do not mean all young men, possibly not a majority, for we have some as clean, nice young men as are to be found anywhere. All honor to such, for they have a battle to fight. But there are two classes of young men, who are guilty of these exercises. There is the 'smart set,' who claim to represent society, and who are a low unto themselves, and think they can do as they please; and they please to do wickedly. The other set are from 'the slums.' The toughs and roughs they are called, but are very much like the 'smart set' in their behavior, only they do not wear as good clothes, and are not from the first families. In God's sight they are classed together and ought to be so regarded by all good people in Charlotte. Together they disgraced the day of Christ's birth and the city in which they live."

The speaker then called attention to the ways of these young men; their excessive indulgence in tobacco and especially in the evil of cigarettes smoking. The terrible effects of this habit were to be seen in the pale faces, dull eyes and nervous manner of these smokers. He then passed to the drunkenness, which abounds so among the young men, and even boys, of Charlotte. "An observer," said he, "counted over forty young men who entered two prominent saloons in fifteen minutes and on Christmas day every person who passed through the square was shocked to see so many boys drunk. Many of these young fellows are sons of church members."

Dr. Barron pleaded earnestly for an awakening along this line. "We cannot do much for the older men; we must save the boys and young men." "The young men of Charlotte," said he, "are not clear of the vice of gambling. The recent flutter in gambling circles is said to be due to the fact that many of our 'first young men' are afraid their evil deeds will be brought to the light of day. There are trusted employes of business firms, who, unknown to their employers, are engaged in this vice, and some day there will be startling disclosures." The speaker called on parents, church members, the authorities, to help close out these gambling dens that infest the best part of the city.

The question of personal impurity also received treatment. "This vice prevails to a startling extent among young men of Charlotte," said Dr. Barron. "What can we do? Try to manufacture a healthier public sentiment; bring to bear our personal influence; talk to the young men; get closer to them; take an interest in them before they get adrift; pray for them. Let us, too, as citizens insist on a rigid enforcement of existing laws. Our laws are good; let us try to live up to them, and then insist that others shall do the same."

AT TRYON STREET METHODIST.

At Tryon Street Methodist a large congregation attended both services Sunday. The communion service, held in the morning was the best that has been held in the year for some time, there being more communicants present. Dr. Chreitberg's sermon was based on the text: "And He brought him to Jesus." The three points emphasized were: 1. We must first find the Savior for ourselves. Without Him we can do nothing. 2. Having found Jesus, we should openly and confidently confess Him. 3. We should make individual solicitation and effort to bring men to Him.

At night Dr. Chreitberg spoke from John 17:21, 22; Col. 1:18.

After defining the church and its relationship to Christ and the unity or oneness prayed for by the Savior the

around him like letters of brass so that question was asked: "To what extent is union possible and necessary in the church?" The answer was: "1. There should be oneness in affection. Love. This costs neither labor, time, nor expense, but is shed abroad by the Holy Ghost in the heart of every believer—all regenerated followers of Christ. It is the mark of the true believer—for by it all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. 2. There should be oneness in supplications. Fervent intercession for the whole church begets catholicity of spirit. 3. There should be union in the church of earnest effort for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ. 'Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done.' These petitions are given by our Savior. They have nothing to do whatever with denominational extension excepting so far as the denominational influence is wholly for Christ. Yet there are those who are so narrow, so exclusive as to think that the first triumph of the church means that of their own little creed. 'Thy Kingdom' finds its subjects in every creed founded upon the Christ, however filtered by errors and narrowness. 'He that believeth is accepted of Him.' Let the denunciations posing as the church of Christ unite in these essentials, forgetful of self, in obedience to the Great Head of the church, and what magnificent results will follow. There is power in union. What a mighty force against vice a united church in Charlotte would be. There would be no place found for a barroom, a gambling den, an evil house. Society would be purged of its excesses. Some bad men and women would have to surrender or move away. The spectacle of a woman, defrauded of her property by a set of gamblers, compromising in order to shield these gamblers from the consequences of their crimes would be an impossibility. Why cannot this glorious wish be realized? You can answer, 'The church does not deserve it; is not united denominational or sectarian. Success is often reaped at the expense of the glory of God. Christ is not divided. Christ is set for the destruction of evil, not its tolerance. He came to destroy the works of the devil. Then let the church arise and unite for the establishment of His Kingdom.'"

THE SOCIETY WORLD

Evening Dress Has Not Been Relegated to the Wardrobe as Yet--In Nightly Use.

MISS MRS. McADEN, HEATH AND OATES AND MESSDAMES DOWD AND BROOKES TO ENTERTAIN MR. SCOTT TO HAVE A 'POSSUM SUPPER AT THE COUNTRY CLUB.

Miss Midge McAden issued invitations Saturday afternoon to a card party, which she gives Wednesday, complimentary to Miss Annie Wiley, of Salisbury, and Misses Mabel Tomlinson and Lizzie Morehead, of Durham. The cards are limited to fair dealers, only. The guests will be: Misses Wiley, Tomlinson, Cannon, Morehead, Annie Parks, Selene Hutchinson, Fan Burwell, Fannie M. Burwell, Mattie Wright, Frances Mallory, Anna L. Hutchinson, Lottie Moffitt, Sadie Young, Ethel Holt, Grace King, Laura Wadsworth, Hope Spencer, May Lawrence, Wittkowsky, Mary Mayer, Susie Holt, Sadie Hirschinger, Sadie Clarkson, Eva Sumper, Julia Alexander, Lucy McAden, Katherine Jordan, Winnie Barron; Messdames A. H. Harris, E. P. Keerans, George Tate, S. O. Brookes, S. B. Alexander, Jr., A. L. Thompson.

Mr. Walter Scott is to give a 'possum supper tomorrow night at the Country Club. He will "carve dat 'possum" in the presence of a number of fair and gallant guests.

Miss Lena Heath entertains the Sans Souci tomorrow afternoon, giving an afternoon tea—one of the come-and-go affairs which delight the feminine heart. Miss Heath will be assisted in receiving by the members of the club and Misses Annie Wiley, of Salisbury; Eva Sumner, Nan Dowd, Grace King and Ella McAden.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday morning Rev. Dr. Stagg preached on the text, "Little Foxes," making much of this very suggestive text, a text which Second Presbyterians always associate with Rev. Dr. Woods, as it was the text he preached to the children on the first children's service he ever held.

The communion service in the afternoon was solemnly impressive. The main auditorium was packed with communicants. All of the Presbyterian ministers in the city took part.

At night Dr. Stagg preached the third and last sermon of the series on the "Penalty for Sin." The text was Rom. 6:23: "The Wages of Sin is Death."

"I have been speaking now for three Sabbath nights," said the speaker, "on the penalty paid for sinning. All these powers are developed in the several departments of man's nature. All are agreed that as man's body is put to sinful uses that in time he comes to deserve those marks which distinguish him as a sinner. It is not necessary that sin, in its effects upon our corporal parts, should be described in its loathsome forms to secure assent to this truth. We know it. It is not the wear and tear of living, but in working under the law of distinction. Our intellectual capacities expand into powers under the operation of certain laws, which have been formulated and started that thereby the growth of the mind may be understood. Under the law of manipulation, suggestion and habit we may understand how this something we call self comes to be what it is. If these powers be, by severe discipline, trained in their sympathy and proportion, there are formed at length in those intellectual giants who have enriched the thought of the world. If, on the other hand, these powers be disciplined and trained in sin, we are confronted with the stupendous fact that the recuperative power of virtue must be lost and that the mind must be reduced to the total necessity of sinning. The debauchee will be so wedded to his lusts as to be at length incapable of chastity; the inebriate so fascinated by his cups as to be incapable of sobriety; the covetous man, so infatuated by his gains as to be incapable of generosity; the revengeful man, so much under the control of his malignity as to be incapable of forgiveness. Sin is the transgression of, or the want of conformity unto a law, and that law is a perfect transcript of the Divine. For all maladies are such remedies. For all maladies are such remedies, when all known sources of help fail us the night of despair is upon us. It is declared in Scripture that God gave His son for sin. Can there be found through all the universe, in heaven above or on the earth beneath, any other being superior to God's own son? Is not the argument from necessity that a man's sins shall be wrapped

DEATH OF MRS. HAND.

Mrs. Mary Hand died Sunday morning at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Dr. Morrison, in Paw Creek, aged 63 years. She had been in feeble health for some time, and her death was not a surprise to her relatives. Deceased was married twice. Her first husband was Mr. Henry Gaston. They had two children, Mr. A. A. Gaston, of this city, and Mr. Julius C. Gaston, of Stanley Creek. By her second husband, John Hand, Mrs. Hand had three children, all of who survive. She has a sister, Mrs. L. M. Wriston, of this city, and had many relatives here and in the country. Mrs. Hand was a kind, gentle spirit, and was generally beloved.

MR. HOFFMANN LOSES A FRIEND.

Rev. C. L. Hoffmann feels as one bereft this morning. Last night his fine pointer dog, "Breck," who had many friends, but none as good as his owner, showed symptoms of rabidness and had to be shot. Mr. Hoffmann valued the dog at \$50, but as a friend his price was above rubies. He had owned the dog for three years.

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