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TO FOOL ROBERTS. TWO RIVAL ARMIES. \$20,000 TO THE CHURCH FOR PARSONAGE DEBT WAR ON THE 4 C'S. B. R. LACY LAST NIGHT

British Say Free Staters Are Surrendering Only Worthless Old Weapons.

WANT PRISONERS EXECUTED.

Women of Pretoria Cry for Revenge—Boers Have Defeated Humer and Cut Off Present Hope of Relieving Mafeking—Other Late War News.

By Telegraph to the News.
LONDON, March 23.—It is reported from Lorenzo Marquez, that the women of Pretoria insist that the British officers and prisoners of war who shall be shot. They declared that the British victories can only be avenged by the execution of the red coats. They have made frequent demonstrations near the stronghold in which the captives are kept.

ARE THE FREE STATERS FOOLING ROBERTS?

LONDON, March 23.—A dispatch to the Times from Springfontein, dated yesterday, says in the present temper of the Free Staters the territory occupied by the British should be accepted with caution. They have been astonished at the rapidity of our invasion, but an evidence that their attitude is somewhat fictitious, is in the large proportion of inferior weapons tendered for surrender. The impression presents itself that the Burgheers are following the tactics of the Afriids under similar circumstances. This is more significant since we know how completely the Boers are armed with Mausers.

ENGLAND IN BAD SHAPE.

LONDON, March 23.—A Bloemfontein dispatch says it is alleged that Kruger has proclaimed that England is in dire straits and that the Russians have occupied London.

PLUMER DEFEATED BY BOERS.

BULUWAY, March 19.—(Delayed in transmission.)—Plumers advance guard under Col. Bodie, did not quite reach Ficksburg. Finding the Boers occupying Ficksburg, they formed a camp six miles south of Lobaosi, on the fifteenth.

The Boers attacked, driving the British back upon Lobaosi. Friday afternoon an artillery duel. Plumer retired north under cover of darkness. Plumer apparently retired to Crocodile Point. The relief of Mafeking seems farther off than ever.

CONFERENCE.

Christian Citizenship to be Discussed by Churchmen.

The Ministers' Association had a meeting yesterday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A., in order to hear Rev. Dr. H. A. George, of the National Reformed Association, on the subject of holding a conference here next week. It was decided to hold the conference, and a committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Chalmers and Rev. Mr. Siler, was appointed to perfect plans. A mass meeting is to be held Sunday afternoon at 4:30 at the Y. M. C. A., and that night at Trinity. The conference is to consider "Christian Principles of Civil Government."

The conference is in the interest of Christian Citizenship. The object of this association is to maintain and promote the influence of Christianity in the American government. An unusual number of public questions, at the present time involve the principles which it upholds, and these questions are discussed at this "Conference" by representative men.

Francis E. Abbott, once the editor of the Boston Index, was himself a pronounced unbeliever. On one occasion he attended a National Reform Convention in Cincinnati. He took the platform and his first remarks were: "I have listened closely to your discussions and I am free to say, were I a Christian I would be one with you. It is the logic of Christianity. But because I am not a Christian, I am opposed to the whole theory."

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

CHARLOTTE WASTE CO.

Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday afternoon by the Charlotte Waste Company. The incorporators are: Joseph Wallworth, Joseph F. Wallworth, and James Wallworth. The business will consist of the manufacturing and dealing in cotton mill waste and all other kinds of waste used in and about oil mills and manufacturing. The capital stock is \$50,000, divided into shares of \$500 each. The plant is to be located in the northern part of the city on land purchased, through J. W. Alexander & Co., from Mr. D. P. Hutchison—four acres.

Mrs. Amos J. Walker left this morning for Indiana, where she is to spend some time.

The Taylor and Beckham Bands Are Both in Frankfort, Ky., To-Day.

SER. GOLDEN'S CONFESSION.

Implicates a Number of Republicans in General, and Powers in Particular—Prisoners to Be Tried Today—Castleman Says Peace Will Be Presented.

By Telegraph to the News.
FRANKFORT, Ky., March 23.—The day set for the examination of the four Republicans accused of the murder of Goebel, found two hostile armies on the ground.

Governor Beckham has two hundred soldiers and armed deputies. Governor Taylor has two hundred and fifty of his regular militia.

SMUGGLED IN AT MIDNIGHT.

Sergeant Golden arrived in Frankfort just after midnight, coming from Lexington in a carriage. He was taken into the court house. He was thus privately smuggled in for fear an attempt would be made to waylay him.

GOLDEN'S CONFESSION.

It is learned this morning that Golden came to confess in the following manner: He was discovered some time ago when he accompanied Powers to Louisville the morning of the assassination. Taking this as a clue, the detectives secured further information about him. He was notified through a third person that the facts were known. It is asserted that he then concluded to make a clean breast of his connection with the assassination. His story involves number of persons in general, and Powers in particular.

TO PRESERVE THE PEACE.

LOUISVILLE, March 23.—General Castleman, who arrived from Frankfort last night, says the civil authorities have an ample force to maintain peace. Every preparation has been made to that end. If they are not able to do so, he says, he and General Collier will have an understanding, that they will cooperate to preserve the peace.

SPRING CONCERT.

St. Cecilia's Date Changed to March 31st.

The St. Cecilia Society had a meeting this morning at Mr. D. W. Oates' and after rehearsal discussed its spring concert. The date was changed from April 3rd to March 31st, on account of Mrs. Ryder not being able to secure the artists desired on the former date. The latter are: Rossi Gisch, violinist; Flavie Van Den Hende, cellist; Hilda Newman, pianist; Lillian Caellsmith, prima donna contralto.

Miss Gisch is a pupil of Ysaye; Miss Newman is one of Leschetizky's pupils; Miss Van Den Hende is the best cellist out of the only four living in America; Mrs. Carlsmith has sung with the Boston Symphony, Seidl's and other large orchestras.

It is an unusually fine combination. They gave a concert in Atlanta in December and were immediately re-engaged for an ultra swell concert to be given Friday, the 30th of March.

The St. Cecilia will have several numbers—one a short cantata, "The Birth of the Opal," with cello accompaniment; the other, a beautiful arrangement of "The Lost Chord," with soprano solo. It will be a concert that one would pay \$1.50 for in the cities, but as the object of the St. Cecilia is to bring good music before the people, a popular price has been established of 75 cents. The club hopes to have musicians from neighboring towns present, as it will be a fine musical treat.

GRIPPE IN COURT.

Lawyers and Witnesses Sick With the Malady.

"When gripe strikes a country," said Col. H. C. Jones today, "it's no use trying to have court. There are sick jurors, sick lawyers, sick witnesses."

This declaration of Col. Jones' explains the "slimness" of the present term of Superior Court. The court has been trying to be a court and to have court, but gripe is no respecter of persons, or of the law. The jury in the case of Mary S. Hyatt vs. the Charlotte cotton mill, is still hung at this hour—8:30. The extra jurymen were excused this morning until tomorrow, court practically being adjourned until then. Assistant Clerk Osborne called over the docket this morning, and that was about all that was done. One of the 4C's cases was to come up, but Messrs. E. D. Latta and E. T. Cansler, the latter employed in the case, are both sick.

Mr. S. P. Alexander Left This Amount to Benevolent Causes in Presbyterian Church.

WILL READ TO-DAY AT NOON.

A Number of Special Bequests to Friends—The Residue of the Property to Be Divided into Six Equal Parts and Go to Representatives of His Kindred.

The will of the late Mr. Samuel P. Alexander was read today at noon in the office of Mr. George E. Wilson. There were 25 or 30 kinsmen of the deceased present. The will was written in 1894 by Mr. Wilson. He and Mr. J. C. Burrough, were named as executors. Messrs. M. P. Pegram, president of the First National Bank and John F. Orr, teller, were the witnesses. Mr. Alexander's estate was valued at about \$150,000. He left \$20,000 to benevolent causes of the Presbyterian church, \$5,000 to each of the following named causes: Barium Springs Orphanage; home missions—to be expended in North Carolina under the direction of the Synod of North Carolina; foreign missions; education of indigent candidates for the ministry in Mecklenburg Presbytery. In the last named cause, the interest of the \$5,000 only is to be expended.

SPECIAL BEQUESTS.

Mr. Alexander left the following special bequests: To Mrs. Amanda Pritchard, \$2,000; Miss Jane Alexander, \$2,000; Mrs. Mary Lafferty, of Davidson, \$2,000; to Thos. McLelland and J. P. Query, his grand nephews, \$2,500 each.

EQUAL DIVISION.

The rest of the estate is to be divided into six equal parts, and to go to the representatives of his six deceased nieces and nephews. The children of the late Mrs. Cornelia Kirkpatrick, Mrs. T. A. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. John Wolfe, Mrs. A. C. McGinn, inherit their mother's portion, Messrs. W. W. and C. P. Alexander, the nearest of kin living, inherit a sixth each.

The will will be probated until tomorrow.

ELKS' CARNIVAL.

Will Be Held the Week of May Twentieth.

The Elks met last night to discuss the matter of the Elks carnival for the 20th of May week.

It was decided to have the carnival, whether there was a 20th of May celebration or not.

The carnival, which means the Midway Pleasure with possibly a street parade, will be given under the auspices of Charlotte Lodge, Order of Elks, 392. It will begin Monday—20th week—and close Saturday night. Mr. Gaskill representing the carnival committee was wired today, the decision of the Elks in the matter. Now the next move on the patriotic checker board must be made by the city. Celebrations, like every thing else, to be a success, must be on a money basis. The size of the celebration will depend on the amount of money raised, and the latter upon the amount of public spirit in the citizens of Charlotte.

THE PATHFINDERS.

The town is billed for the Renfrows which begin a week's engagement here Monday night. The Pathfinders are billed as a "great double company—dramatic and vaudeville—so their repertoire is likely to catch lovers of both. They have a full band and orchestra. On their list and in their memory are the following plays, six of which Charlotte will see: The Lightning Express, Michael Stragoff. Held by the Enemy, Prisoner of Zenda, The Devil's Gold Mine, the Old Inventor, Lightning Rod Agents, the Dark Horse, Jim the Penman, Below Zero, the Middleman, Storm Beaten, Cinderella, Knobs O' Tennessee, Moths.

A JONQUIL DINING.

Mrs. J. Herbert Howell gave a beautiful jonquil dining last evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Shaw, and Mr. and Mrs. Pink Davis. There were six courses, each artistically and daintily served. Those present, besides the guests of honor, were: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Finlayson, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Parker, Mr. Harry Shaw and Miss Lottie Linton. The colors of the table were yellow to correspond with the flowers.

TO BUILD.

Mr. P. B. Hood is to build 20 houses on South McDowell street.

The Ladies of Tryon Street Methodist Church to Give an Entertainment.

CHRONOTHA TOLETRON.

Mrs. B. D. Heath is at the Head of the Affair and it will be a Brilliant Success—The Dramatis Personae Includes Charming Young Ladies and Matrons.

The Chronotha toletron, henceforth to be known in the News as "the Chrono," (public take note) is to be one of the most interesting events of the season. "The Chrono" is a dramatic entertainment and the dramatic personal will be as follows:

"Genius of the Nineteenth Century," Miss Frances Mallory.
"Sarah, wife of Abraham," Addie Belle Barron.
"Pharaoh's Daughter," Miss Addie Christberg.
"Cornelia," Miss Helvin.
"Cleopatra," Mrs. Sampson.
"Queen Elizabeth," Miss Sadie Clarkson.
"Mother Bickerdick," Mrs. T. S. Franklin.
"St. Cecilia," Miss May Oates.
"Agnesi of Bologna," Miss Mamie Christberg.
"Hypatia," Miss Dora Sater.
"Pocahontas," Miss Nellie Helvin.
"Joan of Arc," Miss Faye Griffith.
"Sapho," Miss Lena Heath.
"Martha Washington," Miss Mary Mayer.
"Priscilla," Miss Daisy Stewart.
"Inventress," Miss Sadie Hirschinger.

A play of fancy will form the second part of the programme. The players selected are:

Misses Anna Christberg, Mary S. Anderson, Bessie Steere, Bessie Scorn, Mamie Lucas, Nell Sarratt, Lenora Sloan, Adelaide Clarkson, Lucy Smith, Lottie Gray, Louise Wadsworth, Claude Fabbington, Irma Hunt, Dora Barron, Helen Stenerson, Pinkie Smith, Mrs. R. M. Brannon, pianist.

The entertainment will be given on the night of April 17th, at the Y. M. C. A. hall, under the auspices of the Ladies of Tryon Street Methodist church, the proceeds to be for the parsonage debt.

BY GADD.

J. E. Harrison Was Hit by Him, Hence a Case in Court.

William Hanline and W. C. Gadd were before Squire Maxwell this morning to answer to the charge of assaulting and robbing J. E. Harrison, of Catawba county, who was here selling apples and swapping horses. The State was represented by Mr. L. C. Humphrey, and defendant by J. D. McCall, Esq. Tuesday evening Harrison was arrested and incarcerated in the toms, charged with stealing \$4.00 from Hanline. Wednesday morning he was arraigned and tried by Mayor McCall upon the charge of larceny, which was dismissed, and the mayor made Hanline pay back the money he had extorted from Harrison—\$3.00. Hanline and Gadd on Tuesday night assaulted Harrison near the Atherton mill, and made him give them the money. He had a warrant sworn out for them, and they were arrested. "Squire Maxwell bound Hanline and Gadd over to court in the sum of \$50 each. F. W. Shuman went on Hanline's bond, and Shuman put up the money.

MR. ESCOTT CHANGES BUSINESS.

Mr. E. A. Escott, who has been clerk in Abbott & Stephens' office, has resigned his position to go in the electrical business. He will be connected with the Southern Electrical Company. Mr. Escott has been studying the electrical business for some time, with a view of engaging in it. Abbott & Stephens were loth to give him up, as he is an expert book-keeper and a valuable office man.

CONGRESSMAN AT WATER.

Hon. J. W. Atwater, of Chatham county, Congressman from the 4th District, is the guest of Rev. S. B. Turrentine and family. He came to see Mrs. Atwater, Mrs. Turrentine's mother, who has been sick for some time. Mr. Atwater is one of the most influential citizens as well as leading politicians of the east.

CAPT. TORRANCE TO BUILD.

Capt. R. A. Torrance is to begin next week moving his house, on Church street, back to face on Eighth, and will build a pretty new residence on the old site.

MR. BROWN WILL STAY.

Mr. Henry W. Brown has withdrawn his motion to leave Charlotte. He cannot tear himself away, and today tells the News tell his friends of his decision in the matter.

Residents of South Tryon Street Have on Their War Paint.

CAR TRACK IS TOO HIGH.

Injunctions to Be Taken Out if Track is Not Lowered Jones & Tillett Employed to Represent Property Holders From the R.R. Crossing to Morehead Avenue.

A sound of war comes from the south—south Charlotte. The Boer war won't be in it with the interest the local fight, which is sniffed in the distance, will produce. The trouble brewing is over the new car track. The residents on Tryon from the C. C. & A. Railroad crossing to Morehead street, claim that the 4C's have laid the track too high, it being seven or eight inches above the street. They complained to the company, and learned that the side-walks were to be filled up to a level with the track. This the property owners say would make the side-walks higher than their property and would injure same, and they will fight the matter, if need be in court. Chairman McNinch, of the Street Committee, was not today by one of the property holders—representing all—that when the 4C's went to lay the other track from the railroad crossing to Morehead street, that an injunction would be taken out against them unless the present track (and therefore the second one) was laid level with the street and side-walks. Messrs. Jones and Tillett have been employed by the property owners.

The outcome of the fight is awaited with interest.

SOCIAL.

The Pleasures of Life Are Ever on the Flow.

The "Just for Fun Club" had a jolly meeting yesterday afternoon with Miss Marie Wheeler, on North Caldwell street. Each guest on arriving was presented with a letter of pink paper and tied with pink ribbon. There were four tables and on each the entire alphabet, each letter separate. After a few moments spent in greetings and wondering "what on earth we were to do," the game of progressive anagrams was played. Miss Laura Wadsworth held a watch and Miss Wheeler a bell, and the guests had just one minute to think of some word beginning with whatever letter happened to be turned up, when the signal for starting was given. It was a merry contest and everyone regretted when it closed. The first prize was a handsome shoe horn and was won by Miss Nan Dowd; the consolation prize, a cute little heart, was won by Miss Mary Mayer. Miss Wheeler served exquisite refreshments, all pink and white—ices, bon bons, cakes and a delicious plunk frappe. Miss Wheeler is a charming acquisition to the "Just for Fun Club," and her entertainment next time will be looked forward to with sincere pleasure.

Master James Carson's five-year-old birthday party was one of the prettiest affairs that the "Little Sallie Waters" crowd had been invited to this year. The table was too pretty for anything. It was decorated with candles and jonquils. Around the centre piece was a ring of rabbits (cakes) made by Mrs. O. M. Sadler and sent the gentlemanly little host in a beautiful china cabbage head. Games were played for several hours. No "crowns" were broken, and all went home happy as larks.

Those present were: Bernard Wedeneller, Helen Olinard, Billy Rose, Freddie Cobb, Madeline Phelen, Katherine Andrews, Mamie Harp, Archibald Young, Kathleen Murrill, Johnnie Ruffledge, Frank Dowd, Stewart Gilchrist, Morehead and Sara Jones, Cornelia Dowd, James and Corinne Gibson, John Wilkes, Edward Reid, Edward Guthrie, John Durham, Mary and Maud Carson, Van Alston and Randolph Weaver, Annie Pegram Cates, Sarah Cansler, May London, Faye Milburn, Anna Dewey Chambers, Susan and Margaret Cowles, Henry McDonald, Harriet Orr, Lawrence Howerton, Lacy Sewall, Nancy Brown, Margaret and Algenon Reese, Norman Schiff, Rob Cochrane, Frank Alexander, Edward Keasler, Mary and Frances Osborne. The grown folks present were: Mrs. Ed. McDonald, Mrs. C. C. Hook, Miss Addie Williams, Sadie Young, Edith Atkins; Messrs. R. N. Tiddy and W. R. Foreman, Mrs. A. H. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Walker, Mrs. Judge Burwell, Mrs. R. C. Carson.

Misses Annie and Margaret Rankin entertain this afternoon in honor of their handsome kinswoman and guest, Miss Mollie Ervin.

Ac Spoke to the White Supremacy Club on the Constitutional Amendment.

HERE'S DIVORCE IN POLITICS

National and State Politics Are Not Wedded in the South—Northern Republicans Vote National Ticket Republican; State Democratic.

The White Supremacy Club is already proving that it is to be a prominent factor in the coming campaign. Its initiative work in bringing different speakers here to speak to the white men of the city on the political issues of the day, especially the amendment, has brought forth fruit in stimulating interest in the amendment, and arousing those that are at ease in the political Zion. Mr. B. R. Lacy, candidate for the State treasurership, was the last speaker to address the White Supremacy Club and the general public, in a speech at the court house last night. He did not talk long, but talked to the point and purpose. Mr. Lacy laughed at the idea that there was danger of disfranchising any white man. He denied the fact, as charged by some Republicans, that the Democrats are lodging the great national issues, finance, tariff, etc. He said that State and national politics are divorced and that while the former are great questions, to the Southern man, the matter of honest and safe home government is greater. White Republicans who come from the North here to live, vote Republican national tickets, but Democratic State tickets; as they cannot vote against their race which they do in voting for Republicans—and, therefore, negro-rule. Mr. Lacy said he had only kind feeling for the negro in his place; he had no unkind word to say about him. God had made him inferior and he could not help, "but we have tried, for 30 years, the experiment of letting the negro vote," said he, "and decided that it won't do; that we must have white supremacy, and the only way to have it is by putting the negro out of politics." Mr. Lacy, in the course of his remarks, paid a glowing tribute to the Confederate soldier; "The fact that North Carolina furnished several thousand more men than she had voters," said Mr. Lacy, "was an evidence that every man prior to 1867 was either in the army or a son of a veteran and the grand-father clause in the constitutional amendment is the greatest tribute to these men."

He made many strong, fine points and was listened to throughout his speech with the closest interest. At the conclusion of his speech, President Moody, of the White Supremacy Club, thanked him in behalf of the club and the community.

The club will meet again on April 5th, when it will be addressed by Mr. W. E. Abernethy, of Rutherford College.

"BACKBONE."

Dr. Henson arrived this morning. He lectured in Richmond en route and was greeted with a crowded house. In his audience were many friends gained during his residence in that city. He is greatly enjoying his trip South and is in the best of spirits. He will begin his lecture on "Backbone" at the Y. M. C. A. tonight promptly at 8:15 o'clock. A large audience is already assured, but some reserved seats may still be secured at Jordan's drug store. The admission is only 50 cents.

Rev. Dr. Howerton is to introduce Dr. Henson tonight. He will do it in handsome and appropriate style.

CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. Dr. Barron will arrive home tomorrow night, and will occupy his pulpit, as usual, Sunday morning.

The enlargement of the choir lot at the First Presbyterian church has been completed, and by no means was the symmetry or appearance of the lot or pulpit.

The meeting at B Street is being largely attended. Mr. Gay is an earnest speaker.

SPOTTED AND UNSPOTTED.

Menral Lawing, a negro from Paw Creek, came to town this morning and was at once spotted as a small-pox suspect, but he proved not to be. He had been in the McRae house, but not having been told not to come to town he came. Chief Orr had his arm scratched and sent him back home.

MR. ANDREWS RENTS A STORE.

Mr. F. H. Andrews has rented the store on West Trade street owned by Mr. O. L. Barringer and at present occupied by Mr. J. L. Lundy. He will run a partition down the room dividing it into two rooms, one of which he will use for his sewing machine, the other he will rent.