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## FIGHTING HIS WAY.

### Gen. Brabant, Going to Relief of Wepener, Stubbornly Resisted.

## PUSHING DALGHETTY HARD

### Boers Shelling His Force of Colonials—Boers Attempt to Turn the British Right, But are Repulsed by Yeomanry and Mounted Infantry.

By Telegraph to The News.  
LONDON, April 23.—Gen. Brabant is fighting his way towards Wepener. The Boers are not only resisting his advance stubbornly, but also making a fierce attack on Dalghetty's little force of colonials. Dalghetty's helicopter that the Boers fired three hundred shells Saturday, but not much damage was done.

## BOER ATTACK REPULSED.

WAKKERSTROM, April 23.—After yesterday's shelling it was expected the Boers would open fire again to-day, but they did not. The Boers attempt to turn the British right, but the movement was detected by the Yeomanry and Mounted Infantry. The British camp opened fire and the Boers were driven off. The British position was subsequently extended greatly. Many Boers are moving southward.

## BRITISH IN GOOD POSITION.

LONDON, April 23.—A special to the Daily News from Wakkerstrom says the British are greatly extending their lines. Their position is most advantageous, within easy striking distance of the Boers who are clearly visible in great force.

## TRIAL OF CAPE REBELS.

CAPE TOWN, April 23.—The trial of thirty-nine Sunnyside rebels commenced this morning before Acting Chief Justice Buchanan. Attorney-General Solomon conducts the prosecution.

## SULTAN'S ASSURANCES.

### Will Pay the United States, but Does Not Say When.

By Telegraph to The News.  
WASHINGTON, April 23.—The American charge d'affaires at Constantinople reports that the Sultan has made additional assurances regarding the settlement of the claim of the United States. Officials say this assurance does not change the situation, as it is not very definite.

It is understood that the Sultan merely repeated to the charge d'affaires verbal acknowledgements of liability and promise to pay the indemnity.

## BRIDGE SWEEP AWAY.

### Louisville and Nashville's Line of Communication Cut.

By Telegraph to The News.  
NEW ORLEANS, April 23.—The big bridge of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company over the western branch of the Pascagoula River broke Sunday was swept away by the floods. It has stopped all trains to northern points. The interruption is likely to last several weeks unless the railroad can get a ferry boat that will carry the cars over the river.

## PRIEST FOUND DEAD IN BED.

By Telegraph to The News.  
NEW YORK, April 23.—Rev. Joseph H. Bigley, pastor of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, was found dead in bed this morning. Heart disease was the cause of death.

## PAINTERS STRIKE IN BOSTON.

By Telegraph to The News.  
BOSTON, April 23.—The painters and decorators went on strike this morning. The force demand \$2.75 for a day of eight hours. A thousand men are out.

## GUN CLUB.

The Gun Club is to reorganize for the season tonight in Chief Orr's office in the city hall. This is the 10th year the club has been in existence, and it is to be reorganized under more auspicious circumstances this year than ever. Col. J. T. Anthony has been president for some years and it is likely that he will continue to be. A secretary and treasurer is to be elected tonight to succeed Mr. B. W. Sperry.

## I. O. O. F.

The eighty-first anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America will be held in the hall of Charlotte Lodge, No. 88, East Trade street, Thursday night, at 8:30 o'clock. All Odd Fellows in good standing are requested to meet with their lodge to receive cards of invitation to fill out for visitors.

Mrs. R. H. Jordan and Mrs. H. S. Bryan left this morning for New York. They will join Mrs. C. E. Graham, of Greenville, S. C., who is attending the Ecumenical Conference.

## SOCIETY.

### Bridal Events Engrossing Society This Week.

The festivities attendant upon the Stitt-Wadsworth wedding will be ushered in tonight by a supper to be given by Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ross, in honor of Mr. Stitt and his groomsmen and ushers. Mrs. Ross will expend her beautiful and dainty taste on the table and the result will be an exquisite creation in green and white, the colors of the wedding. The flowers will be bride's roses with the accompanying decorations of smilax, ribbon, candles and candelabra. At each plate will be an elegant array of silver for service in the 12 courses so richly and beautifully prepared by Mrs. Ross. Mr. Stitt will sit at the head of the table and to his right will be his best man, Mr. Twitty. The guests will be: Messrs. Twitty, R. A. Lee, Albert Sumner, J. C. Tate, Julian Little, Charles F. and J. W. Wadsworth, Baxter Ross, George W. Wadsworth, J. P. Stowe, M. A. Lyon and James York, of Concord.

The complimentary german to be given the bridesmaids to-night by the Messrs. Wadsworth, will take place at the City Hall at 9 o'clock after the supper at Mr. Ross'. The bridesmaids are Misses Alice Holland, Nah Cannon, Adele Wittkowski, Berta Oates, Ada Bradley, Sadie Hirschinger, Madge and Louise Wadsworth, Margaret Cannon.

The invitations include all of the young society folks of the city. The dance will be a brilliant affair.

The Springs-Smith wedding, which takes place Thursday night, will be an interesting event in society. The bride and groom, elect, being universally popular in the city. The Baptist church, where the ceremony will take place, will be elaborately decorated for the happy occasion. Miss Julia Smith, sister of the bride-elect, is to be maid of honor, and Mr. A. A. Springs, Jr., brother of the groom, best man. The ushers will be: Messrs. Jackson H. Baird, Holland H. Springs, D. D. Traywick and Frank M. Davis.

Dr. Alderman left last night for New Orleans. He was the guest yesterday at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Clark, and last evening, at tea, of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Stagg, Dr. George W. Graham and Mr. J. L. Chambers were invited to meet him at Dr. Stagg's, and Miss Addie Williams at Mr. Clark's.

## WAS IT SUICIDE?

### Mill Operative Walks to Meet a Train and Death.

Tobe Kiser, a mill operative at Lincolnton, was killed by the train yesterday near Lincolnton. Kiser was walking down the track facing the approaching train. The engineer blew continuously for the man to get off the track, and seeing that he was looking directly at the train, supposed every minute that he would step to one side. He realized, when too late, that the man did not intend to do this, but was intentionally walking to meet his death. The engine struck him when the train was at full speed, killing him almost instantly. Kiser remarked to a party in Lincolnton 20 minutes before that he would be a dead man in 20 minutes. His death cannot be looked upon other than as a suicide.

## NEW STEEL BELFRY TO BE ERECTED.

The old belfry in rear of the old court house has seen its best days, and is soon to see no more days. It is in a state of decay and the city through the chairman of the fire committee, Alderman T. Garribaldi, has given the order for it to be torn down and a new one of steel to be erected in its place. The contract for the new structure has been awarded the Park Mfg. Company, of this city. The belfry will be 70 feet high, and will contain, as the old one does, the fire bell and apparatus pertaining thereto. The plans for the steel structure were seen to-day. They will fill the bill in every respect.

## TO GO ABROAD.

Among the Charlotteans who will go abroad this summer are Mrs. R. M. Oates, Jr., and sisters, Misses Ethel and Lois Holt. They will join Mr. Lawrence Holt and family, of Burlington, who sail sometime in June.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles R. Fisher, of Elizabeth College, will sail on the 6th of June. They cross the water every summer. They will return to Charlotte in the fall. Mr. McCoy and party will leave sometime in July.

## MOVING TODAY.

Mr. J. A. Elliott and family began moving today from their old home, on North Tryon street. They will have rooms at Mr. C. W. Parker's, on College street, until their house on East Seventh street is ready for them.

Dr. Irwin, who bought the Elliott house, will overhaul the house, repapering and repainting it throughout.

## CUTTING SCRAPE.

A bad cutting affair took place Saturday night. The principals were Jack Belk and Wm. Crawford. Belk was the party injured. He hath wounds, he thinks, without a cause.

## FOUR YEARS OLD.

### Dr. Chalmers Yesterday Passed His Fourth Anniversary as Pastor Here.

## INTERESTING STATISTICS.

### There Have Been 182 Accessions to the Church and it Has Contributed \$11,284 for Church Work—An Original and Able Sermon.

Yesterday was the fourth anniversary of Dr. Chalmers' pastorate at the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church of Charlotte. A large congregation attended the morning services. The statistics showed 182 accessions, 25 baptisms, and a total contribution of \$11,284.00. The Sabbath school contribution during this period was \$1,114.00; that of the Ladies' Aid Society \$552.00, and of the Young Peoples' Societies \$793.00. The sermon was a presentation of the following ideas:

1. Independent Thought.
2. Aggressive Leadership.
3. Progressive Methods.
4. Protection.
5. Service.

The complimentary gift on the part of the Princes of Israel of "Six Covered Wagons and Twelve Oxen," for the Lord's service.

In concluding his remarks, Dr. Chalmers said: "I cannot close these remarks without making special mention of the cordial relations existing between this church and sister churches of the city, and of the pastor's most pleasant relations with and high esteem for his brother pastors. While there never was more denominational zeal and activity than at present in our midst, still there has been a manifest determination on the part of many to bring to the front the real unity that binds all the branches of the Christian family together in one harmonious and happy brotherhood. And our prayer to God is that the tide of Gospel charity and Christian love in Charlotte may rise higher and higher, and flow stronger and stronger, until it shall sweep away all bigotry and intolerance; shall forever bury beneath its tide all jealousies between churches, all rivalries between preachers and all the sharp and poisonous tongues of sectarian exclusiveness. Our only consent to each other should be, as to who shall lead the walls of Zion strongest and highest. The mightiest foes of the Church are united and strongly entrenched. Nor can the Church ever rout them by sallying forth single-handed or in scattered bands."

"There must be some outward agreement, some concentrated leadership, some concert of action, so that when we fall into battle line and unlimber our guns the foe shall see and know that we mean him and him alone, and not that our most skillful maneuvers are to thwart a band of brothers, or to outgeneral some leader of our own forces. As Christians, it is our duty to exhibit before the world the sublimity and power of that divine spiritual unity which should be the crowning glory of the Redeemer's Church."

CONVENTION ECHOES.  
"State Day" was opened at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon in an interesting service. With Prof. Craighill at the piano and the orchestra accompaniment, the song service was a stirring one and Mr. Walter Scott's solo was greatly enjoyed. Prof. Hanna spoke of the State work. Mr. F. C. Abbott, of the convention, from a business standpoint, Mr. George Stephens of the college work and Mr. Ernest Moore of special work for the younger men. A generous offering was gathered from the State work.

## CHARLOTTE ARCHITECTS IN SALISBURY.

Architects Hook & Sawyer, of this city, have a lot of work in hand for Salisbury. The architectural essay: "Architect C. C. Hook was in the city this morning and submitted sketches of the plans for buildings to be erected here. Among others is a residence for Mr. W. S. Blackmer, a residence for Mr. Edwin Gregory and for Rev. Dr. F. J. Murdoch.

## ENGINEER McALLISTER TO MARRY.

Cards were received here today announcing the marriage, May 3rd, of Miss Katharine Bell, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Bell, of Wallhalla, S. C., to Mr. Delano Gaston McAllister, of Columbia, S. C. Mr. McAllister is an engineer on the C. C. & A., running between here and Columbia. He has many friends at both ends of the line, and many will be interested to hear that he is to join the order of Benedictus.

## THE SANDERS BUILDING.

Mr. L. W. Sanders is to begin work right away tearing down the old building on Mrs. Sanders' lot just above the News office, and will build on the site, a handsome three-story building, the design for which was drawn some months ago by Hook & Sawyer. Mr. Sanders today gave the tenants of the old building notice to move by Monday.

## MUSIC.

### Its Charms Soothe Many Listening Ears.

Mrs. Frank P. Smith is to be the solo soprano in the Second Presbyterian church this summer during Miss Leimbach's absence. The latter will finish her engagement for the season July 1st, when Mrs. Smith will take the position until the reopening of the Presbyterian College in the fall, and Miss Leimbach's return. Mrs. Smith will, at that time, return to New York, to take a choir position there.

A very good picture of Mr. J. H. Craighill appears in the advertising circular of the Gaffney (S. C.) Musical Festival. The Gaffney Ledger says of Mr. Craighill, in connection with the festival: "Mr. Jos. H. Craighill, the talented organist and choir master of the First Presbyterian church, Charlotte, has been engaged as organist for the festival, to be held May 8th and 9th. Mr. Craighill is not widely known, as yet, in this part of the country, he having come to Charlotte from New York less than a year ago. He has been trained in the best school of organ playing and handles the instrument with good judgment and skill. His tasteful accomplishments will add greatly to the affectiveness of the choral works."

The music at Trinity church yesterday, especially at the morning service, was of a high order of excellence. The solo by Mrs. Dr. Banner, who, with her husband, has recently come to Charlotte to live, was beautifully rendered and greatly enjoyed. A piano has been placed in the organ loft. Mrs. Hudson, who is visiting Mrs. Jack Allison, also sang and her music was greatly enjoyed.

## NEW LEAVES.

### Time as Well as Nature is Turning New Leaves.

—Mr. C. A. Matthews, of the News, is a victim of the gripe.

—Tax Collector Peoples, who has been sick for several weeks, is in town today.

—Tax collector Taylor was in his office to-day for the first time in two weeks.

—Twenty-five or thirty Pythians from this city will attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

—A mule belonging to Mr. Martin Crowell, of Crab Orchard, broke its leg Saturday night, in the stable.

—Mr. B. L. Dewey continues to unwell to be at the library. Miss Sallie Adams is her substitute.

—Mr. C. N. G. Butt continues sick. He has had a hard battle with gripe. He is missed in church and State.

—The candidates come Saturday. The Democratic clans of Mecklenburg will gather in numbers to hear them.

—Mr. Martin, of Rock Hill, S. C., has become foreman of the Carolina Manufacturing Company, on East Ninth street.

—The dress rehearsal Saturday night of "A Dress Rehearsal," to be given at Elizabeth College tonight, gave promise of a brilliant success of the operetta.

—"Spring has come," said Mr. J. M. Sims today pointing to a swarm of flying gnats on his window-sill. "I have kept a record of them for 15 years, and they never fail to appear when the hot weather is here."

## CISSIE LOFTUS

### Passed Through Charlotte en Route to Tryon City.

No less interesting a personage than Cissie Loftus, the well known English actress, was at the Southern passenger station this morning. She was en route from Richmond, to Tryon City. Miss Loftus, as known, hardly distinguished herself by walking off the pier at Old Point, or falling off, and being rescued by Coxswain DeLeon, of the United States training ship, Monongahela. When she fell, she left her golf cape and hat on the pier, which gave the appearance of attempt at suicide to her dipping. Miss Bishop, companion of Miss Loftus, who accompanied her this morning, said Miss Loftus had no idea of committing suicide. That she had a position that paid her \$3,000 a week, that she suffered with vertigo, and fell off the pier. Miss Loftus is a pretty woman. She was stylishly dressed today. She talks little, delegating this pleasure to her duenna. Miss Loftus appeared all right today. She will stop at Tryon City for awhile, desiring rest and quiet on account of her health. She then continues her trip South, possibly going to Florida.

## ORGAN RECITAL FRIDAY NIGHT.

The organ recital at St. Mark's Lutheran church Friday evening promises to be one of the most delightful musical events of the season. Dr. C. R. Fisher, musical director of Elizabeth College, and organist of St. Mark's, will be assisted by Miss Van Wagner, teacher in vocal culture at Elizabeth College. The recital is under the auspices of the Ladies' Society of St. Mark's. There will be no admission fee. All are cordially invited to attend. An opportunity will be given to those present to give a free offering in aid of the Ladies' Society, which is raising a fund for the benefit of the church, yet their chief desire is that the community may enjoy the rich musical feast in store for next Friday evening.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

### The Best Formula of Doctrine Ever Put Together by Man, Says Dr. Stagg.

## STOOD ASSAULTS OF AGES.

### Dr. Stagg Says it will Continue to Stand Them Now—A Conflict with Error and Truth—Hell is Taught in the Bible and in the Confession.

Rev. Dr. Stagg preached an able sermon yesterday morning, touching upon the present discussion and agitation in the Presbyterian Church in regard to the revision of the Confession of Faith. He said:

"I ask your attention," said the speaker, "to three passages of Scripture: Matt. 16, 18:19—'And I say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.' Matt. 18: 18: 'Verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.' John 20, 23: 'Whosoever sins ye remit they are remitted unto them, and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained.' A correct exegesis of these passages of Scripture is very essential to the growth and strength of the Christian Church. In the first passage Christ was ascertaining from his disciples the opinion of the world regarding His personality. The disciples said 'some think you are John the Baptist, come from the dead; some that you are Elias; others Jeremiah, and others still, one of the prophets. In answer to the question: 'Whom do ye say I am?' Simon Peter said: 'Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God.' Christ said: 'Blessed art thou, Simon, Bar Jona, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father, which is in heaven.' It was as if Christ had said this is a truth that cannot be known in the ordinary way that truth is apprehended. This is an heavenly imputation and cannot be understood save by revelation; and then addressing Peter, he said: 'You and I are the only beings on the earth now who comprehend the fact, and I say to you on this truth, viz., that I am the Son of God, come as a person to the earth to save it from sin, I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.' There has always been much confusion here. It is clearly a doctrine to the Protestant world, that the Church is built on the personal Christ, but when this passage is given in exegesis there is often confusion as to what the foundation is and what the keys represent. It is clear that Peter is not the rock, and it should be as equally clear that Peter's profession is not the rock, though it has often been taken as such. No man's, or number of men's, profession can furnish the rock on which the Church of God is builded. It must be on the living personal Christ, and this is what Christ declares. The keys put in Peter's hand are the same keys I have in my hands and every other minister of the Word has in his, viz.: the preaching that Christ is the Son of the living God. Whosoever believes the fact is bound, and whosoever does not believe it is not bound in heaven, but loosed. It is this truth that binds, and no man can loose. The power of the truth cannot be delegated to man. It would be damnable if man or men could bind, on earth for heaven, or loose, on earth for hell. The next occasion Christ addressed all of the disciples. I take it after this manner: 'Not long since, when I asked whom men thought I, the Son of man, am, Peter said: 'You are Christ, the Son of the living God.' This is correct, and on this fact I will build my Church. It is my purpose now to give you some rules governing this visible Church, which will be organized on this fact. It will require discipline, like any institution that deals with the man beings. Don't let superstitions reverence for the awfulness of the power of this truth to bind and loose men, blind you to the duty of keeping the visible Church as pure as possible. It is not you who bind and loose, but this truth. If a man is bound by it in heaven, discipline cannot loose him, and if he is not bound discipline cannot bind him. You cannot make or unmake this relationship by discipline, therefore, if a brother offend, admonish him; if he will not hear you, take two or three with you, and if he hear not them, bring him before the Church, and if he hear not it, let him be to you as a heathen man and a publican.' We can readily understand how a timid reverence for such a stupendous power as that which binds or looses for heaven and hell would have paralyzed all function of discipline, on the part of men, towards a man who said he believed a truth that could bind him to heaven, unless Christ had given some such explanation to His disciples. I

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## CITY HALL SAFE.

### Two Prominent Builders Say No Cause for Rumor as to Its Being Unsafe.

A rumor has gained circulation and some credence that the city hall is unsafe. The report, it seems, was started from the fact that the gutting had become stopped up, and the water accumulated on the roof, had seeped through the brick on the front wall towards Atkinson & Stowe's drug store. This morning the gutter was unstopped and the gutting repaired so it would carry off the water. Messrs. S. J. Asbury, F. W. Ahrens and J. D. Ross were appointed by the city, a committee to inspect and condemn buildings. Mr. Ahrens was asked in regard to the building this morning. He was emphatic in saying that the building was perfectly safe; that there was no danger whatever. Mr. Asbury said: "It would take a great deal to throw such a building as that. We have not examined the building in two years, but will examine it this afternoon or tomorrow, but I do not think there is the least cause for such a rumor."

## FUNERALS.

### Two Good Women Laid to Rest Yesterday in Elmwood.

The funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Susan Curlee Franks were conducted yesterday afternoon by Rev. Dr. Barron, at the residence. The house was crowded with friends and the floral tributes were beautiful. The funeral procession was a long one, and the deepest sympathy was expressed for the bereaved family.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. HARGETT.

The funeral services of Mrs. Mary Isabella Hargett were held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the residence, No. 906 East Third street, by her pastor, Rev. Frank Siler, of Trinity Methodist church. There was a large concourse of relatives and friends present, and quite a long procession followed the remains to Elmwood. Mrs. Hargett was the only daughter of John and Mary Gennings. She was born July 29, 1861, in Sharon township. She was married April 18, '77. Her husband and five children—two sons and three daughters—survive her. Her father was killed in the war.

Mrs. Hargett adorned her every relationship of life with an integrity and Christian devotion every way worthy a noble woman. She was a consistent Christian, a dutiful wife and mother, a good neighbor, kind and thoughtful to the sick. A good woman has gone to her reward.

The pall bearers were: Messrs. T. A. Squires, M. L. Davis, M. B. Williamson, J. W. Shaw, J. E. Hunter and J. W. Lewis.

## CHURCH NEWS.

Rev. Dr. Sharron was here this morning on his return from Concord Presbytery.

Rev. Dr. Chreitberg went to Monroe this morning to assist Rev. Mr. Bagmell of the Methodist Church in a meeting this week.

Rev. J. C. Johnston, of Union Seminary, preached at Providence and Banks church yesterday to large concourse of hearers and the people were greatly pleased with him.

Communion services will be held in the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church next Sunday. Preparatory services Thursday and Friday nights by Rev. S. J. Patterson, of Steele Creek.

## PIANO TUNERS TO ORGANIZE.

The piano tuners of this city will tonight set in motion a wave of sound which they hope will result in the organizing of a State Tuners' Association. Messrs. Crumb, Leisch, Wilmoth, Badham and Brown will meet at 7 o'clock at the Steiff music house to discuss the matter and probably organize an association. They hope to hold the first annual convention here during the 20th of May week, which will add one more attraction to the 20th week programme.

## MILL NEWS.

When the Southern Cotton Spinners' Association assembles in this city in May, two hundred and fifty million dollars worth of capital will be represented. Secretary Hiss had letters today saying that special cars would be put on at Philadelphia to accommodate manufacturers, and commission men who are coming to attend the annual convention of the Spinners. The convention is to be pre-eminently the largest gathering of cotton spinners ever held in the United States.

## RAILROAD NEWS.

The engine of the Seaboard train jumped the track yesterday at Stanley Creek, and another engine had to be sent from here to take the train on to Rutherfordton.

News reached the city this afternoon that two engines which were pulling a freight over the mountain near Old Fort, went over the mountain yesterday afternoon. No injury to life was reported. The accident was caused by a spread rail.

## DR. BARRON'S CALL.

Rev. Dr. Barron, pastor of Tryon Street Baptist Church, has received a call to a church in Augusta, Ga. Not only the Baptists here, but all other denominations will veto the doctor's leaving Charlotte. He is not to even think of it.