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RUNDLE HALTED.

Boers in Front of Him are Reported Too Strong for His Forces.

TO TRAP THE BOERS.

Brabant and Hart in Basutoland. — French and Pole-Carew Hastening to Bar the Retreat of the Boers Northward. — Wepener Almost Relieved.

By Telegraph to the News. LONDON, April 24.—General Rundle apparently found the Boers confronting him at Dewetdrop stronger than he cares to engage, so he is "marking time" pending the arrival of supports. In the meantime Brabant and Hart are pushing along the frontier of Basutoland; hence will be able to frustrate an attack on Rundle's right; and French and Pole-Carew are hastening from Bloemfontein to bar the Boers' line of retreat northward.

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SOCIAL.

Wadsworth Cards Recalled. — Events Past, Present and Future.

Mrs. J. W. Wadsworth request the News to state that on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. E. C. Cannon, she recalls the invitations to her daughter, Miss Laura Wadsworth's wedding reception tomorrow night. Mrs. Cannon had a relapse yesterday evening, and her condition is critical. If she is no worse tomorrow afternoon the bridal party will be entertained after the ceremony at Mrs. Wadsworth's. If there is any change for the worse, there will be no reception at all. Bishop Duncan, of the Methodist church, who is to officiate at the wedding will arrive this evening and will be the guest of Mrs. Wadsworth and family. Bishop Duncan is a devoted friend of the family.

The bride will enter the church on the arm of her brother, Mr. Charles F. Wadsworth. Mr. Stitt will be attended by his best man, Mr. W. H. Twitty. The couples will leave the church in the following order: Mr. Twitty and Miss Madge Wadsworth; Mr. Wadsworth and Miss Louise Wadsworth; Mr. Albert Summey and Miss Margaret Cannon; Mr. R. A. Lee and Miss Nan Cannon; Mr. Julian Little and Miss Berta Oates; Mr. J. W. Wadsworth and Miss Sadie Hirschinger; Mr. Baxter Ross and Miss Alice Holland; Mr. J. L. Cox and Miss Adele Wittkowsky; Mr. J. C. Tate and Miss Ada Bradley, of Knoxville, Tenn. Mr. Stitt and bride will go to New York.

The Athenae Book Club had a lovely meeting yesterday afternoon with Miss Nellie Tate. After the literary programme was over, the dining room was thrown open and the young ladies were bidden to as pretty a board as the most aesthetic taste could demand. A basket of ground-peas tied with red ribbon was passed around and each girl took a nut and cracking it found it to contain a sentiment instead of a "goody." Miss Hallie Lucas drew: "A handsome youth be sure you'll have, brown haired, high nosed, he'll keep 'ee brave."

Miss Bessie Robertson: "Don't fear, thy husband will be kind, and it is one shall please thy mind."

Miss Julia Robertson: "If this match slips you may long stay; then take kind will without delay."

Miss Adele Hutchison: "The stars three husbands do presage, and thou shall die in good old age."

Miss Ethel Holt: "Accept the ring thy love doth give, for long in wedlock he'll not live."

Miss Sadie Clarkson: "With me well lived, thy life shall be, and happy days in marriage free."

Miss Bettie Nash: "Cupid commands thee now to do it, then prithee, make no more dispute."

Miss Violet Alexander: "A widower, though rich, thou'lt marry, you for, husband wilt thou tarry."

Miss Julia Alexander: "Show him more kindness, he will speak; his heart with silence else will break."

Miss Mary Morrison: "A man into thy lot shall fall, straight but neither short nor tall."

Master J. W. Stag was nine years old yesterday and honored the day by giving a party, which was a feast of fun and frolic to a host of his 9-year old friends. The yard at the Second church manse was filled with the merry romping crowd until Mrs. Stag called them in the dining room to enjoy pink ices, cakes and bon-bons. The nine gaudies burning on the birthday cake were pink, and the surrounding line of faces were correspondingly rosy and pretty. Master Stag is a chip of the old block in his knack of entertaining. He made a fine host.

The reception at Elizabeth College tonight will be a social event of interest and brilliancy. President King and faculty will be at home to friends and patrons of the college from 8 to 11 p. m. The Italian band is to furnish music for the occasion, and the college halls will resound with sweet strains and the hum of merry voices.

Miss Nell Helvin — "Pochontas" will entertain the "Just for Fun" Club Thursday afternoon, at her home on 11th street.

TO THE SQUARE BY THE 20th. The Belgian block (?) on the square will not be torn up before the 20th. The 4Cs. have been delayed by wind and weather in getting the double tracks laid to that point, and the city will not disturb the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, which occupies the centre of the square, until after the historic date is past. Special material has been ordered by the 4Cs. for the switch beyond the square, and the double tracks will terminate there until "after the ball is over."

EXAMINED THE BUILDING. Messrs. S. J. Asbury, J. D. Ross and F. W. Ahrens, the committee appointed by the board of aldermen to inspect and condemn buildings yesterday afternoon inspected the city hall, and found as they were quoted in yesterday's News as saying, it safe. They will make a formal report this afternoon to the aldermanic committee on buildings, saying that beyond some repairs needed on the building, it is perfectly safe.

TAYLOR TO RETURN.

Bradley and Others Say They Will Defend Him, and Force Speedy Trial.

WILL RESIST TO THE DEATH.

Jim and Perry Howard Surround Themselves with a Hundred Feudists and Declare They will Never be Taken Alive.—Capt. Powers in Hiding.

By Telegraph to the News. FRANKFORT, Ky., April 24.—Governor Taylor will return to Kentucky, face his accusers, and demand immediate trial of the indictment against him for the murder of Goebel.

This was announced in a telegram received from Taylor last night, as was also the determination of the Governor not to take advantage of the offer of Governor Roosevelt to protect him in the event of a demand for him by Beckham.

Taylor decided on this course on the advice of ex-Governor Bradley and other Kentuckians, who pledged themselves to defend him.

IN MOUNTAIN STRONGHOLDS. They guarantee to force a fair and speedy trial.

Jim and Perry Howard, who are indicted for the murder of Goebel, declare they will never be taken alive. An attempt was made to capture them last night, but the deputies who had warrants were forced to beat a hasty retreat, as the Howards were entrenched in the mountains, surrounded by over a hundred feudists, who declare the accused shall never be taken alive.

CAPT. POWERS' RETREAT. Capt. Powers, brother of the Secretary of State, who is indicted, was discovered in a hut in the mountains of Bell county yesterday, guarded by ten mountain men. His position is impregnable and he cannot be arrested.

SMITH--WALL.

Mr. W. A. Smith and Miss Bessie Wall Marry To-Morrow Night.

Charlotte, Lilesville and Pineville will be particularly interested in a wedding which is to take place tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, at Pineville. The contracting parties will be Miss Bessie Wall, of Lilesville, and Mr. William A. Smith, of Pineville, formerly of Charlotte. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Mr. McAlpine, of the Presbyterian Church. The date had been set for early in May, but Miss Wall's family are under the quarantine in and about Lilesville, and she cannot return home, so as she was already at Pineville, where she had been employed as music teacher, she decided to be married there. Miss Wall is a daughter of Mr. S. G. Wall, of Lilesville, and is a charming, accomplished young woman. Mr. Smith is a brother of Mrs. J. H. Ross, of this city, and is a young man of fine character and popular, pleasing manners.

Mr. Ross and family will attend the wedding. Mr. Smith and bride will return to Charlotte with them tomorrow night. Mr. and Mrs. Ross will tender them a reception at their home, on Liberty street, tomorrow night, from 9 to 11 o'clock.

MRS. HOWELL RESIGNS.

Her Mantle Falls on Mrs. J. L. Chambers.

Mrs. S. M. Howell, who has had charge of the infant department in the First Presbyterian church Sunday school for 15 years or more, and who has been a teacher at the Sunday school for 25 or 30 years, has requested the church to relieve her of the work, and Mrs. J. L. Chambers has been chosen as her successor. Mrs. Howell has been a faithful, efficient, devoted worker. Her interest and zeal have been unsurpassed, and the devotion accorded her by the children has been beautiful and marked at all times. Her mantle could not have fallen on more worthy or capable shoulders than Mrs. Chambers'. She is a scholar, as well as a teacher par excellence. She will make the infant department of the Sunday school most interesting and attractive.

THE GRAY JACKET.

The "Gray Jacket," the magazine to be issued by Julia Jackson Chapter, Children of the Confederacy, will make its appearance on the morning of the 20th of May. The staff consists of: Miss Maud Holt, editor-in-chief; Miss Louie Jones, fiction editor; Miss Lucy Robertson, exchange editor; Miss Dora Barron, business manager. The contents of the first volume will be: Poem, selection; editorial, Maud Holt; poem, Florence Thomas; story, Louie Jones; history of chapter, Douglas Robertson; reports from different chapters, Lucy Robertson; "Our Future Work."

REALTY.

Mr. S. S. McNinch yesterday sold three lots on South Cedar street to J. Arthur Henderson and D. B. Henderson, who will improve the property at once.

THE SITE DECIDED ON.

The Midway Plaisance to be on the Lot in Rear of Piedmont Building.

ENTRANCE, TRYON STREET.

The Elks Carnival Committee Met Last Night and Decided Between Three Sites Offered for the Location of the Midway. — The One Chosen Convenient.

The site of the Midway was decided upon last night at a meeting of the Elks Carnival committee.

It is to be in rear of the Piedmont Fire Insurance building on South Tryon street. Three sites, as noted in the News were offered: The Piedmont lot, Vance park and the lot in rear of the Second Presbyterian church. The merits of each were fully discussed last night, and the preponderance of opinion was in favor of the Piedmont. The parties interested in the lot who had to be seen were: Mrs. Harvey Wilson, and Messrs. Frank Johnston, E. D. Latta and H. M. McAden. The consent of each has been secured. Mr. Smith of the South-Eastern Traffic Association is the only other party with whom the committee has to treat, in regard to insurance. It is not thought that there will be any objection raised on this line. No better location could have been found for the Midway. It is practically on Tryon street, within a minute's walk of the square, and accessible from every point. The entrance will be on Tryon street this side of the Piedmont building. The Carnival committees are busy at work. The camels are coming in plenty of time, and the midway will pitch its tents in the very "Heart of Midlothian."

HARPING ON ONE STRING.

Piano Tuners Form Temporary Organization.

The piano tuners formed a temporary organization last night, meeting, as announced, at the Stief Music House. Mr. J. W. Crum, of the Stief Music House, was chairman, and Mr. C. H. Wilmoth, secretary. The charter members were the same as named in yesterday's News—Messrs. Crum, Wilmoth, Badham, Brown and Lelch. The secretary was instructed to address a communication to all reputable tuners of the State inviting them to meet with the local members of the association May 23rd, in Charlotte, to effect a permanent organization. There has never been such an association in the State. The object of the association is to put the business on a professional basis, and to protect the competent tuner and the public at the same time.

ON THE G OLEF.

Mrs. W. F. Dowd is to handle the organ at Tryon Street Baptist church next Sunday. Miss Cleve Stephens will play during the rest of the time that Mrs. Alex. Stephens is absent.

Messrs. F. H. Andrews, Clare Pharr and H. L. Sanders are furnishing the tenor at present for the First church choir.

Prof. McCoy, of the Presbyterian College, is arranging for a recital to be given in the course of a week or ten days.

It is not improbable that Mr. Craighill will be added to the musical faculty of the Presbyterian College next session. He is as capable as a teacher as he is an organist.

The organ recital to have been given Friday night, by Mr. Craighill, has been postponed.

The St. Cecilia Choral Society will meet Thursday night.

IMPROVING THE PROPERTY.

The General Fire Equipment Company, which purchased half of the old furniture factory site on Seventh street and the railroad, is tearing down old buildings and putting up new ones. The corrugated-iron structures are to give way to substantial brick ones. The new owners will convert the old property into a valuable factory site.

BAPTIST.

The Baptist Young Peoples' Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist convention, will meet at Hot Springs, Ark., May 10th. Delegates will get the same rate as the convention delegates. The B. Y. P. U's. of Tryon Street church, will send a delegate.

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Baptist Association meets Friday at Arlington church. Revs. A. C. Barron, D. W. Thomason and L. R. Pruet, and Laymen J. A. Durham, W. C. Dowd and others will attend.

TO RATIFY.

The second convention of the Interstate Telephone Association will be held here next Tuesday for the purpose of ratifying the proceedings of the first meeting held here about two months ago.

PYTHIANS.

This Section Will be in Evidence at the Grand Lodge.

Pythians were thick as hops at the Southern passenger station this morning. They were not recognized, a la Daniel in the lion's den, by the "green umbrella," but by their beaming countenances and mystic loyal badges. In the Pythian "push" these faces were recognized: Mayor J. D. McCall, representative of lodge No. 90; E. A. McCausland, representative of 37; F. R. McNinch, of 83; T. S. Franklin, past grand chancellor; D. F. Summey, grand vice chancellor, who came from Atlanta to join his brethren, of the lodge here; R. B. Babbington, Mt. Holly; H. D. Wilson, Shelby; W. F. Stephens, Matthews; Rev. Dr. L. A. Bikle, of King's Mountain—the youngest member of the grand lodge; Fred Chambers, James Northey, James Stinson, Charlotte; C. R. Simmons, M. D. Harris and E. E. Lorraine, Forest City—the latter grand outer guard; J. C. Mills, Rutherfordton, district deputy grand; W. M. Lyles, Charlotte, district fifth deputy grand; George C. Goodham, J. Frank Brawley, Mooresville; M. Houston, S. E. Sherrill, Davidson; Messrs. John Wilber Jenkins, Graham Waddington, Earle Pekram and E. S. Reid, start on their pilgrimage tonight. The grand lodge convenes tonight at 8 o'clock in Castle Hall at Durham—the handsome Pythian hall in the State. Durham, in her usual and far-famed hospitality will care for the visitors in royal style. The D. O. K. K. will also meet during the session of the grand lodge.

BAIN COMMENCEMENT.

Annual Sermon to be Preached by Rev. Frank Siler.

The closing exercises of Bain Academy begin Sunday, April 29th, and conclude Friday, May 4th. The programme is as follows:

Sunday—Annual sermon, by Rev. Frank Siler, Charlotte, 11 o'clock a. m.

Tuesday, May 1st—Entertainment by primary department, 7 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday—Concert, 7 o'clock p. m.

Thursday—Debate by Democratic Society, 7 o'clock p. m. Query: "Should the United States Exercise Sovereignty Over the Philippine Islands." Debaters: Affirmative—H. C. Martin, A. R. Harrison, G. M. Garrison, Negative—M. L. Medlin, W. A. Henderson, C. E. Hamilton.

Friday—Commencement exercises, 10 o'clock a. m. Literary address, by Hon. J. D. McCall, Charlotte, N. C., 3 o'clock p. m. Social gathering 8 o'clock p. m.

Managers: W. P. Ashcraft, W. J. Armfield, G. M. Garrison, Chief; J. A. McMurray, Jr., W. G. Martin, M. L. Medlin, D. M. Mann.

Managers: C. E. Hamilton, chief; J. C. McDonald, J. B. Martin, A. R. Harrison, H. G. Martin, W. A. Henderson, Jess. Gantt.

Music by Steele Creek Band.

RALLYING POINTS.

White Supremacy Club Speaking Places and Dates.

The White Supremacy Club is not sleeping on the amendment au contraire, it is very active and wide awake. The club has arranged to have a series of speaking—six in all—at the following times and places.

Tonight at Gingham's Mill, (McCoy's Store); Monday, 30th—at Ada Mills, (McClelland's Store);

Thursday, 3rd—at Charlotte Mills, in front of Knitting Mill; Monday, 7th—at Alpha Mills, (corner 12th and B);

Thursday, 10th—at Victor Cotton Mill; Monday, 14th—at Louise Mills, (Cowan's Store);

The speakers tonight will be Messrs. Clarkson, W. P. Moody and J. J. Hamilton.

BALLAST.

Basses and Tenors for the St. Cecilia.

The St. Cecilia, merged for the 20th of May week into a choral society, is making good progress with "May Day," the cantata chosen for presentation at that time. The practice last night was satisfactory. Mr. Craighill, pianist for the occasion, and assistant director, has enlisted the following named gentlemen, who will furnish the balance of musical power to the club in its 20th of May effort:

Tenors: Messrs. Clarence Reid, Martin, John McNeely, Frank H. Andrews, H. L. Sanders, Clarence Pharr, D. N. McIver, George Newcomb, Wade Cowan, Smith, Dr. Crowell, J. S. Cothran, Harvey Overcash.

Basses: Messrs. Norwood, Watson, Thompson, Moore, Southard, Patterson, Pleasants, Hamner, F. N. Tate, Rev. Mr. Dorris, Fred Nash, Jr., Walter Scott.

ROYAL ARMOANUM.

The Grand Council of the Royal Armoanum of North Carolina meets tomorrow in Salisbury. Quire D. P. Hutchison, regent of Charlotte council, will go in his official capacity, and Capt. John R. Erwin, grand orator of the State council, will also attend.

2 STORES ENTERED.

Burglars Break Glass in Rear Office at Dowd & King's and Murrill's.

VERY PECOLiar THIEVES.

They made no Effort to Get Money but Stole Cuspidores, Dusting Brushes, Clothes and Clocks. — The Burglaries Happened Between 12 and 1 O'clock.

Charlotte has had a good long rest from the nocturnal visitor, who comes through the window instead of the door; but the rest was broken last night. Two burglars were reported to the police this morning.

Dowd & King's store runs back from Tryon street some distance into close juxtaposition to the rear of the Queen City Printing Company, which faces on Fourth street. The lot into which the back doors of the two stores open, is as dark as Erebus at night, and is, in its darkness, an ideal "Jack-the-Ripper" resort. Last night between 12 and 1 o'clock, Mr. S. F. King, who sleeps on the third floor of the Dowd building, heard something like window glass fall. He listened a minute, but hearing nothing further, he thought a cat had jumped against a glass, causing the noise. This morning when he found the office doors, which open into the store proper, locked. He notified Mr. King, and they began to investigate. They found that some one had knocked a pane of glass out of the rear window and entered the office. The handles of the safe had been knocked off, but no attempt made to open the safe door. The desk had been ransacked, but the money drawer in which were a few pennies, not disturbed. A lot of postage stamps were stolen, also a coat, hat and pair of shoes belonging to Mr. King; a cuspidore and dusting brush.

AT MURRILL'S. About the time that the burglary at Dowd & King's was discovered, the office boy at the Queen City Printing Company's made a similar discovery. A pane of glass had been broken out of the rear window, next to Dowd & King's, and some one had entered the building. A time-keeping clock, worth \$25, was taken, but as far as discovered, nothing else. The thief made no effort to get into the front office, containing his own typewriter, which were slight to the printing office. The police are on the alert, and will keep an eye on the dark corners and lots tonight.

20TH DOTS.

Committee Will go to Washington Sunday Night.

Last evening at 6:30 o'clock Mr. S. Wittkowsky received a telegram from Senator Pritchard saying that President McKinley would receive the 20th of May committee next Monday morning. The committee will leave here Sunday night. The original committee will go with but three exceptions, Messrs. M. C. Mayer, George Stephens and H. M. McAden, alternates, taking three of the principal places, who will be unable to go.

The News suggests that 20th of May buttons be ordered and scattered broad cast over the land early in May, reading: "Meet me in Charlotte, May 20th, 1900." Richmond is to have similar buttons on May 14th, when a "free street, fair" is to take place.

A floral parade is talked of for the 20th. Saratoga has an annual floral parade and the event is one of surpassing interest as well as beauty. Charlotte could have Saratoga success along this line.

MR. KEERAN'S CLASS OFFICE.

The News acknowledges from Mr. James L. Keeran, an invitation to the commencement exercises of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, April 30th. Mr. Keeran is vice president of this year's class. Other North Carolinians in the class are: John D. Briggs, Joseph W. Harbin, Alexander J. Sinclair, Cyrus Dove Sadler and Elmer E. Richardson.

FLATTERING TO CHARLOTTE.

The Charleston S. C. reel team has received 20 invitations this spring to reel meets and tournaments. Yesterday the team had a meeting and decided, out of the 20 invitations, to accept the one extended by Charlotte. This flattering decision will meet with due appreciation, as will be shown when the team arrives.

RAILROAD COMMITTEE.

The railroad committee of the Chamber of Commerce met last night. In the absence of Chairman M. B. Spier, Mr. A. H. Washburn presided. The committee discussed freight rates here and elsewhere, with a view, as it previous discussions, of getting the rate made as favorable to Charlotte as possible.