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SPRING S-SMITH.

Mr. Richard Springs and Miss Lillian Smith to Marry To Night

A POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE.

Dr. Barron is to Pronounce the Words That Will Make the Two One at Eight O'Clock at Tryon Street Baptist Church. — An Event of Interest.

At 8 o'clock this evening in Tryon Street Baptist church Miss Lillian Smith, one of Charlotte's loveliest young women, will become the wife of Mr. Richard Springs. The solemn and beautiful words, so full of interest and meaning, which are to make the two one, will be spoken by Rev. Dr. A. C. Barron, pastor of the bride. The church has been elaborately decorated for the marriage of these popular young people, and will be filled, at the nuptial hour, with a large and brilliant assemblage of friends, glad to witness the union of such happy hearts and such glad hands. Miss Addie Williams will play the March, Mendelssohn, by request. The ribbons will be dropped promptly at 8, and the bridal party will pass down the aisle in the following order: Messrs. Jackson Baird, Holland Springs, D. B. Traywick and Frank M. Davis, ushers, in pairs, separating at the altar and passing to right and left; Miss Julia Smith, sister of the bride, and her counterpart in beauty of face and character, maid of honor, in green silk veiled with white organdie and carrying white carnations. The groom with his best man and brother, Mr. A. A. Springs, Jr., will enter from the choir room on the left, and crossing in front of the altar, will meet the bride as she comes forward on the arm of her father, Mr. W. M. Smith.

The party will leave the church to the strains of Lohengrin. Mr. and Mrs. Springs will take the 9:30 train for Washington, where they will spend a week or ten days.

THE BRIDE.
The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Smith. She is a tall brunette, with beautiful brown eyes, soft and spirituelle, and an expression Madonna-like in sweetness. Her character is as lovely as her face—sweet and pure. Happy indeed is the man who has wooed and won her. Her bridal gown will be white mousseline de soie over white tulle, court train and high cut bodice, trimmed with pearl passementerie and touches of Duchesse. Her flowers will be bride's roses and lilies of the valley. A handsome bride will seldom be seen.

THE GROOM.
Mr. Springs is a son of Mr. A. A. Springs, formerly of Lexington, now of Charlotte. He was employed as clerk in the Southern Express office, but is now of the clerical force in the Merchants' & Farmers' Bank. He is a young man of exceptionally fine character, and is highly esteemed in every circle where he is known. He has a host of friends here and in his old home, Lexington, and all rejoice to know that he is winning such a wife.

On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Springs will live at the Arlington hotel.

TWENTY-TWO HUNDRED OUT

New York Central Shops at Buffalo on Strike.

By Telephone to the News.
BUFFALO, April 26.—A strike is on at the New York Central Shops in East Buffalo. Eighteen hundred shopmen and four hundred yardmen are out. The reason of the strike is that the men want increased wages and because men have been discharged.

PAYMENT OF INDEMNITY DEMANDED.

By Telephone to the News.
CONSTANTINOPLE, April 26.—United States Charge d'Affaires Griswood handed the minister of Foreign Affairs a note based on instructions from Washington, which it is understood, demands prompt payment of indemnity. In council the minister will discuss the note today.

LARGE HOTEL BURNED.

By Telephone to the News.
BRONXVILLE, April 26.—Gramatin Inn, the largest and finest appointed hotel in Westchester county was burned this morning. The loss is two hundred thousand dollars. A number of millionaires residing near fought the fire in their night clothes.

COST \$25,000.
Mr. Hayden, of Hayden, Wheeler & Schwend, has gone to Greensboro to let the contract for the city hall, which his firm designed. The building will cost \$25,000.

POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

The Safe in the Postoffice at Mooresville Blown Open Last Night.

MONEY AND STAMPS STOLEN.

The Door of the Safe Blown Open With Dynamite and \$300 in Money Besides Quantities of Stamps Stolen. — Third Time This Office Has Been Robbed.

The postoffice at Mooresville was broken into last night and robbed of between \$600 and \$700. A charge of dynamite was placed in the safe and the door blown open. The robbers found within the safe between \$250 and \$300 in money; \$300 worth of 2-cent stamps; \$20 worth of 1-cent stamps, and quantities of 4, 6, 8, and 10 cent stamps. The entire contents of the safe were taken, leaving Postmaster Templeton sans money and stamps. He discovered the robbery at 5 o'clock this morning when he went to make up the mail for Capt. Tom Rowan's train. The postoffice is located in the Goodman building. The safe blowers drilled through six inches of iron with a small drill. No one heard the explosion, although the glass in the building was shattered. Postmaster Templeton phoned Postmaster Mullen, of Charlotte, at once, telling him of the robbery, and asking for stamps. Mr. Mullen sent the stamps and wired the department to send an inspector out at once. This is the third time this office has been robbed. When it was last robbed, about two years ago, Mr. Templeton lost \$150 of his own money. There is no clue to the robbery of last night.

FROM THE FRONT.

Boers Retreat Through the Country. — Explosion at Pretoria.

By Telephone to the News.
LONDON, April 26.—Rundle is pursuing five thousand Boers, who are retreating to Wepener with their artillery.

Generals Brabant and Hart will likely join in the chase. Dewet's DORP, April 26.—General French entered town this morning. Two cavalry brigades left camp at daylight and found the Boers holding the hills, which were shelled and the Boers retreated. The cavalry pushed around to a position above the town, where they were holding Rundle in check.

It is reported that six thousand Boers passed through the town last night in order to avoid French's attack on their rear.

DEWET'S DORP, April 25. (Delayed in Transmission.)—The British columns are pressing forward in hot pursuit of the Boers, who are fleeing to Wepener and Dewet's Dorp. The Boer line of retreat to Ladybrand leads through a broken mountainous country, favoring the concealment of all of Roberts' line.

Communications are now thoroughly held.

TEN KILLED IN EXPLOSION AT PRETORIA.

PRETORIA, April 26.—A serious explosion took place at the Regie works, used by the government as an arsenal. The light walls of the building were destroyed and the structure burned.

The shrieks of the women and children in the adjoining streets added ghastliness to the scene.

Ten workmen were killed and thirty-three injured, including Herr Grunberg, of the Malager works. The most important machinery was saved. The cause is unknown.

Two hundred were employed in the works, mostly French and Italians.

LONDON, April 26.—The War Office has received the following from Roberts: "BLOEMFONTEIN, April 25.—Good news has been received from Col. Baden-Powell up to the 10th inst. All the wounded are improving. The Boers captured several native women, trying to escape to Mafeking. They turned the women back after stripping them and flogging them." This dispatch fails to dispose of the report of Baden-Powell's death, a rumor of which stated that he was either dead or dying of fever on the 12th.

CHURCH NEWS.

Rev. S. W. Newell expects to be able for duty next Sabbath, the 29th, and will be at Amity in the morning and at Newell in the evening.

The family of Rev. George Belk, the new pastor of Graham Street Presbyterian church, arrived here last night and are at their home, 504 North Poplar street.

Messrs. Weber Asbury and Caldwell Woodruff, went to Raleigh this morning as delegates from the Jr. C. E. Society of the Second Presbyterian church, to the C. E. convention which convenes there tonight.

—Mr. Cicero Wilson is a new soda water clerk at Woodall & Sheppard's. He and Mr. Plaster will have charge of the ice cream parlor. A music box was added to the parlor today.

"The testimonial that appeared in yesterday afternoon's 'News' praising our advertisement that appeared in the 'News' on Friday, and commenting on the results from the advertisement, was not what I intended it to have been. It should have read, if published at all, that I said it was the best advertisement the 'News' had ever run for us. It had no reference to any other paper. I did not sign my name but the name of Tapp, Long & Co. to the testimonial in question, neither was it written by me.

(Signed) J. L. TAPP.

SOCIAL.

The Stitt-Wadsworth Reception. Evening pleasures.

The reception following the marriage last evening of Mr. E. W. Stitt and Miss Laura Wadsworth, was a beautiful complement to the lovely bridal scene at the church. The parlor where Mr. and Mrs. Stitt received the congratulations of their friends was decorated with smilax and flowers, the mantel bank being of white roses. From the grill arch over the window recess, a large wedding bell of mignonette was suspended by white ribbon. A single Easter lily formed the clapper. Green and white, the wedding colors, found artistic and satisfying effect in the dining room. The damask overlaid a covering of green silk, tall cut glass vases on opposite corners held generous bunches of Easter lilies, green candles rested in the silver holders, and in the center banked around a large plateau, was a circle of lilies of the valley—the bride's flower—which seemed to be growing in the mass of mosses which surrounded the plateau. Green and white, both bouquets and cakes completed the table decorations. A handsome supper was served. The cutting of the bride's cake was attended with the usual interest. The ring went to Miss Ada Bradley; the money to Mr. M. A. Lyon; thimble to Miss Berta Oates. The wedding register, the gift of Mrs. John Walter Miller, was kept by Miss Bradley. The guests, besides those composing the bridal party, were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wadsworth and family, of Concord; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hutchison, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Gibbon, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Carson, Miss Addie Williams, Mrs. D. Rush Lee, Miss May Oates, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ross, Mr. R. N. Tiddy, Miss Fannie Larden Moore, Miss Mary Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Stokes and Dr. J. P. McComb, Mr. M. P. Pegram.

MRS. CAVE FRIGHTENED

A Drunk Man Accosted Her Last Night on Church Street.
Mr. Cave, of the Model Steam Laundry, lives in Mr. P. M. Brown's building, on North Church street, occupying the south side. Last night Mrs. Cave went to the laundry after dark to see Mr. Cave. On her return home she passed two white men, one of whom accosted her and threw his arms out as if to catch her. She screamed and ran as fast as she could, gaining the shelter of her home in a few minutes after. She phoned Mr. Cave, who, with several others from the laundry, ran around the corner to hunt the man. Officer Bradley and Fireman Will Owens reached the scene about the same time. The man who had accosted Mrs. Cave proved to be Ed. Shaffer, a well known printer, who was drunk. The man who was with him was trying to take him home. No blame was attached to him whatever. Shaffer's drunkenness would hardly have saved him from Mr. Cave's anger had not the policeman interferred and taken the man to the Tombs. He is inoffensive when sober, but as that is rare, he is liable to repeat the scene of last night. Next time he may not fare so well. The mayor fined him \$10 this morning, and in default of which, he went to jail.

EPISCOPAL.

Bishop Cheshire went to Mt. Mourne this morning on one of his regular visits. He returns tonight. Sunday morning he will be at St. Peter's and Sunday afternoon at St. Michael's (colored).

The board of managers of the Thompson Orphanage will meet Tuesday morning next at the orphanage. Rev. E. A. Osborne is back from St. Mark's, Bristolow, where he held a three days' mission. Bishop Cheshire will be there Saturday and will confirm several candidates.

MISS RUSSELL, MR. POWELL TO WED.

A wedding which will interest many in Charlotte, as well as elsewhere, will be solemnized Monday morning next. The bride is to be Miss Kate Russell; the groom Mr. W. H. Powell. Miss Russell has been living in Charlotte for some years, coming here from Rock Hill, S. C. Mr. Powell is a son of Mr. B. F. Powell of this city, formerly of Fort Mill, S. C. Both parties have many friends in this city and section, and their approaching marriage will be learned of with interest. Mr. Powell is at present living at Henrietta.

DEATH OF MRS. WM. GRESHAM.

There has been another death in the Gresham family. Mr. C. Gresham was apprised yesterday of the death of Mrs. William Gresham, his cousin by marriage. Mrs. Gresham died Saturday morning at 3 o'clock, at her home in Dinwiddie county, Va. Her husband is a son of Mr. Robert Gresham, an uncle of Mr. C. Gresham, who is residing here at present. Mr. Robert Gresham went to attend the funeral.

J. O. U. A. M. INVITATION.

The following invitation has been received from Morganton: "Morganton Juniors, on behalf of the State Council, cordially invite you to be present at the ceremonies of the raising of a flag and presentation of a Bible to the State School for the Deaf at Morganton by the State Council of North Carolina, on June 5th, 1900, at 2:30 p. m. Addresses will be delivered by State officers. A warm and cordial greeting awaits you."

"FRATERNALLY YOURS,"

"BURKEMONT COUNCIL, No. 44."

CARTHAGENA TAKEN.

CARACAS, Venezuela, April 26.—A German steamer just arrived at La Guayra reports that the Colombian revolutionists are masters of Carthagena, the most important Columbian harbor.

WAS IT SUICIDE? FOUND DEAD ON FLOOR

Mr. U. B. Williams Died This Morning From the Effects of a Drug of Some Kind.

A NIGHT OF STUPOR.

The Sleep of [Death Commenced Yesterday Afternoon at 5 O'Clock.—Mr. Williams was Unconscious from 2 O'Clock this Morning Until He Died.

Mr. Ulysses B. Williams died this morning at his home, 812 West Trade street, from the effects of morphine or some kind of opiate unknown to his family or physician.

Mr. Williams had been complaining of not feeling well for several weeks, but was not ill enough to go to bed. Tuesday he had a chill. Yesterday morning he complained of vertigo and remained at home. Later he went up street and remained some time. Yesterday afternoon he and his wife took a walk. They returned between 1 and 5 o'clock. Mr. Williams said he was sleepy and told his wife that he wanted to go to sleep. He slept so long that she became alarmed and woke him up. That was at 9 o'clock. She discovered that his eyes had a set look, and she called her mother. They talked to him and he seemed to regain consciousness. Mrs. Williams sat on the bed by him until 10 o'clock, talking to him to keep him awake. She then fell asleep and did not wake until 2 o'clock, when she was aroused by Mr. Williams' struggles for breath. She sent in haste for a doctor, and he worked heroically to save the unfortunate man, but it was too late. The stupor of death, which had begun at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, had increased hourly through the night, and he was beyond all hope of recall. He never spoke after 2 o'clock. At 10 minutes after 10 this morning, he breathed his last. The supposition is that he took morphine or some drug yesterday afternoon, getting it on his trip up town in the morning. The attending physician thinks that he renewed the dose after his wife fell asleep. No reason except ill health, can be assigned for the deed. Mr. Williams was married last March to Miss Selma Miller, and he and his wife had lived very happily together. He had been working temporarily at the Charlotte Supply Company, but he and his wife were to move to Raleigh next Monday.

Mr. Williams was 30 years old last Monday. He was a son of the late C. C. Williams, of Wake county, his home being three miles from Raleigh. He has several brothers living.

Deceased was corporal in Company A, First North Carolina Regiment, in the Spanish-American war. His relatives were wired this morning. The arrangements for his funeral will be made as soon as they can be heard from.

PERSONALS.

Pleasant People Whom One Meets on a Day's Rounds.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weemes are at Capt. W. E. Adams' residence.

Miss D. J. Cobert, superintendent, and Miss Weaver, nurse, of St. Peter's Hospital, leave tomorrow morning for Cleveland Springs.

Miss Mamie Bayes, who came over from Salisbury to attend the wedding last night, returned home this morning.

Mr. R. H. Jordan is expected back from New York Saturday.

Mrs. John Gum went to Salisbury this morning to visit her grand-mother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon and family, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wadsworth and family returned to Concord this morning.

Mr. J. W. Yates, general superintendent of the Postal Telegraph Company, is here today.

Mrs. Lizzie Presson Boone, of Asheville, is visiting her mother, on North College street.

Col. H. C. Jones went to Concord this morning to attend court.

Mr. Robert Morrow, of Monroe, was here this morning on his way to Greenville, S. C.

W. D. ALEXANDER FOR THE HOUSE.

By Telephone to the News.
DAVIDSON, N. C., April 26.—Believing as I do that faithful and zealous Democrats should be recognized and rewarded, it gives me great pleasure to present the name of W. D. Alexander, of Mallard Creek, to the Democratic voters of this county as a suitable man for the Legislature. The leading spirit of Democracy well knows the service Mr. Alexander has done the party. He has been ever ready at any call to work night and day when necessary, sacrificing his time and interests for the good of the party. I would like to add that this card is written without his knowledge, for I do not know that it is his desire, but I feel, judging from the nature of the man, that, should it be the desire of the people to have him represent them, he would not refuse. Respectfully,
J. LEE SLOAN.

AN AFFLICTED HOUSEHOLD.

Mrs. H. C. Eccles returned to Salem this morning. She received a telegram last night saying that her brother-in-law, Dr. J. Watkins, was in excessive pain. Dr. Watkins married Miss Flora Conrad, a sister of Mrs. Eccles. He is 65 years old. Dr. Watkins has been for years one of the leading dentists in his section. He has three children: Messrs. William and Conrad Watkins, and Miss Bessie Watkins. Mrs. Eccles' mother is also ill at Dr. Watkins'.

BENEFIT FOR HEBREW ORPHANS.

BROOKLYN, April 26.—The Booth Dramatic Society will present David Belasco's "Charity Ball" at the Academy of Music for the benefit of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, tonight. The advance sale of seats has been large.