

OCCUPIED SMAALDEL

No Opposition to British—Gen. Hamilton Has Occupied Winburg.

ROYAL WELCOME TO SAILORS

Greatest Demonstration of the War for Laddies of the Naval Brigade—They March Through Solid Streets of Cheering Thousands.

By Telegraph to The News. LONDON, May 7.—Lord Roberts cables from Smaaldel Junction, dated the 6th: "We crossed the Velt River this morning and are now encamped here. The enemy is in full retreat toward Kroonstaad, on the Zand River. A turning movement was made by the mounted infantry just before dark. It was a very dashing affair. The Canadians, New South Water, New Zealand Rifles and Queensland Mounted Infantry vied in determination to close with the enemy. The naval guns and artillery made excellent practice. We captured a Maxim and twenty-five prisoners. Our casualties are few."

OCCUPIED SMAALDEL UNOPPOSED SMAALDEL, May 7.—The British occupied this place unopposed. The Boers' last trail left Saturday night. The Boer loss yesterday on the west flank was forty killed. Their rear guard remains behind the Koppies ten miles distant. It is reported that the Zand River bridge has been destroyed.

GREAT DEMONSTRATION OVER NAVAL BRIGADE. LONDON, May 7.—The naval brigade of the cruiser "Powerful" arrived to-day and were heartily welcomed. The station was crowded with cheering multitudes. The sailors marched through cheering masses to the barracks of the Horse Guards, where they were inspected. The reception of the sailors along the route of march was the most demonstrative the war has yet produced.

REPORT THAT MAKEKING HAS BEEN RELIEVED.

LORENZO MARQUEZ, May 7.—It is reported from Boer sources that Makeking has been relieved and that General Lemmer and three thousand Boers have been captured at Fourteen Streams. Confirmation of these stories is lacking.

HAMILTON OCCUPIES WINBURG.

LONDON, May 7.—The occupation of Winburg by Gen. Hamilton is confirmed.

10 HELD 800 AT BAY.

Tiny American Garrison Repels Overwhelming Force of Insurgents.

By Telegraph to The News. MANILA, May 7.—News reached here to-day that on April 18th on the island of Leyte at Jaro the garrison of twenty-five received warning of a coming attack of insurgents. Lieut. Estes, of the Forty-third Volunteers, posted sixteen men to protect the head quarters. He took four men and himself and four more, under a sergeant selected a fortified position where they waited the attack which began at day light. It is estimated that there were eight hundred insurgents armed with Bolos and thirty rifles. The fight lasted all day, and finally the insurgents were routed. The Americans buried 120 Filipinos.

CAPTURED CANNON AND SUPPLIES.

They captured a cannon, silken banners and a large quantity of equipments and food. All indications show that the insurgents were confident of capturing the place. None of the Americans were hurt.

"KATY FLYER" WRECKED.

Fireman Killed and Engineer Fatally Wounded.

By Telegraph to The News. ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 7.—A washed out trestle leading to the Burlington railway bridge, south of St. Charles, Mo., caused the wreck of the "Katy Flyer" on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, and resulted in the death of John Boyd, fireman, and the fatal injury of engineer Palmer. The engine's baggage and smoking cars went through the trestle. No passengers were injured.

TWO SMOTHERED BY FALLING HOUSE.

By Telegraph to The News. ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 7.—A house collapsed on North Eighth Street to-day. Cora Everson and Helvina Nelson were suffocated. Seven others were seriously injured and narrowly escaped death.

TO RETURN THE VISIT.

By Telegraph to The News. VIENNA, May 7.—Emperor William will return the visit of Emperor Francis Joseph about the end of June or the beginning of July.

RED AND BLACK.

Charlotte Colors in New Ball Uniforms are Here.

The uniforms for the Charlotte baseball team arrived this morning and are on exhibition at Stone & Barringer's. They are of the best grade of Spalding's goods, and are undoubtedly swell in appearance. The stockings are black with three one-inch stripes of bright red; the trousers, Yale gray; the belts, black leather with golden buckles. Instead of shirts, jerseys will be worn. These will be black with a large "C." in red on the breast and narrow stripes of red on collar, sleeves and cuffs. The caps will be black.

Statesville has finally announced the line-up of her team and it's a dandy: Lambert, of last year's Pelzer, S. C., and Tarboro teams, will catch; Kenna Taylor, Malone and John Fox will pitch; Osteen, of last season's Piedmont, S. C. team will play first, James Fox, second; Bennett, of Oak Ridge, third; Mangum, short stop; Turner, of Trinity, left field; Natness, center field, and one of the battery men in right field. This aggregation ought really to be in Charlotte's class. A meeting will probably be held at Salisbury within the next week, at which an organization of the league will be perfected.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Jury Drawn for July Term Criminal Court.

The county commissioners met in regular session today. The morning hours were devoted to auditing accounts. On re-convening this afternoon the following jury was drawn for the July term of Criminal Court, which convenes on the 15th: Tom Douglass, W. S. Fleniken, W. M. Garrison, N. S. Alexander, W. E. Alexander, A. M. Rea, R. W. Alexander, D. P. Thomasson, C. P. Elliott, W. H. Turner, R. J. Wilson, J. K. Price, Z. B. Morris, R. J. Mitchell, B. Noah Griffith, J. W. Dunn, John Kuck, Jr., J. L. Rea, Jr., W. F. Strange, R. J. McGinnis, W. M. Finger, W. J. A. Overcash, T. M. Harget, R. L. Hayes, W. M. Crawford, J. C. Wilson, A. J. Howard, W. H. Wingate, H. M. Lipe, J. A. Prim, J. R. Withers, B. F. Wolfe, E. R. Durham, W. S. Alexander, J. H. Ross, C. F. Todd, W. L. Todd.

ELECTION BOARD MEETS.

The board of elections, which consists of Messrs. J. H. Weddington, T. J. Smith and W. F. Caldwell, met today for the first time. The board organized by the election of Mr. Weddington as chairman, and Mr. Smith as secretary. The only business transacted beyond this was with reference to the petitions from Huntersville and Pineville to consolidate the two voting precincts in each township, making but one precinct in each. The board voted to allow the granting of the petitions. Huntersville township will hereafter vote at Huntersville, and Pineville at Pineville. The board meets subject to the call of the chairman.

SUDDEN INSPIRATION.

M. O. W. Drum and Miss Addie McCall were married yesterday afternoon at the residence of Rev. Mr. Surratt, the latter officiating. Mr. Drum got his license on the 28th of April. For some reason he and his fiancée could not decide on the date of the wedding. Yesterday afternoon they went to work, and meeting Mr. Surratt, and Mr. Drum having the license in his pocket, the lovers decided to wed at once. No sooner said than done, and they returned from their walk husband and wife.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIS.

Mr. V. O. Willis received a telegram last night announcing the death, which occurred yesterday morning at 1 o'clock at his home at Culpepper Court House, Va., of his father, Mr. James A. Willis. Mr. Willis left last night for Culpepper to attend the funeral. Deceased was 74 years of age. He had been ill only a week with grip. He was a member of the Baptist Church and leaves a wife and three children.

WELCOME.

The hum of the Spinnery's voices will be heard Wednesday night, the advance guard of the annual meeting to report at that time. The Southern Electrical Company, which has the contract for the electrical display in the hall and banquet room, today placed over the banquet hall door the word "Welcome," which is to be in incandescent lights. Further preparations for the banquet and meeting are going forward.

MR. LITTLE WILL BE CHAIRMAN.

The Home Mission committee of Mecklenburg Presbytery will meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church. During Rev. Mr. Thompson's absence West, Rev. A. A. Little, of Steele Creek church, will act as chairman of the committee. All communications in connection with the committee should be addressed to him during the next six weeks.

DEATH IN MALLARD CREEK.

Mr. Rufus Deaton, an aged citizen of Mallard Creek, died yesterday morning at 2 o'clock. He had been a great sufferer with dropsy. He leaves a family.

GOES TO TULANE.

Dr. Alderman Resigns the Presidency of University of North Carolina.

The decision of Dr. Alderman, president of the University of North Carolina, in reference to accepting the presidency of Tulane University, New Orleans, has been awaited with eager interest. The News is glad to give the public his decision in the matter, but that it is as it is. The following telegram was received today at 1:30, and was immediately bulletined:

LETTER OF RESIGNATION.

Sent to President Battle, of the Board of Trustees, This Morning—New Position Gives Him Wider Opportunities for Educational Service.

CHAPEL HILL, May 7.—President Alderman goes to Tulane. Resignation takes effect June 15. J. K. ROSS. Dr. Alderman's letter of resignation followed by wire a few minutes after the telegram of announcement was received. It is as follows:

LETTER OF RESIGNATION. CHAPEL HILL, May 7, 1900. To Hon. R. H. Battle, Secretary: Dear Sir:—I beg to offer to the board of trustees my resignation as president of the University of North Carolina, to take effect on June 15th, 1900. I take this step after patient study, in order that I may accept the presidency of Tulane University, of Louisiana, to which I was elected on April 5th, 1900. This decision has been reached in the belief that it is just to my professional life, and to wider opportunities for educational service that I make the change. I have tried very hard to do the right thing along large lines and to eliminate from this problem the common place and the sordid. If I have seemed to take undue time to act, it is because time has been needed to see with even partial vision the path to tread.

I have a firm belief that every thoughtful man who has had this matter in mind at all will know something of the hurt of mind and heart through which I have passed and the conflict of duty and emotion in which I have struggled. It is the hardest thing I have yet had to do in my life. I do not need to say that my heart has been touched by the evidences of appreciation, all too generous and undeserved, from the people of the State whom I have labored for since manhood; from your honorable body, so helpful and kind; and from the faculty and students of this institution in whose service I have known the joy of striving. I count this appreciation the finest reward of a life of some toil and struggle for the upbuilding of my native State. With assurances of my personal esteem I have the honor to remain, Very sincerely yours, EDWIN A. ALDERMAN.

CHURCH NEWS.

A series of services began last night in Twelfth Street Baptist church, and will continue throughout the week. Rev. L. R. Pruett, the pastor, doing the preaching. Rev. Dr. Barron will go to Davidson College Sunday next where, at night, he is to preach the annual sermon before the North Carolina Medical Society. Revival services were begun at Calvary Methodist Church last night and will continue through this week, beginning each night at 7 o'clock. Tonight the pastor, Rev. B. M. Litaker, will preach. Subject: "The Unpardonable Sin." Everybody cordially invited.

May devotions were held at the Catholic church last night, and were as ever, pretty and interesting. The Children of Mary formed the usual procession, and the church was filled with flowers and music. Rev. A. A. Little, preacher of Westminister Presbyterian Church last night, delighting all who heard him. Rev. J. Y. Love filled the pulpit of the A. R. P. Church yesterday, preaching a clear, strong sermon.

BRIDES AND GROOMS.

Mr. David S. Yates and bride will reach Charlotte to-night, and will be at Dr. I. W. Watson's. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Stitt leave New York to-morrow for Virginia. They will get to Washington Monday next. Mr. Richard Springs and bride return from their bridal tour to-night. They will be at the Arlington Hotel. Mr. W. H. Powell and bride have returned from Asheville.

MILITARY BALL FOR 20TH.

A grand military ball is to be given in the auditorium at the park on the night of the 22nd, in honor of Lieut. Anderson, one of the guests of honor during the celebration. Mr. I. E. Avery has been appointed chairman of the committee of arrangement. He will select his assistants this week. Mr. Avery will see to it that the ball is one of the most brilliant features of the celebration.

MAGISTRATES MEET.

Board of Trustees of Charlotte Township Invade Criminal Court Room.

The board of trustees of Charlotte township met today at noon at the court house. The following named were present: D. P. Hutchison, chairman; J. R. Erwin, W. W. Rankin, C. C. Moore, Richard Moore, R. E. Young, J. F. Connell, T. J. Keith, D. G. Maxwell, M. C. Mayer, L. J. Walker, J. W. Brown, H. D. Duckworth, Walter Brem, J. B. Stanton, C. L. Hunter, J. G. Harris, S. I. Torrence, J. M. Morrow, E. D. McDonald, Raleigh Brewer, T. A. Austin, C. H. Wolfe, S. W. Davis, J. H. Hatch, H. C. Severs, J. P. Alexander, Thomas Griffith, D. A. Johnston, T. R. Robertson, J. O. Thomas, W. S. Mallory, Z. T. Smith, J. N. Wilson, E. M. Crowell, W. J. Hutchison, W. W. Phifer, S. H. Hilton, T. S. Cooper, John Van Landingham, E. C. Abbott, Walter Alexander.

OLD OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

Reports Submitted From the Road Committee on Road Works and From Mr. Ritch, on Expenses—Chairman Hutchison Occupied the Chair.

Messrs. Griffith and Smith reported that the executive committee had examined the accounts and found them correct. Mr. D. T. Ritch then submitted the following semi-annual report of work expenses, etc., for six months ending May 7th:

REPORT. Cash in hands of Co. Treas. \$ 530.39 Cash in hands of Supervisor 509.05 Cash in lieu of labor 387.45 Rent of road machine 4.00 For crushed stone 14.06 County for repairing bridge 10.80 S. Wittkowsky, contributor 100.00 C. C. Railroad Co., expense of moving roller by reason of defective bridge 25.00 Taxes 1899 6,342.83 \$7,929.33

DISBURSEMENTS. Labor including salary of Supervisor 300.00 Board of teams 300.00 1120 4-5 yards stone 448.32 Note and interest 1,515.00 Salaries 125.00 Force pump 10.50 One dozen shovels 11.00 Postal cards 3.00 Advertising meeting Nov. 2.00 Wire cable 10.25 Repairs to machinery and shop work 28.56 Sheriff condemn right way for road 8.00 Cash in hands of treas. 3,897.75 \$7,929.33

Chairman Hutchison made the following report for the road committee:

REPORT. To the Board of Trustees of Charlotte Township: Your committee beg leave to report that they have finished the reconstruction of the Beattie's Ford road, between the two and four mile posts, which was in process at your last meeting. General repair work has occupied the time of the road force, with the exception of the construction of about one and one-fourth miles of new road. Five petitions for new roads have been received and acted upon by your committee, one rejected, two under consideration and two granted. The first granted was a road three-fourths of a mile in length connecting the Dowd road near the residence of the late J. C. Dowd, was opened to the upper Steele Creek road, near the three-mile post. A contribution of \$100 was made by Mr. S. Wittkowsky in aid of the construction; the second was a link connecting the Tuckasege, near the residence of S. B. Alexander, with the Rozelle's Ferry road, one-half a mile west of Stewart's mill. The completion of this road makes it possible to leave the city by South Tryon Street, thence by the upper Steele Creek, Wittkowsky, Long, Dowd, Harris, Tuckasege, Alexander, Kendrick and Rozelle's Ferry roads, returning by West Trade street, a great convenience to citizens of the southern and western portions of the township, as well as a pleasure to those driving.

We recommend to our successors the opening of a road from the Beattie's Ford to some point on the Statesville road, in order that the West Trade street railroad crossing may be avoided by a great many. The travel of three roads is thrown into West Trade street extended at Seversville, causing quite a gain at times. The Providence and Sharon, or Park, road should be connected near the line between the old Springs and J. S. Myers places on the Providence road and the baseball park on the Sharon road, as it would shorten the travel to the southern part of the city from the Providence section something over two miles. The work mapped out at present is the widening and surfacing of the Lawyer's road, for which we have on hand some 1500 yards of stone. Mr. Ritch, our efficient supervisor, suggests the advisability of widening all roads from the city limits out one mile to the full width of 40 feet to

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

Attacks on Presbyterian Church Not New—Church Will Stand the Storm.

Rev. Dr. Howerton, of the First Presbyterian church, preached a sermon yesterday of special interest, bearing as it did upon the attacks being made on the Confession of Faith by Parkhurst, and others of his ilk. His text was: "That we henceforth be no children tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the slight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive"—Ephesians 4:14.

GUN HERE.

Arrived Last Night—Will be Placed in Front Post Office.

The Spanish cannon has arrived. It got in last night and can be seen at the Southern freight depot. The Southern and Old Dominion S. S. Co. transported the gun free of charge, a courtesy which is duly appreciated. The gun left Governor's Island Friday at 3:30 p. m., and arrived at Charlotte at 11:30 last night, making the trip in almost record-breaking time. The freight train running on Sunday only from sunrise to sunset.

From the quickness in transportation special credit and thanks are due Mr. Fred H. Tate, Agent of the Southern, who holds himself ever-ready to serve Charlotte in any way possible. The gun was the object of interest at the depot to-day.

The gun will be located in front of the postoffice. Asbury & Finger are to mount it, and will be done style-worthy of its historic interest and value.

SOCIAL.

Society finds several engagements on its calendar for this week. To-morrow afternoon Miss Katherine Jordan gives an afternoon tea, in honor of the Sans Souci, of which she is a member.

To-morrow night Mrs. Edward Thompson entertains a party of friends, at euchre, in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Lloyd, of Atlanta, who is visiting her.

Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Jesse P. Wilson give a euchre in honor of their niece, Miss Katherine Wheatley, of Baltimore.

Wednesday afternoon from 5 to 8 Mrs. W. C. Maxwell gives an at home complimentary to her sister, Mrs. C. M. Bolton, who is her guest.

MUSIC FOR CHARLOTTE EARS.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Leisel and party—Misses Oates, Bason and Cannon, and Mr. Robert Craig—were richly repaid for remaining in Sparta on Saturday. Several of the festival artists, Conductor Mollenhauer, Messrs. Miles, baritone, and Rogers, harpist, gave them a parlor concert at the Sparta Hotel, where they and the artists were staying. The latter were there awaiting the train to Knoxville, and having met Mr. Leisel and party in the hotel, were reciprocal in kindness shown. Mr. Miles sang several numbers, the harpist gave three with Mr. Mollenhauer accompanying him. The Charlotteans enjoyed the treat thoroughly. It was a pretty compliment which they duly appreciated.

MR. TATE TO BUILD.

Mr. Fred N. Tate, agent at the Southern freight depot, has bought a beautiful lot in Dilworth, corner of the boulevard and Kingston avenue, and will build a handsome residence there this summer.

HER MOTHER ILL.

Mrs. W. A. Graham, of Lincoln county, Va., this morning on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Julia Lane.

BUSINESS AT THE DEPOT.

Business at the depot is unusually good for this season of the year.

BIG TAX SALE TODAY

Property in Charlotte Township and Other Townships Sold for Taxes.

Today was sales day in front of the court house. The following property in Charlotte township was sold at public auction for the non-payment of State and county taxes for the year 1899, as per advertisement:

BOUGHT BY CITY AND COUNTY

The Sheriff and Tax Collectors Succeeded in Drawing a Big Crowd but Not Much Money—The Result—Figures of the Sale.

Half acre owned by Charley Bogan, brought \$4.76; Jasper Caldwell, one city lot, \$7.82; H. H. Caldwell, one city lot, \$7.45; Harriet Cochran, one city lot, \$3.70; J. W. Gordan, two city lots, \$15.95; Martin Hall, one city lot, \$4.86; Walter Hill, one city lot, \$7.20; H. T. Hughes, one city lot, \$3.70; Hattie Hunter, two acres land, \$2.54; Amanda Moseley, one city lot, \$3.71; T. B. Newman, one city lot, \$3.71; Margaret O'Neal, one city lot, \$4.28; Dr. M. T. Pope, one city lot, \$19.80; Lizzie Smith, one city lot, \$2.54; Cora Tyler, five acres land, \$3.70; Brawley Oates, heirs, one-half acre old fair grounds, \$7.20.

All of the property was bought by the city, except the three last pieces owned by Lizzie Smith, Cora Tyler and Brawley Oates' heirs. The Smith and Tyler property was bought by Mr. H. C. Severs for 25 cents, and \$3.70 by Mr. H. C. Severs; the Oates property by Mr. John Van Landingham for \$7.20.

COUNTY.

In Steele Creek township: 256 acres, belonging to C. I. Capps, bought by Judge A. Burwell for \$17.12. Sharon: 94 acres, belonging to G. W. Baker, \$14.08; 40 acres, belonging to W. E. Berrage, \$3.97; 215 acres, belonging to W. M. Smith, \$19.35. Pineville: 100 acres, belonging to M. A. Alexander, \$7.30; 16 acres, belonging to C. Gresham, \$1.61. Providence: 108 acres, belonging to H. C. Warlick, \$9.55. Clear Creek: 88 acres, belonging to C. Gresham, \$6.85; 207 acres, belonging to H. B. Long, \$14.61. Crab Orchard: 157 acres, belonging to Dan A. Johnston, \$16.05; 20 acres, belonging to Alex Orr, \$2.19; 54 acres, belonging to R. W. Roberts, \$5.92; 300 acres, belonging to John Wilkes, \$24.79; 70 acres, belonging to Mrs. M. M. Wallace, \$5.92.

Buntsville: One lot belonging to Sam Alexander, \$6.64; 50 acres, belonging to A. G. Barnett, \$4.86; one lot, belonging to A. L. Burton, \$6.05; 20 acres, belonging to F. R. Brown, \$5.91; 90 acres, belonging to J. R. Ewart, \$8.61; 5 acres, belonging to Jim Holbrooks, 80 cents; one acre, belonging to Mrs. M. M. Ramsey, \$1.96. Berryhill: 15 acres, belonging to Geo. Cathey, \$1.27; 85 acres, belonging to H. M. Jamison, \$20.78; 115 acres, belonging to L. A. Potts, \$11.42; 52 acres, belonging to Tom Weeks, \$8.13. Paw Creek: 11 acres, belonging to Mrs. Ann E. Auten, 94 cents; 85 acres, belonging to S. M. Lawing, \$24.11; 1 lot, belonging to James Means, 93 cents; 5 acres, belonging to Mrs. S. E. Morrison, \$1.40; 44 acres, belonging to T. H. Openhour, \$9.00; 31 acres, belonging to J. A. P. Robinson, \$1.93; 8 acres, belonging to J. M. Sloan and wife, 92 cents; 7 acres, belonging to R. W. Sandifer, \$1.41; 5 acres, belonging to Scott heirs, 49 cents. Long Creek: 70 acres, belonging to J. M. Wilson, \$4.32; 1 acre, belonging to M. C. Whitley, \$4.80. Dewese: 315 acres, belonging to Morris & Overcash, \$11.85; one lot, belonging to L. A. Potts, 80 cents. Mallard Creek: 85 acres, belonging to C. A. Dixon, \$8.13; 29 acres, belonging to Watt Walker, \$4.30; 35 acres, belonging to W. A. Smalls, \$1.85.

All of the above sales in the county were bought by the county except the Long property in Clear Creek, the Edwards property in Huntersville, bought by Mr. C. H. Dilla, and the Potts property in Dewese, bought by Mr. S. C. Sherrill.

MR. BELK INSTALLED.

Yesterday was an interesting day at Graham Street Presbyterian Church. Rev. George Belk was installed as pastor, the installation services being held at 8 o'clock in the afternoon. The church was packed. Rev. Dr. Stagg preached the sermon. Dr. Howerton propounded the questions. Rev. Mr. Little delivered the charge to the pastor and Rev. Mr. Dorrittee to the people. Mr. Belk preached a fine sermon to a large audience at night.

WESTWARD, HO!

Rev. G. T. Thompson, of Sharon, and wife leave in the morning for Indian Territory, where the former is called on business. On their return they will stop at Louisville, Ky., to take in the conference reunion. They will then go from there to Georgia to visit relatives. Their trip will extend over a period of six weeks.

THE OFFICES AT THE SOUTHERN FREIGHT DEPOT.

The offices at the Southern freight depot are being renovated, repainted and overhauled entirely.