

CROSSED THE VAAL.

Roberts' Force Entered the Republic's Territory on Queen's Birthday.

ISSUING PAPER MONEY.

Indications that Transvaal Government is Preparing to Blow Up Johannesburg - Julian Ralph Will Probably Lose a Leg.

By Telegraph to The News. CAPE TOWN, May 26.—A dispatch to the Cape Argus from Lorenzo Marquez says State Mining Engineer Klimke, of the Transvaal republic, who a few days ago said he was opposed to the destruction of the Johannesburg mines, has been dismissed by the authorities.

The Transvaal government is now issuing paper money. An influential delegation of Burghers called on President Kruger and urged him to surrender. He replied that the matter was now in the hands of the military commandants.

HAVE CROSSED THE VAAL. LONDON, May 26.—It is announced officially that the British have crossed the Vaal River. Every press dispatch received here indicates that the writers believe the end of war is in sight.

BOER MAGISTRATE SURRENDERS. NEW CASTLE, May 26.—Louis Koch, a Magistrate of the Free State, has surrendered. He says all the burghers in the Harrisville Vred district have returned to their farms and refuse to continue the fight. President Steyn will probably go northward, towards Laing's Nek, if he finds any followers.

RUSSIAN-JAPANESE CRISIS. VICTORIA, May 26.—A Russian-Japanese crisis is indicated by the news received from the Orient that following the naval manoeuvres, Japan will make the initial move, and make a demonstration against Russia.

CROSSING OF THE VAAL. LONDON, May 26.—Roberts' cables from Wovenbaek to-day: "The advance force cross the Vaal river on the Queen's birthday, near Pary's Hamilton's column, Boschbank and our scouts are now at Viljoen's Drift. The local mines are uninjured and are working as usual. There is no enemy this side of the river." Hunter reached Vryburg Thursday.

JULIAN RALPH'S MISFORTUNE. LONDON, May 26.—Julian Ralph, the noted war correspondent, arrived here to-day. He is invalided on account of injuries received in South Africa and will probably lose a leg.

BROOKLYN HANDICAP.

Ethelbert the Favorite in Today's Great Races.

By Telegraph to The News. NEW YORK, May 26.—The rich Brooklyn handicap will be run at 4:30 to-day in the presence of twenty-five thousand spectators. The sky is overcast, portending rain. There is the best field in the history of the event. The line up includes seventeen starters, all in fit condition. Ethelbert, the Metropolitan winner, is the favorite to 1 and 4 to 5 for place. Maher up.

DRUNKENNESS HIS EXCUSE.

By Telegraph to The News. WASHINGTON, May 26.—Jay G. Holland, charged with criminal libel of Senator Tallafiero, of Florida, has pleaded guilty before Justice Clabough and will be sentenced Tuesday. The case has been set for a hearing the 11th of June. Holland's confession was unexpected. He says he was under the influence of liquor when he made the charges.

TAYLOR GOES TO MICHIGAN.

By Telegraph to The News. ST. JOSEPH, Mich., May 26.—A prominent Republican here is in communication with W. S. Taylor, late claimant to the governorship of Kentucky, and as a result Taylor will visit here in search of health. He is suffering from nervous prostration and, fearing a general breakdown, wishes to recoup his health.

TRUST CUTS PRICE OF ICE.

By Telegraph to The News. NEW YORK, May 26.—The price of ice was reduced yesterday in the Harlem section of the city by the ice trust from sixty cents to forty cents a hundred, in consequence of the fight in the court and the attacks by the newspapers.

BOXERS DEFEAT EMPEROR'S SOLDIERS.

By Telegraph to The News. PEKIN, May 26.—The Boxers to-day attacked and defeated a force of imperial cavalry near Pas-Ling-Fu. The cavalry lost the colonel killed and seventy men killed and wounded.

MILL MAN STABBED.

Atrocious Murder of Mr. John L. Odell at Bessemer City.

News reached Charlotte last night of a terrible murder at Bessemer City, in which a well known cotton mill man lost his life.

Mr. John L. Odell, a nephew of the wealthy cotton mill owner, Capt. J. M. Odell of Concord, has been for some time boss weaver in the Southern cotton mills at Bessemer City. Mr. Odell this week discharged C. M. Davis, an employe. Yesterday Davis was around the mills and entered the weave room several times. At last Odell put him out forcibly. He came back and had some hot words with Odell. Before Odell knew what he was doing, Davis drew a knife and stabbed Odell in the neck severing the jugular vein. As soon as he saw the blood spurt from his victim's neck, the murderer fled. Odell staggered to the door and ran out after his assailant. The blood was flowing freely from the stab, and in a moment he realized that the wound was probably fatal and started to the drug store. Just as he got across the railroad he fell stone dead.

The deceased was a nephew of Capt. J. M. Odell, one of the principal owners of the Bessemer City Mill. He was about thirty years old, and leaves a wife and several children who reside in Salisbury.

A gentleman who came up from Bessemer this morning says there is a feeling of intense indignation against the murderer, who was caught by a posse and placed in the guard house last night. There are even threats of lynching; but it is thought the law will be allowed to take its course.

ECLIPSE.

Charlotteans Will See the Astronomical Event.

The Seaboard eclipse special promises to be a great success. Interest in the eclipse is alive today, and Ticket Agent Kirby is booking folks for Wadesboro. The special leaves Monday morning at 5 o'clock. Tickets will be sold tomorrow afternoon and night as well as today.

The following telegram received this morning by Mr. Kirby from the agent at Wadesboro is published for the information of those who wish to go to Wadesboro: "Observatory grounds are all up in the city. None at the silk mill. Extensive preparations have been made for viewing the eclipse."

Among those who will go are: Rev. A. L. Barron and family; Rev. H. P. Chreitberg and family; Rev. C. B. King and party from Elizabeth College; Dr. C. L. Alexander and party; Mr. J. M. Miller, J. A. Bivins, John W. Jenkins and many others.

PLAGUE IN MANILA.

Government Corral Quarantined - Sailors Terrified by Crime.

By Telegraph to The News. MANILA, May 26.—The government corral at Manila has been quarantined. There are four suspected cases of bubonic plague among the teamsters who are in filthy dwellings which will be burned.

Since the murders on board the steamer "El Cano" by the native crew, the coast-wise captains have been fearful of repetitions of this crime and have requested the authorities to furnish soldiers to guard their steamers. This request has been denied. Three commercial steamers are now in port, the Spanish captains refusing to sail unprotected, and others intend to imitate them.

WHO ARE THE "INVINCIBLES?"

By Telegraph to The News. NEW YORK, May 26.—The Lucania with the Irish Invincibles, Fitzharris and Mullet, was sighted this morning. They will be at the pier at noon.

REBEL GOVERNOR CAPTURED BY AMERICANS.

By Telegraph to The News. MANILA, May 26.—Colonel Padilla, the rebel governor of Nueva Ecija, was captured during the recent fighting there, and is in jail here.

STREET CAR STRIKE EPIDEMIC.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 26.—The street car employes have recently organized here and already there is talk of a strike, following the examples of the strikers in Kansas City and St. Louis. The men here work 14 hours per day.

A QUIET RAILROAD.

CHICAGO, May 26.—The Burlington Railroad has abolished the ringing of bells and blowing of whistles, except in emergencies, along the elevated tracks in this city.

HOME FOR AGED NEGROES.

WORCESTER, Mass., May 26.—Subscriptions have been received in goodly number by the Lucy Stone Club, to a fund for the purpose of building a home for aged women and orphans of the colored race.

ANGLO-AMERICAN ALLIANCE.

LONDON, May 26.—Elisa Grace, daughter of M. P. Grace, of New York, and Herbert Beaumont, of Bretton Hall, were married to-day at St. Peter's, Eaton Square.

LAST DAY OF RACES

Charlotte's May Carnival Comes to a Close at 12 o'clock To-Night.

THE BATTLE OF CONFETTI.

This is Everybody's Night on the Midway, and There Will be a Glad and Merry Reel—Roscoe, George and "Holy Moses" to Leave Us.

The Midway closes tonight. As Happy Hi Hubbard says this is "every body's night." Five thousand doggers were gotten out this morning announcing this fact, so you see the invitations are general. The Elks hope there will be no regrets. They put up the stuff—about \$2,000—to give Charlotte the carnival, and they have to rely on reciprocity in trade as a preventive to getting in a financial hole.

The attendance has been magnificent when the skies would allow, but it has rained on the just and the unjust in the Midway as it has in other places. But for this the Elks' treasury would have had a handsome surplus. As it is they see their way out of the woods, and are happy accordingly. The crowd last night was as large as the night before, and every body in the same good humor. As soon as dark comes every one is irresistibly drawn to the Midway. There is a fascination about it that could not be resisted nor overcome. It's the jolliest place in the world. Each attraction attracts as the "magnet did the silver churn."

The crowd is not the least of the attractions. Everybody goes to meet everybody else. The Streets of India draw well always. The tumblers in them are as fine as split silk. They did wonderful things last night. After you have seen your friends from India, a gentleman from the Orient says "Holy Moses" to you as you come from the tent, which is a reminder to you to ride the camel. "Holy Moses" and "Queen," the big elephant, make their part of the money for the big show. Queen carries eight people at one time. The ride is delightful. The sensation is that of a gentle rock or swing in a hammock. There isn't a jolt nor a jar. It's ten cents a ride, and the distance is short, consequently the dimes are many that find their way into the elephant's trunk.

Queen is a very interesting individual. She was born and reared in India. She first appeared in public in the zoological gardens in London. There Queen Victoria saw her and made a pet of her. She rode her frequently, and fed her daily with sweet-meats. When James G. Blaine was in London he saw Queen—named for Queen Victoria. On his return to this country he told Adam Forepaugh to get the elephant for his show. He did so, and this was the beginning of Queen's career in America. William Worthington was her first trainer. He and Queen were great friends. She manifested her affection for him in many ways. During his final illness she was taken often to see him, when he died she placed the earth on his coffin, with her trunk. Mr. Worthington was buried in Canton, Ohio.

THE GENUINE ARTICLE.

Those who have thought they were seeing the real couchee-couchee, have not, it seems. The Elks committee thought best not to allow it until the last night. It will be given tonight, for the first time.

DOC WADDELL.

Known on the Midway as "The man of the Whip," is one of the cleverest of the clever. Officially he is the press agent and railroad contractor. He writes well and talks better. He is known as the best long distance talker in the show business. He has a tremendous voice and durability of tonal capacity. He has a fine brown eye, perfect teeth, good features and a pleasant countenance withal. He grew up with the show business, beginning as peanut vender when a lad. He has been with Barnum, Buffalo Bill and all the big shows of the country. He is an educated man and exceedingly interesting. He won the sobriquet of "The Man of the Whip," from the fact that he always carries a whip. "I eat with it, sleep with it and am not happy without it," he says. Every year the company gives him a new whip. He labels the old one and files it away. The whip he is at present carrying is of Mexican leather.

MARRIED.

Mr. W. B. McCready and Mrs. Addie Cochran, were married night before last at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. C. E. Sikes, on north Broadway street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. C. Holland assisted by Rev. T. A. Sikes. A number of friends witnessed the ceremony. The groom is night fireman at the Observer, and the bride was employed in the Observer Printing House. They both have many friends.

FARMERS' MUTUAL.

Result of Meeting at Court House To-Day.

CUT BY A CIRCULAR SAW.

The committee of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, on withdrawal from the State Association, met this morning at the court house. The result of the meeting is told in the following:

The Mecklenburg Branch of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association of North Carolina; "Your committee appointed to consider the advisability of withdrawing from the State Association and forming an independent county association, respectfully report that an important meeting of the State Association was held in Raleigh on the 2nd of March in which the branch associations were largely represented. At this meeting N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh, was elected president, J. W. Davis, of Tarboro, vice president and A. E. S. Lindsey, of Raleigh, secretary and treasurer.

"The office of state agent was abolished. The by-laws were overhauled and revised and most of the features objectionable to the Mecklenburg branch were eliminated and the fees paid to the State association were reduced to less than one third of those heretofore to the State agent. Article 2, section 5 of the new by-laws provides that a board of directors consisting of one member from each branch shall be the governing body of the association, and shall make and change all by laws rules and regulations governing the association and its branches and do and perform such duties as may be necessary for a proper conduct of the business under the charter. In view of the improvements made by the new organization and of the probability of an independent county association having to pay the \$200, tax required of insurance companies, your committee respectfully recommend that the new organization be given a trial before taking further steps to withdraw from the State Association.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE.

Pupils to Meet in Morning at 10:15 - Commencement Week.

The pupils of the college are requested to meet at the college to-morrow morning at 10:15 o'clock, to attend church in a body to hear the baccalaureate sermon. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. Fair at the First Presbyterian Church to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

The Alumnae Association will hold its annual meeting in the college chapel on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. There will be appropriate exercises in connection with this meeting. All students of the old institute and college under its different managements are earnestly invited to be present. As the college is now taking on new life, it is hoped that there will be a full attendance.

BASE BALL.

Charlotte's White and Colored Teams both Get Beat.

Bingham did what she pleased yesterday with Charlotte on the baseball diamond. The score, 10 to 2 tells the tale. "Our Jones" had been to the Midway, and had lost the use of his brave right arm, so Bingham batted him all over the earth. The Charlotte boys were outplayed all round. Summary: Earned runs, Bingham 2, Charlotte 1; two base balls, Van Pelt, Le Grande, Reed, 2; three base hits, Weaver to Van Pelt; bases on balls, by Jones 1; struck out, by Jones 2, by Winston 6; umpires, Weddington and Gallagher. Bingham made five runs in one inning. The team that was labeled "Charlotte," was not the regular Charlotte team. It was a scrub team gotten up for the 20th games. The regular team begins work in June.

COLORED BALL.

St. Augustine, of Raleigh, did Bidle University up in great shape this morning. The score was 14 to 6 in favor of St. Augustine. Another game will be played this afternoon.

TO DAVIDSON COLLEGE.

Davidson College commencement next week will attract many of Charlotte's debutantes of next season. Mrs. George E. Wilson is to chaperone a charming party composed of: Misses Annie Wilcox, Nettie Dockery, Page Carter, Mary Irwin, Faye Ross, Rebecca Chambers, Hattie Orr, Willie Durant, Rena Johnson, of Wilmington; Mollie Cohen, of Savannah, and Edith Adams, of Gastonia. Miss Midge McAden will also be with Mrs. Wilson.

DEATH OF A CHILD.

Jessie, the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kirkpatrick, died this morning at 10 o'clock, at their home 803 South Broadway street. The funeral services take place tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. The interment will be at Elmwood.

LT. WASHINGTON TO MARRY.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Griffith have received an invitation to the marriage of Miss Genevieve Fuller Clement and Lieutenant Thomas Washington, U. S. N. The ceremony takes place on June 12th at 4 p. m. Morrow, Ohio. Lieutenant Washington is a first cousin of Mrs. Griffith.

KILLED BY A SAW.

Venerable Brother Andrew, a Lay Brother at Belmont, Meets Frightful Death.

CUT BY A CIRCULAR SAW.

The Saw Broke and a Portion of it Struck the Priest Under the Left Shoulder, Severing the Main Artery Leading to the Heart.

The Catholics at Belmont are having more than their share of catastrophes. Another, and a most distressing one, closed the week for them to-day. Venerable Brother Andrew, O. S. B., was killed by the breaking of a circular saw which broke while he was sawing a piece of wood. He and several workmen went to the saw mill, which is a short distance from the Monastery, about 7 o'clock. Brother Andrew began sawing a large log, part of the lumber to be used in the rebuilding of the burnt monastery. He was intently at work, when, just at 8 o'clock, the saw broke and a portion of it struck him with terrific force under the left shoulder, penetrating deep into his body and severing the main artery leading to the heart. Those at work with him rushed, terror stricken, to Bishop Haid and the Fathers. They were at the dying brother's side in an instant. Everything possible was done, but "vain was the help of man."

The life blood of the brother-priest was flowing fast. He spoke only once or twice and died in ten minutes after receiving the fatal stroke. He breathed his last surrounded by his brothers in the church and amidst the sounds of their voices in prayer for him. The accident was a fearful shock to the Bishop and the priests. Brother Andrew was greatly beloved by them all. He was one of the best-hearted, kindest men imaginable. He was a native of Germany and came to this country 20 years ago. He was a lay brother in the Catholic church, and had been at Belmont for 14 years. He had charge of the electrical department, and looked after any work that came to his hand. He was devoted to his creed and his work for that creed, and all associated with him revered him. He was about 33 years old. The funeral services will take place to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock at Belmont.

PIANO AND VOICE.

Recitals at Both Colleges Last Night.

The recital given last night at Elizabeth College by Miss Katharine Seagle, assisted by Misses Dorothy Hains, Emma Hains, Jean Davis and Ruth McLinn, vocalists, was a musical treat. Miss Seagle is a brilliant pianist. She plays with exquisite skill and shows that she has been under a cultured master, such as Dr. Charles R. Fisher. Her rendition of Bach's prelude and fugue in minor; Chopin's Lento Assai and Andantino from Les Preludes; Beethoven's Sonata Op. 2, No. 3, and the Gavotte in D by Dr. Fisher displayed her power of interpreting and her brilliancy of execution. The work of the vocalists was also fine.

The recital at the Presbyterian College by Miss Kate Newell, assisted by Miss Dora Sater, also attracted a crowd of music lovers. Miss Newell is an accomplished musician. She is at home before the ivory, and in her selections of last night displayed musical touch and taste. Miss Sater charmed the audience with her sweet voice and ways.

AN INSURANCE MAP.

Mr. Thomas C. Matthews, official surveyor for the Sanborn-Terris Map Co., of New York, is in the city to make fire insurance maps of the city. These maps are used by the company and agents, the agent giving the map number the company refers to it and sees what kind of property they are insuring. The last map was made in 1896. Mr. Matthews and wife are boarding with Mr. John J. Elms on North College street.

CHURCH NEWS.

Rev. Dr. R. C. Reed, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Columbia, S. C., was here to-day on his way to Davidson College, where to-morrow night he is to preach the annual sermon before the Y. M. C. A. Dr. Reed was formerly pastor of the Second Presbyterian church in this city. He was cordially greeted to-day by all of his old parishioners whom he met.

RETURN THE FLOWERS.

Those who got flowers for the floral parade are asked to return them to the city hall Monday so they can be packed away for next year's parade. The flowers cost over \$200 and if preserved will save the city that much next year.

MISS LUCY JONES, OF ILLINOIS.

Misses Lucy Jones, of Illinois, and Louise Holt, of Burlington, who have been at Mr. W. E. Holt's left this morning.

CENSUS ENUMERATORS.

Leaving the Law From Census Enumerator Sossamon.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

Mecklenburg Camp Delegation to Louisville.

The Confederate Veterans leave Tuesday morning via the Southern, for Louisville, Ky., to attend the great Confederate reunion. The roster of representatives from Mecklenburg Camp is as follows:

J. R. Winchester, commander; J. M. Sims, lieutenant commander; J. R. Erwin, adjutant; C. W. Rivenbark, quartermaster; G. T. Thompson, chaplain; Dr. J. B. Alexander, historian; Miss Fernida Brier, sponsor; Miss Carrie Beall and Miss Kate Smith, maid of honor. J. Q. Alexander, W. E. Anderson, W. W. Andrew, Zeb Andrews, J. J. Black, W. R. Burwell, J. M. and J. S. Brown, A. J. Beall, H. Baruch, W. A. Berryhill, J. E. Caldwell, R. B. Cochran, T. L. Dulin, M. L. Davis, J. M. Davis, H. D. Duckworth, J. Earnhardt, J. W. Freeman, Wm. Garrison, W. L. Gallant, S. H. Hilton, R. B. R. J., and Smiley Hunter, J. F. Harris, D. P. Lee, R. C. C. McKinley, J. H. McClintock, A. H. McCombs, J. F. Orr, T. L. Ritch, T. Smith H. C. Severs, W. W. Severs, C. B. Sykes, I. W. Shields, A. A. Springs, D. L. Sample, John Thompson, Zac Taylor, L. J. Walker, C. H. Wolfe, Wm. White, J. B. Younger, H. C. Eccles, W. J. McCall, W. A. Owens, W. N. Peopie, Mrs. G. T. Thompson, Miss Harris will accompany the Veterans.

SOCIAL.

The attendance at the Adams-Cochrane wedding will be: Miss Minnie Cochran, maid of honor; Mr. Geo. A. Costna, of Jacksonville, best man. Misses Effie Adams, Jacksonville; Julia Alexander; Bertie Summey and Lizzie Scott, brides maids; Messrs. Lawrence Menager, of Jacksonville, Clint Mayer, D. H. McCulough and Ed Ray, groomsmen. Messrs. W. E. Parker, Ed Harrill, Marshal Collins, B. A. Southland and M. M. Murphy, ushers. Ribbon girls, Misses Mina Ray and Irene Johnson.

Mrs. Percy M. Thompson today issued invitations to an afternoon tea which she gives Tuesday in honor of her guest, Miss Moorman.

DR. STAGG AS ORATOR.

Rev. Dr. Stagg returned this morning from Clarkton, near Wilmington, where last night he delivered the address at the closing exercises of Clarkton High School. Dr. Stagg delivers the address at Converse College on June 4th. He also delivers a school address in Durham on June 21st.

ALL THE WAY FROM TORONTO.

A distinguished passenger on the vestibule this morning was Mr. T. Lindsay, secretary of the Astronomical Society of Toronto, Canada, who was en route to Wadesboro to witness the eclipse. This is Mr. Lindsay's first trip South. He brought a lot of astronomical paraphernalia with him.

MR. TEDDER WILL SPEAK.

At the Young Men's Christian Association tomorrow, Mr. J. K. Coit will address the men's meeting at 5 p. m., and Mr. D. Allen Tedder will speak to the boys at 2:30 p. m.

Prof Bivins leaves next week for Al-bemarle.