

SOME MARRIAGES

The Bitter Cold Does Not Stop This Enterprise.

Mr. W F Saider, a Charlotte boy, and Miss Ludie Ware were married today (Thursday) in Birmingham, Ala.

Dr. R L Ramsey and Miss Lena R Thompson, of Salisbury, will be married in the Lutheran church of that place on the 27th.

Mr. W V Goldberg, formerly of Charlotte, and Miss Caroline Konigsberg, will be married in Norfolk on the 28th.

Mr. W T Meadows and Miss Valie J Aiken, of Granville county were married on Wednesday.

Mr. R L Cochrane, a son of Mr. R E Cochrane, of Charlotte, and Miss Carrie Denton, of San Marcos, Texas, were married last Thursday. They will reside in San Marcos.

It Was Cold in No. 5.

Mr. Rufus Cook was in the city this morning. He says it was real cold in No. 5, in fact the coldest he has ever known it to be. In 1870 his thermometer registered 4 degrees below zero, and on last Friday morning it was down to 10 degrees below zero before daylight.

He tells of the sad fate of a brood of chickens. They did not freeze during the night, but about 10 o'clock in the day time they were fed and watered and about an hour later they all died. The water, he says, is supposed to have frozen inside of them, causing death.

Evil Effect.

Although the generous gift of Mr. D P Dayvault was appreciated and did no little amount of good to some, yet it had its evil effect. Quite a number of colored people congregated on the corners and streets today several of whom could not be hired to work, they having heard that the merchants of our city would give away food and provisions every day as long as the cold spell lasts. Some of them expected Cannons & Fetzer to put out a box of meat and flour today and let them scramble for it.

Of course this does not apply to a large number of our colored people, who are at work in season and out of season and who do not give up their time in loafing.

Firemen Paid by the Hour.

Ypsilanti, Mich., Feb. 13.—Samuel Graham, captain of hose company No. 2, was arrested this morning, charged with incendiarism.

For the past eighteen months fires, destroying vacant houses and outbuildings, have been frequent on the east side, and the fact that Capt. Graham's men were always ready to respond caused suspicion, which the police followed up. Charles M Walker last night made a confession implicating Capt. Graham was arrested and Freeman Archie Harrison. Graham was arrested but Harrison can not be found.

The mysterious fires ceased when several weeks ago the department was reorganized and the system of paying firemen by the hour for work performed was abolished. Graham declares that he is innocent.

Blind Tom's Owner Dead.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Gen. James Neil Bethune, a distinguished Georgian, who was the owner and for many years the manager of "Blind Tom," the famous negro pianist, died at his son's residence here today, aged 91 years. In recent years his home has been near Warrenton, Va., and he has been visiting his son during the past few months. In 1855 he lost a leg by a fall from a horse.

The remains will be taken tomorrow to Columbus, Ga., for interment beside those of his wife.

Late Ex-President Hayes' Son Sued.

Fremont, Ohio, Feb. 11.—Mrs. Adda M Smith has begun suit for \$25,000 damages against B A Hayes W C Hayes, R O Hayes, Scott R Hayes and Fanny Hayes, the sons and daughter of the late Ex-President R B Hayes, for permanent injuries claimed to have been received in a runaway caused by a large and fierce dog owned by the Hayes'.

The City of St. Augustine Not Yet Heard From.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 14.—The overdue steamer City of St. Augustine, from this port to New York, has not been heard of by her agents here since she was sighted on February 5th, off the South Carolina coast by a vessel bound to Savannah. Much uneasiness exists for her safety.

There is a merchant in Washington N. C., named Prizzle.

TO CUMULATE OR NOT.

The Fusionists Disarrange a Plan to Keep the Negro From Taking all the Offices.

Last night's joint caucus was a lively meeting. The bill prepared by the big five was presented and read.

It provides for five county commissioners to be elected by the people: the cumulative feature being a provision allowing each voter to vote one ballot for five commissioners or five ballots for one commissioner just as the voter prefers.

A few of the Ruds raged but the Skinner-Butler-Moody-Mott-Guthrie combine were in the saddle and they were riding the old Republican Nag at a break-neck speed.

Speeches were limited to three minutes, but nobody heard of the three minute rule after it was adopted. Mr. Skinner spoke nearly an hour in favor of the cumulative system. He confessed that two out of every three votes he received in the late election were colored votes, but while they might be competent to create a Congressman it would be dangerous to turn them loose in the different counties to elect magistrates and commissioners.

Moody got on the front seat with Skinner in the band wagon of cumulation and declared that Mott, who could see further into the future than any man in the Republican party, was cumulatist. Fortune offered a substitute providing for a board of audit composed of three members. He spoke a piece, but it was said that he himself scarcely knew where he was. Cox, of Pitt, the county from which Skinner hailed, was the first to show fight.

He wanted no cumulation in his. He fired some very hot shot into the Skinner camp, and reminded him of the fact that he would today be a common, ordinary Eastern North Carolina agitator, instead of a Congressman, or words to that effect, but for the colored vote. The caucus went on and on, and got warmer and warmer, while outside the wind blew colder and colder.—Raleigh Observer.

W. G. Pleasant Notes.

Mr. Pleasant is storing away ice for the coming milk shake and ice cream season.

Rev. Brown has been quite sick with grip, but is now improving and will resume his work soon.

Rev. Giles, pastor of the Methodist church, cut his foot severely a few days since.

Prof. Ludwig lectured to the students on "The Seasons" recently. His advice to the boys was "Never open your mouths unless you have something to say."

Rev. Geo. H Cox lectured recently before the ladies of the Seminary on the subject, "Some songs and their histories."

The Pi Sigma Phi Literary Society will give a public entertainment on the 15th inst.

Prof. Jas. H Rayhill, the celebrated elocutionist, is now teaching classes at the college and seminary. He has given several public readings and all are delighted with him.

Everybody grumbles about the weather, but it didn't seem to have much effect.

Mr. Louder had his waterless cooker on exhibition at Cook & Foll's the other day; all that saw and tasted of the result of its cooking were very much pleased with it, and the college boys thought that it would be a good thing to have in the college at late hours of the night as it is also an odorless cooker.

A certain young man called at the Seminary last Saturday and had to take his departure without his hat that article having been "hooked" by the girls. It is thought that the next thing they want will be pants.

It is Judge Graham.

Augustus W Graham, of Oxford, has been made judge. Gov. Carr appointed him Wednesday to fill the vacancy, caused by the resignation of Judge Winston.

Mr. Graham is the gentleman, whom Tom Settle defeated in the Fifth district for Congress at the last election.

Survivors Drift Fifty Miles. Galveston, Tex., Feb. 14.—A messenger from Kollover, a hamlet on the Gulf shore, reports the arrival there of David and Almond Berwick, who constituted the crew of the sloop Scandinavian, before reported capsized while en route from Orange to Galveston. A few Penner, a passenger was frozen to death. The survivors drifted fifty miles in an open skiff and landed at Kollover with hands and feet frozen. They state that the sloop capsized sixty miles off Sabin.

IS THERE FOUL PLAY?

A Man is Gone and There is Some Mystery About It.

Is there foul play? A man is missing and it is all a mystery.

Last week, a miner who has been doing some prospecting in No. 10, came in late and stopped at the Morris Hotel. He gave the clerk linen to send out to the laundry. He sat down and was playing dominoes until about 10 o'clock, when he got up and went out.

Nothing has been seen of him or heard of him since his exit at the Morris hotel.

His baggage and some other effects are now at the hotel. We do not publish his name for good reasons.

Has the man been murdered? or has he been lost in the snow storm? or did he go off on the train, but—Clerk Caldwell says he could not have reached the depot in time to take the train that night.

Mr. Robert Bost, of the Southern Railroad, was visiting his folks at Bost's Mills last week.

There has been fine weather for housing ice. Mr. E T Bost filled his house full, and had lots of it left.

Mr. Z V Howell is clerking for Mr. M Oglesby, of Harrisburg. The rabbits had a hard time last week. A party of hunters caught and killed 23 within a radius of one mile on last Wednesday.

Mr. M L Tucker moved his family to the factory in Concord last week. He would have moved sooner, but his little three-year-old son was so fearfully burned about six weeks ago that he could not be moved. The child is still in a critical condition.

Mr. Frank Stallings, of Stanly, has moved into the W A Joyner house at Joyner's Tarnout.

Work has begun at the Rocky River mine again. They have an abundance of water to contend with.

Mr. F P Smith has a ewe which gave birth to three fully developed lambs last week and they are all still living.

Mr. Tom Bost went to Monroe last week to attend the burial of Mr. John Steyens, his brother-in-law. (L)

Run Against an Iron-Clad.

Mr. A H Bigsby, a mechanic from Massachusetts, who has been putting in the machinery at the Cabarrus mill, left Thursday night. Mr. Bigsby has been working for the company who sent him here for several years, and has been in all parts of the United States, carrying with him his tool chest, always having it checked as he would a valise or any other baggage. He did not find it so easy to have it checked as baggage from this depot. No, indeed, Mr. Smith, the agent, said it was not baggage and would not check it. Mr. Bigsby had to leave his chest snipped by express. Of course it could not go otherwise unless Mr. Smith so authorized. Mr. Bigsby has been all over the South and North with his tool chest and says this is the first time he has been treated thus.

What He Did With Them. Mr. R M Kimmons of No. 3 has been doing something all this winter and all through this cold weather.

He has 3 cows, only part Jerseys; and these he has been caring for and the work has been profitable. All this bad weather he has selling butter an average of 30 pounds of butter per week, or at 15 cents only a return of \$4.50 per week. This is what he has been selling, besides retaining enough for the use of his family. This and the lots of milk does not enter into this estimate.

These 3 cows, in a year's time and at the cap't they are cutting, are worth more than 15 good acres of ground in cotton.

Effects of the Cold Snap.

The recent cold snap being so unlooked for by coal and wood dealers not only in Concord, has left them in the lurch as much so as the people. Mr. Craven Thursday telegraphed to Salisbury to a coal dealer, asking him if he could get some coal, and his reply was to the effect, that no coal was to be had in Salisbury.

We see in the correspondence of the Charlotte Observer from Greensboro, that the Graded Schools of that city have closed on account of scarcity of fuel.

Like cases are reported from all parts of the country.

As soon go kindle fire with snow

as seek to quench the fire of love with words.

TOWN AND COUNTY.

This Is the Time when All men can Show the practical part of religion.

The Legislature will sit out its full days.

A change in the programme—a "cow bailing" on the streets.

Miss Evvie Kime is quite sick at her home on Church street.

A certain young man made a bad break this morning, having fallen through the ice.

A young man who was visiting in the city wanted to borrow a wheelbarrow to roll himself to the depot.

The town fathers met Wednesday evening. What was done, was not out of the usual run.

Notwithstanding the very cold weather, the ice is not near so thick as might be expected.

Jim Long, Esq., sold something at public auction today at the courthouse door.

Mrs. W G Campbell, writing to a friend in the city from Mechanicsburg, Pa., says that they have not seen the ground since Christmas.

Mr. J L Graham, formerly of China Grove, but more recently of Mt. Holly, has gone into the furniture business at Newton, N. C.

Mr. John Baila, in two days hunting, hauled home 39 rabbits, 19 Tuesday and 20 Wednesday. There were no foxes among these rabbits.

The poet who feels that the beautiful snow is tempting, the muses to gush, will certainly check his melodious flow when tramping about in the slush.

The way Mr. D P Dayvault gets crates by the wagon loads at one shipment indicates that his hens and those of his customers are fine layers.

A Georgia coal dealer has decided to sell out and start a newspaper. He will run a gossip department under the caption: "By the Weigh."

At a meeting of the deacons of the First Presbyterian church Monday, the resignation of Mr. J W Burkhead, as treasurer, was accepted and Mr. B E Harris elected his successor.

Mr. J D Dencon, of the Bell telephone company, is in the city and will begin to put in a general local telephone system as soon as the weather is so that he can work.

It takes two men to see the vestibule train, it runs so fast; it required two thermometers to accommodate the recent weather, the mercury went so low.

We have an electrical devil. He handles type as glibly as he does fire from heaven. His name is Garah Bruton Caldwell, the boy that always cries when he gets beat at baseball.

To the very natural inquiry of a certain young man when wanting to get in a game "where do I come in?" about the only answer available seems to be: The Soup.

News came to town Wednesday evening that Mr. J B Winecoff, of No. 4, was not expected to live through the night. He has been homefast for over a month.

Susquehanna University has conferred the degree of Ph. D. on Prof. E E Campbell, president of Irving College, where Rev. W G Campbell is a professor and to whom he is a brother.

West Depot street was almost impassable Wednesday and early this morning, owing the general sleekness of things. Several horses fell. Draymen had to limit their loads and speed.

Now would be a good time for our Georgia friend to lay in a supply of snow balls and cracked ice to feed chickens on next summer in order to keep them from laying hard boiled eggs.

The town commissioners have requested the mayor to write Representative Hileman asking him to postpone his bill to change the charter of Concord until a statement and petition can be forwarded.

News and Observer: There is some trouble about the Directors of the Morganton Hospital. J R McBrayer, of Cleveland, is to be one. Dr. Mott wants to get on the Board, at Huffman, of Burke, opposes him and wants Sharpe, of Iredell. Wilkes claims a member, and there is a contest between John Quincy Adams Bryna and Ruff Henderson.

How about the mule that had its eye cut out at the depot?

Amelie Rives Chandler has the rheumatism. She will go to Texas.

We haven't had any snow this winter.

The 6 per cent interest bill passed the House on Thursday.

The polls for the telephone exchange have all been selected.

Concord has pork packers. Every market man has a sausage grinder.

The stock of general merchandise of Mr. O G Montgomery has been purchased by Mr. John P Allison, who will continue the business.

The rising of the temperature, if you will excuse one more allusion to the weather, was gratefully observed.

Generous hearted Mr. Crowell, of the Fenix Flour Mill, refused to sell any of his wood, but kindly hauled it to a large number of people.

The merchants jubilee in Charlotte is in progress. It was quite a success, both financial and otherwise.

The weather report for today and tonight is snow, with fair and colder tomorrow.

Mr. J K Patterson has a fresh milk cow for sale. The cow is part Jersey, and a fair milker.

Ell Nye was on a crippled boat. If he'd leave off his picture, his account of it would be readable.

The Southern Railway men have given their employes an answer in a long pamphlet relative to the demand for the restoration of old wages.

We can't write poetry about the snow. That our readers all know. But the prosaic man in all this world is Henry L. Propp—who has a girl.

Some women talk of owing other women a call in the same way that men say they owe some one else a grudge.

The difference 'twixt the shepherd and the men who writes the news, is that the latter uses the pens.

The former pens the ewes. Maj. Lee, of Greenwood, S. C., has been making a preliminary survey for a railroad from Winston-Salem, to Columbia, S. C., via Salisbury. He represents the Florida Central and Peninsula Railroad Company, says the Sentinel.

Prof. J Noon Ingram, of No. 10 and California, is now in Louisville, Ky. He sends us the Evening Post, which tells of two lectures he delivered there. He took the people by storm.

There are boys in this town who walking up a steep, slippery hill for the sake of sliding down in a sled on the ice call it fun. The same ones think it terrible to carry in some wood.

Mr. James F Dayvault, who for some time has been with his brother Mr. D P Dayvault, of this city, is now in Morganton, doing a mercantile business of his own. He has the best wishes of our people for success.

General Lucius Fairchild, past commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. and commander-in-chief of the Loyal Legion of the United States, was given a reception yesterday in St. Paul, Minn., by Governor Clough, both houses of the Legislature, taking recess to pay their respects.

Assignee Ritchie of the S J Lowe Company informs the public that the doors of the store are now open and the goods must be sold. Now is your time to secure fine bargains in all lines of goods. \$15 ft.

No. 10 has lost one of its citizens, who has gone to Charlotte to live. His name is Henry Muse. There is another Muse in No. 10, his name is Charley that Charlotte will never get until the gold in No. 10 is moved to Charlotte soil.

Mr. James Heglar, of No. 11, died Friday night. He has been afflicted with paralysis for several years. Mr. Heglar was aged about 65 years. He was the father of Equire A F Heglar. Mr. Heglar was a good man and had the respect of all who knew him. To the bereaved ones the sympathy of the community is extended.

To Whom it May Concern. Any one having sewing machines or organs out of repair, before swapping or buying, call and see me. I can make them as good as new. Parts furnished if needed. I can give good reference if wanted. If your machine has been running five years it needs cleing and re-adjusting, or if it has been running twenty-five years I can make it as good as new at a nominal cost.

D. W. SNIDER. Sewing machine and organ repairer, Concord, N. C. Residence on Church street, near jail. See sign.

DEATH OF ISAAC GRAY.

He Had Been Attacked by Double Pneumonia—in a City of Mexico Hospital.

City of Mexico, Feb. 14.—United States Minister Isaac Gray arrived here from the United States this morning. He was immediately removed to the American Hospital and Dr. Lyceaga and Gray examined him and held a consultation. At 5 o'clock they pronounced his case hopeless. Death may come at any hour. Mrs. Gray and Baynard Gray, her son, are in constant attendance upon the dying man. Great sympathy is felt with them throughout the official circle and the diplomatic corps.

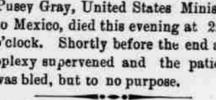
Minister Gray Dead. Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 14.—Pierre Gray, son of Minister to Mexico Gray, received a telegram at 10 o'clock tonight saying that the minister had died at 7 o'clock.

Proxely Shortly Before the End. City of Mexico, Feb. 14.—Isaac Pusey Gray, United States Minister to Mexico, died this evening at 2:10 o'clock. Shortly before the end apoplexy supervened and the patient was bled, but to no purpose.

The Bell Telephone. Mr. Huit, of Richmond, Va., a representative of the Bell Telephone Company, was in the city soliciting subscribers to the exchange in progress here. It is an assured thing, Mr. Huit having secured fifteen subscribers. This will be convenient and serviceable to our citizens. Where the exchange will be placed is not yet known. A lady will be put in charge.

Death of a Noted Crank. Francis Key Dunlap, the most picturesque and remarkable of the many human freaks and cranks who frequent Washington, died last night. He was a member of an aristocratic Georgetown family, but went insane years ago. His insanity was of harmless type. His trousers, with the cloth at the heels cut away to expose shoes with high pointed heels. He wore boards in the shoulders of his coat, giving his body a square appearance. His shirt was ruffled and his cuffs came to his finger tips, while he wore an immense Byronic collar and flaming red necktie. His hair was dyed black and brushed forward. He hated the sight of the street car.—Washington Dispatch.

OLD vs. NEW



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The Observer CHARLOTTE, N. C.

A correspondent informs the Statesville Landmark that in Alexander county on the 11th a little child of John Mayberry was accidentally burned to death.

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Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

GEN. BARRINGER'S WILL, ALL SORTS.

Mrs. Barringer and Mr. John E. Oats Joint Executrix and Executor—The Will Probed Today.

Gen. Rufus Barringer's will was probed at the courthouse today. It says: Having therefore advanced to my son, Paul B Barringer, some \$18,000, and having also settled upon Margaret L Barringer and our son Osmond L Barringer, each, certain property amounting in value to about the amount advanced to my said son Paul, and having advanced to my son Rufus C Barringer all I intended for him, subject to certain contingencies, to be hereafter particularly set forth I now bequeath, etc., the balance of my estate as follows:

Item one, Gen. Barringer requests all his family portraits, memorials, records, curious, rare books, and special objects of art and skill to be kept in his family residence, after to be divided among his descendants.

Item 2, provides for the distribution of his furniture among his family.

Item 3, directs that his contributions to church and charity be continued.

Item 5, provides for preservation and care of the family plot in Elmwood.

Item 6, bequeaths to the Second Presbyterian church \$500.

Item 7, gives Mrs. S M Chunn and her four daughters \$500.

Item 8, gives Mecklenburg Camp, Confederate Veterans \$500.

Item 9, gives Company F, Cabarrus county \$500.

Item 10, gives the Literary and Library Association \$500.

Item 11, gives all the rest of his estate to his wife and his two sons, Paul and Osmond in equal shares. In case Rufus C Barringer is restored to his proper mind he is to have \$3,000 annually during his natural life.

Margaret L Barringer and John E Oats are joint executrix and executor. Gen Barringer's estate is valued at \$100,000.—Charlotte News.

Mr. Misenheimer's Will. I gave the devise to my mother, Delilah Misenheimer, for life, with remainder after her death, to my nephew, Charles A Barnhardt, a fee simple, all my real estate wheresoever situate, with the store rooms, Nos. 316 and 321, North Tryon street, subject to a charge on said real estate of \$100, which my nephew shall pay to his mother, Mrs. Eliza J Elizabeth Barnhardt; also a further charge of \$100 which shall be paid to my sister, Mary Jane Sloop, wife of Luther Sloop, all three of the payments to be made upon the termination of the life estate devised to my mother. I also give to my mother, absolutely, all of my personal estate and effects, with full power to use and dispose of the same. My mother, Mrs. Delilah Misenheimer, is appointed executrix, and is authorized to pay the debts of the estate.

LAWSON A. MISENHEIMER [This is the will of Mr. L A Misenheimer, whose death we recorded some time ago.]

Some Deaths Here and There. Mrs. Uriah Matthews, of Dallas, died Wednesday morning at the age of 76 years. She leaves a husband 84 years old.

Andrew Fullenwider, familiarly known as "Old Uncle Andy," was burned to death in his little home in Dallas, N. C. He was a highly respected old colored man and said to have been 125 years old.

Mrs. J A Ratchford died suddenly last Friday night as Gastonia. She was in her usual health the evening before.

It Has Wandered. A cow was taken up and is cared for by a colored woman near the roller mill. It is a brindle, muley, milk cow, and the owner can get the cow on application and pay for feeding and advertising.

At London yesterday about 300,000 pounds in gold were shipped for the United States.

Snow was falling at New Orleans at midnight, and at San Antonio, Tex., it was an inch deep on the ground last night.

I. D. Phillips, of Nashville, was elected president of the Southeastern Druggists' Association at Atlanta yesterday