

in the lower township this county, and Union county Saturday evening. It was a "gully washer."

Mr. L. Luther Patterson and Miss Minnie G. Foutz were married Sunday morning. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Paul Burroughs at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Columbus Foutz, of No. 6 township.

Mr. A. N. McNinch, who has been in declining health for some time, has gone to Baltimore for medical treatment. He will be the guest of his daughter, Mrs. John Hutchinson, while there.

At a congregational meeting held at St. John's church on Sunday last, Rev. Sidney D. Steffey, of Blue Ridge, Spring, Va., was unanimously elected to become pastor. We understand that Mr. Steffey will accept the call.

A little boy was on his knees, in his blue night dress, saying his prayers and trying to resist the temptation to tickle the sole of his feet. He stood it along a few moments and then said: "Please, God, excuse me while I knock the stink out of Nellie."

Mrs. William Propst and Dr. R. S. Young were called to Lexington Sunday morning to attend the bed side of Master Willie Trox, Mrs. Propst's grandson, who is in a critical condition and for whom life very little hope is entertained. He is slightly better today.

Saturday last while the bands had stopped work for dinner on the brick yard of J. Shute & Co., at Monroe, an old boiler exploded, killing two men, one the engineer, and a woman. The other man who was killed, was in the attempt of lighting a cigarette at the engine.

Thomas Stevens, a young man and an operative at the Cannon Cotton Mills, got into some trouble with Tom Rogers Monday afternoon. Stevens was before Mayor Morrison and was fined \$10. He paid the fine and was released.

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. James' Evangelical Lutheran church have decided to serve strawberries, iced cake, etc., on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brown next Tuesday night. The public is hereby fairly warned and it is hoped that they will govern themselves accordingly.

Little Miss Mary Ella Cannon is a zealous worker in the cause of raising money for the erection of monuments or head stones to the Confederate dead in the cemetery in Winchester, Va. She managed to raise fifteen dollars on Saturday. Do not forget the concert at Judge Montgomery's tomorrow night for this cause.

Rev. M. D. Gibbs of Mt. Pleasant, will assist Rev. M. A. Smith in the meetings at Forest Hill tonight and tomorrow night. Prayer meetings are held every afternoon at 4 o'clock. Large congregations attend each meeting and much interest is manifested.

The 6-month old child of Mr. and Mrs. John Creech, of Cannonville, died Monday afternoon of cholera infantum. Rev. A. H. McCullough conducted the funeral services from S. Andrews' church today (Tuesday) at 10 o'clock and the remains were interred at Rocky Ridge.

Children's Day was observed at Central Methodist church Sunday night. The program consisted of songs, recitations and addresses. The songs were very beautiful and the recitations and addresses were highly interesting. The entire program was well rendered and every feature of it was full of interest.

Faust, the big dog that was shot five times by Dr. L. M. Archey a week or more ago in order to save the life of his own dog, is dead, having died Sunday morning. Faust was brought here several months ago from Washington, D. C., where he had been for medical treatment. He was a fine dog, but very vicious.

Mrs. Martha Hathcock, wife of Sidney Hathcock, a resident of Forest Hill, died suddenly Saturday afternoon at the home of her father, Vernon Lyles, in No. 9 township. She had been sick for some time, but was feeling better and was preparing to come to town when she took violently ill and died.

Parties coming in the Atlanta train this (Monday) morning tell of a destructive fire that is sweeping that city. The Markham House, at the Union shed, and a block on either side have burned down and when the train pulled out Sunday night the fire was not under control. No estimate as to loss could be obtained, but it is immense—a half million dollars more or less.

If people would grumble and make their complaints concerning the bad management of the water supply to the City Waterworks party, instead of to the Standard, who would get more water after satisfaction. But as the Standard is on the run all the time and the waterworks are

going to a stock company.

A frog was placed on the old side track at the depot for the trains to run over. The frog doesn't even grunt when it is burdened with the weight of a heavily loaded train.

News has reached the city to the effect that a woman in a certain part of Cabarrus county recently gave birth to a glass baby. Both the woman and baby are living and doing well.

There was an interesting meeting of the Epworth League of Central Methodist church Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Kimmons, on North Main street.

The children of the First Presbyterian church are practicing a programme of songs and recitations to be rendered on Children's Day, the last Sunday in this month. It will be quite interesting.

Brown Bros. baggage wagon met evening. It was loaded with heavy trucks, when the front axle broke, and the driver and trucks were precipitated to the ground.

Every one who goes from the city to spend their vacation this summer, if only for a few days, should leave an order for THE STANDARD to visit them. Only 10 cents per week or 35 cents per month.

Fire broke out about 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon on the cotton platform at Charlotte, destroying 21 bales of cotton belonging to Heath, Reid & Co. It is supposed that the cotton was fired by a spark from a passing engine.

The meeting at Bay's chapel is yet in progress, and will continue during this week. Rev. W. M. Robins, of China Grove, circuitriding, made good preaching, souls are being saved and much interest is manifested in the meeting. Services every morning and evening at 8 o'clock.

The high tea given last evening by Mrs. Dr. Houston was a very pleasurable occasion. Misses Lucy Richmond and Jessie Young assisted the excellent hostess at receiving the guests who were met at the door with a welcome by the amiable little Miss Mary Young, Misses Willie Richmond, Mary Montgomery, Jessie Richmond, Jessie Young and Seville B. Erwin.

Misses Young and Seville B. Erwin negotiated the guests (about one hundred in number) in the dining room to enjoy the unsurpassed hospitality of the hostess.

• WELL CHOSEN. •

Mr. W. J. Smith, Mr. Patterson's Successor. •

One chosen to succeed the late Mr. Frank Patterson as secretary and treasurer of the Patterson Manufacturing Company at China Grove could not have been a better man than Mr. W. J. Swink, formerly of this city, but now of the State of Stanley with headquarters at Albemarle. Mr. Swink is a thorough business man and is the right man in the right place. Mr. Swink will conduct himself into his new business about the 1st of June and will make his home at China Grove. Everybody knows "Bill" Swink and his capabilities and we wish him success and pleasure to his departure.

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The new board of county commissioners will pay the registrars who serve in November, 1886, election, and I think it almost certain that the people of Cabarrus will next November elect a board of county commissioners who will pay out no money except upon legal authority, and the Democratic administration would do well to restrain their misguided zeal and extend their sympathy to those of us who are determined to put a stop to paying out money without legal authority.

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The town of Concord is under Democratic rule and while you have fixed the pay of these men a \$150 per day is as much right, so far as the law of No. 2 Carolina is concerned to make the compensation \$10 per day.

I am afraid, Mr. Editor, that the zeal manifested by your parishioners, many of whom (although intelligent men) have acknowledged in me they had never seen the law, has led them to strain at "straws and swallow camels," or while (although you had no law for it) except one of your own making you paid out \$175 for holding your town election and the commissioners are paid a sum against the Populist Legislature, they sit by calmly and seriously and say the tax payers of Concord (paid off \$10,000) for the lights without once protesting against it, and why? Simply because the town is a strict Democratic town.

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iniquity, without taking the trouble to read section 50 of the election law enacted by the last legislature.

The only law now upon our statute books concerning the compensation of election officers is contained in acts 1885, chapter 189, section 50, which is as follows:

"That the registrars shall receive one cent for each name copied from the original registration book and three cents for each new name registered. Every sheriff, or other returning officer, shall be allowed \$150 per day for the time actually and necessarily employed, and ten cents per mile for distance travelled, for making the returns for Senators; sixty cents for giving certificates to representatives to the general assembly and to the senators whose district is a single county, all to be paid by the county treasurer upon the affidavit of the returning officer. Clerks and Registrars of Deeds shall also be allowed the usual record and registration fees for recording and making duplicates of the election returns to be made by them."

This is the whole law as to the pay of registrars and other officers of election. It will be observed that the judges of election are given no compensation at all by law.

To my Democratic friends who are disposed to criticize the above law as emanating from the brains of Populist fanatics, I beg to say that before they publicly parade their ignorance further they would do well to carefully pursue the good old Democratic election law as contained in Code N. C. Vol. II, section 2724, which is exactly the same as the odious section 50 of act 1885 quoted above, with the exception of a single letter. The old law contains the word "register," the new law contains the plural "registrars."

Any蠢蠢, fair-minded person of average intelligence who will have the honesty to read these laws side by side will be forced to admit that the Populist Legislature of 1885 has not increased the cost of elections. Hard elections are conducted as prescribed by said election law of the State of North Carolina. This law does increase the registrars from one to three, but under the old law the registrar was required to keep his book open for thirty days, under the new law he is only required to keep the book open all told, only seven days. Now for the sake of argument (which however is not true) grant that each registrar will be paid \$100 per day, you pay under the new law for twenty-one days against thirty days under the old law. See where you are.

And it is a mistake to suppose that the law requires all three registrars to sit together on all these days. For proof of this, please read section 8 of act 1885, chapter 189.

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We are no "lawyer" or "sheriff," but we have you trusty Populists by the tail and will occasionally squeeze it. Just hold your base until we make the fourth strike, when in November next, it will be seen that the cost of holding the county election will not be less than \$450 without including the cost of the new boxes.

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EDITOR STANDARD—When you assumed control of THE STANDARD you assumed control of your editorial policy. It is evident in your paper as in reading it, that you do not want any newspaper to represent you, but gives us this bundle of Populist rot just for the sake of argument." As to the people of the city of Concord being fair minded, there is no question, and as the city administration is composed of men of good Democratic brains and conservatism, the people of Cabarrus are too intelligent and fair-minded not to be like THE STANDARD's statements when it is a fact that this year's city election cost the town just \$120 more than it did in 1885, under the old system, and when we print them as they are proven we trust them to be facts in this matter. No one has been misled by the stories spreading in THE STANDARD, but Mr. Sims told a reporter that he did not want such an impression to get out of town."

To his Democratic friends he does not want them to believe that such laws emanated from the brains of the Populist fanatics, but in vain. The dear people of Concord and Cabarrus know that nothing whole some for a well conducted government can't emanate from a party without principle and that no combination with one far inferior in some respects—principle, at any rate. He cites you to where only one letter was added which says "register," instead of "registrars," but this is all the change it has made? That is exactly where the cost comes in and he is very, very blind who cannot see it and comprehend it. Under the old system the law called for one registrar, who was to hold the registration book open for thirty day, but he was not required to keep that book by his name and remain at any one specified place except on the Saturday preceding and the day of election, when he met three judges, and the remuneration for such services amounted to about \$2 above the one and three cents fee provided for in said section he cites as regards registration and in addition to what was paid judges. Registrars and judges received compensation for their services under the old law, but they only served in "holding an election" two days and were paid \$2 for two days' work; now they serve seven days at the voting place and will justly demand pay for seven days' work.

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Yes, and any candid, fair-minded person of average intelligence who will have the honesty to read these laws side by side will be forced to admit that the contaminated Legislature of 1885, has increased the cost of elections, if said elections are conducted as prescribed by law, for any fair-minded person can see that if there was no provision made for paying this extra sum to registrars, there is no law prohibiting the commissioners from paying them, and justice demands that they should be paid for their services.

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