

—The graded schools will be closed all next week for Christmas.

—Messrs. J. W. Carter and M. C. Power, representing the Atlanta Constitution, are in the city.

—It is rumored that there will be some changes in Concord hardware stores January 1.

—Mr. J. F. Newell, who is now taking a special course at Rutherford College, is at home for Christmas.

—There will be a Christmas service at the Reformed church on Christmas night. The public is cordially invited.

—Col. Paul B. Means and bride returned Wednesday morning from a visit of about three weeks to Houston, Texas.

—The Times office will be open every day next week except Christmas day, and the editor will be on hand to write receipts.

—We begin this week publishing the names of those who have paid their subscriptions. We shall publish a list each week of those who have paid during the week.

—Mr. A. F. Hileman, our representative, went to Raleigh last week on business connected with the new Pop. paper, in Raleigh. He is one of the stockholders.

—We shall issue a paper next week as usual. It has been our custom to miss an issue or print only a half sheet Christmas week. We shall print a full paper next week as usual.

—Dr. John F. Reed, who has been in New York for several months has returned to Concord, and we learn will make his home here. Concord welcomes him back.

—Miss Nannie Alexander will, on January 1, move her millinery store into Morrison, Lentz & Co's store. Mr. Fred Swink will occupy Miss Alexander's stand as a beef market.

—Mr. Herbert Smith, overseer of the chain gang, was married last night to Miss Ethie Cook, daughter of Mr. A. M. Cook, of No. 4. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. W. Smith.

—All the newly elected officers except Mr. L. T. Earnhardt, gave their bonds. Mr. Earnhardt failed to do so, and the county commissioners elected the present Democratic Surveyor, Mr. Jno. H. Long, to the vacancy.

—Hon. Chas. Price, of Salisbury, has been paid \$5,000 extra compensation by the Southern railway company for his ability in managing the suits for damages on account of the Botkin bridge wreck.

—We will expect many of our subscribers to come in and pay for the next two weeks. Some of them are too far behind, and we must have a settlement from them. We shall expect our statements sent out last week to be promptly responded to.

—Rev. W. H. L. McLaughlin, the new pastor of Concord Circuit, arrived last Monday night with his family, and will fill his regular appointment next Sunday at Centre at 11 o'clock and at Rocky Ridge at 3 o'clock. He is a young man and his family consists of a wife and one child. "A number of his people met him on his arrival and made them pleasant at the parsonage.

—Monday's Charlotte News has this: Mr. Robert L. Keesler, who has been organist at the First Presbyterian church in Concord for some years past, has received a proposition from the Second Presbyterian church of Charlotte, and should he accept, the Second Presbyterians will secure an organist of no mean ability. Mr. Keesler has a fine reputation.

—This week's Progressive Farmer has the following concerning our representative: A. F. Hileman, of Cabarrus county, a member of the next legislative committee, was in the city last week. Brother Hileman is one of the best farmers in his county. He made, this season, on a fraction less than 11 acres, corn at the rate of 103 bushels per acre, and the yield would have been even better but the corn was blown down by storms.

—The Charlotte papers tell of a man having \$1,000 stolen from him in his new house. Mr. Frank C. Bernheim is the man. He had recently sold his plantation for \$1,000, getting \$500 cash on the first payment. This sum, and about this much again, he put in a small bag, which he put in a cigar box which he took to his store and concealed inside a larger box. He slept in an adjoining apartment. The next morning the money was missing, and there were evidences that the window had been opened and the robbery thus effected.

—The Hickory correspondent of today's Charlotte Observer has this: Mr. J. N. Bohanan bought today for Capt. J. M. Odell and others, the Toll Bridge water power, two miles from here, both sides of the river, with 130 acres of land. This, according to Prof. Kerr's and other surveys, is considered one of the best water powers, if not the largest, on the Catawba river. It is believed Capt. Odell will organize a company and build a large cotton mill on the property. Everybody here, who knows the power, congratulates Mr. Odell on his purchase.

—Christmas Entertainment at Central Methodist Church. The Sunday School of Central Methodist Church will, on Monday night, December 24th, give an entertainment somewhat out of the usual order. The main feature will be a Christmas tree for the poor. The children and friends will give instead of receive presents. Believing fully that there is a blessing for those who give freely, they ask the friends and parents to aid the children in this worthy enterprise.

—Provisions that are not perishable, clothing and money gladly received. And believing it a good time to remember the orphans, they will receive and forward any contributions the friends and the Oxford Orphans desire to make in money or clothing. Make the Orphans a Christmas present. Good music and recitations by the children, a prominent feature of the entertainment. All who feel an interest in the poor and Orphans are cordially invited.

—The Pension Warrants Have Arrived. The warrants for the pensioners of Cabarrus arrived yesterday and are now in the Register's hands for delivery. There are 39 soldiers and 39 widows on the list in this county. The highest amount of the pensions is \$61, and only four are for this amount. Call on Register Wednesday and get your pension.

—The Boston Transcript kept a record of foot-ball accidents during the last season, of about eleven weeks. Three players were killed, one was paralyzed, one became insane and nearly fifty others were injured, some seriously.

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—The New Pastor of Central Church. Rev. R. H. Parker, the new pastor of Central Methodist church, arrived in Concord last Saturday and occupied his pulpit twice on Sunday. A large audience heard him, and all who heard him were highly pleased with his sermons. He is a preacher of earnestness and power. His sermons are well conceived, scholarly, full of spirituality, and calculated to result in great good. Central church has always had good preachers, and in Mr. Parker it will fully sustain its past record in this respect.

—Mr. Parker is 55 years old, but is much younger than this in energy, thought and feeling. He is a graduate of Emory and Henry College, Virginia. He was a member of the Holston Conference for 20 years, and filled some of the largest and best appointments in that Conference. He was stationed at Bristol four years, Chattanooga three years, and at Knoxville four years. Last year he was Presiding Elder of Franklin district and resided in Asheville. For the seven years immediately preceding that he was a member of the California Conference. He was Dr. Bays' immediate predecessor at Broad Street church, Knoxville, Tenn.

—About Cheating Gum. The Norfolk Landmark asks this question: "Is it possible for the gum-chewing habit and virtue or greatness to be combined in the same person, man or woman?" The Richmond Times replies with the following: "One of the most successful business men in Virginia is a confirmed gum-chewer. Not only is he a level-headed man of affairs, but a great athlete in his way."

—The Landmark then replies as follows: "We have known many very successful business men and confirmed athletes who neither eat nor chew gum. There is only one excuse for gum-chewing and that is to break up the habit of chewing tobacco. If there was any not giving men, it would be like a cow he could chew something harmless."

—In this connection we will state that one of the best conductors on the Southern railroad is a consistent chewer of gum.

—Proposed New Whiskey Law. A bill has been prepared to be submitted to the next Legislature regulating the granting of license to sell liquor. The law is the one that is now in force in the State of Mississippi, the salient points of which are that the applicant for license to retail liquors shall first obtain the consent of a majority of the qualified voters of the township wherein he proposes to do business, and shall execute a bond with adequate penalty conditioned for his faithful compliance with the law.

—We have a copy of the bill proposed, which is quite lengthy. We have not read it thoroughly, but what we have seen of it strikes us very favorably. It goes without saying that we are in favor of any law that will lessen the drink evil.

—Petitions to the Legislature to enact this bill into law will soon be in circulation among our people.

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