

GRIER-RICHMOND.

Beautiful Wedding Last Evening at Rocky River Presbyterian Church.

Fortunate indeed is the bride who can have a country wedding in the month of roses. Every hedge and field is decked ready to help her create a perfect picture. Wednesday, June the seventh, the wedding day for Miss Evelyn Altona Grier and Mr. George H. Richmond dawned gloriously, but towards evening, nearing the hour for the ceremony, heavy clouds overhead and a steady fall of rain prevented many from attending the marriage which took place in historic Rocky River church, seven miles from Concord and three miles from Harrisburg, the home of the bride.

The church was brightly lighted and prettily decorated in white and evergreen. The altar was banked with foliage plants with scores of wax candles glimmering among them.

Promptly at the hour appointed, the soft music of the organ gave place to those more assertive strains which announced to the guests assembled, that the bridal party had arrived. Miss Elsie Lapsley, the organist, began the wedding march, and the groomsmen passed down the aisle crossing in front of the chancel, each to the right and left respectively. Mr. W. W. Flowe with Mr. E. Sauvain, Mr. A. R. Hoover with Mr. W. R. Archibald, Mr. A. R. Howard with Mr. W. J. Montgomery, Jr. The bridesmaids, Misses Mary Grier, sister of the bride, and Louise Means, a cousin, followed, each attractively gowned in white lingerie with blue ribbons. Little Miss Esther Gilmer Hall, niece of the bride, daintily dressed in white, bearing the ring, preceded the maid of honor, Miss Anna Burwell Grier, who wore a pretty white batiste over blue. The bride entered with her brother, Mr. Thomas Grier, who gave her in marriage. Mr. George H. Richmond, with his brother, Mr. Maury Richmond, entered from a door in the rear of the church, meeting at the chancel steps. The ceremony was performed by Rev. James Lapsley, and the benediction pronounced by Dr. J. M. Grier.

The bride's dress was soft, white marquisette, trimmed in real lace and pearl ornaments. She wore a beautiful pin with forty pearls in grape design mounted in old gold, the gift of her father to her mother forty-five years ago on their wedding day. Her bouquet was of white roses and lilies of the valley.

A delicious salad course was served to the bridal party and a few invited guests at the bride's home after the ceremony. The bride's cake was then cut, the ring falling to Miss Mabel Means, the thimble to Mr. E. Sauvain and the dime to Miss Willie Richmond.

The popular young couple received a great many very handsome and beautiful presents.

Those out of town present for the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Richmond and Miss Willie Richmond, of Bedford City, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Seagle, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Grier, Jr., and Miss Jane Maury Barnhardt, of Lenoir, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. C. N. G. Butt, of Charlotte, N. C., and Mrs. W. G. Hall, of Wilkesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Richmond left on No. 32 last night for Washington and other northern cities.

After their return to Concord they will be at home to their friends at Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hartsell's on North Spring street.

Mr. W. H. Gibson Buys Fisher House.

One of the largest real estate deals made here in some time was consummated yesterday afternoon when Mr. W. H. Gibson purchased the Fisher home on North Union street from the Fisher heirs, for \$10,000. The Fisher home is one of the handsomest residences in the city and its location is all that could be desired. It is understood that the lot will be subdivided and that the house will also be sold to another party. This deal will probably be made today, it being necessary for the papers to be signed by parties away from the city.

The Drought Broken.

The long drought that has extended through several weeks was broken yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock when Concord and vicinity was visited by a steady rain, lasting several hours. It began raining later in the night and continued in a steady down-pour throughout the morning hours. From reports from various sections of the county the rain was general. New life and vigor has been added to crops and all vegetation and the hopes of the farmers especially have been revived and refreshed.

Old Doctor Johnson is said to have gone to see one widow every night for 20 years. At last somebody said, "Doctor, why on earth don't you marry that woman and be through with it?" He said, "My dear sir, if I married her, where would I go to spend my evenings?"

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Final Survey of the Proposed New Railroad—Have Not Sold Out to the Southern—Numerous Personals.

Mr. N. B. McCanless, of Salisbury, was a visitor here Monday. He came with an automobile full of information about the railroad, part of which he left behind (the information) while part was retained for future delivery. In order to put to rest the fears of not a few disbelievers, it is but just to state that the Mt. Pleasant railroad has not yet been sold out to the Southern railway and there is nothing to indicate that any such transaction will likely take place. A competent corps of engineers has been employed to make the final survey. This will be done just as soon as the engineers complete a large job upon which they are at present engaged. No contracts for grading have been let as yet, but some of the largest contractors in the country are already figuring on the work and as soon as the survey is completed moving dirt will begin. Doubters have yet another doubt coming before the "railroad has fell through."

The children's missionary society of the Lutheran church gave a most delightful ice cream supper on the church lawn Monday evening, from which a nice sum was realized for their treasury.

Dr. P. J. Klutz, of Maiden, is visiting his sister, Mrs. A. M. Nussman. Messrs. F. W. Foil and H. J. McAllister attended the unveiling of the Julian monument in Salisbury Sunday.

Rev. T. W. Smith, of Concord, filled the regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. N. R. Richardson.

Mrs. C. A. Heilig, of Salisbury, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Laffer.

Miss Ethel Hammond, who has been visiting Miss Ethel Corzine, has returned to her home at Laurinburg.

Mrs. Edward Fulenwider, of Newberry, S. C., is visiting her mother, Mrs. G. W. Blackwelder.

The friends of Mr. C. D. Barringer will regret to know that he suffered a slight stroke of paralysis last week.

Mrs. J. P. Miller and daughter, Miss Grace, go to China Grove tomorrow for an extended visit.

Mr. G. W. Blackwelder has gone to Charlotte for medical treatment.

The Lutheran church has just been thoroughly renovated according to the latest ideas of sanitation and a new carpet put down.

Miss Nina Nussman is visiting her brother, Mr. P. M. Nussman, at Spencer.

Capt. W. B. Porcher, formerly commandant of cadets at the Institute, spent Sunday here renewing old acquaintances.

Messrs. Hal Lewis and Raymond Shankle, of Albemarle, were visitors here Sunday.

Miss Bertie Barrier is visiting in Spencer.

The county rock crusher which has been on duty for the new pavements for sometime, having completed the work, has been moved to its position on the roads.

Mt. Pleasant, June 7, 1911.

Residence and Contents Destroyed by Fire.

On Tuesday morning the residence of Mr. Ingle O. Cook, of No. 5 township, was destroyed by fire, with all its contents. The fire occurred about 11 o'clock while Mrs. Cook was engaged in cooking dinner, and was caused by a defective stove flue. The fire had gained such headway when discovered that it was impossible to save any of the household furniture. There was no insurance on the contents. There was a small amount of insurance, however, on the house, which was owned by Mr. Cook's father, Mr. Rufus J. Cook. It was only by hard work that the home of the latter, which is nearby, was saved, and but for the good work of the neighbors this could not have been done.

Mr. Horace Freeman Married.

Tuesday's Durham Herald contained the following, which will be of interest to Concord people:

Mr. Horace S. Freeman and Miss Bessie Stevens, of Dunn, were quietly married on the first of June in Rocky Mount at the home of Miss Fannie Hall, the minister of the First Baptist church officiating. The wedding was a complete surprise to the friends of both of the parties.

They came to the city and spent a few days with Mr. Freeman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Freeman, and left yesterday for Washington, Baltimore and New York, on their honeymoon. The groom is well known in the city, spending his boyhood days here.

Our China Famine Fund.

Previously acknowledged \$287.40
Ben and Farrow White 2.00
Total to date \$289.40

4,000 BOTTLES OF BOOZE SMASHED.

Hundreds of People, Including Many Ladies, See Intoxicants Consigned to Waters of the French Broad.

Asheville Gazette-News, 7th. In the presence of a large crowd of people, assembled on the new high bridge across the French Broad river, including many members of the Asheville W. C. T. U., police officers and Judge Junius G. Adams, of the City Police Court, and numbering perhaps several hundreds, between 3,500 and 4,000 bottles of intoxicants recently seized under the search and seizure law and ordered destroyed, were smashed against the central pier of the bridge and the liquid sent on its way down the historic French Broad to the Gulf of Mexico.

The destroying of the thousands of bottles of corn whiskey, beer, ale, brandy and gin was an interesting and novel affair. It was at once an occasion of gladness for the good women of Asheville, who have labored many years for the banishment and destruction of liquor, and a cruel moment for the thirsty, who recently have been deprived even of their "mornin' mornin'." Especially for the members of the W. C. T. U. was the destruction of the whiskey an event. It brought to them much happiness to see bottle after bottle of the fiery fluid flung over the concrete railing of the bridge and smashed against the great pier at the water's edge. And they were participants, too. The officers in charge of the affair courteously asked the ladies to assist in the "slaughter" and they gladly accepted the invitation. Incidentally not one of the bottles thrown by the ladies "missed fire." They hit the "bull's eye" every crack and a smile o'er spread their faces as the sound of broken glass reached their ears and the "fire water" went trickling into the river.

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No personal property of Americans was damaged, and, with the exception of one Chinese killed, no foreigners were injured. In the barracks where the soldiers were killed twelve women also lost their lives. They were the wives of artillerymen.

Great Crowd in London for the Coronation.

London, June 7.—A quarter of a million visitors are here for the coronation, but the shopkeepers and hotel keepers are disappointed at the absence of the hoped-for influx of Americans. The police regulations for the control of the crowds on the days of the processions will be more stringent than ever before. Temporary gates are being erected in all thoroughfares through which the procession will pass, and these will be closed as soon as the route is comfortably lined with spectators. Probably this will be as early as 6 or 7 o'clock in the morning, after which the center of London will be a walled-in city. This method of closing the streets is expected to prove more efficient than the old system of employing cavalry to keep back the crowds.

Wind Storm Does Much Damage in Salisbury.

Salisbury, June 7.—The worst wind and electric storm for years passed over this section of North Carolina this afternoon, doing thousands of dollars damage.

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Lines Suggested by the Baby Contest.

Hurrah for District No. 2!
Now Concord thought to win first prize
Would be as easy as living in paradise
But in comes a tiny Wren from District two
And shows them what a country bird can do.
Three cheers for those dandy boys, the Moorhead twins,
With such a hustling dad they were sure to win.
To those who lost perhaps some consoling words would be sweet,
So we will only say, there is often glory in defeat. M. J. S.

King's Daughters to Visit the Training School.

About fifty delegates who are attending the State Convention of King's Daughters will visit the Jackson Training School this afternoon. It was the original plan of the party to have trains Nos. 7 and 12 stopped opposite the school but it depends upon the condition of the weather as to whether this plan will be adhered to. If the rain continues until that time they will be met at the station with carriages, and driven out to the school. A large number of Concord people are expected to go out to the Training School and meet the party.

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EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO.

Sixty-three Persons Killed and Many Hurt in Capital.

Mexico City, Mex., June 7.—Sixty-three persons were killed, seventy-five wounded and property worth \$50,000 was wrecked today by an earthquake which shocked the Mexican capital and injected a note of tragedy into what was to have been a day of pure rejoicing over the arrival of Francisco I. Madero, Jr. When the work of searching the ruins is completed, it is possible that the list of dead will be increased somewhat, as hiding here and there throughout the city there doubtless are many wounded, who, with traditional fear of the authorities and government hospitals, are anxious to evade discovery.

It was 4:36 o'clock when the first shock was felt. According to the meteorological observatory, the greatest intensity was reached at the end of the first minute, but the instruments continued to record the shocks fourteen minutes more.

Although the shock was plainly felt in all parts of the city, few realized the magnitude of the catastrophe until late in the forenoon because the casualties were confined to a comparatively small area. The inhabitants were slow to realize that this was the most serious shock the capital has suffered in a score of years.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.

Mr. W. R. Odell has returned from Trinity commencement.

Mr. Joe Parks arrived yesterday from Lehigh University.

Mr. Smith Barrier spent yesterday afternoon in Charlotte.

Miss Allston Dargon, of Raleigh, is visiting Mrs. Plato Durham.

Rev. E. F. Fulenwider, of Newberry, S. C., is visiting relatives in Mount Pleasant.

Messrs. Ray Bell and Alfred Brower will arrive tonight from Trinity College.

Senator L. T. Hartsell spent yesterday afternoon in Charlotte on professional business.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Ritchie have gone to Wrightsville, where they will spend a fortnight.

Mrs. M. C. Davis has returned to her home in Charlotte, after visiting her sister, Mrs. M. F. Ritchie, for several days.

Prof. R. L. Durham, a member of the faculty of Martha Washington College, of Abingdon, Va., is visiting his brother, Rev. Plato Durham.

Mr. J. W. Cannon left this morning for Asheville to attend a meeting of the Spinners Association. He was accompanied by Mrs. Cannon and Miss Laura McGill Cannon.

Mr. E. F. White and family have gone to Montreat to spend some time. Judge Montgomery returned last night from Durham, where he attended Trinity College commencement.

In Honor of Miss Goodson.

One of the most delightful of the many pre-nuptial social events of the season was the variety shower given Friday afternoon by Mrs. J. C. Wadsworth in honor of Miss Frances Goodson, who on next Wednesday will become the bride of Mr. H. B. Hopkins. Hearts Dice was played and at the close of the game the guests gathered in the dining room, which was beautifully decorated. The large table was covered with many beautiful and dainty pieces of hand-work, which were presented to the guest of honor. Delightful refreshments were then served. Mrs. Wadsworth's guests were: Miss Frances Goodson, Geneva Parks, Dora Burkhead, Mary Bingham, Isabelle Cecil, Nell Herring, Margaret Lentz, Pattie Baugham, Kathleen Smith, Catherine Goodson, Gertrude Lafferty, Mary and Adeline Morrison, Mary Porter, Willie White and Bertha Hill.

Committees of Retail Merchants' Association.

The following committees have been elected by the Retail Merchants Association:

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws: C. J. Williams, C. H. Barrier, J. E. Davis and Lewis Hartsell.

Committee on Membership: C. W. Widenhouse, C. M. Ivey and C. H. Barrier.

Finance Committee: C. J. Williams, C. T. Troy and Lewis Hartsell.

Directors: Aubrey Hoover, I. I. Davis, T. J. Smith, E. M. Honeycutt and F. C. Niblock.

Messrs. J. E. Davis and Lewis Hartsell were elected delegates to the State convention which meets in Hendersonville June 20, 21 and 22, and were instructed to make every effort to secure the next State convention for Concord.

Taxes for City Purposes.

The North Carolina Corporation Commission announced its opinion that the cities and incorporated towns in this State have the right to leave the actual fixing of the tax rates for city purposes this year until after the new tax valuations are made. The matter can be opened at the June meetings this week and final action deferred until the new tax valuations are finished and in hand. It is expected that the re-assessments this year will greatly increase the aggregate, so that it will be possible to have lower tax rates in many towns and cities.

Teddy Denies that He Has Agreed to Support Anyone.

Springfield, Mass., June 7.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt said today with reference to a published story that he would support Taft in the next presidential campaign:

"There is no truth in the report that I have agreed to support any man for President in 1912. I have neither made any such statement nor even discussed the matter. The story is made out of the whole cloth."

Mr. W. A. Foil says that he grew 32 stalks containing 988 grains of wheat from one grain on his farm on the Salisbury road opposite the Means place.

COUNTY MATTERS.

Change in Harrisburg Road—Messrs. Ervin and Earnhardt Re-elected—Other Matters.

At the June meeting of the board of county commissioners the following are among the business matters transacted:

C. L. Ervin, C. W. Abernathy and J. A. Barnhardt were appointed a committee to inspect and locate a road beginning at the Camden road and entering Rocky River road.

The committee appointed to inspect the Boger road recommended the Q. E. Smith survey except the turn at Smith shop and enter survey near Mr. Hudson's house.

The committee appointed to inspect the Harrisburg road recommended that it cross the railroad track as it does at present and cut off corner at Mr. Paul Stalling's place and run in front of Will Davis' cabin, thence practically straight to where it enters Mecklenburg road near Presbyterian church.

The following elections were made for terms of one year: Road Superintendent—C. L. Ervin. Superintendent of chain gang—John Earnhardt.

Supervisors of various townships in numerical order—T. M. Query, Charley Faggart, C. O. Cashion, C. R. Cline, R. F. Cline, M. W. Allman, J. M. Barringer, W. C. Barringer, R. L. Barrier, N. J. McManus and Geo. E. Faggart.

Charlotte's Discharged Policemen to Bring Suit.

Statesville Landmark.

It's a dull day when there isn't something doing in Charlotte municipal circles. Recently when the new administration took charge some members of the police force were dropped, whereat, there was a howl from the deposed policemen and their friends. Some of those found—or think they have found—that Charlotte has a municipal civil service law and it is claimed that the policemen, being under the civil service, couldn't be discharged except for cause.

Following this three of the deposed policemen have notified the mayor and board of aldermen that, having been discharged without cause their services are duly tendered for duty and the three report daily for duty. And in pursuance thereunder, about 25 lawyers have been employed to bring suit to test the right of the board to discharge without cause, their retention may be brought "for damages for political conspiracy."

Charlotte Would Do Well to Follow Concord's Example.

Charlotte Chronicle.

The aldermen of the city of Charlotte have made arrangements for experiments with oil sprinkling the object of the sprinkling of course being to keep down the dust. Here is an instance where we can save much time and goodness knows how much discomfort, inconvenience and annoyance by profiting by the other fellow's experience. The enterprising and wide-awake city of Concord sprinkled two or three blocks of ordinary macadam street, with the usual amount of dust on the surface, six weeks ago. There has been no dust on that street since, while on either side on the section treated the dust is terrific. If Charlotte wants to lay the dust, why let's get busy and do the sprinkling now. If the oil lays Concord dust, it will probably just as successfully keep down Charlotte dust and germs.

Automobile Owners Must Come Across With Tax.

Raleigh, June 7.—The time for automobile owners to renew their license has arrived and the secretary of state's office is mailing out notices to all owners to pay the license renewal fee of \$1 and have their machines listed this year. Unless licenses are renewed the machine owners will be regarded as trespassers on the highways. There are now about 2,500 machines registered in North Carolina.

Hope of Avoiding Strike of Firemen Not Abandoned.

Washington, June 7.—Judge Martin A. Knapp, one of the mediators on the Southern Railway controversy with its firemen, said tonight that negotiations are still under way and the hope of bringing the two parties together. He declined to give the details of any of the proposals made by the mediators looking to effecting a settlement and avoiding a strike.

Dr. Pemberton and family went to Albemarle yesterday in their machine to attend the marriage of Miss Mary Pemberton. Mrs. Pemberton returned on the train, and the other members of the family are help up on account of the rain.