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## FOR BITULITHIC STREETS.

**Street Railway Company Makes City a Proposition. Let's Have Bitulithic By All Means.**

A splendid opportunity presents itself for the city to satisfy a long felt need—a bitulithic street in the business portion. Nothing would give Concord a more progressive or business-like appearance. At the same time it would be of inestimable value to the traveling public and a great asset to the property owners.

Some time ago an effort was made in this direction and met with considerable encouragement, although there were a number of people who failed to give it any support. Now a new and more favorable situation presents itself which should give the project a great boost. The street railway company has made the city a proposition to lay vitrified brick between its tracks and for 24 inches on each side thereof, between Depot and Corbin streets, provided the city will put down bitulithic asphalt or other like substance.

Under the plan that was first inaugurated to put down bitulithic the city was to pay half the cost and the property owners the other half. If the street car company's proposition is accepted the portion of the street they will cover will save one-fourth of the cost.

Now there remains three-fourths of the cost. This can be divided equally between the city and the property owners and with the proper co-operative spirit on the part of both the amount can be raised.

Now is the time to start the ball rolling so that the citizens and city can be ready by the time the street car track is put down in this section of street.

## Albemarle Paper Changes Hands.

Albemarle, Jan. 10.—Mr. R. G. Mace, of Hickory, has this week taken charge of The Albemarle Chronicle, a Republican newspaper published here. Mr. Mace will run the paper two weeks, and if he is satisfied with the prospects for the future will purchase the paper and run it. The Albemarle Chronicle has been run for four or five years by Messrs. A. R. Kirk, the present postmaster at Albemarle, and Attorney I. R. Burleyson, publishers, and edited by W. A. Jones. This paper was established in 1904 by Zeb B. Sanders, who was then or soon thereafter Albemarle's postmaster. In fact each postmaster when going out of office sells out to some other prominent Republican who soon becomes his successor in the postoffice. If this rule is retained Mr. Mace will get the job now open for some faithful Republican. Mr. Kirk having resigned two months ago.

## Raleigh Street Car Men Strike.

Raleigh Times, 10th. Declaring that the company had treated their respectful petition for an increase in salary with contempt, twenty-five motormen and conductors in the employ of the Carolina Power & Light Company abandoned their cars on Fayetteville street at noon today and helped to swell the crowd that gathered on the street as soon as the news became known. Not the least violence was manifested by any of the men, though they "kidded" the ten motormen and conductors who remained on their jobs.

The street cars were manned within half an hour after the strike was declared by linemen and the office freed. At any rate, the cars were being operated and by 1:30 the public could not have told that anything out of the ordinary had occurred.

## Paris Threatened by Floods Again.

Paris, Jan. 9.—A repetition of the great flood of 1910 is believed to be imminent here today following the rapid rise of the Seine.

A heavy rain has been falling for more than twenty-four hours, and the authorities have warned merchants in the Port de Bery to evacuate at once. The lower quays are inundated for the entire length of the city. A rise of 20 inches is expected in the Seine by tomorrow. If this results a disastrous flood is believed inevitable.

## Mr. A. G. Odell Promoted.

At an annual meeting of the directors of the Kerr Bleaching and Finishing Works Mr. Arthur G. Odell, who has held a position in the office of the company for some time, was elected to the position of secretary. The other officers of the company are: D. B. Coltrane, president; W. C. Houston, vice president, and W. R. Odell, treasurer.

## Penny Column Ads. are CASE.

## MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

**Inconsistency Still a Jewel—Ludwig Literary Society Debate—Personals.**

Inconsistency is a grand old jewel. Not long since the Mt. Pleasant community was severely criticised in certain quarters for "pernicious activity" with respect to the steps taken looking to the rebuilding of Mont Amoenia Seminary before the North Carolina Synod could meet in extra session, yet these same critics are guilty of even greater activity than that on our part. We repeat, inconsistency is a grand old jewel.

This evening at 7 o'clock there will be a citizens' mass meeting in the auditorium. The call simply states "Seminary." That is sufficient; we understand.

We noted last week the new opening of the Seminary and the return of the regular registered students. Not only are they here, but despite the apparent inconveniences, there are a number of new names on the roll. It proves beyond question the correct location for the school; it is logic that will not down.

The year 1912 promises much in a material way. It will go down in history as the year when the railroads—note the plural—were built. The building of the Norfolk Southern is practically a sure thing, as recent developments indicate. The Salisbury-Monroe road is not yet a thing of the past, so those who bring latest information assert. It is not yet too late for us to be at the crossing of the roads.

It is not very generally known that Mt. Pleasant has a distinguished citizen in the person of Mr. H. H. Marshall. Mr. Marshall is a Confederate veteran and one of the men who followed Pickett in his famous charge at Gettysburg. Though sometimes the brave may be around us and we know it not, yet what "they did there" can never be forgotten.

The postponed public exercises of the Ludwig Literary Society will be given on Friday night the 19th inst. The last number of the "Lycium" will hold the board at the auditorium tonight. It is one of the very best attractions on the road and will be the last chance this season for enjoying strictly high class entertainment. A new system of lighting has been installed in the auditorium which will add greatly to the performance.

Quarterly communion services will be held in the Lutheran church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service, conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. A. Goodman. Rev. J. J. Long, pastor of St. John's will preach at the evening service.

Mrs. L. A. Lantz spent last week at Black Mountain visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lee Bernhardt.

Miss Ruth Miller, of Jefferson, S. C., is visiting here.

Dr. and Mrs. Brown Simpson, of Nashville, Ark., are spending a week with Mrs. Simpson's mother, Mrs. J. H. Thayer.

Rev. and Mrs. P. W. Tucker, of Albemarle, spent last week here.

Mr. Sam Kindley, of Charlotte, spent Sunday here.

Mr. C. M. Cook has returned from a visit to Winston.

Having spent the holidays at home, Miss Bertie Barrier has returned to Barber Junction to spend the remainder of the winter.

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## Insurance Agent Gets Away With Good Haul at Newbern.

Newbern, Jan. 10.—Quite a sensation was created here today, when it had become known that the authorities were searching for Harold T. Pratt, who up to a few days ago was the general agent for several well-known insurance companies and was well known in business circles, but who disappeared Sunday morning leaving behind him several thousand dollars in unpaid bills, an alleged forged note for \$350, a large number of checks which he passed off on unsuspecting friends and which were returned on account of no funds.

## Of Candidates in Field Now Bryan Favors Wilson.

Philadelphia, Jan. 10.—A Philadelphia evening newspaper quotes Bryan as follows on the Democratic presidential situation: "I have not yet decided upon my candidate. I want a strong progressive. Of the candidates now in the field, Woodrow Wilson seems the most progressive. I am not in favor of a third party movement."

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Craven Bros. Furniture & Undertaking Co. will be held in their rooms Tuesday night, January 16, at 8 o'clock.

## LINKER-BROWN.

**Pretty Home Marriage Last Evening at Mr. George W. Brown's.**

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Brown on South Union street last evening at 7:30 o'clock when their youngest daughter, Miss Eva May Brown, became the bride of Mr. William M. Linker.

The home was most attractively decorated for the event. The parlor, where the ceremony was performed, was decorated in red and green. In one corner was an improvised altar covered with white lace and beautifully decorated with white narcissus and hyacinths. Here the ceremony took place.

The wedding party entered to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, most skillfully rendered by Miss Alice Marshall Brown. First came the bride's attendants, Mrs. Mark M. Linker, dame of honor, and Miss Mollie Brown maid of honor. They were followed by the ring bearer, little Miss Sarah Ellen Gibson. The bride, most becomingly attired in a blue traveling suit with hat and gloves to match, entered on the arm of her brother, Mr. Frank Brown, and was joined at the altar by the groom, who entered with his best man, Mr. Mark M. Linker, a brother. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier. During the ceremony Miss Brown rendered Trauermusik.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Linker left on a wedding tour that will embrace visits to a number of Southern cities.

The out-of-town guests here for the wedding were: Mesdames P. B. Beard, R. W. Price and T. T. Johnson, of Salisbury; W. L. Wiseman, of Spencer; Misses Bessie McEachern, of Mount Pleasant; Mary Sims, of Charlotte, and Mrs. M. F. Teeter and Miss Claude Teeter, of Harrisburg.

## For State Farmers' Union Warehouse.

A charter will be procured for the Farmers' Union Warehouse Company of North Carolina as soon as a location is decided upon for the principal warehouse and office and other details are worked out, after which stock will be solicited from members of each local union in the State. The company will not begin business until not less than \$35,000 stock has been paid in. The executive committee of the Union will meet in Raleigh Thursday for the purpose of deciding on a place to locate the central warehouse. Efforts will be made to locate it in Raleigh.

## New Store For Concord.

Messrs. M. P. Jones & Co. will soon open up a variety store in the King block in the room formerly occupied by the Liberty Tailoring Co., next to Isenhour's restaurant. They will handle hardware, crockery, china, glassware and notions of all kinds. The room is now being remodeled for them and as soon as it is put in shape which will probably be in about 15 days they will open their store. Mr. Jones arrived here yesterday from Statesville, and will leave next Thursday for New York to lay in his stock of goods.

## 500 U. S. Troops Sent to China.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Five hundred American troops were today ordered to Chinwantao from Manila.

The battalion will be transported on board the transport Thomas, now at Manila, and will be used to guard the American concession of the railway between Peking and the coast.

The battalion, which will be made up of the Fifteenth Infantry, now at Manila, will probably sail tonight, arriving in China in about six days.

## A Baby a Day for Three Days.

Chéyenne, Wis., Jan. 10.—Mrs. Helen Carbon has given birth to one baby each day for three successive days. The third youngster, a girl, was born today. The other two are boys. All the babies apparently are healthy.

The Emerson Hotel, built by a Tar-Heel and one of the nest in the country, will be the headquarters of the North Carolina delegation to the Democratic convention when it meets in Baltimore.

## Called Meeting of Farmers' Union.

There will be a called meeting of the Cabarrus County Farmers' Union at the court house in Concord, on Saturday, January 20, at 11 o'clock a. m.

J. L. D. BARRINGER, Pres.

It is long time until Christmas—if you happen to be very young.

## CITY FATHERS MEET.

**Agreement With Street Car Company.—Recorder Puryear Re-elected.—Routine Matters.**

The regular monthly session of the city fathers was held Tuesday night at city hall. The meeting was in the nature of a private one, not that the fathers objected to anyone being present, but the usual number of citizens who watch the deliberations of the board with interest were conspicuously absent by their non-presence. Plain, ordinary, routine business held a firm grasp on the board last night, causing the deliberations to move along with a common place monotony. All in all the proceedings were marked by a sad lack of manifestation of any "animated moderation."

The board and the street car company reached an agreement whereby the track of the company would not be constructed in the business section of the city from the Lutheran church to the square until March 1. The city contemplates putting down some kind of pavement on the street in this section and if the company built the track now it would have to be torn up at that time. On account of the winter weather the board is of the opinion that if the paving work was started now it would have a paralyzing effect on business in this section as the work could make very little progress during the bad weather. The regular election of a recorder for the municipal court was held and Recorder Puryear was re-elected. There was no other applicant for the position and Mr. Puryear received the full vote of the board with the exception of Alderman Barrier, who voted against him.

The reports of the various committees were received and all bills approved by the finance committee ordered paid.

## Mr. Boyden Weddington Out After Accident.

Mr. B. M. Weddington, of No. 1 township, was in Concord Tuesday for the first time since he met with an accident on Thursday, December 28. He was going home from this city in his buggy when, just beyond the Brown mill, an automobile approached. His horse turned around and started to run, being frightened by the gay decorations on the machine. The buggy was turned over in a gully and Mr. Weddington thrown out. He was pretty badly bruised and was laid up for several days. The young men who were driving the car got out and rendered him every assistance possible. They caught the horse, hitched it again to the buggy and Mr. Weddington was able to drive on home alone. No blame is attached to the drivers of the machine.

## James Gives Himself Up in Greensboro.

Greensboro News, 11th.

L. S. James, a deserter from the United States Navy, yesterday hunted up the police station and gave himself up, stating that he wished to return to the service. Sergeant Barnes made the arrest and will receive a reward of \$20, together with the expenses of sending the prisoner back. James claims that he is from Atlanta, and left the service in October. He wrote the naval authorities and when they told him he would have to pay his own expenses back he found that he did not have the necessary coin and so placed himself in the way of the police. He was from the United States ship Maine.

## Southern Loan and Trust Company.

The directors of the Southern Loan & Trust Co. held their annual January meeting Monday afternoon in the offices of the company here. The reports of the officials of the company were very gratifying indeed. A semi-annual dividend was declared and ordered paid. The directors are: Messrs. L. J. Foil, D. B. Coltrane, W. M. Smith, W. W. Flowe, Paul Barringer, R. S. Young, R. J. Mebane, C. A. Isenhour, W. C. Houston, J. A. Cannon, T. W. Smith, J. P. Allison, J. F. Goodman, and John M. Cook.

## Miss Bertha Honeycutt Married.

A marriage that will be of interest to the people of Concord took place in Charlotte Sunday morning, when Miss Bertha Honeycutt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Honeycutt, of this city, was married to Mr. John Elliott. Miss Honeycutt had been in Charlotte several weeks, being pianist at one of the picture shows there and the announcement of her marriage came as quite a surprise to her family and the public here. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott are now living in Charlotte.

## RICHESON SENTENCED.

**To Be Executed May 19.—Now Up to Governor Foss.**

Boston, Jan. 9.—A plea of guilty of murder in the first degree was made by Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson in the Superior Court today and he was sentenced by Judge Sanderson to death by electrocution some time during the week of May 19, 1912. Richeson had pleaded not guilty when arraigned after his indictment on the charge of murdering Avis Linnell, of Hyannis, Mass., his former fiancée, but following a written confession made public Saturday last he today retracted that plea and made a formal plea of guilty. It is understood that a petition may be made to Governor Foss and the executive council of the State to commute the death sentence to imprisonment for life.

While displaying remarkable stoicism, the young Virginian appeared to those who crowded the little courtroom as if he were conducting his own funeral. Yet as he walked out of the courtroom there was a trace of the oldtime jauntiness that seemed to many to indicate that his fight was not yet finished.

To the half dozen questions which Judge Sanderson put to Richeson as to whether he realized the full nature and effect of his acknowledgment of guilt he answered without the slightest emotion, always in the affirmative.

Richeson's counsel declared after the proceedings that an appeal for executive clemency would follow soon and that every effort would be made to obtain life imprisonment instead of death as the punishment.

Upon what ground the petition will be based has not yet been decided.

## Marriage of Mr. Clyde Pounds and Miss Ollie Fisher.

Mr. J. Clyde Pounds and Miss Ollie Fisher were married Tuesday eve at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Fisher, on West Corbin street. The ceremony was witnessed by only relatives and friends of the young people. Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Pounds left on train No. 35 for Greer, S. C., where they will visit Mrs. Pounds' sister, Mrs. J. B. Moore.

## Meningitis in Texas Causes Alarm.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 10.—An investigation of the meningitis epidemic in north and east Dallas, which threatens to continue spreading, is under way by the State Board of Health. Three hundred cases with a high death rate are officially reported from several Texas cities.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 10.—Fifty families, mostly women and children, seeking a haven from the meningitis epidemic, have arrived here from north Texas points. A large number of families, it is said, passed through en route to San Antonio, where the disease has not appeared.

## Judge Montgomery's Condition.

Mrs. W. J. Montgomery returned this morning from Charlotte, where she has been with Judge Montgomery at the Sanatorium almost constantly since he was taken there for treatment. Judge Montgomery rested fairly well last night and the indications were that he held his own. If he does not suffer a serious setback and responds to treatment with any degree of satisfaction to his physicians he will undergo an operation in about a week.

## Rock Hill Citizen Dies Here.

Mr. W. R. Howie, an aged citizen of Rock Hill, S. C., died here Monday morning at the home of his son, Mr. B. M. Howie, near the Cannon mill. Mr. Howie had been here for several weeks visiting his son. He was 64 years of age and is survived by his wife and ten children. The remains were shipped to Rock Hill, where the interment was made. State to hold annual elections.

## A Query.

A Concord man went to sleep one night and left his wife talking. The first thing he heard upon awakening the next morning was her talk, which led him to ask: "Marlar, are you talking agin or yit?" Is Mr. Bryan talking "agin or yit?"

The census report for North Carolina, made public this month, gives Rowan county a total population of 37,521, an increase of 6,455 over the 1900 census. There are 28,445 whites, an increase over 1900 of 6,497. There are 9,074 negroes, an increase over 1900 of 959.

## SUPREME COURT HAS ANNULLED N. C. LAW.

**Holds That the Statute of 1905 Which Penalized Railroads Is Unconstitutional.**

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—The Supreme Court today annulled the North Carolina statute of 1905, which penalized railroads for refusing to accept goods for interstate commerce. The constitutionality of the penalty law was raised when the Southern railway was sued by Reid and Beam, of Rutherfordton, N. C., for refusal to receive a carload of shingles for shipment to Scottsville, Tenn.

The court also decided that Mrs. D. L. Reid, who was delayed for five days in getting the Southern Railway to receive her household goods for shipment from Charlotte, N. C., to Davis, W. Va., was not entitled to \$250 as penalty and \$25 as damages under the statute.

In this case the Supreme Court of North Carolina held that the mere fact that the railroad had no published rate under the interstate commerce laws from Charlotte to Davis and could not ship the goods without a fixed public rate did not excuse the railroad. The Supreme Court of the United States today held that the federal government alone could regulate the receipt of goods.

## Calls for Help From the Poor.

The call for help has been rung in at the police headquarters. It comes from the unfortunates who are feeling the sting of the cold and pang of hunger. More calls are expected, as it is known that there are numerous families in the city suffering from the privations of the necessary comforts. Chief Boger purchased some wood if answer to one call. The city cannot, however, be the only source to furnish succor to the weak. A little from one and a little from another together with the assistance of the various benevolent societies will relieve the situation. The voice of the needy is crying to you now. Will you stay closed in your comfortable home or office and refuse to listen to it? The time for the answer is today.

## A Wilson Victory.

The Washington Post, in its first remarks in telling of the result of the Democratic National Committee meeting just held in Washington, says: "With the backers of Woodrow Wilson jubilantly asserting that recent events had proved that the New Jersey Governor would be the Democratic nominee for President, Baltimore selected as the scene of the convention, and June 25 fixed as the day, the meeting of the Democratic National Committee came to a harmonious end yesterday."

## Card From Dr. Grier.

Dear Mr. Editor: In addition to what you had to say in yesterday's paper in reference to vacation extended me by session of First Presbyterian church, I wish to say that present release from service is granted at my own request. The church has been exceedingly kind in granting me vacation every summer since I became pastor, but for past two or three years owing to various reasons these have not been of much profit in the way of rest.

Very sincerely,  
J. M. GRIER.

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## Missouri Democrats in a Quandary.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 11.—With two aspirants for the presidential nomination, Speaker Champ Clark and ex-Governor Joseph W. Folk, the Missouri Democratic convention soon to be held is certain to develop into a bitter contest unless one or the other of the candidates withdraws. The situation will be discussed tomorrow when the State Committee meets to select the place for the State convention.

## In Honor of Miss Brown.

Miss Maude Brown entertained at a most charming dressing table shower Monday afternoon in honor of her cousin, Miss Eva May Brown, who will be married tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock to Mr. William M. Linker. Twenty guests were present and the bride-elect was the recipient of many useful and valuable presents. After the shower a delicious salad course was served.

## Poplar Tent School.

The following pupils attained the honor roll from the primary department of the Poplar Tent school: George Oehler, Martin Cline, Esther Cline, Maggie Cline, Mack Cline and C. J. Allison.