

"FAVORITE" DESK

An Unauthorized Circular Sent Out by Southern

BOOK EXCHANGE HERE.

The Circular Makes It Appear that Mr. C. J. Parker, Manager of the Educational Bureau Endorses and Guarantees This School Desk.

Recently a circular was sent out by the Southern Book Exchange advertising the "favorite" school desk manufactured at Cleveland, Ohio.

This circular came to the attention of Mr. Chas. J. Parker, manager of the Educational Bureau, and while the people of the state generally are aware that there is no relation or even competition between the Educational Bureau and the Southern Book Exchange, yet Mr. Parker, in justice to them and himself, naturally wanted to disabuse the mind of any person who may have been misled by the circular, so he today gave out the following statement:

"I have received information that a circular has been widely distributed in this state by the 'Southern Book Exchange,' bearing upon the front page these words: 'Educational Bureau, Raleigh, N. C., Chas. J. Parker, Manager.' Just beneath these words appears the cut of a school desk and under this cut, the following words: 'Southern Book Exchange, publishers and dealers in all kinds school furniture, school supplies and school books, 127 and 129 Fayetteville street, Raleigh, N. C.'"

On the opposite side of the same circular are the following words appear: "Every order for Favorite Desks has our written guarantee (note order blank). We are willing to ship any order upon approval, furniture to be returned at our expense if not satisfactory, Educational Bureau, Chas. J. Parker, Manager, Raleigh, N. C."

For my own protection and the information of the public I beg to state that this circular was printed and distributed without my consent or knowledge. I am in no way connected with the Southern Book Exchange of which M. M. Smith is said to be manager. I am not now and never have been agent for this School Desk nor have I had business dealings of any kind with the manufacturers of them. I would be glad if those who have received these circulars would forward the same to me and advise me whether or not they have placed orders for this desk supposing it to be guaranteed by me.

CHAS. J. PARKER, Manager, Educational Bureau, Raleigh, N. C. Mr. Smith says the circular was sent from Cleveland to him after he accepted the agency of the desk and that the agent of this desk by no means knows anything about the circular. He was in North Carolina last November. Whether the matter will rest here is not known.

Ground Hog Day.

Yesterday was what is known as "Ground Hog Day," and those who believe in this old superstition can now speculate upon the weather. The theory runs that if the weather on this day be clear and the groundhog sees his shadow when he comes out of winter quarters, he will scot back into his hole and six weeks of winter weather will follow. If the sky is overcast with clouds so that the hog can't see his shadow he will remain out and by this token we will know that winter has "broken." The indications are that the ground hog saw his shadow and that winter has not broken much.

WARRANT WITHDRAWN.

Two Policemen Indicted for Trespass by Dr. Templeton, of Cary.

This morning Mr. Samuel F. Lambeth and Mr. W. A. Woodall, two of Raleigh's efficient policemen, went to Cary with their attorney, Mr. J. C. L. Harris, in obedience to a warrant issued by J. P. H. Adams, justice of the peace. The warrant charged them with trespass and was sworn out by Dr. J. M. Templeton, who was once the prohibition candidate for governor.

Some two weeks ago Messrs. Lambeth and Woodall went out hunting and without knowing the land was posted, or indeed who owned it, got over on Templeton's territory. He warned them to leave, which they did immediately.

Their attorney explained the matter this morning and the warrant was withdrawn.

MORMONS AND NEGROES

The Elders Have Nothing to Do With the Colored People.

It is a noticeable fact that Mormon missionaries (and there are a number of them now in North Carolina) do not try to establish their faith and build churches in the communities they visit, but they seek to ship their converts to Utah.

The Record is told that the two elders who are trying to win converts in Winston-Salem told the blind musician, Whicker, who resides on North Liberty street, that he could make four or five dollars per day in Utah making music.

There is another point that is being discussed here as well as elsewhere—that the Mormon elders have nothing whatever to do with the negroes. A majority of adventurers find the Southern negro an easy prey and it is somewhat surprising that the Mormon missionaries fight shy of Sambo.

A Mormon elder has recently been interviewed on this subject and the interviewer learned some interesting facts, to wit: There is not a single negro in Utah; that there is an unwritten law that negroes shall not live in Utah and that Mormons have a belief that negroes are doomed to all eternity and have no part in the Kingdom.

The colored population should congratulate themselves that the Mormon mission tries give them the go-by as they are gainers and not losers by it.—Greensboro Record.

BRUTAL ROBBERS.

A Woman in Ohio Maltreated and Robbed of Her Money.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. DELAWARE, Ohio, Feb. 3.—Miss Nancy Fix is suffering from the effects of the brutal treatment to which she was subjected by robbers who tortured her to make her divulge the hiding place of her valuables. She is wealthy. She was bound and gagged, and being unable to stand the torture she disclosed the hiding place to the robbers. They secured \$900 in certificates and checks and \$300 in cash. She may not recover.

MARRIED AT NOON.

Mr. Gardner and Miss Ennis were Married in the Court House.

Today shortly after noon Squire J. Q. Williams had the pleasure of performing the ceremony in the court house by which Miss LaLoara D. Ennis became Mrs. Thomas L. Gardner.

Several weeks ago Mr. Gardner, who is a prosperous and progressive planter living near New Hill in this county, came into the register of deeds office and secured a marriage license. Squire Williams waited on him and told Mr. Gardner that since he and his father were once such close friends that he would like to see him married, whereupon the prospective groom informed the squire that he would bring his bride there and he should perform the ceremony.

Today the happy couple came through the country to Raleigh that the groom might keep his word. Mr. Thomas L. Gardner is a highly respected man in his neighborhood and the bride is the daughter of Mr. James Ennis, of New Hill.

To Work for the Seaboard.

Mr. B. G. Mills left this morning for Raleigh where he goes to accept a position with the Seaboard Air Line railroad. He will work in the shops of the Seaboard at that place. Mr. Mills has been working at the Southern's shops here for some time and makes the change because of being offered a better job.—Salem Sun.

THE EMERSON GEMS

Shall Her \$25,000 Worth of Jewels be Taxed?

HAVE BEEN EXEMPT

Mrs. Emerson Appears in Court and Says She Values All Her Jewels Twice a Week and Half of them Every Day.

Mrs. Emerson, daughter of Mrs. Askev of this city, continues to see trouble about her jewels. They were stolen recently, then recovered and yesterday's Baltimore News says: Mrs. Isaac E. Emerson appeared before the Appeal Tax court this morning in response to a summons to show cause why her jewelry, reported to be worth \$25,000, should not be assessed and taxed. The hearing had been set for 11 o'clock, but it was nearly noon when Mrs. Emerson arrived. She was accompanied by Dr. Emerson's attorney, Mr. W. Burns Trundle. On each hand flashed four or five superb diamond rings. At her throat was a diamond brooch, while a long gold chain around her neck supported a jeweled locket of gold.

When the hearing began there were no spectators in court, but it was soon noised about the city hall that Mrs. Emerson's case was being considered, and a dozen curious officials and others hastened in.

Judge Hull assumed the role of examiner for the court and provoked a sharp retort from Mrs. Emerson when he said that she had been summoned to explain why her \$25,000 worth of jewels had not been assessed.

Attorney Trundle interrupted with the observation that there was no evidence before the court as to the value of the jewels. "Oh! yes there is," replied Judge Hull. "Mrs. Emerson told the newspaper reporters that her diamonds were worth that much, and her husband testified here some weeks ago that they had cost that sum and he had given them to her."

"Indeed, I did not tell reporters what my jewels are worth," said Mrs. Emerson. "I do not know their value. My husband gave them to me and one does not ask the cost of gifts."

Mr. Trundle suggested that he wanted to prove several facts; the value of the jewels cut no figure. Mrs. Emerson then took the oath and testified that she wore all her jewelry at least twice a week and at least half of it every day. She did not keep it in a bank vault and had done so only once, several years ago, when she was ill. At this point she held forth her hand and permitted Judge King to examine her most costly diamond rings.

Judge Hull remarked that it did not seem possible to wear \$25,000 worth of jewelry regularly. "I beg your pardon," said Mrs. Emerson. "I know a number of ladies who do so."

Attorney Trundle argued the law on the subject. This, he said, provided that diamonds and jewelry habitually worn were exempt from taxation. He quoted Webster's and the Century Dictionaries to show that "habitually" did not mean occasionally and all the time, but customarily and as a matter of practice. He also quoted a decision of the California Supreme Court to sustain his position. It had been shown, he continued, that Mrs. Emerson was in the habit of wearing her jewelry, and that it was, therefore, not subject to taxation.

Mr. Trundle admitted that if the jewels were kept locked up in a vault, or the diamonds were unset, they would be subject to taxation. Judge King and Langhammer expressed themselves as ready to vote on the case at once. It was understood that they favored exempting the jewels. Judge Hull was not ready, however, and the court announced that the decision would be made later. A message was sent to City Counselor Hayes to confer with the court about the case this afternoon.

Judge Hull has claimed that the jewels should be assessed at fully \$15,000.

Benefited Strikers.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Feb. 3.—Strikers were more happier than was expected at the result of the blizzard. Most of them were given employment in removing the snow and repairing done by the storm at fair wages.

MICAJA'S NEW STUDY.

The Janitor and His Geographical Learning.

The flutter of the Klondike wave which struck Raleigh has had a tendency to cool down the evil doers and consequently there has been a lull in the dispensation of red hot justice among our police courts. Micaja the janitor at Judge Roberts' tribunal has during this quiet period devoted himself to the study of geography. When the reporter visited the court room this morning the Judge was conducting an examination of Micaja on his studies. Here is the examination as it occurred, the Judge propounding the interrogatories and Micaja answering:

What is the surface of the earth composed of? Corner lots, bad roads, railroad tracks, baseball parks and miserable sidewalks.

What portion of the globe is water? About one-fourth, the balance is made up of corn whiskey and stale beer.

What is a town composed of? A collection of homes with high rent, some inhabitants and four or five men who lend money at 12 per cent, and run the party.

What is a city? An overgrown town with a street committee, a police force and lots of bar-rooms.

What is commerce? Borrowing \$5 00 for a day or two and dodging the lender for a year or two.

Micaja, name the races! Horse race, bicycle race, human race, colored race and racing around to find a fellow to endorse your note.

What are the classes of mankind? Six; enlightened, civilized, half civilized, dudes, dead-beats, insurance agents and reporters.

How many motions has the earth? That depends upon how many mixed drinks you have taken.

What is a capital of a state? A town with a governor, a railroad vice president, some railroad commissioners and rabbit hunting lawyers.

What is a map? A drawing to show the jury where Russell stood when Caldwell and Pearson entered the railroad commissioners room at 11 o'clock at night.

THE WILKES BONDS.

Sheriff Call Visits Raleigh Regarding Them.

Sheriff Call, of Wilkes, went to Raleigh last night. He did not say, but it is presumed that he has gone down to look up some documents for the Wilkes bond case, in which he is interested, being also treasurer of the county. He is willing to pay the interest on the bonds if the courts express a willingness for him to do so.

In an interview the sheriff referred to the recent statement of Col. M. L. Mott, who said the Senator Pritchard's leadership would result in defeat for the republican party in North Carolina this year, and added that he wished to say that Pritchard is the only recognized leader and if there were more like him the republican party in this state would be a better-off.

The Wilkes sheriff speaks with confidence in saying that Mott's political influence is a back number and that he is a "dead duck" with his party. The Sheriff, it is understood, will use his best efforts to knock the Solicitor out whenever he attempts to run for office again.—Greensboro Record.

VISIT NEWBERN.

The Governor's Guards will Attend the Fair February 23 to March 5th.

The fish, oyster and game fair will be held at Newbern beginning February 23rd, continuing through March 5th.

The fair promises to be a decided success this year as it has been in the past, and Raleigh will doubtless be well represented. A number of prominent young men of the city will act as marshals. The Governor's Guards of this city will also attend and they expect to go the first day of the fair. The Governor, his staff and other state officials are also expected to attend.

Mrs. J. B. Shinn and Miss Shinn, of Washington, D. C., are visiting Mrs. E. B. Roberts.

Dr. George A. Renn, of Raleigh, spent last night in the city with his brother, Captain J. R. Renn.—Durham Sun.

FROM FAR AND NEAR

The News From Over the Wires Today.

ALLEGED BRIBERY.

Anti-Scalping Bill Reported Favorably—Senator Mills Wants to Succeed Himself—Steamer Used Corn for Fuel at Sea.

By Telegraph to Press-Visitor. COLUMBUS, Feb. 3.—The Senate committee investigating the charges of attempted bribery, during the recent senatorial contest held a short session last session last evening and examined John D. Taylor of this city. The testimony was unimportant.

The friends of Senator Hanna are considering the matter of taking a hand in the investigation and may subpoena some witnesses including the leaders of the anti-Hanna movement and others who may have information, that is desired. They will bring out list of possible witnesses which is said to have been prepared. No further meetings of the committee will be held this week.

Reported Favorably.

By Telegraph to Press-Visitor. WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The senate committee reported the anti-scalping bill favorably today.

Martin's Trial.

By Telegraph to Press-Visitor. WILKESBARRE, Feb. 2.—The Martin jury is completed and the case went on in earnest today.

Riotous Students.

By Cable to Press-Visitor. VIENNA, Feb. 3.—Hundreds of students invaded the lecture rooms of the Vienna University this morning and indulged in a riotous demonstration against the ordinance forbidding German students wearing badges at Prague. They prevented the classes from pursuing their studies and the professor was compelled to withdraw. Polytechnic is closed for this week.

Murderer Executed.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. BERLIN, Feb. 3.—It is announced here in a dispatch from Kiao-Chou that the murderer of Schultz, a German sentry who was killed while on duty at Tsimo, was executed after a trial by a Chinese court.

Used Corn for Fuel.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. QUEENSTOWN, Feb. 3.—The British Steamer Glenadower arrived this morning from Baltimore, experienced fierce weather. The heavy seas sweeping over her damaged the decks and swept her boat away. The supply of coal was exhausted and she used her cargo of corn for fuel.

World's Fair in 1901.

By Telegraph to Press-Visitor. ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Senator McNulty introduced a bill today providing for a World's Fair in New York in 1901. The bill provides for the issuance of municipal stock to the amount of \$2,000,000.

Charged with Stealing.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. BROOKLYN, Feb. 3.—Charles Kernerman, cashier for his brother Adolph, the missing banker of Brownsville in Brooklyn, was sent to jail today charged with stealing \$400.

Railroad Wreck.

By Telegraph to Press-Visitor. BOSTON, Feb. 3.—A railroad smash up occurred on the Boston and Maine railway at Winter Hill this morning. Twelve persons were injured, one will die.

Fierce Gales.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. LONDON, Feb. 3.—Fierce gales prevailed in the English channel and North Sea last night. The harbor Sherness at the mouth of the Thames is crowded with ships, taking refuge there. Vessels are damaged by the storm. No fatalities reported this morning.

Capt Campbell to Web.

Capt Robert Campbell, one of the popular Palman conductors who runs on the western division of the Southern will be married on the 15th, inst., to a Washington lady.

Mrs. John F. Lannan returned to Wake Forest today.

CONTINUES COLD.

Tomorrow With a Severe Freeze in the Morning—Warm in Florida.

For Raleigh and vicinity the weather forecast says fair, continued cold, tonight and Friday.

The storm yesterday over the Lake region has moved northward to Canada and was without much influence in the United States. The high area moved rapidly southward to Texas.

The weather is clear and cold throughout the entire country. In the Lake region and Ohio valley it is even colder than yesterday. Cincinnati and Pittsburgh report zero, Dayton, Chicago, Detroit at Cleveland below zero, Washington and Knoxville 10 above. The weather has also cleared and the temperature fallen rapidly throughout Texas and the Gulf coast. It is warmer in Florida.

A COTTON FACTORY.

The Wiscasset Mills Company was Incorporated Today.

Articles of incorporation were today filed with the secretary of state for the Wiscasset Mills company. The company will build a mill at Alburnmarie, Stanly county and is incorporated for the purpose of spinning and weaving wool, cotton and other textile products.

The capital stock shall not be less than \$175,000 or more than \$500,000. The incorporators are J. W. Cannon, D. F. Camron, J. S. Elford and K. J. Davis.

EASTERN MANEUVERES.

England is Reinforcing Her Squadron in Chinese Waters—Russia Aggressive.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. LONDON, Feb. 3.—A dispatch from Shanghai says that the China Gazette asserts that Great Britain's Indian, Australian and Pacific squadrons are ordered to be in readiness to reinforce the fleet in China waters. The dispatch also says that Russia hoists her flags on the fort of Port Arthur, England hoists hers at Chusan and the Japanese fleet will ascend to Yang-Tse Kiang as soon as the river rises.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

The Movement in New York and Liverpool Markets.

By private wire to W. A. Porterfield & Co. New York Cotton.

Table with columns: Months, High, Low, Close. Rows for February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 3.—1 p. Cotton good business done and steady; American mid-land 3 1/2; sales 14,000; American 13,000; speculation and exports 5,000; receipts 15,000; American 14,500; Pakistan 1,500.

Table with columns: Month, Price. Rows for February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today.

Table with columns: Commodity, Price. Rows for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard, Clear Rib Sides, Sugar, American Tobacco, Con Gas, Manhattan, Louisville and Nashville, Western Union, Jersey Central, Burlington and Quincy, Rock Island, St. Paul, Chesapeake & Ohio, Missouri Pacific, Southern Preferred, Chicago & North Western, U. S. Leather Preferred.

SHORT STATEMENTS

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND IN THE CITY.

Port-Port of the News Pictured on Paper—Points and People Portentously Picked and Pithily Put in Print.

Mr. J. L. Kelly left today on a tour inspecting fertilizer.

Rev. Charles Scarborough spent the morning in the city.

Mr. E. B. Hardie has returned to the city.

Miss Elizabeth Cheshire is in Tarboro.

The coping around the capitol square is now being removed.

The authorities at the state prison purchased a large Miller safe from a Richmond house yesterday.

Mr. Paul Thiem, Sr., is reported quite ill at his home on Dawson street.

Mrs. H. A. Renn, of Portsmouth, is in the city on a visit to her son, Dr. George A. Renn.

New carpets have arrived for the government building, which is to be in various ways refitted at a cost of some \$7,500.

Up to 1 p. m. today \$1,025 worth of fertilizer tags had been sold at the agricultural department. For several days the sales have been heavy.

Mayor Russ fined Chas. Chavers \$1.25 for being intoxicated in the market and sent Mary Walker to the workhouse for 30 days for being drunk and disorderly.

The young gentlemen of the A & M College, will give another one of their pleasant dinners, in the dining room of the Park hotel on Friday evening.

Mr. C. P. Overby left today for Washington, D. C. He will be accompanied as far as Raleigh by his daughter, Miss Alice, who goes to see Dr. Lewis, the noted oculist.—Fayetteville Observer.

There are 21 prisoners now in the county jail, only one of whom is a woman, Annie Clark, white. There are 7 white men and 13 negroes. Three of the prisoners are from other counties, namely, Ward, Barnes and John Evans.

Collector Duncan made some appointments as storekeepers and gaugers today to fill vacancies but none of the appointees were Raleigh men and these positions are of little importance.

Mr. B. C. Glover, of Durham, writes that he knew B. F. Strickland, the man whose death at Greensville, N. Y., was announced yesterday, well and that he was formerly of Earpstown, N. C., a distant Raleigh. The deceased has a brother, Mr. Cab Strickland, living in Raleigh.

Horton G. Gill's wife gave birth to triplet sons yesterday week before last. Two were girls and weighed 6 pounds a piece and the boy weighed 4 pounds. All the babies in a few minutes were in the arms of their mother, who was fine.

The Bank of Raleigh national bank opened its doors for business yesterday. A grand day for a good line of dignitaries, both business men having offices in the institution. The members of the Raleigh National Association will meet in the grand parlors this evening at 8 o'clock.

Senator Pritchard's sister has a place now in the Asheville Gazette says: "Col. F. H. Long, who heretofore has been in charge of the brandy distillers' bond department, has been promoted to the position held by James Coleman, and his desk will hereafter be occupied by Miss Florence Pritchard, a sister of Senator Pritchard."

Senator Butler is quoted in a Washington special as saying that he will appear before the senate judiciary committee next Monday and make a personal fight against Judge Ewart. He declines to say what objections he will make, or what will be the line of his opposition. Speaking of the matter tonight, Judge Ewart said he was not in the least disturbed by Mr. Butler's opposition, and that he will be ready to meet it in whatever form it might appear.