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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.

Vanderbilt Hotel Opening.

New York, Jan. 11.—With the opening day of the new Vanderbilt hotel another was added to the long list of palatial hostleries for which New York is famous the world over. The hotel, which is of the skyscraper type, occupies the site of the old Vanderbilt residence at Thirty-fourth street and Park avenue.

So far as the exterior of the building is concerned it closely resembles other structures of the same general class, but inside the hotel is said to set a new high mark for costliness and luxury. The interior fittings alone cost three-quarters of a million dollars. In every salon of the hotel there is an oil painting copy of some old master. The rugs and carpets cost about \$200,000 and the furniture is all of the new glass top pattern, with satin or linen scarfs beneath the glass.

The structure is declared to be absolutely fireproof. There is not a bit of wood in the construction. The bedroom floor, are all concrete and the baseboards are marble. The doors, window frames and sashes are steel. There are no wall papers used in the decorations, the corridors being all of stone and the walls of the rooms painted and paneled.

The owner of the building is Alfred Gyvne Vanderbilt. He is not interested in the management of the hotel, though he has reserved one entire floor for the use of his bride and himself when they are in the city.

Albamarle Paper Changes Hands.

Albamarle, Jan. 10.—Mr. R. G. Mace, of Hickory, has this week taken charge of The Albamarle 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 Albamarle Chronicle has been run for four or five years by Messrs. A. R. Kirk, the present postmaster at Albamarle, 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 Albamarle'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.

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.

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

TO TRY PHYSICIAN FOR WIFE MURDER.

Much Marrying Doctor Has Too Many Wives and Gets Rid of One.

Oregon, Ill., Jan. 11.—Intense interest is manifested in this section in the approaching trial of Dr. Harry Elgin Webster, the young Chicago physician who is charged with having murdered his wife and thrown her body into a lonely ravine in the southwestern part of this county on September 16, last. It is expected the case will come to trial in the Ogle county court next week, though the defense will make a hard fight for a continuance.

Webster's case is one of the most interesting in the criminal annals of northern Illinois. The young man was reared in this section and his youth held forth every promise of a bright future. His ambition to secure a medical education was fulfilled through the assistance of his parents and sisters, who denied themselves in order that he might have the money necessary to go through a Chicago medical college.

The victim of the murder, Mrs. Bessie Kent Webster, is said to have been the third wife of the young physician. In 1904, at Racine, Wis., he is said to have married Miss May B. Graff, a young Chicago woman, who later divorced him for desertion and cruelty. A year ago this month Dr. Webster married Miss Zoe Varney of Cedar Rapids, Ia. The same week, according to the facts brought to light by the police investigation, he secretly married Miss Bessie Kent, a young nurse whom he met in the Chicago hospital in which he was serving as an interne.

His love for his second wife, Mrs. Zoe Varney Webster, is believed to have furnished the motive for his desire to rid himself of the third wife. His term of service as an interne was about finished and it was his intention to join his second wife and establish himself in the practice of his profession.

On the morning of September he is alleged to have lured Mrs. Bessie Kent Webster away from Chicago on the pretext that he wished her to meet his parents who resided near the town of Dixon. Arriving at Dixon the couple drove away in an automobile and that was the last time the young woman was seen alive. Some days later her body was found concealed in a ravine. The victim had met death through a knife wound in the back of the neck which the medical examiners declared could have been inflicted only by a person having a knowledge of surgery. There was evidence that the young woman was drugged before she was killed.

The discovery of the body led to the arrest a few days later of the husband of the victim. Following his arrest Dr. Webster is said to have admitted the murder, but later he denied that he had made any confession. In view of the strong evidence against him it is generally believed that the defense will make a plea of insanity.

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.

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.

Cheyenne, 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 Tarheel 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.

Penny Column Ads. are O.K.

MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE FOR ROSS.

To Be Executed February 16.—Trial of Gladden Begins Today.

Shelby, Jan. 10.—John Ross, confessed murderer of Mr. John Dixon on the night of December 12 at his home near Fallston, in the upper part of Cleveland county, was today sentenced by Judge James L. Webb, presiding over the special term of court ordered by Governor Kitchin to try the alleged murderers, to die in the electric chair at the State prison at Raleigh February 16. Frank Gladden, the white man who was implicated in John Ross' confession as the instigator of the diabolical crime, will be tried tomorrow, first on a charge of the murder of Mr. Dixon, in that he enticed him out of the house and to the barn for Ross to deal the death blow, and if the State fails to make out a case on this charge, he will be tried for the murder of Mrs. Dixon.

Will Ross and Clifton Hoyle were brought from the jail and Solicitor Wilson told the court that the State had been unable to find any evidence against them and ordered their dismissal. The grateful negroes repeated their innocence and thanked the court as they turned from the court room.

Frank Gladden was brought into the court room by three officers and he showed signs of extreme nervousness. He is a tall, well-dressed man, about 30 years of age, but has a hard face and a reputation that will work against him in his defense. He was a painter and farmer by trade, but a few days after the tragedy his conduct was suspicious and he moved to Shelby, where he rented a barber shop and donned the best clothes he had. The State will contend that he knew something of the 8900 Mr. Dixon was to get that week and that his purpose in committing the deed was robbery. Mr. Dixon's purse containing \$25 or \$30 was missing from his dead body and John Ross says Gladden told him that he needed this money to move on, but that he would give him \$100, if he would lay the crime on Will and Haek Ross, whom they knew had unsatisfactory dealings with Mr. Dixon about a mule and a hog. Gladden is married and has three children. His father is a respectable citizen in that neighborhood, and he is fighting for the life of his son, even if it costs his little plantation.

The local military company will continue to guard the jail, where Gladden and John Ross are confined. Everything is quiet now and there is no danger of an attempt to storm the jail, though many would like to see the condemned negro pay the penalty for his crime here in their presence rather than in Raleigh. Judge Webb has ordered Sheriff Wilkins to take the prisoner to the State prison at Raleigh, and this will be done as soon as Ross testifies in the Gladden case. The presence of the militia at the jail in the meantime will be more to prevent a possible escape than anything else.

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.

Insurance Agent Gets Away With Good Deal 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.

Building to the Value of \$321,000

was constructed in Greensboro during 1911, and it is said the building record for 1912 will be even larger.

PERSONAL MENTION.

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

Mr. Eugene Fink is spending the day in Salisbury.

Mr. G. G. Dudley is spending the day in Salisbury.

Mr. J. G. Parks spent the morning in Charlotte on business.

Mr. John Braswell, of Charlotte, is spending the day here with friends.

Mr. W. B. McCall, of Lenoir, is a business visitor in the city.

Mr. W. H. Redfern, of the Charlotte News, is a Concord visitor today.

Mr. C. W. Johnston, of Charlotte, is a business visitor in the city today.

Mr. M. L. Cannon returned this morning from a business trip to Eantonton, Ga.

Mr. Colb Morris, of West Point, is visiting at the home of his father, Mr. Z. A. Morris.

Mr. W. H. G. Belk, of Baltimore, is here to attend the stockholders meeting of the Young-Hartsell mill.

Mr. John M. Young, of Washington, is here on business connected with the government building.

Mr. W. D. Carmichael, a well known hotel man, of Marion, S. C., is a visitor in the city, the guest of Mr. J. B. Rector.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Oates have returned to their home, in High Point, after visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. C. J. Cator for several days.

Miss Helen Knester, of Roanoke, Va., who has been visiting Mrs. Jno. M. Cook left yesterday afternoon for Columbia, S. C., to enter school.

Mr. David Lippard, principal of Pinnacle Public School, spent Monday and Tuesday nights at the home of Mr. John McAnulty.

Accused of Embezzement.

Special to Charlotte Observer.

Greensboro, Jan. 10.—Frank Wineskie, director and manager of the Standard Mirror and Pittsburg Plate Glass Companies' branch offices at High Point, and one of the best known and most prominent citizens of that town, was arrested late this afternoon upon a warrant charging the embezzlement of \$30,000. The charge against Wineskie was made by Frank McKnight, president of the Standard Mirror Company.

It is due the defendant to state that he, as well as many friends and business men generally here, who know him best positively deny the allegation. They say this charge is absolutely preposterous. The writer in conversation with Mr. Wineskie tonight, was told that during the seven years of his connection with this company here his books have been regularly audited by expert accountants. The last auditing was done in January, 1911.

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 Isehour'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.

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."

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Inconsistency Still a Jewel—Ludwig Literary Society Debate—Personal.

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 Mount Amoena 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 Lyeum course 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. Lentz spent last week at Black Mountain visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lee Bernhardt.

Miss Ryle 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.

Mt. Pleasant, January 11, 1912.

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.

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 L. 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 Traumerli.

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. E. Teeter and Miss Claude Teeter, of Harrisburg.

A diner in a New York restaurant remained at the table nine hours Christmas day and finally the police had to come and take him away.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of News From All Parts of the Old North State.

G. E. Cagle, of Candor, N. C., who was shot in Baltimore by Herbert King, formerly of Atlanta, died in a hospital in that city today, and King is held on charge of murder. Cagle charged King with marrying the girl he was engaged to, and the shooting was the result of a quarrel over the girl.

Dr. A. A. McFadyen, returned medical missionary of the Presbyterian Church from China, was in Fayetteville a few days last week. Dr. McFadyen was physician there two years previous to his going to China. He is now at home on leave of absence for one year on account of the health of his wife. He will spend the year at Linden and Reasford.

Dr. James McKee, superintendent State Hospital for Insane, died in Raleigh Wednesday night shortly after midnight. He was 68 years years old and had been superintendent of the central hospital twelve years. He was a native of Raleigh, had an extensive medical practice for many years, and for six years secretary of the State Medical Society.

A great State convention of the Anti-Saloon League forces of North Carolina has been called to be held in Raleigh on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 26, 27 and 28. The convention is to have in its representatives from every section of the State, and there will take part in it speakers of national reputation. The convention will be largely attended and will be held in the auditorium.

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