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LOCAL NEWS.

There were 7 feet of water in the Cape Fear at 8 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Carl Ledbetter marketed cucumbers this morning at ten cents apiece. They met with ready sale.

Weather Predictions—Chief Moore, Washington, D. C., 11:30—Threatening with rain, and cooler to-night. Sunday Fair.

The C. F. & Y. V. Railway will sell round trip tickets at one first-class fare to Pittsburg, Pa., on account of the National Prohibition Convention May 27-29.

The Charlotte Observer editorially says: "The Concord Times and Lincoln Democrat, two of the ablest and most earnest sound money papers in the State, have this week declared themselves unequivocally in favor of the nomination of Col. Julian S. Carr for Governor."

Notwithstanding the rain and very threatening weather last night the festival at the F. M. A. under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church was surprisingly successful. Even as late as twelve o'clock numbers could be seen sitting at the tables enjoying the delightful refreshments.

The President of the United States sent the Comptroller of the United States Treasury out to Illinois to carry that State for gold. He has returned to his master in a pitiful plight. His own county went against him. Gold only delegates will be scarce. Delegates elected to date 335. Of these 304 have been instructed for silver, 24 uninstructed and but 7 for the gold standard.

Notable Arrivals.
E. E. Hemlock, Cincinnati; Walter D. Carpenter, New York; Dr. J. E. Caveness, Hope Mills; C. A. Berkman, Hope Mills; W. F. Peace, W. W. Fitzhugh, Buie, N. C.; A. J. Wilson, Texas; E. R. Fishblate, Greensboro; H. D. Sheppard, Baltimore; H. W. Neefus, New York; A. N. Webb, Iowa; C. T. Johnson, Benson; Sprigg Beant and wife, Cincinnati; Wm. Boshier, Richmond; F. Meyer, Baltimore.

Shaw for MacRae for Governor.

The Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer of yesterday says: Representative Shaw, who returned here to-day, favors the nomination of ex-Gov. Boies of Iowa, for President. He fears some old Democrats who are unacquainted with Senator Teller's efforts to save the South the infliction of the force bill would not vote for him, because he has acted with the Republicans up to now. Mr. Shaw endorses Judge MacRae for Governor. He says MacRae is a good Democrat, an able and true man, who could vanquish the demagogue Russell.

The Joint Meeting Last Night.

The joint meeting of the board of aldermen and the board of audit and finance accomplished nothing at their meeting last night. Only one member of the board of audit and finance was present, that was the chairman. He read their report, but after a very spirited discussion, led by aldermen McKethan and Campbell in opposition to the report, the matter was referred to a joint meeting of the finance committee of the board of aldermen and the board of audit and finance.

Robeson County Court.

Robeson County Superior Court adjourned yesterday. Judge Green during this term sentenced two negroes, Frank McRae and Gus Thompson to be hanged on June 19th. No appeal was taken in either case. They had been convicted by a jury of committing rape. A correspondent of the Wilmington Star says that an effort will be made to have Thompson's sentence commuted to life imprisonment but that McRae will probably be executed at the appointed time.

Won't Vote for Russell.

Mr. W. C. Troy who has just returned from a trip through Randolph, Moore, Harnett and Chatham says that he sounded the prominent white Republicans in all those counties on Russell's nomination and found a surprising number of them bitterly opposed to him.

The Populists he says are almost without exception solid against fusion, and that hundreds of negroes declared that they will not support Russell under any circumstances.

He says all this talk by a few scared Democrats about the negroes falling into line at the last moment is tommy rot, and that Russell will be overwhelmingly defeated. He says that even granting that the negroes, every one of them, so stultify themselves as to vote for Russell, a Democratic Governor would still be elected, for there are thousands of Populists in North Carolina who are disgusted with their leaders, and only need a little persuading to return to their old mother.

The Old Court House.

All that now stands of the old court house is a part of the west wall. The foundations are covered with debris, and therefore it is impossible to tell whether there is a corner-stone or not. By the way, Mr. Cain, who is engaged in making abstracts of title to real estate in this county, commencing with the Records in the Register of Deeds' office, from 1750, says that, from 1750 to 1797, the year on which he is now working, no mention of a court house is made, but in the latter year the words court house appear for the first time. Before that year the State House is recorded as the place where all legal transactions took place. It is to be presumed, therefore, that in 1797, one year after our Independence, a court house was erected. The men engaged in tearing down the old court house inform us that it was originally wooden, but was remodelled and encased with brick. As there are no official records concerning this old building in the years gone by, we would like to hear from any one concerning its history.

Meeting of Supervisors.

A called meeting of the Supervisors of Cross Creek township was held May 12th. Supervisors present: D. N. McLean, chairman, A. J. Deal, C. B. McMillan, T. B. Newberry, T. S. Lutterloh, C. P. Overby.

The meeting was called to receive the report of the Harrington Hill Committee and take in consideration the condition of roads.

The overseer of Harrington Hill road having moved away, H. I. McDuffie was appointed overseer of said road.

It was moved and carried that D. N. McLean, C. B. McMillan and A. J. Deal be appointed a committee to examine into the condition of Adam street and McIver street from Hall's old corner to Mimms' pond, and report at regular August meeting.

Moved and carried that D. N. McLean, T. S. Lutterloh and overseer of Haymount road ditch, to have the ditch repaired and furnish lumber if necessary for boxing.

Unlucky Friday.

Yesterday evening Messrs. A. J. Cook, J. C. Thomson, Leighton Huske and W. J. Perrin went out for the first time this summer to occupy their cottage at Bolton Springs. This morning four young men bearing slight resemblance to the four above mentioned were seen dragging themselves wearily into town, one of them with fragments of a bicycle on his shoulder. Although they parted at the foot of Harrington's Hill and circled the city until they got to a point opposite their homes and then made a bee line for the back doors, they were seen, and good naturedly gayed by several of their friends.

Messrs. Cook, Huske and Thomson journeyed to the Springs in a buggy and arrived there all right, Mr. Perrin started on a bicycle, but when within two miles of the Springs ran against a tree which had fallen across the road and broke his wheel to bits.

He walked the balance of the way and when comfortably housed with his companions, was consoled by their offer to take him home in their buggy. But lo, when they awoke in the morning they discovered that their horse had broken loose and returned to town. The result was as above described.

Diocesan Council.

The second day's proceedings of the Episcopal Diocesan Council, in session at Wilmington, was opened at ten o'clock yesterday morning. The following gentlemen from Fayetteville were present: Rev. Dr. J. C. Huske, Rev. Isaac W. Hughes, Rev. Joseph N. Starr, Judge R. P. Buxton, and Messrs. F. R. Rose, and B. R. Huske. We take the following from the Wilmington Messenger:

The bishop read his annual address, giving in detail his office work for the past year, and closing with most excellent advice and earnest exhortation. He referred most feelingly to the death of Hon. George Davis and Mr. John B. Bonner, of Aurora. This portion of the address was referred to special committees to report to-morrow. The summary of the bishop's work for the year is: Services 172, sermons, and instructions 225, meetings with Sunday schools and catechizings 9, cele-

brations of the Holy communion 65, Baptisms 13, confirmations 224, ordination to the diaconate 1, churches consecrated 4, funerals 11, meetings with vestries 27, lay-readers licensed 57.

Since May 1, 1895, two clergymen have been received into the diocese, one ordained; and one has been transferred to another diocese. There are now in the diocese besides the bishops, 19 presbyters and 6 deacons. There are 2 candidates for the diaconate, 7 candidates for the priesthood, and 8 postulants.

The council was invited by St. James' Parish to visit Ocean View, and the courtesies of the Carolina Yacht Club were also extended to the council for Saturday afternoon, and these invitations were accepted with thanks.

The council accepted the invitation of Rev. Stewart McQueen to meet in Goldsboro next year, Thursday, May 20th.

One thousand car loads of iron piping from Alabama is being hauled north by the A. C. L. This, ten years ago would have seemed as ridiculous as carrying coals to Newcastle.

People and their Movements.

Mr. W. J. Moore, Principal of Raeford Institute, and Hon. J. W. McLaughlin, of Raeford, were in the city this morning.

Dr. J. E. Caveness, of Hope Mills, was in the city this morning.

Mr. E. R. Fishblate, of Greensboro, formerly of this place, was shaking hands this morning with his old friends.

THE CHURCHES TO-MORROW.

BAPTIST—REV. C. A. G. THOMAS, PASTOR.

11 a. m.—Subject, "Who is in the Faith?"
8:30 p. m.—"At Cherith; or The Lord will Provide."

This is the first in a series on "The Prophet of Fire."

9:30 a. m.—Sunday School. The public cordially invited.

HAY STREET M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH—REV. L. L. NASH, D. D., PASTOR.

11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Services by Rev. L. L. Holden.

9:30 a. m. Sunday School. The public cordially invited to all services.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL—REV. ISAAC W. HUGHES, RECTOR.

11 a. m. Lay Reading. No service at night.

PREBYTERIAN CHURCH, REV. A. J. MCKELWAY, PASTOR.

11 a. m. Subject—"Love for the church"—Col. 1:24. Hymns, 529, 549, 541.

8:30 p. m.—"The Life and character of Saul." Hymns, 318, 334, 324.

A WOMAN IN WHITE

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