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BLACKWOOD.

LOCAL NEWS.

All papers sold on the streets by newsboys should bear the stamp, "For Transient Sale," in red ink.

The rainfall yesterday was 60-100 of an inch.

Weather Predictions—Chief Moore, Washington, D. C., 11:30 o'clock.—Generally fair to-night and Wednesday.

Mr. E. A. Poe has purchased a lot on the Arsenal grounds opposite Mrs. Small's, and will soon commence the erection of a residence.

An excursion from Ramæur to Wilmington passed through here this morning on the C. F. & Y. V. railroad. There were not a great many passengers.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Eugenia Katherine Small to Mr. William Alfred White, at the residence of Mrs. Margaret Small, on Haymount, Wednesday morning, Aug. 19th, at 10 o'clock.

There was a tremendous wind storm on the Murchison road about two miles from this city yesterday evening. Twelve or fifteen big trees were blown down, and hundreds of branches were sent flying through the air. It lifted the roof of the house of Carolina Sparks, a colored man.

Capt. Flowers was riding down Russel street this morning when he espied William Murley, an escaped Cumberland convict from the Chatham gang. He jumped out of his buggy and gave chase but the negro had the start, and escaped. In his flight the fugitive dropped a bundle of clothing, a guitar, and a fine mackintosh. In the pocket of the mackintosh was found a new bull-dog pistol.

Hotel Arrivals.

J. G. Cooke, Washington, D. C.; W. C. Bain, Greensboro; Earnest Deans, Wilson; G. F. Jenkins, Salem, N. C.; H. E. Waller, N. Y.; Thos. Bissett, Florence; Chas. P. Sales, Washington, D. C.; E. L. Rawlins, N. C.; J. J. McLeod, R. M. S.; T. E. Barksdale, Jr., St. Louis; O. M. Stone, Augusta, Ga.; J. A. Sheets, Raleigh; Pat. O. Carpenter, Newton, N. C.

A Bicycle Track.

There is some talk among the bicyclists of building a quarter mile bicycle track inside the big track at the Fair Grounds. This should be done by all means, and before the fair in November too. It is estimated that a fine cinder track can be made for about one hundred, and considering the number of bicyclists, this could be easily raised. Bicycle racing is now all the rage, and is attracting as much attention as horse racing.

Into the Enemy's Country.

Bryan's progress to New York has been one continued triumphal procession. In McKinley's own home Conton, Ohio, thousands turned out to greet and cheer him. In Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, acres and acres of people wildly cheered him. This caused Bryan to say that "instead of the 'wild west,' it was now the 'wild east.' Some one cried "go east young man, go east," and the thousands upon thousands took up the cry, amid a scene of wonderful enthusiasm.

Police News.

Col. Pemberton, as Mayor, tried his first case this morning. It was a case of being drunk and disorderly, against W. F. Carver. The Mayor fined him five dollars and costs. It was observed that the Colonel smoked for the first time the beautiful German pipe presented to him recently by a well known society lady who has just returned from a trip through Europe. We presume he smoked it as the "pipe of peace."

All at Sea.

A number of delegates to the Congressional Convention at Jacksonville took advantage of the excursion passing through here to Wilmington this morning, and left earlier than they expected. They go perfectly at sea as to who will be the final choice of the convention. Some were shouting for Shaw, some were talking Cook and others were silent. The following composed the party: Maj. W. F. Campbell, ex-Sheriff J. B. Smith, and Messrs. S. W. Tillinghast, B. R. Taylor, Geo. A. Burns, Duncan Shaw, H. I. McDuffie, and E. E. Gorham. Congressman Shaw and another party of delegates leave this evening. The convention meets Thursday at 12 o'clock.

Political.

The handful of gold bugs in Fayetteville are battling manfully, in argument, against overwhelming odds, both in numbers and logic. One is bound to admire their consistency and persistency. Every night the battle goes on in front of the La Fayette, but none seem to get the wiser from the encounter. All this seems to have no effect on the silver wave however, for higher and higher, louder and louder rolls triumphantly this wave of the people. It is carrying everything in its onward march to prosperity. New York is said to be safe for Bryan and silver, and now Pennsylvania. A correspondent from Philadelphia says:

There is going on such a deflection from the republican ranks to the silver forces that Wannamaker has found it necessary to summons Hanna to the Pig Iron state for consultation and action with a view to checking the stampede from the "grand old party" to Bryan and Sewall. In fact, I am told that so rapidly has the silver sentiment grown in Pennsylvania that the idea of supplementing Sibley, for Sewall has many followers in the Keystone state, based upon the idea that with Sibley's popularity among the laboring classes and the silver hosts he might be able to add even Pennsylvania to the silver column. Stranger things have happened.

Our weather Prophet, Gen. Thos. Gill, said through the OBSERVER of last week that it would rain on the 10th, and verily, it did.

The Firemen's Contest.

Large numbers witnessed the Firemen's Tournament yesterday afternoon and grew wildly excited over the team race, and laughed immoderately over the "coon" contest.

The heavy rain had cooled off the torrid atmosphere, and the spectators and actors were in high spirits. Promptly at 5:30 the chief gave the signal, and the race between the rival teams commenced. The race was 800 feet, and in less time than one could say "Jack robin," it seemed, they were throwing streams on the supposed fire. But No. 1 was the victor, the water gushing, with that peculiar cracking noise, from her nozzle first.

Both teams gave a fine exhibition of their alertness and expert handling of the apparatus. No. 1, the victorious team, was composed of the following: Jno. Roddick, Captain, Jas. McNeill, David McKethan, Willie McKethan, J. A. Brown, Sandy McGeachy and J. C. Watson.

No. 2, the defeated team, consisted of the following: D. Jones, Captain, W. S. MacRae, C. D. Elliott, C. B. Ledbetter, Geo. Brandt, Jno. Monaghan, R. H. McDuffie and H. H. Preston.

Now came the funny part. Four coons essayed to steal the watermelons which had been placed in the centre of the street, and as many streams shot out from the four quarters of the compass to prevent them. Into the water circle dashed the coons but no sooner had they reached the coveted fruit than they "got it in the neck" with tremendous force, causing them to spin around like tops, one coon, it is said, spinning on his head for several seconds with a mellow grasped tightly in his arms, another was whirled about on one leg and some one vouched that he saw one circling around on his ear. It is certain, however, that after a long struggle each coon allowed himself to be whirled out of reach hugging a big mellow and smiling triumphantly. This was repeated several times and kept the crowd in one continuous roar of laughter.

People and Their Movements.

Miss Maggie Williams, of Burgaw, is on a visit to Miss Pearl McMillan.

Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Patterson have returned from Mt. Vernon Springs.

Mr. Alex. Sessoms left yesterday for Way Cross, Ga., on a visit to relatives.

Mr. Q. K. Nimocks and family have returned to their town house from Bolton's Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. McRae have returned from a visit to Mrs. McRae's parents at Rozier.

Miss Mamie Bidgood, of Virginia, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. R. W. Bidgood, on Haymount.

Mrs. W. H. Hardin, of Tennessee, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Troy, on Haymount.

Our venerable friend, Mr. Chas. Goddard, who has been ill for some time, is said to be better this morning.

Messrs. B. C. Gorham and Jas. R. Williams returned this morning from the Grand Encampment of Odd Fellows at New Bern.

Mrs. J. R. Hiatt returned yesterday from White Sulphur Springs, Mt. Airy, very much improved, which is due to the delightful climate and water.

Mr. James C. McDiarmid, who has been taking his vacation at the old homestead near Manchester, returned to Norfolk last night to resume his duties as private secretary to the Train Dispatcher of the N. & C. R. R.

Misses Daisy Vick, of Selma, Charlotte Brown, of Washington, and Isabel Fairly, of Tarboro, who have been enjoying the delightful house party at "Montrose," returned to their respective homes this morning.

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