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## ONLY TWO REPORTS IN

### Others are Making Promises for Reports at April Meeting.

The matter of the delay in making reports and the non-compliance with the explicit orders of the city charter on the part of some representatives of the city government, attention to which was directed in the Times-Visitor early last week, seems to have been regarded by some few of the city officials, but neglected by others. There have been promises that the report for the fiscal year just closed will be submitted at an early date and that the Board of Aldermen will cause them to be printed without waiting for the laggards to bring in belated returns.

Up to date only two reports have been received. These are: Report of the City Superintendent of Health, Dr. J. W. McGee, Jr. Report of the Street Committee, Messrs. John C. Drewry, D. H. Hamilton and H. H. Crocker.

The Chief of Police states that his report is complete and will be made to the Board of Aldermen at the April meeting. The City Clerk's report is necessarily delayed several weeks after the close of the fiscal year to complete the computations and to transcribe the expenditures. The report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund will be handed to the City Clerk within a few days.

The Committees of the Board have arranged to have their reports in by the next meeting of the Board, and of these the most important, and the one requiring the greatest labor, is that from the Finance Committee.

The City Treasurer's report will also be in at an early date, but this is not included in the printed report, as the same information is given in the detailed report from the City Clerk.

The report from the School Committee and Superintendent of Public Schools will not be completed until June and will not be included in the city report. It will be printed under separate cover.

This year's report from Rex Hospital, which was delayed longer than any other report last year, will probably come in earlier. It is understood that the matron will have her report ready by April.

An effort will be made to have the entire report printed by May 1st, the report of Mayor Powell, reviewing the reports of the various departments to be handed in shortly after the reports of the Finance Committee and the City Clerk.

## CHARGED WITH FORGERY

### Alleged that Raleigh Colored Man Forged Order on Mr. Heller.

This morning in the mayor's court room there was a gaudy sprinkling of colored people to witness the trial of Ernest Bobbitt, a colored boy, charged with forgery.

The offense was committed last August and though Bobbitt has been aware of the fact that he was under suspicion he has remained in Raleigh, alleging all the time that the forged paper was given him by another. This he could not substantiate, so he was placed under arrest and given a preliminary trial before Mayor Powell this morning at 9 o'clock.

Bobbitt was charged with the forgery of an order for \$125. The order was on Mr. Herman Heller, of the Heller Bros. Shoe Store, and the name alleged to be forged to the order was that of Moses Simms.

The evidence presented against Ernest Bobbitt was considered by the jury. Mayor Powell in binding this defendant over to the March term of criminal court on a bond of \$25, in default of which he was sent to jail.

Criminal court meets on the 26th inst., so Bobbitt has only twenty days to remain in jail.

## A MAN'S POLITICS.

Some men's political leanings are hard to determine. Some men change so often that one cannot easily place them. Some men do not announce their positions and therefore it is unsafe to attribute views to them.

However, the Durham Sun brings out the following, which, to say the least, is amusing:

"In the bill of equity filed by the American Tobacco Company attention is called to the fact that Major W. A. Guthrie, 'a politician of more or less prominence with this present affiliations, with that political party at present dominant in the Legislature of North Carolina.' The Major says he is glad a man has been found who is willing to swear to what party he belongs, as he has been in doubt about the matter for some time himself, but he was under the impression that he was a Democrat. He does not know whether they have permanently located him or not, but he will await developments, as all the feathers have not yet been stamped off of the 'Secretary bird.'"

## A PARISIAN IDEA.

Guests Supplied to Order When the Invited Ones Cannot Come.

If the boulevard journal Gil Blas is to be trusted, a very remarkable agency has just been established in Paris, says the Westminster Gazette. Its object is to procure distinguished people to attend dinners, balls and evening parties, in the event of the invited guests not being able to appear. The raison d'être of the agency is the prevalence of influenza which prevents so many people from fulfilling their engagements. Should a distinguished invitee send word to the hostess that he cannot be present at dinner, the lady forthwith applies to the agency, who supplies the particular sort of guest required, whether a good raconteur, a jolly fellow, a diplomatist, a grand duke, or even a princess of the blood, with the scale of prices fixed according to the importance of the person required. Gil Blas declares that a similar institution exists in London. Our contemporary, however, is not a serious paper.

## COTTON.

New York, March 6.—Cotton bids—March, April, May, June and July, 9.50; August, 9.42; September, 8.42; October, 8.09; November and January, 7.92; December, 7.91.

## BOERS MASSING NEAR ASFONTEIN

### Have Extended Their Lines for Ten Miles

## GENERAL GATACRE ENTERS STORMBERG

### Boers in Full Retreat From Cape Colony—Natal Cleared of the Boers—Bloomfontein Left Empty.

Ostfontein, March 6.—The Lunskilling, the New South Wales Lancers, made a reconnaissance of the Boer force yesterday and found that the Boers had extended their position, which is now over ten miles long, with the river in the center. The exact number of them now confronting the British is unknown, but is being reinforced every day.

## BOERS IN FULL RETREAT

London, March 6.—The Boers in Northern Cape Colony are in full retreat to the Orange Free State. The possession of Stormberg by General Gatacre puts him in railroad communication with General Clements at Colesburg, thus the advance of additional British troops into the Free State will be greatly facilitated.

## BLOEMFONTEIN UNDEFENDED.

London, March 6.—A dispatch from Ostfontein, dated March 5, says: The Boer position has been located four miles from our front, and extending over eight miles.

It is believed that the Free Staters are ready to throw up the sponge. Bloemfontein remains undefended, except by the force in front of it. If there should be any further British successes it is believed that President Steyn, of the Free State, will flee from Pretoria. He is reported to be in the Boer laager in front of us.

## GATACRE ENTERS STORMBERG.

Stormberg, March 6.—General Gatacre entered Stormberg yesterday unopposed. The Boers destroyed the railroad approach, but left the station intact.

## BRABANT SCORES VICTORY

Dordrecht, March 6.—General Brabant scored a complete victory. The Boers are in full retreat with guns and wagons and are being pursued. Following yesterday's success General Brabant again engaged the Boers today, with advantage, holding the position captured on yesterday. There was some sharp fighting this morning, the British losing five or six men and capturing the Boer fort, thus vastly improving their position. The Boers fought tenaciously, contesting every inch, but ultimately retreated.

## RUBINOUS PLAGUE DEVELOPS

Cape Town, March 6.—A case of the rubinous plague has developed on the ship Table Bay.

## CECIL RHODES LEAVES

Cape Town, March 6.—Cecil Rhodes, to whom is attributed the cause of the war, will sail for England tomorrow.

## NATAL CLEAR OF BOERS.

London, March 6.—The war office has received the following dispatch from General Roberts, dated Monday: "Buller reports Natal as practically clear of the enemy. The Boers left some ambulances full of sick and wounded."

## HORRIBLE SCENES.

London, March 6.—A dispatch from Ladysmith describing General White's sick troops and withdrawal to new quarters, says the scenes on the road from the town to Colenso exceed the horror of those depicted in Dante's Inferno. Dead men and animals lying mutilated and rotting in the trenches formerly occupied by the Boers fill the air with a sickening stench. In cases where hurried burial was attempted the rains have washed the earth away. Ghostly legs, arms and corpses stick out of the ground.

## ANTI-MOB BILL.

Mississippi to Provide Immediate Trials for Rapists.

Jackson, Miss., March 6.—The upper house of the Legislature has passed the Adams' anti-mob bill, providing that persons accused of rape be given an immediate trial and further that the sheriff or officer who allows a prisoner to be taken from his custody and lynched shall be arraigned before the circuit court.

## \$75,000 FIRE IN NEW YORK.

Kingston, N. Y., March 5.—A large four-story building occupied by Elting Sons, containing a big stock of clothing, was burned this morning. The American Express and Carr Sons' undertaking establishment and arcade was burned. The loss is \$75,000.

## FIFTY MINERS ENTOMBED.

Montgomery, W. Va., March 6.—A gas explosion at Red Ash Mine at Fire Creek today, twelve miners have been taken out of the mine, five of whom are dead. Fifty are still in the mine and there is no hope of their recovery.

## SAFE DYNAMITED.

Pawtucket, R. I., March 6.—Burglars dynamited the safe of the Hand Brewing Company last night and secured between three and four thousand dollars.

## CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS.

Washington, March 6.—The Republican leaders are confident of passing the Porto Rico bill in the Senate, even though Senators Hoar, Mason and Wellington vote against it. The prevailing opinion is that Senator Davis' amendment will be heavily defeated.

## THE ANDREE EXPEDITION.

Stockholm, March 6.—The government has decided to offer rewards for relics of the Andree expedition.

## THE AMERICAN GIRL LAST NIGHT.

### Gave a Splendid Performance—The Raleigh Orchestra.

The audience in the Academy of Music last night was thoroughly delighted with the performance of "The American Girl" as rendered by the A. Q. Scammon Company.

The play is a comedy drama with the scene in Virginia and London and slightly exaggerated in tone, but with realistic situations that were excellently sustained by the members of the company playing here last night. Many specialties were introduced by the comedian, Mr. George F. Hall, Miss Frankie St. John and Miss Grace Hickey, who easily won the hearts of the theatergoers.

In the presentation last night the company had one great advantage over those who have gone before them on the stage at the Academy this season. Manager Rivers has engaged Holloway's Orchestra for the remainder of this season, and the orchestra made its initial appearance last night, meeting with generous applause for its excellent rendition of every number on the program and for the spirit and snap which characterized its renditions. The orchestra deserves a large share of the credit for the evening's success. Specialties in the musical program were introduced by Mr. Lunskilling with zitherphone solos. The numbers "The American Girl," "Coco Torte," "Carnival" and "Colored Aristocracy," as rendered last night, were received by the audience equally as cordially as if presented by an orchestra from a Northern theatre. It is an addition that will make the Academy of Music more popular than ever before.

In the presentation of "The American Girl," Mr. Hall takes the part of an American leader. He is the up-to-date American theatrical manager abroad and there is no successful in securing his contracts, but more successful in bringing happiness into the lives of the friends made during his travels. He is a gifted comedian and doubtless has a brilliant future before him. His indication of Mr. Nat Goodwin in "The Gilded Fool," telling the story of how he learned the value of money and his portrayal of Frank Mayo, reciting the famous "Jim Blodson" were all that could be desired. His appearance was over the occasion for applause, and not once did he disappoint his audience.

Miss Frankie St. John, who is introduced as "Twister," a servant girl, and who afterwards wins fame as an actress in London and becomes the wife of an English statesman, Sir John Ballgown, in her back-dancing and stage work is excellent. She has not a beautiful voice, but in her own songs and dances she is a winner.

Miss Jewell Darrell as Justine, "The American Girl," has an exceedingly difficult part, which requires exceptional emotional power. Miss Darrell met the situation with ease, sustaining her part. Miss Dorothy La Mar as the Hon. Laura Dorsant, of the English nobility, has an unpopular and unimportant part, but she holds her own on account of her beauty. Her scenes, as those of Miss Darrell, were handsomely and well done.

Mr. Vermer, the artist, who has since the Earl of Devonshire, and who was secretly married early in life to "The American Girl," sustained his part well. The other members of the company did their parts with good grace. There was nothing to mar the good work of the first and second acts and what there was in the play was brought out.

The feature of the evening in popularity second only to the acting of Mr. Hall, was the introduction of the two little girls, Misses Lillie Lawson and Grace Hickey. They take active parts in the play, besides charming the audience with specialties in songs and dances. They are both gifted little women who are deserving of the highest praise. Each received repeated encores last night.

All in all the performance was very good. The music was certainly snappy, snappy and melodious, the specialties were all that could be desired, the acting was not faulty, the comic portion of the play was well arranged and excellently presented and each member of the company displayed interest in his part. For once there was nothing mechanical about the acting.

The next attraction at the Academy of Music is for Friday evening.

## DEATH OF MRS. J. M. HENSON

### Formerly Mrs. Wilson a Noted Poet in North Carolina.

This lady died at her home in Brooklyn, N. Y., at 10 o'clock last Sunday morning. She will be remembered in Raleigh and throughout the State as the widow of the Hon. Frank L. Wilson, who a few years after Mr. Wilson's death married Mrs. M. Henson, of this city. The family moved North soon after the close of the war, and for the past thirty years or more have resided in Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. Henson was a lady of fine culture and greatly beloved by all who knew her. In the earlier part of her life she was a frequent contributor to the columns of the press and published several volumes of excellent poems. Her first husband, Mr. Wilson, was one of the leading editors of the State. Capt. Henson, her second husband, survives her, and has been engaged in the printing business since going to New York. A noble, generous, open-hearted wife, mother and friend has gone to rest.

## MR. BAILEY AT THE TABERNACLE.

This evening at the Baptist Tabernacle Mr. J. W. Bailey, editor of the Biblical Recorder, will deliver an address to the young people, his subject being "Elizabeth Barrett Browning."

This address is a most interesting one, and those who have heretofore heard it have expressed their high appreciation of the subject and the very entertaining manner in which Mr. Bailey talks to his audience.

The excellent orchestra of the Blind Institution will furnish music under the leadership of Prof. White.

## BAILEY AND WHITE SPOKE

### Address in Greensboro in Behalf of Baptist Female University.

From Monday's Greensboro Telegram: At the West Washington Street Baptist Church yesterday morning Mr. J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh, editor of the Biblical Recorder, and Rev. J. E. White, Secretary of the State Mission Board, spoke in behalf of the Baptist Female University, these two gentlemen having undertaken to raise \$50,000 for that object by visiting and appealing to the individual churches of the State. Mr. Bailey spoke first.

"This young man is not an orator, but he is an independent thinker, and has an originality in the presentation of his thoughts that surprises and holds the attention. He is as bright as a 1000 dollar lamp, and today, likewise, the new century comes to us bearing upon its lip 'Prepare ye for the kingdom of God is at hand.' Why this inefficiency still? Why will all these years we are unable to prevent two men standing upon the prostrate form of a State in bloody combat over the government? Why are we unable to keep from the Philippines the 250,000 saloon drummers that are there today, and why does the new century come to us with the word 'Prepared' upon its lips? Because of lack of proper female education, for the character of a man is made before he leaves his mother's arms. Because the attention which has been given to the education of men has failed. The speaker then described touchingly what the struggle was which finally ended in the opening of the University, and touched upon the influence it would have through the ages.

"Of course, he said, 'you have been appealed to by Rev. E. W. Clark in North Carolina has been 'grieved over' and we are here to learn this once again. And you will continue to be grieved over. The 'old boy' wouldn't have you if you wouldn't have him."

Rev. Mr. White spoke very earnestly and interestingly in the cause of the University. He said the nearly every Christian denomination in the United States had set out to do some specific piece of work this year, the accomplishment of which would forever mark the last year of the century. In North Carolina this specific work of the Baptists is paying the debt on the Female University. We are always working under high pressure, it is said. A Baptist ought to be the last person in the world to be afraid of high pressure, for it is a pretty well established truth that the average Baptist is fully competent to take care of himself when a collection is being taken up. He also referred to the neglect of women. "Go into our country churches and you will see the men file in and take seats on one side of the house and the women on the other. And when we talk of missions and education and such subjects, we find the responses on the women's side, but the pocket books are on the men's side, and the middle aisle is too wide for them to go through."

Mr. White closed his talk by asking for subscriptions, beginning at \$100, to which there was no response, and going down to \$1. One person responded at the \$50 mark, others at \$25, several at \$10, and quite a number at \$5. Between \$200 and \$225 were raised.

## JEFFREVS-SHARKEY FIGHT

### The Original Pictures to be Presented Friday Night.

The fact that the management of the Academy of Music is making a strong feature in all the announcements of the week-end exhibition of the Jeffrevs-Sharkey contest pictures, which will be shown Friday night for the first time in this city, of the fact that they are the only complete and accurate pictures of the great battle that were taken, has attracted considerable attention and needs some explanation. That the pictures to be exhibited there are the real ones, is beyond dispute, and it is interesting to know how "reproductions" are made. It will be remembered that the pictures of the Jeffrevs-Sharkey battle—when the California fall-outer won the championship—were taken, and it will probably also be recalled that his gas representations of the fight were made. The manner in which it is done is this:

Some enterprising man will get two fighters, proportioned like the contestants in a big mill, to box the number of rounds the fight lasted, not being careful to make anything like the original, except the finish. The movements of these dummy boxers, made up as the real contestants are, are photographed, and those are palmed off on the gullible as a reproduction. This scheme was first exposed after the Jeffrevs-Sharkey contest, and then the fakirs became better and smuggled cameras into the arena of the Jeffrevs-Sharkey pictures. Their plans were followed by the wily W. A. Bready, who, anticipating some such movement, had the reflectors so arranged that a proper light could only be obtained from the position of the cameras of the American Mutoscope Company. However, they did get one round and a half, and by running this film through the film repeatedly, got an exhibition which lasted fifteen minutes, while it takes two and one-half hours to show the real pictures. Reserve seats will be on sale Wednesday morning. Prices, 25, 50 and 75 cents.

The opening concert at the Southern Conservatory of Music in Durham will be held on Thursday night. Prof. Gilmore Ward Bryant, Director of the Conservatory, invites all Raleigh, but states that seats should be ordered reserved at once to secure seats.

## A RALEIGH MAN'S FIREMAN'S SHIELD

### Mr. P. H. Lewis Ready to Apply for Excellent Invention

## DEVICE WOULD HAVE SAVED HOUSE HERE

### The Invention of an Asbestos Shield for Firemen Suggested in Yesterday's Times-Visitor Found already Being Constructed.

Mr. P. H. Lewis, proprietor of Ansonia, Pa., who has for some time been a citizen of Raleigh, has written to the patent office at Washington and taken the preliminary step toward securing a patent on a practicable shield for firemen to be used in fighting fires of excessive heat and in the work of saving buildings which are threatened by their proximity to the flames as was the case in the fire here last Wednesday. Such a device as Mr. Lewis has invented would have made it possible to save the Williams residence from destruction by the flames from the warehouse.

The apparatus, which was conceived by Mr. Lewis and for which he has been driven by Mr. Charles Pearson, of the firm of Pearson & Sons, will make it possible for firemen to approach with safety any heat and hot fire in any direction. The shield is a perfect protection from the flames and is just what the Raleigh firemen need. It is constructed of a perforated asbestos and other material and can be stretched in a second and rolled to any position from which it is desired to fight the flames.

Mr. Lewis stated today to a representative of the Times-Visitor that he has a work on the patent several days ago.

Yesterday's Times-Visitor contained an editorial urging the Chief of the Fire Department to take under consideration the advisability of securing some such device and this met with the approval of the firemen and of Mr. Lewis, who had made a study of the matter.

It is given a description of what promises to be the most feasible and most effective device for protecting firemen, especially men, from the terrific heat of burning buildings, and enabling them to get up close to the fire and draw the water where it is most needed. The device consists of two sections arranged so as to fold in the middle and so as to be easily handled. These sections fasten together with a device that is strong, adjusted, and when put together they form a small fire proof tent on which, saving plenty of room for the men, when they are fully extended and the house is so light that it can be easily rolled along anywhere and in any direction of the same time keeping the firemen protected on the burning building. The front is secured with a bolt in the center, through which the nozzle extends, and which is not large enough to give any play to the nozzle when it is in use. Move this bolt and on either side you get the full length of a man's eye, two large heat-resistant windows are provided, so the firemen can easily see what they are doing and yet be fully protected. Part of the back is covered in leather, the falling spikes and firemen, and wide flaps on either side protect the rear, which is open. The device is constructed of two thin sheets of metal riveted together, between which is packed a half-inch layer of asbestos wool, giving a fireproof and nonconductive wall. The whole device weighs less than ten pounds, and as it is made in two sections which fold up almost flat, it can very easily be carried and taken to the house in going to the fire, and is easily handled by the firemen themselves, when they are needed.

The patent office at Washington has been notified of the invention to patent the device, and Mr. Lewis is anxious against infringement on his device.

## RAIN TONIGHT.

For Raleigh and vicinity: Light rain tonight; fair, colder, Wednesday, with westerly winds.

The storm has moved rapidly northward from K. near to the Lake region. Large amounts of rain occurred from the Ohio River northward, but only small amounts in the South. The weather is still cloudy and threatening throughout the country east of the Mississippi, with northerly winds and a rain. Clear, cooler weather prevails to the west of the Mississippi, with a fair, cooler weather will prevail.

## COAT ELEGANCE FOR MATRONS

A Very New and Very Splendid Apparel.

There's the shimmings coat in which matrons both young and not so young may revel. It is new, it is the three-quarter length, it is richness personified. One might settle back in one's carriage in the sweet consciousness of being arrayed with the strictest propriety and elegance. A little shoulder cape runs up into a flaring collar, and it, as well as the remainder of the garment, is composed of tulle applique on heavy black silk net; some call it cut-out work, which describes it completely. There's a frill of lace all around this box coat, which continues up the front in jabot effect. Price, \$100.

Several days ago Rev. L. T. Christmas (colored) addressed the students at Lenoir University, and urged them to devote their time to industrial studies. Rev. Christmas is an able speaker and has great influence among his race. He is a trustee of Shaw University.

Mr. John W. Bailey will lecture before the Young Peoples' Union of the Baptist Tabernacle this evening at 8 o'clock, subject "Elizabeth Barrett Browning." The public is invited.

## REGULATIONS FOR LENT

### The Rules Adopted by this Diocese of the Catholic Church.

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls this year on February 28th.

All the faithful who have completed their 21st year, are obliged to do hard labor, and those who, through weakness, cannot fast without great prejudice to their health.

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