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THE TEXAS WONDER.

Unless it should turn out to be a hoax, the announcement in our press dispatch from Fort Worth, Texas, that a meteoric mass (or ærolite) of enormous and unprecedented size had fallen on Sunday morning near Williams' Ranch, destroying a family, burving them and their residence a hundred feet in the earth, and leaving seventy feet of the mass, which covers an acre, standing above ground, hot and steaming, will be justly regarded as the most wonderful event of modern times.

If this is really a true story, or anything like a true story, it will not only furnish an object of curiosity to the world, but an exceedingly interesting study to scientists. The word *ærolite* is derived from the two Greek words, *ær*, air, and *lithos*, stone. Philosophers doubted the existence of such a phenomenon as falling stones until the beginning of the 19th century, when the fact was established beyond doubt. They had up to that time regarded the many stories which had been told in every age and country about them as myths. Livy mentions the fall of a shower of stars as early as the year 654 before Christ. Plutarch and Pliny mention the fall of a great stone on the Hellespont in the year 467 before Christ, and the latter mentions it as still to be seen in his day, A. D. 79, describing it to be of the size of a wagon, and of a burned color.

In the year 1492—the year of Columbus' discovery—a stone weighing 260 pounds fell in Alsace, and a part of it is still to be seen in the village church there. In 1803 an extraordinary shower of stones fell in Normandy. The French philosopher, *Biot*, was sent by his government to investigate the facts in this case, and his report settled the question of the reality of such occurrences, which have never since been questioned. There has been hundreds of instances recorded since Biot made his report. There is a very large meteoric stone in the Imperial Museum at St Petersburg, and we believe in the Smithsonian at Washington, but the largest one known, up to this Texas one, is in Brazil, and weighs 14,000 pounds. There are thousands of these meteoric stones in Western North Carolina, and elsewhere, and they have long since ceased to be wonders, but such a vast mass as this one alleged to have fallen in Texas was never dreamed of, and will astonish both the learned and unlearned world. The statement that it was still hot and steaming on the day after it fell is strictly in accordance with the history of all meteoric stoner, although, of course, in so great a mass the heat would last longer. They all have a fused black crust on the outside like a coat of varnish, and their chemical composition is chiefly iron, with a small combination of nickel, although many other elements have been found. A writer in the Quarterly Review sums up the result of all the chemical analyses of meteoric stones hitherto made as follows:

"We find the actual number of recognized elements discovered in A. to be nineteen or twenty—that is, about one third of the whole number of elementary substances (or what we are yet forced to regard as such) discovered on the earth. Further, all these A. elements actually exist in the earth, though never similarly combined there. No new substance has hitherto come to us from without, and the most abundant of our terrestrial metals, iron, is that which is largely predominant in A., forming, frequently, as in some of the instances just mentioned, upwards of 90 parts in 100 of the mass. Seven other metals—copper, tin, nickel, cobalt, chrome, manganese and molybdena—enter variously into the composition of these stones. Cobalt and nickel are the most invariably present, but the proportion of all is trifling compared with that of iron. Further, there have been found in different A. six alkalies and earths—namely, soda, potash, magnesia, lime, silica and alumina; and, in addition to these, carbon, sulphur, phosphorus and hydrogen. Finally, oxygen must also be named as a constituent of many A., entering into the composition of several of the substances just mentioned. As respects the manner of conjunction of these elements, it is exceedingly various in different A. A few there are, especially examined by Berzelius and Rose, containing olivine, augite, hornblede and other earthly minerals, and closely resembling certain crystalline compounds which we find on the surface of the earth."

STOPPING FOR THE SHOW.

For a year or more the star route trials in Washington have been dragging their slow length along, and the country has been patiently waiting for the close. How near the close is yet among the unsolved problems, though Washington reports say that now there is some hope that the end is about reached. The lawyers who are paid by the day are evidently not in a hurry to wind up a job that yields them such a goodly *per diem*, and we begin to think that the presiding Judge is not as anxious to dispose of it as some probably might imagine, for he adjourned court from Saturday until Tuesday to take in the celebration of the emancipation proclamation. Whether this was at the instance of ex-Senator Dorsey, who, as Secretary and boss manager of the Republican National Executive Committee, held close political and fraternal relations with the enfranchised man and brother, or whether it was because the exhausted judiciary needed relaxation and wanted to attend the big show we do not know, and cannot say, but whatever the reason justice had to take a back seat for one more day while the emancipation celebrators paraded with brass bands, flying colors, and were happy under plug hats and showy regalias. We have heard of Judges who had such a high appreciation of the circus that they adjurned court for one day to give the court an opportunity to pay its respects to the clown, the high and lofty tumblers, and to take in the menagerie. Perhaps Judge Wyle believes in the circus, too, and regards the emancipation celebration, like the modern circus, an established American institution, and considers it entitled to courtly recognition.

A CORRECTION.

In our brief notice of Col. John A. Sloan's forthcoming "History of North Carolina in the War Between the States" we referred to the omission in the "Roster of North Carolina Troops," published by order of the Legislature of 1880-'81, of several cavalry commands. We now find we were in error as the Third North Carolina Cavalry—which appears under its proper heading as the Forty-Fifth North Carolina Regiment—but in the table of contents is put down as Infantry.

We also note several typographical errors—especially in proper names—in the articles published, all of which can be easily corrected as the work goes through the press.

The Supreme Court Refuses a Mandamus.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—A decision was rendered by the Supreme Court of the United States to-day in the case of J. B. Wall, brought here upon a petition for a mandamus from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Wall, the petitioner, was disbarred and forbidden to practice in the United States Courts of the district above mentioned, for having taken part in lynching a prisoner who was in jail at Tampa, Florida, awaiting trial on a charge of rape. The petitioner asks for a writ of mandamus to compel the United States District Judge to restore him to the rights and privileges of an attorney in said court on the ground that his disbarment without due trial and conviction for crime was unconstitutional and void. This court in an elaborate opinion by Justice Bradley holds that while there is no settled and inflexible rule for the regulation of procedure in cases of this kind the Federal Courts may in their discretion disbar any attorney who has been guilty of conduct of such a nature as to bring disgrace and scandal upon the court, whether or not. The petition for a mandamus is therefore denied. Judge Field read a dissenting opinion.

A decision was also rendered by the court to-day in the bond case of Chas. E. Lewis, plaintiff in error, against the city of Shreveport, La., in error, to the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Louisiana. This was a suit upon the coupons of a series of bonds issued by the city of Shreveport in aid of the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company. This Court holds that the bonds are void for want of valid legislative authority; that unless specific authority has been given by the legislature to a municipal corporation to grant pecuniary aid to railroad companies all bonds of municipality purporting on their face to be for such purpose are void in the hands bona fide holders and this whether the people voted the aid or not. Every purchaser of such a bond is chargable in law with notice of want of power in the municipal authorities to bind a body politic in that way. In this case it is not pretended that any such power was expressly granted and there is no provision of the charter from which anything of the kind can be inferred. Judgment affirmed with costs. Opinion by Chief Justice Waite.

Carpenters and Painters on a Strike.

NEW YORK, April 16.—The journeymen carpenters made a demand for $3.50 per day, and that eight hours should constitute a day's work on Saturday. But few of the men, it was said, left work, as a majority of the shops agreed to comply with the demand. In twelve shops where the employers refused the demand work was stoped, when the men were told to resume their labor on their own terms. Two others of the shops where the men had struck sent word later to the carpenters' committee that they would pay the rates demanded, and asking for fifteen men to go to work at once. One other shop sent for two men. Committees are to-day visiting the different shops, and it is said are meeting with great success, as a number of men who did not belong to the union have struck. The carpenters' committees state that they were fighting two large shops, which were expected to give in to-day.

On account of the wet weather to-day but few painters went to work, consequently the strike, which was contemplated, did not occur. The men, however, will lay their demands for $3.50 per day before their employers during the day, and if they are not agreed to will strike.

Through to Asheville.

Charleston News and Courier.

SPARTANBURG, April 13.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Asheville and Spartanburg Railroad was held in this city to-day, a large number of the stockholders being in attendance. By-laws were adopted and it was ordered that a mortgage for five hundred thousand dollars be issued. This will be enough to build and equip the road to Asheville. Work will be begun at once and will be completed in a few months. The following officers were elected: President, R. Y. McAden; Directors, W. H. Inman, T. M. Logan, Joseph Walker, A. L. Reeves, A. C. Haskell, Frank E. Taylor and John Richards; Attorney, D. R. Duncan. This road is the missing link in the great Western connection and its completion is a matter of great interest to this entire section of country.

The Chalmers Case.

JACKSON, Miss, April 16.—The Supreme Court to-day in the case of Chalmers vs Myers, Secretary of State, reversed the decision of Judge Wharton of the Circuit Court and entered judgment dismissing Chalmers' petition for a mandamus. The opinion was delivered by Judge Campbell and is very elaborate. Its conclusion is that the Secretary of State having declared Manning elected and the Governor having issued him a certificate of election the case is put beyond the jurisdiction of the courts and in such shape that Congress alone can now interfere.

The Austrian Authorities on a Scare.

VIENNA, April 16.—The president of Richstrath has received a letter warning him that an attempt would be made soon to destroy the Parliament building. The structure is now entirely surrounded by a force of mounted police who have been instructed to arrest any suspicious person discovered loitering near the building.

Two Hundred Pounds Unaccounted For.

BIRMINGHAM, ENG, April 16.—The police who have been investigating the business transacted by Whitehead in his nitro-glycerine factory here believe that 200 pounds of that explosive, made by Whitehead, are still unaccounted for.

The Hornford Almanac and Cook Book.

Mailed free on application to the Rumford Chemical Works, Providence, R. I.

THE DUBLIN TRIALS.

Threatening the Jury---The Second Case Taken Up---Counsel Who Want to be Relieved--Carey's Villany.

DUBLIN, April 16.—After the verdict had been rendered against Joe Brady on Friday, the foreman of the jury found a letter at home making a frenzied appeal for a return of a verdict of not guilty, and warning him that otherwise he would surely be killed.

Daniel Curley, another of the men indicted for participation in the murder of Canvendish and Burke in Phoenix Park, was placed on trial in Green Street court house, this morning.

Dr. Webb, Q. C., one of the counsel assigned by the court to defend the indicted men at the opening of the trial asked that he be relieved from that duty after the case of Curley is disposed of. The judge stated that he would give the request due consideration.

A servant girl who was in the park on the sixth of May, was the first witness called. She fully identified Curley as one of the men she saw in the park on that day. Jas Carey was the next witness, he swore that just before Burke was stabbed he (Carey) heard him telling Cavendish about the attempts that had been made to take the life of Forster. Carey admitted that he had been engaged in twenty attempts to take the life of Forster. He said he would not have called Forster's "removal" a murder. He also said that the conspirators had arranged for the assassination on the 4th of May last of Lieut-Colonel Hillyer, then inspector general of the Royal Irish constabulary, and Burke. Carey said he did not think Burke deserved to be murdered, but he would not have cried at anything that happened to Forster.

Farrell was the next witness. Before the conclusion of his testimony the court adjourned until to-morrow. Curley maintained an indifferent appearance the session of court. Mr Adams, another of the counsel for the defense has also applied to be relieved from further duties at the trial by court.

The effect of the letter received by the foreman of the jury which tried Joe Brady threating that he would be killed unless a verdict of not guilty was found was shown to-day by the fact that in a special jury panel called in the case of Curley, there were fifty persons who failed to appear, notwithstanding that they were warned that a fine of one hundred pounds would be imposed on each absentee.

THE GREATEST METORIC STONE

Ever Heard of Falls in Texas--It Covers an Acre, is Embedded One Hundred Feet in the Ground and Stands Above the Surface 70 Feet--Still Hot and Steaming--A Family Buried Under it and Great Excitement.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, April 16.—A despatch from Williams' Ranche, Brown county, says that at about two o'clock Sunday morning a great meteor fell in the outskirts of the town killing several head of cattle and destroying the dwelling house of Martime Z Gancia, a Mexican herdsman, who, with his family, consisting of a wife and five children, are buried beneath the ruins. In its descent the meteor resembled a massive ball of fire and the shock was similar to that of an earthquake. It is still hot and steaming. It is embedded in the earth probably 100 feet and towers above the surface about 70 feet and will cover about one acre of ground. The concussion was terrific, nearly every window in town being shattered. People were hurled violently from their beds, and goods in store houses were thrown from the shelves. No lives were lost as far as known, except the Mexican herdsman and his family, although several buildings fell to the ground. Cattle fled in terror in every direction. The air was filled with sulphurous gas. The wildest confusion prevailed as it was a long time before anybody could even conjecture what it was. This is the largest meteor that has ever fallen and it has already been visited by many people and will doubtless continue to attract great attention for months to come. It has occasioned great excitement not only here but all over the surrounding country.

Infected Vines.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The treasury department has been informed that a quantity of vine cuttings have been imported into the port of New York from China which custom house officers think are infected with phyloxera. There is no law authorizing the destruction of such importation. The treasury department recognizes the fact that this is a matter of great importance to the vine interests of this country and will confer with the agricultural department on the subject.

Mr. Potter's Gloomy Outlook.

CHICAGO, April 16.—President Potter of the North Chicago Rolling Mills states that the mills will again be in operation in three or six months or not at all. They will not be started while present prices continue. Four thousand men have been thrown out of work by the stoppage of these mills. Potter thinks that one-third of the rails needed this year are already in the market and expresses the opinion that the outlook for laborers now out of employment is a very dark one.

Fatal End of a Feud.

NEW ORLEANS, April 16.—A despatch from Crystal Springs, Miss., to the Times-Democrat says Dr E W Crum was shot and killed Saturday at Chapel Hill by Jacob Rumpt. A feud had existed between the parties for some time. Rumpt shot Crum with a shot gun from a wagon while the latter was approaching on horseback. Rumpt was arrested.

Postponed Till Next July.

RICHMOND, April 16.—The case of R B. Mumford, Commissioner of Revenue of Richmond, on trial for conspiracy with his deputies and obstruction at the last election was again called this morning, but owing to continued illness of one of the jury was postponed until next July. All the indicted parties were held to bail for their appearance.

Got His Deserts.

CHICAGO, April 16.—A special from Meadville, Miss., says Tom Bailey, colored, criminally assaulted a young negress and after murdering her threw her body into a pond. This morning a mob took him from jail and hanged him.

A love-sick youth in Bellevue,
Hugged his girl black and blue,
St. Jacobs Oil prescription,
Cured her of the complaint,
And this little story is true.

Remarkable Escape.

John Kuhn, of Lafayette, Ind., had a very narrow escape from death. This is his own story: "One year ago I was in the last stages of consumption. Our best physicians gave my case up. I finally got so low that our doctor said I could not live twenty-four hours. My friends purchased a bottle of Dr. Wm Hall's Balsam for the Lungs, which benefited me. I continued until I took nine bottles. I am now in perfect health, having used no other medicine.

Can't Get It.

Diabetes, Bright's Disease, Kidney, Urinary or Liver complaints cannot be contracted by you or your family if Hop Bitters are used, and if you already have any of these diseases Hop Bitters is the only medicine that will positively cure you. Don't forget this, and don't get some pulled up stuff that will only harm you.

THE CITY.

Index to New Advertisements.

Swift Specific Co—S. S. S. Blood purifier.
Seabury & Johnson—Home Comfort
Douglass Bros—Mark Twain's New Book.
Girard Wire Mills—$100 to $250 per month.
North Carolina Millstone Co—Corn Mills and Stones.
H C Severs, H M Duckworth - Adm'rs notice.
John R Erwin—Court Notice.
Sidney Burt—Change of route.
Mrs Joe Person—The Modern Eureka.

Indications.

South Atlantic, warmer, fair weather, preceded in the northern portions by local rains, north to west winds, higher barometer, stationary or slight rise in temperature.

LOCAL RIPPLES.

— That little discussion about who is to be our next Mayor is waxing warm.

— Nothing like enterprise. See the published route of the Wizard Oil company.

— The news from the board of aldermen created almost as much stir in the town yesterday as a Texas meteor might have done.

—James Davidson was before the mayor yesterday morning on charge of assaulting Willie Bradshaw. He was fined $7.50.

—Young Mrs. Winthrop will have a fine house to-morrow night, if we are to judge by the way the seats are being taken.

— Mr. Ned Lewis, an old expressman whom everybody in the city knows, left with his family a few days since for Kansas, to settle.

— Mr. E. K. P. Osborne has gone to Florida, but his friends here are consoled with the thought that there is too much smallpox and alligator in that country for him to stay there long.

— The old New York and North Carolina Reduction Works located near the Lincolnton depot, were yesterday attached by Mr. John W. Wilks for a debt of $673 due him for material furnished and work done.

—The attention of the authorities is directed to the condition of the wall enclosing the old cemetery, on Church, between Fifth and Sixth streets. It has been leveled almost to the ground in several places, and the sooner it is repaired the less expense it will be.

—Rev. N. M. Woods, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, last Sunday night gave the first of a series of lectures on "Nehemiah." His lectures on the subject are original and exceedingly entertaining, and will be delivered every Sunday night until the close of the series.

— Rev. George Howe, D. D., LL. D., who has been for the past fifty years connected with the Theological Seminary, of Columbia, died suddenly at his residence in Columbia Sunday evening at 5:30 o'clock. He was a man known and loved throughout the Southern States and his death will be universally lamented.

—Our neighbors all around the country are beginning to enquire what sort of a blow out we are going to have here on the 20th. At this writing, we are unable to say, but of one thing all may rest assured—we are going to have something, but we don't know just what it is to be yet. Perish the fame of our glorious 20th? Never!

Ticket of the Third Ward Colored Voters.

The colored voters of the Third Ward met in convention last night and nominated the following ticket: For School Committeemen, D. W. Oates and Col. C. J. Cowles. For Alderman, Rev. E. C. Davidson, colored.

An Engineer Dead.

Mr. Monroe Horton, one of the oldest engineers of the Carolina Central Railroad, died at Laurinburg yesterday morning of consumption. He had been running on the Carolina Central for the past ten years and was one of the trusted and true men of the road. He leaves a wife and six children, who will receive a benefit of $2,000 from the Knights of Honor, of which order he was a member.

A Young Man Jailed in Shelby for Stealing Money.

Mr. Frank Love, of Shelby, last Saturday sold a piece of land to Mr. Andy Miller and pocketed the money, about $425. That night the two men slept together in a room at Ryburn's Hotel, and when they waked they found the money and their watches gone. Later in the day one of the watches was found in its accustomed place in a vest pocket. The vest had been left hanging in the room and the watch had been returned. A young man named Thos. Furgerson was arrested on suspicion of the theft and had a hearing Sunday morning before a trial justice and was sent to jail.

Exciting Adventure in the Flooded Catawba.

Messrs. J. A. Abernathy and F. F. Costner, two citizens of Mount Holly, came to town last Saturday, and in the afternoon started on their return home with a buggy load of goods, including a lot of powder, fuses, dynamite cartridges and the like, and all went well until they reached Tuckasegee ford on the Catawba, when they met with a small adventure. The river was greatly swollen by the rains, but they attempted to cross anyhow. Mr. Costner had a horse tied to the rear of the buggy by a halter rein, and it afterwards proved lucky for him. When about the middle of the ford, the buggy and horses began to go down stream, slowly at first, but gradually going faster. Mr. Abernathy jumped on his horse and cut him out of the harness, while Mr. Costner gained the back of his animal, and thus mounted the two men made their way safely to the shore, half a mile down stream. The buggy came close to the bank about a mile further on, and was anchored to a tree by some farm hands who caught it. The vehicle was not much damaged, but it was washed clean of everything except the paint.

Don't Die in the House.

"Rough on Rats" clears out rats, mice, roaches, bed-bugs, flies, ants, moles, moths, chipmunks, gophers. 15c.

OUR $50,000 UNION DEPOT.

We are to Have it for a Fact--The Building Material Being Laid on the Spot, and the Railroad Men Smiling--A Duplicate of the Atlanta Depot.

"Come here," said a railroad man to the reporter at the Air Line depot yesterday, "I want to show you something," and guiding us around the depot where a big pile of brick had been unloaded called our attention to them and slapping our shoulders, delightedly explained that they were for our new $50,000 union depot, which is soon to be classed among the glories of Charlotte. Mr. R. H. Moss has been given the contract for furnishing the brick and is now delivering them on the ground by the thousands. Unless the design and plan are changed, the new depot will be a duplicate of the Air Line depot in Atlanta and it is not necessary to add that it will be a handsome structure. The main part of the building, in which will be located the train dispatcher's headquarters, ticket and telegraph offices, ladies parlor, dressing and waiting rooms, gentlemen's waiting rooms, emigrant's quarters, baggage rooms, dining room, etc., will be located on the west side of the track, on the spot occupied by the old barn-like structure. A shapely arched shed will span the tracks, affording shelter from the suns of summer and storms of winter. Throughout, the new building will be fitted with all modern improvements. The ladies' rooms will be elegantly furnished and will be in charge of a matron, whose duty it will be to look after the comforts and wants of all lady travelers. Water will be run through the house and all the offices and rooms will be lighted by gas. The depot will be enclosed after the metropolitan style, and no one will be permitted to pass the gate without producing a railroad ticket. Maj. Moody's Clearing House department will occupy the second story of the building. We understand that work will be commenced within the next few weeks and the depot will be completed in the course of four months.

The announcement in the JOURNAL-OBSERVER some days ago to the effect that we were to have a $50,000 depot struck our people as being something exceedingly too good to believe, and some, we grieve to say, took up the idea that the depot would never be built except in the imagination of the reporter. A newspaper man, who once trod the paths that we now tread, and who, in days gone by when he would get hard up for locals and have nothing else to write about, would sit down and warm the railroad about our poor depot accommodations and wind up by suggesting a union depot, in noticing our piece of news, lightly remarked that "the Charlotte paper has been made to believe that they are going to have a $50,000 depot at that place." Well, it did seem too good to believe, but now that the railroad has shown some signs of business and has already begun to haul the brick and dig the excavation, our doubts begin to waver and we feel like throwing up our hat and shouting: "Bully for the railroad."

A Wanderer for Two Years Comes Home Crazy.

Among the passengers on Capt. Jim Trimble's train on the Carolina Central Railroad yesterday, was a plainly dressed man who attracted the attention of all by his eccentric talk and actions. One of his odd amusements was pulling all his money from his pockets, laying the silver on the car seat and tearing up the greenbacks. He held a ticket for Wadesboro, but when the train arrived there he refused to get off and paid his fare to Mulchi, in Anson county. It was there ascertained that the man was named Jesse LaFayette, and had been a wanderer from his home for two years. He returned crazy as a bed bug, and was unable to give any account of himself.

The Big Play.

"Young Mrs. Winthrop, which you will see in a few days "remarks Mr. George L. Smith, agent of the Madison Square Co." has just concluded a successful run of six months in New York city, where it attracted the largest and most fashionable audiences ever assembled in a New York play house. The play is from the pen of Bronson Howard, and is written in his best vein. The play is one that should be seen by every married couple, as it contains a lesson that must need be studied by young people just entering their wedded life if they desire love and happiness. The remarkable setting of Young Mrs. Winthrop must be seen. Words are inadequate to properly describe it. The play will be produced here with all its splendor which celebrated its run at the Madison Square Theatre."

Fun in a Boarding School.

We are to have "Fun in a Boarding School" next Thursday night. The Charlestonians have seen it and the News and Courier gives it this recommendation: "The play is a melodrama, with just enough plot to hold it together, and is full of ridiculous situations. Mr. John E. Ince as Professor of 'Alpha Academy' scored a complete success, and Miss Lisetta Ellani as 'Jessie Fairlove' was bright, piquant and full of fun. The other members of the company did fairly well, and brightened up the drama with some very good vocal music. Miss Ellani has a good soprano voice, which she manages effectively, and Messrs. Harris and Mack as bass and tenor made the quartettes and trios very sweet. The audience hardly ceased laughing from the beginning to the end of the performance."

Popular Clergyman Under a Mule.

It was in the Yosemite, on a steep and rugged mountain road. The party numbered about a dozen, and the jolliest of all was a well-known dominie. Somehow or other his mule stumbled and rolled over and over, the dominie clinging fast to him. When they came to a stop the mule was on top. Both the dominie and the mule were badly bruised. One of the party happened to have a bottle of Perry Davis's Pain Killer. In a few hours they were ready to proceed on their journey.

Her Thick Hands,

Heavy stomachs, bilious conditions. Wolff's May Apple pills anti-bilious, cathartic. 10c and 25c.

ACCIDENT AND CRIME.

A BRISK CHAPTER FOR ONE DAY.

A Young Girl in Monroe Accidentally shoots a Citizen Through the Head, and a Little Boy Accidentally Shoots a Colored Man--The Knife at Rockingham Again--Shooting Affray at Wadesboro.

Yesterday was a lively day along the Carolina Central Railroad, between this city and Laurinburg, and the passengers who arrived on the evening train were ladened with reports of accidents and crimes. Two shooting accidents occurred in Monroe, one of which will, in all probability, prove fatal. Both were the results of careless handling of pistols. A party of young girls, among whom was Miss Rebecca West, daughter of town marshal West, were playing with a pistol in the presence of Mr. E. C. Edgeworth, and little Miss West was handling the weapon, when a sharp report rang out, and Mr. Edgeworth fell to the floor with the blood streaming from his forehead. An examination showed that the bullet entered his forehead directly between the eyes and lodged in the back of his head. The accident occurred in the forenoon, and when the train left yesterday the unfortunate man was still in an unconscious condition. The doctors feared to probe for the ball, which no doubt entered or passed through the brain. The young girl who was handling the pistol is about fifteen years of age. On examining the pistol it was found that, though all the parties supposed it to be not loaded, it held one cartridge, and when this was reached, in the course of snapping the weapon, it exploded. The sequel is the old, old sad one.

A second shooting accident, but a less serious one, occurred in Monroe at about the same time. Jimmie Price, a little son of Sheriff Price, was playing with a pistol when it went off accidentally. Henry Pusser, a colored man, standing conveniently near, received the bullet in his leg. The wound is not serious, but it will give the darkey a good deal of pain and inconvenience.

At Rockingham a very serious affray occurred between a white man, and a colored man named Chas. McDonald, but who is familiarly known as "One-Armed Charlie." The weapons used were knives, the favorite instruments of warfare in that place, and the result was serious. The white man was not hurt, but the colored man fared badly. A heavy stroke of the knife cleft his abdomen in twain, making a wound through which the intestines protruded. Medical aid was procured, and the wounded man received the best treatment possible, but grave fears are entertained that his injuries will terminate fatally.

The colored train hands of the Cheraw and Salisbury Railroad gave an impromptu afternoon performance at Wadesboro, and made it lively for a time. Of course they pulled out their shooting irons, and before quiet was restored one of their number lay on the grass with a bullet in his thigh. Dr. Huntley was working on the case, but up to the time the train left he had not succeeded in fishing out the bullet.

A Mother-in-Law Causes Blood to Flow.

Late last Saturday night a colored man named Frank Shipp, who lives in Biddlewell, was badly carved with a knife in the hands of Henry Slaten, his brother-in-law, and at the bottom of it all was a woman, a mother-in-law, in this case. Henry Slaten lived with his wife and her mother, and on the night of the trouble he became angered at his wife's mother, and proceeded to give the old lady a fierce beating. Frank Shipp, who lived near, heard the cries of his mother-in-law, and went over to rescue her. He was met in the middle of the road by Henry, who was armed with a long knife, and who, without any undue ceremony, fell upon Frank and cut him nearly to death. Two cuts were made across Frank's breast in shape of the letter X, one beginning under the left arm pit and going around through the nipple and on to the right side, making a gash fourteen inches in length. The other cut came across the breast, and was ten inches long. A third cut, about three inches long, marked the centre of the breast. The man's clothing was cut into shreds. Dr. O'Donoghue was called, and sewed up the gashes, leaving the man in a fair way to recovery. The knife coming in contact with the wounded man's ribs is all that saved his life. The assailant had not been arrested up to our last accounts.

An Outspoken Press.

Editor Journal-Observer:

I am glad to see the JOURNAL-OBSERVER so outspoken on matters of local public concern. This is just what we need throughout the country. And your remarks on the insecurity of certain public buildings, our poor gas, and kindred subjects, seem to me, to be entirely just and fair in an independent newspaper.

A CONSTANT READER.

The foregoing is one of very many commendations which we have received from the people of Charlotte for our course in calling attention to certain public matters which ought to be remedied. Coming as they do in this case and in many others from the most highly esteemed and responsible citizens, they are, of course, accepted as gratifying evidences of the justice of our criticisms and of the sympathy of the community with our views. It is our aim to be just and not to unnecessarily offend, but it is our determination, as it is our duty, to speak plainly upon public affairs, and to do all in our power to promote the welfare of the city of Charlotte.

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THE LAST REGULAR MEETING

Of the Present Board of Aldermen--They Invest $15,000 in the Purchase of the Carolina Military Institute for the Graded School--Oth City Matters.

The board of aldermen met in regular monthly session yesterday, it being their last regular meeting before the next municipal election, when some of them may be left, and some may not. The most important action of the board was the purchase of the buildings and lot of the Carolina Military Institute for the white graded school of the city, paying therefor the sum of $15,000 in cash. The mayor proposed the purchase of the property and gave his reasons for desiring to buy the same, and offered an ordinance for adoption. Alderman Miller considered it a good and cheap investment. Alderman Long wanted to postpone action. Alderman Wilkes moved to refer the matter to a committee consisting of Aldermen Scott, Miller, Walker and DeWolfe, who would inspect the property and if satisfied, purchase the same. The mayor's ordinance was finally put to its third reading and was adopted, the vote standing as follows: Ayes, Scott, Miller, Frazier, Schenck, Smith, Walker, and Adams. Noes, Long and Hutchison. Alderman Hutchison stated that he was in favor of buying the property but would prefer delay, and then changed his vote to "aye."

The following is the ordinance adopted:

Whereas, public graded schools have been established in the city of Charlotte by a vote of the people, and whereas bullainge have been bought for the permanent use of the colored school, and it is indispensible to the success of the school for white children that a permanent building should be built or purchased for their use,

Be it ordained, by the board of aldermen that fifteen thousand dollars of the money now in the city treasury be and the sum is hereby appropriated to purchase the property known as the Carolina Military Institute property, for the use of the city of Charlotte, and the clerk and treasurer is hereby authorized and instructed to pay the said sum of fifteen thousand dollars out of the moneys now in the treasury, and the mayor is instructed to have the deed to said property made to the city of Charlotte.

All laws, ordinances or orders in conflict with this is hereby repealed.

This action of the board was quite a surprise to outsiders and caused a good deal of comment on the streets. It is generally regarded as a wise transaction. Certainly the price paid was cheap enough and the city now owns an admirable school building and grounds.

The report of the finance committee engaged in examining the books of the city clerk and treasurer and the chief of police was made and on motion adopted. Alderman Wilkes moved to publish in the city papers and on the bulletin board a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements, and the motion prevailed over Alderman Scott's objection as to having it published in the papers. He thought bulletin boards would be sufficient, but was voted down.

The board voted F. S. DeWolfe $50 for damages to one of his city lots, caused by taking out rock. The committee of freeholders appointed to assess damages to property by widening Poplar, Graham and Fifth streets, reported that they had been requested to await the arrival of Mr. Overman and would be ready to report this week. Alderman Wilkes moved that the mayor call an extra session of the board when the report was ready. The board ordered that the finance committee be instructed to allow clerk of the board an assistant, and to pay clerk and treasurer for extra services as they may deem proper.

The mayor in answer to a question from Alderman Wilkes, read the statement of ex-Policeman Farrington charging Policeman Irwin with selling Clark Hall a drink of liquor out of Clark's own bottle, and stated that he had examined into the charge, and found it too flimsy to sustain itself, and dee med any further action unnecessary Chief-of-police McNinch, paid a handsome tribute to the diligence, integrity and worthiness of Officer Irwin. The board dismissed the charge.

In regard to the location of the new hydrants, the mayor suggested that they begin on Seventh street and extend to Church, down Church to Eighth, and down Eighth to Graham. The suggestion was adopted.

Alderman Hutchison moved that the board send for a "Champion Road Machine" to test it on our streets and if approved, to purchase it.

The petition of Gen. R. Barringer to extend Tenth street to connect with county road, was referred to street committee, as was also the application to erect repair shops on the old Rock Island Factory lot, and Mr. R. B. Alexander's petition to erect a verandah in front of his house. After transacting some business of no public interest, the board adjourned, subject to the call of the mayor.

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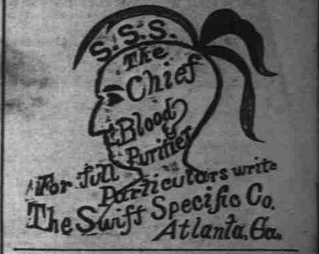

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H. C. SEVERS,
H. D. DUCKWORTH,
Administrators of Fred M. Severs.

SUPERIOR COURT—MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

John Wilkes, pla