

Daily Journal-Observer

THEO. HILL'S POEMS. Mr. Theo. H. Hill, of Raleigh, has published, under the title of "Passion Flower and Other Poems," a collection of the tender and graceful verses which he has written from time to time, and some of which have appeared in the newspapers. All of these verses are pervaded by a pure and gentle spirit, and although they cannot be called poetry of a high order, they are the product of a refined and cultured mind. They are all brief and free from pedantry, and from that affection which characterizes much of the so-called poetry of the present day. They are, in a word, the easy flowing and unpretending numbers of one who, conscious that he does not possess powers of the highest order, has made no attempt to tread the mountain ranges of poetry, but contents himself with short walks in the pleasant gardens which bloom around their bases.

James Frederic Wood, Catholic Archbishop of the Diocese of Philadelphia, died Wednesday night.

Mr. Blaine makes a bid for Ohio support in the next Republican convention by offering to stump the State for Mr. Foraker.

The Durham Tobacco Plant and the Recorder have a little domestic affair on hand, all about the paternity of the graded school.

Rollins is not having plain sailing in his race for the New Hampshire Senatorship. As between Rollins and Paterson, one of his leading competitors, it is remarked that the Republicans of the State are between the devil and the deep sea.

Cincinnati Times-Star: Eight eminent sons of Indiana are "mentioned" for the Presidency—McDonald, Voorhees, Holman, Hendricks, Harrison, Grimes, Porter and Dudley. Some of the northern counties are yet to hear from.

The new Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Evans, seems to be disappointing the expectations of the public. It is reported from Washington that he is running his department in the interest of the Kentucky whiskey men, and acting in concert with ex-Commissioner Baum, who is now their paid attorney.

While the cyclones in the West and South-West have killed many people and horses, cattle, sheep, &c., not a dog has fallen a victim to them. Dogs don't seem to be subject to calamities that kill other living things.

John Jacob Astor, of New York, says he never speculates, that the rents of his property he finds sufficient income for him. John Jacob is economical, and his wants are few, and consequently he can worry through on a thousand dollars a day or so.

The remains of fifteen or twenty dead babies were found a few days ago in the cellar of a house in Philadelphia formerly occupied by Dr. Hathaway, an abortionist. He seems to have been doing a wholesale business in the infant slaughtering line. He is in jail on another charge, and an order has been issued for his detention till the result of other explorations remains is known.

The Fighting Editors Not Yet Heard. RICHMOND, June 22.—Nothing has been heard up to 1:30 p. m. from the dueling party. The excitement over the affair, and the anxiety to learn the result are such, that it is believed that the result will be decided in making the arrangements, hence it is believed that no meeting took place this morning, but that it will either take place tomorrow or the day after tomorrow. Both parties with seconds and surgeons are away from Richmond, but their whereabouts is not known.

Showing the Boys Around. HARTFORD, Conn., June 22.—The Washington Light Infantry, Charleston, S. C., this morning visited the city in a silk mill at South Manchester, and this afternoon were taken to various points of interest in the city, and were accompanied by members of the First Regiment C. S. G. The Continental Guards of New Orleans arrived from Providence this afternoon and were received by the Putnam Guards, and the First Regiment Guard. A short street parade was followed by a banquet. This evening the New Orleans company will produce their tableaux at the opera house. They go to New Haven to-morrow morning. The Charleston company leave for New York at midnight.

The Philadelphia Child Slaughterer. PHILADELPHIA, June 22.—The terrible details of the exposure of Dr. Hathaway's illegitimate conduct that have been reported were confirmed to-day by the wife of the malpractitioner. She made a full and explicit statement to the chief of police of her knowledge of her husband's nefarious operations. The chief refused to make the statement public, as it would interfere with his work in the case. He says he intends to verify it, and, if possible, obtain witnesses who have had relations with the doctor.

Four Lays for One. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., June 22.—At Clarksville, Johnson county, to-day Dave Johnson, James Johnson, Monroe McDonald and James Herndon, who last March murdered Conductor Cain while robbing the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad train, near Melberly Station, were hanged in the presence of a crowd of several thousand persons.

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THE CITY. Arrival and Departure of Trains. RICHMOND AND DANVILLE. Leave 3:40 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. Active 1:45 a. m. and 2 p. m.

WORK OF THE STORM. News and Horses Harmed by Lightning—A Trestle Swept Away—Lincolnton Felled with Hail. The storm which visited the city yesterday was a small affair compared to what it was down the line of the Carolina Central Railroad, where great damage was done to growing cotton and corn, fences and timber land. The storm was particularly severe about Rockingham, and during its progress, a bolt of lightning struck the stables of Mr. B. L. Steele, who is president of the Fee Dee and Great Falls factories, at Rockingham. The stables were entirely consumed and two valuable mules were killed. All the forage in the barn was destroyed and the loss is pretty heavy, but is covered by insurance, we understand. The two mules were bought by Mr. Steele in 1882 and were used in hauling material for the building of the Great Falls factory, and had been in Mr. Steele's possession ever since.

SHOCKING SUICIDE. Col. Wm. E. Mebane, of Rockingham, seeks relief from Financial Troubles by Destroying His Own Life. Special Dispatch to the Journal Observer. REIDSVILLE, N. C., June 23.—Our community was greatly shocked this afternoon to hear of the suicide by drowning of Col. Wm. E. Mebane, who has been quite a prominent citizen of our village for several years. This sad event occurred last night, it is supposed, as he left home yesterday evening in a despondent state of mind, growing out of financial troubles, and to which he had been subjected for some months. Apprehending something wrong in his case a party of about fifty or sixty men went in search of the wanderer, but could ascertain nothing in regard to the missing man until they discovered him floating on the waters of Wade's mill pond about five miles from town. Thereupon a search was commenced, and his body, after several hours, was hooked up by one of the party.

POSTOFFICE CLERKS. A Calling that Suits its Followers for any Other Kind of Business. The clerks in the New York postoffice think that the \$800 and \$1,200 a year they receive is not sufficient compensation for the work and prudence required of them. "I get \$1,000 a year," said one of them to a correspondent, "I am on the New York table. It is my business with three other clerks to make up all the mails that leave the postoffice for any point in New York State. There are 3,300 postoffices in the States, and every little while the number is increased; not one letter in ten mentions the county in the supercription. It is hard work to remember the location of all the postoffices, and hard work to keep the knowledge fresh in mind ready for instant use. At home I have a set of pigeon holes, one for each county in the State. I also have 3,200 cards, one for each postoffice in the State. Formerly, every night I went home, I used to distribute all these cards into their proper boxes. Now I indulge in this amusement every day for two or three weeks before each examination. At the postoffice we have no regular hours of service. I go to work at 6 p. m. and keep at it until the mail on my feet is disposed of. Some months I am delayed two hours beyond the usual time of quitting. The postal service is a dog's life for the clerks. It's poor pay, hard hours, piles of red tape, and no hope of promotion."

LOCAL RIFLES. —The hotels were the busiest places in the city yesterday. —The Gate City Guards, of Atlanta, have arranged for an excursion to Morehead City in the early part of July. —The usual Sabbath morning service will be held in the Second Presbyterian church to-morrow at 11 a. m. No service at night. —At the mayor's court yesterday morning, Hamp Davidson was fined \$5 for being drunk and trying to ride a barrel on the streets. —The street brigade were yesterday put to work macadamizing Fourth street to the boundary of the new Carolina Central cotton platform. —Mr. Henry C. Williams, formerly of this city, but lately of Salisbury, was married in Lexington, night before last, to Miss Swicegood, of Salisbury. —A heavy hail storm fell at Lincolnton yesterday afternoon, and this, perhaps, accounts for the coolness of the atmosphere late in the evening. —Miss Virginia McAden, who recently returned to her home in this city from Baltimore, graduated with first honors at Mrs. Pegram's school in that city. —A gentleman who arrived yesterday from the Warm Springs, tells us that that village are now gathering there quite lively, about 300 guests at present being quartered there. —Policeman McManus yesterday raided the "pints" and broke up a row that was going on between a party of colored women. He will have them before the mayor this morning. —Rev. J. T. Bagwell being absent from the city attending a meeting of the executive committee of Trinity College, Rev. Dr. Lawrence, of Biddeford University, will preach at Tryon street Methodist church to-morrow at 11 a. m. Mr. Bagwell will return on Wednesday.

MINERAL SPRINGS DISCOVERED. The workmen who have been blasting out the rocks in the gas house yard were yesterday slaking their thirst in the best of iron and magnesia water, which came gushing up from the rocks after a blast had been fired. A number of our citizens have tested the water and pronounced it strongly mineral. It comes up from the rocks in a fine stream, and superintendent Linton is seriously considering the project of furnishing our citizens with mineral water as well as with gas. Mr. James Dowd, who resides about two miles from the city, has just discovered a spring of fine mineral water on his place. The water is very strongly impregnated with iron, and Mr. Dowd has sent a sample of it to the State chemist for analysis.

LECTION OF TEACHERS FOR THE GRADED SCHOOL. The board of school commissioners met last night at the city hall and elected the following additional teachers for the city graded school: Miss L. F. Smith, of New York City; Miss Annie Jones; Miss Annie Carr; Miss Mary DeGo, and Miss Lucy Alexander. For superintendents Miss S. Hutchison and Mrs. Thomas. The salaries of the teachers are \$25 except that of Miss DeGo, whose salary is \$40, Miss Stevenson, \$45, Miss Robinson \$45, Miss Smith \$40. The following teachers for the colored school were elected: J. E. Ratley, J. T. Williams, V. C. Haughton, Mary Hayes, Mary Lynch, Vic Richardson, Sally Hall and Isabel Butler, all old teachers except Ratley. The salary of each was fixed at \$25, except Ratley's which was fixed at \$50.

THE McSMITHS DEFEATED. An interesting match game of base ball, was played on the graded school grounds yesterday afternoon between the McSmiths and the Wearn nine, resulting in the inglorious defeat of the former club. The Wearn boys seemed to be on their metal and walked right over the McSmiths, making short work of the business, too. The score stood 13 for the Wearn and 9 for the McSmiths.

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