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CITY TAX RETURNS.—NOTICE.

This is to notify all persons residing in the city of Charlotte, who own or have control of taxable property in the city on the 1st of June, 1897, to return to me on or before the last day of June, (i. e. during the month of June), a list of their taxable property in said city, and also to make return of all taxable polls.

By authority of the amended charter of the city of Charlotte, section 29.

FRED NASH,

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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THE 50 EAGLE, GENTS OR LADIES bicycles ever offered in Charlotte, N. C., for anything like that money. They are the wheels for any weight riders. Our customers say we handle the best values on the face of the earth. Write for particulars and sundries. Queen City Cycle Co.

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Everybody Who Rides a Bicycle, Attention!

There is an ordinance in the Code of the City of Charlotte which forbids the riding of bicycles after dark without a lantern. Ladies are frequently seen on the streets at night without lanterns accompanied by an escort who has a lantern. I wish it understood by everyone, it matters not who it is, that those persons, whether alone or with some one who has a lantern, that unless they have a lantern lighted, will be stopped and summoned to account for same, and the law will be strictly enforced.

I wish also to call attention to those who block the way of firemen when the alarm sounds, that they will also be dealt with according to law. Bicycleists, draymen and those who own vehicles have made it a rule to dash toward the scene of a fire in a breakneck speed, monopolizing the entire streets, not giving the firemen a chance to get to the fire. No one is allowed to block the streets during a fire. When the alarm sounds all persons on the streets with vehicles are requested to look out for the firemen and give them the most efficient help possible.

—ARCHITECT—

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DECORATION DAY IN SALISBURY

Ex-Chapier Foust Expresses Penitence and is Restored to Communion.

Salisbury, May 31.—To-day is the negro Saturday, their greatest time of all the year. Decoration Day, Salisbury is observed with a solemn and patriotic spirit. The citizens of this town, from hill and dale, town and country, but also by exiles from other parts of the State, are here to witness the State's Mecca surpasses in size that of any previous celebration. The evolution of the Charlotte Light Infantry, commanded by C. S. L. Taylor, have been watched with interest. Hartranft and his soldiers and other veterans from the Federal dead at the cemetery. These war veterans, congress and speakers, spoke at the Federal cemetery in the morning, and delivered a lengthier address at the national cemetery in the afternoon. He lauded the Union soldier and the negro. The court house was crowded as an occasion of this nature.

Mr. H. V. Foust, who is at present here, having expressed penitence before the church, and was restored to communion and membership of that church.

Dr. Lafferty Elected.

History, May 31.—Dr. J. S. Lafferty was today elected county physician to succeed Dr. Robert S. Young, the present incumbent, whose term expires tomorrow. Dr. Lafferty is a young man of no small talents, and does not apply for re-election.

DR. RAYS AT RICKORY.

Special to the Observer.

Salisbury, May 31.—Dr. Rays preached the baccalaureate sermon in Claremont College chapel yesterday at 11 a. m. The sermon was a powerful and splendid sermon was preached. Dr. Rays also preached at the Presbyterian church at night.

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LOCAL WEATHER REPORT.

Charlotte, May 31, 1897. 8 p. m.

Barom.	Temp.	Weather.	Precip.
30.06	74	Clear	.33

Maximum temperature, 80; minimum temperature, 66.

WIND DIRECTION LAST YEAR:

Maximum temperature, 89; minimum temperature, 57.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For North Carolina: Fair, variable winds.

SHAKEN BY THE EARTHQUAKE.

FELT OVER LARGE AREA OF COUNTRY.

It appears to have been of About Equal Force in All the Towns and Cities—No Damage Has Been Done Except the Shaking of Buildings.

Washington, May 31.—What was supposed to have been an earthquake was felt here at one minute of 2. It lasted about fifty seconds and caused chandeliers to sway and floors to tremble perceptibly.

Reports from all over the country show the earthquake to have been general. It was very decided in Cincinnati and Cleveland and other Ohio towns. It was slight in Baltimore and New York. At Knoxville there were two distinct shocks, one being very strong, a slight shock. The earthquake was distinct in Louisville and many Kentucky towns. The following places also report experiencing the earthquake: Raleigh, Wilmington, Newport News, Atlanta, Asheville and Petersburg.

THROUGH NORTH CAROLINA.

From a Chimney Fall All Around a Baby.

Special to the Observer.

Concord, May 31.—At about 2 o'clock this afternoon a severe earthquake was felt here. The shock of the quake lasted about four seconds. The shock was accompanied by a rattling noise. Two chimneys toppled at one of the damage done here. Mary, a three-year-old child of J. J. Hill, who was sitting on a high chair, just in front of the porch of the house, was thrown down by the shaking of the roof. The child was uninjured, but the rooming tumbled down and fell all around it. It was not struck. Several bricks fell in the carriage.

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Durham, May 31.—There was an earthquake shock this afternoon which was felt here and in many other places in the State. The shock was accompanied by a rattling noise. The shock was accompanied by a rattling noise. The shock was accompanied by a rattling noise. The shock was accompanied by a rattling noise.

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York, May 31.—Five young people were killed and a number of others injured by an earthquake which occurred this afternoon at Valley Stream, Long Island. A trolley, with a party of 23 passengers on board, was passing through the town of Valley Stream, Long Island, at the time the earthquake occurred. The trolley was thrown off its tracks and ran into the path of a passing trolley. The latter was stopped and the passengers were rescued. The earthquake was felt over a large area of the State. A large crowd is expected to be here on Monday.

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The Attorney General has rendered the following opinion on to whether the commissioners of Catawba county, who failed to elect a county superintendent, are liable for the same.

There are many things involved in this question of liability. The law is not clear. I desire to study to-day. Our Saviour said to two great commissioners before him, "If you love me, after the first of twelve and the second seventy."

The commissioners say the number was twelve in the first instance because these were twelve tribes in Israel and twenty in the second because the apostles numbered them. I do not agree with this. I believe that there were seventy members. However, I do not agree with this. I believe that there were seventy members.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING.

DR. JAMES ATKINS' ABLE SERMON.

At the Central Methodist Church on Concord Sunday He Preached a Fine Sermon—An Analysis of Its Proceedings of the Convention.

Concord, May 30.—The first service of to-day was an Epworth League devotional meeting, conducted by Rev. J. V. Roberts. This meeting began at 7:30 and continued more than an hour.

Wadeboro Felt It.

Special to the Observer.

Wadeboro, May 31.—The earthquake shock was felt here at 2 o'clock by almost everyone in town.

Very Slight at Charleston.

Charleston, May 31.—There was a slight earthquake felt all over South Carolina to-day about 2 o'clock. The vibrations seemed stronger in the northern part of the State, and very slight in Charleston. A few people were momentarily frightened. No damage.

PLUNKETT VANQUISHES PEARSON.

The Union Jack Flies Over the Battlefield After the First International Chess Game—A Friend of Representative White Dies.

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