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The workmen are still busily engaged in putting in our new glass front and notwithstanding the necessary inconveniences we have been kept busy on the inside. Prices, qualities and styles are bound to win. Our stock now contains some special values that are worth our telling and your knowing. Don't let the sound of the hammer and the saw keep you out. While everything may seem torn and out of order on the outside you'll find all correct on the inside. We hope to have the major part of the front done by Monday evening. Torches at 3c., 4c., 5c., 6c., 7c., 8c., 9c., 10c.

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## A DEADLY EXPLOSION.

### MIDNIGHT MAYOR AT A STILL HOUSE.

A Boiler Explodes, Killing Two Persons Overnight, Fatally Injuring Two Others, and Badly Wounding Another.

The boiler at the old distillery of Mr. James B. Lanier, located three miles from Salisbury, exploded at 12 o'clock last night with terrible effect. The still house, a two story structure, was completely wrecked, a man and his son were instantly killed, two men were fatally hurt, and one man was badly injured.

The names of the killed are: Rans Beamer and his son, a boy of 12 years old. The names of the injured have not been learned.

Two men, one of them a revenue agent, were sleeping in a room on the second floor. They were blown fifty yards. The revenue agent will survive, but the other's head was so badly crushed that he will die. The engineer had gone to the branch to see what was the matter with the pump when the explosion occurred, and he was not hurt. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Repairs had just been completed to the boiler, and it was steamed up two hours before the explosion occurred.

### LOCAL RIFLES.

—Mr. Holton Sprinkle arrived in the city today from Washington.

—Mr. J. P. Cook, editor of the Concord Standard, is at the Central.

—Today being a holiday on 'Change, there are no telegraphic markets.

—There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at St. Martin's Chapel at 7:30 tomorrow morning.

—Little Lord Fauntleroy, one of the greatest of theatrical attractions, will be at the opera house next Saturday.

—The front of Mr. E. M. Andrews undertaking house, opposite the Central Hotel, is being repainted and brightened up.

—But very little homage was paid today in Charlotte, to the memory of the Father of his country. Not a single cherry tree was cut down in his honor.

—Cross and White have surrendered themselves to the sheriff of Wake county. They will begin work in the public roads on the first Monday in March.

—There were several little "spits" of snow in this city, this morning. Today one year ago, there was a six inch snow on the ground in Charlotte.

—Rev. P. J. Carraway will conduct services at Tryon Street Methodist Church tomorrow morning, and at Church Street Methodist Church tomorrow night.

### Big Blockade Raids.

Late yesterday afternoon, the platform at the Carolina Central freight depot was lined with barrels of whisky and distilling apparatus, the returns from two raids by officers Bollin and Vanderford. The stuff was consigned to Deputy Collector E. McDonald, who today had it stored in a warehouse on College street. The lot comprises 37 barrels of blockade whisky and six stills. Four of the stills and 25 barrels of whisky were captured at Grover, Cleveland county, and the remainder was captured at Cherryville.

### An Interview by the Way with Sam Jones.

Mayor McDowell arrived home last night from a brief trip to New Orleans. On the way home there was a delay of an hour at Tuscaloosa junction, and one of the sights that attracted Mr. McDowell's attention during the wait was the great evangelist Sam Jones sitting on the end of a cross tie. Mr. McDowell approached Mr. Jones and had a pleasant conversation with him. Mr. Jones was interested the moment he knew that Mr. McDowell was from Charlotte, and wanted to know all about the tabernacle that is being built here for him.

Speaking of his Charlotte engagement Mr. Jones told Mr. McDowell that he would be here on the first of May.

## THE CITY AND THE SEMINARY.

Can the Board of Aldermen Make a Donation to the Lutheran Seminary?—An Argument that it Can.

Can the city authorities, under the charter, make a donation to the Lutheran Seminary?

This question was today asked a lawyer by a NEWS reporter. "It can," was the reply.

The board of aldermen were asked to make a donation to the Lutheran Seminary. They promptly and generously replied that they would if they had the power.

"Have they, then?" says our friend, "the power to take from the city treasury a sum of money and give it to the Seminary?"

"Section 24 of the original charter of the city reads, in part, as follows, with reference to the board of aldermen: 'They shall also have power to issue other bonds, and all moneys arising from the sale of such additional bonds shall be by the said board applied to such purposes as in the opinion of said board will promote the general good of the city, and for no other purposes whatever.'"

Now, it would seem that if the board of aldermen have power to make a debt for the general good of the city, of which they are the sole judges, (though under the amended charter the debt would have to be authorized by a vote of the people), they certainly have power to spend money out of the treasury for that purpose. Suppose a philanthropist should die, bequeathing \$10,000 to the city of Charlotte, to be expended for the general good of the city, in the discretion of the board of aldermen, could not the board give part of it to the Lutheran Seminary? Look what a great law writer says about it; Dillon on Municipal Corporations, 3575: "Municipal corporations possess the incidental or implied right to alienate or dispose of the property, real or personal, of the corporation, of a private nature, unless restrained by charter or statute."

Under this broad authority it would seem that the board of aldermen could even go so far as to sell the Graded School property, which the city bought a few years ago for about \$20,000, and spend the amount of money realized by the sale for the general good of Charlotte. Much more can they use money on hand for that purpose, good reason would insist.

But who are to determine what is meant by the general good of the city? The board of aldermen. That is what the charter says "such purposes as in the opinion of said board will promote the general good of the city."

Now observe what the same authority on municipal corporations, says on this point: "3475. So where the mayor or council have by the charter, power to make, in their corporate capacity, all such contracts as they may deem necessary for the welfare of the corporation, they may contract to sell stock owned by the city in a private corporation, to enable the city to pay its debts, and the discretionary power with which the mayor and council are invested cannot, when bona fide exercised, be controlled by a Court of Equity at the instance of property owners and tax payers."

This language is plain and unequivocal. It seems to say that a broad discretionary power, such as our aldermen have, is absolute; that the city can not only use its cash on hand, but may sell its private property for the general good, and that the law has nothing to do with it, when the discretionary power is used in good faith.

While these authorities, however, seem to warrant the belief that the city has ample power to make the donation in question, I do not wish to be understood as setting up my unalterable judgment that she has that power; for the reason that there may be other authorities that I have not found after a thorough search, which would establish the contrary of the view here expressed. But I do say this, that if the words of our city charter, and the language of Mr.

Dillon above quoted, do not mean what they seem to say; if there is any plainer way of showing us that the aldermen have power to make the donation to the Seminary, then let us have the charter amended at the approaching session of the Legislature so as to remove all doubt on the subject.

In the meanwhile, would it not be well for the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, to whom the matter was referred, to assure the gentlemen in charge of the Seminary fund, that when, by popular vote or legislative aid, there shall be no further doubt as to their ability to make gift, they will make their promise of a donation good. This assurance would probably be as good as cash, for who would oppose the proposed donation?

The city at odd times has given \$1,000 to yellow fever sufferers, \$400 for the survey of a railroad and \$4,000 by way of subscription to stock to the Charlotte Female Institute. To argue that it cannot now give its aid to the Lutheran Seminary is seemingly as strange as to say that a colt cannot jump a fence, when, in fact, he has jumped it repeatedly.

The charter of the city of Raleigh authorizes the board of aldermen to "aid in the establishment of educational enterprises within the corporate limits of the city, or within one mile of said limits. Let us have our charter amended so as to read that way. Then there can be no hindrance to the gift of \$2,000 by the board of aldermen to the Lutheran Seminary.

### A LOCK OF WASHINGTON'S HAIR.

A Rare and Genuine Relic in Possession of a Charlotte Lady.

This is Washington's birthday, and the NEWS has been reminded of it in a peculiarly pleasant manner. Through the courtesy of a Charlotte lady, Mrs. E. E. Sloan, widow of the late Dr. Wm. Sloan, the editor has had the privilege of inspecting a lock of Washington's hair. There are about twenty five strands of hair in the lock. The hair with the exception of a few strands of brown, is a pure white. It is bound by a silken thread, which in turn is secured to a sheet of paper by a stamp of sealing wax. On the paper to which this relic is attached is this inscription:

"IRVINGTON, VA.,  
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Mrs. Sloan prizes this relic highly. Both the hair and the letter are in a good state of preservation. Mrs. Sloan will have the relic framed.

### A Romance in Colored Life.

Some days ago a Charlotte negro named Sam McLarty got into correspondence with a Crab Orchard belle named Mary Jane Wallace. He proposed and was accepted by letter. He got a license from Register Cobb and set forth on the appointed day, but when he got to Mary Jane's house she denied all knowledge of the correspondence and would have none of him. Troubled in spirit, Sam went to Jerry Wallace's house, nearby, and told Jerry and his family of his disappointment. Jerry has a daughter named "Dicy," and when Dicy heard Sam's tale of woe she volunteered to marry him. Sam jumped at the proposition. He came to town and told Mr. Cobb that he had made a mistake—that it ought to be Dicy instead of Mary Jane. The register changed the license accordingly. Sam was married to Dicy.

### Abenaby's Amiable Surrender.

On the 24th of last December Gus Abenaby, colored, was seriously stabbed by another colored boy, named Henry Ledbetter. Ledbetter fled and Gus eventually recovered. Ledbetter came up today and surrendered. He was arraigned before Esq. Severs, who put him under a bond of \$50 for his appearance for trial before Judge Meares, and, giving the bond, he was released.

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