

LOCAL NEWS.

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This is a corner stone paper. The merchants had a fun on cables yesterday. Kingston was well represented in the city last night.

The Silver Cornet and Star Bands did much to edify things on the 14th. Remember Dr. Barker's lecture at the Theatre to-night at 7 o'clock sharp.

The colored brethren made a very creditable turnout on the parade last night. One hundred and seventy-four bales of cotton sold at the Exchange yesterday at 9 to 10 c.

Mr. Geo. Allen leaves this morning for Wilmington, via Raleigh, to attend the meeting of the Presbyterian Synod. Now, we're a corner stone of our own. At least we've laid the corner stone. May justice in it ever reign, its scales adjusted to a grain.

Captain E. R. Page says he has given out the contract for the rebuilding of his mill at Trenton, and will be built with all the modern conveniences. Our court house, when completed, will be one of the most handsome and substantial in the State. Honor to the commissioners if they will only hurry up the rocks.

The Mechanics Hook and Ladder company, of this city, is not a whit behind the other companies in devotion to duty and promptness when called upon. The company made a good turnout last night. We regret exceedingly to hear of the death of Mrs. Albert B. Powell, who died at her residence yesterday evening at 7:15 o'clock. The family has the sympathy of the public in this their sad bereavement.

We regret that our Graded School was not in procession yesterday. It would have added much to the interest of the occasion and given the Governor an opportunity of seeing the interest manifested here in the cause of education. We received last night, through the post, a copy of the "Old Maid's" magazine for this month, Friday evening, Nov. 16th, 1883. Whether intended as a notice to members of that venerable body, or as an invitation to us we are in doubt, but as we are married and our partner is still on the verge of twenty-five, we shall have to content ourselves with simply sending it to the post.

GALA DAY IN NEW BERNE.

The Corner Stone Laid.

Governor Jarvis Speaks.

Grand Parade and Fire Works by the Fire Department at Night.

At an early hour on Wednesday morning the sound of the fire cracker and blowing of the tin horn, by boys who thought the city council had once more given them their freedom, gave warning of a gala day in the city.

OLD MEN GET YOUNG.

At about 10 o'clock the people began to gather at the Academy Green in response to the excellent music made by the Silver Cornet Band. While waiting for the Grand Lodge to open and form the procession the boys open a game of base ball on the Green in which old men join. They remember exactly where they were fifty years ago and in what direction they would send the ball.

THE GRAND LODGE.

The requisite number of Lodges for the opening of the Grand Lodge being represented it was opened in due form by Deputy Grand Master and acting Grand Master F. H. Busbee.

The following Grand officers were appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master: Fabius H. Busbee, Deputy Grand Master, as Grand Master.

- Fred C. Roberts as Deputy Grand Master. T. A. Henry as Senior Grand Warden. J. N. Whitford as Junior Grand Warden. T. A. Green as Grand Treasurer. E. G. Hill as Grand Secretary. L. S. Burkhead as Grand Chaplain. O. Hobbs as Senior Grand Deacon. J. H. Hackbarr as Junior Grand Deacon. S. R. Street, Jr., as Grand Marshal. E. R. Page as Grand Sword Bearer. Wan B. Boyd and A. M. Baker as Grand Stewards. Needham Case as Grand Tiler. Architect, James Manwell. Wm. Dunn, Grand Standard Bearer. Alpheus W. Wood, Book of Constitution.

Master Mason, bearing Bible, Square and Compass, Bro. M. B. L. Dinsmore. The procession was formed headed by the Silver Cornet Band, followed by the Grand Lodge, next Governor Jarvis and Jas. A. Bryan, Chairman of Board of County Commissioners, Mayor Howard and members of the Board of City Council, then citizens generally. The column was put in motion at 11 o'clock and proceeded up Neuse street to Metcalf, down Metcalf to Pollok, down Pollok to Middle, down Middle to South Front, down South Front to Craven, up Craven to Pollok, up Pollok to Middle, up Middle to Broad, down Broad to the Court House, where a large concourse of people, including many of the ladies of the city, had already gathered to witness the interesting ceremonies. The procession filed into the court yard under the triumphal arch which had been erected for the purpose.

The Masons forming a hollow square at the northeast corner of the building, Governor Jarvis is accompanied by Messrs. J. A. Bryan, Geo. Allen, Mayor Howard and others took seats on the stand. Acting Grand Master, F. H. Busbee, commanded silence and announced the purpose for which they had assembled. Mr. Jas. A. Bryan, chairman of the board of county commissioners, stood and in the name of the commissioners requested that the Grand Lodge do A. F. and A. M. lay the corner stone of the court house. The Grand Master responded, accepting the trust. Judge Gaston's lines to the Old North State were then sang, the entire congregation joining in. A prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain. A box containing the deposit was placed in the corner stone by the Grand Treasurer.

List of items deposited in the corner stone of the Craven County Court House, Nov. 14th, 1883. Names of:

- 1. The President of the United States. 2. The Governor of North Carolina. 3. Executive Department of the State. 4. State Board of Education. 5. North Carolina Department of Agriculture. 6. University of North Carolina. 7. Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute. 8. North Carolina Insane Asylum. 9. State Politicians. 10. Judges of Supreme and Superior Courts. 11. Craven county officials. 12. City of New Berne officials. 13. Board of Trade of New Berne. 14. Cotton and Grain Exchange. 15. Churches and pastors. 16. Graded School Teachers. 17. Officers of A. & N. C. Railroad. 18. Officers of National Bank. 19. New Berne Fire Department. 20. Newspapers of New Berne and State. 21. Officers and members Athletic Club.

- 22. Officers and members Silver Cornet Band. 23. Masonic lodges and officers. 24. Other lodges and societies. 25. Copies of Daily and Weekly Journal.

MANUFACTURING INTERESTS.

- 1. Steam saw mill and planing, D. Congdon & Son. 2. Steam saw mill and planing mill, D. Stimson. 3. Steam saw mill and planing mill, S. Radcliff & Co. 4. Steam saw mill and planing mill, Thomas S. Howard & Co. 5. Newbern Manufacturing Co., cotton mills. 6. Steam rice mills, Elijah Ellis. 7. Steam grain and flouring mills, J. A. Meadows & Co. 8. Marine railways, J. J. Howard. 9. Steam saw mill, Thornton & Hollowell. 10. Steam cotton gin, Thos. S. Howard. 11. Steam cotton gin, A. R. Denison. 12. Cotton seed oil mill, A. R. Denison. 13. Turpentine distillery, A. R. Denison. 14. Turpentine distillery, Elijah Ellis. 15. Wood plate factory, S. H. Gray. 16. New Berne Gas Light Company—making gas from water. 17. Box factory, George Bishop. 18. Plug tobacco factory, Mills & Walker. 19. Cigar factory, Conard Erdmann. 20. Candy factory, John Dunn. 21. Clothing factory, J. W. Moore. 22. Candy factory, A. Potter. 23. Ten (10) river steamers. 24. Boiler works, A. W. Edwards. 25. Machine shops, E. G. Cuthbert. 26. Machine shops, Manwell & Crabtree. 27. Marble works, Joseph K. Willis. 28. Plow manufactory, Geo. Allen & Co. 29. Record regarding the building of the court house.

The Grand Master commanded the Deputy G. M. to apply the jewel of his office—the Square—to that portion of the foundation-stone that needed to be proved, and report. The D. G. M. did so and reported that the stone was square, the Craftsmen had performed their duty. The S. G. W. was commanded by the G. M. to apply the jewel of his office—the Level—which was done and the stone pronounced level, the Craftsmen having performed their duty. The J. G. W. was commanded to apply the jewel of his office—the Plumb—which was done and the stone declared plumb, the Craftsmen having performed their duty. The Grand Master then declared that the stone had been tested by the proper implements of Masonry: that the Craftsmen had skillfully and faithfully performed their duty, and that it was well formed, true, and trusty, and correctly laid according to the rules of our Ancient Craft.

The elements of Consecration were then brought forward the Deputy G. M., scattering the vessel of corn, the S. G. W. pouring on the wine, the emblem of joy and gladness, and the J. G. W. pouring the oil, the emblem of peace. The G. M. then made the following

INVOCATION.

May the all-bounteous Author of Nature bless the inhabitants of this place with an abundance of the necessaries, conveniences and comforts of life; assist in the erection and completion of this building; protect the workmen against every accident; long preserve the structure from decay; and grant to us all a supply of the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy—AMEN. To which the brethren responded—So mote it be.

The public grand honors were given, the implements of architecture were given over to the Architect and the G. M. made the usual proclamation on such occasions. At the conclusion of these ceremonies, James A. Bryan, Esq., came forward and read the following brief history of the old court house:

FYLLOW CITIZENS.—Christopher De Graffenreid, of Berne, Switzerland, born in 1761, was made a Land Grave of Carolina by the Lords Proprietors of that province, in 1769. In the same year about 850 Germans from the Palatinate of the Rhine emigrated to Carolina under his auspices. He was accompanied by his son Christopher, Captain Lewis Michell (our Michells descended from him) of Berne, and a number of Swiss. In 1710 he founded the town of Newbern. The Indian name of the point of land on which is now Newbern was Chatoka. Fifty years afterwards, on the 20th of March, 1761, an act for building a Court House in the town of Newbern was passed, as follows:

"WHEREAS, The County of Craven is at present and has been for some years past without a Court House to hold their courts in, and the Commissioners having neglected building and furnishing the Court House, "Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, and by authority of the same, that a Court House for the said county, not exceeding sixty feet long and forty feet wide in the clear, be built on the public lots in the town of Newbern, nearly opposite Mr. Rice's red house, or on the intersection of Broad street, where a Court House is already begun, which sever of the said places, they the Commissioners hereinafter appointed for carrying on the said building, or a majority of them shall judge most convenient.

"RICHARD SPAIGHT, ESQ., JOSEPH LEECH and JOHN FORTVILLE, "Commissioners."

Mr. Rice's red house was near the southeast corner of Hancock and Pollock streets, on the spot where now stands the handsome dwelling of Mr. O. Marks. The Rice building was up to this generation, and for many years before, the Custom House. The Hawks on the mother's side were closely related to the Rice's. Part of Capt. Milton's residence on Pollock street was the house in which they were born, and is still in a good state of preservation, though erected before the above act was passed. Broad street was selected by the Commissioners for the Court House, and by the Act the public lots were sold at vendue. Mrs. Leahman's mansion is on one of them. We find the court building mentioned as follows in the year 1796; by a writer "Newbern is the largest town in the State. It stands on a flat, sandy point of land, formed by the confluence of the Neuse and Trent rivers, containing about four hundred houses, all built of wood, excepting the chancery palace, the church, the jail, and two dwelling houses, which are brick. The Episcopal church is a small brick building with a bell. It is the only house of public worship in the place. "Newbern is the county town of Craven county, and has a court house and jail. The court house is raised on brick arches, so as to render the lower part a convenient market place, but the principal marketing is done with the people in their canoes and boats at the river side." This old court house gave place to the brick one built on the same site about forty years afterwards, which was destroyed just before the late war by fire. We would here mention that Richard Spaight, afterwards the elder Governor Spaight, married a daughter of Joseph Leech who was a Colonel with Governor Tryon at the battle of Alamance. She was the mother of the younger Governor Spaight and Mrs. John R. Donnell, and the grandmother of Richard S. Donnell, John Foville was the grandfather of Mrs. John Stanly from whom she inherited the most of her large estate. This lady was the mother of the Honorable Edward Stanly who loved North Carolina with a North Carolinian's heart. Such was the beginning of the court house in the county of Craven. Your Excellency need not be told that we are on historic ground. Near us, in the Episcopal church yard, is written on a grave stone, "An honest lawyer indeed." It covers the dust of George Elliot, Attorney-General of the Province. He died in Newbern a century ago. A few steps from this tomb can be seen, now level with close cut grass, a marble slab over the remains of a patriot of whom it can be said truthfully we had no greater in the Revolutionary War in proportion to his means and ability. His means too were large, his talent conspicuous, as a merchant and though not a lawyer he was the first Judge of the Court of Admiralty in North Carolina. We allude to John Wright Stanly. Judge Gaston said in a town meeting, when John Stanly died, "He was the son of John Wright Stanly, a merchant of the greatest enterprise and most extensive business ever known in this State." One hundred and thirty-four years ago James Davis set up the first printing press ever in North Carolina. Fifteen years afterwards he published the first number of the first paper or periodical in the State, under the title of "North Carolina Magazine or Universal Intelligence." This was done below us on the Southeast corner of East Front and Broad streets, where is now Mrs. Capt. Green's residence. Just before Davis started his press the Elder Spaight was born in the Southeast corner of Broad and Craven streets, not many feet from us and where is now the residence of Mr. Holton. Spaight, the patriot and hero, never turned his back on friend or foe and his honor was equal to his courage. He was distinguished and influential in the convention which gave us the U. S. Constitution. This square was one of the first built upon in New Berne. Not far away, down Craven street, William Gaston first opened his eyes. Cultivated, able, overflowing, always, with mirth unsurpassed in conversational powers, an orator, statesman, lawyer and judge, a Christian beyond suspicion or reproach. His dying words should never be forgotten: "There is a God and He is Almighty," were uttered with his last breath. Over on the next street, Middle, Geo. E. Badger was born, from the Cogsdell stock, from which on one side John Stanly also descended, did he inherit most of that transcendent genius, which will give him imperishable fame as a lawyer. But his father, Thomas Badger, was a man of superior intellect and uncommon generalization or concentration of mind, he inherited from his father. His masterly reasoning faculty must be called genius, and is he not the greatest North Carolina has yet produced? Again a few steps would take us where John Stanly commenced his eventful life. Born great he never would stoop to conquer. In sarcasm and satire he had no equal in this State. Though he was ever a friend to the weak and oppressed, his hand, too, was ever open to the poor, and his advice to the friendless was cheerfully given. He was as shining and as luminous as a blazing star in debate. In controversy he feared no man. Only two miles from us on the river, Tent, Frederick Nash commenced his pilgrimage on earth. He descended from Revolutionary heroes and inherited their integrity and honor, the ermine of Chief Justice Taylor, he kept unsporting and fell with it on, full of years and loved by all. Next, we have F. L. Hawks, whose rich voice, great learning and eloquence not only made him an eminent lawyer, but also, when he gave up the bar one of the best orators in the State in the country. James G. Stanly, if not equal as an orator to his brother John Stanly, he was as a counsellor and as a clerk for many years of our county court was held up as an example for justness, ability and method unsurpassed. These were all to the minor born and just behind them were the younger Spaight, the Bryans, the Shepards, the Devereaux

and Atmore, some their equals as lawyers and orators and all accomplished. There, too, were the Blackledges. The short time they were allowed to live dashed and flashed amid the bright stars around them in this town. One again followed the Guions and Sparrow, the latter, the last one of Craven's pupils, still survives. But we need not adopt citizens were loved well for their uncommon ability and worth. First, Martin; then Benj. Woods, and Edward Graham and Tryon and John R. Donnell and Manly, and the Washingtons and Hubbard. Take all together, what a grand combination of diversified talent and experience for cabinets, for high courts, for presidents, and for any other position where learning, genius and wisdom are required. Splendidly, irregular, these were their talents, but like meteors about and athwart the sky, if any singular, all were sublime. Such were the eminent citizens that once lived around where we have met this day and could a more fitting monument be erected to their memory than a stately and beautiful temple of justice.

We could add to this list the younger Donnell, of whom Mr. B. F. Moore said "if he were not a lawyer we had none in North Carolina." Geo. S. Stevenson too was the successful advocate and solicitor, fearless and a terror to the violators of the law—all, all, are gone, except one. Could the standard of honor be higher than was in the day of these great men in the legal profession. But we have left the senior members of the Newbern bar, sons of the glorious old county of Craven, fit representatives of our noble fathers, Green, Clark, Hughes, Bryn, who will guard well the rich legacy bequeathed them. "Go call thy sons, instruct them what a debt. They owe their ancestors and make them swear To pay it by transmitting down entire The sacred rights to which themselves were born."

Your Excellency, you are also, now, near to the grand old school house where started the most of these eminent and famous citizens on their way to greatness and renown. We refer to the Academy. Hallowed house, stand until ages more you see. In 1863 an act was passed for the erection of a school house in the town of Newbern, which was the first effectual act, as stated, for the encouragement of literature. The Newbern Academy is the result of that law. We say again, stand centuries ere you totter and fall, and may come once more, from thy sacred halls men the equal of our fathers to educate, enlighten and benefit mankind.

After Mr. Bryan had concluded the reading of this paper, which was prepared by Col. Jno. D. Whitford, he presented His Excellency, Gov. Thos. J. Jarvis, in the following words: And now, ladies and gentlemen and fellow-citizens, I have the pleasure of introducing to you His Excellency, the Governor of the State. No, not of introducing, but of presenting to you, for he needs no introduction at the hands of any man, either to the people of North Carolina, or to the people of many of the States of this Union. Identified with the history of North Carolina during the darkest days of her anguish and degradation, those terrible days of reconstruction, when liberty wept, and America, for very shame, hid her face; prompted by those feelings which inspire the hearts of true patriots, who, standing in the midst of a hostile legislature, battling almost alone and single-handed for the rights and liberties of our people, against the tyranny and oppression of a military despotism, his name and his services will be remembered not merely as long as those dark days are remembered, but as long as North Carolina remains a State.

Gifted with rare common sense, possessed of a judgment calm, cool and deliberate, with the power of forecasting events and reading aright the character of men not often equalled, his administration of the affairs of North Carolina, wise and temperate, connected with the most important works of internal improvements, that have taken place during the last fifty years, and identified with the transition of the State from the dark valley of poverty and distress, to the highest sun-light of prosperity and thrift, will, when the unbiased historian comes to write the record of his time, be found to have been not only equal to the best, but superior to the many that preceded it. And when in coming years future generations shall unroll the scroll upon which are inscribed the names of our Governors, and the eye shall rest upon the name of Thomas J. Jarvis, it will be said, and truthfully said, that he was one of the wisest rulers that North Carolina ever had.

Permit me, ladies and gentlemen, and fellow-citizens, to present to you His Excellency, our Governor, the orator of the day.

THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

The Governor, as he arose, was roundly applauded by the audience and greeted with music by the Silver Cornet Band. He stated in the outset that he had not prepared a speech especially for the occasion, but would speak to them, not of the past, but of the present, of living issues. He reminded the people that in this temple of justice which they were engaged in erecting, injustice could be done to individuals and to society by letting the guilty escape as well as in convicting the innocent. He told what sort of a man a Judge should be; he spoke of the duty of the State to provide a sufficient number of Judges, that they may have ample time to perform their duties properly, declaring that there was not a sufficient number in North Carolina. The Governor was on the right track here. It has been but a short time since we called atten-

tion to the fact that the State of North Carolina did not furnish the facilities for that speedy adjudication of rights and grievances that the Constitution demanded for her citizens.

He spoke of the lawyer as constituting a very important part of the court. He said that in some sections of this State there was a great prejudice against this profession. He gave an instance of it. In 1878 he heard an intelligent voter say he would not vote for Hon. W. N. H. Smith for Chief Justice because he was a lawyer, and he had determined never to vote for another lawyer for anything. The Governor then proceeded to show that this prejudice of the people against the profession was not wholly unfounded and not without cause. Having once been a practicing attorney he had opportunities of finding out some of the crooked ways and practices of these wicked attorneys who go outside the bounds of their duty to their clients and inflict a great wrong upon society. We know the Governor was right, in this for we have, though not a lawyer, seen instances of such practice. He next spoke of the jury system as an important part of the court, and gave the professional juror a passing notice. He thought the standard of our juries had been let down too low. Here again the Governor was right. We had occasion to make this very charge recently; in fact, the Governor's ideas of a court—judges, lawyers and jurors—so thoroughly coincide with the views recently given on the subject by the JOURNAL that we are bound to pronounce his speech a very sensible one. It was short, practicable and timely. This closed the exercises of the day.

AT NIGHT.

Promptly at eight o'clock the procession was formed, Atlantic No. 1 in front, New Berne next, then the Hook and Ladder Company, with the rear brought up by the Reliance and Rough and Ready, colored, and the line of march taken as heretofore published. On reaching the Gaston House the Governor being called for made a brief address from the balcony of the hotel, congratulating the department upon the efficiency it had reached and well-earned reputation, expressing the belief that New Berne was justly proud of it, and assuring the officers and men that whether New Berne was or not, North Carolina was.

At the conclusion of the Governor's remarks there was a grand fusillade of fireworks, rockets, Roman candles and various pyrotechnics rising from a thousand points, producing one immense flame as far as the eye could reach.

The conception was a grand one and most happily executed, nothing equal to it having ever been seen in the city before, in fact gentlemen who have been in various parts of this country and Europe pronounced it the grandest display they had ever witnessed.

All along the march the streets were a blaze of light from handsomely illuminated windows and brilliant displays of Chinese lanterns, firing off crackers, rockets, etc.

Where all did so well, it seems almost invidious to make distinctions, but we must mention the fine illumination of the Gaston House, Central Hotel, and the residences of Mayor Howard, Mr. F. Ulrich, Chief Engineer Moore, but the best of all that of Mrs. Radcliffe, on Broad street. Mrs. R. seems to partake of the spirit of her late husband, whose devotion to the Fire Department was proverbial, and of which he was a long time chief engineer. In addition to an elaborate display of candles in the windows there was a brilliant array of colored lanterns in the trees and shrubbery surrounding the building, and an arch covering the balcony with mottoes, and a beautiful young lady beneath.

The decorations of the engines and machines were superb, and the most attractive the Car of Liberty with a beautiful girl representing the Goddess, appropriately attired, with two juvenile firemen, one at each side.

The whole affair was so brilliant and so indicative of joy and rejoicing that we shall beg no pardon for stopping short in a further description this morning.

Lost Faith in Physicians.

There are innumerable instances where cures have been effected by Scovill's Sarsaparilla, or Blood and Liver Syrup, for all diseases of the blood, when the patient has been given up by physicians. It is one of the best remedies ever offered to the public, and as it is prepared with the greatest care, as a specific for certain diseases, it is no wonder that it should be more effectual than hastily written and carelessly prepared prescriptions. Take Scovill's Blood and Liver Syrup for all disorders arising from impure blood. It is endorsed by all leading professional men.

Mr. J. H. Hawkins, Ridgeway, N. C., says: "I used Brown's Iron Bitters as a tonic and found it very beneficial."