

AT METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE.

"McFee's Matrimonial Bureau." Appears Here Monday Night.

Mr. E. L. Goodbar, business manager for "McFee's Matrimonial Bureau," which appears at the Metropolitan Opera House Monday night, November 8, is now here in the interests of the company, and relates the following incident. Mr. Goodbar always registers at the hotels in the following manner: "E. L. Goodbar, business manager, McFee's Matrimonial Bureau," and after having registered at the hotel of one of our neighboring cities, and waiting to be assigned a room, noticed a large, good natured looking gentleman carefully scrutinizing the names upon the register. At last, coming to Mr. Goodbar's name, which he carefully noted, then read in a loud voice, and straightening up, said, "Well, I want to meet that man, I have been trying for years to find a wife, and I'll just hunt him up and see what he can do for me." A general laugh followed this, after which introductions and explanations were in order.

The large individual proving to be a commercial traveller, at once saw and declared that the drinks were on him.

Mr. Goodbar assures us that the company is much stronger and brighter than ever, having been rewritten and costumed.

The management have also gone to great expense in procuring new scenery and repainting the old, making it almost an extravaganza, so far as scenery is concerned.

BREACH WITH PRINCETON.

Action of Presbyterians in Condemning Prof. Shields.

Princeton, N. J., Nov. 2.—The discussion over Princeton Inn, the consequent condemnation of Princeton University and several of its professors by various Presbyteries and synods throughout country, and the action taken by Rev. C. H. Shields in announcing that he would sever his connection with the Presbyterian Church have caused a breach between the university and the church, which is now believed to be rapidly approaching an open rupture.

On Thursday, November 11, the New Brunswick Synod of the Presbyterian Church will convene in the First Church here. A resolution will be introduced condemning Prof. Shields for signing the petition for a liquor license for Princeton Inn, which will be followed by Prof. Shields' resignation as a minister of the church. President Patton, who will be present, is then expected to speak in defense of Prof. Shields, and the gauntlet may be thrown to the church by the university.

PLOT AGAINST A CHILD WIFE.

Testimony at Norfolk of a Conspiracy to Destroy Her Good Name.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 2.—The celebrated Hall-Smith Cannon conspiracy case came up yesterday on an appeal from the decision of Police Justice Tomlin, who fined the defendants, E. Guy Hall, and Joseph Cannon, \$500 and six months' imprisonment for conspiring against the chastity of Mrs. Lillian Bain Cannon, wife of Joseph Cannon, in order to manufacture evidence to be used in a divorce case.

A sensation almost as profound as the first announcement of the arrest of the men was caused by the announcement of Mr. Thomas R. Borland, attorney for William Smith, that his client had decided to turn State's evidence and tell all he knew about the case. He was placed on the stand after all the other testimony was in, and he told a story of a shockingly cold-blooded plan to deprive the child-wife of her good name in order that her husband might be free.

He testified that the bargain between Cannon and the other two conspirators was that they were to receive \$100 each for the evidence which would dissolve the marriage, and that Hall was to receive \$300 if he succeeded in producing it within a specified time. He told still further how the young wife was taken away from home by Hall, and he also testified to the payment of some money by Cannon to both Hall and himself. The witness was still on the stand at adjournment.

FROM DEATH TO PEN

London Haynes' Sentence Commuted

SAVED FROM GALLOWS

WAS TO HAVE BEEN HANGED NEXT FRIDAY.

Petition For Pardon Asked by the Judge and Solicitor, Who Tried Haynes, and Many Prominent Citizens.

The sentence of Lunpon Haynes, a negro who was convicted of murder in the first degree, at the fall term, 1897, of Columbus Superior court, and sentenced to be hanged Sep. 24 1897, and who was reprieved until Nov. 5th, 1897, was to day commuted to imprisonment for life, by the Governor.

In explanation the Governor has the following to say: "This commutation is made at the earnest solicitation of Solicitor Sawell who prosecuted and who certifies that 'The doomed boy has no conception of the heinousness of his crime, being little removed from an idiot. He was unquestionably the willing tool of his accessory and entirely subservient to his will'; and of the trial Judge McIver who certifies that 'As the mouth piece of the law, I passed the death sentence; but I do not think he ought to be hung; and as far as I have been able to learn, this is the prevailing sentiment of the best people in and around Whiteville. I therefore most earnestly recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted'; by Dr. J. F. Harrell, Superintendent of Health of Columbus county; by the county Commissioners, Clerk of the court and other officers; by Representative Schulken, by about all the pastors and several hundred other good citizens of said county, all of whom are of the opinion that the prisoner is hardly responsible for his own acts; and that in this case he was a mere instrument in the hands of other unprincipled men, for whose horrible crimes this man ought not to suffer the penalty of death."

CONVICT TESTIFIES.

Two Additions to the Penitentiary Roll.

Sheriff M. J. Ward, of Columbus county, arrived in the city yesterday, says the Messenger, on his way to Raleigh with three convicts for the penitentiary. Two of them were Geo. Wortham and Hayes Alexander, both colored, convicted in the superior court at Whiteville last week and each sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary for breaking into and robbing the railroad warehouse and express office at chadbourn. Alexander stated to The Messenger representative that he committed the crime and that Wortham had nothing to do with the robbery. He says he gave Wortham the razor that was stolen and which was found in Wortham's possession and led to his implication in the robbery. He states that he testified to that fact at the trial, but the jury convicted Wortham anyhow.

The other convict was Jim Hayee, who pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree for killing young Lee at Whiteville, and had been brought back from the penitentiary to testify in another case involving the murder. It will be remembered that at the first trial he was convicted and sentenced to be hanged, but at the second trial he turned state's evidence and was allowed to put in a plea of murder in the second degree. He is serving a term for thirty years.

Coroner's Verdict.

The coroner's jury in the case of the sailor killed at Wilmington night before last rendered a verdict stating that the deceased, T. O. Von Clinaki, came to his death from a gunshot wound from the hands of Gles Anderson. The dead sailor was buried yesterday at 4 o'clock in Oak Grove cemetery.

S. A. L. READING ROOM.

Has Been Organized With Good Set of Officers.

The S. A. Library and Reading Rooms Association has been organized by the election of the following officers:

D. M. King, president; Jas. C. Reed, vice president; Chas. A. Separk, secretary; W. L. Davis, treasurer; Capt. Jas. Maglenn, auditor; Oscar D. Green, financial secretary; trustees, F. F. Snyder, J. W. Cooper and J. M. Covington. Managing committee, John S. Riddle, James McKee, D. B. Parish, Geo. Gill, J. F. Outhrell, W. H. Cole and W. T. Harding.

The library and rooms are located in the Johnston street building, and improvements will be made later in the rooms which will greatly add to their comfort.

The association will appreciate the donation of any kind of books, periodicals, etc., that any of our citizens may desire to make, and the secretary will send for any if he be notified.

Fined for Stealing Dollars.

Thomas Martin, the colored messenger who recently stole twenty eight silver dollars from the vaults of the United States Treasury, where he was employed and who pleaded guilty some days ago to the indictment charging the theft, received his sentence yesterday. Numerous pleas were made for leniency, and the physical condition of the defendant was shown to the court to be such that incarceration might prove fatal. The previous good character of the defendant was also brought to the attention of the court.

Counsel for the government called attention to the fact that Martin substituted lead pieces for the money stolen, and that the theft involved the receipt of all silver in the vaults, at great expense to the government. Judge Bradley, in Criminal Court No. 2, fined Martin \$50, and he was ordered to stand committed until the fine is paid.

Raleigh Boy Manager.

Richard H. Lewis, Jr., of Raleigh, has been elected manager of the University baseball club. The prospects for the baseball club are promising, and the election of Mr. Lewis has met great favor in the college. R. A. Winston, Franklinton, first base on last year's team, has been elected captain. Manager Klutz, of the foot ball eleven, returned yesterday from Richmond, where he signed the final agreements with the manager from the University of Virginia for the Thanksgiving game.

Woman's Missionary Rally.

On November the 11th, Raleigh will probably see a larger number of ladies gathered to attend a missionary meeting than ever before. The Woman's Missionary Societies of the First Baptist and Tabernacle churches of this city have invited all of the ladies from the nearly fifty societies of the two associations adjacent to Raleigh to be their guests on this day, and are preparing for a large attendance.

Death of Mrs. William Buffalo.

A sudden death took place yesterday St. Mary's township, about five miles from this city—Mrs. Buffalo, the esteemed and worthy wife of Mr. William Buffalo, one of Wake county's foremost farmers. Heart failure was the cause of her death. Mrs. Buffalo, a few hours previous to the sad event, was apparently in good health. She was a model wife, and in all the relations of life proved herself a great factor in helping her husband to build up an independent fortune by hard work. The father, sons, daughters and relatives of the deceased have the sympathy of the Times.

The funeral took place this afternoon.

Distillery to Resume.

Mr. John T. Briggs, of Halifax, bought the old L. M. Harrison distillery premises, utensils and apparatus at the recent government sale, and will commence operations at once. This is the next largest distillery in this district, and has a capacity of over thirty gallons daily.

To Be Hanged Privately.

The county commissioners of Wayne county have decided to have the execution of Sam Wright, the negro murderer, the 10th instant, in the jail yard, private.

A MARVEL OF STRENGTH.

Chas. Clayton, the Strong Man, is Here With Dr. Joe.

Dr. Blue Mountain Joe will have an additional attraction at his show to night at the Metropolitan Opera House in the shape of Mr. Chas. Clayton, the marvel of muscle.

Mr. Clayton gave a special exhibition to the representatives of the press to day at 12 o'clock at the Opera House, and performed some remarkable feats of strength.

He handled two large iron weights of 72 pounds each with great ease, snapped a strong iron chain with his hands, broke a horse shoe, and displayed remarkable strength with his teeth.

Mr. Clayton is a native of Pennsylvania, and is twenty-four years of age.

Among the many feats he has performed is that of placing a bridge on his back and supporting people thereon, aggregating in weight 3,100 pounds. He is a marvel of strength, and is well worth going to see.

To-night an admission fee of 10c. and 20c. will be charged.

Big Wild Turkey.

One of the members of the Revenue office, in this city, has received a wild turkey weighing twenty six pounds, which was killed and presented by Mr. James F. Cain, Jr., of South Lowell, Durham county.

Taking Down Scrubs.

The street authorities are cutting down and removing a number of old scrubby trees from the sidewalks on Edenton street. It is a good work. These old hulks scattered in various parts of the city should all be taken down and strong healthy young trees put in their places.

Howell-Knight.

Cards have been received here to the marriage of Miss Louise Knight, daughter of Major John G. D. Knight, U. S. A., of Willet's Point, N. Y., to Lieutenant George Pierce Howell, Engineer Corps, U. S. A. Mr. Howell is a native of Goldsboro.

Brother of Mrs. Hoke.

The Mayor-elect of New York, Judge Robert A. Van Wyck, is a brother of Mrs. Hoke, wife of Gen. R. F. Hoke of this city. The name Wyck is pronounced as if spelled Wike.

St. Mary's Guild.

Chapter No. 2 of St. Mary's School Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. T. E. Skinner on Thursday afternoon, November 4, at 5 o'clock. A full meeting is particularly desired.

Board of Education.

The board of education was in session yesterday. Messrs. J. J. Edwards and Charles F. Upchurch were elected to fill vacancies on the school committee in Cedar Fork township.

Cotton Coming In.

The receipts of cotton today were much larger than for several days account of the improvement in the condition of the roads. About three fourths of the crop has been picked, the staple having ripened earlier than usual, on account of the severe drought which has recently been broke. The low prices of cotton has a tendency to make farmers hold back as much of the crop as possible until better prices prevail.

The Roar of the Guns.

Yesterday was a red letter day for the hunters. The sun, which, for several days has been obscured by dark, murky clouds, emerged from its hiding place, with resplendent, dazzling rays, drying the earth, making locomotion more easy and pleasant. A large number of Raleigh's citizens took advantage of the lovely weather the second day of bird season (the first day being rainy)—and returned yesterday afternoon with heavy-laden bird bags. The roar of the guns could be heard from the corporate limits, as the Nimrods sent their deadly missiles at the fleeing quail.

Burlington Tobacco Market Booming.

It is said that the Burlington tobacco market is on a boom. The warehouses were crowded yesterday and the farmers were delighted at the prices paid. Buyers from Greensboro, Danville, Winston and Roxboro were here bidding on the weed.

Outfit Purchased.

The new morning daily bought their type outfit this morning.

HE WAS SUCCESSFUL

Charles Fischer's Third Attempt at Suicide.

FOUND DEATH AT LAST

INHALED GAS THROUGH A TUBE IN REAR OF BARBER SHOP.

When Found He Was Sitting Erect, But Lifeless—Was Afflicted With Suicide Mania.

Washington, Nov. 3.—After two unsuccessful attempts to end his life, Chas. Henry Fischer, a barber, 64 years of age, committed suicide in the rear room of his shop, 1265 Thirty-second street northwest, last night between 7 and 8 o'clock. He seated himself in a chair, and, attaching the end of a small rubber tube to the gas jet, placed the other end in his mouth. Then he waited for death.

Fischer made his first attempt about one year ago, at which time he severed an artery in his wrist.

Two weeks ago he attempted asphyxiation, but was discovered by persons in the house in time to prevent him accomplishing his purpose.

Last night his two sons, William and Charles, who were associated with him in the shop, left shortly after 7 to attend drill at the National Guard Armory, on K street northwest. Mrs. Fischer, his wife, went out to visit friends. The only other persons in the house were Mrs. Otto Fischer, wife of the suicide's eldest son, and her infant child. It is evident that Fischer regarded the time as a favorable one on account of the slight probability of detection.

Shortly after 8 o'clock Mrs. Fischer, Jr., detected a strong odor of gas, and going to the back room of the shop found the door locked. Knowing that her father-in-law was in the shop, and receiving no answer to her calls, Mrs. Fischer ran to next door and brought Harry Smith. Smith, together with Policeman George Edwards, broke open the door of the rear room. There they found Fischer sitting in an upright position with the tube still in his mouth. A messenger was immediately dispatched for Dr. Kleinschmidt. The doctor responded at once, but said Fischer had been dead for some time.

Soon after the discovery of the body Mrs. Fischer, wife of the suicide, returned. She was completely overcome, and was taken to the home of one of the neighbors. Her condition becoming alarming, Dr. Kleinschmidt was again called to assist in quieting her. Mr. Stohman, who lives directly opposite the Fischer home, sent one of his men to the armory for the two sons of the unfortunate man. They returned home soon after 10 o'clock, and went at once to the house of Mr. John Archer, where their mother had been taken.

ESCAPED FROM GUARD HOUSE.

Lawless Defiance of Law Follows Assault Upon a White Man.

A dispatch from Scotland Neck, says: Saturday night a colored man living near Spring Hill went to the home of Mr. W. S. Biggs and got into a difficulty of words with him and cursed and abused Mr. Biggs. The trouble arose about a cow that colored man, whose name is Joe Taylor, bought from Mr. Biggs sometime ago. Mr. Biggs would have resented the abuse Saturday night if his family had not interfered. Monday the colored man was arrested here, tried before Justice J. A. Perry and bound over to court for assault on Mr. Biggs with a deadly weapon. (He had a club in his hand when he was abusing Mr. Biggs Saturday night.) Taylor was placed in the lock-up here and last night, was turned out. The lock was broken and there was good evidence that he had help to get out.

Wild Turkeys in Chatham.

Reports reach us that a number of wild turkeys have been killed in Chatham county.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Bright Briefs of Interest From All Sections of the County.

Burlington is developing a tobacco market.

It is said that the backbone of yellow fever is broken.

Jimmie Cook, the boy preacher of Baltimore, is in Charlotte.

The Davis School, at Winston, has gone into the hands of a receiver.

The new captain general thinks he can pacify Cuba. He will live long enough to find out his mistake.

The four warehouses in Durham sold nearly 2,000,000 pounds of tobacco during the month of October.

Mrs. Sallie Cotton will give a reading in Greensboro Friday night next on the "Legend of Virginia Dare."

Four thousand two hundred dollars have been subscribed towards erecting a statue to Vance in Charlotte.

The board of directors of the Pennsylvania railroad met Monday at Philadelphia and declared a semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2 per cent.

The Star Furnace, at Jackson, Ohio, has gone into blasting, giving employment to 150 men. The Wellston furnace has raised wages 10 per cent.

A woman in Paris kissed her pug dog and died shortly afterwards. We do not see why a woman who would kill a pug dog should want to live. The dog survived.

It is claimed that the "trusties" at Tillery farms are given too much latitude. It is said that they are allowed to walk around town and converse with women and to frequent bar-rooms.

Edward G. Haynes, alias George Allen, a private soldier of the United States army, stationed at Sackett's Harbor, N. Y., has been sentenced to imprisonment for life in the Auburn penitentiary for the murder of Mary Daly.

At midnight Monday the Colorado Midland railway became an independent system, freed from the receivership and the control of the Federal court. The change was effected without the slightest ripple in the current of business, practically the same officers as before having control.

The two sermons of Dr. Jno. C. Kilgo, president of Trinity college, preached in the Methodist church at Wilson last Sunday, were efforts of unusual power and force, and the people of that town were greatly charmed. Dr. Kilgo is a strong speaker, fluent and thoughtful and he made a deep impression on his hearers.

Coroner Heard, who has made an extended investigation of the cause of the falling of the ceiling of the Robinson Opera House, at Cincinnati, which caused the death of five persons and the injury of many others, has announced that the accident was not the result of neglect, but was one that could not be foreseen or prevented.

Nathan Stark, a prominent farmer, was held up at Mercer, Mo., on the highway, Monday night, by Ira Sexton, a neighbor, who attempted to rob him. Stark resisted, and Sexton shot and killed him. Sexton was taken to Princeton and placed in jail. Three others have been put under arrest as Sexton's accomplices, included Sexton's wife of a week.

Winston is more than ever agog with the glow with the glimmer of the bright golden weed, and the Twin City is decked in the gay splendor of perhaps the grandest tobacco fair that has ever been held in the South. Every Warehouse in the city has been dedicated to the unique displays of the week in every conceivable shape, and the exhibits surpass any that has hitherto been seen in this tobacco belt.

Bull Dog Stabbed.

Mr. Charles Woodell's ferocious bull dog jumped on Mr. Parker's bird dog in the drug store of Mr. Jas. I. Johnson, about 1:30 o'clock to day, and there was an exciting time for a few minutes. The bull resisted every effort to make him release his hold until Mr. Parker plunged his knife into him, although he was beaten with canes, shovels and other weapons.

The Colored Fair.

The bright weather is very encouraging to the management of the colored fair. The attendance to-morrow is expected to be very large. The procession to the grounds this morning was augmented by some industrial features.

Burglars in Greensboro. Burglars cracked plate glass in S. G. Hodgin & Co.'s store on the South Side, Greensboro, last night, and stole some shoes from the show window.