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ODD FELLOWS ASSOCIATION.

Widows and Orphans Relief--Mr. Chas. M. Busbee Elected 2nd Vice-President.

Petersburg, Va., Nov. 19.—At an adjourned annual meeting of the Odd Fellows Widows and Orphans Relief Association held in Richmond Monday night last, the following officers were elected:

President—Thomas N. Kandler, of Richmond.

First Vice President—A. K. Henry, of Richmond.

Second Vice President—Charles M. Busbee, of Raleigh, N. C.

Third Vice President—L. D. Yarrell, of Emporia, Va.

Secretary—T. Wiley Davis, of Richmond.

Treasurer—John N. Ferguson, of Richmond.

Directors—W. T. Parham and Wm. B. Melwaine, of Petersburg; J. B. Ley and J. F. Carothers, of Danville; E. C. Brock, of Portsmouth; D. R. Stansburg, of Alexandria; W. D. Toler, of Manchester; O. W. Throckmorton, of Richmond; J. J. Cherry, of Greenville, N. C.; W. C. Wooten, of Wilson, N. C.

This association is composed of Odd Fellows only of the States of Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina.

Mr. T. Wiley Davis, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, is also Secretary of this Association. Thousands of dollars have been distributed to the widows and orphans of deceased Odd Fellows in the three jurisdictions.

DANGEROUS COUNTERFEITS.

Spurious Dollars "Minted" at Asheville and Now in Circulation.

A dangerous counterfeit silver dollar has made its appearance in Asheville, and the citizen thinks circumstances lead to the belief that the coiners of the "queer" did the work in their miniature mint in that city.

Last Saturday the Battery Park Bank put into circulation 1,000 silver dollars of the coinage of 1881. Wednesday in the course of business two spurious dollars of the date of 1881 found their way back to the bank. That these two were extremely clever counterfeits is evidenced by the fact that they passed undetected through the hands of President Sawyer and Cashier Rankin. The latter official gave one of them out during the day, and later it was returned and then the presence of the counterfeits was first discovered.

The spurious coins are so nearly the weight of a good dollar that it is believed not one in a hundred would detect the difference. The milling, designs and almost everything about the counterfeit, are cleverly executed. The composition, however, is such that the two dollars during the night took on a dull, frosty look that made them more easily distinguishable.

Dangerous Power.

Governor Russell has commuted the sentence of George Johnson, a negro rapist, to life imprisonment. This makes the forty-fifth pardon or commutation of sentence granted by the Governor during the ten months he has been in office. The Governor is, in this State, granted absolute power in such matters, and he is not even compelled to give any reason for his action in such cases. He may even, if he sees fit (and he some times does) never publicly announce the pardon. Such an instance occurred in the case of a convict from Mecklenburg county, pardoned only a few days ago.

This power should not be entrusted to one man. The danger in this was demonstrated some time ago when it was threatened that if certain parties were sent to the penitentiary for crimes against the ballot, they would promptly be pardoned and set free.—Charlotte News.

Morrow Bros., at Clarksville, Tenn., have secured the contract for tobacco for the Italian government. About 15,000,000 pounds of dark tobacco is required for next year.

FIGHT ON CHARTS

Superintendent Mebane Writes Against Them.

ROBBING SCHOOL FUND

WHY WILL SENSIBLE MEN SQUANDER SACRED MONEY?

Writes a Letter to Mr. Paul J. Long Relative to the Matter—A Waste of School Funds to Buy Charts Which are Worthless.

Superintendent Mebane is making war on school charts which publishers are selling throughout the State at exorbitant prices. He has advised the teachers and school committeemen throughout the State not to purchase these charts, claiming that they were not productive of any good results, and therefore being a waste of school money. The superintendent says it is robbing the school children to thus squander their sacred funds. It appears that some teachers have desired these charts and have tried to force the county school committee to pay for them. Mr. P. J. Long is one of these who has refused to comply with such a request, and has written the superintendent who mailed him the following reply:

"It is passing strange that after all I have said about wasting school money for charts, still sensible men will go on squandering money which is most sacred because it belongs to poor, helpless, ignorant children. Stand by the children and save their money. It is your sacred duty to do it. They cannot force you to sign any such order. Let them crack their whip. You can not be hurt."

SURE ENOUGH DUEL.

Two Men Killed and One Seriously Wounded.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 19.—A special to the Republic from Waco says:

J. W. Harris, editor of the Waco Times-Herald, a morning paper and W. A. Harris, his brother, on one side, and Judge G. B. Gerald, a prominent citizen fought a duel on the street this evening at 5 o'clock. W. A. Harris was shot dead, J. W. Harris wounded fatally, his body being paralyzed and Gerald shot in the side. He may die. The trouble was the outcome of the mobbing of W. C. Brann, publisher of the Inconoclast.

Gerald was ex-county judge and one of Waco's most prominent citizens. He had written a bitter criticism on Taylor University with reference to the recent mobbing of W. C. Brann, and had filed it with editor Harris for publication. Afterwards, he asked to have his manuscript returned and became incensed at the editor's delay in complying. Bad feeling resulted and when Judge Gerald was crossing the street at the corner of Fourth and Austin streets at 5 o'clock, editor Harris came out of a drug store and opened fire upon him. Gerald immediately returned the fire.

Hearing the shooting, W. A. Harris, came upon the scene and took a hand in the fusillade, shooting Gerald from behind. Gerald pursued him into the drug store shooting as he ran. Harris fell to the floor with the words:

"You shot me in the back."

Gerald emptied the remaining chambers in his weapon into the prostrate form of his victim, killing him on the spot. Gerald then left the scene.

A little colored boy, who stood near, was shot in the leg by a stray bullet.

Editor Harris was carried into the drug store by friends.

His windpipe had been severed by a bullet which injured his spinal column. He was removed to his home but cannot live. Judge Gerald was wounded in the neck and side. While serious, his wounds cannot be said to necessarily be fatal.

While trying to save the life of her six year old son, Henry, yesterday, Mrs. Arthur Fortin was struck by a train near the village of St. Jean Baptiste, R. I.

WOMAN'S EXCHANGE.

The Good Work of the Ladies of the Presbyterian Church.

Woman's Exchange. The above sign appears on the large brick building formerly occupied by the Y. M. C. A. Many people read the sign and know that delicious edibles are served there by lovely women, but not many understand why.

We will tell our readers. The Exchange is under the auspices of the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church, and the Exchange was started for the purpose of raising funds for assisting in building the new and handsome Presbyterian Church, which will soon take the place of the old one.

The Exchange was established last May, and was suggested by Mrs. J. S. C. Carpenter, of Lexington, Ky., but now a resident of this city, and has proved profitable.

The ladies of the Exchange donated \$50 of their funds to the purchase of a carpet for the new Sunday school room of their church.

The Exchange is open from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m., and the public are cordially invited to drop in when they desire to enjoy some very palatable eating.

TO COTTON BROWERS.

A Convention Called to Meet at Atlanta.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 19.—J. C. Wilborn, President of the State Alliance and of the recent cotton growers' convention held in this city, has issued the following:

"Columbia, S. C., Nov. 19, 1897.

"To the Cotton Growers of the South:

"At a large and enthusiastic meeting of the cotton growers of the State of South Carolina, wherein all sections of this State were represented, it was resolved that every State in the South be invited to send delegates to a convention to be called to meet in Atlanta, Ga., December 14th, 1897. The purpose of this convention is to organize the cotton growers of the South, the thereby securing unity in the marketing and sale of this great staple; also to devise ways and means by which we may be able to break and throw off the shackles of business slavery that now binds us. With foreign exchanges dictating the price, we can only expect ruin and distress in the future. We can achieve independence only by organization.

"With a view of securing an exchange of ideas and perfecting an organization, which, it is hoped will result in good, I have been instructed to call a convention of delegates from all cotton growing States to meet in Atlanta, Ga., on the 14th of December, 1897. All who are interested in this cause are most earnestly requested to co operate.

"The Governors of the cotton growing States have been asked to select delegates at this general convention.

"(Signed) J. C. WILBORN,

"Pres. S. C. Cotton Growers' Ass'n." Governors of the cotton States will be appealed to in order to get farmers interested to send delegations, the plan being to have one delegate from each Congressional district and two from each State at large.

Train Robbers Sentenced.

Austin, Texas, Nov. 19.—To-day in the district court here L. H. Fisher and Felix Wolff pleaded guilty to robbing the International and Great Northern train at McNeil 13 miles above here on the afternoon of October 19 and were sentenced to fifty and forty five years respectively in the State penitentiary. They were expecting very light sentences if they plead guilty which accented them to do so. There were four charges against them. The other two train robbers are still untried.

The Vance Monument.

Asheville, N. C., Nov. 19.—Grand Master Moore, at the request of the Masons of North Carolina, will call a special committee of the Grand Lodge to assist in laying the corner stone of the monument erected to the memory of the late United States Senator Vance at Asheville. The ceremonies will occur in December.

BROKE JAIL.

Moonshiners Escaped at Kinston Last Night.

Special Telegram to Times. Kinston, N. C., Nov. 20.—Three white prisoners broke jail last night, and made successful escape. Had served four months for "moonshining."

CORBETT-FITZSIMMONS FIGHT.

Reproduced by the Veriscope Last Night at the Academy.

Last night at the Academy of Music a good audience greeted the Veriscope reproduction of the Corbett Fitzsimmons famous contest, which occurred at Carson City, Nevada, March 17 last. The preliminary and after-scenes were given as well as the fight. The audience was pleased with the exhibition.

REVIVAL SERVICES.

The Meetings at the Tabernacle are Growing in Interest.

Mr. Needham's meetings at the Tabernacle are growing in interest. He will hold three services to-morrow—morning at 11 o'clock, in afternoon at 3 o'clock, and night at 7:30. The public are cordially invited to all of these services.

Will be Done in Raleigh

The Railroad Commissioners' Report is about ready to be printed. The work is of such a character that it is hard to give it out to the lowest bidder, and it will therefore be printed in Raleigh. It is not yet known what firm will get the work, though it will very probably be given to Barnes. Auditor Ayer says the work will be done at a saving of several hundred dollars on any price heretofore paid.

Auditor Ayer yesterday prepared the contract and bond (\$2,000) to be given by Nash Brothers who have been awarded the contract for printing the 121st North Carolina Supreme Court Reports.

WILD FIGHT IN AN ENGINE CAB.

An Engineer Kills His Drunken Colored Fireman Who Had Attacked Him.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 19.—On a freight train dashing forward over the Louisville & Nashville road at the rate of 30 miles an hour, late last night, two men, one black and crazed by drink, the other white, engaged in a life and death struggle in the cab of the loco motive, which ended in the death of the negro and the miraculous escape from the same fate by the white man.

When train No. 25, south-bound, left here last night at 10:15 p. m., Engineer P. Bishop and Fireman Wiley Craig, colored, occupied the locomotive cab. When two miles from the city, Bishop told the fireman to stir up the fire. The negro paid no attention to the order and it was repeated. This time he uttered an oath and springing from his seat, drew a revolver and fired point blank at the engineer. The bullet missed him, and the engineer struck the revolver from the negro's hand just as the latter was about to fire a second shot. Craig drew a knife and grasping the engineer by the shoulder pulled him from the box and cut him in a dozen places across the breast. Bishop had a pistol in his hip pocket, but he was held for a time in such a position that he could not reach it. Finally, after a desperate struggle, during which the two men rolled on the floor of the cab, Bishop managed to draw his pistol and fire. The bullet struck the negro in the breast and penetrated his heart. Without a groan he fell back into the darkness.

The train at that time was near Oxmoor. There it was halted by the wounded engineer, who told the crew of his thrilling encounter. Bishop says his watch-chain alone saved him from a fatal blow at the hands of the negro.

Supposed Mail-Box Robbers Indicted.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 18.—In the United States District Court, Judge Aldrich presiding, indictments were found today against Mrs. Atwood and W. H. Matthews, who were arrested some time ago for robbing Boston mail boxes. The pair are alleged to be members of a gang who have been working extensively in all the larger cities of the country.

FORTY MEN KILLED

Rumors of Serious Election Riot.

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC

MOST OF THE MEN KILLED WERE POLICEMEN.

The Present Government Has Been Expecting a Revolution, and 4,000 Colombian Police Have Been Held in Readiness.

New York, Nov. 19.—The crew of the steamship Holstein, which has arrived here from Santa Martha, United States of Colombia, and Port of Haiti, reports having heard at Santa Martha a rumor that forty men had been killed at Bogota, the capital of the Colombian republic. They were mainly policemen, which rumor ran, and the election riot in which they fell occurred on November 1. No particulars were ascertainable.

A Presidential election is to take place on December 5. The contest has engendered much bitterness. The present government has been expecting a revolution, and the 4,000 Colombian troops have been held in readiness for a possible outbreak.

Trustee's Sale.

To-day at 12 o'clock at the Court House door, the following stock belonging to the firm of W. H. & R. S. Tucker & Co. was sold by Mr. Geo. L. Tonnofski:

Six shares of the Raleigh Electric Co.'s stock at \$18 per share, bought by Mr. Alf. Thompson; six shares of Farina Roller Mills Co.'s stock at \$26 per share, bought by Mr. J. A. Mills; three shares of North Carolina Car Co.'s stock at \$6 per share, bought by Mr. Alf. Thompson; one share of News and Observer Publishing Co.'s stock for \$50, bought by Mr. Jno. C. Drewry.

Temperance Cause.

The services in Central Methodist church to-morrow will be devoted to the temperance cause. At 11 o'clock a m. Rev. Mr. Glenn will use for his text "The Sixty Thousand," and in the evening at 7:30 his theme will be "A Plea for Total Abstinence." The public is cordially invited.

The First Baptist Church.

Rev. J. E. White will fill the pulpit to-morrow at the First Baptist church. The subject for the morning service will be "State Missions," and the subject for the night service will be "Daniel." The public are cordially invited.

Football.

On Thanksgiving Day there will be a game of football at Athletic Park between the Shaw University and St. Augustine School teams. The game will begin at 3:30 o'clock.

Burned With Lye

Little Maggie Upchurch daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Upchurch, accidentally got hold of a can of lye this morning. She got some of it on her face and is very painfully burned.

Christian Church.

Sunday school at 9 a. m., Jno. A. Mills, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., by the pastor. The public cordially invited to attend.

Thanksgiving Debate.

The debate here Thanksgiving evening at the Academy of Music between the students of Trinity and Wake Forest will attract a great many college people.

Marriage License.

Only one marriage license was issued today by the Register of Deeds, Jacob Evans to Jennie Moring, both colored.

A Bungled Execution.

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 19.—Albert Frantz, the murderer of Bessie Little, was electrocuted early this morning. Owing to the bad adjustment of the apparatus, Frantz was not killed until the current had been turned on five times. Smoke arose from his body and the room was filled with the burning flesh. Frantz declared his innocence in his last appeal to the governor.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Briefs of Interest From all Sections of the Country.

Ada Pinney, seven years old, was shot Wednesday evening at her home in Andover, Vt., and so badly injured that she died yesterday. It is alleged that a brother of the girl did the shooting.

The Lorillard-Bresford stable's chestnut gelding, Draco, three years old, ridden by "Tod" Sloane, won the Drake-low Selling Stakes of 250 sovereigns at the first day's racing of the Derby autumn meeting yesterday.

Gov. Budd, of California, has reprieved until February 1, 1898, the sentence of Salter D. Worden, the train wrecker, convicted of the murder of Engineer Clark, near Washington, Yolo county, during the great railroad strike in 1894.

Capt. Hews, said to be one of the twenty men who are raising a colony of boomers to take the Wichita Mountain country by storm, announces that he has already enlisted nearly 100 men in Wichita, Kans., and surrounding towns.

George and Homer Brewer, aged seventeen and thirteen, respectively, were drowned at Ortonville, Minn., while skating on Big Stone Lake. One brother broke through the ice and the other was dragged under while trying to save him.

A man believed to be Bob Love, who, it is said, is wanted at Indianapolis for murder, has been arrested at Los Angeles, Cal. The letters "R. L." and a star were found tattooed on the prisoner's right forearm, answering the description.

A decision has been handed down by the United States Court at Appeals at St. Louis to the effect that a white person adopted into one of the civilized tribes of Indians cannot be restored to American citizenship by the United States court.

John Burgess, a youth of nineteen, Wednesday shot and killed George Hart, at Meridian, Mich. Hart, who was engaged to marry Burgess' sister, disguised himself as a cowboy, and tried to frighten Burgess, who became angry and killed the supposed tramp.

Two policemen have been detailed to guard the residence of P. D. Armour, at Chicago. The reason for the precaution is a rumor from Minneapolis that a speculator who lost money in wheat has gone insane, and left Minneapolis with the avowed purpose of killing Armour.

The State Trade and Labor Associations have adopted resolutions at Butte, Mont., condemning the interference of the United States Court with the Chinese boycott there and other boycotts elsewhere, on the ground that the boycott of organized labor is a defensive instrument.

Judge Mallock, of the Supreme Court of Quebec county, N. Y., ruled yesterday that the November Grand Jury was illegally constituted, and ordered its discharge. This jury is the body which, last week, returned indictments against Mayor Gleason and other officials of Long Island City.

The police of Chicago are anxiously looking for George A. Bergman, a young man who was to have been married Wednesday evening, and who cannot now be found. He was to have wedded Miss Margaret Perry, of 143 East Fifty-third street. Foul play is feared, as he had considerable money with him.

Wednesday night, near Bryan, Tex., while gambling for peans, a negro named General Cheatham was stabbed twice and killed. Another negro, Tom Srent, was arrested for the crime, and while being conveyed to Millican by a posse was taken from his guards and strung up to the limb of a tree.

A Deputy Sheriff, a Santa Fe Railway deputy, and a policeman, while attempting to arrest a cattle thief in the postoffice at Emporia, Kans., Wednesday evening, were all three disarmed by a single man named Kooben, who escaped. He surprised them while reading a letter by suddenly pulling two revolvers.

Received Commission.

As stated some days since Mr. Arthur C. Mitchell had been recommended by Collector Simmons to fill the vacancy made by death of Dr. Blackhall, and in accordance therewith he received his commission yesterday as General Storekeeper and Ganger from the Commissioner.

Death of Mr. William G. Rich.

Mr. William G. Rich, formerly of West Newton, Mass., and recently superintendent of the Asheville Wookworking Company, died in Asheville Thursday morning.