

From Thursday's Issue.

KISSING THE BOOK ON OATH-TAKING.

The question is often asked: "Why do people kiss the bible when taking an oath?" The following from the Syracuse Herald on that subject will doubtless be of interest:

Kissing the book, which is a practice of oath-taking in the courts of most enlightened countries, is a relic of the time when kissing was general in the older countries. It is purely a form of custom for which there is no direct authority in law. The date of its introduction is unknown, although it is certain to have originated within about three centuries. But the laying of the hand on the bible in taking oaths is of great antiquity, and the laying of the hand on the altar of a deity in invoking the deity to witness a statement or promise is older than the gospels. The English people were formerly more addicted to kissing than they now are. It was a form of salutation so common that it excited the interest of and amusement of foreigners. It is therefore at least possible that the kiss bestowed upon the book in taking an oath may not have been in its origin so much a kiss of veneration as a form of salutation or acknowledgment. A new law recently enacted by the British parliament allows that witnesses in court may be sworn in the Scottish manner, that is with uplifted hand, repeating a solemn invocation to the deity instead of taking the bible and kissing it. This has long been a practice in this country.

ODD FELLOWS ELECT OFFICERS.

At the regular semi-annual election of officers of Union Lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F., which was held last Monday night, the following officers were elected to serve the lodge for the ensuing six months: J. W. Lipscomb, noble grand; O. P. Brown, vice grand; H. M. Lanier, secretary; W. P. Caine, treasurer; D. L. Bailey, sexton.

The installation of the newly elected officers will occur next Monday night, at which time the appointive offices will also be filled.

MISS HUGHES' LECTURE.

Miss Bettie Hughes delivered a lecture in the Sunday school room of the First Methodist church last Tuesday night, which was greatly enjoyed by all who heard it. Miss Hughes spent fifteen years of her life as a missionary in China, and during her residence there gained a great deal of interesting information regarding the country and its people, which she imparted to her hearers in a most entertaining manner. During the lecture she exhibited quite a collection of Chinese curios, which elicited much admiration from all who saw them.

While in the city Miss Hughes was the guest of Mrs. E. N. Beard.

If you are troubled with that most uncomfortable disease called piles, don't neglect it. Don't let the complaint get a firm hold. Every day the disease is neglected it grows worse. Commence at once to use **TABLER'S BUCKEYE PILE OINTMENT**, the relief is immediate, and cure infallible. Price 50 cents in bottles. Tubes 75 cents.—E. C. Chapman.

REVIVAL MEETING.

There is a fine revival meeting going on in Robertson's addition. It began last Sunday night in the Sunday schoolroom of the Second Methodist church, and is conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. P. Craddock. But the house being too small to accommodate the large congregation that attended, through the kindness of our good Baptist friends, we moved Tuesday night to the East End Baptist Church, where it will continue through the week, beginning at 8:15 p. m. Several have already joined the church and it is expected that several others will join before the meeting closes.

DEMISE OF REV. G. T. STAINBACK.

Distinguished Cumberland Presbyterian Divine Passes Away.

A telegram was received in the city last Sunday morning announcing the death of Dr. Geo. T. Stainback, one of the ablest pulpit orators and most noted divines of the south, which occurred at the home of Rev. W. A. Fowlkes in Dyersburg, Tenn., at eight o'clock Saturday night.

Dr. Stainback was well known in this city, having been for a number of years pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church here, and having been a cousin by marriage of Mrs. S. A. Frieron, was consequently related to a large number of people in this city.

Deceased was a prominent Mason and at one time held the office of grand master of that body for the state of Mississippi. He had also filled the pulpits of some of the most prominent churches in the south, having been for a number of years pastor of the Court Street Cumberland Presbyterian church in Memphis.

The funeral services were held in Dyersburg last Sunday morning, the funeral sermon being delivered by Rev. Hugh Spencer Williams, of Memphis, after which the remains were brought to this city for interment, reaching here over the Mobile & Ohio Railroad at noon on Monday. The interment took place at Friendship cemetery immediately upon the arrival of the train, the following gentlemen acting as pall bearers: Messrs J. H. Stevens, W. C. Richards, S. B. Street, J. A. Nelson, D. R. McClary, B. A. Weaver, W. B. Hamilton, Wm. Rhett.

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POSTOFFICE LOCATION.

The proposed change in the location of the postoffice continues to excite a great deal of interest in the public mind, and property holders in all parts of the city seem anxious to secure the much desired plum, for aside from the fact that Uncle Sam is an excellent tenant and always pays his rent promptly, it is well known that the postoffice means much from a purely commercial standpoint to the neighborhood to which it goes, for property will be in great demand, and rents will therefore increase.

As stated in the last issue of the Commercial, Messrs. Sykes & O'Neill, the city attorneys, have given it as their opinion that the city council cannot appropriate money voted by the people for the purpose of erecting a city hall to the building of a postoffice, but, at the same time, after the building has been completed, and they wish to lease a portion of it to the government for use as a postoffice that there is no law to restrain them from doing so. A member of the council, when asked by a Commercial reporter as to what action the council would take after having received the opinion of the attorneys as referred to above, stated that the proposition as originally made the government would stand, and intimated that if the government wanted quarters in the new city hall that there would be no trouble about securing them.

Ever since ground was broken for the new building which is to be erected at the corner of Market and College streets by Mrs. Sarah Sheffield, there has been a persistent rumor afloat to the effect that the structure was being built for a postoffice and had already been leased to the government for that purpose, but when Mr. C. F. Sherrod, who is Mrs. Sheffield's business representative, was questioned regarding the rumor, he denied it most positively, and stated that the building had not been rented to any one, and that he had no idea who would finally secure it.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Bids will be received and opened, at the office of Secretary & Treasurer, Industrial Institute and College, on July 10th, for following articles: 1200 tons forked run of mines coal; sweet milk, butter milk, butter, and fresh meats for scholastic term of 8 1/2 months, commencing Sept. 17th, 1902. Particulars as to quantity of last named articles furnished on demand. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. Satisfactory guarantee for compliance with contract must be given. Apply to H. M. WADDELL, Sec'y & Tr. June 28th, 1902. 3t

AGENTS WANTED.

LIFE OF DR. DEWITT T. ALMAGE, by his son, Rev. FRANK DEWITT T. ALMAGE, and associate editors of Christian Herald. Only book endorsed by Almage family. Enormous profit for agents who act quickly. Offer ten cents. Write immediately CLARK & CO., 222 S. 4th St. Phil., Pa. Mention this paper

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WORK ON SEWER LINE COMMENCES.

Active work on the extension of the city's sewerage system commenced last Monday under the direction of Mr. W. G. Potter, resident engineer in charge. Excavations were begun simultaneously at two points, one force of laborers beginning work on College street and another on Eleventh street, near Main. It had been given out that the first work would be done in Robertson's Addition at a point near the main trunk sewer, but owing to contemplated changes in the original route this project was abandoned and work in that section of the city will not be commenced until the route of the line has been definitely decided upon.

At present there are about fifty men engaged in the work and this will probably be the average number employed until the task is completed, though the force may be increased or diminished from time to time as occasion demands, a great deal depending upon the degree of promptness with which the material arrives. Up to date about nine carloads of piping have arrived, and there is still more on the road.

The contract which the city has with Mr. Ludlow does not specify any time at which the system shall be completed, but Mr. Potter, his representative, stated that the work would be pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

To save mending, avoid breaking, and to avoid suffering, prevent coughs and colds by the use of **BALLARD'S HOREHOTND SYRUP**. It is a safe, sure and swift remedy for all bronchial ailments. Price 25 and 50 cents. E. C. Chapman.

MARRIED LAST SUNDAY.

Mr. Robert Emmett Craddock, of Birmingham, and Miss Eunice Hopkins, of this city, were united in marriage at the home of Mrs. I. H. Sykes on Main street at ten o'clock last Sunday morning. The ceremony, which was performed by Rev. E. P. Craddock, the groom's brother, was very quiet, being witnessed only by the relatives and a few of the most intimate friends of the contracting parties.

The groom, as stated above, is the brother of Rev. E. P. Craddock, and of Mr. W. P. Craddock, a prominent broker, of this city, and of Mrs. G. W. Boyd, of Dunbar. He is a most exemplary young man and is possessed of rare business ability, while the bride is a most charming and affable young lady.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Craddock left for Birmingham, which city will be their future home.

Spring Fever.

Spring fever is another name for biliousness. It is more serious than most people think. A torpid liver and inactive bowels mean a poisoned system. If neglected, serious illness may follow such symptoms. DeWitt's Little Early Risers remove all danger by stimulating the liver, opening the bowels and cleansing the system of impurities. Safe pills. Never gripe. "I have taken DeWitt's Little Early Risers for torpid liver every spring for years," writes R. M. Everly, Mountville, W. Va. "They do me more good than anything I have ever tried."

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The quarterly communion service will be held in this church next Sabbath morning at eleven o'clock.

See F. M. Jacob about mowers before you purchase.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council occurred at the city hall last Tuesday night, and on account of the absence of Mayor Lincoln, was presided over by Councilman Stevens. Most of the time was consumed in a discussion of the ordinances governing the use of the city water, and of certain changes that are to be made in order to regulate, and, it is hoped, reduce, the consumption of water in the city. Taking the amount of water used in other cities of similar size as a basis of calculation, the amount used in Columbus is about twice as great as it should be, and the council has reached the conclusion that about one-half of the water pumped by the local station is actually wasted. Every gallon of water pumped costs money, and in order to protect the taxpayers, the body will be compelled to adopt stringent methods to stop this unwarranted and unnecessary use of water. The council will meet again tomorrow night, and at this time ordinances regulating and restricting the use of water will be adopted.

Owing to the absence of Mayor Lincoln the erection of the new city hall and school house did not come up for discussion, nor was any action taken in the contemplated change in the sewer route. All these matters will come up Friday night, at which time it is likely that plans for the new city hall and school house will be adopted and the route of the sewerage line definitely decided upon.

ELKS' BARBECUE WILL BE HELD AT COX'S MILL.

Owing to a combination of circumstances the plans for the Elks' flag raising and barbecue tomorrow have been somewhat changed. Instead of being held at Tuckers' vineyard, as was originally intended, the barbecue will take place at Cox's Mill, the lava beds, and as the train will leave over the Southern railway at nine o'clock, the flag raising will occur at the club house on west Main street at eight o'clock, instead of nine, as heretofore announced. The flag raising will be quite a gala event. A band of music has been engaged for the occasion, and amid the stirring strains of "The Star Spangled Banner" Old Glory will be floated to the breeze.

Judge E. O. Sykes, of Aberdeen, who was invited to deliver an address at the barbecue, will be unable to be present, having accepted a previous invitation to speak at a barbecue which is to be given by the people of Monroe county at Sarter's Mill on the same date. This is a great disappointment to Judge Sykes' many friends here, who had been looking forward to his coming with a great deal of pleasure. While he will be greatly missed, the occasion will, however, by no means be devoid of entertainment for those who attend, for the Elks' lodge numbers among its members some very talented and versatile gentlemen, and the fact that the entertainment committee consists of Messrs. Walter Weaver, T. H. Sharp and S. B. Johnston is ample guarantee that the occasion will be a most delightful one.

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INDUSTRIAL HALL BEING BUILT.

Work on the new industrial hall at the Industrial Institute and College commenced last Tuesday afternoon, the first brick being laid by Hon. T. B. Franklin, secretary of the board of trustees of the institution. The building is to be three stories in height and will be a handsome and imposing structure.

Work on the laundry is progressing rapidly, and both structures will be completed in time for the opening of the school in September.

NO FEVER THERE.

A report gained credence on the streets Tuesday that yellow fever had made its appearance at Hattiesburg, and in order to find out the truth concerning the matter, so that a quarantine might be established, should occasion demand, Dr. A. C. Hulbert, president of the board of health, telegraphed to Hattiesburg, and received the following reply:

Hattiesburg, Miss., July 1, 1902. Dr. A. C. Hulbert,

Columbus, Miss. Replying to telegram will state that report is erroneous.

W. W. Cranford, M. D., Health Officer.

Relying on the credibility of this telegram, Dr. Hulbert has taken no further steps in the matter, but his prompt action shows that he is ever on the alert, and is a faithful and competent official.

This Will Interest Many.

Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.), the famous Southern blood purifier, quickly cures cancer, blood poison, pimples, boils, carbuncles, ulcers, eating sores, scrofula, eczema, itching bones, joints or back, rheumatism, catarrh, and all blood and skin troubles. B. B. B. heals every sore and makes the blood pure and rich. B. B. B., the finest blood purifier made. Druggists, \$1. Trial treatment free by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. 3



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First National Sale of Town Lots in the Creek Nation, Indian Territory.

Number of Lots and dates of sale as follows: Mounds, about 157 lots, commencing July 7, '02. Boggs, about 398 lots, commencing July 9. Cumberlege, about 367 lots, commencing July 12. Winchell, about 359 lots, commencing July 16. Henryetta, about 363 lots, commencing July 18. Alabama, about 144 lots, commencing July 21. Wetumpka, about 97 lots, commencing July 22. Foster, about 328 lots, commencing July 23. Holdenville, about 23 lots, commencing July 26. These are the first sales of town lots in the Creek Nation which enable the purchaser to secure an absolute title to the property.

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Mr. H. M. Dudley, who succeeds Mr. F. J. Egan as train master of the Birmingham division, of the Southern Railway, spent Tuesday in the city, being accompanied by Mr. Egan, who introduced him to the friends and patrons of the road here. As stated in a former issue of The Commercial, Mr. Egan has been transferred to the Mobile division of the Southern and will hereafter make his headquarters in Selma, Ala. As trainmaster of both the Columbus and Birmingham divisions of the Southern he has gained the respect and esteem of both the employes and patrons of the road and has many friends in Columbus who join the The Commercial in wishing him much success in his new field of labor.

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Condensed Schedule in Effect June 8, 1902.

| No. 31 | No. 32 | Stations | No. 31 | No. 32 |
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| 8:00pm | 8:00am | St. Louis | 3:00pm | 3:00am |
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Trains 31 and 32 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Greenville and Birmingham.

| STATIONS | No. 31 | No. 32 |
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| Ev. Greenville | 4:00pm | 4:00am |
| Ar. Greenville | 4:00am | 4:00pm |
| Ar. Atlanta (10 min) | 11:00am | 11:00pm |
| Ar. Charlotte | 4:00pm | 4:00am |
| Ar. Nashville | 4:00pm | 4:00am |
| Ar. Knoxville | 4:00pm | 4:00am |
| Ar. Chattanooga | 4:00pm | 4:00am |
| Ar. Memphis | 4:00pm | 4:00am |
| Ar. New York | 4:00pm | 4:00am |

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| Ev. Greenville | 4:00pm | 4:00am |
| Ar. Greenville | 4:00am | 4:00pm |
| Ar. Atlanta (A. G. S.) | 4:00pm | 4:00am |
| Ar. Chattanooga (A. G. S.) | 4:00pm | 4:00am |
| Ar. Lexington | 4:00pm | 4:00am |
| Ar. Louisville | 4:00pm | 4:00am |
| Ar. New York | 4:00pm | 4:00am |

No. 31 Pullman Sleeper Greenville to Birmingham and Birmingham to Chattanooga with Pullman Dining Car.

| STATIONS | No. 31 | No. 32 |
|----------------|---------|---------|
| Ev. Birmingham | 4:00pm | 4:00am |
| Ar. Birmingham | 4:00am | 4:00pm |
| Ar. Atlanta | 11:00am | 11:00pm |
| Ar. Memphis | 4:00pm | 4:00am |
| Ar. New York | 4:00pm | 4:00am |

No. 31 Pullman Sleeper Greenville to Birmingham and Birmingham to New York. Car Observation car, Atlanta, Ala. to Buffalo, N. Y. No. 31 carries Pullman Sleeper Birmingham to Chattanooga with Pullman Dining Car. Chattanooga with train carrying Sleeper and Day Coach (Chattanooga to Salisbury without change with through sleeper to Knoxville, also Sleeper Greenville to New York.

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