

RELIGIOUS BODIES HOLD MEETINGS.

Methodists in Session at New Bern.

APPOINTMENTS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

The Baptists Declare Uncompromisingly Against Liquor and for State Prohibition.

The Methodist Conference of Eastern North Carolina met at New Bern last week. The session was a busy one. The reports of the committees on the different departments of church work showed good progress in nearly all departments, and plans were made for more extensive work during the coming year. The next meeting of the conference will be held at Durham.

Among the appointments of local interest made by the Conference are:

- Raleigh District: R. B. John, Presiding Elder, Franklinton, N. C. Collins.
- Durham District: J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder, Main Street, Durham, Rev. M. Bradford, Chapel Hill, W. R. Royal, Mount Airy, J. D. Thompson, Burlington, S. M. Salpe, Burlington Circuit, E. G. Durant, East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, W. F. Staton.
- Fayetteville District, J. T. Gibbs, Presiding Elder, Hay Street Fayetteville, G. F. Smith, Fayetteville Circuit, E. A. Royal, Hope Mills, T. H. Sutton, Cokesburg, N. M. McDonald, Roseboro, M. D. Husey, Bladen, E. B. Craven, Buckhorn, J. H. Buffalo, Sampson Circuit, L. D. Fanshaw, Dunn, A. J. Parker, Duke, J. M. Daniel, Newton Grove, S. H. Grayson, Pittsboro, G. F. Jerome, Haw River, S. M. Watson, Goldsboro, J. W. Hoyle, Carthage, H. M. Eure, Elbe, E. M. Pattisall, Sanford, R. W. Bailey, Jonesboro, L. H. Rogers, Lillington, W. C. Martin, Siler City, E. R. Welch.
- Rockingham District, W. H. Moore, Presiding Elder, Rockingham, J. E. Underwood, Robertal, A. J. Grober, Richmond, N. L. Seabolt, Mt. Gilead, L. P. Howard, Pekin, W. A. Jenkins, Troy, J. W. Bradley, Aberdeen, D. N. Caviness, Hamlet, T. A. Sikes, Laurel Hill, F. B. Noblitt, Gib on, L. L. Nash, Laurinburg, S. H. D. Wilson, Maxton and Caledonia, E. H. McWhorton, Red Springs, R. H. Boyin, Rowland, J. M. Ashby, Lumberton, E. M. Hoyle, Ellerbe, D. M. Watson, Robeson, T. J. Dalley.
- Wilmington District, R. W. Townsend, Presiding Elder, Newbern District, R. F. Bumpass, Presiding Elder, Carteret, D. A. Pirel, Washington District, A. M. Cullen, Presiding Elder, Warrenton District, W. S. Rouse, Presiding Elder, Roanoke, G. B. Perry, Garysburg, D. L. Evershart, Conway, W. F. Craven.

State Baptist Convention.

Probably the largest convention of Baptists ever assembled in the State met at Wilmington last week and continued through Saturday. One of the most important acts of the convention was the decision to broaden the plans for both home and foreign missions. It was decided to increase the appropriation from \$40,000 to \$45,000.

During the past year 3,229 conversions were reported, 2,372 baptisms, and 1,345 additional to the church by letter. The total amount reported raised by missionaries is \$55,088.01. During this year 155 more baptisms are reported than last year; 330 more conversions and \$2,164.26 more money has been raised by missionaries.

The Conference passed resolutions submitted by A. D. Ward declaring "uncompromising hostility to the liquor traffic" and for State prohibition.

Also resolutions condemning the action of the President in taking "In God We Trust" from U. S. coin.

A great plea goes up from the press of the county for the people to have confidence in a thing much to be desired, but something must be done with our financial condition so that a few skimmers cannot create a panic to suit their own ends before the masses will have much confidence.—Catawba News.

GRAND JURY REPORT.

Reports Jail Unsafe and Recommends Building of a New One.

To HIS HONOR JUDGE JUSTICE: We, the Grand Jury for December Term, 1907, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have completed the business before our body; have returned all the bills submitted to us for action, and have made presentments of all matters which are within our knowledge.

We visited the county home by a committee. We find 24 inmates—11 males, white, 11 females, white; one male, colored; and one female, colored. 8 are sane, 8 are insane and 8 are idiots. We further find one horse, two cows and three hogs, all of which are in good condition; 250 bushels corn, one barrel kraut, one barrel beans, one barrel cucumber, 40 bushels sweet potatoes, 75 bushels Irish potatoes and a field of turnips, about 1/2 acre.

We visited the jail in a body and find that it is kept in as good condition as could be expected under the circumstances. We find the roof leaks in two different places, and we recommend that this be repaired. The inmates of the jail report that they receive good food and are humanely treated.

We recommend the building of a new modern jail, as we consider the present one unsafe.

We have visited the various county offices, and find that they are well kept, so far as we are able to tell; but we heartily recommend that the county commissioners take immediate steps to erect a new and commodious court house, with fire-proof vaults for the protection of the records. We find, upon investigation of the county treasurer's books, that there is a balance on hand of \$8257.00.

G. T. MURDOCK,
Foreman Grand Jury,
Dec. 4, 1907

LOUISIAN'S CALLED SESSION.

Extra Session of Legislature Saves the State Great Expense.

The extra session of the Alabama Legislature adjourned last week, having reduced the running expenses of the State nearly \$1,000 a day and increased the income \$100,000 per annum by a law which will lend the State's money to the financial institutions which bid for it at the highest rate of interest.

It also paved the way for a constitutional amendment which will prohibit State suits against foreign corporations going into the Federal courts and for the election of U. S. Senators by direct election.

The fees of the secretary of state, state tax collectors and county registers of deeds and sheriffs were also reduced.

LIBERTY TELEPHONE CO.

Constructing Long Distance Lines— Offices of the Company are Prominent Business Men.

The Liberty Telephone Company has been granted the privilege of constructing a line from Julian to Climax. The company also proposes to build a line to Siler City and Staley.

The Liberty Telephone Company is composed of a number of the most progressive men of the town. Its officers are: President, J. F. Pickett; secretary and treasurer, J. A. Hornaday; directors, C. P. Smith, Jr., A. E. Lewis, A. W. Curtis, G. A. Foster, M. D. and W. M. Hanner.

Fire at Carthage.

The cotton gin of G. C. Graves and 25 bales of cotton, and the Machine Shop of Ryder & Co. at Carthage, were destroyed by fire last week. The loss is estimated at \$8,000. The fire started from a match passing through the gin firing the cotton.

King Oscar II Dead.

Oscar II. King of Sweden died Sunday morning. King Oscar was born in 1829, and in 1872 he succeeded his brother to the throne. He was a wise ruler and loved by his subjects. His son Duke of Vremland, succeeded to the throne.

CONDENSED NEWS.

The Oklahoma Legislature has passed a Jim Crow Car law by an overwhelming majority.

Burlington recently voted \$100,000 to put in a water and sewerage system.

R. C. Cotner, assistant ticket agent of the Southern at Greensboro, with his family, are visiting relatives at Liberty.

The Carolina Furniture Co., of High Point, is a new \$25,000 concern for that town. Stephen O'Jell, C. A. Cline and Jao. McDaniel are incorporators.

The Burgshaw Traction Co., was recently chartered by the State to operate an electric railway connecting Burlington, Graham and Haw River.

The National Republican Executive Committee has selected Chicago as the place for holding the next national Convention and June 16th the date.

Col. Wm. Elliott, appointed by President Roosevelt to take charge of the work of marking the Confederate graves in the North died suddenly at Beauford, S. C. last Thursday.

A. H. and Robt. Woody, of Crawfordville, Ind., are visiting relatives in Chatham county. Messrs. Woody left Chatham county in 1861, and this is their first visit to the old North State since they left.

The home of Lem Clapp, a colored farmer 10 miles east of Greensboro, was destroyed by fire Monday afternoon. Two of his children perished in the flames. The origin is unknown.

The Supreme Court last week reversed the decision of Judge Long in his fine of \$30,000 imposed upon the Southern Railway for alleged violation of the 2 1/4 cent passenger rate.

A shrewd swindler visited Lexington a few days ago and succeeded in passing bogus checks to the amount of \$40. H. D. Scarborough, H. Harris & Bro., and Jule C. Smith were the losers.

Thirty-five cotton mills through out New England that were closed down on account of the stringent money market have resumed operation. They will work day and night to take care of orders.

New Garden Hall, the new dormitory for girls at Guilford College has just been completed at a cost of \$20,000. The rooms have already been taken, so large is the enrollment this year.

At the baby show held at the Jamestown Exposition just before it closed, the baby of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sergeant was awarded first prize, it being the prettiest under one year old. Mr. Sergeant is a son of Mrs. T. J. Fraley, of Sanford, Fla.

Miss Aline Kindall was run over and killed by a street car at Charlotte last Friday. She in company with two lady friends had just alighted from a street car when she was struck by an approaching car on another track.

The suit against U. S. Marshall Millikan in the Guilford Superior Court, in which the widow of John Brame alleges \$25,000 damages, has been transferred to the Federal Court. The case grows out of the killing of Brame, a distiller, by the revenue officers during a raid.

The hearing of the railroad rate investigation before Standing Master Montgomery was completed last Thursday at Raleigh, and Judge Montgomery is now preparing a report for the Federal Court giving his impression.

Mrs. Clara Bloodgood, the actress, a star on the stage and a member of a well known New York family, committed suicide in a hotel in Baltimore Thursday night in her room just as the hour arrived for the curtain to rise for her own show, "The Truth," in which she took the leading part.

C. M. Fox, the manager of the Standard Drug Co here for several months has gone to North Wilkesboro where he has accepted a position. His friends hope for his return to Asheboro before many months.

The dispensary was voted out of Pikeville Monday by two majority. Crumpacker and Keiffer have again introduced bills to reduce Southern representation.

Senator Overman is to be placed on the Democratic Steering Committee.

The result of the prohibition election at La Grange Monday declared the town dry almost unanimously.

Allen J. Ruffin, a prominent banker of Raleigh, will be married Jan. 1st to Miss Annie Gray Nash, of Tarboro.

Mr. Ezekiel Elliott died recently at his home near Pleasant Garden, from heart disease. He is survived by a wife, four sons and three daughters.

Jas. K. Norfolk, of Winston-Salem, has been appointed a director of the Hospital for Insane at Morganton; succeeding Joe Jacobs, resigned.

Mrs. Louisa M. Taft, mother of Secretary Wm. H. Taft, died at her home at Milbury Mass., Saturday. Secretary Taft is still absent from the States on his tour of the world.

John Clinard, a merchant of Centerville, south of Salem committed suicide Sunday. Financial depression was the cause. He was a member of the J. O. A. M.

J. A. Mundar, while working at a planing mill at Statesville, was injured in his right eye by being bit with a piece of timber thrown by the planer.

R. W. Harris, who obtained considerable money from E. G. Gilmer and other hotel men in this State, is still at large and has recently committed forgeries in West Virginia.

The fines have been paid by the three German citizens who were recently placed on the roads in Rowan county for vagrancy and they are now free.

Dr. James F. Beall, of Linwood Davidson county died of Pneumonia, aged 71 years. He was a physician and Major in the Confederate Army.

President Roosevelt tells Congress that "the protective tariff principle" is essential to our welfare. Yet under the highest tariff ever known we are suffering from a Republican panic.

The town of Madison in Rockingham County suffered a loss of \$20,000 by fire in the business section of the town Saturday. Buildings destroyed included general stores, dental offices telephone office and a livery stable.

Governor Glenn denies the report that a compromise has been reached in the railroad rate investigation and it is further stated that the negotiations for a compromise have been declared off. The matter will be settled in the courts.

The Chatham Record says that Mrs. Mandle Lindley, of Hadley township, possesses a cat that is as good a rabbit, squirrel and quail "dog" as one desires, and that it frequently goes into the field and returns with some of the game mentioned.

The New York Herald of last Wednesday announced the resignation of Geo. I. Whitney as President of the Whitney Power Co. of Whitney, Rowan county. Col. J. S. Henderson, of Salisbury, attorney for the company, says the resignation will not effect the operation at Whitney.

Annapolis Cadetship.

Representative Page asks us to say that there are two vacancies from the Seventh Congressional District at Annapolis, and that he would like to have applications for these places from young men, actual residents of the district, who are between the ages of 16 and 21, and who are qualified to stand the examination.

The town of Asheboro has an ordinance forbidding the shooting of fire works within the city limits. Violators are liable for a fine of one dollar for each offense. Mayor Robbins tried several cases Tuesday in which the defendants were charged with violating this ordinance.

NEGRO FOR FORGERY AND EMBEZZLEMENT

DEATH OF MR. WINNINGHAM.

Aged and Respected Citizen Dead from Paralysis.

J. N. Winningham, one of the oldest and best citizens of Randolph county, died at the home of his son, K. L. Winningham, Saturday. The deceased was born December 27th, 1823, and at his death was nearly 84 years old. He was a man of remarkable health until a few months ago when he suffered a stroke of paralysis. Since that time he rapidly declined until his death, which followed another stroke received three weeks ago.

Mr. Winningham was married December 9th, 1847 to Miss Nancy M. Fox, whose death occurred Aug. 30th, 1903. He was a son of the late Gaines Winningham, and always lived at the place of his birth, near Ash-boro, until a few months ago when he went to live with his son four miles south of Asheboro, in Grant township.

The deceased was for 15 years a deputy sheriff acting as officer to the grand jury until the close of the administration of Sheriff Ross. His father before him was for 27 years a deputy sheriff.

Mr. Winningham is survived by two sons: Messrs. K. L. Winningham, of Asheboro, R. F. D., and M. L. Winningham, of near Central Falls.

The remains were taken to Cedar Falls Monday for interment.

EXPLOSION IN MINES.

Causes Death of Hundreds of Miners—Black Damp Caused Cave-In.

Four hundred persons are believed to have been killed in a mine disaster at Monongah, W. Va., last Friday. The work of rescuing the bodies from the mine proceeds slowly on account of the fire which still rages in the mines. Many bodies have been brought to the surface, but the majority are so mangled and charred that it is almost impossible to identify them. The explosion occurred soon after the change of shifts, and while it is not definitely known it is believed that the explosion was caused from a blast by a miner which ignited black damp, a powerful mine gas, which was followed by a cave-in. The mine is one of the largest bituminous coal mines in the country.

141 dead bodies have been brought to the surface and many more have been located in the mines. The cause of the accident cannot be ascertained.

New M. P. Pastor.

Rev. T. M. Johnson, the new pastor of the Asheboro Methodist Protestant Church, has entered upon the duties of his new charge and occupied the pulpit Sunday morning for the first time. He was heard by a large congregation. His subject was "Strength and Beauty in the Sanctuary", and his text is found in Psalms 96-6. His sermon was filled with interest throughout. Those who heard him were deeply impressed by his earnestness and the plain, practical manner in which he handled his subject. Another interesting sermon was delivered at night.

Mr. Johnson is one of the most earnest workers in his denomination and Asheboro is to be congratulated upon securing him. For four years Mr. Johnson served his conference as president.

The Rate Case Opinion.

While our State Supreme Court has said that the legislature cannot impose a penalty on a railroad and permit the road also to be indicted yet the court has held that the agents were indictable for disobeying the state law in selling tickets at a higher price than the law permitted. The court has also held that the penalty is good, that Judge Pritchard had no jurisdiction that his restraining order was void. This being true the state can control corporations and all this clap trap about the unconstitutionality of the act falls to the ground.

Mr. E. A. Hamlet has sold his home in Asheboro to W. M. Burns.

Smallpox is reported at China Grove, Rowan county.

Forgery of Insurance Commissioner's Name.

CLAIMED TO BE ORGANIZING COLORED INSURANCE CO.

Sent Receipts for Money to Colored Merchant at Asheboro Purported to be Signed by Insurance Commissioner James R. Young.

L. S. McMillan, a negro insurance agent, was arrested at Wadesboro Tuesday on a warrant sworn out by Taylor Waddell, a colored merchant of Asheboro.

The warrant charges McMillan with embezzlement and forgery in three cases in which he delivered Waddell receipts for money bearing the signature of James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, in his handwriting of McMillan.

McMillan was in Asheboro seven weeks ago claiming to promote the organization of a colored insurance company, to be known as the Asheboro Relief & Benevolent Association, for the purpose of issuing accident and accident policies.

He succeeded in securing from Waddell \$40 for a charter on August 26 and \$61 for license on September 18th. The last item was divided into two payments. Securing this money he left, claiming to go to Raleigh to complete the organization. In a few days three receipts as above were returned signed by Commissioner Young, but they were not Young's signatures. When a list later McMillan asked for more money to complete the organization Waddell consulted an attorney, who led to the arrest.

Deputy Sheriff Hayworth went to Wadesboro yesterday after the prisoner.

Pay Your Subscription.

Most of our subscribers have paid their subscription in advance, but in a few instances some have not paid in advance, although we adopted this rule more than a year ago. Recently we examined our books and found that out of all our subscribers only 900 of them owed anything. We sent statements to these 900 requesting that they pay promptly. Some have responded but not all. The cost of getting a newspaper the size of The Courier is considerable; wages high, and bills have to be met. We would thank every subscriber to send us all he can, and pay in advance if possible.

District Meeting of Odd Fellows.

At a meeting of the Tenth District of the Independent Order Odd Fellows held at Greensboro last week, R. L. Woodard, Greensboro was elected President; D. Dove, of Franklinville, President; Frederick Brandy, Draper, Secretary and L. D. McDannell, of Randleman, treasurer. The attendance was large and enthusiasm great. Many interesting addresses showed the order a thriving condition.

The meeting noted to meet March 15th, 1908, at some place to be decided upon later.

B. & L. Elect Officers.

An adjourned meeting of People's Building & Loan Association of Asheboro, was held last day for the purpose of electing officers. W. J. Armfield, Jr. was elected president; D. B. McCray, vice president and P. H. Morris, secretary and treasurer. J. D. Simpson, S. W. Laughlin were elected members of the board of directors.

Whitney Firm Falls.

Geo. I. Whitney, until last week president of the Whitney Co., at "The Narrows," has failed, and the Whitney & Stevenson Co., and White Stevenson & Co., of Pittsburg, filed a petition in bankruptcy. It is thought that the failure of Whitney will not affect the Whitney Co., at "The Narrows."

Star Personal.

Miss Myrtle Stout returned her home Saturday, from South Carolina, where she has been studying music for the past two years.

Her many friends will be glad to learn of her great improvement in music and all welcome her back.