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CHARLOTTE, N. C., SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 3, 1906.

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OUR ASSOCIATION WILL STAND BY THE NATIONAL ORDER

The Farmers of Mecklenburg will Decrease Acreage and will Purchase Less Fertilizers for Cotton Crop of the Coming Year, So Say Farmers.

At the Court House To-day our Farmers Held an Important Meeting. The Attendance was Good and all Seemed to be in the Best of Spirits.

More than half the time consumed at the farmers' meeting this morning was taken up in a discussion of the election of a president to take the place of President C. C. Moore, who was elected State President at the State convention at Raleigh. Mr. Moore had not officially resigned and for this reason it was the opinion of quite a number of farmers that a president should not be elected. The matter was discussed more than an hour when it was finally decided to table it, and in the meantime let the duties of the president fall on the vice president, Mr. John McDowell.

However, the meeting was interesting and one of considerable importance. The first business before the association was the reading of a report by Mr. W. S. Pharr, secretary and treasurer, which embodied the present condition of the county. Mr. Pharr reported that there were 20 sub-divisions in the county, with an average membership of 40, making a total county membership of 800. Of this number only 100 had paid the 25 cents dues, showing that quite a neat sum for the treasury was yet to be collected. His report further showed that 39,885 bales had been ginned in the county and that the 19 cents per bale had been paid on only 4,329 bales. His books showed that there was about \$95.72 in the treasury.

The report also contained the result of the recent canvass of the committee appointed by the president to solicit aid from the business men of the city and county to further the organization of the State. This committee had collected \$634, which will be forwarded to Mr. Leo D. Hart, of Raleigh, treasurer of the fund.

The report was followed by remarks from the different members of the committee. Mr. McD. Watkins, chairman, said that they had met with no opposition and that not a single man approached by them opposed the movement. He said that everybody greeted them with "We are fully aware of the importance of this great movement and if you find that you will need more money call on us and we will give you more."

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The next business taken up was the report of the delegates who attended the State convention at Raleigh. Captain S. B. Alexander, chairman of the committee of three that attended, made the report.

He said that upon arriving at Raleigh farmers were surprised to see so few farmers there and that they were fully aware of the importance of the great movement and if you find that you will need more money call on us and we will give you more."

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committee was appointed, composed of Mr. C. C. Moore and Col. H. C. Dockery, of the executive committee, to canvass North Carolina, Norfolk and Richmond, Va. Their success in raising money had been marvelous; and they got men conversant with the cotton situation to endorse their work and help carry it on.

In regard to the overtures sent from Mecklenburg county, Captain Alexander said nothing could be done with them and consequently they were pocketed. Then he spoke of the prospects of the meeting next year, saying that from present indications it would be a big one.

As to the reflection on Col. J. S. Cunningham, former State President, an investigation showed that he had done remarkably well and that the main trouble was with the executive committee behind him. This committee, it seems, did not do its duty.

Captain Alexander then mentioned the enthusiasm all over the State, saying that the counties in all sections of the State were working in earnest and that North Carolina was forging to the front on the cotton question as in everything else. Captain Alexander's report was followed by remarks by Messrs. McD. Watkins and W. A. Grier.

The question as to acreage for the present year was then taken up. After a lengthy discussion by Messrs. W. S. Pharr, C. B. Campbell, S. B. Alexander and McD. Watkins and others, it was decided to stand by the Southern Association, reducing the acreage 25 per cent. on the 1904 crop.

An overture from the Steele Creek Association in regard to the farmers making notes which would enable them to hold their cotton as long as possible, was presented. The overture petitioned the merchants and others to carry the farmers until the first of January, instead of October.

It was moved and seconded that Mr. C. C. Moore be notified to make out an itemized statement of all expenses incurred during the recent visit of Gov. R. B. Glenn here and that the county association pay the bill.

The salary of the president was taken up, it being the sentiment of some that the present salary—\$60 per month—was more than the association could stand, the matter was left to the executive committee with power to act.

WILL HAVE SPEEDY TRIAL.

Negro Charged With Criminal Assault To Be Taken to Chattanooga for Immediate Trial.

Nashville, Feb. 3.—Ed. Johnson, the negro charged with criminally assaulting Miss Nevada Taylor, at Chattanooga, and who has been in jail here for safe keeping, is to be taken to Chattanooga Monday for a speedy trial.

The feeling against Johnson is still very bitter at Chattanooga.

—The Young Woman's Missionary Society of the Second Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. W. S. Lee, on Tenth Avenue, Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

RUMOR THAT CITY WAS DESTROYED

Tidal Disturbance Noticed in New York Wednesday Said to Have Destroyed Buena Ventura. All Cable Communication Still Broken.

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 3.—A cablegram from Panama to the Herald says that all cable communication with Buena Ventura is still interrupted. The tidal disturbance noticed here Wednesday, it is rumored, destroyed that city. The cable is broken in two places, north and south of Buena Ventura.

Cables Not Yet Restored.

Cable communication with Porto Rico and all islands east of the American dependency suddenly ceased yesterday morning and was not restored this morning. Cable officials expressed doubt that the breaks were caused by seismic or volcanic disturbances.

BACK TO HEAVY CALIBRE.

The War Department Adopts 45 Calibre for Army Revolvers.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 3.—The War Department has decided to go back to the heavy calibre for army revolvers, to adopt the cartridge of 45 calibre instead of the 38 calibre, now in use. The reason for the change is that it is desired to have a bullet with greater stopping power than the one now used.

The Ordnance Bureau has invited the manufacturers to enter competition for the new model.

CONVENTION REORGANIZED.

Wake County Division of Cotton Growers' Convention Being Reorganized.

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 3.—The Wake county division of the Cotton Growers' Convention is being reorganized here today. The principal speakers are Governor Glenn and President C. C. Moore, of the State division. The latter is now speaking. The formality of organization will follow Moore's speech.

Irving to Appear.

By Associated Press. London, Feb. 3.—H. B. Irving, son of the late Henry Irving, today signed a contract to appear in America in "Lights Out."

THE NEXT TEACHERS ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD AT RALEIGH

Official Announcement Has Been Made That Next N. C. Teachers Assembly Will be June 12-15. Over 1500 Teachers are Expected to Attend.

Strong Sentiment in Raleigh for City Ownership of Water Works. Echo of the Washington "Black Hand" Incident State Geological Board in Session.

Special to The News. Raleigh, Feb. 3.—Official announcement was made this morning that the next session of the North Carolina Teachers Assembly will be held in Raleigh June 12 to 15.

This decision has just been reached by the Executive Committee composed of the leading educators throughout the State. Announcement was made that the entertaining capacity of the city will be ample as several of the largest boarding schools will open their dormitories for the entertainment of the visiting teachers of whom probably 1,500 will attend. The charge at these colleges will be one dollar a day including table board.

Secretary Connor of the assembly committee says of the selection of Raleigh that, "No where else can teachers gather in so short a time at so small expense, so much information about North Carolina in the Executive Department of the Government, the state museum, the state library, the Supreme Court, the hall of history affording more instruction than can be found in all the books." The programme will be announced within the next few days.

The Secretary of State charters the "Livingstream Enterprise Brotherhood" insurance order, the principal office being at Rocky Mount.

The board of aldermen of the city of Raleigh has called on the Wake Water Co., which controls the water supply of the city, to name a price at which they will sell the plant. There is a strong sentiment for the city ownership of the system.

John A. Bragassa, a well known grocer here has been very much disturbed for several days for fear he was marked man with the terrible "black hand society" that has stirred up sensations in various parts of the country. A week ago he received a card with a black hand on it and containing the significant words, "You have five days more." Each day since for five days another postal came signifying one day less. Mr. Bragassa became greatly stirred but kept the matter quiet except to some of his most intimate friends and one or two officers of the city.

The cards were postmarked Portland, Oregon. Great was his relief when the fifth card received was to the effect that he had "today" better buy a certain butter compound.

The incident has created quite a deal of merriment here at the expense of Mr. Bragassa.

The State Geological Board was in annual session today. Governor Glenn, ex-officio chairman and Messrs. F. R. Hewlett, of Asheville; Frank Wood, of Edenton, H. E. Fries, of Winston-Salem; Hugh McRae, of Wilmington; and State Geologist J. A. Holmes, present.

The board determined to extend materially the work of betterment of the artesian water supply for the eastern section of the State and to promote in every way possible the success of the Appalachian forest preserve movement and the meeting soon to be held in that interest at Charlotte.

THE REPORT FAVORS 85 FT. LOCK CANAL

Report of Canal Commission Favors 85 ft. Level Lock Canal. Report of Board of Engineers Favors Sea Level Canal. Report Submitted To-day.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 3.—The report of the Isthmian Canal Commission reporting their decision favoring an 85 foot level lock canal, was submitted to Secretary Taft today. The report was accompanied by the report of the board of engineers, the majority of whom declared for a Sea Level canal. Secretary Taft will now express his views on the project in transmitting the papers to the President.

THREE MONTHS IN PRISON

Church Rioter Sentenced by the Correctional Tribunal.

By Associated Press. Paris, Feb. 3.—Bochebecauld, who was arrested in connection with the church riots, was today sentenced to three months' imprisonment by the Correctional Tribunal, without application to the "first offenders' act."

ALBERMARLE NEWS.

New Club Founded—Land Purchase—Other News.

Special to The News. Albermarle, N. C., Feb. 3.—A new social and commercial club is being organized this week for the progressive town of Albermarle and it is composed of the leading business men, who have the welfare of the town at heart. The nature of the club will be to look after the interests of the town as well as provide a place of social gatherings and reading rooms. A charter will be asked for within the next few days. Rooms will be secured from the Stanly County Loan & Trust Co., and will be fitted in the most modern style.

The Stanly County Loan & Trust Co. are moving into their elegant new building, corner of Main and Second Streets.

This building is a credit to the town and is equal to many in larger towns. The second floor of this building is occupied by lawyers.

The present passenger and freight offices at this place are inadequate to the great development of the town and community and steps are being taken to have a change made.

The Albermarle Real Estate and Insurance Co. have purchased some twenty-five acres of land in the Southern part of the town and will have it laid off in lots for the purpose of building houses and developing that portion of the town.

At the office of the Register of Deeds today a marriage license was issued to Mr. Walter Getton, who will wed Miss Mattie Cheslier. Both are from the Huntersville section.

SENATE DEMOCRATS HOLD CONFERENCE

Consider the Santo Domingo Treaty, Fail to Reach Agreement as to Making it a Party Question. Senator Patterson and Others Make Speeches.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 3.—A caucus of the Democratic Senators was held today to determine the party policy regarding the Santo Domingo treaty. A call was issued for 10:30 and 45 minutes later, all the Democratic Senators in the city, excepting Daniel, Geary, McNery, Gorman and Tallferro were present. Gorman's absence was explained by illness. Five Senators were absent from the city. Later, all but McNery and Tallferro were accounted for. The first question considered was whether the Dominican Treaty be considered a party question. Speeches were made on both sides. Senator Patterson opposed the rule at some length. Other speeches were made by Clark, of Arkansas and Teller. The latter said he was opposed to the ratification of the treaty. It is announced this afternoon that the prospects are poor for any agreement today, although it is believed that a sufficient number will bind themselves to insure the defeat of the treaty. If no agreement is reached today, the caucus will probably hold a later meeting, and another effort will be made to adopt the two-thirds rule. Many present today favored this rule.

Rate Bill in House.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Less than a score of members were in their places when the House met today to continue the discussion of the Hepburn Railroad Rate Bill. The debate was opened by Clayton (Ala.) He declared that legislative regulation of interstate commerce is old as the common law. The necessity for legislation, he declared, has been brought about by the unjust discriminations of roads through rebates and terminal charges.

TO MEET IN CHARLOTTE.

Committee on Church Federation to Meet Here March 4.

Special to The News. Hickory, Feb. 3.—Dr. J. L. Murphy has received news that the committee on church federation of which he is a member, meets in Charlotte March 14th. This is to decide the question of the union of the German Reformed and Presbyterian churches. The summons came from Dr. John H. Pough whom Emperor William called to assist in dedicating the Reformed Cathedral at Berlin, William being himself of that faith.

TAKES BRIGHTER VIEW.

Moroccan Situation Now Looks More Hopeful to German Foreign Office.

By Associated Press. Berlin, Feb. 3.—Germany now takes a more hopeful view of the result of the conference at Algieras on Moroccan reforms than a week ago. Two questions, the smuggling of arms and taxaton having been disposed of without serious differences, and the foreign office is inclined to believe that an agreement will be reached as to policy instruction, though it presents greater difficulties than the matters already decided.

NOTED BLOCKADER CAUGHT.

Was Wanted By Government and Defense in Samuels Case.

Special to The News. Winston, Feb. 3.—James Combs, a big blockader of Wilkes county, wanted by the Government and defense in the Samuels case was captured in the Samuels case and carried to Greensboro today by Deputy Marshall Crutchfield. Combs was accompanied by his lawyer, W. W. Barber.

THE GREAT STRIKE IS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED, FOR FEB. 15

Representatives of all the Building Trades' Unions in New York Unanimously Vote to Go on Strike Feb. 15, in Sympathy With Housemiths.

Announced that the Failure of Any Union to Support Move, will Result in Expulsion of Such Union From the Federated Union.

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 3.—At the meeting last night of the representatives of all the Building Trades' Unions in New York City, it was unanimously decided to order the various unions of building trades to go on strike February 15, in sympathy with the housemiths. It is announced that failure to support the housemiths will mean the expulsion of the guilty union from the Federated Union. The officials said: "This means that no union men will work with non-union men who have taken the places of union men."

T. D. GRANT PROMOTED.

Was Made Major General By the President.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 3.—The President selected Brigadier General Frederick D. Grant, commanding the department of the east with headquarters at Governor's Island, New York, to be promoted to the grade of Major General, to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Major General Sumner, February 6th, to be Lieutenant General.

LOSS BY FIRE OF \$75,000.

Fire Threatened Business Portion of Richmond, Ky.—Much Damage Was Done.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 3.—The business portion of Richmond, Ky., was threatened with fire which began there this morning. The fire department of Winchester has gone to the scene on a special train. A special from Richmond, Ky., says: "The fire here today which for a time was so threatening that help was summoned from Winchester, damaged property \$75,000. Two banks and a number of small establishments were the chief sufferers. The amount of insurance is not given."

INCREASE IN CUSTOMS.

Moroccan Conference Held Sitting—Business Transacted.

By Associated Press. Algieras, Feb. 3.—The Moroccan Conference held a short sitting today and has agreed to increase the customs duties of Morocco, and create a special fund from the customs receipts for the improvement of ports. Proposals were adopted subject to the approval of the home Governments, as some delegates were not instructed. Many objections were raised to the proposed increase in customs.

McMillan Would Wear Toga.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 3.—The latest entry in the free-for-all fight for the seat of Senator Russell A. Alger is W. C. McMillan, oldest son of the late Senator McMillan, and the head of the vast McMillan interests in Michigan. His formal declaration is out today. During his father's campaigns, Mr. Millan bore an important part in directing the political machinery, and in spite of the fact that the present federal officials, many of them, owe their offices to Alger, it is believed that the remnants of the old McMillan apparatus will more than offset this influence.

To a great extent the campaign will undoubtedly be fought in the Republican primaries throughout the State when State Senators are chosen.

STATE DEPARTMENT ASKED TO ASSIST

Ellsworth Disappeared in Mexico Nov. 11. Carried Large Sum of Money. Murder and Robbery Feared. Government Asked to Assist in Search.

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 3.—The assistance of the State Department has been asked in the search for Harry Merriman Ellsworth, of Brooklyn, who disappeared in Mexico, and has not been heard of since November 11. He was auditor of the Mexican Railway and as it is known that he carried a large sum of money it is feared that he has been killed by bandits.

DIED FROM BURNS.

Mrs. Gilmore Died Today From Effects of Burns Yesterday Afternoon.

By Associated Press. Atlanta, Feb. 3.—Mrs. Lucy A. Gilmore died here today as a result of her clothing catching fire from an open grate late yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Gilmore was putting coals back into the grate which had fallen to the floor. She was alone in the house and was fatally burned before help could reach her.

TRAGEDY LITTLE BIG HORN.

Attorney Thomas M. Huffham Lectures Before the Students of Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C.

Special to The News. Hickory, Feb. 3.—On Monday evening, January 29th, Mr. Thomas M. Huffham delivered a masterful lecture at Lenoir College on "The Tragedy of the Little Big Horn."

Mr. Huffham is an able, successful lawyer—but more, he is a scholar, an investigator, an authority—in literature, in history, as a writer, as a lecturer, and as an orator he has won an enviable reputation in the entire South—and especially in his own native State, North Carolina.

Mr. Huffham has lectured frequently for the college, and he never fails to win the very highest appreciation of the students. His last effort was a rare treat to students and all who were so fortunate as to hear him. We append a few of his thoughts but attempt no synopsis:

"The Tragedy of the Little Big Horn." If Gettysburg was the high tide of the Confederacy, the "Little Big Horn" was the Indian's last bid for empire.

There Indian strategy reached its highest development and scored its greatest triumph. They met the most dashing Indian campaigner of the day and fought him till not one of his command remained to tell the story.

It was a case where valor which it required annihilation to conquer, came into collision with the strength and resources of despair. Viewed from their own standpoint, Crazy Horse, Sitting Bull and Chief Gall were sincere patriots, fighting for the land that had been their fathers' before them for generations. In the end they met the fate of all those who try to stay the wheels of progress. Civilization is merciless.

It moved down the natives of Australia, practically wiped out the Indian. Nothing but his willingness to be a heaver of wood and a drawer of water saved the negro. If the time ever comes when he aspires to be the equal of the white man he will share the fate of the Indian.

Custer and his men died where they fought, without attempted flight or thought of surrender. The sun of their glory has cast upon the field immortalized by their desperate valor a crimson light that will flame through the ages.

The gory rows of corpses that lay along the hills of the Little Big Horn, was a prophecy of the Indian's fate; for the dead lay in line of battle, officers and men alike, having fallen where they had been stationed. The nation that could replace each one of those gallant men with a thousand equally as brave could never be satisfied with less than complete dominion over every foot of its territory.

In spite of their craft and cruelty, we cannot help respecting the Indians. Their resources were pitifully small and weak compared to those of their mighty white foe; but they made the bravest struggle that they were capable of and never yielded until the last glim of hope had faded from the sky."

MISS ALICE ASKED TO BAR THE WINE

Movement is Started by Officers of W. C. T. U. to Obtain the Bride's Co operation in Barring Wine From the Wedding Breakfast.

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 3.—A tribune special from Boston says, that a movement has been started by the officers of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union to obtain Miss Alice Roosevelt's co-operation toward the barring of wine from her wedding breakfast.

"OLD MAIDS" GOOD.

A Large Crowd Attended the Entertainment at the First Baptist Church.

The Old Maid's Conference in the Sunday school room of the First Baptist church last night was a very successful performance. The proceeds amounted to \$80, which will be devoted to the education of a mountain girl.

Few entertainments of this kind have been given in Charlotte and those who did not see it last night missed a treat. It was funny from start to finish and pleased so well that the ladies who got it up have been requested to repeat it. The old maids were indeed funny and their appearance on the street and in the drug store after the performance attracted no little attention.

SEVEN LODGED IN JAIL.

Prominent Citizens Jailed and Charged With Lynching.

Barrwell, S. C., Feb. 2.—W. J. Myrie, Wade Sanders, C. W. Hoag and Tom Huggins, all prominent farmers of this county; Postmaster Joseph Hartford, of Ulmer, and Constables W. J. Harter and Milledge Lee, were lodged in jail here today charged with having assisted in the lynching of Frank and John Dixon, colored, father and son, at Ulmer, December 22. The younger negro was accused of having killed Hayne S. Craddock, prominent farmer of this section, having done so at the command of his father. State officials, assisted by detectives have been working on the matter since the lynching.

BRIEFS.

—Mrs. Mary Ann Irwin, of Morning Star township, is very ill.

—The friends of Mr. T. K. Sammonds, of Sharon, will regret to hear of his critical illness.

—The executive committee of the Charlotte Epworth League Union will meet with the Tryon Street Epworth League Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock to arrange for another public meeting.

—The Methodist Ministers will meet in study of Tryon Street Methodist church Monday at 9:30 a. m. on account of the conference of the city pastors at the Y. M. C. A. at 10:30 a. m.

MOB'S ACTION WAITS IDENTIFICATION OF NEGRO BRUTE

Over a Thousand Men Waiting in Streets of Missouri Town for the Victim's Identification of the Unspeakable Crime.

Mob Openly Declares Intention of Lynching Beast, if Identified. Will Accompany Sheriff to Mrs. Norman's Home Where Identification will Take Place.

By Associated Press. Poliar Bluff, Mo., Feb. 3.—More than a thousand men gathered on the streets this morning awaiting the positive identification of the negro, arrested last night on the charge of criminal assault on Mrs. Daniel Norman. The mob openly declares its intention of lynching the negro, if identified by the victim. A physician states that she is unable to leave her room to identify the negro at the jail, and Sheriff Hogg has announced that he will take the negro to her home. The crowd declares its intention of accompanying the sheriff, and the prisoner to the residence.

ERROR IN POSTING TRAIN.

Cost the Atlantic Coast Line \$9.—Charlotte Man Received Money.

Mr. R. O. Alexander, the well-known cotton merchant, was holding tightly in one hand a roll of greenbacks this morning. He remarked to The News man that the money had been refunded to him by a railroad, and a representative of a competing line thought he should have it framed.

Mr. Alexander states that he was at a certain station on the Atlantic Coast Line several days ago when a station master posted a certain train 30 minutes. Because of this the Charlotte man missed his train and his expense account was increased \$9 thereby. Mr. Alexander apprised the management of the facts in the case. He received a letter by return mail informing him that the treasurer of the company would honor his draft for the amount of his expenses. He received the money this morning and the occurrence is so unusual that he thinks mention should be made of it.

A FAIR SABBATH.

Weather Man Says It Will Be Warmer Tomorrow.

The weather man predicts that we are to have a fair Sunday and the temperature will rise several degrees. In his remarks on the weather, Mr. Bennett says: "An area of high pressure has moved eastward from the Mississippi Valley over the Middle Atlantic States and has caused a colder weather generally east of the Mississippi. Over the South Atlantic and East Gulf States temperatures are from 10 to 20 degrees below normal, and the minimum temperature recorded at Charlotte this morning, 17 degrees was the lowest for this winter. An area of low pressure has moved southeastward from Montana over Minnesota, increasing in intensity. Though attended by little precipitation, yet it has caused warmer weather generally over the Missouri and Upper Mississippi Valleys. With its continued eastward movement, rising temperature may be expected in this vicinity tonight and Sunday, with continued fair weather."