

## ON "THE PIKE" WE WAIT FOR FRIENDS AND STRANGERS

Everything is in Readiness for the Great Historic Event that Charlotte will Celebrate with Pomp and Glory Next Week—Beginning Monday.

The Last Die has Been Cast and the Several Committees Have Made Their Final Reports. Everything will be Done for our Visitors.

The celebration begins Monday, as you have possibly heard, and everything and everybody are ready.

If anything has been forgotten it is not the fault of the different committees, and these committees compose the greater part of the population.

The last meeting of the committees has been held and by unanimous vote it was decided to call off the dogs and quietly wait till the guests arrive.

We said that everything was in readiness and we meant it. The trains are even bringing in peanuts by the carload and the committee on entertainment is assured that there will be a sufficiency for every swain and swainsess.

The pink lemonade is likewise being prepared and there will be enough of that delightful fluid for every one who feels so inclined.

Neither was the committee forgetful of the fact that some of the guests might desire to sleep a little next week and so they have prepared cots in every building available. And to add to this the committee has been informed that in case things get too crowded a few extra berths may be obtained at the "Dead house" and police station. Thanks to the kindness and humanity of the Recorder.

But perhaps the best news is that the fireworks are to be "pulled off" at the south graded school. This was the decision reached last night, and if the committee has tried a year to do something really sensible they could not have done better. It would have been powerful had for the old lady to get to the park with all the children and of course it would have been infinitely harder for her to stay at home or leave any of the children there when the fireworks were in operation. But everybody can see them now. There is not a child in town but what can shut its eyes and go to the graded school. It has become a distasteful habit with it.

Yes, everything is in readiness, and since the work is over it is but just that we should express, for the people of the city, thanks to the different committees for their faithful and successful work. They have worked like Turks and their efforts have been rewarded with even unexpected success. Everything has moved along like it was running on a greased track. Every conceivable feature which anybody thought would add to the success of the celebration has been provided. We cannot take up each person who has contributed to the success of the celebration and thank him personally. It would take too long and our time is too valuable. So we just gather them all in a bunch and fondly pat them on the head for their inestimable service.

The celebration will surpass any yet held in this city, and after all this hard labor we should be disappointed if it did not.

And so, on the verge of the event, the oars are dropped and we nervously wait for the trains to bring 'em in. We have done our part and can rest with an easy conscience. Our lamps are trimmed and burning and the can is full of "oil" of course.

### BOOK EDITOR CHOSEN.

Dr. Gross Alexander Selected by General Conference at Birmingham.

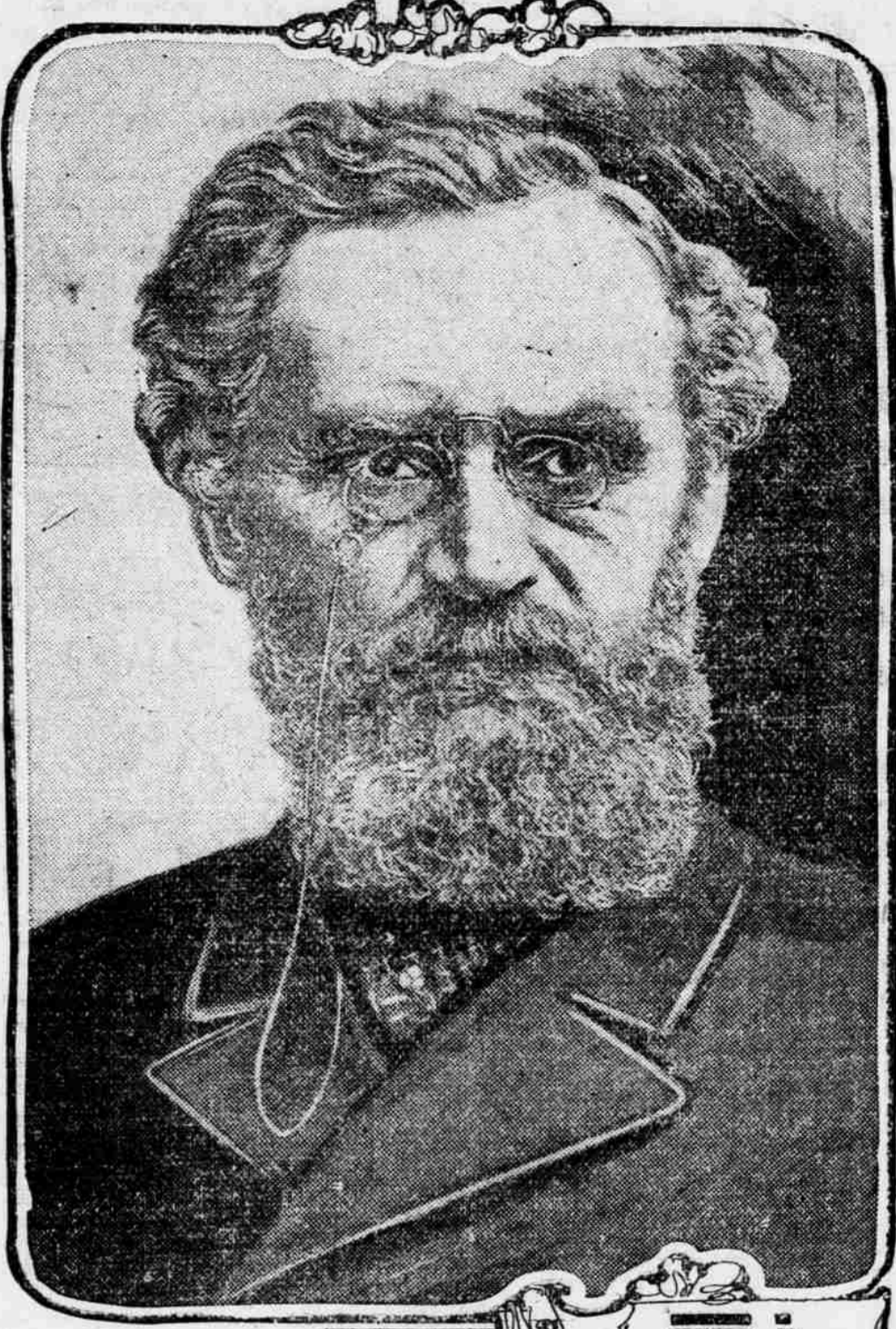
Birmingham, Ala., May 18.—The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, elected Dr. Gross Alexander, Presiding Elder of the Louisville, Ky. District, Book Editor and Editor of the Review.

The report of the committee on church extension recommended the erection of a representative church at Washington, D. C., to cost \$275,000 of which the church at large is to pay \$200,000 and Mount Vernon Church, Washington, \$75,000. It was adopted.

### REGARDING CHURCH UNION

Injunction to Prevent Cumberland General Assembly From Uniting With Church.

Decatur, Ill., May 18.—Arguments on the plea for an injunction to prevent the Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly from uniting with the Presbyterian church were begun in the court by the attorneys representing the factors of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. At the same time the assembly resumed its business.



CARL SCHURZ.

The German Writer and Statesman Who Recently Died in New York.

### MR. FAIRBANKS ARRIVES.

Vice President Reached Birmingham This Morning.

Birmingham, May 18.—Vice President Fairbanks arrived today to attend the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as a fraternal delegate. He was met by the Citizens Committee at the station and was driven to the home of Col. T. G. Bush, President of the Alabama Consolidated Coal and Iron Company whose guest he will be while here.

### Mrs. Davis Better.

New York, May 18.—Encouraging improvement in the conditions of Mrs. Jefferson Davis was reported by her physicians this morning.

## BETTER SCHEDULE ON THE SEABOARD

Afternoon Train Going West will, After May 27, Leave Charlotte at 4:54 O'clock Instead of 4, as at Present. Other Changes in Schedule.

Beginning Sunday May the 27th, the Seaboard Air Line will make two important changes in the schedules of trains nos. 45 and 133.

No. 45 which now leaves here at 4 o'clock, afternoon, for Rutherfordton, will leave at 4:45 o'clock; and train No. 133 which arrives here at 10 in the morning from the East, will arrive here at 9 o'clock and leave at 9:15 instead of arriving at 10 and leaving at 10:15.

Trains Nos. 39 and 40 between Charlotte and Wilmington will be put on the old schedule leaving here at 4:45 in the morning returning to Charlotte at 10:25 the next morning.

After June the first a parlor car will be operated on this train.

Train No. 41 will leave Hamlet for Atlanta at 10:05 in the evening instead of at 7:50, in order to connect with No. 43 from the North.

### PREMIER SONNINO RESIGNS.

His Resignation from Cabinet Has Been Announced.

Rome, May 18.—Premier Sonnino in the Chamber of Deputies officially announced his resignation of the Cabinet.

The Ministry was defeated yesterday as a result of the impatience of opposition, which would not wait for the development of the whole Sonnino programme, but attacked the Cabinet on the question of procedure.

### SEVEN WERE DROWNED.

By Sinking of a Torpedo Boat off Port Said.

Port Said, Egypt, May 18.—The British Torpedo Boat, No. 56, capsized off this port during the night. Seven of crew drowned. The boat sank during a storm.

### Restrict Sponge Fishing.

Washington, May 18.—The house committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries authorized a favorable report on the bill restricting sponge fishing on the Florida coast.

### THE HODGES TRIAL.

Evidence in Noted Case Progressing Rapidly—Number of Witnesses Testify.

Durham, May 18.—The taking of evidence in the Hodges murder trial today is rapidly progressing. Five witnesses were examined this morning.

The first witness after the dinner session was Miss Ola Hodges, the grown daughter of John Hodges.

Fred Hodges whose testimony was not finished yesterday afternoon was given the stand this morning. No other evidence of great importance was given today.

Sam Maynard, one of the first ones to reach the house after the murder, testified as to the condition he saw Mrs. Hodges when he reached the house. Contractor B. R. Houston was then placed on the stand and testified that he made a visit to Hodges in jail and asked him why he committed the murder.

Hodges stated to him that he had been wronged and was willing to die for the crime. He said that Hodges had worked for him several years and before the murder, he paid him out of jail for being drunk, that on his first visit to the jail Hodges was told that his wife's funeral procession had just passed but he did not seem to pay any attention to it.

Elvis High, son of Tom High and the nephew of Mrs. Hodges was examined and said he saw Hodges near West Durham on the night of the murder, that he did not appear to be drunk. Said he saw him going in the direction of the Mrs. Hodges home and heard the shot and hour later.

B. T. Suit, the undertaker was next called and said that he prepared the body for burial and examined the wound but did not find the ball. The last witness was Vass Lassiter, his testimony was the same as that of Joe High.

### NOTED PRISONER RELEASED.

After 13 Years Imprisonment Alexander Berkman was Today Released—Says He Will Not Be Anarchist Leader.

Pittsburg, May 18.—Alexander Berkman, who made an attempt on the life of Henry Clay Frick, during the great steel strike at Homestead, Pa., in 1892, was released from prison today having served 13 years in a Western penitentiary, and one year in the Alcatraz workhouse.

Berkman was sentenced to serve 23 years imprisonment, but earned a commutation of sentence by good behavior, which reduced his term to 14 years.

In an interview, Berkman said: "I do not know what I will do till I get to St. Louis. I am going there this afternoon, on the first train. There is one thing I want to deny, and that is that I am to become a leader of the anarchists in this country, and take Herr Most's place. There is nothing in that. I am going to lead a quiet life, and try to make an honest living, and I have no doubt that I can do so."

### INDICTMENTS RETURNED

Number Indicted for Alleged Violation of Anti-Trust Law.

Cleveland, May 18.—The Grand Jury returned indictments against President Harry Norvell and 13 directors of the only Ice Delivery Company, known locally as the Ice Trust on the charge of violating the Valentine's Anti-Trust law.

## A \$10,000 AUTO AND \$2,400 IN BONDS STOLEN BY THIEF

While Mr. J. H. Clarke was in Restaurant Daring Thief Jumped into his Automobile and with Quick Dash Escaped Around Corner.

The Machine was Valued at \$10,000 and the Amount Stolen in Bonds, etc. was \$2,400. Owner of Machine Followed but in Vain.

By Associated Press.

New York May 18.—A \$10,000 automobile containing \$2,400 worth of bonds, scrip and other valuable papers was stolen openly today by a daring thief, who jumped into the machine while it stood unoccupied on Broadway, near 42nd Street.

It's owner, J. H. Clark, an automobile manufacturer had stepped into a restaurant nearby.

Although he rushed immediately to the street, the thief sped the machine around the corner and escaped.

## TELLER AMENDMENT WAS CONSIDERED

After Taking up of Railroad Rate Bill the Teller Amendment was Considered. Controversy Over Phrase in Amendment. Was Finally Retained.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 18.—When the Railroad Rate bill was taken up, the Senate resumed its consideration of the Teller amendment, striking out of the provision giving to the Interstate Commerce Commission, power to prescribe rates, the words; "In its judgment."

Senator Daniel, addressed the Senate declaring that neither the presence, nor the absence of the words could affect the measure. "If" he said, "the words are retained the Commission, will have explicit authority to do what it must necessarily do if they are omitted."

Senator Morgan would have the words stricken out, because they cast doubt on the bill.

The Senate struck out the words; "In its judgment," yes 50, nays 24.

The Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce adopted further amendments to the Employers Liability bill and ordered it favorably reported.

The amendments make every sort of common carrier liable for damage in case of accident resulting in injury or death to any employee in the event the accidents were caused "from the negligence of any of the carriers, officers, agents or employees in the authority of him, or engaged in a different character of work."

Further provision is made that no action shall be maintained under this act unless commenced within one year from the time of the accident.

A minority report condemning the Bonyne bill recently reported from the House committee on the election of President, Vice President and Representatives in Congress and giving the Federal courts jurisdiction in the election fraud cases has been filed in the House being signed by Representatives Rucker, of Missouri, Hardwick, of Georgia, Ellerbe, of South Carolina, Watkins, of Louisiana and Gillespie, of Texas.

The report includes a constitutional agreement to show that the constitution only gave the Federal authorities jurisdiction over the elections as a final safeguard to the Union; that there is no extraordinary condition at present which calls for the exercise of this power and that the bill heretofore ought not to pass.

Raynor Ridiculed.

Washington, May 18.—Senator Raynor in the Senate said he expected the President would change his opinion again before the bill was finally enacted and get back to the Long amendment.

There was no telling he said, but what in a few days some new "Chandler of fortune might get possession of the President and get him back to his original terminus."

"The President resembled a kaleidoscope." This was a great era for natural disturbances and the President seemed jealous of earthquakes and volcanoes.

He continued declaring that the President went tearing through space oblivious of where he came from and with no conception of where he was going.

"The President," said Raynor, "May have united his party in the Senate but he had divided the people." He claimed the Allison court review amendment destroyed the bill and deplored the President's interference.

Mrs. W. D. Cowles has returned to the city after an absence of about two weeks. She has been visiting at Chattanooga, Tenn.



REV. H. H. HULTEN.

The New Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Who Comes the First of June.

### ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES.

Assignment of Chairmen of the Different Committees.

Greenville, S. C., May 18.—When the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly was called to order today the following assignments of chairmen of committees were announced: Bills and overtures, Dr. J. L. Plunkett, Georgia; Judicial, Dr. J. W. Stagg, Birmingham; foreign correspondence, Dr. J. W. Bachmann, Tennessee; foreign missions, Dr. Eugene Daniel, W. Va.; home missions, Dr. Josephus Johnson, Texas; publication and Sunday school, Dr. Harris F. Kirk, Maryland; ministerial education and relief, Dr. R. H. Fleming, Virginia; Negro evangelization, Dr. W. M. McFadden, South Carolina; Theological Seminaries, Dr. William E. Boggs, Florida; assembly home and school, Dr. J. H. Thornwell, South Carolina; Women's Societies, Dr. T. A. Wharton, Tennessee; systematic beneficence, C. H. Read, Texas; narrative on State or Religions, Dr. J. B. Stricker, Virginia; Bible Church and Christian Education, Dr. H. Rice, Georgia; Sabbath and Family Religion, Dr. E. M. Monroe, Texas; Action committee, A. L. James, North Carolina; leave of absence, Dr. S. D. Boggs, Kentucky; Devotional Exercises, A. A. James, South Carolina; Synodical records, Alabama, Dr. B. F. Wallace, and George Battalora, Florida Rev. D. R. Stinson and T. J. Jones, Georgia; Rev. F. M. Sweets and C. T. Nell; North Carolina, Dr. W. C. McKay and L. B. Dougherty, South Carolina, J. C. Cowan and R. E. Cochran; Virginia, Rev. R. L. Bell and P. A. Emanuel.

### MR. MULLEN IN A RUNAWAY

He Was Thrown Out But His Basket Of Eggs Was Saved.

Dr. J. A. Austin informed The News this afternoon of a runaway accident that befell Mr. W. N. Mullen this morning.

Mr. Mullen was returning to Charlotte from a trip through Union county. He had reached a point near Austin's mill when his team took fright and both horses started off at a rapid gait. In turning a sharp curve in the road the buggy tilted and Mr. Mullen was thrown to the ground. The horses continued to run for three miles, they being stopped by some one traveling the same road. Mr. Mullen was right painfully bruised and one of his wrists was badly sprained.

In the buggy was a large box of eggs that Mr. Mullen had been buying up as he went through the country. Strange as it may seem only one egg was broken.

This is the second runaway Mr. Mullen has been in and the second time the fates have spared his basket of eggs.

### FUNERAL OF MISS BEATTIE.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Beattie Died Last Night at 9:30 O'clock.

The funeral of Miss Mary Jane Beattie, whose death occurred at 9:30 o'clock last night at the Mercy General Hospital, took place at Paw Creek this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, the services being conducted at Moore's Chapel.

Miss Beattie was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Beattie of Paw Creek. She was taken to the hospital last week and underwent an operation well and rallied but became worse yesterday.

Miss Beattie was 23 years old and besides her parents, is survived by five brothers. These are Messrs. J. K. and R. A. Beattie, of Charlotte; S. O. Beattie, of Alabama; and John and George Beattie, of Paw Creek.

To Send up a Ballon.

Wednesday, May 26 Houston Dixon and Co will send up a large ballon in front of their store, on South Tryon street. The hour will be 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

## PRESENTATION OF STOCK TO COAL CO'S BY R'W'Y OFFICIALS

More Evidence of Stock Presentation was Adduced at To-day's Session of Commerce Commission. Pennsylvania Railway in the Toils.

First Vice President of Railway Issues Statement in Which he Says Revelations of Acceptance of Gratuities, Etc., was Surprising to Management.

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, May 18.—Additional evidence of stock presentation by coal companies to railroad officials was adduced at to-day's session of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

E. J. Cleave, of Crosson, Pa., superintendent of the Cambria and Clearfield Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was asked if he held stock in any coal companies. He said he had 250 shares in the Cochran Coal Company, which he received in partial payment for land sold to the company.

"Had you ever been offered stock in any coal companies?" inquired attorney Glasgow. "I was offered stock, but declined to accept it."

F. L. Sheppard, of New York, General Superintendent of the United Railways of New Jersey, when questioned by Mr. Glasgow, said he owned stock in several mining companies.

When asked if he had ever declined to accept stock in any coal companies, he said he had because he thought he might be asked to do something that would not be proper in his official capacity.

When asked if he had ever declined all, he said he did not think there was any impropriety in accepting the stock he received.

Captain Green's Statement.

The following statement was issued to-day by Captain John P. Green, First Vice President of the Pennsylvania Railroad:

"The recent developments at the hearing in progress before the Interstate Commerce Commission in this city in respect to the acquisition, and ownership of stocks of coal companies, and the acceptance of gratuities, by its employees, are a surprise to the management. While it is not believed that these have caused an injustice to the public or the company, the facts with respect thereto, will be thoroughly investigated and no ownership or practice calculated in any manner to affect a full and impartial discharge of duty owed by the company, its officers, and employees, to the public, will be tolerated."

### DIED FAR FROM HOME.

Mrs. Ogden of Cincinnati Passes Away Today, at Home of Mrs. Kingley, on East Morehead Street.

After an illness of about ten days Mrs. Ogden of Cincinnati passed away this morning at 9 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Kingley at 208 East Morehead street.

Mrs. Ogden came to Charlotte last winter to remain here during the cold weather, to escape the rigors of the Northern climate, and was just on the point of returning home when she was taken ill Tuesday week, the day she had set for the start home.

The deceased is survived by a husband and two sons, Messrs. Will and Harry Ogden, who will return to Cincinnati with the remains of the dead wife and mother tomorrow morning.

The funeral exercises will be held this evening at 8 o'clock at 208 East Morehead street.

Mrs. Ogden had made many friends during the few months she had been wintering here and the peculiarly sad circumstances that surround her death make it very pathetic and sorrowful indeed, and many friends will extend their heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved sons and husband.

Scholarship Awarded.

The annual award of scholarships to the various colleges and universities of this and other states was announced today and is given below: Miss Manie J. Lewis, scholarship to Elizabeth College, Charlotte; Miss Maud McKinnon, Presbyterian College, Charlotte; Mr. Worth Anderson, University of North Carolina; Miss Irma Berryhill, Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C.; Miss Evelyn Rucker, Erskine College, Due West, S. C.; Miss Florence Jamison, Peace Institute, Raleigh; Mr. Jas. Squires, Trinity College, Durham; Miss Mary Sims, Washington College, Washington, D. C.

Royal Arcanum Decision.

Among the decisions handed down by the supreme court and published in The News yesterday was one in regard to suits brought against the Royal Arcanum. By reference to the decision it will be seen that the court only passed on the questions of the right of the plaintiffs to attach the funds in this state. The main question has not yet come before the courts. A number of suits are now pending against the order.

Mr. C. H. Royster, of Greensboro, was a Charlotte visitor today.

### COURT ABRUPTLY ADJOURNS.

Case Set for Yesterday Could Not Be Tried Owing to Illness of Mr. Guthrie.

Special to The News.

Concord, May 18.—Gowan Dusenburg vs. J. W. Cannon Jr., John Goodman et al the much talked of "automobile" case, yesterday morning, was continued on account of the illness of Mr. T. C. Guthrie, one of the defendant's attorneys, and following this the entire civil docket was continued and the court came to an abrupt ending. Very few cases from the civil docket were tried, many having been previously continued.

Bessie, the thirteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster, had the misfortune to get her hand mashed in the folding doors at the Brown mill yesterday afternoon, which caused much pain. Dr. Rogers was called in and dressed her wound, which, though very painful, will not necessitate amputation of any part of the hand.

## THE BLUE AND GRAY MINGLE TENDERLY

Confederate Memorial Day Observed. Grand Army Veterans in Blue Assist Confederates in Decorating the Graves of their Dead Comrades.

By Associated Press.

Norfolk, May 18.—Today was observed as Confederate Memorial Day in Portsmouth, Va. The feature was the parade in which civil war veterans of both the Union and Confederate sides marched together and the Grand Army veterans wearing the blue assisted the Confederates wearing the gray in decorating the graves of their deceased comrades.

Rear Admiral Harrington commanding this naval station, and detachments of marines and sailors from the Norfolk navy yard also participated.

### DR. ATKINS ELECTED.

North Carolina Man Last Night Elected Bishop by Methodist Conference.

Birmingham, May 18.—Dr. James Atkins, Sunday school editor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was elected bishop last night on the twelfth ballot.

Dr. James Atkins, one of the three bishops elected last night by the General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference and has been Sunday school editor of the Church since 1896. He was born at Knoxville, Tenn., April 18, 1850, being a son of Rev. James Atkins, for many years a member of the Holston Conference. He was educated at Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va., of which institution he was president for four years, 1889-93. He entered the Methodist ministry in 1872 as a member of the Holston Conference, holding pastorates from 1872 to 1879, when he became president of Emory and Henry College, Va. He resumed the presidency of the Asheville Female College in 1893 and remained there until 1896 when he was elected Sunday school editor. His home is at Waynesville, N. C.

### Postmasters Named.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 18.—The following fourth-class postmasters were appointed today: North Carolina; Vannoy, Mary E. Vannoy; Virginia; Egmont, Michael Wegmann; Hardenburg, Drusilla D. Smith.