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Ice Pack Barred Fleet From Titanic

Shameless Commercializing of News by Wireless Company

Further developments in the Titanic disaster are these: The reason the public could get no news, save dribbles, from the rescuing Carpathia, was that Mr. Sammis, general manager of the wireless company, ordered the operators on the ship to hold their story exclusively for a sum which would reach into four figures.

A lady passenger swears that she saw Capt. Smith and Mr. Ismay drinking together in the saloon the day of the disaster, though there was no statement that they were unduly under the influence of liquor.

Some of the stewards said that Mr. Ismay acted bravely in helping to load women on the lifeboats before he got aboard one himself.

Capt. Moore of the Mount Temple said that the Titanic was not at the place she claimed to be, though the Carpathia found her. He said that the reason the regular fleet of seacraft within a radius of 50 miles couldn't get to her in time to save was because of the great ice fields; and it was suicidal for her to race along it 21 knots when she had been warned of ice.

The first Mrs. John Jacob Astor has gone to New York to comfort her son Vincent during his grief over his father's drowning. He probably inherits \$100,000,000.

Most of the dead bodies have been picked up by the Mackay-Bennett and brought to New York.

Strong Speakers for Lenoir College Commencement.

Lenoir college commencement takes place May 18-22. The Rev. Simon Peter Long, D. D., of Mansfield, Ohio, will preach the Baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning May 19 and deliver the address before the Students' missionary society the same evening.

Williams Anthony Granville, Ph. D., LL. D., Pennsylvania college, Gettysburg, Pa., will deliver the Literary address Tuesday evening May 21.

The Rev. Enoch Hite, of Lincoln, will deliver the Alumni address Tuesday morning May 21.

Dr. Long is the most widely and favorably known Lutheran preacher in America. He is a learned man, a most eloquent, impressive and attractive speaker. He is the very impersonation of consecration, vim and energy. As a pastor, preacher and author of books, he has achieved remarkable success.

Dr. Granville was a noted professor in Yale University when called to his present position. He is a man of great learning, an author of high standing, and a speaker of rare power and eloquence.

It is unusual for the college to secure at one time the services of two such eminent men. It is an honor and a good speaker. A most cordial invitation is extended to the public to hear them.

Mr. Hite is one of our most successful young pastors. He is a deep, clear thinker, and a good speaker. A most excellent address may be expected from him.

Mr. D. P. Whitley, of Concord, and Mr. M. Craig Yoder, of Hickory, represented Lenoir college at Newton Friday night April 26, in the First Clapp Orator's Contest. The medal is given by Mr. Clarence Clapp in memory of his father Dr. J. C. Clapp who was for many years president of Catawba college. The contest is open to the higher schools of the county and the Freshman and Sophomore classes of the colleges. Six young men, two from the Startown high school and two from Lenoir college and two from Catawba college took part. The contest was entirely successful. The work of Messrs. Whitley and Yoder reflected special honor upon themselves and their college. Mr. Whitley won the medal. It will be presented to him at Lenoir College on commencement day.

Rev. Enoch Hite of Lincoln will deliver the alumni address, Tuesday May 21. Mr. Hite is a deep, clear thinker and a good speaker.

The Rev. John Hall, field secretary has just returned from a trip to Shenandoah Co. Virginia covering a little more than three weeks. This trip was in the interest of the Yoder Memorial Science Building and was wholly successful. The fund for this building is growing steadily,

Spring Live Stock Show.

The Catawba County Live Stock Association will hold its annual stock show at H. P. Lutz's Dutch Dairy Farm No. 1, May 11. The speakers are as follows:

R. W. Scott of the State Board of Agriculture, Haw River; N. C. Charles W. Mason, Southern Railway live stock man, Asheville, N. C.; C. W. Morgan, Southern Railway dairyman, Washington, D. C.; W. H. Eaton and P. W. Graber, dairyman and assistant dairyman for the State department of agriculture, who will speak on the subject of the work of the creamery patrons.

I. O. Schaub of Raleigh, who is in charge of the boys' corn clubs.

Dr. W. G. Christman, state veterinarian, Raleigh.

Miss Maud Eckard, county manager of the girls' tomato clubs, Hickory, N. C.

The speakings will begin at 10 o'clock and continue until noon.

The afternoon will be spent in stock judging. All breeders are urged to bring their fine horses, cows, hogs, poultry etc., and make this one of the finest stock shows ever held in the State. Accommodations will be made for stock and also a large crowd of people. So bring your wives and children and sweethearts, and a basket of good things to eat.

South-Fork Items.

Wheat is looking fine with a good stand. Oats on red and spungy land were frozen out during the cold weather. The potato farmers are busy just now in getting them to market.

Emeline Yoder has gone to Texas to her son Preston who has been there several years.

Daniel Kahill who is about 87 years old had a stroke of paralysis a few days ago but is a little better again.

G. A. Miller had moved to the old homestead of the late Reuben Yoder which he bought for \$1200 dollars.

Rev. J. H. Wanamaker was at Col. G. M. Yoder's during the conference at Zion church. The farmers have commenced to work on the new public road crossing at the Finger ford, where a new bridge will be built across the river at an early day.

Granite Falls Items

Correspondence of the Democrat. Granite Falls, Apr. 29th.—Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Williams, of Henry, are visiting Rev. Mr. Kennedy, before leaving for Lincoln, Neb. Mr. Williams has a five dollar gold certificate that was issued under an Act of Congress at Philadelphia, May 20th, 1777. The No. of the bill is 89,540 and is in good preservation.

Mr. W. T. Sherrill has a moving picture machine installed in the Dr. Flowers store building.

A revival meeting is in progress at the Baptist church.

Work is progressing on Mr. A. A. Cline's residence and the Methodist parsonage.

Dr. G. E. Flowers has moved to Longview. We are sorry to lose the experienced doctor, and the people are to be congratulated on having him locate in the Hickory community.

Mr. Parks Lutz returned from Washington last week.

Mr. W. C. Whisnant and family, of Hickory, recently visited their parents, Messrs. D. A. Whisnant and H. C. Mackie.

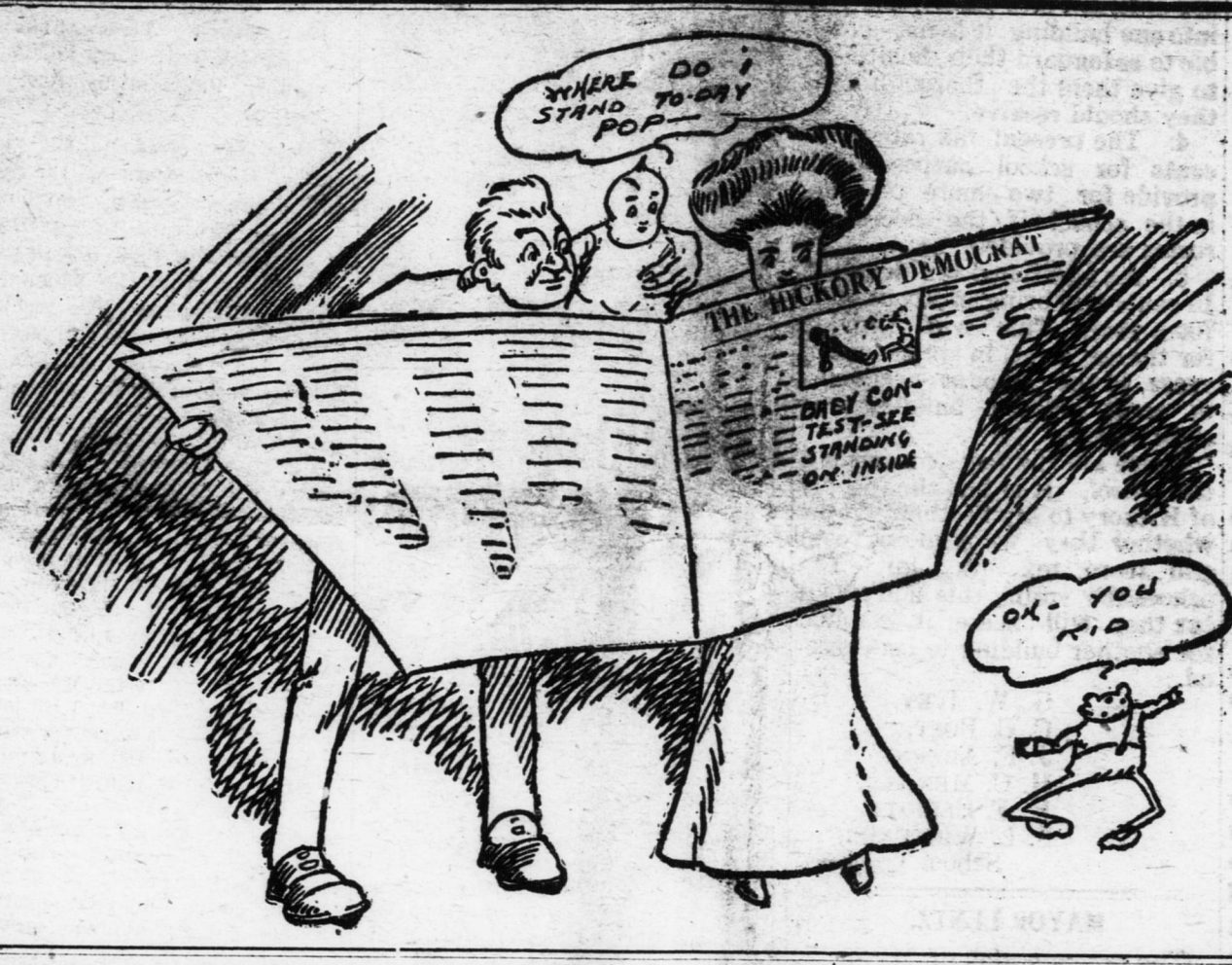
Which Shows the Chivalry?

To the editor of the Democrat: With all the untold agonies and bereavements that have come from the sinking of the Titanic, we of the Anglo-Saxon race may be thankful for one contrast. One of the greatest naval disasters for years past was the sinking of a French vessel with more than 300 souls on board. There were 150 men saved and one woman. This one was a stewardess, a very large, strong person, and armed with a long, keen dagger, which she had preferred to a pistol, to carry on her trips. Is there any need of comment?

Dr. Good at the Reformed Church Next Sunday

Dr. J. I. Good, of Philadelphia, who was scheduled as one of the speakers at the Laymen's Convention, but who could not come at that time, will preach in the Reformed church next Sunday, May 4th.

On Saturday night he will lecture with stereopticon views on Japan. Dr. Good is president of the Board of Foreign Missions in his church and has visited practically all the mission fields in the world and comes well prepared to instruct the people on missions. Let a large number or our people of all denominations hear him.



GOLD CONTEST IS ON WITH A RUSH

Work Done Between Now and Saturday Night to be an Important Factor in Race for Valuable Prizes and Winning Honor. Six Babies are Going to Win Those \$5.00 Gold Pieces.

IT'S EASY ENOUGH TO WIN.

The way to Do it is to Get in and Not Only Stay in, But Keep Working, for the Incentive is Pure Gold—New Names Should be Sent in at Once, so That Subscribers Can Get Their Papers—This is Important.

The contest for the six gold pieces that The Democrat is going to award to some six babies, is on with a rush. In the last few days scores of entries have been received, and men, women, and children all over Catawba and adjoining counties are striving to win one of the special prizes for their friends' babies.

Several persons have sent in coupons nominating babies for whom they have promised to work, and many of these persons have asked for subscription books in order to help the one they nominated.

Remember the contest has only begun. There is plenty of time for everybody to get busy and start in with a rush and forge into the lead. While everyone is working no one has a big lead, and anyone starting now will have an easy time reaching the mark set by the present leaders in the contest. It isn't going to be hard to win, and just think of the prizes. This is not a contest for men and women to ignore. Think of the opportunity to win \$150 in gold.

Some lively scrambling is being done by the parents, relatives and friends of the babies entered in the contest, to win those special prizes which are offered for this forthcoming Saturday night. The offer seems to have quickened the pulse of the contestants, it seems to have infused them with new life, new ambition, new energy, new vim and vigor, and as a result there promises to be the prettiest kind of a race for those special honors.

Thirty dollars in gold are to be distributed Saturday night among the six babies in whose names the highest number of yearly subscriptions may be reported.

There are three prizes in each district, to the first, second, and third largest number of new yearly subscribers turned in before 10 o'clock Saturday night, May 4.

This interesting little race for special honors will bring to a close the third week of the greatest newspaper enterprise ever attempted in this section of the country and already there is every indication that it will far outvie in success anything of this character that has ever taken place anywhere in this good old North State.

Turn in your subscriptions and take out your voting certificates. These certificates you may keep until the last day of the contest if you so desire, so that no one else will know just where you stand, even though you do make your report of the subscriptions secured. You must make your report of subscriptions secured every few days, for those from whom you secure subscriptions expect their papers to be started to them promptly, and this cannot be done until we have heard from you.

You have three days left in which to win the special prize for our baby and a little extra work, a little close application may turn defeat into victory.

Send a Picture of Your Baby to the Democrat.

Would you like to see your little baby sweetheart peering at you from the columns of this paper? If you have a good picture of your baby, one that is satisfactory to you just send it in to the contest office and we will reproduce it in the paper. We will return the photo to you in as good condition as we receive it. It will be best to get in as soon as possible as it is to be a case of "first come, first served" in this matter.

If you haven't a picture of your baby that is satisfactory, come to the office and get an order to have one made—without cost to you. Mr. C. M. Hardin, Hickory's able photographer, has been appointed official photographer of The Democrat Baby contest and will take pictures of all the contestants free of charge. Come to the contest office and get an order.

Colored Graded School Closing.

This has been a very successful year with the colored Graded School of Hickory. Enrollment has been 280 with an average for five months of about 135. The remaining three months an average of 115.

When the present principal, Prof. J. A. Mumford, came here five years ago, it was hard to get an average of one hundred. This clearly demonstrates the fact that the colored people of Hickory are beginning to see the necessity of education.

Such being the case they are in great need of room. The primary exercises took place Thursday evening, among those taking part being Beulah Patterson, Evangeline Dula, John Eddie Johnson, Frankie Bost, and Irene Rhinehardt.

The advanced grades had their closing Friday night when there were recitations by Carrie Lutz, Eloise Burton, Albert Clark, Willie and Virginia Davis.

Miss Emma Young and Silas Cline, of Icard town, Burke Co. were married Saturday at the residence of H. A. Adams, J. P. who officiated in his best style.

"Auto Bandits" Killed.

Bonnot and Dubois, two murderous "automobile bandits" of Paris were surrounded in a garage by police and soldiers and shot and dynamited to death. Ten thousand people witnessed the siege.

In Social Circles

Miss Clara Powell entertained twenty or more of her friends Thursday night at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. L. R. Whitener. A guessing contest was engaged in, five couples having correct answers. They drew for the prize—a pretty box of stationery—and Mr. Chas. Clominger and Miss Ellen White were the winners. A game of Hearts Dice was enjoyed. Cake, fruit salad and coffee were served.

The Round Dozen Book Club met April 24th with Mrs. J. F. Allen. Eleven members present. In the absence of both the president and vice-president, Mrs. C. C. Bost, the newly elected vice-president, presided.

The Iron Woman was given prominence in the discussion of books, the hostess giving a very interesting sketch of the book and its author, Margaret Deland. She also read an entertaining story of an old darkey's first experience with moving pictures.

A most tempting luncheon in four courses was served by Miss Mary Allen and Mrs. Wesley Martin.

The business meeting of the club will be held with Mrs. Worth Elliott September 4th, at which time the books will be selected for the coming year.

Mrs. T. C. Blackburn was hostess to the Thursday Study Club April 25th. At roll call thirteen members responded with quotations on flowers. Mrs. C. C. Bost gave brief sketches of the MacCathys, Patrick, McCall and Daniel Owen Wedden. Mrs. Roy Abernethy read "The Murphy's Supper," Mrs. J. D. Harter gave the poem "The Pope he Leads a Happy Life," Mrs. L. R. Whitener told of Kilmarnock and The Blaney Stone and read "St. Patrick, the Serpents and the Sinner" by Senmus McManis. Mrs. Blackburn's mother, Mrs. Ferrall, of St. Louis, Mo., was a welcome visitor at the meeting, as were also Master Billy Blackburn and his little sister.

An elaborate supper in courses was served in the dining room, after which the club adjourned to meet July 25th with Mrs. Bost to decide on the program for the coming year.

April 25th Mrs. J. G. Garth entertained the Travellers' Club. Mesdames J. H. Litaker, Finger, H. D. Abernethy, G. Bailey, E. C. Menzies and Misses Julia and Amy Wheeler were guests. All were glad to welcome the president, Miss Gettner, home again after her visit in Pennsylvania. Quotations on "Trees" responded to roll call. Miss Person's admirable paper on "Guy Mannering" opened the program. Appreciation was shown of the charms of this second of the Waverley Novels which "was the work of six weeks at a Christmas." Then a duet from "Lucia" was greatly enjoyed sung by Miss Ramsay and Mrs. W. L. Abernethy. Mrs. Royster's account of "A visit to Dryburgh Abbey" was of special interest, as it was from her own notes of a pilgrimage to this historic spot. Mrs. George Bailey, after this, sang delightfully two ballads in charming contrast, (a) "Three Green Bonnets," (b) "To my first love," H. Lohr.

Current events came next, then a game, logomachy on the name "Walter Scott." Mrs. Royster, within the ten minutes made 60 words, thus gaining the prize. Refreshments in courses were served. Thus ended a delightful evening to meet next with Mrs. A. B. Hutton, May 2.

Judge Clark's Open Letter

In an open letter Chief Justice Clark defends his advocacy of the initiative and referendum and recall (he doesn't favor the recall of judges), and closes thus:

"My proposition is through the above methods to render it impossible hereafter for the special interests to govern this country as they have been doing through the manipulation of elections at the hands of small politicians, who for money down put men in office to betray the interests of the people. Every one of our 'liberals' are energetically opposing my nomination. They are systematically and assiduously asserting that I am 'too good a judge' to be spared from the bench," though they opposed my nomination in 1907. They would be only too glad to get me off the bench now but know that my being in the Senate, would be much more inconvenient to the trusts and allied interests.

Children City FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Dillon Wilson and wife from Lancaster, S. C., are visiting Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Johnson.

Rev. S. Suttlemire preached at the Lutheran church last Sunday evening filling the appointment of Rev. W. A. Deaton.

Taft and T. R. In Death Grips

Republican Presidential Candidates Fight Like Tigers

A bitter warfare is on between Roosevelt and Taft, the latter finally reluctantly deciding to answer the Colonel's furious attacks; Roosevelt virtually claims that Taft went back on his promise to carry out Roosevelt's policies in allowing Ballinger to dismiss Glavia and Pinchot in the conservation racket; in allowing Aldrich and Cannon to dictate the tariff policy, etc. He says Taft initiated few vigorous measures for the public good, and that his present candidacy is backed by the bosses of various states.

Taft declares that Roosevelt's misjudges, misstates and does not give him his usual square deal. He names several bosses who are supporting Roosevelt, and quotes from some of Roosevelt's private letters. The latter replies that Taft violates "common decency" in doing this.

Taft twitted Roosevelt about suppressing the government's prosecution of the International Harvester trust, and Roosevelt replies that Taft approved the action at a cabinet meeting. In reply Taft proved an alibi. He was out of the country.

In the worst schisms in Democracy, it has never been so badly split as the Republican camp is now. The revelations these men are making cry in thunder tones for a change in administration.

Death of Mr. Caleb Bolick.

Mr. Caleb Bolick, who lives five miles from town, while plowing in the field Thursday, was stricken with paralysis and fell in a furrow. How long he lay there no one knows, but a son of Mr. Jule Huffman finally noticed the horse standing still, and going to the place found where Mr. Bolick lay unconscious. He had rolled over several times on the ground, in his effort to rise. He died soon after being taken to the house. The funeral was held from Mt. Olive church Friday and a large crowd of friends attended. Mr. Huffman was a good Christian man and a true citizen.

Good Advice.

Learn to hide your troubles. Your friends has troubles of his own to hide, help him by example. This is good advice, but when a man walks in the morning with a raging, splitting headache, not enough energy to get up, constipated, bad taste in the mouth, tired legs, it's not advice that a man needs. It's a good dose of Dr. King's Blood and Liver Pills. Purify the blood and send it bounding, coursing through the veins, and make the liver live. No purging, gripping or nauseating. 25c box at all medicine dealers.

Col. G. M. Yoder is taking up type-writing at the advanced age of about 85. The colonel always was a shifty and versatile man. Wasn't it Cato who mastered Greek at 80? The Democrat has a splendid historical story by Col. Yoder which it will publish in a week or so, and it is type-written by him.

Squire Killian has received letter from chairman Harris of the Macon, Ga., confederate reunion in which he offers to entertain free the ten veterans who have signified their intention of going from Catawba county. Among those who are going are Squire Killian, Postell Clominger, Philip Suttlemire, Prof. Hahn, Squire L. R. Whitener and A. P. Whitener. The date of the reunion is May 7-9 and it promises to be one of the finest ever held. This paper advertises the special low rates of \$7.50 for the round trip.

Seaboard Air Line Low Rates.

The Seaboard Air Line will sell round trip tickets from all stations in North Carolina on May 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th good to return until May 15th, subject to extension by paying 50 cts. at Macon to June 5th, the rate will be one cent per mile for the miles traveled, the route will be either via Athens or Atlanta, following is rate from a few of the principal stations: Ruthersfordton, \$6.00; Shelby, 4.00; Lincolnton, \$5.60; Charlotte, 6.60; Monroe, \$6.60; and corresponding low rates from all other stations. We would like to arrange this trip for all going in a body, we will provide special day coaches or pullman on application, for further information write the undersigned.

James Ker, T. P. A. Charlotte N. C., T. S. Leard, G. P. A. Raleigh, N. C.