

RECORDER HEARD CIVIL ACTIONS

Incumbent County Court Officers Held Their Last Session Yesterday.

Brooke G. Emple, Esq., who has served most efficiently in the capacity of Recorder for the past two years and who on Monday steps down from the judicial bench to make room for his successor, Recorder-elect George Harris, brought his term to a close yesterday by disposing of three civil cases and several minor criminal offenses.

The civil cases tried were C. F. Howell & Co., local lumber dealers, against the Boyle-Robertson Construction Company, of Washington, D. C.; William Brown, colored, against the Independent Ice Company, and Evans against the Mutual Insurance Company.

In the first-mentioned case the local lumber company sought to recover an alleged indebtedness of \$903.34 for lumber purchased by the construction company while they were building the local union station and the Y. M. C. A. Mr. William Parks, an employe of the Boyle-Robertson Construction Company, was in the city a few days ago inspecting leaks in the roof of the union station and papers were served on him.

The court ruled that while Mr. Parks was an employe of the Boyle-Robertson Construction Company he was not a member of the firm and was therefore not liable for any debts incurred. A motion to dismiss the case for the want of proper service was allowed. However, an appeal was taken.

A. G. Ricard, Esq., appeared for the defendant and Rountree & Davis, Esqs., represented the plaintiff.

William Brown, colored, who sought to recover \$500 for injuries sustained at Third and Market streets, recently, while employed on one of the ice delivery wagons of the Independent Ice Company, was awarded \$25.

Tom Evans, colored, was awarded \$136.80 of an unpaid sick benefit with the Mutual Insurance Company.

On the criminal side of the docket Clarence Howard, colored, was taxed with the costs in two cases. One for violating the tax ordinance and the other for violating the driving ordinance. D. L. Miller was taxed with the costs for firing off a pistol within the city limits. These cases were prosecuted by County Solicitor George L. Peschau, whose term of office also expires. He will be succeeded Monday by Solicitor-elect E. T. Burton.

CITY WAS IN DARKNESS.

"Lost Vacuum" Affected Both the Car System and Street Lights.

Front street was shrouded in darkness for a period of twelve or fifteen minutes shortly before 10 o'clock last night as the result of "lost vacuum" at the power plant and Wilmington's White Way took on its ante-bellum appearance until after the trouble had been remedied and the principal thoroughfare of the city was again bathed in the soft glow of the many high powered arcs that line either side of the street.

The trouble affected the street car service on Front street and the Beach car was fifteen minutes late in leaving the Electric Center.

SCOUTS TAKE HIKE.

Members of Troop A Take Cross-Country Walk to Southport.

Scout Commissioner Odie B. Hinnant, with five members of Troop A, Y. M. C. A. Boy Scouts, returned to the city yesterday afternoon from Southport, to which city they hiked Thanksgiving. There were more than a dozen members of this troop who intended making the 30-mile walk, but the inclement weather of Thursday kept many from going.

However, the party that did make the cross-country walk report an excellent time. They left the city early Thursday morning with food and the night journey. The night was spent in Olivia and they arrived at Southport Friday at noon, and left on the return trip on the steamer Wilmington Saturday afternoon. Those who went with Commissioner Hinnant were William Eck, Charles Cavenaugh, Harry Tucker, Wesley Turrentine and Eugene Hardin.

DONATIONS TO HOME.

Donations of Catherine Kennedy Home Well Taken Care of During Month.

The following donations have been made to the Catherine Kennedy Home by friends of that institution: Mrs. Tom Bagley, groceries; a friend, coffee; Mrs. H. F. Wilder, groceries; Miss Hill, a teacher of the Hemenway school and a number of her pupils, fruit; Mrs. Lina Ross, fruit; Mrs. L. K. Taylor, preserves; Circle Society and Missionary Society, oranges; St. James Junior Auxiliary, fruit and vegetables; Messrs Bunting & Bellamy, drugs; Independent and Plate Ice Companies, ice daily. The Jewish ladies, following their Tuesday afternoon social gathering, contributed \$5 in cash.

Office Entered. — An automatic pump-gun and a box of shells were stolen from an office at the foot of Kilder street, according to a report made to the police yesterday, by Mr. E. C. Woodbury.

PROFESSOR NOBLE TO ADDRESS HERE

Will Speak At Educational Community Meetings at Winter Park, Masonboro

Prof. M. C. S. Noble, dean of the faculty of the University of North Carolina, has accepted an invitation, extended by Prof. Washington Catlett, county superintendent of public instruction, to deliver an address at community meetings to be held in New Hanover county this week. The first of the addresses will be made at the Winter Park school on Thursday evening and the other will be at the Masonboro School on Friday evening.

Professor Catlett stated yesterday afternoon his idea in getting Professor Noble to speak to the parents of the children attending the rural schools of this county is to continually keep before them the great importance of having boys and girls take advantage of the splendid opportunity for becoming educated.

The address of Professor Noble will only be the continuation of a series of addresses in this direction as Professors Brogden, Newbold and Williams have already spoken to the rural school teachers of this county this season in an effort to further the work. Other men prominently identified with educational work will speak after the first of the year.

According to Professor Catlett the holding of the community meetings, at which educational addresses are made, is one of the most effective methods of impressing upon the parents the necessity of children attending school regularly. As the community meetings are held at the county school houses, at which mothers and fathers gather from all the surrounding territory, they see for themselves what excellent advantages are being offered. They, too, become better acquainted with the instructors and their methods.

Invitations to attend the addresses have been extended to each of the three committeemen of the twenty-one rural schools. Professor Catlett is enthusiastic over the results that have been obtained from the organization of the mothers' clubs and improvement clubs among the various rural schools and believes that the addresses that the parents will now have the opportunity of hearing will greatly further the county educational work.

The meeting will be held at the Winter Park School building at 8 o'clock Thursday evening and at the Masonboro School building the same hour on Friday evening.

Professor Noble, who will deliver addresses at both places, needs no introduction here as he was for many years identified with the local school work. He is professor of demagogy at the State University at Chapel Hill.

MR. WILCOX WILL SPEAK.

Will Address Boys' League This Afternoon at "Y."

Mr. D. H. Wilcox, assistant to Dr. John Jeter Hurt, pastor of the First Baptist church, will address the members of the Boys' League of the Young Men's Christian Association at the association building this afternoon at 5 o'clock. This address will be one of the series of "Live Wire" messages that are being delivered each week to the league. Special music will be rendered.

TO DELIVER LECTURE.

Mr. Odie B. Hinnant Will Talk to Mothers of City Tuesday Afternoon.

Mr. Odie B. Hinnant, of the Young Men's Christian Association, will deliver the second of a series of lectures to the mothers of Wilmington on the evening of December 5th, at 4 o'clock, in the Hemenway school building. It was at first planned to have the speaking at the High School building but this was later changed. Mr. Hinnant's subject will be "Physical Traits of Adolescence."

WILL GIVE PLAY.

"Stupid Charles Puts One Over On Dr. Holmes" is the title of a play that will be given on Monday night at the Church of the Ascension, corner of Third and Marsteller streets, by the Brotherhood of the Ascension. A small admission will be charged and the funds derived from the sale of tickets will be used for promoting church work. The entertainment promises to be of a high order and those promoting it are hopeful that a large crowd will attend. The cast of characters in the play is:

Dr. Holmes, William S. Fields.
His Daughter, Eloise Keathly.
George, the coon, Charlie Taylor.
Charlie de Little, her lover, B. Land.
Polly's chum, Bessie Buck.

Baptist.

Southside, corner of Fifth avenue and Wooster streets, Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor—Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., Mr. G. C. Rich, superintendent. Morning worship at 11 o'clock; subject, "The Three I Am's." Evening worship at 7:30 o'clock; subject, "The Wisdom of God's Ignorant Servants." Services conducted by the pastor, B. Y. P. U. at 4 p. m. Young People's prayer meeting at 6:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

Mamie—I wonder what has become of the old-fashioned dime novel?
Edwin—It's gone up to a dollar and a half.—Exchange.

HON. MAX GARDNER IS IN THE CITY

Will Deliver Principal Address At Elks' Memorial Exercises This Afternoon.

The Hon. Max Gardner, the next Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina, who is to be chief orator for the annual memorial exercises of Wilmington Lodge, No. 532, B. P. O. E., which will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Victoria theatre, arrived in the city late yesterday evening and spent the night as a guest of the Orton Hotel. Mr. Gardner did not reach the city as early as he had anticipated, being delayed in Raleigh where he introduced Governor Brumbaugh, of Pennsylvania, to the Teachers' Assembly, in session there.

The exercises this afternoon in honor of deceased members of the organization, will be of a most interesting and impressive nature and many are expected to attend. Similar exercises will be held in every city in the county where there is an Elk lodge during the same hour the exercises are being held here.

Mr. Gardner was to have delivered the address at the memorial exercises here last year, but was prevented from doing so because of injuries received in a railroad accident at Salisbury. Because Mr. Gardner is a speaker of unusual force and because of his pleasing personality and the fact that he is known and liked here it is presumed that all will want to hear him and it is highly probable that the Victoria will prove inadequate to seat all who wish to attend.

A highly interesting program has been arranged and was printed in The Dispatch of Friday afternoon, the day it was announced. The exercises will open with the singing of "Rock of Ages," by a quartet composed of Mrs. Mattie Longfellow, soprano; Miss Julia Post, alto; Mr. E. L. Green, tenor, and Mr. J. F. Harris, Jr., bass, with Mr. E. H. Munson as accompanist, and will close with a benediction by Rev. DeF. Heald, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church.

Members of the lodge who have passed beyond the Great Divide and in whose memory the exercises are to be held are: F. W. Foster, R. L. Gates, R. E. Zachary, E. P. Bailey, John H. Gore, Edgar J. Bear, J. F. Ong, Felix H. Klutzz, L. P. Aaron, John M. Wright, Leo Leob, Isaac W. Monroe, S. H. Fishblade, I. J. Bear, I. J. Sternberger, F. P. Donlan, Isaac Bear, Rev. James Carmichael, Henry Gischen, Adonnis M. Prince, Dr. C. T. Harper, Dr. J. H. Bornemann, Dr. Morris M. Caldwell.

PRETTY ELECTRIC SIGN.

"Do It Electrically" are the words that are illuminated by more than one hundred 15-candlepower Mazda lamps on a large 27-foot sign placed at the intersection of Front and Princess streets yesterday by the Tidewater Power Company as one of the features of the celebration of "Electrical Week."

The thousands of persons that passed this busy corner last evening admired the brightly lighted electric sign which is entirely appropriate of the occasion which is being observed. The letters on the sign are about 24 inches in height and each contains many lights. At the top of the sign are three United States flags which are lighted by reflecting lights in the rear.

The sign is the work of Mr. W. W. Wood, of the electrical department of the Tidewater Power Company. It was constructed under the supervision of Mr. L. B. Woodbury, distribution foreman of that department.

INDEPENDENTS OUT FOR INDUCEMENTS

Holding Balance of Power in House They Make Ready to Dictate Terms.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The Independents elected to the new Congress, rejecting all proposals from the old parties to join them in organizing the House, are going to form themselves into a little caucus of their own and may thereby hold the balance of power, be a determining factor in the election of the speaker and settle the fate of a large amount of important legislation. There are seven or eight of these members who owe no allegiance to either of the old parties and are in no way bound to support either the Republican or the Democratic candidate for the speakership. The votes will be needed by neither side, hence they are in a position to dictate the terms upon which their votes will be given. They can demand a voice in the selection of important committees and favorable consideration of some of the measures which they will propose to be enacted into laws.

Ever since the election the leaders of both the old parties have been flitting with the Independent members in the effort to secure their votes on the organization of the House. But the Independents have declined to commit themselves and meanwhile the plans for a working compact between them have gone forward and it was said today will be completed by the time the new congress begins its session.

PREPARING FOR THE CONFERENCE

Local Methodist Ministers and Lay Delegates Will Go to Durham Early in Week.

Everything is in readiness for the convening of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which will occur at the Memorial Methodist church, corner of West Chapel Hill and South Duke streets, Durham, N. C., Wednesday, December 6th. The Conference, which will extend over a period of several days, will be presided over by Bishop John C. Kilgo, of Charlotte, formerly president of Trinity college.

Methodist ministers and laymen are looking forward with much pleasure to the coming Conference and have been planning for it for several weeks past.

Four Methodist ministers of this city and Rev. L. E. Thompson, presiding elder of the Wilmington district, in addition to numerous laymen, will make the trip to Durham. In view of the fact that Rev. Mr. Thompson has served his four years here it is more than likely that he will be given another district, however the other ministers expect to be returned to their charges here.

Preparations have been going on in Durham for weeks relative to housing the ministers and delegates and the issuance of the directory would indicate that everything is in readiness for the opening of the conference. The majority of the delegates to the conference from this city will hardly leave before Tuesday evening as that will put them in Durham in ample time for the opening session. The directory, a neatly printed folder, gives the names of the delegates and the names and residences of their hosts. This foresight will eliminate any confusion that might arise from the gathering of such a large body of people.

Rev. W. B. McRae, pastor of Trinity church, will be the guest of Dr. W. I. Cranford, at his Trinity campus residence; Rev. J. P. Pate, pastor of Bladen Street church, will stop with the family of Mrs. J. E. Stagg, Morehead Hill. Rev. M. T. Plyler, pastor of Trinity church, will be the guest of Mr. Julian S. Carr, Jr., at the Carr homeplace, corner of East Main and Dillard streets; Rev. J. H. Shore, pastor of Fifth Avenue church, will stop with the family of Mrs. N. E. Faucette, on Lamond avenue.

The following lay delegates will attend from this city: Mr. H. S. McGirt with Mr. Sam Sparger at his Watts street home; Mr. W. A. McGirt will also stop with Mr. Sparger; Mr. W. E. Springer will be the guest of Mr. T. M. Gorman, corner of East Main and Queen streets; Mr. E. A. Palmgreen will be the guest of Prof. Gilmore Ward Bryant, at the Southern Conservatory of Music, corner West Main and South Duke streets; Mrs. H. B. Branch will be the guest of Mrs. J. H. Burns, of Holloway street.

State Senator W. B. Cooper will attend the Conference, but will go to Raleigh Monday morning to be present at a luncheon tendered the Hon. William Jennings Bryan by the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. The luncheon is to be given at 1 o'clock, Monday, and Senator Cooper will continue to Durham from the State Capital. Mr. Cooper, who is chairman of the Sunday School Board, will be a guest at the Malbourne Hotel during the Conference.

THINKS STATES SHOULD STILL TAX

Attorney Thom Would Not Want Government to Perform This Function.

Washington, Dec. 2.—To adapt the capitalization of the railroads to the real value of the properties would cause financial ruin to the world, Alfred Thom, attorney for the railroads, said to the Newlands committee today.

Senator Cummins, of Iowa, had just suggested to Mr. Thom that as the value of railroads would institute the basis for rate-making, so the capitalization should really represent the value.

"It would cause financial upheaval," said Mr. Thom. "These stocks have already been sold to creditors." "Nevertheless I think it would be the right thing," replied Senator Cummins. "Some of these stocks are below value now and some people are hoping that through some necromancy they may regain par. I think capitalization should represent the value. It might be a very painful surgical operation, but it would be very helpful and the sooner it is performed the better the patient will be."

Mr. Thom does not think that the government, even if the roads are federalized, should take away from the States the right to tax properties. Today, Representative Esch suggested that the government might fix this tax and leave it to the States to administer. Mr. Thom said that would be an ideal plan. Mr. Esch also made the suggestion that if the Interstate Commerce Commission could fix a minimum as well as a maximum rate, this might lead to a revival of inland water transportation.

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tion. "I think it would be a good idea, like Germany, to transport farm products on the inland waterways, and manufactured products at a higher rate by rail," he said.

Mr. Thom declared himself in favor of inland waterway transportation. Throughout the hearings he has held that additional transportation facilities always upbuild the country.

Representative Sims asked Mr. Thom today if nationalization of the railroads would nullify State laws such as the "full crew" laws of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

"That depends upon the wording of the nationalization act," replied Mr. Thom.

"I think the government should assume full responsibility. Congress has power to repeal those state laws if the railroads are taken over by the government. It puts congress in the position of occupying the field."

The committee will not sit again until Wednesday, when Mr. Thom will resume the stand.

GREECE'S PROTEST TO UNCLE SAM IS PRESENTED.

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est has been constantly opposed to the legitimate protests of Greece, knowing that the latter has, up to the present, endured everything with that patience and dignity which smaller nations possess to the highest degree. But the latest demand of the admiral commanding the naval forces of the entente in the Mediterranean whereby he calls upon the Hellenic government to deliver up materials of

war acquired at the price of heavy sacrifices and which in the view of the Greek people can only serve for the defense of the National interests—this demand, I say, is one which the people, their constitutional chiefs, the army and navy are unanimous in refusing.

"The Hellenic government, being strengthened by the support of the entire nation, has rejected and will reject this last exaction which has profoundly wounded the Greek soul, and is a serious assault upon the sovereign rights of the country; Greece cannot deprive herself of her arms and renounce for the future defending herself against eventual dangers."

"I believed it my duty, Mr. Minister, to expose to you in all frankness the very painful situation in which Greece finds herself at the present moment, to the end that you may enlighten your government and the public opinion of your country upon this matter. The Hellenic government desires that neutral nations should recognize the fact that the spirit of conciliation and equity of which they have given proof has not saved the Hellenic people from the grave vicissitudes to which their fatherland is subjected at the present moment. We are not strong enough to escape them, for they are the inevitable result of the geographical position of Greece and of the conflict of interests

of the great belligerent powers. Nevertheless, conscious of her right, Greece is not discouraged. She is confident that, despite all, she will emerge from the present crisis weakened but intact and ready to reconstitute her forces with the view of accomplishing her duties toward Hellenic, and I do not doubt, Mr. Minister, that you will offer in these painful circumstances, the support which I ask of you. I am convinced of the sympathetic interest which you bear for the affairs of our country, and I assure you that this cooperation is precious to the Hellenic government and the people of Greece, in the trials through which they are passing.

"Accept, Mr. Minister, with my anticipated gratitude, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) "ZALOYOSTAS."

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 2.—Mme. Sarah Bernhardt was taken ill at the Hotel Dupont here late this afternoon, following her trip from Harrisburg, and was unable to appear at the playhouse tonight. It was necessary to cancel the engagement after one of the largest audiences in the history of the theatre had assembled. Mme. Bernhardt was attended by her own private physician who accompanies her and by Doctors W. H. Kramer and R. Ellegood, of this city. The physicians stated that Mme. was suffering from a severe cold, which made it impossible for her to speak above a whisper and that her temperature was very high. They hoped however, that she would be able to proceed to New York in the morning.

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Handkerchiefs for children, men and women.
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Numerous Xmas novelties, in fact about ten tables of fancy novelties will be shown, all being the latest for Xmas Gifts.

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