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M. E. HERNDON, PRESIDENT

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

The Kings Mountain Progressive Association met Monday night and elected its officers and directors.

The Kings Mountain Progressive Association met in the opera house here Monday night for the election of officers. The election was by ballot. On the first ballot M. E. Herndon, cashier of the Peoples Loan & Trust Co. was elected president. There being no one nomination made for first Vice President Capt. F. Dilling was elected by acclamation and in like manner W. A. Mauney was made second vice-president. On the first ballot

elects as follows: C. E. Neisler, L. A. Kiser, W. H. McGinnis. After several ballots Geo. V. Patterson was added. Then another season of balloting followed which closed by the election of W. S. Dilling as the fifth member of the board.

The temporary membership committee handed in a list of 31 bonafide charter members to which were added 4 other names at the beginning of the session. At the proper interval Temporary Chairman L. A. Kiser turned the meeting over to president-elect Herndon who assumed leadership at once.

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Teachers Meet.

The Crowders Mountain Township Teacher's Association met in the graded school auditorium here Saturday at 10 A. M. President John James, superintendent of Bessemer City schools, was present and presided over the session. Many matters of interest were discussed among which were the following special topics: "Assignment Of The Lesson" led by Miss Ledford, teacher at Mountain View school; "Art Of Questioning" led by Prof. R. C. Cox;

"What To Do In Case Of Delinquencies" led by Miss Lelia Alexander of Sunnyside school.

The matter of township contests preliminary to the county contests to be held in connection with the county commencement in April was taken up and it was decided that they should be held at Bessemer City on March 27th.

Prof. J. B. Smith, principal of Dixon Academy school and president of Cleveland County Teachers' Association was a visitor at the meeting.

New Features.

The Herald has added some new features this week. On the front page is "Kings Mountain 1780," on the third page "Home Town Helps," and on the sixth page, "The Kitchen Cabinet." All these articles are good and we call your especial attention to them that you may not miss them.

In subsequent issues we expect to run other articles concerning the battle of Kings Mountain which will be of interest to lovers of history. We intend also to set aside a column each week as "The War Department" in which stories of the Civil war will appear. The demand for a serial story is becoming so strong that we will start one with an early issue. As was mentioned in the last issue of the Herald we expect to inaugurate a "Trade-At-Home" campaign soon and a column our week will be used in that department.

Must Die.

New York Feb. 5.—Hans Schmidt today was found guilty of murder in the first degree for killing Anna Aumeller, a young woman he had married through a self-performed ceremony while acting as a priest at St. Josephs Church. The penalty is death in the electric chair, at Sing Sing prison.

Schmidt will be sentenced Wednesday.

Schmidt, whose defense was insanity, laughed bitterly when the verdict was pronounced. He steadfastly had declared himself

punished by death. Later on he protested against the insanity defense advanced by his counsel, and tonight said he would not assist them in any way if they prepared an appeal.

"I would rather die tonight than tomorrow," he said. "It is as it should be and as I wish it."

This was the second trial and the jury was out a few minutes less than five hours. At the first trial the jury disagreed. Alienists supplied most of the testimony at both trials. Schmidt's counsel late today hoped that if he was not acquitted on the grounds of mental unsoundness the degree of guilt fixed by the jury would be second degree murder. The jurors sending out for instructions shortly after retiring were informed by Justice Vernon M. Davis that they could if they wished pronounce a verdict less severe than death.

A. G. Koebel one of Schmidt's counsel, said owing to the former priest's persistent silence concerning the crime it has not been possible to place all facts before the jury. He said Schmidt was not guilty of murder, but had shielded a physician after the woman's death. She was not murdered the lawyer declared. If the police would display energy, he said they could get at the truth. The lawyer was undecided whether he would take an appeal. "Father Schmidt will never go to the electric chair," he said.

A Million Dollars

Is what a recent estimate says the American people are importing. We need the spirit of the passover. A woman who was asked to make an Easter sacrifice for missions bought a twenty dollar dress for her child instead of a twenty-five dollar dress and gave the difference. We write our checks for the church and for missions, as a certain rich business man did, so regularly that he never gave a thought to the transaction; it was so much office routine.

But one day his first-born son came to him, after hearing the address of missionary to whose support the checks went, and said:

"Father, God has called me to a foreign missionary; I must go." And the father's face paled, and he felt his heartstrings gripping it was his passover, and he was not ready to be sacrificed.—Kahala, Hawaii.

Box Supper at "3 B." There will be a box supper at "3 B" school house Saturday night. Public is cordially invited.

Kings Mountain--1780.

Twas on a pleasant mountain, the Tory heathens lay, With a daughty Major at their head, one Ferguson they say, Cornwallis had detached a thieving for to go,

And catch the Carolina men, or lay the Rebels low, The scamp had ranged the country in search of Royal aid, And with his owls perched on high, he taught them all his trade

But ah! that fatal morning, when Shelby brave drew near 'Tis certainly a warning that Government should hear And Campbell brave, and Cleve, and; and Colonel John Seivier Each with a band of gallant men to Ferguson appear Just as the sun was setting behind the western hills, Just then our twenty rifles sent a dose of leaden pills; Up-up the steep together brave Williams led his troop And joined by Winston bold and true, disturbed the Tory camp

The Royal slaves-the Royal owls, flew high on every hand, But soon they settled-gave howl and quartered to Cleveland; I would not tell the number of Tories slain that day, But surely it is certain that none did run away.

For all that were a living were happy to give up, So let us make thanksgiving, and pass the bright tin cup;

And may our glorious country have joy, and peace and wealth.

Found After Fifteen Years.

Wilmington, Feb. 5.—William H. Lassell, linotype machinist-operator on The Morning Star of this city returned yesterday from New York, where he arrived on January 28 from Cuba with his sister, Mrs. Evelina Pinkind Lassell, whom he found in a hospital at Santiago and whom he had thought committed suicide 15 years ago. It was through the efforts of R. E. Holaday, American Consul at Santiago, that Mr. Lassell learned a few weeks ago that his sister was confined in an asylum on account of insanity. As soon as Mr. Lassell learned that it was his sister he left at once for Cuba, leaving this city January 17. He easily identified her as his sister, though she had changed greatly since he saw her last.

Fifteen years ago she was working on the staff of The Brooklyn Eagle as copyholder when her young child fell out of a baby carriage and was killed. Soon after she disappeared and it was supposed that she had committed suicide.

Previous to her residence in New York she had married a man in Atlanta, Ga., who soon deserted her. Nothing is known as to what became of him. It was because of his desertion that she was compelled to seek work in order to support herself and child.

Mr. Lassell was unable to trace her history for the last 15 years further back than six years ago. However, as far as can be learned, the shock and grief of the death of her child seems to have deranged her mind, and her ide-

ntity became merged into that of the baby, so she now believes that she is only 15 years old although she is actually 43. Yet her memory of her childhood days is very real.

After leaving New York she became a trained singer and dancer. She was for several years with a troupe that did an act with a circus, and evidently traveled extensively in European countries as she speaks French, Italian, and Spanish. While undoubtedly suffering with the peculiar form of insanity, believing herself to be merely a child, when she reached Cuba three or four years ago with a theatrical company the depressing nature of the climate caused her trouble to become worse.

Without money and without friends she was sent from hospital to hospital for treatment, but never with any appreciable benefit. It was only by the merest chance that during her lucid moments she furnished a clue by which her relatives were located.

Mr. Lassell sailed from Santiago on the 25th of January, reaching New York on the 28th. His brother-in-law, Dr. Vincent Barber, lives in Brooklyn, and he left his sister with him. Mrs. Barber, his sister was formerly a trained nurse and under the skilled care of herself and husband Mr. Lassell states that his sister has already shown much improvement in mind and he hopes eventually that she may recover her normal intelligence.

Home Coming of Baptists.

The Kings Mountain Baptist Sunday school decided on last Sunday to have a home coming of the church and Sunday school on the event of their return home. We say on the return home because the new church with its commodious Sunday school department is going up on the lot occupied by the old Baptist church before it was torn away for the new. The chairman of the building committee announced that the Sunday school department could be ready for occupancy four weeks from Sunday provided the money were put in the treasury with which to do the work. Ten men stood on their feet in response to a proposition that they would

see to it that the money was not lacking. So we are expecting, the home coming four weeks from last Sunday which will be March 8th. This date, remember, has not been fixed and the Herald is not announcing that as the date but basing our calculations on the work of Sunday we believe that the date will not be later. A program will be prepared especially for the occasion. Further developments will be announced from time to time in the Herald.

The public will bear in mind that the Baptist here are doing what was pronounced by outsiders as an impossibility, that is, to build a church and pay for it as they go. This church is being built on a strictly cash basis.

150 SCHOOLS ENROLLED.

Look Out.

Look out for the seed fakir! He has for the past few weeks been operating in the central part of the State, and has deceived and defrauded farmer selling them ordinary seeds from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per bushel that were not worth more than from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per bushel.

Keep your eye on the fellow who comes to your house with his new kind of seed for spring or fall sowing seed that makes miraculous yields. Ask him to show his license to sell seeds in N. C. If he cannot show the rec-

ord of the State Department of Agriculture for money paid for such a license, get his name and address and send them to us at once and we will make an effort to get in touch with him. It will pay you to write the State Department of Agriculture before buying seeds from these seed peddlers.

Last year these seed fakirs did much damage in Wilks and other counties in that section and finally the farmers cried out against their dirty business, but the cry reached us too late to do them any good—it was a case of locking the stable after the horse is stolen.

We have just received a complaint that these fakirs are in the State again, selling seeds for spring sowing at ridiculously high prices, and we are after them. Therefore, be on the lookout for them.

Approved, W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture & botanist. In Charge seed Laboratory.

Burglar Turns Cat

Great excitement prevailed at the Cora mill office a few mornings ago when the manager of the company store, Mr. Charlie Stowe, went into the office to open the vault. Not exactly then, but just as he opened it and beheld the situation. What claimed his optics? Well everything was scattered topsy-turvy. Papers were torn and scattered, the cash box on the floor and showed signs of flail play. Burglary was certain. The vault is a spacious arrangement being something like a cube of 8 feet dimensions. Pretty large for a safe but rather small for a living room. But we are getting to fast with the tale. Yes, burglars! What should he do, queried the troubled man. Quick as a flash he decided to close the door and all hast apply to the convict camp for blood hounds. Acting upon the impulse he slammed the door. Hush! I hear something inside. Stealthily as Macbeth he crept up and pulled a jar the door to ascertain whereof the noise. With heart in throat and thoughts every where the horrified man piqued around until suddenly a huge tom cat broke the spell and dashed for liberty. About that time Dr. O. G. Falls appeared on the scene and all was well. The cat was evidently locked up in the vault the night before and as the breathing space was rather small for a nights lodging he made desperate efforts to get out and by so doing scattered things around.

Dr. O. G. Falls made a business trip to Bessemer City Monday.

HIGH SCHOOL UNION

Kings Mountain High School in Triangle with Gastonia and Shelby—Initiative and Referendum, the subject.

Chapel Hill, Feb.—The high school activities of the University for this spring are gathering in interest and momentum, as the time for the approaching state-wide contests draws nearer. First among these comes the High School Debating Union, which is carried on under the auspices of the "Di" and "Phi" Literary Societies and the Bureau of Extension of the University. One hundred and fifty of the leading secondary and high schools of the State have enrolled in the Union and have been arranged in triangles. The triangular debates will be held throughout the State on March 20th, and the final contest for the Aycock Memorial Cup will be held at Chapel Hill on April 3rd. The query that will be discussed by all of these schools is, "Resolved, That the Constitution of North Carolina should be so amended as to allow the Initiative and Referendum in state-wide legislation." Kings Mountain high school has enrolled in the Union and is in a triangle with Gastonia and Shelby.

The second annual inter-scholastic track meet of North Carolina will be held at Chapel Hill on April 3rd, under the auspices of the Greater Council and the Alumni Athletic Association of the University. Any secondary school in the state is eligible to send representatives to compete in this meet. Eleven events including the usual field and track features will be held. To the school which wins the highest number of points, a Championship Cup will be awarded, and to the team winning the relay race a cup will be awarded. Every contestant winning a first place in any event will be awarded a silver medal, and every contestant winning a second place will be awarded a bronze medal. All who come for the meet will be entertained by the students of the University, through the county clubs. Among the high schools that have already enrolled for this meet are: Raleigh, High Point, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Gatesville, Burlington, Edenton.

The first annual championship contest in baseball for this year is open only to the public high schools, city or rural, that shall have played and won, up to and including May 2, as many as four games from teams representing schools of similar rank, and shall not have been defeated shall be eligible to enter the preliminary contest. The committee at Chapel Hill, through this elimination contest and the preliminary games which shall be arranged, will settle on the two best teams in the State. These two teams will come to Chapel Hill some time in May to play the championship game. All expenses, including transportation both ways, hotel bills, entertainment on the "Hill", of the two teams thus selected for the final game will be paid by the Alumni Athletic Association of the University, under whose auspices this contest is being. The committee in charge of this contest is composed of the following members:

N. W. Walker, Chairman.
T. G. Trenchard,
C. E. Ervin,
Oscar Leach,
Nat. J. Cartmell,
E. R. Rankin, Sec.