

THE PAPER OF THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE AND WITH THE PEOPLE.

"SANCTIFICATION."

Rev. W. A. Smith Delivers an Interesting Sermon at the Baptist Church.

At the morning and evening services at the Baptist church last Sunday Rev. W. A. Smith, the excellent pastor, paid his respects to "Sanctification" in that sense in which it has recently been professed by a sect preaching in the neighborhood of the cotton mills. Mr. Smith handled the subject with force and with dignity, supporting his remarks by ample quotations from the Bible. His text was taken from the third verse of the fourth chapter of Thessalonians, and which reads as follows: "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification." The speaker showed that this is a subject which is being greatly abused by some so-called Sanctificationists. The clear meaning of sanctification was explained. In a simple and comprehensive way the preacher made clear to every thinking mind the impossibility of reaching a state of sinless perfection on earth, because of man's carnal nature. The fact that a man is regenerated is no reason that he has become spiritually perfect, for Paul says: "For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom God commendeth." The soul of man can be and is sanctified through the washing and regeneration of the Holy Ghost, but he has not reached any stage of perfection until a dissolution of soul and body has taken place. The soul of man "is sown in corruption and raised in incorruption." Mr. Smith's remarks were listened to by a large audience and very much enjoyed.

Did He See His Shadow?

According to the weight of authority, Monday was Ground Hog day, and now the burning question is, did that strange subterranean beast see his shadow? The day dawned cloudy and murky, and damp and gloomy. But long towards twelve o'clock one or two quick bursts of sunshine occurred, and there is a high degree of probability that his swinehip perceived his fated shade. Which beyond the possibility of error assures us six more long weeks of winter before the charming voice of the jay-bird sounds to break the spell and let loose the genius of spring. We shall see what we shall see.

Thanks.

The thanks of Lexington and community are cordially due the Bell Telephone Co., and Mr. W. F. Welborn, the accommodating operator, in whose drug store the long distance phone is located, for their kindness in keeping the public thoroughly posted on the doings of the Senatorial caucus at Raleigh before the nomination was reached. The news of Mr. Overman's nomination was known in Lexington within a few minutes after it had happened.

New Postmaster at High Point.

W. B. Steele, Esq., formally took charge of the postoffice at High Point Saturday night. Postmaster Glenn, of Greensboro, came down and assisted in the turning over of the office to Mr. Steele. Mr. Byron White, of Jamestown, will be the head clerk, while Miss Lucy and Mr. Ward Eshelman will be retained by Mr. Steele.

The Second \$100,000.

The state superintendent of public instruction has received applications from forty-six counties requesting part of the second \$100,000 for needy districts. Nine counties have notified him that they do not need any help. The money cannot be apportioned till all the counties have been heard from.

A warm poultry sentiment is waking in Lexington and Davidson county. A nice recreation for the housekeeper, besides affording good profit, is a nice poultry yard managed with economy and intelligence.

PLEASANT OCCASION.

Club of the Twelve Entertained By Mrs. Radcliffe.

The Club of the Twelve met Friday afternoon in the elegant home of Mrs. Harry S. Radcliffe. Mrs. Radcliffe is a charming hostess and the occasion was one of rare pleasure. The program included a sketch of Empress Josephine, by Mrs. S. W. Finch; a paper on Marie Louise, by Miss Caldwell Hoyle, and another on Madame De Stael by Mrs. H. S. Radcliffe, all of which were prepared with exceptional care and ability and well rendered. Miss Elizabeth MacCall recited "The Legend of Bregenz" in that superb style which ever characterizes her recitations. After the meeting a delicious menu was served.

The club will meet again February 13th with Miss Elizabeth MacCall.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The Law Mill Grinding Day and Night—Watts Bill Favorably Reported.

The legislature, now that the Senatorial deadlock has ended, is getting down to serious work. A large number of important measures are being carved out by the law-makers. In another column we publish the acts which have been enrolled and ratified since our last report.

The temperance legislation is coming on apace. The Watts bill, which relates only to the rural district problem, has been favorably reported to the House. The London bill, with few changes, will be considered by the Senate committee, and will pass both houses if the people who are in favor of effective temperance legislation will continue their active efforts.

The Fuller bill, the bill which provides for the building of Union depots where needed, will receive a favorable report from the Senate Committee on Railroads.

DR. CHAS. A. JULIAN,



OF THOMASVILLE.

We have the pleasure of here presenting our readers a cut of Dr. Chas. A. Julian, of Thomasville. Dr. Julian is one of the best physicians of the county, enjoys a lucrative practice and is very popular with the people. He is a staunch Democrat and an excellent citizen. Last November he was elected coroner of Davidson county, receiving 149 majority over his opponent, Dr. E. J. Buchanan.

Our Lawyers Favor It.

The Dispatch has interviewed a number of Lexington's lawyers regarding the bill before the legislature allowing the Superior Court judges to curtail speeches of clients except in capital cases. Our lawyers, with that good sense which ever characterizes them, pronounce the measure a good one and are in favor of its passage.

R. B. Fox, of Charlotte, was arrested and brought before Esq. J. H. Moyer here yesterday on a warrant charging him with opening and publishing a letter in Charlotte addressed to G. W. Gariand. He was discharged for lack of jurisdiction.

We are glad to note the decided improvement of Master Fred Hill, who has been confined to his bed with pneumonia.

THE W. F. M. U.

Preparations Being Made to Welcome Delegates and Visitors.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Union of the Presbyterian church will convene in the First church here, March 11, and will be in session two days. The ladies are making preparations for the interesting event. The different committees have been appointed and the program committee, which is composed of Miss Gertrude Hamner, chairman; Mrs. G. W. Montcastle and Mrs. R. T. Pickens, met last week and arranged the program for the meeting. There will be papers read by representatives from the different societies in the Presbytery, addresses, etc. Mrs. Z. V. Walser, chairman; Mrs. C. C. Hargrave and Miss Winifred Adgerton constitute the entertainment committee. There will be about 80 delegates besides other visitors. Mrs. Sadie Blackwell, of Durham, is the president of the Union.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Short Session Owing to the Sickness of the Chairman.

The County Commissioners met in their regular monthly session Monday. On account of the sickness of the chairman, Mr. H. H. Hartley, the session was short and no business outside of the regular routine work was transacted. Mr. J. M. Morris was made chairman pro tem. A few claims for support of disabled persons were allowed and some bids regarding the proposed putting of a vault in the court house were considered. Nothing of a definite nature was accomplished.

HIGH POINT LITIGATION.

Southern Railway Co. Brings Suit Against Mr. W. H. Ragan.

The Southern Railway has entered suit for some property lying along the railroad which comes in the 100 feet limit usually claimed by the railroads. The property is owned by Mr. W. H. Ragan and is occupied by the High Point Provision Company, the Western Union Telegraph office and J. L. Sechrest, groceryman. This is a proposed site for High Point's new passenger depot. Mr. Ragan has offered to sell to the railroad company for \$5,000, but the railroad claims it owns the property. The buildings on the disputed ground were erected by the late Dr. Worth, who, it is claimed, secured a 99 year lease. They were afterwards sold to Mr. Ragan, of High Point, the present owner. If this be the case the lease still holds good for 60 or more years.

Whist Club Last Night

Last night at the beautiful home of Mr. J. B. Smith, on Main street, South, Miss Kathleen Smith charmingly entertained the Whist Club. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Montcastle, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Craven, Mr. Joe H. Thompson and Miss Winifred Adgerton, Mr. Z. I. Walser and Miss Edna McCrary, Mr. J. R. McCrary and Miss Camille Hunt, Mr. Otis Mendenhall and Miss Caldwell Hoyle, Mr. Lloyd Hunt and Miss Alice Shemwell. Mr. Geo. W. Montcastle received the first prize and Mr. Z. I. Walser the booby. The occasion was highly enjoyed by those present.

Yadkin College 'Phone Line to be Extended.

The 'phone line which runs from Lexington to Yadkin College, is to be extended from the latter point to Advance in the near future. Mr. N. A. Peebles and Dr. Byerly are behind the movement.

—Mrs. Everhart, mother of Mrs. C. C. Burkhart is very low with pneumonia, and not expected to recover.

LETTER FROM MEXICO.

A Dispatch Reader Describes an Enjoyable Christmas Entertainment.

GUANAJUATO, MEXICO, Jan. 27, 1903.

The Dispatch is a welcome visitor in our home here, and we are really proud of our county paper, with its enlargement and many constant improvements. We anxiously look forward to its weekly visits. We have only spent two Christmases here in Mexico. Our first was in the town of San Luis de la Paz, at a parade held at the residence of S. Huerto, and a royal entertainment it was, and entirely different to our entertainments of a religious character. As we entered the room we saw quite a number kneeling and repeating a prayer in Latin to the Virgin Mary. Two young señoritas were kneeling in front of the image of Joseph, Mary and the Babe in her arms was sitting on a donkey, supposed to be on her way to Egypt. Those two señoritas were leading the prayers, the others repeating after them in concert. After this there was low, sweet music in the adjoining parlor, after which tapers were lighted and four young ladies carrying the images, before which they had been kneeling, into an outer court, led the way followed by the entire concourse of people walking to and fro, each bearing a lighted taper. After walking around a few times they returned to the room, placed the images on a table, and repaired to the dining room, where a most elegant supper was served. Then we returned to the parlor, where for some hours there was music, wine and dancing. Then we returned to the dining room to witness an olla breaking, after which more music, wine and dancing in the parlor. Then again we were invited to the dining room to an immense Christmas tree, bearing a tiny favor for each guest, and then music, wine and dancing until the day dawn of the 25th. This was only one of nine nights. That was in 1901.

My next Christmas, scarce a month ago, was spent in this city in a little mission church belonging to the Methodists.

Our Sunday school gave an entertainment. We, too, had a Christmas tree, and many nice presents for all who came and the church was full to overflowing.

Rev. Thomas Garcia and Senorita Ruth Esparsa arranged the program. Senorita Enrique Bray, Misses Effa Dunmore, M. A. Moore and Miss Rosetta Rodgers collected funds and purchased the gifts. Your correspondent being appointed president of the decoration committee had for her assistants Miss Torrall, M. D., Misses Davis and Jenkins, Prof. Perfirii, D. Corranco, Senorita Lovengo, Dias Sexta Avila, Esparras and others.

The entertainment consisted of addresses, songs and recitations. We had a beautiful solo, in English, sung by Miss Torrall, M. D., accompanied by the organ by Miss Moore. Some beautiful recitations in Spanish by the Mexican girls and boys. A song in Spanish by the Mexicans and a song in English by the American children. Little Miss Margaret Turner characterized the angel that announced the birth of the Savior, in her snowy robe, golden curls, and while she was truly a sweet picture, she sang in Spanish, accompanied by Miss Rogers. The shepherds were two Mexican boys. The entire exercise was very good. All seemed delighted with every feature of the entertainment. The exercises closed with the distribution of the presents. Quite a number expressed themselves as having spent the happiest Christmas of their lives, at this entertainment. Wishing you and your readers a happy year, crowned with success.

Sincerely,

M. B. DAVIS.

THE SOUTHERN'S LARGE ENGINES

Nine of Them Now Ready for the Asheville Division.

Asheville Gazette, 27th.

A few days ago the Gazette told of the new freight engines to be used on the Asheville division of the Southern. Nine of the monsters, aggregating a cost of nearly \$200,000, are now ready for service and with their 700 tonnage they will be able to draw tremendous loads through this mountainous country. They are so heavy that they will not be put on the A. & S. line till the track is laid between here and Spartanburg.

These new freight haulers, with their towering height, immense boilers and powerful drive wheels make the average-sized engine, when the two are side by side, appear like a little "dummy" type. Weighing 100 tons each, with boilers six feet in diameter and four driving wheels to the side, the new engines impress one as being capable of unlimited hauling power. The little smokestacks, which are only two feet high, are in striking contrast to the old-time funnel shaped chimneys now used on the Murphy branch.

The engines have a steam pressure of 200 pounds with a cylinder 21 by 28 inches in diameter. When one conceives the enormity of these powerful machines, the question naturally arises, "how much coal does it take to run one?" The tender holds 6,000 gallons of water. It requires nearly 20 tons of coal to feed one of these new "400" types to Salisbury; enough fuel to last the average family from two to three winters.

Awful Tragedy At Winston

At Winston Monday night Banks Miller, a young white man, shot his wife and then shot and killed himself. Both died in a few minutes. Miller and his wife had a dispute Monday and decided to separate. She left her husband, taking their two children to the home of relatives. That night Miller called to see his wife and after talking over the difficulty the wife consented to live with her husband again. As he started to leave he called his wife to come to the door and kiss him good night. She complied with the request. Miller immediately thereafter turned around and fired at her, the ball taking effect in the right breast. The husband then placed the pistol to his head and fired. When officers arrived at the house, Miller and his wife were lying on the floor dead. There were two eye witnesses to the awful tragedy.

Utley Breaks Jail.

Edward F. Utley, who murdered Hollingsworth at Fayetteville, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for 20 years, escaped from jail at Fayetteville last night. Six hundred dollars reward is offered for his apprehension.

Fireman Resign.

Fireman of the Asheville division of the Southern Railway have tendered their resignations. That railroad men consider the Asheville division of the Southern dangerous as an open secret. It is said that the big jack engines recently placed on this division are doing more to make the road unsafe than almost any other cause; that every time one of these heavy engines passes over the road it leaves it in a much weaker condition.

Thomasville Items.

Prof. Delap is teaching a singing at Mt. Pleasant and is having a large class.

Mrs. John Yokely visited her sister S. A. Clinard the past week.

Quite a number of our young people attended a party at Mrs. Bud Shulers Thursday night and report a nice time.

WANTED—A good reliable man to take charge of our business in Davidson county, salary and expenses paid.

NORTH JERSEY NURSERY, Springfield, N. J.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Briefs Adrift from the Wires and the Dispatch's Exchanges.

Mr. Thos. Pescud, of Raleigh died suddenly Monday.

Monroe officers Sunday bagged four suspected safe burglars.

Dave Malone, a farmer living near Durham has mysteriously disappeared.

Young McLeod, the Davidson College student who contracted blood poison, is dead.

Spencer Blackburn will build a handsome residence at Greensboro, his future home.

A mass meeting at Mooresville resulted in the sending in to the legislature strong resolution endorsing the London bill.

The \$35,000 damage suit against the Wilmington Sewerage Co. by Geo. H. Hutaff has been compromised. The plaintiff gets \$4,000.

Mr. Joe Hardin, recently of Iowa, now of Greensboro, will engage in sheep raising near Greensboro on an extensive scale.

Winston lawyers endorse Senator Webb's bill giving superior court judges power to limit speeches of counsel in all except capital cases.

Eight solid carloads of chickens from Tennessee, enroute north, passed through Statesville Sunday morning. There were about 8,000 fowls in the lot.

The number of students at the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh has reached 501, which breaks the record. There are now 127 in the agricultural department, while two years ago there were only 27.

A challenge has been received by the University of North Carolina from the University of Virginia for a tennis tournament between the two institutions and steps are being taken to get out a team to meet those from Carolina's ancient rival.

The General Assembly will be asked to pass a bill empowering the county commissioners of Forsyth to order an election to vote on bonds for the building of good roads. The amount will probably be \$200,000 or \$300,000.

The Elizabeth City Tarheel, published at Wilcox's home, says this of the Wilcox case: "To one acquainted with the ins and outs of the case there can be no doubt that Jim Wilcox murdered Ella Cropsey. It is not directly proven that he dealt the death blow; but it was proven that he was the only one afforded an opportunity to commit the deed. That he is a man capable of doing such a deed is proven unquestionably by the stolid indifference and lack of emotion which he has shown under even the most trying circumstances."

Teachers' Meeting.

The teachers of Silver Hill township are earnestly requested to meet at Fairview school house in Silver Hill township on Saturday, Feb. 7, at 1 p. m., to compare maps of school districts of said township so as to complete township map. We want every teacher to attend and if obliged to be absent please send your map of district by one of the committee. Committees are requested to attend.

R. L. BECK,
Chairman.

Missionary Lecture.

Rev. S. S. Snider, a missionary from Japan, who is here on a short furlow, filled the pulpit of Rev. J. C. Leonard in the First Reformed Church of Lexington last Sunday night. Mr. Snider's address was rather in the form of a missionary lecture and was highly interesting and instructive and was listened to with enjoyment by a large congregation.

Mr. Snyder will be here about ten days, when he will leave on his return journey to Japan.

C. D. Peebles, Esq., of Davis county, gave us a pleasant call today.