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MASS MEETING TONIGHT.

Civic League and Board of Aldermen Have Interesting Propositions to Offer.

Tonight at eight o'clock in the county court house there will be a mass-meeting of all the citizens for the purpose of hearing certain plans formulated by the new board of aldermen and the Lexington Civic League. Every citizen, rich and poor, big and little, is cordially invited to attend this meeting. The city of Lexington belongs—not to the aldermen, or to the Civic League, but to all of the people, and no one is too poor or too humble to have a part in all that affects the city. There are plans on foot to clean up the city from one end to the other and the two organizations named are anxious to know whether or not they have the backing of the whole people.

In the official call for the meeting, which has been issued, the following facts are cited:

"First, in addition to hitching posts along the street in the rear of the courthouse the aldermen have had placed along the street back of Mr. Jule C. Smith's store a great many more. In his camp lot have been placed many hitching posts and the vacant spaces back of the Commercial & Savings bank and back of Mr. R. L. Leonard's store, have also been supplied with them. Mr. Lee Penry has also agreed to allow the big woodyard at his mill for hitching lot, owing to the fact that he has recently changed from steam to electric power. Some of our farmer friends did not understand the new ordinances, which were passed not to keep them off the streets, but to force the merchants, and others, to move their wares off the street and give the farmers and others who use the streets more room.

"Second, estimates have been made as to the cost of putting in ornamental and drinking fountains on the public squares and so these places will be made spots of living beauty for the use and admiration of everybody.

"Third, plans are also foot by private citizens and in connection with the town authorities, to get the county commissioners to do a little excavation in the rear of the courthouse and put in water closets, toilet rooms, etc., for the use and convenience of the public in general and the country people in particular.

"Fourth, the citizens of Lexington will meet tonight in the court house for the purpose of taking up in detail the matters herein mentioned and several others. The meeting is to be held under the auspices of the Lexington Civic League and the board of aldermen. Let everybody attend. The discussions will be open to all."

Henry Blount Thursday Night.

Concerning Henry Blount, who is to lecture in the courthouse Thursday night for the benefit of the building fund of the First Baptist church, Prof. J. Y. Joyner, state superintendent of public instruction, says: "Tragedy comes in her grief woven robes, to pay tribute to his genius in sighs and tears, comedy comes in her radiant drapery to pay tribute in sparkling smiles and loudest laughter to his mirth provoking powers, for Henry Blount reigns most royally in eloquence and oratory and tragedy and comedy and wit and humor, and it is difficult to tell in which role he excels for he is superb in each."

Dr. George T. Winston, President of the A. & M. College, says: "Henry Blount, the inimitable, unapproachable, and infinitely varied; the actor, orator, declaimer, mimic, wit and humorist; the delicious compound of Webster, Bill Arp and Ingersoll; the genius who sparkles like diamonds, glows like sunlight, flashes like lightning and reverberates like thunder; Henry Blount who takes an alphabet and creates a universe of thought, imagery and fancy; Henry Blount, the pride, the wonder, the admiration and the amazement of all who hear him; Henry Blount portrayed by acting, by mimicing, by all the arts of his rare and radiant genius the great character of Rip Van Winkle and proved himself to be the greatest mimic this writer has ever heard, and as Gov. Aycock declared last night 'the greatest humorist the state has ever produced.''

The lecture will begin promptly at eight o'clock. Admission, adults 25 cents; children, 15 cents. Let everybody turn out and help along a good cause.

Business News Notes.

A. L. Smith & Co., the up-to-date liverymen, have a change of ad in this issue. They have a fine lot of horses and turnouts.

Charles Young advertises in this issue an auction sale of household and kitchen furniture. Read what he says.

Otis Tucker is offering ice tickets for 200 pounds at $1. He is doing a fine business and deserves his part of the trade. Read his ad this week.

A. E. Sheets & Co., jewelers, advertise this week guaranteed set rings. Everything they sell is of high quality.

The Davidson Furniture Company advertise go-carts this week. Their line of go-carts is as fine and complete as their line of furniture and that is saying a great deal for them.

J. B. Smith, "The Old Reliable," calls attention this week to his line of "Kleanwell" brushes and combs. He says that he has tooth brushes that will not lose their bristles and invites a trial.

The Fred Thompson Company talks of more specials this week. This time it is of silk dresses and a fine line of 18c. lawns at 10c. per yard.

High Point Youth Killed in Shafting.

Marshall Setzer, a youth of fifteen years, was instantly killed in a furniture factory at High Point Saturday by being caught in the shafting. He became wrapped around the shaft in such a way that he was whirled around repeatedly, his head striking an overhead beam and his brains being dashed out.

Mr. Paul Raper has returned from Hoover Military Institute, Oxford, where he has been attending school.

PRIZES FOR MEN'S CORN CONTEST.

A Partial List of Prizes Published—Contest Entries Will Not be Accepted After 10th.

The Davidson county Agricultural Association met Saturday at one o'clock in the county court house. Several matters of importance were attended to, among them being the receiving of applications for entry to the men's corn contest, fixing of a date for the closing of entries and the receiving of the reports of the special committee appointed to solicit prizes for the contest.

The farmers were in session but a short time and adjourned to meet again Saturday, June 10th, the regular meeting time, at which time final arrangements for the corn contest will be made and entries closed. Last year the entry books closed earlier, but because of the delay of certain farmers to enter the time was extended this year. The list of entries to date are as follows:

Lexington township—J. Ham Leonard, Lexington, Route 4; A. A. Yarbrough, Lexington, Route 6.

Conrad Hill township—W. A. Beck, Lexington, Route 2.

Tyro township—C. H. Fritts, Lexington Route 3; A. L. Leonard, Lexington, Route 3.

Silver Hill township—W. J. Beck Lexington, Route 6; J. D. Beck, Lexington, Route 2; Grover C. Palmer, Silver Hill, Route 1.

Emmons township—John F. Skeen, Denton, Route 1; W. F. Cockreham, Cld; J. W. Frank, Denton, Route 1.

Yadkin College—C. A. Walser, Lexington, Route 3; J. W. Walser, Lexington, Route 3; J. E. Snider, Lexington, Route 3.

Indications are that there will be close to fifty in the contest and it behooves everybody interested to get up and do something. As stated above, no entries will be allowed after Saturday, June 10. On that date there will be a meeting of the association and every citizen of Davidson county is urged to attend, if possible for him to do so.

SOME OF THE PREMIUMS.

At the meeting two months ago, a committee was appointed to solicit donations for the list of prizes to be offered for the biggest yield, the next largest and so on down, and this committee was composed of Rev. J. F. Deal, Mr. L. E. Ripple and Mr. H. J. Conrad. Mr. Deal and Mr. Ripple found it impossible to be present Saturday and a full report was not possible. The following was reported by the member of the committee present:

Davidson Hardware Company, one Avery 20th-Century Reversible Disc Plow with steel trees valued at $35.

H. B. Varner, cash, $10.00.

National Bank of Lexington, gold, $5.00.

Commercial & Savings Bank, gold, $5.00.

Bank of Lexington, gold $5.00.

Grimes Brothers, cash, $5.00.

Phillips & Bower, cash, $5.00.

G. W. Miller, cash, $5.00.

Bates & Burkhead, 2 bags 8-2-2 fertilizer.

Jule C. Smith, 1 pair of H. M. Shoes, $2.50.

Lexington Hardware Co., 1 No. 64 Chattanooga Plow, $9.00.

A. E. Sheets & Co., one watch, $3.50.

Lexington House Furnishing Co., trade, $3.00.

F. S. Lambeth, 1 set chairs.

Bank of Thomasville, cash, $2.50.

Cash, $1.00.

Queen Chair Co., 1 chair, $2.50.

Lambeth Furniture Co., 1 safe, $2.50.

Thomasville Chair Co., 1 rocker, $3.00.

Elk Furniture Co., one bed, $10.00.

Dixie Furniture Co., one dresser, $10.00.

A full list of the premiums will be published as soon as it is available. In addition to these it has already been announced that the board of county commissioners has appropriated $255 in cash for prizes for the various townships, offering this amount on condition that at least three enter the contest in each township, so as to make the thing interesting. $15 is set aside for each township, $10 for first prize and $5 for second. It is to be hoped that every township will have at least three contestants.

Evading Dog Law.

The new dog law for Rowan, passed by the last general assembly, is being received with favor in some sections of the county and in others it is opposed. In the western part of the county the farmers urge that the law be carried out to the letter, especially the feature which enforces keeping the dogs up from May 1 to September 1. It appears the dogs in this section are killing both the sheep and the young game, and the farmers are very desirous that the dogs should be enclosed according to the law.

In the southern part of the county a very pretty story reaches the Post. The farmers oppose paying the tax on their dogs and they are corralling them in Cabarrus county, just over the Rowan line. As many as forty dogs have been herded in the neighboring county during the past week and are likely to be spirited across the line before the assessor arrives. The question is an interesting one. Are the dogs liable to tax if kept in Cabarrus county until the tax listing is over and then brought back? The owner does not possess a dog in the county; the case is worthy of discussion.—Salisbury Post.

Goes to Denton to Look Over Orphanage Site.

Tuesday's Greensboro Daily News carried this item: "United States Clerk J. M. Millikan left yesterday for Denton for the purpose of inspecting a proposed site for the Methodist Protestant orphanage, which is in contemplation by the state denomination or conference. Mr. Millikan will be joined at Denton by the two other members of the orphanage building committee, Messrs. A. M. Rankin, of High Point, and O. R. Cox, of Cedar Falls. Denton, it is understood, has made a liberal offer of land and cash to secure the location of the orphanage and the committee will inspect the site and otherwise go over the proposition with the Denton contributors."

WILL MEET AT WINSTON-SALEM.

North Carolina Good Roads Association June 13-14—Davidson Should be Well Represented.

The North Carolina Good Roads Association will meet this year at Winston-Salem. The date is June 13-14 and the session promises to be one of real importance. The association has had a good year. It has been active in trying to mold public opinion in favor of progressive road legislation, and, while no laws of state-wide importance were enacted, a great many local bills for counties and townships were passed, which will undoubtedly enable the counties which take advantage of increased revenue from a special tax or bond issue to greatly increase their mileage of good roads. One of the principal undertakings of the North Carolina Good Roads Association during the past year has been the organization in the various counties of county associations. An arrangement was made by which the members of the county associations could become members of the state association and also receive a year's subscription to Southern Good Roads. As a result of this work thirty-five county associations have been formed in the following counties: Anson, Buncombe, Burke, Carteret, Catawba, Chatham, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Forsyth, Granville, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Johnson, Lee, Lenoir Macon, Madison, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Pender, Person Perquimans, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham, Union, Wake, Wayne, and Yadkin. Through these associations the doctrine of good roads has been spread far and wide throughout the state.

In addition to the above a good roads association has been formed in Conrad Hill township, Davidson county, known as the Holly Grove Good Roads and Agricultural Association and one in Emmons, known as the Emmons Township Agricultural and Good Roads Asociation; also the Charlotte-Wilmington Highway Association, etc. A large attendance from all these associations is expected and it is hoped that this meeting of the state association will prove a well-spring of enthusiasm to the local organizations so that the various delegates and members will each go back to his particular locality with renewed determination and purposeful vigor to carry forward the effort to educate all of our people not only to a realization of the necessity for good roads, but to the crystallization of public opinion to the point of being willing to pay for them. A program is being prepared which will undoubtedly be full of interest to those attending, variation from the regular program being a question box, and reports from about forty county Good Roads Associations.

The headquarters of the association will be at the Hotel Zinzendorf where special rates have been arranged for members, delegates and their friends. Delegates to the meetings of the North Carolina Good Roads Association include all members of the state association, county associations, county road commissioners of all the counties of the state, mayors of municipalities, and delegates at large appointed by chairman of boards of county commisers, mayors of towns and cities, and presidents of local clubs and business associations. A most cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested in the promotion of good roads to attend the meetings of the association.

This great good roads organization is very close to us this year and every good citizen of Davidson county, who is at all interested in the question of good roads, should attend its sessions. They will be worth while, full of things of interest and importance, and every man who goes will come back home ready to take up the fight for good roads with renewed zeal and energy.

As is their way of doing things, the people of Winston-Salem will entertain the visitors and delegates royally, and everybody who goes will have a good time.

On Eve of Opening Coney Island Has $3,000,000 Fire.

New York dispatch, May 27.—On the eve of its opening, Coney Island, the playground of New York, was devastated by fire early this morning, resulting in a loss of $3,000,000. Dreamland, the largest of the shows, together with 20 others, concessions, hotels and bathhouses were in ashes when the fire was finally extinguished. No casualties resulted, although a number of employes of the resort and others had narrow escapes. Little, if any, insurance was carried, since the rates for Coney Island were prohibitive. Had it not been for a shift of the wind which changed from southeast and blew off shore, Luna Park, Steeplechase and the rest of Coney Island would have been fired.

The fire started in "Hell Gate," a scenic railway, close to the entrance to Dreamland. Three alarms were immediately turned in in rapid succession, bringing to the blaze apparatus from Brooklyn, New York City and surrounding suburbs.

Just when Dreamland and the other amusements burned will be rebuilt is not known, but Manager Gumperts, of the Dreamland enterprise, said tonight that the public may be sure that a greater and finer Dreamland is going to rise from its ashes.

Proposed Railroad From Salisbury to Monroe.

Mr. A. L. Cornell, of Albemarle, who was assistant chief engineer of the Southbound Railroad Company, during its construction, was in Salisbury Saturday conferring with Mr. N. B. McCanless in regard to the Salisbury to Monroe railroad. The Post says: It is not known just what was the import of the conference but it is believed it means the commencement of work on the line at an early day. Mr. McCanless has been giving a large part of his time to the promotion of the new railroad—going out and in quietly—and never lets an enterprise fall down on him. The Post confidently expects to have some interesting developments to report soon relative to this new proposed railroad.

UNITING SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

County Board of Education is Making Strong Schools Where Weak Ones Have Been.

The County Superintendent and the County Board of Education are engaged in a work beset by many difficulties, but of very real importance to the schools of the county in their campaign for the consolidation of school districts and the building of new and larger buildings to accommodate the combined schools.

Superintendent Vann yesterday told The Dispatch man that the board was meeting with a great deal of encouragement in all parts of the county. There have been some people who did not understand, and who objected, but those who considered carefully have been coming around to the board's way of thinking and he is looking for many consolidations for next year. When asked as to the advantages of such consolidation the county superintendent said:

"The advantage of large districts is great. When a school has seventy or more children in attendance, the law allows that school to have two teachers. Two teachers in a school can do over twice the good in teaching the classes that one teacher can do. The small and large children can be separated and placed in different rooms. Of course this is very beneficial to the school; but this is not the greatest benefit derived in having two teachers in a school. The division of the classes to be taught is the greatest benefit. A faithful teacher in a public school, teaching alone hears about thirty lessons a day. No school, however small, can get along with much less than this number of recitations in a day. So it is not the number of children in school, but the number of recitations the teacher has that lessens his ability to advance the children and give them the proper amount of instruction on a subject. To illustrate; if a teacher in a one teacher school is to hear and teach thirty lessons in a day, he will have not over ten to twelve minutes to each lesson. A teacher can simply "hear" a short spelling lesson, or a short reading lesson in ten or twelve minutes, but he cannot have much time to do any teaching. Then take the other subjects taught, that require from twenty to thirty minutes to teach them, and it is readily seen that the teacher, however bright he may be, cannot do justice to the work in just half of the time really required. A child in a school with two teachers will get more than twice the advantage that a child in the same school with one teacher will get.

"The way to have these schools with two and three teachers is for adjoining districts to unite, build a house in the center of the two united, and put the teachers there and let them do the work. Some of our citizens are wise enough to see this and are asking for this advance movement in favor of their children. If this union of districts can be effected in any community, every citizen will be doing a patriotic service for the children to take an active part in favor of this good movement."

Storm-Visited Sections Suffer Heavy Losses.

Raleigh, dispatch 27th—From many sections today have come reports of great damage by the terrible wind and electric and rain storm last night. A tobacco prizery of the Consolidated Tobacco company at Apex was blown down, causing a loss of about $12,000, while a planing mill was badly damaged. Roxboro was badly damaged, a hardware company being unroofed and many other buildings damaged. Many trees were blown down. At Fuquay Springs the Primitive Baptist church was blown down and a tobacco warehouse unroofed.

Many of the telephone and telegraph wires were damaged last night and the service was badly crippled for a while. In Raleigh last night many sections of the city were in darkness. It will be some while before the damage to St. Agnes' hospital and St. Augustine's school is repaired. Every electric wire in the hospital will have to be replaced and, being imbedded in the walls, will cause hard work to replace them. The damage will be about $10,000 to $15,000, as estimated. The peculiar fires at the school have attracted much attention today.

Three Killed in Wreck.

News of a headlong plunge of a double-header Seaboard freight train through a burning trestle between Bostic and Ellenboro yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock reached Charlotte shortly after the occurrence. Three men, all white, were killed. They were Engineer R. M. Green of Monroe, Engineer J. M. Lindsay of Cherryville and Fireman Roy Dooley of Monroe. These seriously injured were Early Lewis, colored, a fireman from Monroe, and Lon Neely, colored, a brakeman.

Capt. Frank Howell of Charlotte was conductor of the train, which consisted of twenty-nine cars loaded with Clinchfield coal destined for various points in this section and to the south. The train was drawn by two engines, owing to its weight. The fact that the trestle was burning was not discovered until too late to halt before reaching it. Both engines and fifteen of the cars crashed through the fire-eaten woodwork to the stream below, five cars piling up on the two engines. Engineer Green's body was extricated at once. A wrecking train was started from Monroe for the scene of the tragedy as soon as tidings of it reached that place.

The scene of the accident was Watkins trestle, two miles east of Bostic. No other members of the crew except those specified were injured.—Charlotte Observer, 29th.

A later report says that the trestle was not burning when the engine went through, but the heavy weight of the train caused the collapse. The wreckage caught fire but was extinguished in a few minutes.

President Taft has signed a proclamation establishing the Harney national forest in South Dakota. It embraces 583,238 acres formerly contained in the Black Hills forest and 8,737 acres taken from the public domain.

MORE ABOUT THE RAILROAD.

Elkin & Alleghany Road Sold to J. A. Mills and Northern Capitalists—Will be Completed.

Some time ago The Dispatch carried a story about a new railroad that is planned for this section of the state, the road to run from Marion, Va., over the present route of the little Virginia and Southern, which has been completed from Marion to Troutdale, Va., a distance of 30 miles, down Wilson creek and into North Carolina, touching Sparta, in Alleghany county and following the line of the Elkin and Alleghany railroad across the Blue Ridge to Elkin. Thence the line is projected to Lexington, passing through Advance, Yadkinville and other towns along the route. About 12 miles of the road is now ready for the crossties and rails and there is every indication that the remainder of the road, certainly the part connecting the little Virginia road with the Elkin and Alleghany, will be built at once. What direction the road will take at Elkin cannot be foretold now, but it is believed that the promoters will push it through the Piedmont section, connecting with the Southbound here, or through to Sanford, connecting with the Mills road to Fayetteville and Southport there.

It was announced a week or two ago that President John A. Mills, of the Raleigh & Southport, had decided to extend his road to Sanford and it is hard to see what he is driving at in securing the partly built Elkin & Alleghany road, unless he intends to connect the two and thereby give a direct route to deep water. The line will be finished to Southport soon, one of the finest harbors on the Atlantic Seaboard, and a trunk line from Southport to the coal fields would be a great thing for this section of the country.

A dispatch from Raleigh Saturday confirmed the rumor that Mills and his associates have purchased the E. & A. It said:

At an adjourned conference of Governor Kitchin, the council of state, the state board of internal improvements and officers of the Elkin & Alleghany Railroad Company this afternoon considerable progress was made toward the completion of the deal whereby President Jno. A. Mills, of the Raleigh & Southport Railroad Company, and northern interests he has interested in the undertaking will take over the Elkin & Alleghany Railroad and complete it from Elkin to Sparta and thence to Jefferson and the Tennessee line with a view to linking it with the Norfolk & Western.

There are a number of matters to be worked out and definitely settled before the official statement of the scope of the undertaking is given out. The deal has progressed thus far satisfactory. The promoters of the undertaking have provided satisfactory guarantees to the governor and council of state as to the conservation of the state's interest in the road acquired by the convict labor in the grading of the twelve miles of road from Elkin to Sparta. There are 74 convicts at work on this grade work now and the plan of Mr. Mills and his associates is to continue these and increase the working force by employing day laborers and push the work as rapidly as possible. The contract between the state, the Elkin & Alleghany Railroad Company and Mr. Mills and the interests he represents has been definitely settled upon, so that there remains only the settlement of some minor details of the undertaking as it applies in the various counties and localities involved—matters that cannot possibly disturb the agreement that has been settled upon by the state and the railroad people.

A Son Kills His Father.

Silas Cameron, of Granville county, was shot and instantly killed by his son, nine years of age, Sunday night.

The shooting occurred about 15 miles from Oxford, in the neighborhood of Bullochs, and but little information could be gathered. It is said, however, that Cameron was maltreating his wife and the boy took his mother's part, emptying the gun in the side of the aged and more violent man.

A later dispatch from Oxford appearing in the papers yesterday contained the following additional particulars:

A horrible tragedy occurred last evening near Soudan, Va. Mr. A. S. Campbell, a man about 45 years old, in his attempt to cut his wife's throat after having beaten her into insensibility, drew his knife and was in the act of making the fatal stroke when, with his knife drawn he was shot by his little son, twelve years old, and fell dead with the knife by his side.

He was allowed to remain so all night. This morning Coroner W. D. Bryan, Sheriff Wheeler and Capt. J. R. Wood, of Oxford, went in automobiles to the Campbell residence, summoned a jury for an inquest, and the wife and son being the only witnesses the jury rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide, and the little son allowed to go free. Mr. Campbell was quite a drinking man and had been arraigned some months ago before the superior court for whipping his wife, and was excused through his wife's wishes by the judge. Since then she states that his treatment has been even worse towards her. It seems he was a dreaded character in his neighborhood and a very dangerous man. His residence is just a few feet from the Virginia line. He leaves a wife and five children.

Thirteen Deaths from Heat in Two Weeks in Chicago.

Chicago, May 29.—With one death and two other heat prostrations reported the third week of the record-breaking long and unusual heat spell was ushered in. Promise of relief is made by the weather bureau tomorrow. Thirteen deaths have resulted from the unprecendented heat wave during the past fortnight.

The will of Walter E. Duryea, the wealthy New York clubman who broke his neck twelve years ago while in swimming and who died a few days ago, leaves the greater part of the estate, which is estimated at $500,000 to Miss Eleanor Peregrin, a trained nurse, who had been in attendance upon the injured man almost from the time of his accident.

CROSSES OF HONOR.

Birth Day of Jefferson Davis to be Celebrated—Seventeen Veterans to Receive Crosses.

The Robert E. Lee Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy will celebrate the birthday of Jefferson Davis Saturday June 3rd, 1911. A musical program will be rendered and the celebration will be held at the home of the president of the chapter, Mrs. W. H. Mendenhall.

One of the most important features of the celebration will be the presentation of crosses of honor to the veterans who have applied for them and who are eligible for them. It is no little honor to wear the simple little bronze cross. It stands for real heroism and is a decoration of honor that any man might covet. The heroes who will receive the cross are as follows:

J. F. Burkhart, S. J. Buie, W. H. Garner, O. Sink, J. H. Thompson, W. F. Williams, R. J. Wagoner, John C. Clodfelter, D. A. Clodfelter, J. Frank Hedrick, R. S. Johnson, David Koonce, J. B. Palmer, W. A. Phillips, Rosaland Walker, William J. Westmoreland, R. A. Younts.

In addition to these seventeen there are other veterans in the county who are entitled to crosses and every one of these is asked to make application for them at once. After 1912 none will be given and every veteran who is entitled to one of the crosses should get one at an early date. These little crosses will be treasured by the descendants of the heroes and handed down from generation to generation as precious relics for countless centuries.

General Synod of the Reformed Church.

As noted last week, the General Reformed Church Synod met in triennial sessions in Trinity Reformed church, Canton, Ohio, May 16. The sessions closed Wednesday May 24th. Rev. J. L. Murphy, Rev. Dr. J. C. Leonard, Rev. J. D. Andrew and Elder J. C. Shepherd were present from the state of North Carolina There were delegates present from all the states of the union and from Canada. The Laymen's Missionary convention met in the same city in the great McKinley Memorial church on Tuesday morning, and continued its sessions through two days and nights. The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society met in the First Reformed church of the city. It was a great gathering of men and women assembled to lay plans for the advancement of God's kingdom. It was well expressed by one of the citizens of Canton who spoke more correctly than he counted, when he said: "Ten thousand preachers have come to town." Among the speakers who addressed the laymen were ex-Vice President Fairbanks, Mr. J. Campbell White, Mr. J. L. Murray, Col. E. W. Halford, Mr. C. H. Pratt, Mr. W. W. Anspach, Dr. C. J. Musser.

One of the most important matters before the General Synod was that of organic union with the Northern Presbyterian church. The joint committee from the two churches appointed three years ago submitted a plan of union in their report. Last week the general assembly of the Presbyterian church and the general synod of the Reformed church approved of the plan of union, and the whole subject now goes down to the Classes and Presbyteries for information and suggestion. It looks very much like these two great churches will get together; and that seems to point to ultimate union of all the Reformed churches holding the Presbyterian system.

The dominating topic of the proceedings was missions. There were present at the meeting sixteen outgoing missionaries. At one of the night meetings the great throng sang "God be with you till we meet again," and gave the Chatauqua salute to the missionaries who occupied the platform. Drs. Murphy and Leonard were elected to membership in the permanent committee of the Council of Reformed churches in America, having in charge all work among the colored people.

In 1914 the General Synod will meet in the First Reformed church, Lancaster, Pa., an ideal convention city. The delegates in Canton enjoyed their stay very much. The Reformed church is the largest numerically in Canton. Trinity church, in which synod met, has fifteen hundred members, while the First church just across the street has a thousand; Grace church in another section also has a large membership.

Mother and Daughter Fall Dead.

A dispatch from Pittsboro, N. C., Monday, says: Two of the saddest deaths that have occurred in this county took place near here Friday and Saturday. On last Friday Mrs. Henderson, widow of the late James Henderson, while walking in her yard, fell dead. She was about 75 years of age and lived in Hadley township. On Saturday morning Mrs. Rufus Herndon, daughter of Mrs. Henderson, who lived two miles from her mother's, went to her mother's home. As she stepped upon the porch she fainted, but was soon revived. Saturday afternoon her brother, Charles Henderson, not knowing of his mother's death, arrived home after an absence of two years. As he stepped into the door Mrs. Herndon raised up and saw her brother standing there. She raised her hands and fell dead, her brother catching her in his arms. She lived in Center township. The mother and daughter were buried in the new Salem churchyard yesterday.

The New Railroad.

The meeting of the chamber of commerce and merchants' association and citizens of the city, last night, to consider plans for pushing the movement to build the Greensboro, Roxboro and Norfolk railroad, was largely attended and there was manifested the greatest interest in the proposition. This meeting was held in the assembly room of the chamber of commerce and was for the purpose of hearing the reports of the gentlemen who went over the route of the proposed road a short time ago in automobiles. Brief speeches were made by A. B. Brooks, J. W. Fry, J. T. Fain, C. D. Benbow, R. D. Douglass and R. C. Hood.—Greensboro Telegram.

HOW ROADS WON IN IREDELL.

Editor Deaton Tells How the Fight Was Fought In His County—a $400,000 Issue.

Editor H. P. Deaton, of the Mooresville Enterprise, has written for Southern Good Roads a description of the way the bond issue for roads carried in his county and it is so interesting that it is published here in full. Davidson county will some day follow in the footsteps of Iredell. May the day come soon. Editor Deaton's story is as follows:

It seems that a great many people of the state of North Carolina were somewhat surprised that the county of Iredell should vote upon herself bonds to the amount of $400,000 for road improvements, but those who are acquainted with the progressive spirit of the good people of this section, know that they are never undaunted, and they entered upon the proposition with a determination of throwing off the shackles that bound them to the old fashioned way of travel up one hill and down another, wearing away their lives and depreciating their stock by hard pulls through mud, grades and deep ruts. In other words, the rural citizenship is of that progressive type who believe in being merciful to their stock and leaving a legacy to their posterity that will be enduring and as great a blessing as when Moses led the children of Israel to the promised land out of the pest-ridden land of Egypt. The fight was made on a plain, everyday business proposition, and the arguments put up for the road improvements were conducted on the same plane as you would argue to a man the benefits derived from the building and loan associations. For instance, the total taxable property of Iredell county under the old assessment was more than $10,000,000. The total road taxes from that assessment at 23 1-3 on the $100, gave us in round numbers $27,500. To borrow $400,000 for forty years at 5 per cent. would mean an outlay in interest each year of $20,000. Now take the whole amount of $27,500 and set aside $20,000 for interest, $2,500 for road maintenance, and $5000 as a sinking fund, each year, and lend the $5000 out at 6 per cent compound interest. If you will take the time to count up the accrued interest on the $5,000 loaned out each year for a period of thirty-one years, you will find that with the $5,000 sinking fund and the interest we will have an accumulation of $419,008.38, and nine years' savings on our bonds. Interest has or can be paid, bonds can be cancelled and we will have a balance of $19,000 to be added to the care and keep of our highways. This is based on the old rate of taxation. In the bill adopted by the people of Iredell on the 9th of May, it provides that the road tax cannot be levied for more than 25 cents on the $100 and 75 cents on the poll. This latter clause does away with the old system of swearing in hands to be worked on the roads, and substitutes hired labor. Under the old law in this county, the board of county commissioners had power to make the road tax almost anything they desired, to the limit of $1.00 on the $100 provided it required that much for the maintenance of the chaingang. Men of large investments were interested in the adoption of the new law for the reason that it specifies the amount of road taxes to be assessed, without the fear that the levy would be raised indiscriminately. It was shown by the returns that there are two large towns in the county of 16 townships, and outside of the towns of Mooresville and Statesville, both of which gave large majorities, the county carried in the rural districts by a majority of 251 votes, and only five townships in the county voted against the measure. The total majority of the county for the bond issue was 1248. In south Iredell good roads have been the theme and strong point of the farmers for years, and when the bond issue for the county was agreed upon, the people of three or four of the lower townships were in mass-meeting preparing to withdraw from the county and create a road district independent of the county, and vote upon the issuance of at least $100,000 bond for roads. It will be readily seen by all readers of Southern Good Roads, that although we are paying interest on $400,000 for thirty-one years, yet we will have enjoyed the benefits of the good roads for at least thirty years. It is based on the same principle as building a home with rent money. With this issue of $400,000 it has been calculated that we can secure from 150 to 250 miles of good roads in the county, provided the proper engineering can be done to make sand clay roads in sections where grading will not make the cost too burdensome. Iredell is a live wire when it comes to doing things, and the progressive steps she has taken in the matter of good roads places her in the front ranks of all the southern section, and is a hobby of your humble servant, who agitated a bond issue on the same line in 1903, during the life of Hon. Augustus Leazar and Dr. J. R. McLelland, who prepared a bill and secured its passage for an issue of $250,000. The election was never called by our commissioners. The old permit of 1903 died by limitation, and sentiment being so strong for good roads in this end of the county that the question was again revived and as a result the above chronicle relates it.

Burned to Death.

On Thursday night last at 10:30 p. m., the family of Mr. W. D. Kimball who occupied apartments on the second floor of the store building were awakened by an alarm of fire given by Mr. Kelly. The family that was at home at the time of the fire consisted of Mr. Kimball, the father, and his 2 single daughters. Mr. Joe Crews, the clerk of the store and Mr. Kelly, the man who so horribly lost his life to save the family of Mr. Kimball, who had recently come to take charge of the mill, were occupying the same room. Mr. Kelly was first aroused by smoke in his room, and immediately got up and went to the other rooms to give the alarm. He being a stranger and the smoke at this point heavy, as some he has lost, it is supposed, his way to a window from which he could have made his escape by jumping. He was found by the side of a house just some 20 feet from the window, burned to a crisp.—Thomasville Times-Enterprise.