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SYNOD HAS CLOSED ANNUAL SESSIONS

Adjourned at Rocky Mount Yesterday to Meet Next in Charlotte.

BUSINESS WAS DISPATCHED

Closing Day Quite Busy—Visitors to Peace—Dr. Wells Lectures on Great Edinburgh Conference—Temperance.

(By Miss Mamie Bays.) Rocky Mount, N. C., Oct. 28.—At 1 o'clock today the Synod of North Carolina, after clearing the docket of its annual sessions, adjourned to meet in Charlotte a year hence in the Second Presbyterian Church.

Many of the visitors to Synod left today while many others remained over tonight and listened to a particularly strong address by Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., of Wilmington, on the World's Missionary Congress in Edinburgh, Scotland, which he attended.

A resolution was passed by Mr. L. R. Young, recommending that during future meetings of Synod the programme include more sermons. After some discussion the resolution was placed on the docket.

The last day of the session of the Synod is always a very busy day, on account of the large amount of work to be disposed of that cannot be handled except during the closing hours. Today was no exception and one report after another was adopted in rapid succession.

"We recommend this deliverance: 'The Synod of North Carolina would reiterate its testimony against the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a fruitful source of abounding iniquity and misery.'

2. Recognizing that the flooding of our State with intoxicating liquors from other commonwealths is a fruitful source of drunkenness and misery, we would urge our people to use all means which may be approved by their Christian conscience and judgment to remedy this evil.

3. In view of the lax enforcement of some of the laws of the State and a widespread failure to recognize the binding obligation and sanctity of the oath, we earnestly urge the fundamental importance of obedience to law and call for a deeper realization of the binding force of the oath, whether of office or court.

4. Synod has heard with pleasure and profit the able address of Rev. R. L. Davis, superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League and assures his deep interest and sympathy in every effort looking toward temperance, sobriety and law observance.

The session today began promptly at 9 o'clock and Rev. Chas. E. Raynal conducted the devotional services. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Dr. D. I. Craig read the report of Synod to the General Assembly and this report was adopted.

The report on State of the Church was read by Mr. George W. Watts and it was characterized with facts so full of interest and information to the church that it was adopted with the recommendation that the report be printed in a form suitable for distribution to the churches throughout the bounds of Synod.

GOVERNOR STUBBS OPPOSES INCREASE

Bitterly Scored the Railroads For Stock Juggling and High Finance.

APPEARS FOR THE SHIPPERS

Declares Freight Rates Should Not be Advanced—More Risk to Start Bank Than to Build a Railroad He Asserts.

Chicago, Oct. 28.—Presentation of evidence by the shippers, who are opposing the proposed advance in freight rates, was concluded today before the Inter-State Commerce Commission with the testimony of Governor W. R. Stubbs, of Kansas, who in characteristic manner declared his opposition to an increase in rates and his belief as a practical builder of railroads that valuations have been placed at too high a point.

"I'll put up a million dollar bond," said the Governor "that I can construct a main line railroad in Kansas, an up-to-date line too, for \$25,000 a mile and make ten per cent. profit."

The lowest estimate of railroad building offered by the railroads more than doubled the governor's estimate. Governor Stubbs was the principal witness introduced by the shippers.

Governor Stubbs time after time jumped from the role of witness to that of cross-questioner and repeatedly turned on the railroad attorney with "now I want to ask you a question."

At one point in the cross-examination by Attorney T. J. Norton, of the Santa Fe Railway, Governor Stubbs declared:

"Now let me tell you something. There is not as much risk in building a railroad in a good territory as in starting a bank. I don't think the roads need professional rights; they can make money as they are and they should be run on the same business basis as a bank."

Mr. Norton asked the witness if he knew of the washout which put the Salt Lake road out of business for a hundred days.

"Yes, I heard of it, was the Governor's reply."

"I just called attention to it in connection with your comparison with the risk of railroads and banks," said Mr. Norton.

"Well let me give you some information along that line about banks," interrupted Governor Stubbs. I can tell you a story that will make your hair stand up."

Mr. Norton disclaimed any desire to have his hair "stand" and Commissioner Lane, the top of whose head is smooth, said "Suppose you tell me that story governor." The story was lost in the laugh which followed.

"Don't you think, Governor," was another question, "that the Santa Fe road is entitled to the increased value of its properties in Kansas? You do not deny to the Kansas farmer the increase in the value of his land."

"Yes," quickly rejoined Governor Stubbs, rising from his chair and emphasizing his words by pounding on the judge's bench. "But that land is worth more because of the honest labor of the men, women and children on every quarter section of Kansas land and the stock values of the railroads holdings have been jugged and inflated and I don't know how much water there is in it."

Prominent Railroad Men In New York Conference



SNOW COMES WITH COLD WAVE

Ahead of Frost in Some Sections of the South Yesterday—Generally a Cold Throughout the Country—Atlanta.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Snow, many days ahead of its average date of appearance, fell today as far south as the north sections of the Gulf States; and throughout the entire country unseasonably cold weather prevailed.

In the East and South the cold wave from the West arrived early in the day and the prediction is that the cold will continue in these sections tomorrow to be followed by moderating temperature Sunday.

In all sections east of the Rocky Mountains, with the exception of the Great Lake region where snow flurries are predicted, generally fair weather is to prevail tomorrow, the rising temperature to move gradually eastward.

Snow in the Lake Superior region today was heavy and killing frosts prevailed in the interior sections of the country. In the northwest the conditions moderated considerably during the day, a maximum of 62 degrees having been reported from points in Montana.

In the Ohio Valley and the Appalachian mountain regions snow flurries of today are to be followed by clear weather tomorrow.

Atlanta, Ga., October 28.—All records for freak weather were broken tonight when snow fell in and around Atlanta. It is the first in the history of the Weather Bureau that snow arrived about of frost. The thermometer registered 36 degrees.

FELL AND WAS KILLED.

Champion 'Possum Hunter Meets Tragic End in Asheville. (Special Star Telegram.) Asheville, N. C., Oct. 28.—While attempting to get an o'possum from a tree, Will Atkin, known as the champion daylight o'possum hunter of this section met tragic death today. He had a boast he could catch more o'possums without a dog and hunting in daylight than anyone could hunting with dog at night.

1,000 CHINAMEN DROWNED. Result of Floods—Whole Town Inundated for Two Weeks. Victoria, B. C., Oct. 28.—One thousand persons were drowned at Chenkiang, China, early this month following a rise of the Han river, according to advices received today. Large areas in the Chenkiang and the Mengyang districts were submerged.

Yokohama was inundated two weeks ago. Rain had fallen continuously for 17 days, and 3,000 houses were uninhabitable. Embankments had gone out and heavy losses were feared.

SNOW IN ASHEVILLE.

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 28.—The first snow fall in Asheville occurred late today when small flakes sifted down and swiftly blowing clouds came from the north. It is said that some of the high mountains are snow-capped. The first killing frost occurred October 24th, the change of weather being quite sudden.

MEMPHIS SALOONS TO RE-OPEN

Federal Court Judge Dissolved Injunction—Upholds the Principles of State's Rights—Grand Jury Indictments.

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 28.—Declining to assume jurisdiction and upholding the principles of State rights, Federal Judge John E. McCall today ordered dissolved a temporary injunction restraining saloons from opening in 114 saloons kept in Memphis.

Notwithstanding the declaration of the Law Enforcement League of Memphis, who through fifteen of its members appeared as complainants, that their appeals to State and local authorities for redress had been unheeded, Judge McCall held that prosecution through grand jury indictments was the proper recourse and was still open. In answer to the allegation that the constituted authorities of the State were not in sympathy with the prohibition laws as enacted and had refused to set upon information furnished by the State, Judge McCall held that the prohibition laws as enacted and had refused to set upon information furnished by the State, Judge McCall held that the prohibition laws as enacted and had refused to set upon information furnished by the State.

Contrary to some expectations, Senator Root brought no direct pledge from Colonel Roosevelt regarding his attitude toward the nomination in 1912. He ridiculed the issue of the "new nationalism" as interpreted by the Democratic platform, warmly praised Colonel Roosevelt for his defeat of the "old guard," attacked Tammany Hall and warned voters of the danger of putting the offices of State Comptroller and State Engineer in Tammany's power.

He commended Mr. Stimson's services in the sugar prosecution and called attention to the fact that the Standard Wall Paper Company, of which Mr. Dix is a director, asked Congress to raise the tariff on wall paper.

It is said that to have Mr. Stimson in the governor's chair would promote Mr. Roosevelt's political fortunes, said Senator Root. "The people who say this, he continued, 'do not mean what is undoubtedly true, that Mr. Stimson will be such a governor as to reflect credit on every one who has supported him. In any other sense the proposition is based on an entire misunderstanding of the man. He was selected as the candidate because he had done some things in public office which show what kind of a man he is and which ought to be a guaranty to the people of the State that he is the kind of man they need for Governor. No man can use him and no man can make a stepping stone of him.'

The idea that Mr. Roosevelt contemplates an attack upon our judicial system or that system is in danger from him or from any one else is purely fanciful and devised for campaign purposes only."

JOHNSTONE BEATS OWN AERO RECORD

Aviator's Flight to 8,751 Feet Featured Aviation Events Yesterday.

FIRST ACCIDENT OF THE MEET

Escaped Uninjured With Only Minor Damages to His Machine—Hamilton, Drexel and Brookings Chosen by Aero Club.

New York, Oct. 28.—The crowd at Belmont Park today was all for Ralph Johnstone when, from Middle Island village, Long Island, 55 miles off the country course, he brought back a new American record of 8,751 feet for altitude—the second he has added to his string in the International Aviation meet.

The interest of the aviators was centered on the action of the Aero Club of America, which, after a midnight session, chose Hamilton, Drexel and Brookings early this morning, to defend the Gordon-Bennett International speed trophy. Audemars, in a Demoiselle, suffered the first accident of the tournament today, but came off with no hurt to himself and only minor damages to his machine.

Just before the passenger-carrying cross-country race was started at 4 o'clock this afternoon a mote in the palling sky was seen far to the southeast. It was Johnstone, re-appearing just where he had vanished in yesterday's gale. He circled the field and settled in front of the judges' stand, while the crowd waved, cheered and stamped.

From his toes to the tips of his ears Johnstone radiated pleasure. Major Samuel Reber, of the United States signal corps, ran out and grasped his hand. Three officials in the judges' stand, including Cortland Field Bishop, president of the Aero Club of America, joined the group.

"Tell you what, boys," said the hero "it was just the mercy of Providence that saved my neck. When I thought I was within touching distance of the new world's record, I kind of forgot all about the wind and began to reach out for more height. Then I suddenly said to myself, 'Young man, you better see how much gas you've got. It is the truth, I had just enough to turn over the two propellers. When I kept her nose up the juice ran down into the engine and she coughed. The minute I pointed down I lost my fuel and she began to miss.'

"It was just like shooting the chutes. First I'd take a header, with the power off, and when the wind began to carry me out of control, I'd point up a bit, get a little headway, run level for a hundred yards, then dip again. I wasn't scared till I got down to earth and saw what a gale there was. Then I was frightened for fair. The only spot I could find to land in was a patch three times bigger across than the stretch of my wings from tip to tip. While I was tossing pennies with myself the wind turned me clear around and landed me front end backwards, but that was just what saved me. If I'd come down head first the wind would have picked me up, tipped me over and smashed me to pieces."

What fluttered the hangers far more today than a new record or than Johnstone's narrative was the selection early this morning by the Aero Club of America of an American team to defend the Gordon-Bennett international speed trophy. It had been intended to narrow the choice by elimination trials, but windy weather forbade and when the limit named until international rule for the entry of a team appointed it was necessary to substitute an election. Hamilton with 110 horse power Hamiltonian; Drexel for a 50 horse power Bleriot; and Brookings in the new Wright racer, were named.

Curtiss, who brought the cup to this country, thus has no part in defending it, and his new racer remains untried. It and other dark horses will have a chance to show what they can do in the grand prize speed trials, which carry prizes of \$3,000 for first place and \$1,000 for second. The American substitutes are Mars, of the Curtiss team; Moisant, with a Bleriot, and Hoxsey, of the Wright team.

The French team consists of Latham with a 100 horse power Antoinette; LeBlanc, with a 100 horse power Bleriot; Auburn with a 50 horse power Bleriot; and Barrier, both with 50 horse power Bleriot for substitutes.

For Great Britain, Grahame-White with a 100 horse power Bleriot; Radley with a 50 horse power Bleriot, are the team, with Ogilvie of the Wright company of Great Britain and McArdle, in a Bleriot as the substitutes.

Against the high powered foreign monoplane America has but one machine of equal power—Hamilton's 110 horse power bi-plane; but the new Wright racer has been clocked in exceptionally fast time and so good a judge as Radley thinks it ought to retain the cup by virtue of its superior steadiness in banking the curves.

There was no fight to the Statue of Liberty today because of too much wind. Moisant and DeLesseps, both tried, but neither finished. Moisant

GODWIN-MEARES DEBATE STILL ON

Spoke to a Small Crowd at Whiteville, Columbus Co., Yesterday.

PITCHED ON A HIGH PLANE

Both in Best of Humor and Each Had His Share of the Applause—Next Appointment in Wilmington Monday Night—The Issues

(Special Star Correspondence.) Whiteville, Oct. 28.—About 125 voters were present in the court room today to hear the joint debate between Congressman Godwin and Mr. Meares, rival candidates for Congress in this district. The crowd was nearly equally divided between Democrats and Republicans.

Both speakers were at their best, and were given the closest attention. While the speaking lasted about 2 1/2 hours very few left the building until the close at nearly 3 o'clock. There never was a political debate pitched on a higher plane, and nothing was said to give offense to anyone. Occasional applause interrupted the orators when some especially telling point was scored, like when Mr. Godwin remarked that both himself and Mr. Meares would get what they ever after, he be elected to Congress and Mr. Meares appointed postmaster at Whiteville, and he would help him secure the place with pleasure if a Democrat had no chance for the appointment.

Mr. Godwin made the opening speech and he carefully delivered a very strong and forceful address. His evident sincerity and deep earnestness added force to what he said.

Mr. Meares is an eloquent speaker, and was applauded when he rose to reply, several Democrats joining in. Mr. Meares said it was 42 years since the days of Reconstruction, and he did not propose to enter into that ancient history. Mr. Meares spoke something over an hour and closed with an eloquent oration. He was loudly applauded. He and Mr. Godwin ate dinner at the same table in the Columbus Hotel. Each complimented the other on making the best speech of the campaign. They will rest up the balance of the week and speak in Wilmington Monday night. The debate was in the best of humor, but we are satisfied that Mr. Godwin's speech made several converts from the Republican side.

SHERMAN AT ASHEVILLE. Vice President Defends the Tariff—Appealed to Democrats. Asheville, N. C., Oct. 28.—Declaring that while he did not claim perfection for the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill, it was a good measure, Vice President Sherman made the tariff the principal theme of an address here tonight. Leading up to his subject, Mr. Sherman urged his hearers to preserve what we termed the present prosperous era by voting for the retention of a Republican Congress.

The speaker appealed to Southern Democrats to abandon the habit of voting the Democratic ticket because their fathers did. A public reception for the Vice President was held at the Battery Park Hotel.

DEATH AT SPARTANBURG. Mr. Stobe J. Simpson Passed Away After Long Illness. Spartanburg, S. C., Oct. 28.—Mr. Stobe J. Simpson, one of the best known lawyers of the State, died at his home here tonight in the 57 year of his age. He had been seriously ill for several weeks. He was a native of Laurens, S. C., and attended Princeton University in 1871.

Van Courver, B. C., Oct. 28.—Dana B. Gibson, 23 years old, a native of New York, employed in a lumber camp at Lund was shot and killed in the woods yesterday by his companion, Charles S. Young, of North VanCourver. Young mistook Gibson for a deer. The homicide in the strata in British Columbia since the opening of the present hunting season.

took up Fred Thompson, the theatrical manager, and left him four miles away in a cabbage patch.

Count de Lesseps took up his brother and landed unhurt in Garden City. He had engine trouble.

Audemars, one of the two men in the world who dares to drive a tiny Demoiselle, took his butterfly out in too strong a wind and was capsized. In attempting to land from a height of not more than ten feet, he struck the earth with his front wheels, bounced into the air and ended by turning a somersault. For a moment the machine stood tall uppermost on the tip of its nose and then turned slowly over on its back. As the crowd jumped onto their feet in horror Audemars leaped out unhurt. He broke the propeller of his machine, smashed the ribs of one wing and threw his engine out of true, but the repairs will not be expensive.

The Liberty flight is still open tomorrow and flights for the Gordon-Bennett cup may begin at any time after 8:30 A. M.