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ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. James D. Pair has been appointed General Traveling Agent for the GAZETTE to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. William S. Mitchell.

THE SENATORIAL OUTLOOK.

Congress, which was convened in extra session on the 15th, is an object of great solicitude to the American people. The House is safely Republican and can be relied upon to pass at an early day such remedial legislation as the needs of the country demand.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY'S SIGNATURE.

Persons who have been intimately associated with President McKinley for years are much interested in the evolution of his signature. While in Congress and while serving his first term as Governor of Ohio he signed his name "Wm. McKinley, Jr."

THE GOVERNOR AGREES WITH A DEMOCRAT.

A peculiar species of political piety shakes the general anatomy of a Democrat when said Democrat has no power in office. In this respect the Kentucky Democrats are no exception.

LETTER WRITER CARR.

A few days ago Colonel Julian S. Carr wrote a personal letter to a friend (in which was evaded the word "press") which, by some means or other, fell into the hands of an editor of a Democratic daily.

AS OTHERS SEE HIM.

Enrollment Work Complicated. The letter printed below was received a few days ago by Lieutenant Governor Reynolds. It speaks for itself:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Raleigh, N. C., March 11, 1897. Hon. C. A. Reynolds:—

My dear Governor:—I understand that you are responsible for the system of supervising the enrollment of the work of the General Assembly by that body at its recent session.

With old-time regards I am, Very truly yours, W. F. BATHGORE.

FUNERAL OF MR. W. S. MITCHELL.

On Thursday afternoon of last week the Congregational Church of this city was filled to its utmost capacity by many sorrowing friends, who had gathered there to pay the last respect to Mr. W. S. Mitchell.

As the first selection, the choir sang, "It is well with my soul."

Dr. Curtis read verses 4 and 5 of II Cor., last chapter. Rev. David led in prayer.

Before beginning the sermon Dr. Curtis read the following touching and pathetic note which he had received from the bereaved widow:

"I saw a wonderful picture last summer Rochester, fame, wealth and pleasure, represented by a most beautiful woman floating on a huge bubble swiftly along close to the ground, and scattering gold freely in the path behind her, smiling as she rode and beckoning to a man on horse-back, who was urging his horse to furious speed in his mad pursuit of this world's pleasures."

As I looked at that fascinating, but horrid scene, I felt like screaming, "Stop! stop! stop!"

It was awful just to look at, even though I knew it was only a painting—and yet how true to the life of every careless un-saved man and woman who go so unconcernedly on, day after day, with no thought of God, and no thought of seeking their own comfort and pleasure, earthly good, rather than seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and speaking right on towards destruction, like that man chasing the bubble!

Which way are you going—each of you here to-day? Are you in that straight and narrow way, climbing steadily on your knees, toward the presence of God? Or are you still in the broad way that leads gradually, but so surely, down to destruction? Our Savior tells us solemnly that there be many that are going thither—while but few are treading the narrow way that leads to life.

When we lie upon our dying pillow, we want to be remembered in the good times, or of the hard times, or of our failures. Our lives will then lie open for us, as well as for our God, to see what we have done of evil or of good.

When we are gathered here to pay to our last tribute of respect to one who in the prime of life has been suddenly summoned to meet his God, for him the record is closed. To him the "Son of Man" has already come. He has solved the riddle of the ages, and he has passed through the valley of the shadow into the presence of Eternal Justice and Eternal Hope.

In the brief moment that was left to him of life—struggling with pain and disease and with a spirit which he tried desperately to lay hold of Christ, his only Refuge and Hope.

We know God's mercy is infinite. We shall find a wonderful bank account laid up to our credit in the glory land.

God says, "As ye measure to others, it shall be measured unto you again"; but inasmuch as ye have not done kindly, compassionate things to the afflicted, the aged, the needy—neglecting the plain Christian duty to the very least of suffering humanity, ye have neglected Him! and the awful sentence, "Depart!" will be pronounced in that day of Judgment.

Oh, brothers, sisters, it is now we are to note, that settles the question whether we shall die in peace, or go sorrowing over a wasted life.

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NEW ERA INSTITUTE.

Last week the writer made a visit to the little town of Laurinburg, N. C., situated on the Carolina Central Railroad and in the county of Richmond, one of the largest counties in the State.

The prominent colored men there are W. P. Evans, merchant; C. E. Harris, silversmith; M. L. Shaw, farmer; W. McLaughlin, teacher; N. F. McEachin, editor; Henry McNair, butcher; C. H. McKoy, liveryman; Geo. McIver, mail-carrier; and Rev. C. E. W. Johnson, Wm. Robinson and W. M. Campbell.

One of the most popular men in the town and in the county is Mr. C. E. Harris. He is a friend worth having, and it is a pleasure to visit him and his lovely wife and children. He is the friend of the GAZETTE, and speaks words of high praise of the paper.

Mr. W. P. Evans is the leading colored merchant, and also a leading candidate for the Laurinburg postoffice. He is a gentleman of pleasant manner, with a pressing full of intelligence and meaning. He has the respect and confidence of every Republican in this section.

Mr. M. L. Shaw is one of the largest and most prosperous farmers in this county. He runs about ten horses, including those of his tenants, and he has some of the best improved land in this section any of which will produce from 800 pounds to a ton of wheat annually.

Mr. J. W. McLaughlin is teaching the public school of this town.

MONROE, N. C. The people of Union County are hearing condemnation upon the head of Representative Price in having the dispensary law enacted over the protest and wishes of a large majority of the people. It is said that many of those who are good church people are opposed to this law, and if it had been left to the vote of the people, it would have been defeated.

It is thought by some of the leading business men, that it will materially set back the business and cause a great loss to the town.

MONROE, N. C. There is a number of prominent leading citizens here, among whom are Mr. J. S. Hasty, who is chairman of the County Executive Committee; J. N. Steen, Rev. J. A. Crestfield, J. H. Crowles, Rev. J. W. Sides and others.

Mr. M. F. Flow and other leading citizens have been working during the campaign, and they express great satisfaction with its course.

This town is making great improvements. It has the electric lights, and a water supply, and is putting in the water works, which is greatly needed in case of fire.

The town has two good fire companies—one white and one colored. In most every town we go, we can now find a prospect and practice, with encouraging prospects, some one of our young colored doctors, Dr. J. S. Massey, a graduate of Leonard Medical College, is making a good name as physician here.

Rev. J. W. Steen, Mr. Graham and Miss Mary E. Alebrook are teachers in the city school.

LUMBERTON, N. C. This is quite an interesting little town; though it has recently been visited by fire, it yet shows improvement in the commercial trade. The surrounding farming neighborhood produces both cotton and tobacco. The town no doubt has a bright future.

While in town we met Dr. R. M. Norment, of whom we are always glad to meet, because of his friendly manner and warm reception one finds in meeting him. Dr. Norment, without question, is the leader of the Republican party in this section. He has always been a true Republican, and worked as hard as any man in the State for the success of his party. We learn that Dr. Norment is a candidate for the Presidency of the North Carolina Railroad. We say he would be a good selection.

Miss Emma McClain, of Laurinburg, is visiting Miss Adeline McQueen.

Misses A. G. Hooper and Carrie V. Hooper and Mr. W. C. Pope have just closed their schools and come home. Miss Carrie taught the district school in this section. Misses A. G. Hooper and Carrie V. Hooper are talented and promising young teachers. Miss A. G. says she is proud of the GAZETTE, because through its columns one can hear of and learn of persons in remote parts of the country. She says every one in their family welcome it.

We had the pleasure of meeting during our short stay Misses A. G. Hooper, Adeline McQueen, Emma McClain, Misses W. C. Pope, A. W. Bell, George W. McQueen, C. E. McEachin, W. R. McNeil, Prof. C. H. Mosley and Dr. R. M. Norment.

New Era Institute, in Clayton, N. C., March 18-21, 1897.

This was the second one held in Johnston county. This was really subsequent to one held in Selma, N. C., in December, 1896, which was conducted by these two teachers, Rev. B. Vincent and J. A. Whitte. The one held in Clayton opened the evening of the 18th inst. with a praise and song service at 7:30 o'clock. At 8 o'clock Rev. Vincent introduced the Rev. W. H. Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Raleigh, who lectured to the large audience upon the subject, "The Great Unity of the Brotherhood." Rev. Worlds handled his subject as a skilled Divine, in many instances persons were heard to say that his whole lecture was fraught with rich and noble thoughts. In his discourse he referred to several different nationalities, and the union which holds them together. He spoke of organic unity, and he emphasized that the Baptists were held together by that union that comes from God and the love they have for the denomination. The first night enthused the people to attend.

On Friday morning from 9 to 9:30 a song service; after which Rev. Vincent introduced Rev. J. A. Whitte, general missionary, who lectured upon the reception of members into the church. In his lecture he said that some preachers take members in the church when they know such members are unfit. But this they do for the sake of numbers. His lecture was instructive. The lecture was very much enjoyed. Benches were occupied.

Bro. G. R. Hinton conducted the prayer-meeting in the evening, from 1:30 to 2. At this time Prof. Vincent introduced Prof. Scott of Shaw University. Revs. Whitten and Jones, who spoke about preachers of bad repute, and that it had become a custom now for preachers to have revivals in August. He said the church ought to have revivals any time. Many joined in the discussion. Benediction.

FRIDAY NIGHT EXERCISES. Some time was spent in a prayer meeting, after which Rev. Vincent spoke of the great work of co-operation among Baptists in North Carolina and other States. Rev. A. Jones, the pastor of the church, said that "it has been my privilege to attend two of these Institutes, and I know they are a great blessing to the people. I have been benefited by attending them, and I believe that I should be benefited by attending this one in Clayton."

The general missionary took charge of the meeting. The choir sang a beautiful selection. Rev. John E. White was introduced by the pastor. He began his speech by saying, "If anybody ask where

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SCHEDULE IN EFFECT FEB. 7, 1897.

SOUTHBOUND. No. 403. No. 41. Lv Norfolk, via S. A. L., 11:00 am; 9:00 pm.

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