

DELEGATES ARE HOME FROM MEET

National Chamber of Commerce Held Productive Session.

Railway Referendum Considered and Acted Upon by Nation's Business Leaders.

President David Owens and National Councillor W. W. Watt, of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, returned Saturday morning from Washington, D. C., where they have been for the last several days, attending the annual meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Secretary Edward N. Farris, of the Charlotte organization, was also present at meeting of the National body but did not return Saturday morning. Mr. Farris remained over in Washington for the purpose of interviewing members of the United States Department of Agriculture on matters pertaining to agricultural and rural work which is now before the Charlotte chamber.

President Owens asserted to the reporter of The Observer Saturday that the meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce was one of the most largely attended which he has ever had the pleasure of visiting.

The Charlotte official also asserts that the meeting was especially productive and interesting because of the fact that the men present at all of the

sessions were the biggest business men of the country and men who can be called commercial and industrial leaders of the Nation.

"The meeting was certainly wonderful," said President Owens. "It was wonderful in that it showed people interested in the negotiations, who are the most representative and most progressive business men of the country."

"There wasn't a session of the convention, during the whole time that I was there, that there were not at least 1,000 delegates present and simply stating that they were present also carries with it the fact that they were working all of the time and taking an active interest in everything that was going on and up and doing."

"There were addresses by the most prominent leaders of every section of the country. There was no section which was not represented and in some instances there would be a whole delegation from one city alone."

"The questions taken into consideration were ones which will affect America's business and on that account they were the most important ones which could possibly be considered by a delegation of that kind. Every one of the subjects and topics was a vital one and was given the consideration of the United States Chamber of Commerce because of the fact that they were questions which will affect the business of the United States."

Railway Question Considered.

"I expect one of the most important questions taken up for consideration was the railway matter, in which the relations of the railway workers and employers was given the utmost consideration."

"Following an address by Henry A. Wheeler, president of one of the largest trust companies of Chicago, in which was given the verdict of the National Chamber of Commerce with regards to the wisest policy to be pursued by the Government in respect to settling difficulties between railroad officials and employes, the recent referendum sent to all chambers of commerce over the country was discussed and a motion made that the views of the National Chamber of Commerce be presented. The presentation will be made by the committees from the several States to their Representatives both in the Senate and in the House, and the views of those Representatives will be ascertained."

"This step was taken as the result of the work which the referendum has done."

"The North Carolina delegation called upon Sen. Simmons, Congressman Webb, Congressman Kitchin, leader of the House, and Congressman Stedman. Their views on the question will be submitted in writing to the North Carolina chambers of commerce."

"One of the most gratifying reports which President Owens had to make was that Mr. Watt, National councillor to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States from the body in Charlotte, was elected chairman of the district comprising North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia."

Mr. Watt's opinions are considered to be valuable by officials of the National Chamber of Commerce, according to President Owens, and he takes an active part in the work of the different committees, of which he is a member.

Banquet Was Great.

"The banquet was a great affair,"

concluded Mr. Owens. "There was a tremendous crowd present and of course the feature of it was the address by ex-President William H. Taft. Another feature was the social given Thursday night following Mr. Wheeler's address, at which time the biggest business men of the Nation joined in singing patriotic airs and National anthems."

"President Rhett, of the Charleston, S. C. Chamber of Commerce, also delivered an address, which was a feature of the occasion."

"That was a wonderful meeting. That bunch can just naturally shed business faster than any aggregation I have ever been brought in contact with, and they are full of fun and like to have a good time with it all."

While in Washington the Charlotte delegation called at the office of President Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern Railway, for the purpose of inviting that official to be guest of honor at the big railway men's luncheon which is to be given within the near future in compliment to Southern Railway officials and department heads, who have been moved to Charlotte with the establishment of headquarters for "Lines East" here.

President Harrison had been called away on business and upon his return to Washington, Richard H. DeButts, formerly division passenger agent of the Southern here, will present the invitation and urge President Harrison to accept it.

ANOTHER GENEROUS MILLIONAIRE TELLS THE WORLD ABOUT SELF

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Mr. J. C. B. Walthall, an oil and gas millionaire from Oklahoma, stopping at a well known hotel, states in an interview how his life and happiness was saved by reading the following prescription in his paper. He is quoted as saying: "Strange how a little incident changed my entire life. Wealth came to me after years of toil, and naturally as most men I abused its privileges until I became a nervous wreck, with throbbing brain, aches and pains, loss of appetite, energy and ambition. In fact life seemed not worth living. Hope was dead and pleasure had fled. Then I read a prescription for just such ailment as beset me. My druggist filled it for me. Improvement followed and I continued its use until hale and hearty once more. Judicious living has kept me strong, stronger than before. I kept the prescription and want it published to help others. Here it is: One oz. each of tincture cadomene compound, compound fluid balsam, compound essence cardiol and three ounces compound syrup sarsaparilla, mix together, shake well and take a teaspoonful after each meal and one at bedtime. My what vim it gives only one such as I can never realize."

NOTE—Local druggists and physicians commend highly the peculiar virtues of this prescription and any good druggist can fill it.

ABLE SPEECH HEARD BY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Dr. Hugh Black Talks on Nature of Revelation—Book of Genesis Poetry.

Special to The Observer.

Chapel Hill, Feb. 3.—"The question the world is now faced with," said Doctor Hugh Black in his second lecture here on the nature of Revelation, is this: "Is Law People? Does International Law any longer mean anything?" Doctor Black also laid emphasis on the question of retribution. "God hath said," he asserted. "There may be peace without victory but never peace without victory. The Christian end is not peace. I can always get peace by moving back to the point of least resistance. But no one wants peace with dishonor. Righteousness must prevail."

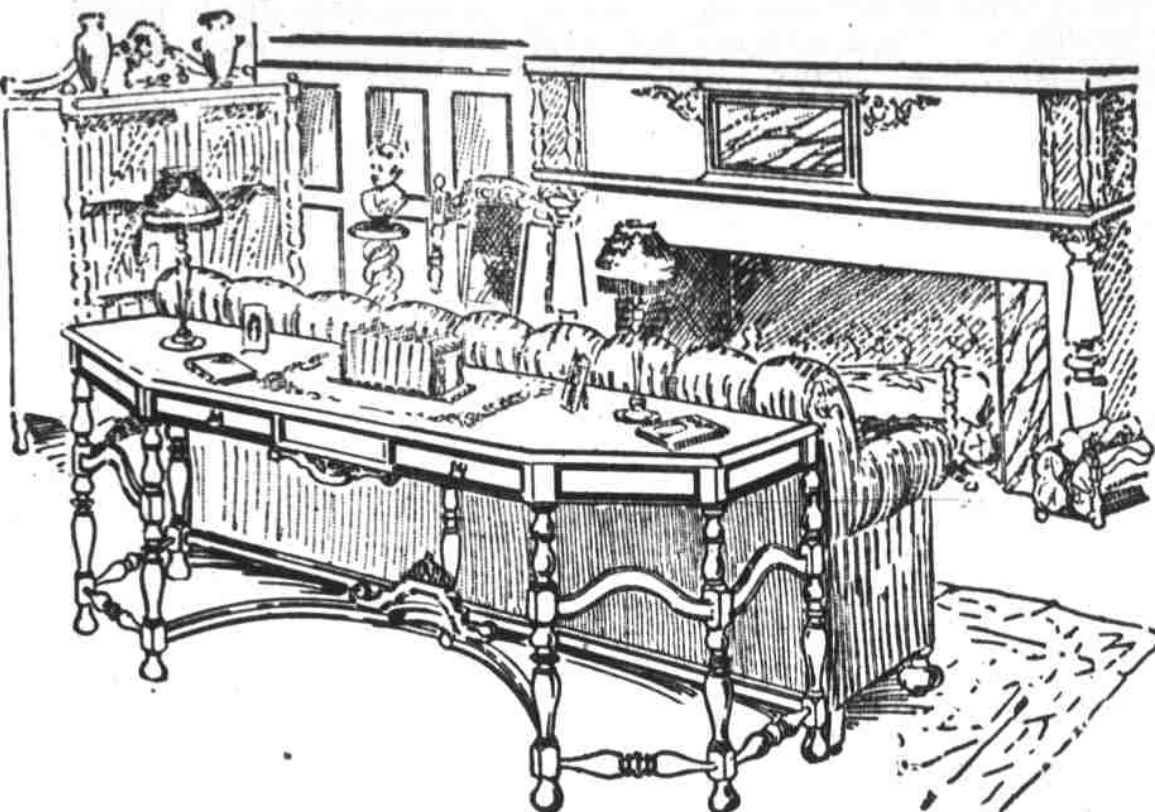
In the beginning of his lecture Doctor Black insisted that whatever the universe was, it wasn't a machine. The mechanistic idea of the universe is silly, for with it the higher nature of man never could have evolved. It practically means no God. The speaker linked his subject with the first chapter of Genesis, which he declared to be not history, or science, or geology, but poetry. "More literally it is the curse of all interpretation," he said. "It has lived because it is religion, not history."

Man is conscious of law. The fruit of knowledge of the tree of good and evil is in man. Law means sanctions and prohibitions, it is not an "arbitrary rule imposed by a superior will from without. Mortal man imposes mortal law. Temptation forces our hand and compels decision. The greatest problem, therefore in all the world is, "Hath God Said?"

That a man should follow his nature usually means his lower nature, thinks Doctor Black. We are often enticed by this question: "Why should we obey any word from without, when we have impulses and desires within?" The moral law is a matter of history—the result of all the past and its rich inheritance. Atheism after all is disbelief in law, or denying that there is any such thing as external law. The world would be a dance of unreason without a divine purpose.

"To limit all revelation to the Bible is to do injustice to both and also to God," said Doctor Black. "Behind the phenomena of the world there is spirit—purpose to explain phenomena. God ceases to be unless he continues to make himself known. Revelation doesn't mean God's writing a book, though revelation may be preserved in a book as well as in a spiritual life."

We are on the eve of a new spiritual interpretation of the world, the lecturer thinks. The word dynamics begins to replace mechanics. "We are all learning to think of the whole world not in terms of statics but of dynamics. Science itself is approaching a religious view, and men are probing to the bottom of things to get a new spiritual interpretation."



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, 1917.

Full Piedmont Theatre Orchestra

MEETING OF CITIZENS OPPOSED TO NEW COUNTY

Dunn Wants to Make New County From Part of Johnston and Harnett.

Special to The Observer.

Smithfield, Feb. 3.—A meeting of the citizens of Smithfield was held at the court house to consider the organization of a new county, which would take away from Johnston the southern part. The people of this town believe that this county is as it should be, that Johnston is one of the best counties in the State and that it should be disastrous to divide it.

Mr. J. A. Wellons called the meeting to order and W. L. Ellis was appointed secretary. Ed. S. Abell made a speech in which he pointed the loss that would come to the county from the division, loss that would affect the several interests not only of the town but of the whole county. J. W. Stephenson similarly spoke against the contemplated taking off of the southern part of Johnston, while Superintendent of Education L. T. Royall gave some figures showing that the educational interests would suffer greatly. Other speeches were made by Judge F. H. Brooks and W. M. Sanders and thereupon different committees were organized to take up the fight against the new measure.

The division of the county is championed by the people of Dunn and its vicinity, who wish to establish in that town a new county seat. They want to divide Johnston and Harnett. Both the latter feel that Dunn is not justified in taking the new position.

BELMONT TO HAVE A NEW CITY HALL—NEW PAVING

And Sewerage System—Special Committee to Attend Gastonia's Big Banquet Feb. 6.

Special to The Observer.

Gastonia, Feb. 3.—At the meeting of the directors of the Belmont Chamber of Commerce Friday night several committees were appointed to look after public improvements, being a new city hall, street paving, sewerage system, white way, etc.

This special committee was named to attend the banquet to be given at Gastonia on Tuesday, at noon: S. B. Stowe, W. L. Stowe, W. D. Crawford, J. P. Hall, G. W. Stowe, D. P. Stowe, F. P. Hall.