

CHARLOTTE THANKSGIVING

HOLIDAY AS WELL AS HOLT-DAY.

Streets Quiet, but Gay With Illusions—Services at the Churches in the Forenoon—Various Interests in the Afternoon—Bear Dances, Football, Billiards, Graded School Ceremonies, Fair Ground Stunts—A Day of Gratitude, Rest and Enjoyment.

After months of golden weather, Thanksgiving day put the crown upon it all. There was the meekest hint of frost in the bracing air, and the autumn sunshine was never more glorious. The people turned out to church as if it were Sunday, and the streets, except for the cars, were quiet.

Some of the good dinners are described in another column. After they had been eaten, it was time for the matinee. Out sallied the well-dressed population upon the streets again. The matinee struck luck; it had a packed house. But everybody by no means went to the matinee.

There were throngs at the fair ground, at the Dilworth graded school, and elsewhere. As the afternoon grew on, the bear men struck the town and congested population. This gave the people who did not take advantage of the matinee an amusing sight.

Toward dusk the gamblers began coming in from the field, tired and hungry. It must have been a poor day for birds and squirrels, for few of the hunters wanted to talk.

A. M. E. ZION CONFERENCE. Proceedings of the Second Day's Session—Increase of Collections Reported Over Last Year—Interesting Marriage—Striking Characters in the Conference.

The second day's proceedings of the A. M. E. Zion Conference now in session at Little Rock church, corner Seventh and Myers streets, were of unusual interest. The pastors are making their reports of general fund collected during the year.

Rev. C. C. Clements, the editor of The Star of Zion, was kept quite busy to-day receiving subscriptions to The Star and The Quarterly. In view of the fact that no minister can receive an appointment who is not a subscriber to these periodicals.

INTERESTING DEDICATION. New Big Springs School House, in Berryhill Township, is Opened With Appropriate Exercises—Dr. Smith and Mr. Patterson Make the Addresses.

The handsome new Big Springs school house, in Berryhill township, was dedicated yesterday with appropriate exercises. An all-day affair it was, with a big Thanksgiving dinner served in the school house grove at the midday noon.

THE JUBILEE RECEPTION.

AT THE CHARLOTTE Y. M. C. A.

Professor George B. Hanna, the Principal Speaker—Other Addresses by Dr. A. C. Barron, Rev. A. Shorter Caldwell, and Mr. Hugh W. Harris—Very Interesting Exercises for the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Association.

The thirtieth anniversary reception of the Young Men's Christian Association, which was held last night at the association building, was a most successful affair. There was a large attendance. Promptly at 8 o'clock Richardson's Orchestra began playing in the reception room and added greatly to the pleasure of the occasion, while the guests were arriving.

Shortly before 9 o'clock, Heriot Clark, Esq., called for order, and, after prayer by Rev. L. A. Falls, asked the secretary of the association to read the minutes of the first meeting held 30 years ago.

Prof. George B. Hanna was then called on and told of the early days and struggles of the association. He told of the first meetings in Wadsworth Hall, on North Tryon street, and then of the association in a growing work in the balcony building, of the work in the rooms over the Charlotte National Bank, of the work in the rooms over the Merchants and Farmers' Bank.

Dr. Barron spoke glowingly of the future of Charlotte and referred to the city as a city of young men, and said that in the years that are just before us, we will surely see an army of the young men coming to make their homes among us.

Inter-Secretary G. C. Hunter, spoke of his interest in the Charlotte association, and of his relation to the membership and the board of directors as the most pleasant in his experience. He said that at the twenty-fifth anniversary meeting, he was delighted to be with the members of the Charlotte association at the time of the celebration of the thirtieth anniversary.

He spoke of the inspiration that President Hanna had been to him. He referred to the Ladies' Auxiliary as the greatest aid to the Charlotte association.

Rev. A. Shorter Caldwell, the presiding officer of the constitution and the president, was then called on. He spoke at length of the pleasure afforded him in being present to celebrate the anniversary of the association. He said that men do not realize the opportunities that a day offered. He spoke of the first meeting, and how little the men who organized the association dreamed of the outcome of their little meeting.

Death of Mrs. W. C. Graham. Mrs. Margaret Jane Graham, wife of Mr. W. C. Graham, died at 8 o'clock last night at her home in Sharon township. She became suddenly ill Tuesday and after a few days' illness, she passed away at the age of 58 years.

Governor Cunningham has declined to interfere in the Frank Duncan case and he will be hanged at Birmingham to-day.

"SERGEANT KITTY."

Record-Breaking Houses Greeted the Comic Opera at the Academy of Music, Matinee and Night, Yesterday—The Audience Was Pleased.

Never a theatrical company, of a one-day stand, carried more money away from Charlotte than did "Sergeant Kitty," the very pleasing comic opera that held the boards at the Academy, matinee and night, yesterday. The Thanksgiving matinee filled the house to standing room and broke all previous records; at the night performance there were scarcely a dozen seats unoccupied.

The play pleased the people—that's settled. It was the kind that does please—the comic opera sort—plenty of glib music and song. The piece was well set, the staging and costumes were elaborate and all that eye could desire. The music by Sionne, composer of the "Mocking Bird," was excellent, and was handled by the company's own orchestra in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. Charles Wayne did the best work in the male persuasion of the cast, as the love-making, borrowing captain Mr. Frederick Knights and Mr. St. Julien Lamoignon also deserve particular mention.

And Kitty, Sergeant Kitty! She was the life of the company, as her name indicates. Miss Helen Byron acted this very difficult part of the play to the satisfaction of all, with a smooth, well-timed enough glibness and grace.

The performance, all in all, pleased. They played under favorable auspices to a full house and an enthusiastic audience. In turn they did their part and threw into it spirit enough.

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Racing and Shooting at Latta Park.

A small crowd of spectators went to Latta Park yesterday afternoon to witness the rabbit races and the shooting matches. A pack of country hounds, of the Beagle and red-bone variety, were turned loose after ordinary field rabbits, and furnished exciting sport for a while in their mad rampages across the large enclosed arena.

A NOTED MINISTER. Was stricken down with rheumatism; the President of the United States has been laid up with it; and the last days of England's queen are rendered miserable by its tortures, yet there is a certain, unfailing cure for this horrible disease in Dr. Drummond's Lightning Remedy.

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