

TO HONOR JUDGE PARKER

HE WILL ARRIVE THIS EVENING

Mr. D. A. Thompkins will go to Camden, S. C., this morning to accompany the distinguished guest to the city—reception to be given in honor of the Democratic Leader of the Southern Manufacturers' Club—will address the Greater Charlotte Club.

Judge Alton B. Parker, of New York, lately made an address before the Mississippi Legislature by invitation. From Mississippi he went to Camden, S. C., where he has been spending some days with the Hon. D. B. Hill, also of New York, who is resting at Camden. A few days ago a number of Democratic gentlemen of this city invited Judge Parker to stop over here a day, or at least between trains, in order that his friends might have an opportunity to meet him and give him a reception. Judge Parker intimated his willingness to accept the invitation if he could manage the schedule, and the probabilities are that he will arrive here this evening by way of Rock Hill over the Southern Railway. If the present plans carry through all right, Judge Parker will arrive here at 7 o'clock and an informal democratic reception will be given him at the Manufacturers' Club. It is hoped that Judge Parker may be induced to make a few remarks on the subject of what he considers to be the Democratic situation. The reception will last from 7:30 to 9 o'clock. It is more than probable Judge Parker will attend the banquet of the Greater Charlotte Club.

Mr. D. A. Thompkins will leave at 11 o'clock this morning for Camden to accompany Judge Parker back. There will be a lay-over of three hours in Rock Hill and it is possible that the Commercial Club of that city may arrange for an afternoon reception of the distinguished gentleman. The only element of doubt in the whole programme is as to whether Judge Parker can arrange his schedule to meet the engagement indicated.

The following named are some of the gentlemen who, some days ago, invited Judge Parker to come here after his engagement in Mississippi: J. E. Caldwell, T. C. Henderson, D. R. Allen, J. L. Chambers, W. C. Dowd, E. S. Reed, E. T. Caniser, W. R. Burwell, T. W. Wade, C. D. Bennett, A. L. Smith, W. H. Twitty, H. E. C. Bryant, Walter Dren, R. S. Miller, Jr., H. A. Merrill, George Stephens, Wood H. Wood, S. B. Alexander and T. W. Alexander.

It is expected that each of the gentlemen participating in the invitation will bring two or five friends to meet Judge Parker. The reception will be wholly informal. Judge Parker will be at the Manufacturers' Club.

MONROE A COMING CITY.

A Citizen Talks of the Many Improvements That Have Been Made There Recently—A Prosperous County and a Thriving County Seat.

A well-known citizen of Monroe was in Charlotte yesterday and in conversation with an Observer reporter boasted of the wonderful progress which that little city has made in the past few months. He cited the fact that the great iron mill, the big cotton mill, the fertilizer, had been started recently, and many improvements were being made in the old, the Monroe Cotton Mill. The fertilizer mill, he said, would be one of the most conveniently arranged in the State. "It will not be a very large mill," said he, "but everything about it will be fixed in the most approved manner. The building will be finished this summer and the machinery will be installed just as soon thereafter as possible. The Monroe Cotton Mills are now engaged in putting in a number of looms for the making of wide sheetings. The addition will add materially to the mill equipment. "Before many months Monroe is to have one of the best depots on the Seaboard Air Line. The contract for the structure calls for \$50,000, but it will likely cost more being so finished. The architectural design will be pleasing and the yards about the building will be arranged in an artistic manner.

The officials of the Seaboard Air Line have decided to move a portion of the repair shops to Monroe. This will bring from 150 to 200 machinists to the city, thus adding to its population, wealth and importance. The rumor is current that the big shops will be moved to Monroe but nothing has been received to verify this report. There are many who believe that the placing of the small shops is merely the first step leading to the removal of the big repair works. Monroe is situated between the second and third divisions and occupies a very important central point with reference to the whole system. It is thought, too, that much repair work will be done at an early date on the line leading from Monroe to Butlerford. If this is the case there is nothing more natural than that the big shops should be located in Monroe. The fact is evident that Monroe is destined to be a railroad center of no mean importance.

"The people of Union county are determined to have a county fair. Stock has already been procured for such a company and before long invitations are to be issued. "The fact is not generally known that Union county has one of the best systems of good roads in the State. Owing to its proximity to Mecklenburg county, this feature has never been dwelt upon as it would have been had the county been located elsewhere. None questions the statement that Union county is one of the most fertile in the State, and the farmers are prosperous and contented. At the big farms' conventions held in Raleigh in January, Union county stood next to Mecklenburg in the amount of her donations.

"Monroe is peopled with wide awake, progressive citizens who are always willing to work together for its best interests. The manufacturing interests of the city are diversified and all of the local enterprises are prospering. There is a stir about the little city that makes itself felt at all times. You say 'watch Charlotte grow'—our people pull and push and say 'let us make Monroe grow.'"

TO-MORROW ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

The Irish Population Will See That the Hibernian Holiday is Properly Observed.

To-morrow will be St. Patrick's Day. The Irish population of the city will be up early in the morning for the proper observance of the great Hibernian holiday. Shamrock will be in evidence and modest green ties will be worn by a goodly number of citizens, who boast of the ancestry of the Emerald Isle.

The principal feature of the celebration will be the parade. The procession will be led by the famous Irish Band of Ward No. 2, which has been the life of all previous celebrations on this date. The band of O'Donnell has recently been made bandmaster and the organization is in splendid shape. Mr. Timothy O'Toomey and Capt. W. J. O'Connell are a committee having in charge the exercises of the day.

SPECIAL S. S. EXERCISES.

Two interesting services at First Baptist and Second Presbyterian Churches—The Programmes.

Rev. Dr. Henry W. Battle, of Greensboro, will deliver an address at the First Baptist Sunday school Sunday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock. Prof. D. Amatt Richardson will play on the violin, "Nearer My God, to Thee," and "Almost Persuaded," and Mrs. R. H. Matthews will sing a solo. The programme, an attractive one, is given here in full:

Music—By Orchestra. Song Service—Conducted by Mr. Harvey Overcash. Devotional Exercises—Conducted by Rev. C. T. Williamson. Special Selection—By Richardson Orchestra.

Singing—By School. Solo—By Mrs. R. H. Matthews. Singing—By School. Violin Solo—"Nearer My God, to Thee," and "Almost Persuaded," by Mr. D. Amatt Richardson. Address—By Dr. H. W. Battle.

Announcements. Closing Hymn. A very interesting programme has been arranged for the Second Presbyterian Sunday school Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Marwin D. Hardin will speak to the young people of the school, the afternoon's exercises being devoted especially to the Miriams and Covenanters. The programme follows:

Selection—By Orchestra. Opening Exercises—Conducted by Capt. Wm. Anderson. Lesson Reading. Song—By School. Map Study: subject, the River Jordan. Song—By School. Classes. Song. Secretary's Report. Announcements. Song—By the Miriams and Covenanters.

The Speaker for Sunday.

The meeting for men only to be held next Sunday afternoon in the gymnasium of the Young Men's Christian Association will be most interesting one. The service will be held at the usual hour, 5 p. m. The speaker will be the national president of the Baraca Unions of America, Mr. Marshall A. Hudson, of Syracuse, N. Y., in addition to being president, has also the distinction of being the founder of the first Baraca society.

The meeting will be in the nature of a union Baraca rally and several local unions will attend in a body. Men not members of the Baraca societies of the Young Men's Christian Association are as cordially welcome as if they were members.

The Y. M. C. A. Membership Contest.

The white flag is flying from the association building and shows that Capt. Beall's team has the lead thus far in the big membership contest at the Y. M. C. A. Yesterday was a day of very frequent changes in the standing of the teams. The two liveliest teams were the black and white. The red team is said to be at work quietly and another report says that Capt. Beall's team has left town as the pace was too strenuous for him and his followers.

Col. Williams Lease; Connelly Springs Hotel.

Col. Henry C. Williams, proprietor of the Hotel Leland, has leased the Connelly Springs Hotel, at Connelly Springs. The building, which contains about 50 rooms, was repainted and remodeled throughout last year and is in first class condition. Col. Williams will open it about the 1st of May and keep it open during the summer season. Col. Williams ran the hotel four summers before he came to Charlotte to live. The water there is strongly iron and has proven beneficial to many people. Hot and cold water circulates through the building and everything is now up-to-date.

Mr. Latta Not Improving.

Sunday a week ago Mr. M. N. Latta fell from a street car and received a severe shock by striking on his chest and shoulders. At first it was thought that his wounds did not amount to much but it has developed that he is right badly hurt. His spine is fractured and he is not able to move himself. His condition is not serious, his friends hope, but he got a hard fall. He is confined to his bed and will likely be there for some time to come.

Invitations Soon to be Issued.

The invitations to the annual convention of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, which is to be held in Asheville, the 16th and 17th of May, are now in the hands of the printers and will be out in a few days. It is enough to say, that the coming meeting will be the biggest ever.

A WALKING ADVERTISEMENT

For five or six years I suffered from enlarged glands of my neck, which troubled me greatly, especially when I was exposed to cold, damp air. Whenever I took any cold the glands of my neck would swell and enlarge in lumps from under my ear to the collar bone. This affected my general health, and my system became run down from it, as I remained in this condition for five years.

After trying other things without benefit, I went on Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy and one dozen bottles cured me and restored me to perfect health. This was five years ago, and I am now a walking advertisement of Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy. MRS. MAGGIE WICKER. Sanford N. C. February 14, 1906.

SEVERAL CLEVER DEVICES.

City Electrician C. E. Bradshaw Making Many Improvements in City Water-Works Plant.

Mr. C. E. Bradshaw, city electrician, is engaged in making a number of very desirable improvements in and about the new water-works plant. He has already put in a hydraulic valve at the new standpipe, whereby the connection with the big reservoir may be cut off immediately with the ringing of the fire bell. In this way the water pressure in the city can be raised straightway by the pumps at the plant. Heretofore it has been necessary to send a man from the station to the standpipe and cut off the connection by hand.

In times past, great difficulty has been experienced in regulating the water pressure in the standpipe. Sometimes the reservoir has been too full and again there has not been sufficient water in the standpipe. Mr. Bradshaw has placed a pipe inside the new reservoir and has connected it with a small dynamo on the ground outside. It is so arranged that when the water reaches the top it flows in. This sets the dynamo going, which in turn rings a bell at the pumping station. When the bell sounds the engineer knows that the standpipe is full and he cuts off the water. This pipe is 134 feet high, and the bell rings when the water reaches that point.

At the 100 foot level, a float allows the water into the pipe, which again turns the dynamo and rings another bell, indicating to the engineer that the water has reached the low water mark. The engineer forthwith adds power to the pumps and soon the proper amount of water is in the standpipe.

By another device the engineer may find out, at any time, the water pressure in the reservoir.

A PICKER-CHOPPER MACHINE.

Mr. M. P. Lipe to Operate One Near Charlotte Next Month.

Mr. M. P. Lipe, of Mint Hill, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Lipe stated to an Observer reporter that he had just received a letter from Mr. W. A. Kuhn, president of the Cotton Picker Company, of Pittsburg, Pa., stating that an improve combination picker and chopper machine would be shipped to Charlotte next month, so that it may be experimented with thoroughly before the fall. The chopper attachment would be arranged that it could be used at once. Later, when the cotton crop is ready for picking, the chopper will be taken off and the picker used. Mr. Lipe will have charge of the machine and will place it in the field the latter part of April.

Mr. J. A. Solomons to Travel.

Mr. J. A. Solomons, formerly manager of the Carolina Clothing Company, has accepted a position with the Shenellberg Clothing Company, of Philadelphia, Pa., and after April 1 will travel for that company in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama. Mr. Solomons will make his headquarters in Charlotte, where his home will continue to be.

A GRAND U. C. T. PARADE.

The Commercial Travelers Arranging for a Big Time During the Festival of May Celebration.

The Charlotte council, United Commercial Travelers, will meet in their hall over Belk Bros. store to-morrow night. The new officers will be installed and a number of very important matters will be discussed. Perhaps the most interesting will be that relating to the part the commercial travelers will take in the Twentieth of May celebration. The local council is making preparations for one of the greatest parades that has ever been seen in Charlotte. Effort is now being made to enlist 1,000 traveling men, and have them here for the celebration. All these matters are to be discussed at to-morrow night's meeting. All local as well as visiting members are urged to be present.

DOCTORS ARE PUZZLED.

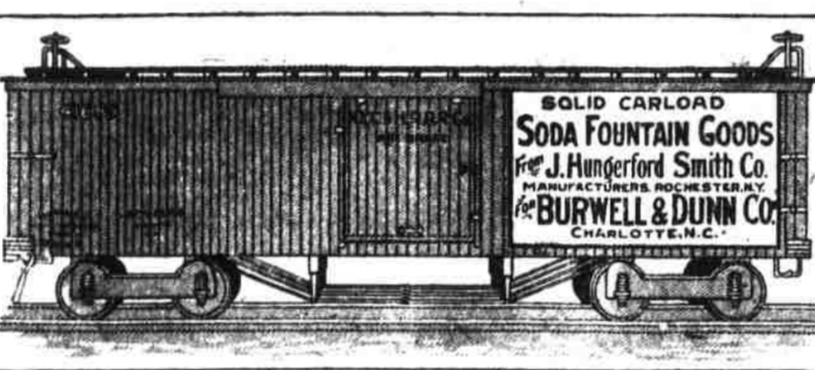
The remarkable recovery of Kenneth McVerry, of Vanover, Me., is the subject of much interest to the medical fraternity and a wide circle of friends. He says of his case: "Owing to severe inflammation of the throat and congestion of the lungs, three doctors gave me up to die, when, as a last resort, I was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery and I am happy to say, it saved my life. It cured the worst coughs and Colds, Bronchitis, Tonsillitis, Weak Lungs, Hoarseness and La Grippe. Guaranteed at R. H. Jordan & Co.'s drug store. See and know. Trial bottle free."

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Burwell & Dunn Company, WHOLESALE ONLY, 295 South College Street.

Advertisement for Blankets and Flannels, featuring 'OLDEST LARGEST BEST' and 'Charlotte Steam Laundry'.

Advertisement for Lubin Furniture Co., featuring 'GO-CARTS' and 'We have just received a large shipment of THE CELEBRATED "BLOCH" GO-CARTS'.

Advertisement for Spring Hats, featuring 'OUR line of Felt Hats has proved exceedingly popular this season' and 'THE LONG-TATE CLOTHING CO., Oldest Clothing Store in Charlotte'.

Advertisement for Attractive Garments, featuring 'It is a well known fact that there isn't a part of a man's wearing apparel that gives him a neater, dressier look than a real nice shirt' and 'ED. MELLON COMPANY LEADING CLOTHIERS'.

Advertisement for Parker-Gardner Co. pianos, featuring 'NUTS TO CRACK!' and a list of piano models and prices.

Advertisement for 'JUST IN' featuring 'The very latest things in Ladies' Hand-Bags, Ladies' Shopping-Bags, Gentlemen's Wallets and Card Cases'.

Advertisement for 'The "Chicago" Typewriter \$35.00' with 'Fully Guaranteed; Visible Writing; Greatest Simplicity'.

Advertisement for 'FOR THIS WEEK' featuring 'GENTLEMEN' and 'A host of new Styles for Spring 1906'.