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East Goldsboro Auction Land Sale Thursday!

*It Was a Startling Revelation Both In Demand
For Lots and In Prices Paid
For Same.*

Lots in the residential and business section of East Goldsboro; lots 25 to 30 feet in width and ranging from 150 to 170 feet in depth, fell under the hammer of Col. Bodenhamer today at the great land sale in East Goldsboro at prices ranging from \$35 to \$400. A lot was sold every two minutes to the highest bidder, regardless of the price. Bidding was rapid and snappy, showing a large demand for the property that will be a great residential section upon the completion of the trolley line. Men from far and near were present and scrambled to place a bid especially at the sale of the lots on Royall and Norwood avenues. Many ladies purchased lots, and were glad of the opportunity. This great land sale will long be remembered in the real estate history of Goldsboro as a Red Letter Day, and one which means much for the future growth of our enterprising city. Early that morning persons were conveyed by hacks and automobiles to the "Landslide", and promptly at 11 o'clock Mr. E. T. Oliver delivered the opening shot of this great auction bat-

tle. Then Col. Bodenhamer made a brief speech after which the selling became furious. In less than a minute the first lot was sold for \$395, then the auctioneer journeyed to the next one and so on. At 1 p. m. 60 lots had been sold at an average price of \$125. A rush was made for tickets to secure a chance on the free lot. A small boy was selected from the crowd to draw the coupons and Milford Aycock, of Pikeville, was the holder of the lucky pasteboard. At the conclusion of the sale, late this afternoon, a bag of silver money was scattered among the crowd. This sale demonstrates that "We Go Forward," and that Goldsboro is rapidly advancing in line of the great city of Eastern North Carolina. The readiness with which these lots were purchased speaks more for Goldsboro than anything else. Where men have their money invested, there will they locate. T. C. Gardner was the winner of the \$10 gold piece, which was chanced off. The second \$10 gold piece was won by Mr. Sutton. Two more lots were given away late this afternoon.

ALL EYES ON CHARLOTTE Cities and Towns of the State Waiting to See How the New Form of Government Works--A Teacher of Many Good Things.

Monroe Journal. The earnest efforts now being made by the citizens of Charlotte to get their town out of the old slipshod, petty politics, style of government, is to be highly commended and to be watched with great interest by other North Carolina towns, practically all of which needs an injection of some life-giving virus. Charlotte has taught us many good things, and if she can now take the lead in a real revolutionary reform of municipal government her example will be a benefit to the whole State. We shall watch Charlotte's effort with great interest, and could the voice of this paper be heard it would be lifted to implore the people of that good city to rise to their opportunities in this thing, lay aside the small matters of disagreement, and show beyond doubt that the people of a community can rise in patriotic devotion to the public welfare and civic duty high enough to drown all personal selfishness and littleness. Such example would be an inspiration. There are just two things that make town government a farce. One is the selfishness of a few people who are out to get all advantage they can. The other is the indifference or supineness of the great majority of the people. Can a town, throbbing with life and energy, with hundreds of men working with perfection in private affairs, rise to the point where its public business can be carried on with equal fidelity and competency? It remains to be seen, because we have no such example now.

Reflections of Uncle Ezra.

From Judge. The trouble with an automobile is that when it gets to be six months old it is nine years behind the style. Hank Tumms says his wife's coffee is so bad that there are plenty of grounds for divorce. Hod Peters has a new fall suit. William Tibbitts has started it again him for a grocery bill. Out here in the tall grass the smoke nuisance is mostly confined to the old women. Grandma Whipple is 109 years of age and has smoked and Fletcherized the weed all the days of her life. Elmer Spink hasn't had an offer of marriage this year. The trouble with leap year is that most of the girls look before they leap. William Tibbitts, our popular and congenial groceryman, has got a new stock of thermometers, but ain't sellin' many of them. Any fellow that has to read rubber at a thermometer to find out whether he is hot or cold must be a plumb fool. Uncle Eben Harkins got a photograph of his brother out West the other day, but threw it away, thinkin' somebody had sent him a comic valentine. Hank Purdy says the difference between a clock and a woman is that a clock will run itself down if it gets a chance, and a woman will run somebody else down. City folks don't have to can fruit like us country folks do, bekuz they can find plenty of preserved peaches in the choruses of the musical comedy shows.

SANTA CLAUS AND TRUTH.

There is Something More in Truth Than Mere Fact.

"I was glad to read the remarks of the noted rabbi, Dr. Hirsch, of Chicago, in which he ridiculed those who would rob childhood of its illusions concerning Santa Claus," said a prominent citizen. "Parents are blind," declared the rabbi, "to take away from their children's lives the charm of expectation." And never were truer words spoken. From time to time cranks and pharisaical persons, and a few men and women of little minds, start a protest against Santa Claus, but the heart of the great mass is right, and old Santa will remain to brighten life to the end of time.

There is something more in truth than mere fact, as all intelligent, right-minded people know, and to disillusion little boys and girls who hang up their stockings would be not only heartless, but would add not a whit to moral truth.

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METHODISTS IN DURHAM.

Bishop A. W. Wilson, of Baltimore, Presiding at the Annual Conference of Eastern North Carolina.

The hosts of the Methodist church are encamped in Durham, where the annual Conference of Eastern North Carolina is being held in Trinity church, with Bishop A. W. Wilson, of Baltimore, in the chair. A roll call of the delegates, showed 139 of the 136 clerical delegation, and 20 of the 36 laymen, present. Rev. E. H. Davis was appointed a member of the Committee on Conference Relations.

The annual sermon was delivered Wednesday night by Rev. W. H. Moore, presiding elder of the Rockingham district, who took as his theme the narrative of Nicodemus, "Jesus answered and said unto him, verily, verily I say unto you, except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

There was some debate yesterday morning over the proposition to list each church property separately. Last year an order was passed making it obligatory to make out separate reports for every church property. If there was one refractory congregation, it went to the credit or discredit of the pastor whereas the listing of property altogether would bring up the average so that all districts would pass with no discredit to a single church. The first vote yesterday carried the separatist proposition, there was a move for reconsideration and by a vote of 72 to 67 the order was reversed.

CENSUS EXTRAVAGANCE.

It Is Reasonably Safe to Say, Enumerate Us For An Amount Not Exceeding \$1,000,000.

Now we are told that it will cost more than fourteen millions of dollars to enumerate us in the year 1910. Here again is illustrated the extravagance of the United States government, an extravagance which will be stopped only after the people realize how monstrous it has become.

Very little of practical value done by the Census Bureau and we should be almost as well off so far as knowledge is concerned were no census whatever to be taken in this country. The Bureau, however, might easily, it is reasonably safe to say, enumerate us for an amount not exceeding \$1,000,000.

About all of value the taking of the census produces is the ascertainment of how many there are of us. The Bureau, however, has come to collect a mass of statistics in connection with the taking of the census which are of no real value to anybody. Then a great book is printed which is stale before it is issued and is read by nobody. It is pretty safe to say that all the mass of the people gained through the taking of the census of 1900 is the knowledge of how many people there are in this country. Unless memory is at fault, the population has changed greatly before this ascertainment by the Census Bureau reached print. At the present rate, the taking of the census will cost one-tenth as much as the first estimated cost of digging the Panama Canal. It is almost a useless expense and the great sum spent is practically wasted. It really is a shameful and indefensible waste of the people's substance, against which they should protest.

BROWNSVILLE AGAIN

Senator Lodge Announces That He Proposes to Speak on the Matter Next Wednesday.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Shortly after the Senate convened yesterday Senator Lodge gave notice that he will speak on the Brownsville affray on Wednesday next. On motion of Mr. Hale, the Senate agreed to adjourn until next Monday.

Annual Conference of Methodists.

Third Day of Great Convention Filled With Routine Work. Bishop Wilson Delivered Address.

The Social Event was the Reception Friday Afternoon. Given By Trinity College and Trustees to Conference and Visitors.

The morning session of Thursday's conference appeared to the outsider or the nondescript without event of note, but there was preparation for an interesting incident until the name of Rev. W. H. L. McLaurin was withdrawn from the conference.

The action was taken by Presiding Elder R. F. Bumpass, of the Newton district. Through him the credentials were surrendered and Mr. McLaurin is no longer a member of the Methodist clergy. He did not appear to make protest against the action, though delegates were here to make testimony in the matter that would have been tried before the conference during its session here.

No suggestion of the differences between the pastor and the settlement, is made in the settled matter. It is such a rare occurrence with the Methodist conferences in the State and is noteworthy for that very reason.

The session opened yesterday morning with devotions by Rev. J. E. Underwood. A roll call showed repleat ranks and the delegates still come. Some are alternates who are taking the places of the regulars occasionally called home and the church is more nearly crowded than ever. Rev. Dr. L. L. Nash early in the session moved that there be extended fraternal greetings to the brethren of Wilson in the Baptist state convention and preparing the context, it was wired with unanimous agreement of the body.

Rev. C. P. Snow, who had lost his credentials by fire, asked that they be given him again. Rev. W. S. Rone, speaking for Rev. R. D. Daniel, asked the conference to discontinue the relations of Mr. Daniel with the church at his own request. There is nothing against Mr. Daniel and no reason why he may not have resumed relations with the conference had he chosen to do so.

The first year men were called to be advanced to the second and the class appearing was composed of Messrs. N. W. Dargan, H. E. Spence, E. E. Lance, Charles E. Vale, W. O. Martin, H. P. Reade, J. J. Booth and W. E. Trotman. Mr. E. S. Love, who formerly belonged to this conference, has been transferred to the Western North Carolina Conference and is now holding a pulpit in that division.

Two local preachers were nominated deacons and one was elected elder. Messrs. George H. Briggs and O. P. Smith were admitted from the Protestant Methodist fold and will work under elders orders.

The appearance of Rev. Dr. T. N. Ivey, editor of the Christian Advocate, gave opportunity to hearing an interesting report concerning the condition of the conference organ. Dr. Ivey has been striving for the 10,000 mark and would perhaps have reached it but for the ruling of the postal departments last spring whereby a subscriber in certain arrearsages is dropped from the list. The 10,000 subscribers he believes will come within a short time.

The long delayed question 20, having to do with the character of the ministers, was again brought up and the remaining districts passed as far as the allotted time would allow them to proceed. Rev. R. L. Davis, whose anti-saloon league connection is a matter of history in the recent successful fight, was before the conference and heard. He said the election had been won but that the real fight had hardly started. He asked for all the energies of the people in enforcing the law which antagonists would render a dead letter if possible. He declared that the law of itself could do nothing and that a strong, healthful public sentiment must back it up. The act as it now stands is simply against the sale and manufacturer of the stuff.

In answer to question 6, "Who are admitted on trial?" the following were named: W. A. Stanbury, E. E. Barnett, O. B. Culbreth, W. J. Watson, T. G. Vickers and J. A. Martin. A motion was made to place Mr. Barnett at

the head of the Y. M. C. A. work a Chapel Hill.

The laymen's movement was given a cursory outline and the story of its beginning told. It was in a Fifth avenue hotel in New York city, popularly supposed to be a choice recruiting ground for Old Nick, that some business men interested in the cause of missions conceived this plan. It was inaugurated in 1906 but its first real work, that which made the public sit up and take notice, to use the old term, was at Chattanooga in 1907. At this convention Mr. W. B. Stables was elected secretary of the whole Southern Methodist church. To other Methodist conferences rapidly fell into line and last year in New Bern the movement was sprung in this State. The laymen of the North Carolina conference effected an organization and went to work with General Julian S. Carr president. A lay leader for each district was appointed and the results of their labors were brought out yesterday.

About eighty of the delegates met in the Y. M. C. A. After the secretary, Dr. Lambert, called the meeting to order and started it to work, he turned it over to General Carr, the secretary conducting the devotional exercises. Reports indicated fair growth and General Carr's 350 invaluable letters sent out had shown invisible good. There have been issued also 3,500 circulars.

The devotion of General Carr to the movement with which he has become so prominently identified has had much to do with the success of the first real year of work. Everybody who attended says this has been the finest of the church items yet going out for publication.

The last inch of of Methodist space was taken Thursday night when Bishop A. W. Wilson addressed the Epworth League at Trinity church and stirred the thousands to their souls' depths.

There was something masterful in his preacher's words. One minister in his description of it said, "we have been carried nearer heaven than we have been at any time." That was the feeling of every man whose heart was pierced and insensate the Methodist must have been who did not follow him in his simple style, yet ponderous thought.

Miss Lizzie R. Hancock was introduced to the conference as the secretary-treasurer of the conference organization of the Epworth League and read her report.

The record is that of sixty leagues in this conference, but only thirty were available for presentation to the conference. The total membership is 1,894, and the number received into the organization the past year was 636. Sixteen leagues have been organized.

The devotional department has been at work. There have been held 613 meetings and 88 cottage prayer meetings. The conversions in these were nine and comrades of quiet hour fourteen. These terms are familiar to those of the faith. The charity and help department has practised the religion which the Apostle pronounced pure and undefiled. There have been 3,829 visits to the sick and 432 strangers were objects of those visitations. The good people entered the jails and hospitals and ministered unto 78.

The social event of the Conference was the reception given Friday afternoon between the hours of 4 and 5:30 o'clock of Trinity College and the trustees to the Conference and ministers. The college girls served the refreshments and made the reception a genuine delight.

The memorial of Rev. Charles R. Taylor, the only member to die the past year, was read by Rev. R. L. Davis.

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