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PRESS ASSOCIATION

MEETING HELD AT MOREHEAD LAST WEEK.

The Session a most Pleasant One—Fine Addresses—Interesting and Valuable Papers Read—Next in Charlotte.

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Press Association was held in the Atlantic Hotel at Morehead last week, and was quite largely attended. The address of President Lassiter was an able one, and contained many interesting and instructive questions of value to the members.

The programme arranged by the President was quite an attractive one, and the papers read before the Association were of a high order, and proved both interesting and instructive. The addresses of Prof. J. B. Carley, of Wake Forest, and Hon. J. H. Small, were listened to with great interest by the editors.

The Atlantic Hotel, under the management of Mr. J. P. Morton, is much better than for years. The service is excellent and the table fare all that a reasonable person could ask.

The excursion given the editors and their wives and daughters by the Norfolk and Southern Railroad, to the bustling city of Washington, the coming metropolis of Eastern Carolina, was one of the best features of the editor's outings. While in Washington the entire party were guests of the Chamber of Commerce, and nothing was left under to make the stay of the visitors pleasant. (The editor of the *Times* is especially indebted to Prof. Howell, the popular and efficient superintendent of the Graded schools of the city for various courtesies.) And by the way, among the many other recent improvements in that bustling city, is her forty-thousand dollar graded school building. The visitors were elegantly entertained while in the city, and were quartered at Hotel Louise, which is under the management of Mr. Springs, a noted hotel man. The following are the newly elected officers.

President, Archibald Johnson of Charity and Children; First Vice President, J. A. Thomas, of *Louisburg Times*; Second Vice President, W. J. Jordan, of *Snow Hill Standard*; Third Vice President, A. S. Carson of *Alleghany Star*; Secretary and Treasurer, J. B. Sherrill, of *Concord Times*; Historian, T. G. Cobb of *Morganton Herald*; Orator, J. H. Cain, of *Asheville Citizen*; Poet, J. A. Robinson, of *Durham Sun*; Executive Committee, H. A. London, W. C. Dowd, R. M. Phillips, Josephus Daniels, D. E. Edwards.

It was decided to make Wednesday of North Carolina week Press Day at the Jamestown Exposition. President Johnson was authorized to arrange a proper programme.

The next meeting of the Association will be held at Charlotte. The Greater Charlotte Club extended a cordial invitation which was earnestly passed by Mr. J. P. Caldwell. On motion of Mr. Josephus Daniels the invitation was unanimously accepted.

Mrs. Watson Entertains

An entertainment in honor of Miss Christine McIntosh, of Durham, was given by Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Watson, at their home on Monday evening from 9 to 12. During the evening the games of "Old Maids" and "Whist" were engaged in and Mr. A. A. Clifton was the prize winner, which he very gracefully presented to Miss McIntosh.

Very sweet vocal and instrumental music was furnished by Misses Green, Aycock and Hall. Elegant refreshments were served. The young ladies and gentlemen present were Misses Christine McIntosh,

Lucy Hawkins, Fannie Boddie, Ava Aycock, Matilda Foster, Alice and Martha Byrd Spruill, Nan Malone, Kate Furman, Bessie Jacobs, Sue Alston, Sallie and Annie Green. Messrs. A. A. Clifton, B. T. Holding, S. C. Ford, W. W. Boddie, P. R. White, A. W. Person, K. K. Allen, T. H. Lacy, M. S. Davis, G. S. Baker, J. H. Best, F. W. Hicks, Ricky Furman, Wilson/Green.

Book Club.

The Book Club was entertained last Tuesday by Mrs. J. A. Turner, at her home on Nash street. It was of course one of the most interesting meetings of the club in some time, as the question of the hour was "Town Gossip" (who ever heard before of such a subject being discussed in a meeting of ladies?)

The questions were as follows:

Which family will have the next wedding?

Which family is most afraid of burglars?

Which family has the smartest cat?

What families have no cat, dog or baby?

Who is next going to Jamestown?

Who keeps a cook the longest?

Whose husband is thinnest?

Who makes the best cake?

Whose child says cleverest things?

Who is the most popular lady here?

The prize offered was for the most popular lady present, and the judges declared a tie between Mrs. J. B. Collier and Miss Nan Malone. In the "draw" Miss Malone won the prize, which she presented to Miss McIntosh, of Durham, a visiting guest of the club.

Those present were Mesdames M. S. Clifton, B. G. Hicks, J. R. Collier, E. S. Ford, J. L. Palmer, L. L. Joyner, W. H. Yarborough, T. W. Watson, Misses Matilda Foster and Sallie Green, Nan Malone, Alice Spruill, Fannie Boddie and Ina Harris. Visiting guest: Mesdames Asa Parham, of Greenville, Wingate Underhill, of Wilmington, T. B. Jacobs, of Tarboro, and Misses Anna Howell, of Tarboro, Christine McIntosh, of Durham.

As the guests retired they were presented with a souvenir in the shape of a reproduction of a famous painting.

Where to Stop.

By reference to our advertising columns visitors to the Jamestown Exposition will find the place to get hotel accommodations. People from this immediate section will find the Virginia Bay Hotel which is under the management of that experienced hotelier, Jno. A. Tucker, the ideal place. It is located at Ocean View, which is only a few minutes ride on the street cars, from the Exposition grounds.

In addition to excellent accommodations you will get the benefit of the ocean breeze. Write him for terms.

To Road Supervisors.

The TAXES is requested to call the attention of Road Supervisors to the August meeting, which the law requires to be held in each township on the first Saturday in August. Road overseers are required to make reports at these August meetings, and a failure to do so subjects them to indictment.

Fine Potatoes.

This seems to be a good year for Irish potatoes. The editor received this week two baskets of the finest we have seen. The first was brought us by Mr. A. W. Wilson, a half dozen of which weigh four and three quarter pounds. The second basket was sent in by Mr. W. E. Tucker. Both were fine treats, and our friends will accept thanks.

THE TOBACCO MARKET.

LOUISBURG WAREHOUSES WILL OPEN THE 8TH OF AUG.

Better Prepared Than Ever to Serve Their Patrons—All Have Good Forces—Good Prices are Anticipated.

By reference to our advertising columns tobacco farmers will observe that the tobacco warehouses in Louisburg, viz: the Riverside, the Farmers and Harts, will all have their opening sale on Thursday August the 8th.

They are all in fine shape for the opening of the Tobacco season and prospects for good prices for the weed are very bright. As the *Times* has often told its readers no market in Eastern North Carolina is in better condition than Louisburg to handle the weed, and our warehousemen make it a point to please their customers. As heretofore the Riverside will be under the management of Meadows & Harris; Harts will be run by Waddell & Collier and the Farmers will be in charge of J. E. Harris.

These are all reliable and trustworthy gentlemen and the farmers will do well to bring their tobacco to Louisburg.

A Stand Off.

Husband—"I wish I had some of those good old-fashioned biscuits like mother used to make for me." Wife—"And I wish I had some of those nice new-fashioned clothes like father used to buy for me."

Off For Jamestown.

The following citizens left Monday night to spend the week at Jamestown Exposition: E. L. Best, Joe Uzzell, W. E. Uzzell, John Best, H. E. Hight, E. S. Ford, R. F. Fuller, A. W. Person, L. B. Hargrove.

A Fine Ball Game.

A very interesting game of baseball was pulled off at Cedar Rock last Saturday between the teams of Seven Paths and Castalia. Everything passed off very smoothly, and the players behaved nicely. Result of game 3 to 1, in favor of Castalia.

R. B.

Big day at Rock Spring.

On last Saturday, July the 20, "Annual Roll Call Day" and picnic combined was held at Rock Spring church. At eleven o'clock when services began the church was filled and over flowing. The weather being so warm people began to think they were not going to enjoy it, but they soon forgot the heat when Rev. G. W. Blanchard, the editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, commenced his most powerful sermon, and all enjoyed it very much. At one o'clock dinner was put on the ground and all were cordially invited to partake of the many good things that were before them. Half past two o'clock came too soon, for just as the "young folks" began having their good time they were called by the pastor, Mr. E. D. Poe back into the church to listen once more to our grand speaker Mr. Blanchard. He gave us an excellent talk on the "Organization of Sunday School," but just preceding his speech Misses Sophia Wilder and Olive Strickland sang very impressively, "Will There Be Any Stars in my Crown." At four o'clock the people all left regretting they should have to part, but hoping that another day just like that would come soon.

Among the visitors in the com-

munity at this time were, Misses Annie Fuller, Ouida Tucker and Mr. Willie Fuller visiting the Misses Wilder, Misses Mary and Bessie Williams, Clyda Chambliss and Messrs Southerland Williams and Durward Chambliss, visiting Miss Timberlake, Miss Susie Groen visiting her sister, Mrs. Wicker, Miss Martha Mann visiting the Misses Harris, Misses Annie Perry, Pearle Strange, Yuma Floyd and Messrs Walter Strange, Pink Williams, Billie and Herbert Perry visiting the Misses Strickland, Miss Belle Wright visiting Miss Velle Harris and Mr. Oliver Perry visiting his sister, Mrs. Underhill.

All good wishes for the *Times* in its future career.

B.

Rowlands Held for Trial.

A telephone message from Raleigh yesterday evening to the *Times* said that Judge Connor, after hearing the evidence in the habeas corpus proceedings held that Dr. Rowland and his wife were not entitled to bail and they were remanded to jail, accompanied with an order that no communication be allowed between them.

Low Rates to Firemen's Tournament.

On account of the State Firemen's Tournament which will be held at Wilmington from August 6th to 9th the Seaboard Air Line will sell reduced round-trip tickets. For individuals the rate will be one fare plus 25 cents. Tickets to be sold 4th to get inclusive, limited to August 14th.

Latest From Rate War.

The people of the state have been astir for the past several days over the Railroad rate war, as some are dipped to call it. In the Raleigh case the Judge released Agent T. E. Green upon the payment of a nominal fine, and upon his promise that he would not violate the law any further. A fine of \$30,000 was imposed against the Southern, from which an appeal was taken. In Asheville the two agents who had been sentenced to the roads for 30 days each by the Police Commissioner for violating the rate law was discharged by Federal Judge J. C. Pritchard, under a writ of habeas corpus. Great indignation is apparent on all sides on account of this federal interference of the enforcement of a state law, and the Roosevelt administration seems to be astounded at Judge Pritchard's action. It is to be hoped that matters will soon get straightened out, and that the Railroads, like other folks, will be made to obey the laws.

How Temperance Blesses Gaston.

In his speech at Lowell Saturday Senator Mason remarked that twenty-five years ago such a gathering could not have been held without a great deal of drunkenness, disorder and rowdiness. The perfect good order and the absolute absence of drinking and drunkenness at the big picnic Saturday spoke volumes for the wonderful transformation of Gaston county that has taken place in the short space of twenty-five years. From being the banner whiskey county of the State Gaston has become the banner cotton county not only of the State but of the entire South and her record for decency and good order is now hardly surpassed in the State. Whiskey has been banished from her borders, crime has decreased even in a greater ratio than population has increased, and her people now constitute an industrious, law abiding element of the State's citizenship. The reason for this gratifying change, in our opinion is not far to seek. It is a truth that ill-health breeds crime, and it is equally true on the other hand that steady productive industry is a great moral force.—*Gastonia Gazette*.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

And Those Who Come and Go, Some for Pleasure, Some for Business and a Large Number Because They Like It.

Mrs. E. B. Thomas is visiting the editor's family.

Mrs. F. Parrish returned from Rocky Mount Monday.

Miss Ouida Tucker left yesterday to visit relatives in Oxford.

Messrs. W. J. Cooper and Callie Bowden went to Jamestown Tuesday.

Mrs. S. P. Bort and little daughter returned last Saturday from Beaufort.

Miss Matie Allen, of Youngsville, was a guest the past week of Miss Sallie Allen.

Mrs. Willie Horne and children, of Rocky Mount, are visiting at Mr. H. C. Taylor's.

Dr. D. T. Smithwick returned this week from a two week's trip through the mountains of the State.

Mrs. T. B. Jacobs, and sister Miss Anna Howell, of Tarboro, are visiting their sister Mrs. M. S. Clifton.

Miss Helen Orenshaw went to Morehead this week, where she will join a boat party to the Jamestown Exposition.

Messrs. L. P. Hicks and R. Z. Egerton, accompanied by their wife, have returned from a week's stay at Panama Springs.

Thos. G. Boddie, the police and accumulating assistant express agent at the depot, has returned from the Jamestown Exposition.

Mr. William Jackson has returned to Louisburg, and has "signed up" with one of the tobacco warehouses for the coming season.

Mr. J. A. Cash, who has been at Jamestown the past three months with the Chase City mineral springs company, is at home this week.

Mr. B. B. Perry left Tuesday for the Jamestown Exposition. He was joined by his wife at Gumbarry, where she has been visiting the past week.

Among the visitors in town this week are Miss Christine McIntosh of Durham, guest of Mrs. T. W. Watson and Miss Louise Saunders, of Raleigh, at Mrs. W. E. White's.

Mr. Mortimer Holloway, of Richmond, and Mr. Clarence Holloway, of Wise, who have been visiting their brother James H. Holloway, left yesterday for their respective homes.

Miss Virginia Foster returned this week from a visit to the Jamestown Exposition. On her return she stopped over for a few days with her friend Miss Urte Harrison, at Litleton.

Mr. T. W. Bickett and family left one day this week to be absent about two weeks. While away they will visit the Jamestown Exposition, and spend some time at Atlantic City and other points.

Mr. Sam W. Alston and family, who have been visiting their people in this county the past three weeks, left on Tuesday for their home in Texas, Texas. It is a pleasure for the editor to know that Mr. Alston is doing well in his adopted home.

Increase in Value of Roads.

The North Carolina Corporation Commission has completed the task of assessing for taxation the various railroads, telephone, telegraph, steamship, express, street railway and power companies operating in the state.

That the actual valuation of the railroads doing business in North Carolina is more than \$54,000,000 may appear rather startling at first observation. This amount is an

increase of \$14,000,000 within the past twelve months.

The total value of \$91,252,472 is affixed by the corporation commission upon all the transportation, telephone, telegraph and power companies, and taxes will be proportionately paid upon this amount.

There is no increase in the assessment of the Seaboard Air Line, which remains at \$12,500,000, thus being a valuation of \$20,424 a mile.

The Atlantic Coast Line assessment is increased from \$24,434,814 to \$25,484,900, this being an increase from \$25,800 a mile to \$26,000 a mile, something like 20 per cent.

The Southern Railway is increased from \$20,464,900 to \$21,732,388, this being an increase from \$20,562 to \$22,472, about 25 per cent. On its owned lines the increase is from \$14,735,250 to \$17,701,800, this being from \$25,000 a mile to \$22,427 a mile. On the North Carolina Railroad, leased to the Southern by the state, the increase is from \$5,500,000 to \$10,478,702, this from \$29,928 a mile to \$47,378 a mile, an increase of nearly sixty per cent.

(There are about forty other roads in the state, and the assessment on these is increased from \$4,645,600 to \$9,402,602, this including every other road except the South & Western, the assessment of which is not yet completed.)

The value of the Raleigh & Southport Railway, extending from Raleigh to Fayetteville, a distance of 64 miles, has been fixed by the commission at \$392,000, or about \$4,500 per mile.

The Norfolk & Southern has been assessed by \$3,400,000, and the Atlantic & North Carolina by \$1,222,000.

On the total amount of assessments therefor that will be received for the year 1907 by the state, counties and municipalities will be about \$910,000.

THE PRESS A GREAT POWER.

Mayor Schmitz Dreaded Newspaper Publicity More Than Prison Sentence.

Mayor Schmitz, of San Francisco, evidently didn't mind a penitentiary sentence so much as he did being lectured publicly by the judge who sentenced him, and he was particularly "humiliated" by the fact that the newspapers would print Judge Danne's remarks. The San Francisco mayor is not the first scoundrel who has quailed before the newspapers, and he won't be the last. It is a remarkable fact that there are men not a few who do not regard the commission of crime as humiliating. They can even be tried in court and put on a bold front protesting with brazen effrontery, in the face of positive evidence of the most glaring wrong-doing, that they have done nothing. But when it comes to newspaper publicity they cringe. The fact is, the newspapers, honestly, justly and fairly conducted, can do more for the enforcement of law than any other agency. Many men who pass as respectable citizens would do many things in the course of business which would not stand the light of day if they were not afraid of exposure.

But we started out to remark that lectures from judges are beneficial—to the public if not to the criminal—and see proper, provided the judge giving the lecture is above reproach. We trust that Judge Danne's character is such that his remarks to Schmitz will have a healthy effect in some ridden and graft-ridden San Francisco. But sometimes judges whose moral character will not pass muster among lecturers from the bench offend brought before them. In such cases one can feel only contempt for the judge and sympathy for the criminal.—*Stateville Landmark*.