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FIDDLER'S CONVENTION.

HELD IN THE OPERA HOUSE MONDAY NIGHT.

A Large Crowd—Over Thirty Fiddlers, Banjoists and Dancers Took Part—The Audience Highly Pleased—The Prizes.

Probably one of the most amusing incidents that has taken place in the Opera House in Louisburg, in many years, took place on last Monday night when the "Old Fiddler's Convention" was held.

Although it was gotten up on short notice there were over thirty fiddlers, banjoists, and dancers who took part.

The curtain rose at 8:20, and the grand overture, sounded forth, from our thirty instruments, consisting of fiddles, banjos and guitars.

Mr. T. W. Bickett, who was Master of ceremonies, and who performed his part most admirably, made the announcements, and the fun and wit interspersed by him in the "proceedings of the convention" were very much enjoyed by the audience.

The Judges, after giving full consideration, awarded the prizes as follows:

Best Fiddler, R. J. Newton, of Hayesville, \$5 in gold.

Second best Fiddler, R. T. Williams, Sandy Creek, \$2 bill.

Best Banjoist, Dr. F. K. Cooke, Louisburg, \$5 in gold.

Second best Banjoist, Nat Mitchell, Hayesville, \$2 bill.

Best and second best clog dancers, Willie Joyner, of Louisburg and Sam Ransdale, of Harris, one yearly subscription each to the FRANKLIN TIMES.

The "booby" prize was awarded Mr. G. T. Green, of Youngsville—a year's subscription to THE TIMES.

It is impossible to give a list of all of the performers, and we will therefore have to be content with mentioning those who were awarded the prizes.

The judges did the best they could, under the circumstances, in awarding the prizes. In several instances the contestants were "neck and neck," and in awarding the prize for second best banjoist the "Pungo" man and the contestant from Cypress Creek were so close that the judges had to "draw straws" and the lucky straw was drawn by the "Pungo" man.

The success of the convention is largely due to the energy of Mr. J. A. Turner, who desires us to return his thanks to all those who took part in the "proceedings."

NOTES.

There were a number of features of the convention which deserve special mention, among them the violin solo of Mr. J. J. Allen, with accompaniment on the piano by Mrs. Allen, and also the violin solo of Mr. Peter Honger with the same accompaniment. R. T. Williams' Fisher's Horn pipe also caught the audience, as well as the banjo solos and songs of Dr. F. K. Cooke. One of the most difficult pieces on the banjo was that of Mr. Woodhull.

The duet by Tisdale and son, fiddle and banjo was immense—and they seem to never tire.

That overture, the "Mississippi Sawyer" was immense.

The "Pungo" and Cypress Creek bands were favorites and received hearty applause.

We have heard many high compliments paid the Cypress Creek musicians, and in another contest we expect to see them win with hands down.

Fiddlers to Appear Again.

So many requests have been made for another Fiddler's Convention that it has been decided to have another next Tuesday night in the Opera House, the net proceeds to go

to the Confederate Monument Fund and the Louisburg Fire Department. Mr. S. P. Boddie is managing this convention, and says that he will have about forty fiddlers and banjoists, and will arrange it so that everyone shall have a chance to play.

Everybody who attended the convention Monday night were delighted and will go again. A number of valuable prizes will be awarded.

The price of admission will be the same, 25, 35 and 50 c-nts. Reserved seats at the Boddie-Perry drug store. Seats will be on sale to-day.

THE PROPOSED PROHIBITION LAW.

What it Will and What it Will Not Do—Published By Request of State Organizer of the Anti-Saloon League.

1. WHAT IT WILL DO.

It will abolish every licensed whiskey and brandy distillery in the State.

It will abolish every saloon and dispensary in the State.

It will stop the wine traffic within the State. For wine can be sold only at the place of manufacture in quantities of two and one-half gallons or more and not shipped anywhere in the State.

It will stop the sale of all those chemical mixtures by whatever name known that will produce intoxication.

It will place under the most stringent and binding regulations pharmacists and physicians, who may handle intoxicating liquors for medical purposes only.

It will allow the officials of any county or town to regulate or prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors by pharmacists in the drug stores.

2. WHAT IT WILL NOT DO.

It will not prohibit the farmer from making cider from fruits grown on his own land and selling the same at home or in his market town.

It will not stop the manufacturer from making his wine and shipping it outside of the State.

It will not stop the sale of those medical preparations and essences that may have alcohol in them to preserve them or hold the medicinal agents in solution, such as camphor, vanilla, etc.

It will not repeal existing prohibition laws.

It will not prohibit the sale of wine to ministers or church officials for sacramental purposes.

If this law fails to be ratified, by the people at the polls on May 26th, 1908, it will not affect the present status of any existing prohibition law in the State. In other words, the dry territory will not be changed.

We are sure when you have studied this law you will agree with us that it is fair.

Under this law, Greensboro's voting wet would not make it wet, and Salisbury's voting dry would not make it dry. Under local option Greensboro has voted dry, and as a locality she must remain so, until the locality as such votes wet, while Salisbury has voted the other way. This vote on "the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors" in North Carolina is quite a different thing from local option.

Again, this law is right. For the influence of liquor is never local. Salisbury or Wilmington citizens, while controlling the sale of the traffic. This influence is felt for hundreds of miles around. Every citizen in the State has a right to self-protection against the influence of this traffic, now centered at a few points, and the only way of protection is the abolition of the traffic throughout the State.

TWO GIRLS ABDUCTED. PAY YOUR POLL TAX.

STOLEN FROM THIS COUNTY AND TAKEN TO NEW JERSEY.

The Governor of New Jersey Refuses to Surrender the Abductor—But has Consented to Hear the Case at an Early Day.

Several weeks ago, two colored girls, daughters of Theodore Jones, a respectable colored man, living near Franklinton, were abducted from the Christian college at that place where they were attending school, by a negro woman named Carrie Allen and carried, as was afterwards discovered, to New Jersey. The woman, who was a relative of the girls, got them away from the school under the pretense that she wanted to take them down the street to buy them some things. Instead, she carried them to the railroad depot and by some means got them on the train and took them to Henderson where they were met by a brother of the woman, and from there they were carried to East Orange, New Jersey. Jones, the father of the girls, who were both under 15 years of age, immediately swore out a warrant against the woman for abduction and when she and the girls were located in New Jersey secured a requisition from the Governor of this state upon the Governor of New Jersey for the arrest and return of the fugitives. They were located by means of a letter from a brother of the woman offering to send the girls back upon the payment of a certain sum of money. They were all arrested by the Chief of Police of East Orange last week, and on Sunday, Deputy Sheriff H. A. Kearney, accompanied by Constable R. W. Hudson, went after them. When he reached New Jersey, however, the Governor of that State refused to honor Governor Glenn's requisition on the alleged ground that the girls were not well treated in the South and were better off where they were. Mr. Kearney demanded that the state be given a hearing in the matter and a day was finally set, for that purpose and the woman placed under a bond.

From all we can learn, Jones, the father of the girls is a colored man of good character and has been robbed of his children in a very cruel way, and it will be strange if there is no law to compel the authorities in New Jersey to return them to him. The story of their bad treatment is very much on a par with the story printed by some northern newspapers about the alleged imprisonment and mistreatment of a woman from New Jersey in Halifax County, N. C. which has been shown to be a lie out of the whole cloth.

One of the reasons assigned by one of the girls why she did not want to come back, was because she could go to school with white children up there.

Mr. W. H. Yarborough, Jr., who is counsel for the father of the girls, will represent the State at the hearing before the Governor of New Jersey.

Honor Roll.

The following is the honor roll for Bab Rock school for week ending February 21st, 1908:

- 1st grade—Sooky Upchurch, Edna Hayes
- 2nd grade—Percy Rice, Ernest Layton, Billie Bunn.
- 3rd grade—Pauline Bowden, Albert Medlin, Ethel Edwards, Willie Bowden, Viola Bowden.
- 4th grade—Robert Layton, Anne Medlin, Lizzie Bunn.
- 5th grade—Agnes Medlin.
- 6th grade—Mamie Layton, Johnnie and Bonnie Bunn, Dolphus and Tommie Medlin, George Bowden, Oscar, Roger and Cleveland Moses, ALTON M. HIXES, Teacher.

DO NOT LET THE FIRST OF MAY CATCH YOU.

All who are Liable For Poll Tax Must pay same Before May 1, or they Cannot Vote in any Election This Year.

As this is election year it behooves every man who is liable for poll tax to pay the same before May 1st, or they cannot vote in any election that is to be held during the year.

The election on prohibition will be held on the 26th of May, and the general election for State and County officers will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd and the law requires every man who is liable to poll tax to pay it before May 1st, or he cannot vote in either election.

Remember this and govern yourself accordingly.

Shot and Killed.

Henry Perry, a colored man, aged about 24 years, was shot and instantly killed last Saturday night at Bridges' store in Cedar Rock township. The shooting took place about 9 o'clock, and the particulars, as we have been able to get them, are as follows: Perry, who was under the influence of whiskey, went out the store door, cursing and using loud and boisterous language, just as two men drove up in a buggy. One of them called to him to know who he was cursing, and wanted to know if he was cursing them. He continued toward them and in a very short while three pistol shots were heard in rapid succession. The men jumped in the buggy and drove off immediately, before those who were in the store could see who they were. They had a lighted lantern in the bottom of the buggy to keep their feet warm, and as they lifted the blanket to get in the buggy, a man in the store looked out and saw the light flash in the face of one of the occupants of the buggy. He was a white man and was clean shaven.

After they drove off the men in the store went out and saw that the negro was dead, and upon examination found three bullet holes in his breast. Squire T. W. Stokes, who lives near the store, investigated the matter, and we learn that two white men who rented a buggy at Springhope, on Saturday, are suspected of doing the shooting. Up to this writing (Tuesday night) no arrests have been made.

A Prophecy.

Prof. W. H. Elkin of the University of Missouri has given out a prophecy in which he states that during the present century the earth will become many times more fruitful, the population of the world will increase many fold, money will be cheapened and finally "a new heaven on earth will appear."

Before arriving at these conclusions, Prof. Elkin insists that many changes must be made in the country's organization. He insists:

- "1. That every village and city must have a public physician who must not only cure but keep them well.
- "2. That the government must supply lawyers who will give legal advice free.
- "3. That the clergy must take a brace and quit imitating.
- "4. That the colleges should print and edit the newspapers.
- "5. That insurance should be a function of the government.
- "6. That railroads should charge no more than one-fourth of a cent per mile.
- "7. That the cook question must be solved by gigantic eating clubs." [Watch the "Professor" and his great grand children "pass in their checks" before his prophecies materialize.—Editor Times.]

Contract Awarded.

The County Commissioners met on Monday to open bids for building a stockade for Road Comptons. All the members were present. The bids were as follows:

M. F. Houck	\$922.21
J. E. Perry	585.00
W. H. Mann	780.90
C. B. Kearney	650.00
R. B. Wicker	985.00
R. R. Woodliff and G.	
C. Mitchiner	650.00
Stallings & Fulgham	465.75

The contract was awarded to Stallings & Fulgham, of Cedar Rock, they being the lowest bidders. The building is to be completed, according to specifications, and turned over to county by June 1st.

FAREWELL TO THE HOME STATE.

"The Clansman" is now making its last tour through the Carolinas.

That famous play of the Reconstruction era, "The Clansman," is now making a farewell tour of North and South Carolina. It possesses a double interest for the people of these States both because the scenes of the play are laid in South Carolina and because the author, Mr. Thomas Dixon, Jr., is one of the most brilliant men of genius evolved by the Old North State. On this account no apology is required for presenting the complete itinerary of "The Clansman" in the Carolinas, which is as follows:

Feb. 24, Charleston; Feb. 25, Florence; Feb. 27, Wilmington; Feb. 28, Goldsboro; Feb. 29, Rocky Mount; March 1, Henderson; March 3, Raleigh; March 4, Durham; March 5, Winston-Salem; March 6, Greensboro; March 7, Spartanburg; March 9, Salisbury; March 10, Charlotte; March 11, Asheville.

This is the last visit of "The Clansman" through the South for several years, as it is booked for a complete tour around the world, beginning with London, England, next June. Those who desire seats should send their orders accompanied by remittance to the Manager of the nearest Opera House, who will promptly forward the best available tickets of the kind desired. The prices of tickets are: nights \$5.00 to \$1.50 and matinees \$3.00 to \$1.00. In ordering seats be careful to state what priced tickets you wish.

STATE HAPPENINGS.

Gathered From Our Exchanges all Over the State.

J. H. Benton, chief of police of Fayetteville, was shot and killed by a negro named Sam Murchison. He was shot by the 17-year-old son of Benton, but was soon afterwards captured and placed in jail. The entire city was in an uproar over the murder, and the jail had to be guarded by military.

Small pox has broken out in several sections of the State.

The Republicans in a number of counties of the State have called conventions to meet during the month of March.

Work on the Masonic Temple at Raleigh is said to be progressing very satisfactory, but the building committee will double the force next week, with a view of completing the Temple this summer.

A series of institutes for demonstrating the pruning and spraying and general care of fruit trees has just been concluded under the auspices of the State Department of Agriculture, institutes having been held in Stokes, Surry, Alleghany, Caldwell, Watauga, Henderson, Haywood, Jackson and Swain counties. State Horticulturalist Shaw, and State Entomologist Sherman and Assistant Clapp took part in the demonstrations which are well attended in all the counties. They report a great quickening of interest in improved methods of caring for orchards.

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. C. E. Johnson left Tuesday to visit her people.

O. W. Patterson, of Greensboro visited Louisburg the past week.

Capt. L. L. Joyner went to Garysburg last Sunday to see his parents.

Mr. A. H. Vann, of Franklinton, paid our sanatorium a pleasant visit yesterday.

Miss Hodgie Alston is visiting friends and relatives in Henderson this week.

Miss Margaret Ethridge, of Johnston county, is a guest at Mr. J. P. Winston's.

Greenwood Hill, of the A. & M. and Wilson Green, of Wake Forest, came home and spent Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Samuel T. Bennett and wife of Apex, spent last Sunday and a part of Monday in Louisburg, guests of Mr. D. T. Strickland.

Mrs. P. H. Mangum and little daughter, who have been visiting her people here, returned to her home at Wake Forest, last Tuesday.

Mrs. P. W. Pinnell received a telegram from Mr. J. A. Pinnell saying that his brother, Mr. William Pinnell, of Durham, was dying. Mrs. Pinnell left on the evening train Wednesday for Durham.

Mr. R. Z. Egerton, has returned from a short stay at the "Mecklenburg" in Chase City, Va., where he went for rest and recreation. He speaks in high praise of the treatment there, and says that it is a delightful place.

Mrs. C. M. Cooke and Miss Martha Mann left yesterday to visit friends and relatives at Ocala, Florida. They were joined at Raleigh by Miss Agnes Person, of Florida, who has been visiting relatives in this State.

His friends are delighted to see Mr. John L. Hayes back from Chase City, where he went to try the bath at the "Mecklenburg." He is very much improved, has thrown away his crutches, and has notified a certain widower in town, that he is ready to send in his application to join the "music club."

MRS. H. A. PAGE ENTERTAINS.

Delightful Social-Function to the Young People of Aberdeen.

Aberdeen, Feb. 22.—Mrs. Henry A. Page gave an "at home" to a number of young people of Aberdeen Thursday evening from 8:30 to 11 o'clock. From start to finish there was not a dull moment nor a sluggish guest. The pleasures of the guests, the games of the evening, the refreshments of the occasion and the beauty, grace and manliness on the part of the young people present made the evening pass all too rapidly. Mrs. Page easily sustained her reputation as a charming hostess. The following list gives in part the names of those who were fortunate enough to be there: Misses Louise Blue, Maude Gunter, Ellis Grier, Lillian Pleasant, Vida Rash, Katie Bethune, Ella Pegrum, Bertie Goodwin, Clara Bargasse and Frank Page, of New York; Claude Johnson, John W. Graham, Tom Ingram, Mr. Lewter, John Phillips, Henry Page, Albert Thompson, Professor Singletary, Robert Carter and Mr. Best. Dugli, of Raleigh, furnished the refreshments for the occasion. These young people carried into that hospitable home the fragrance of flowers and the life and cheer of sunshine.—News-Observer.