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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE READERS OF THE PATRIOT FAR AND NEAR.

Consulting Engineer.—Mr. E. W. Myers, a well known civil engineer of this city, has been elected consulting engineer for the town of Burlington.

For Treatment.—Capt. "Bill" Noble, one of the Southern's well known passenger train conductors on the Greensboro and Goldsboro line, has gone to Hot Springs, Ark., for treatment for rheumatism.

Flag Raising.—The Randleman council of the Jr. O. U. A. M. and the Daughters of Liberty presented a United States flag and a Bible to the public school at Level Cross Saturday afternoon with appropriate exercises.

Davis-White.—Mr. George F. Davis and Miss Myrtle Patterson were married yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. L. E. Patterson, on Park avenue, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. Clyde Turner, of the First Baptist church.

Joins Conference.—One of the eight young ministers received into the membership of the Western North Carolina Conference at Reidsville is Rev. J. W. Bennett, a son of Mr. I. F. Bennett, a well known citizen of the Battle Ground community.

Living on Farm.—Mr. C. A. Bray, who recently sold his home on South Spring street to the city for school purposes, has moved to his farm at Mt. Vernon Springs. He is still engaged in business in Greensboro, however, and goes from his office to the farm for the week-end.

Moves to Farm.—The Asheboro Courier says: "Mr. J. A. Brown and family have moved from Greensboro to Mr. Brown's farm near Ramseur. Mr. Brown moved from Ramseur to Greensboro about two years ago and had resided there up to the time of moving back to Ramseur about two weeks ago."

Moore-White.—Mr. Lucian I. Moore, who recently came to Greensboro from Chatham county, and Miss Johnnie White were married yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. White. Rev. R. G. Kendrick, pastor of Forest Avenue Baptist church, performed the ceremony.

To Winter in Arizona.—Col. Al Fairbrother, who recently suffered hemorrhages from one of his lungs, left yesterday for Phoenix, Arizona, to spend the next few months in the health-giving climate of the Southwest. He expects to return to Greensboro next spring with only the memory of a temporarily disabled lung.

School Population.—According to Greensboro's biennial school census, which has just been completed, there are 4,280 persons between the ages of six and 21 years residing in the city limits. About two-thirds of these are white and one-third colored. The enrollment of pupils in the city schools is something in excess of 2,000.

Teachers' Assembly.—A number of the public school teachers of the county will spend Thursday and Friday in Raleigh in attendance upon the annual convention of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly. County Superintendent Foust will go to Raleigh tonight to attend a meeting of the county superintendents of the state to be held tomorrow and Wednesday.

New Church Ready.—The congregation of the Church of the Covenant, on the corner of Walker avenue and Mendenhall street, will hold services in the new house of worship next Sunday for the first time. The new church, which is one of the handsomest and most conveniently arranged in the city, has been built at a cost of about \$30,000. Rev. R. Murphy Williams is pastor of the church.

Mrs. Sarah Isley Dead.—Mrs. Sarah A. Isley died shortly before 4 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of her son, Chief of Police Ira B. Isley, on Arlington street. She was 76 years old and had been ill for some time. Her condition had been desperate for several days and the end was not unexpected. The funeral was held this morning at 11 o'clock at Centenary Methodist church, followed by interment in Greene Hill cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. P. H. Fleming, of the First Christian church, and Rev. J. Clyde Turner, of the First Baptist church.

Mr. J. B. Cobb and family, of New York, are on a visit to their country estate on the High Point road.

FARM DEMONSTRATION WORK IS ENDORSED.

The meeting held here Saturday to consider the reorganization of the Guilford county farm bureau and the continuance of the demonstration work was not attended by a large number of farmers, but any lack of numbers was compensated by the interest and enthusiasm of the 66 farmers who participated in the meeting. Mr. W. A. Bowman, of Greene township, was unanimously elected chairman and Mr. J. C. Forrester, secretary of the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, served as secretary.

The meeting was opened with a general query as to the purpose to continue the organization, and whether or not the work that could be done would justify the continuance. This query elicited a number of enthusiastic and pointed remarks from several gentlemen present, and it was decided to continue the organization indefinitely.

The meeting adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That this meeting endorse the objects aimed at by maintaining a farm demonstration agent in Guilford county."

"That we commend the action of the county commissioners in supporting it up to this time and strongly recommend that this support be continued."

"That this meeting elect a committee of three to co-operate with a like committee from the Chamber of Commerce of Greensboro and representatives of the United States agricultural department and state extension bureau in selecting a farm demonstrator and directing his activities."

The following were named as members of the committee: T. N. Sellers, B. S. Kimrey and Z. L. Groome.

Mr. E. S. Millsaps, of Statesville, district agent of the United States department of agriculture, addressed the meeting along the line of work in which he is engaged.

Mr. A. M. Scales spoke briefly in advocacy of a clearer understanding and closer co-operation between the business men and the farmers.

Among the farmers who spoke in favor of continuing the demonstration work were Messrs. J. G. Frazier, J. A. Hoskins, O. M. Rockett, A. J. Hughes, Z. L. Groome, D. A. Kirkpatrick, R. W. H. Stone and T. N. Sellers.

MR. JAMES W. WHITELEY DIES UNEXPECTEDLY.

Mr. James W. Whiteley, a well known citizen of the Alamance church community, died suddenly at his home shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday morning. His wife was awakened about 3 o'clock by his labored breathing and death followed about 15 minutes later. Apoplexy was the cause of death. Mr. Whiteley was in Greensboro Saturday on business and retired Saturday night in his usual health.

The funeral and interment took place at Alamance Presbyterian church this morning at 11 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. Dr. E. C. Murray, the pastor.

Mr. Whiteley was 59 years old and is survived by his widow, one daughter and two sons. The children are: Mrs. Fannie Neelley, of Pleasant Garden, and Messrs. Harry Whiteley, of the Alamance neighborhood, and Willie Whiteley, of Greensboro. He also leaves two sisters and four brothers: Mrs. O. R. Cox, of Asheboro; Miss Mary Whiteley, and Messrs. Joseph, Hiram, Thomas and Alfred Whiteley.

Two Old Deeds Recorded.

Two old deeds—one 30 and the other 23 years old—for the transfer of 45 acres of Guilford real estate were filed in the office of the register of deeds Friday. Both deeds transferred the same tract of land and the consideration in each case was given as \$225, or \$5 an acre. The older deed, drawn September 5, 1885, transferred the 45 acres from Absolom Hodgkin to Henry Hodgkin, while the same two parties were concerned in the latter deed, drawn December 24, 1887. The deeds were drawn in the presence of R. E. Hodgkin and F. S. Davis, justices of the peace.

Policeman Resigns.—Mr. John H. Wolfe has resigned his position on the police force and returned to the service of the Southern Railway, in which he was engaged before he became an officer of the law.

CONFERENCE NEARING END

BUSY AND PROFITABLE SESSION HELD BY METHODIST PROTESTANT PEOPLE.

The North Carolina Methodist Protestant Conference, which has been in session in this city since last Wednesday morning, will finish its work and adjourn late this afternoon or tonight. Members of the body say this has been one of the busiest and most profitable sessions of the conference held in years. The last business to come before the conference before formal adjournment will be the announcement of the appointments for the ensuing year.

The pulpits of most of the churches of the city were filled yesterday by ministers attending the conference.

The conference ordination sermon was preached at Grace M. P. church yesterday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. A. Burgess, of Mebane, who took his text from the nineteenth verse of the twenty-fifth chapter of St. Matthew. The subject of his discourse was man's divine mission and responsibility. The sermon was followed by the ordination of two young ministers—Rev. D. R. Williams, of High Point, and Rev. E. O. Pritchett, of Brown Summit.

Yesterday afternoon a young people's rally was held at Grace church, the service being in charge of Rev. J. E. Pritchard, chairman of the conference board of young people's work. Brief addresses were made by Rev. Dr. C. H. Beck, Rev. Dr. F. C. Klein, Rev. R. M. Andrews and Rev. N. G. Betha.

The feature of last night's service was an address by Dr. William A. Brown, of Chicago, field secretary of the International Sunday School Association.

The balloting for 22 delegates to the next session of the General Conference, which will be held in Zanesville, O., next May, was completed Saturday afternoon and resulted in the election of the following: Revs. C. A. Cecil, A. G. Dixon, R. M. Andrews, G. W. Holmes, W. E. Swain, S. W. Taylor, J. F. McCulloch, C. E. Forlines, C. L. Whitaker, N. G. Betha and T. M. Johnson, and Laymen A. M. Rankin, J. M. Millikan, H. A. Garrett, J. E. Swain, L. L. Wrenn, T. A. Hunter, J. Norman Willis, J. H. Harrison, Jr., O. W. Hanner, R. N. Cox and S. R. Harris.

The report of the committee on Sabbath observance, which was adopted by the conference, strongly condemned Sunday birthday dinners, automobile pleasure trips, and other things of like nature. Considerable discussion was aroused, not in opposition to the report, but to emphasize the fact that the time has come when the church must speak more clearly on this subject.

A committee was appointed to confer with like committees from other denominations with regard to petitioning the legislature of this state to abolish capital punishment.

The conference voted to lend Rev. George L. Curry, who has been pastor of the church in Burlington for the past two years, to the board of home missions for work in Seattle, Wash.

Rev. N. G. Betha, of Henderson, was elected conference missionary secretary to work in connection with the board of church extension in establishing new churches in unoccupied territory.

Conference Evangelism.

The conference devoted considerable time to a discussion of the subject of conference evangelism. It seemed to be the opinion of the conference that the time had come for greater activities along the line of evangelistic work and of establishing churches in new territory. The most of the discussion hinged around the point of the advisability of putting a man in the field to work in connection with the board of church extension, whose title should be missionary secretary. The matter was disposed of for the present by appointing a committee to work out the plan and to report to the conference.

Rev. Dr. C. E. Wilbur, of Pittsburg, Pa., editor of the Sunday school literature of the church, addressed the conference on the needs of the Sunday school and of the very great importance of the graded lessons system. He also made the statement that the publishing house had accumulated a considerable fund that will be turned over to the General Conference next year for mission work.

One of the notable addresses of the conference was delivered by Rev. Dr.

C. H. Beck, of West Lafayette, O., secretary and treasurer of the board of home missions. In beginning his remarks he laid down the proposition that the church should be the force with which to take the kingdom rather than the field in which we are to work. He then reviewed conditions in the country, especially west of the Mississippi river. He had statistics to prove that in the state of Texas only 20 per cent of the people are connected with any church at all. In the city of Seattle, with a population of 360,000, there are only 26,000 identified with any Protestant denomination, and 6,000 of this number belong to one local church; that in the great city of San Francisco only four per cent of the people are church members. He made the emphatic statement that the yellow peril in this country today is the yellow gold in the pockets of church members that cannot be used to take the world for Christ. He pleaded for a greater co-operation of the North Carolina Conference with the board of home missions.

For the Children's Home.

A special service in the interest of the children's home, located near High Point, was held Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. J. M. Millikan, chairman of the board of trustees and one of the home's strongest supporters, presided over the service, and short speeches were made by several members of the conference.

After much enthusiasm had been aroused, a motion prevailed to call the conference roll and have each pastor and layman present pledge an amount to the various fields equal to 50 cents per member. If this money is raised, it will mean about \$11,000 to the institution, and the indebtedness of \$9,575 can be paid and money will be in the treasury with which to erect more buildings.

Two addresses were heard Friday night—one by Rev. Lyman E. Davis, D. D., of Pittsburgh, Pa., editor of the Methodist Recorder and president of the General Conference, and the other by Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D., of Baltimore, editor of the Methodist Protestant.

The subject of Dr. Davis' address was "The Work of the Methodist Protestant Church Today." The speaker began by saying that the Methodist Protestant church was founded upon a great principle, viz.: ecclesiastical liberty; and while it had already accomplished great things, there is still work to be done. He emphatically declared that the greatest need of the church today is a revival of religion and education. He set forth the close relationship between the two, and made the assertion that when you take religion out of education you take it out of art and literature.

He then reviewed the difference in the work of the denomination today and that of 20 years ago, saying: "We then went to the city and marched on down the lane, and built a \$500 church on a \$50,000 opportunity; now we build our church on the corner of Diamond street and Gold square."

Dr. Tagg's Address.

Dr. Tagg stated in the beginning of his address that he had visited the North Carolina Conference in annual session 29 times during the last 32 years, and that there was a peculiar sadness coming to him as he remembered the fact that this would perhaps be his last official visit, having declared his intention of retiring from the editorship of the Methodist Protestant next year.

His theme was "The Church Paper," and he handled it in such a way as to make the conference feel that they were under obligations to give a more generous support and circulation to the paper which he represents. At the conclusion of his address, the audience stood and thereby expressed its appreciation of the visits of Dr. Tagg to the North Carolina Conference and promised him that it would cherish his memory as long as it should live.

The reading of the pastors' reports developed considerable discussion and some remarks a little bit severe were indulged in. It was found that, while many pastors were faithful in the discharge of their duties, a great many are not so strict in the interpretation of the discipline, and, therefore, do not adhere as strictly to the letter of the law as seems to be necessary. It was the opinion of the conference that the time had come when pastors should be held to a more strict account.

Winston-Salem was the unanimous choice of the conference for the next meeting place.

TRYING TO INCLUDE CHINA

ASKED TO JOIN THE ENTENTE ALLIES AGAINST GERMANIC POWERS.

Efforts are being made by Great Britain, France and Russia to include China in the membership of the entente now aligned against the Germanic powers. Disclosure of this fact directed the attention of official Washington to a complicated situation in the Far East, the seriousness of which had not hitherto been realized.

It became known that in order to insure friendly relations between Japan and China, conversations and exchanges had been proceeding in Peking and the European capitals looking to the formal entrance of China on an equal footing with Japan into the alliance that now includes Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, Japan and Serbia.

Military participation by China in the war would not be expected but the political necessity of adding China to the allies is looked upon by them as of vast importance. It was learned that recently several Japanese warships were placed at strategic points along the Chinese coast, and that the possibility of internal revolutions in China through the proposed change from a republic to a monarchical form of government had caused some Japanese officials to believe munitions of war should be husbanded for emergency. When the recent Japanese-Chinese negotiations were in progress Japan similarly felt compelled to hold her ammunition supply for developments as circumstances that are known to have embarrassed Russia considerably.

So far as is known most of the conversations have been conducted at Peking, and it is not clear how far the proposal has been discussed with the Japanese government at Tokio. The belief is general, however, that Great Britain, on account of obligations of her alliance with Japan, probably has consulted the Tokio government freely.

China's attitude has not yet developed, but in some quarters the view is held that the Peking government is favorably inclined to the entente proposal since the move would guarantee the integrity of China during the present disturbed conditions of world politics and safe-guard her interests at the peace conference. In fact, some rumors have reached officials recently that the plan actually originated with the Chinese who saw in it a means of check-mating possible Japanese aggression.

Just what advantages would lie to Japan in acquiescing in the proposal are not clear, but it is suggested in well informed quarters that by placing on a solid foundation the relations between China and Japan, Japanese commercial interests in China might be immune from the possible disturbances which recurrent political friction might bring about. The feeling in China against Japan has been growing on account of the recent negotiations, and the possibility that a more friendly spirit might be developed between the two Oriental countries also is said to be a factor in behalf of Japanese approval of the plan.

Secretary Lansing declined to comment on the situation, declaring that whatever had been received by the American government on the subject was confidential and could not be disclosed.

Costs a Billion a Year.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 19.—Destruction of birds, according to Col. G. O. Shields, president of the league of American sportsmen, costs the United States a billion dollars a year. Col. Shields so stated in an address before the Chicago chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution today.

"Cotton growers," he said, "lose \$100,000,000 a year by the boll weevil. Why? Because the quail, the prairie chickens, the meadow larks and other birds which were formerly there in millions have been swept away by thoughtless men and boys."

Col. Shields added that potato growers pay \$17,000,000 a year for spraying purposes and remarked that a quail slain in Pennsylvania had 127 potato bugs in its crop.

Mr. J. M. McMichael, a well known citizen of Stokesdale, was in the city Saturday and gave The Patriot a call.

COLLEGE IN ITS MOST PROSPEROUS CONDITION.

A press report of the Western North Carolina Conference, which has been in session in Reidsville since last Wednesday, has the following concerning Greensboro College for Women:

"The report of Dr. S. B. Turrentine, president of the Greensboro College for Women, indicates a condition of prosperity such as the college has never known. The college dormitories are taxed to the utmost with boarding students and it has become necessary to secure quarters in outside buildings for a good number of students for lack of room in the college proper."

"It was thought when Fitzgerald hall, a spacious dormitory, was built two years ago that all the needs for the future had been met, but now steps are being taken to build another dormitory as large or larger."

"The standard of the college of music has been raised and a preparatory music department has also been established. The report also states that a magnificent gift was made to the college by the late Mrs. Mary T. Hudson, of Shelby, of a splendid farm in Mecklenburg county valued at \$12,500, in addition to her previous gift of \$1,000 for a scholarship. This is the largest gift ever made by any woman to this college. Mrs. Hudson was, before her marriage to the late Rev. Dr. H. T. Hudson, well known in Mecklenburg as Miss Mary T. Lee, of the prominent Lee family of Sharon community. She was educated at Greensboro and before her marriage was a teacher in this famous school in the earlier administration of Dr. T. M. Jones."

CARL PIKE ADJUDGED CRIMINALLY INSANE.

Carl Pike, who shot and killed Thomas Paschall in Hopewell, Va., early last Tuesday morning, has been adjudged insane by the Virginia courts and now is in charge of the authorities of Guilford county. The coroner's jury that investigated the killing found that Pike was insane, and the verdict was approved by the District court, which ordered that the prisoner be delivered to the authorities of Guilford county to be admitted to a hospital in North Carolina.

A Virginia officer arrived in Greensboro with Pike early Saturday morning, and later in the day the unfortunate man was carried to Morganton for admission to the state hospital at that place. He was accompanied to Morganton by an officer and his uncle, Mr. A. N. Perkins.

The management of the Morganton hospital refused to receive Pike on the ground that he had been adjudged criminally insane, whereupon he was brought back to Greensboro, and placed in jail pending arrangements for his admission to the criminal insane department of the penitentiary at Raleigh.

There is no doubt in the mind of any one who has seen Pike that he is bereft of his reason. While confined in a cell at the jail yesterday he talked incoherently and at times raved. A number of his friends called on him, but he did not appear to recognize them.

People who conversed with Pike immediately before he left Greensboro for Hopewell now recall that he did not carry on a connected conversation and seemed not to know just what he was doing.

Confederate Women's Home

Fayetteville, Nov. 18.—The Confederate women's home, erected by the state of North Carolina for dependent wives and widows of Confederate soldiers, was formally turned over to the state tonight. The presentation was made by Colonel James A. Bryan, of Newbern, chairman of the directors of the home. The acceptance for the state was by Lieutenant Governor Daughtridge, acting for Governor Craig, who was prevented from attending. Colonel Bryan was master of the ceremonies incident to the presentation.

Immediately following the ceremonies a reception was given by the personnel of the board of directors and the members of the women's advisory board.

Mr. E. W. Isley, of Greensboro Route 2, one of the county's well known public school teachers, gave The Patriot a call while in the city Saturday.