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Silliman Stops in Salisbury.

Religious Freedom is Guaranteed and Peace may Reign if They Stay out of Politics.

John R. Silliman, a personal friend of E. H. Bean, President Wilson's personal representative in Mexico, in returning from Washington to Mexico stopped overnight Saturday here with Mr. Bean and relatives at Thysitina, his ancestors being among the early settlers of this county. After spending a pleasant day in the county Mr. Silliman went to Charlotte where he spent Sunday and Monday's Charlotte Observer gives the following interesting story of his trip to this section:

John R. Silliman, personal representative of President Wilson with General Carranza in Mexico, had an interesting day yesterday in Charlotte on his way back from Washington to his difficult and important work in Mexico. Mr. Silliman was a classmate of President Wilson at Princeton. Eighteen years in Mexico have whitened his hair. But even Mexico has failed to disturb the peace and patience of this man who talks quietly in a rather low tone of voice, and who possesses the quiet strength, clear vision and unlimited patience of the President to whom he reports. Returning from a trip to Washington at this time when it has been most important for the Washington authorities to have fully the information as to conditions in Mexico which he only could give, Mr. Silliman found time on Saturday for a stop at Salisbury and a visit to the old Thysitina Church where his ancestors lived and are buried. He has in his possession the certificate of operator dated, April 11, 1771, which his ancestor, John Silliman, brought with him from Ireland in that year. He found in the old Thysitina Churchyard burial ground the graves of the members of his family, who were early settlers of this part of Rowan County. And he found people of his name and evidently of his family who are now living in this neighborhood. Three or four generations ago Mr. Silliman's ancestors moved from North Carolina to South Carolina and later to Mississippi. During the last year or two Mr. Silliman has been in correspondence with persons in Salisbury in regard to the early settlement of his family in the Thysitina neighborhood.

Mr. Silliman knew something of Charlotte, and he decided to spend a quiet and peaceful sabbath here before returning to unsettled and disturbed Mexico. He worshipped at the morning hour at the First Presbyterian Church, and after the service said that his one regret was that his wife could not have been with him. Mrs. Silliman is in Vera Cruz, and if she attended church yesterday she attended a little Mexican church in which Spanish is spoken.

Mr. Silliman made a short address to the Men's Bible class of the First Presbyterian Church yesterday morning. He expressed his pleasure at being able to attend a church service in the United States, and said he had not been able to do this for several years. "I have lived for 18 years in Mexico," said Mr. Silliman. "I have seen something of the business, national and religious life of Mexico. During my life in Mexico opportunities for service and occasions of suffering have come to me. My experiences in Mexico have cost me much in my own life, and as a result of my experience I have come to take a different view of life. While I have necessarily seen much and forth a good deal, I have lived at Saltillo, in the province of Coahuila—Coahuila means eagle and the eagle is the National emblem in Mexico as in the United States. The Mexican eagle holds in its claws a viper, the eagle and the viper indicating the extremes of social and National life.

"Saltillo, the city in which I have been living, was in the early days of the settlement of Mexico,

an outpost of civilization. It dates from the conquest of Mexico by the Spaniards. From its conquerors and missionaries went forth into the great unknown country stretching to the north and west. The oldest churches in this part of North Carolina date from about 1760. The oldest church in Saltillo dates from 1574. "You think of Mexico as a barbarous country. And the descendants of the aborigines are still in a barbarous or semi-civilized state. Mexico is, however, a land of religion and churches. The religious life of the people is shown by the frequency of Bible names, the name Jesus being as common in Mexico as John. Why are we called upon to send missionaries to Mexico, this land of religion and churches? Because in Mexico the form of religion has been magnified and emphasized, and the spirit has been left out. Mexico, it is contended, should have the opportunity to know and decide whether it will accept a religion of spirit rather than form. Therefore missionaries have been in Mexico for years until they were withdrawn following the order of President Taft. Does it pay to try to evangelize Mexico? Following the recall of the missionaries the work has been taken up by the native Mexican preachers, and they are carrying it forward. I recall the funeral service of an English lady in Saltillo a short time ago. No English-speaking minister was in Saltillo, and a Mexican evangelist conducted the service in Spanish.

"Ninety per cent of the Protestant Christians in Mexico are revolutionists, and with the changes which have come they have suffered many hardships. A short time ago a Protestant Mexican preacher was arrested and imprisoned. He had no influential friends, and there seemed to be little prospect that he would escape with his life. After some time he was liberated, however, and I recall that when he came into the Sabbath school, in which I have been a teacher for years, on the following Sabbath, and was asked to offer prayer, he repeated the twenty-third Psalm.

"Your missionaries in Mexico have been a fine and devoted band of Christian workers, and they have done a good work. Your investment in missionary work in Mexico has been worth while.

"During the disturbances in Mexico the churches have in many instances been profaned and violated. In one State a Governor issued a decree abolishing all Catholic forms of worship and forbidding the priests to conduct worship unless they first go before the civil authorities and engage not to take part in politics. There have been excesses, such as always come with revolutions, but the revolutionists in Mexico claim that their efforts are directed not against religion but the abuse of religion. They charge that the priests have been on the side of despotism and tyranny. And it is claimed that in certain respects the Church has violated the laws. The revolution is clearing up the situation. For an excellent statement of the case from the point of view of the revolutionists I refer you to an article in the September Forum.

"Our country could not let the situation continue indefinitely, and the recognition of Carranza has been necessary and proper. We have satisfactory guarantees as to religious freedom. And it has been agreed that the priests can return if they will not engage in politics.

"I have not been in a church like this in years. I have broken my return journey to Mexico by stopping at Salisbury yesterday and visiting old Thysitina Church where my ancestors worshipped and are buried. I have the satisfaction of good character which my ancestor, whose name I bear, brought from Ireland to Rowan County, North Carolina, in 1771. My journey to the old Thysitina burial ground was a journey of

Don't Lie.

A Little Experience With a Type of Shameless Degenerates.

The other day two men called at this shop and wanted a price on some old notions and we quoted a fair figure. They wanted the work done at once but as it was our publication day they were told that the work could be done at once if necessary, but that they would much rather do it the day following. This seemed to be satisfactory, but the young fellow who wore a hang-dog look suggested that they "look around," to which the older one assented, but stated that he "would be back in fifteen minutes." To this we replied, "All right, I will look for you," mildly calling attention to his remark, and mentally realizing that he had lied. Later we met the fellow with the hang-dog look on the street and asked him if he was ready to give us his order. He then declared that he would not have the work done until the next day, when if it didn't rain and he could get to town with a load of corn, he would call to see us. He had then given the work out, and we knew it. Friday the fellow with the hang-dog look was in town handing out his circulars. We asked him why he failed to return and give us the work as he promised. He replied that it was up to him to get his work done where he could get it cheapest. He was then informed that it was not a question of price or whether he gave us the work, but after making such positive promises it became a matter of honor and that a man who would agree to a thing that he did not live up to could not be trusted in any statement or agreement that he might make. Of course he only answered with a snarl. We doubt his having gotten the work for a cent less than our price, and furthermore, neither of these men will ever be considered trustworthy by us again. Suppose they did save a few cents by such conduct, they lost their reputation for truthfulness, if they had any. This, however, is but a type and such is common practice with some people, hence we make mention of it in detail. Some people will sell their honor for ten cents, or to save ten cents, and imagine they have done something smart. What a pity and how disgusting it is to hear a strong man deliberately lie for any purpose, but when he unnecessarily does so, it is quite difficult to understand. The wages of sin is death was strikingly demonstrated when Ananias was stricken dead for lying and the crime is no less heinous today than then. Don't lie if you can't fulfill your promises, make a frank explanation, but it is best not to make a promise, at least not the thoughtless, meaningless kind. Make your word your bond and you will be much the better off thereby. The public has no respect for a liar and when a man gets to the point that he would lie for a few cents, or a few dollars, he has become a very sorry sort of an animal.

sentiment, and after my life in Mexico it was peculiarly interesting to me to visit the old home of my people in North Carolina. I read many of the old inscriptions in the churchyard at Thysitina. I recall especially one which ended with a verse from the fortieth chapter of Isaiah. "The grass withereth, the flower shall fall; but the word of our God shall stand forever."

A Clogged System Needs Attention.

Are you bilious, dippy and listless? Dr. King's New Life Pills taken at once, seizes upon constipation and starts the bowels moving naturally and easily. More over it acts without griping. Neglect of a clogged system often leads to most serious complications. Poisonous matters and a body poorly functioning need immediate attention. If you wish to wake up tomorrow morning happy in mind and entirely satisfied with your treatment tonight, take a bottle.

Presbyterians Met Yesterday.

Annual Session of North Carolina Synod Opened in Gastonia.

The annual session of the Synod of North Carolina, of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, for this year is being held in the First Presbyterian Church at Gastonia, beginning on Tuesday morning, October 26.

The Synod of North Carolina includes in its territory the entire State and its point of membership it is the strongest Synod in the Southern Presbyterian Church, the total number of communicants being, according to the latest figures available, 58,128. The territory of the Synod is divided into eight presbyteries and in these presbyteries there are 258 ministers, 8,115 deacons, 120 candidates, 506 churches and in these churches there are 1,857 elders and 1,860 deacons.

Last year 2,112 members were added to the churches of the Synod on examination and 2,186 were added on certificate; 1,160 adults and 1,015 infants were baptized during the year. The total enrollment of the Sabbath school for the year was 48,897.

In point of contributions to the various causes of the church, the Synod of North Carolina is one of the most liberal of the 15 Synods of Southern Presbyterianism. Last year this Synod gave to foreign missions (assembly, synods, presbyterial and congregational, combined), \$37,688; to Christian education and ministerial relief, \$62,471; to Sabbath school extension and publication, \$4,268; to schools and colleges, \$27,764; to the American Bible Society, \$1,839; to orphan's homes, \$51,201; to miscellaneous benevolent causes, \$66,522; to pension expenses, \$184,012; to incidental expenses and presbyterial tax, \$209,762.

Among the features of outstanding interest in connection with this meeting of the Synod of North Carolina is the fact that this will be the last meeting before the division of the Synod. The week following this meeting the Appalachian Synod will be erected at Bristol, Tenn., the new Synod to be composed of parts of the Synods of Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and Kentucky and its entire territory to be located in the mountain sections of these States. That part of the Synod of North Carolina which will pass into the territory of the new Synod will be all of the presbytery of Asheville, including the counties of Madison, Buncombe and Henderson, and the counties of Wayne, Mitchell and Yancey counties from the presbytery of Concord. The erection of the new Synod was ordered by the General Assembly of the present year. It will include much home mission territory, and the man who first recommended the setting off of this Synod is Rev. Homer McMillan, D. D., home mission secretary of the General Assembly.

The Synod will open with the sermon of the retiring moderator, Rev. R. P. Smith, superintendent of home missions in the Asheville Presbytery and a former pastor of the church in which the Synod will meet.

The Salisbury Civic League held a meeting in the old court house last Thursday afternoon and considerable business was transacted, among which was the following: A good sized check was ordered to assist in the expense of hauling the teachers to the school houses next month when the moonlight schools will be in session; \$70 was donated to furnish a sitting room in the Farm Life School dormitory at China Grove; The Governor's Arbor Day Proclamation was read and a committee appointed to see after its observance.

State News Items

News Concentrated for Those who Want to Know About Home Affairs.

Fire caused by the leaking of a still completely destroyed a rosin plant in the northern part of Wilmington, owned by Ousey Bros., Saturday night. The plant was valued at \$10,000 with no insurance. The fire was discovered by a Negro watchman who at once sent in an alarm but the fire department was unable to render any assistance because of the lack of water.

John H. Kuck, who recently began the operation of a small hosiery mill in Wilmington, has found the enterprise so profitable that he is going to enlarge the factory on an extensive scale. Mr. Kuck made a thorough study of the business before taking it up, having already before engaging in it made a comfortable fortune in other lines.

The latest news from Lure Springs, the home of the Hon. R. L. Doughton, received Saturday is that his condition is slightly improved. His own mother has not been allowed to see him, and it will be several weeks, if he does well, before he can even be out of bed.

Capt. John D. Brown, one of the most prominent citizens of Davidson and of the upper end of Mecklenburg County died Sunday afternoon at his home on South Main Street. The news of his death came as a shock to the town, for though it was known that he suffered a stroke of paralysis or apoplexy about 8 or 9 o'clock it was not thought that he was fatally ill for he was on the streets early and was apparently in his usual health Saturday. But his advanced age and somewhat feeble condition, as compared with his marked strength and activity of even recent years, made it possible for him to rally and though he was conscious off and on till a little while before he died, he was never himself after the attack.

Dependent over poor health, Daniel Garmon, a prominent farmer of Cabarrus county, committed suicide early Sunday by shooting himself in the right temple. He was 45 years old and is survived by his widow and several children. Failure to appear at the breakfast table led to the finding of Garmon's body in a barn a short distance from the house. It was partially covered with a lap robe, which he probably used to muffle the sound of the report of a revolver, which was found by his side with one chamber empty. The bullet had entered his right temple and death followed was instantaneous. For some time Garmon had been suffering from poor health and his wife believes this led him to take his life. Coroner Buchanan and Sheriff Caldwell examined the body and decided not to hold an inquest that the suicide was evident.

An automobile driven by unknown parties, ran into a buggy occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Forehand, of Pikeville, in Goldsboro Friday. Mrs. Forehand was thrown from the buggy and sustained two broken ribs and was otherwise bruised and badly shaken up.

The body of Ezra Elmore, of La Grange, was found in pool of water about three miles from that place Saturday afternoon. He was driving to his home in a buggy and it is believed that he fell from the vehicle in an epileptic fit from which he often suffered. He was between 45 and 60 years old.

Mat Ziglar, aged 29, was killed by a falling tree while out "possum hunting" with two friends near Rural Hall, Forsyth County, at two o'clock Saturday morning. In felling the tree, on which the opossum was located, it fell against another one. Ziglar went under it when it dislodged, crushing him to death.

In a quarrel with his wife Saturday night Ben Sparrows was of

Good Roads For Lower Rowan!

The Litcher Township Good Roads Association Organized Saturday Night.

A good roads organization was effected Saturday night at Dime Litcher, Farmers' Union, near Rowan's Cross Roads in Litcher Township. The name chosen for the organization was the Litcher Township Good Roads Association. T. D. Brown and one or more others made short talks stating the object of the association. The men present were enthusiastic over the proposition and expressed the hope that they would accomplish their purpose. It was stated in the meeting that South Rowan was about the only part of the county that no attention had been given the roads by the county officials and the opinion was expressed that if the proper effort was made the commissioners would improve the roads in the township at an early day.

The citizens present then organized with the following officers: M. A. J. Rossman, president; M. A. Klatt, vice-president; Fred Sides, secretary.

The next meeting will be held at Park's school house near Shuppig's mill, Saturday night, November 6, when everybody in the community interested in good roads is requested to be present.

The Hold up of the Bridge.

Lexington Dispatch

Since we are building good roads in Davidson County, it is a shame that two great rich counties like Davidson and Rowan have a toll bridge across the Yadkin river where the charges to cross the bridge are as much as the railroad fare between the two towns. There was a time when the toll bridge and the toll roads were all right, but they do not fit in this day of civilization and progress. The county commissioners of Davidson and Rowan should get together and either buy this toll bridge from the corporation that owns it or build a new bridge so that the citizens of the two counties could visit each other without paying this enormous tax.

Catarth Cannot be Cured

with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarth is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarth Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarth Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonic known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients in what produces such wonderful results in curing catarth. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Protestant Parade.

Pittsburg, Oct. 28—Fifty thousand men and women behind 80 brass bands and drum corps, participated in the Protestant parade through the downtown streets here. The parade which was the largest ever held in this city, was viewed by more than 200,000 persons who lined the streets, blocking traffic for hours. Mayor Joseph G. Armstrong reviewed the marchers.

Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"Last winter I used a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a bad bronchial cough. I felt its beneficial effect immediately and before I had finished the bottle I was cured. I never tire of recommending this remedy to my friends," writes Mrs. William Bright, Ft. Wayne, Ind. Obtainable everywhere.

Still Trying to Sell Illegal Bonds

Last Thursday night the city aldermen held a meeting to open bids for the \$200,000-bond issue said to have been voted by the people at the recent election. The bids, it is said, were too low and were therefore rejected. It was then decided to re-advertise for bids to be received and opened on Thursday, December 2nd. As there are a number of weak points in this deal, it being positively asserted by competent attorneys that the bill calling this election was illegal, those interested in curbing this extravagant waste of public money, the more so because taxes have since the election been forced up about 20 per cent, making the city tax equivalent to a rate of .0268 per cent., should get together and decide on a mode of procedure. Since games are now apparently being given more attention at school than books the necessity of keeping up schools by public taxation has materially decreased, it being a serious error to issue bonds for such frivolity.