

ACOUPLE OF BONES FOR A CONTENTION

That's What Made the Agricultural Society Warm.

FAKIRS AND BOND HOLDERS

LENGTHILY DISCUSSED AT LAST NIGHT'S SESSION.

ALL OFFICERS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED

Mr. Charles McNamee, Executive of the Vanderbilt Estate, Elected President Amid Applause. Mr. J. E. Pogue and Capt. Denson Re-elected.

The annual meeting of the State Agricultural Society in common hall last night developed some matters of a rather engaging nature in connection with the management of the society. It transpired that members held widely dissimilar views and they expressed them with a frankness and force worthy of Cicero.

1. A plan for the re-organization of the society. 2. The kind of shows that shall be admitted to the Fair grounds and the responsibility for the failure of midway this year.

As is well known the latter has been for several years an annually recurring contention and the acerbity of interchanges last night showed that the differences of opinion are sharp and decided.

THE IMPATIENT BONDHOLDERS.

President R. H. Battle after calling the society to order suggested that some new life memberships be sold in order to perpetuate the society. He also advised that the Executive committee be authorized to rewrite the original by-laws and publish them in the proceedings of the society.

Col. J. S. Cunningham moved that this be done. Mr. John Nichols took the floor and said that before the motion was put he wished to call the attention of the society to a matter that might cause some surprise. For years he said about 20 men had carried the society on their shoulders and had put up the money for it.

As secretary of the bondholders organization he was authorized to say there was danger of a sale of the society's property; that the interest was in arrears and if relief was not given the bondholders would take steps to get it. Men who had never paid a dollar to the stock and who were not even life members had come in and assumed to run the affairs of the society and, he declared with emphasis, the men who carried the responsibility were getting tired of it. He suggested that a committee be appointed to devise a plan to issue and sell stock and so redeem the bonds.

Col. Cunningham: "How many bonds are outstanding and what are they worth?"

Mr. Nichols: "The amount is \$26,550. I don't know what they are worth." Col. Cunningham: "I think they are worth about 30 cents on the dollar; if I am right will take them all at that." The society applauded Mr. Battle said the price ranged from 25 to 37. He thought the interest could be paid this year, but approved of the plan to reorganize.

Mr. Nichols said that if Col. Cunningham would make an offer for the bonds he would submit it to the holders.

Capt. Denson explained that the debt had been originally incurred by the expenditure of \$30,000 for buildings and grounds for which 31 men became responsible. Finally 18 men had paid the debt. He was of the number, but had no desire to force a sale of the property; if the fair was a success he did not care whether he got a dollar. He believed those who were so impatient were people who had bought the bonds at a discount.

The society being pushed and advocated the issue of \$25,000 of new bonds to refund the debt. A reorganization committee should be appointed.

The society did not lean toward this proposition and seemed inclined to the opinion that the impatient bondholders would think the occasion a suitable one to put up the price of the bonds.

Mr. F. H. Busbee took the floor and sarcastically observed that it might be cheaper for the society to allow the bondholders to proceed to sell and then buy the grounds in or purchase a new site. The bonds had been bought at 30 or 40 and the purchasers were after a bargain.

Mr. Nichols moved to appoint a re-organization committee of five, but was shy of a second to his motion.

Mr. N. B. Broughton moved that a committee be appointed to receive any proposition the bondholders care to make.

This displeased Mr. Nichols. He said widows and minors who could not make a proposition had some of the bonds. If the words "receive a proposition" were stricken out he would vote for the motion. The bondholders might not make any proposition.

Mr. Broughton: "It seems the attitude of the bondholders has changed somewhat. We thought they were anxious for a settlement." (Laughter).

Mr. Nichols moved that a committee be appointed to consider the whole matter. He said that \$18,000 of the bonds were in the hands of people who paid 100 cents in the dollar for them.

Mr. Nichols: Strike out the words "receive a proposition" and I'll vote for the motion."

Mr. Broughton: "I decline to do so."

Mr. Nichols: "Then I object." There ensued a lively tiff between Mr. Nichols and Mr. F. H. Busbee, after which the former moved to strike out the objectionable words. His motion

was lost and Mr. Broughton's motion carried by a big majority. A committee of five will be appointed under it to consider any proposition the bondholders may make.

THE MATTER OF FAKIRS.

President Battle called Col. Cunningham to the chair and moved that the society go into the election of officers.

Mr. J. S. Wynne said that before any body was elected the management of the next Fair should be taken up. A course had been followed that had given the Fair a black-eye. Floral Hall was all right but when you went to midway the disappointment began. Mr. John T. Pullen, one of the best men in Raleigh had said the Fair was not as good as last year. He believed it was because there was such a poor midway.

(Mr. Broughton: "That's a slander.") Thousands of people yesterday had expressed their disappointment because the side-shows had been shut out. He was one of the first to oppose gambling, but believed in plenty of legitimate amusements. It was true the people were sometimes humbugged but if they were not they felt the Fair was a failure. (Laughter). After the management of the next Fair was decided on then elect officers and let the secretary run it without too much dictation from the executive committee.

Mr. Broughton said he thought Mr. Wynne was out of order, but as his remarks had been a personal reflection he would reply.

Mr. Wynne: "I made no reflection." Mr. Broughton: "You referred to the committee and I have been published as one of the committee." He declared that he, Mr. Ashley and Mr. Cowper had no choice in the matter of shows as the whole was settled by the instructions published in the premium list. The committee had made the rounds of the shows, had found "gambling devices and swindling holes." They had condemned them and he was prepared to stand by it. When no action was taken, a magistrate had been sent for, the men arrested and convicted. The association could not afford to say that a good Fair could not be held without shows. The lions were not there, some of the monkeys were not there, the "hoochee cochee" woman was not there, but there were other fairs.

Mr. Wynne interrupted to say that he had intended no reflection, and asked if the secretary had not been instructed to telegraph the fakirs at Hagerstown not to come.

Mr. Broughton replied that he knew nothing of such a course.

Mr. Nichols said that he had advised the shows be allowed to come.

Mr. Broughton: "I have run off no show that should not have run off." Capt. Denson: "That is a mistake." Mr. Broughton: "Name a legitimate show I have kept away."

Capt. Denson: "We had the prospect of some \$2,000 for privileges from these shows. That would have paid some of the indebtedness we've been talking about. We had much correspondence with these people, but somehow no contracts were made. We found out finally that there is a strong fellow feeling among these people. The proprietor of the Tom Thumb railway, I reckon that is moral, it's narrow enough any way (laughter), told me that these people were aggrieved at the treatment accorded them and were not coming, though many of them were harmless enough. I am opposed to immoral shows as strongly as anybody, but we are not running the Fair as a State reformatory, and are trying to pay our debts. And I observe that these people who keep the fakirs away are not helping us to pay them. I think Mr. Nichols is right; the people came here to enjoy themselves and they are not coming if there are no amusements. Many ladies in this city have told me that it was a mistake that these shows were kept away."

Capt. Denson's speech created something of a sensation and was applauded. Mr. Broughton denied that his committee had interfered with any show that was legitimate. "If," he declared, "the association can not have a fair without the people being swindled then the gates of the ground should be closed. (Applause). To forbid gambling in the rules and then allow it is an outrage. We are not in the business to make money for anybody. I am a humble member of the society, but you can't vote me out, run me out, talk me out or write me out, and while I am in I shall oppose these immoral performances."

Mr. Nichols said he had appointed the committee in question and heartily approved of its action. When people were invited to the fair they should not find in the grounds people who would cheat and swindle them. The purpose of the fair was to improve agriculture and the people who wanted the shows in question had a perverted taste. There were things more important than the financial affairs of any institution—one was the morals of our youth. If there was a combination between the menageries and gamblers let them all go. As a law abiding citizen he approved of shutting everything contrary to the laws of the State.

No action on the matter was taken.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Mr. Battle renewed his motion to go into the election of officers. It prevailed and he nominated Mr. Charles McNamee, of Buncombe.

Mr. Benehan Cameron, seconding the nomination, said that when in 1896 he was elected president of the society and found it necessary to get financial backing he had appealed to Mr. McNamee and Mr. Vanderbilt. They gave it readily and generously.

Mr. F. H. Busbee also seconded the nomination in a happy speech in which he declared that Mr. McNamee had thoroughly identified himself with the interests of the State and his election would be eminently wise and proper.

Mr. McNamee was unanimously elected by a viva voce vote. In accepting he said that he appreciated the honor none the less; that he was the first man, not native born, who had filled the position. He would perform the duties to the best of his ability and stood ready at all times to do all in his power for his adopted State. He was vigorously applauded.

Mr. McNamee is the executive of the Baltimore estate, was formerly a successful lawyer and is a man of fine judgment and unusually pleasant address. Undoubtedly no better selection could have been made and it is a matter of congratulation that Mr. McNamee consented to act. That he has done so is of itself a guarantee that the State has never seen a better fair than that of next year will be. He has always taken great interest in the fair and has contributed greatly to its success, this year particularly when the Baltimore exhibits

THE AGRICULTURAL BOARD.

An Exhibit at the Paris Exposition—Draining Lowlands.

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Mr. Richards was followed by Prof. Holmes, who took up the question of draining the lowlands of the Roanoke. He offered to the board the co-operation of the geological survey in making the investigations along this line ordered by the last Legislature.

The board accepted the offer and appropriated \$500 to assist in the work, with the understanding that all reports shall come to it to be transmitted to the next General Assembly, as directed by law.

COTTON GROWERS ORGANIZE.

An Address to be Issued Within the Next Few Days.

The convention of cotton growers held here this week has resulted in the organization of what will be known as the "North Carolina Branch of the Cotton Planters' Association of the South."

This name was, after considerable discussion, adopted by the temporary executive committee which was appointed by the cotton growers convention Wednesday evening.

The committee met in the Senate Chamber at the capitol yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and was in session about an hour selecting a name and perfecting a permanent organization.

This committee is composed of one representative from each Congressional district, as follows:

First district, J. B. Coffield, Martin county. Second, Geo. W. Best, Wayne county. Third, E. H. Meadows, Craven county.

Fourth, E. C. Beddingfield, Wake county. Fifth, John S. Cunningham, Person county. Sixth, Dr. W. P. Craven, Mecklenburg county.

Seventh, John P. Allison, Cabarrus county. Eighth, R. L. Abernethy, Gaston county. Ninth, Geo. F. Weston, Buncombe county.

Col. Cunningham presided and Mr. T. B. Parker acted as secretary of the meeting.

After the selection of a name permanent officers were chosen as follows: Wm. A. Graham, president. John P. Allison, secretary.

The president was authorized to appoint delegates to represent the association at the convention of Cotton Growers of the South at Atlanta on October 24th and 25th. Among the delegates will be Messrs. Samuel L. Patterson, John P. Allison, George F. Weston, and R. L. Abernethy. Col. Cunningham will appoint others within the next few days.

The committee decided to draw up and publish within the next few days, some resolutions setting forth the objects and purposes of the association, together with recommendations as to how these ends may best be attained. These recommendations will deal principally with the plans discussed at Wednesday night's convention—cotton acreage, diversification of crops, storing and marketing the crop and the warehouse system.

Also one cotton grower from each county in the State will be appointed with a view to forming county associations all over the State.

These resolutions will be drafted by the committee and mailed to each member of the committee for suggestions or approval and as soon as they are completed, which will be within the next few days, they will be given to the press of the State for publication.

Commissioner Patterson was present in the committee meeting by special invitation and made many valuable suggestions.

The promoters of the organization are much pleased with their success so far, and are confident that the organization they are forming will result in much good to the State and the South generally.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Ella H. Troy, wife of Rev. Jno. C. Troy, of the Western North Carolina Conference, died at her home in Jonesboro, N. C., on Monday, October 16th, 1899. She had been ill about two weeks and during that time had suffered in intense pain. The disease pressed her so hard that a surgical operation was resorted to, but she did not rally, and soon passed into the spirit land.

She leaves a husband and one daughter, little Louise.

One who knew her best said that in patience, gentleness and sweetness of disposition, she surpassed any he knew, and this is the verdict of all who knew her. She had lived in Jonesboro only about two years, but so sunny, and loving and attractive a nature had she, that in that time she had ingratiated herself so deeply into the life and love of the people here that during the funeral services there was scarcely a dry eye in the house. She was a model for others to go by—pure, unselfish and true-hearted—a model wife, mother and friend. We miss her sorely. We long for her kindly smile and words of cheer.

During the past five years her husband has been an invalid, and to her qualities as a good and true wife, she added those of an ever watchful and untiring nurse. Her husband says during the fourteen years of their married life, not a single word of complaint or murmur escaped her lips. She was his chief influence for good.

Just before she was placed on the operating table, she said to her weeping daughter, "Oh, Louise, don't cry; they won't hurt me." Her unselfishness was the most prominent trait of her character. She was loved by all who knew her. Those who knew her best loved her most.

Sleep on, tired one, and take thy rest. In some brighter and happier day we shall meet again.

"There is no death. An angel form Walks o'er the earth with silent tread, He bears our best loved things away, And then we call them dead."

And when he sees a smile so bright, Or heart too pure for taint and vice, He bears it to that World of Light, To dwell in Paradise."

P. V. HOYLE.

At Cincinnati the business sessions of the Jubilee Missionary Convention of the Christian church concluded yesterday and today will be devoted to farewell receptions and sightseeing.

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HERE IS "HOT STUFF."

What Ice Company's Attorneys Say of the Witness Who Made Affidavits.

Messrs. Armistead Jones and James H. Pou, of counsel for plaintiff in the now famous case of the Hygienic Plate Ice Factory vs. The Raleigh and Augusta Air Line speaking yesterday relative to the newly discovered evidence published in yesterday News and Observer, said:

"It is the same old dodge. The railroad has hired a negro detective, and the negro detective has found two of the meanest negroes in Wake county to swear for the railroad. One of these negroes has been convicted of obtaining money under false pretense. He fled the State, returned and was again in court for larceny and was convicted. He has been up for a number of minor offenses."

"The other one is a regular habitue of the criminal courts and has been tried for all sorts of offenses. These two are the star witnesses for the railroad, and they are professional criminals. The man whom they charge with firing the house is dead. The detective figured in a trial at Wilson last June. There he worked up a case against another negro for arson. There, as here, he had his 'confession.' There, as here, the detective swore strong for his employers. There, as here, no one believed a word he swore to, and a jury made up from the best white men of Wilson, after only a few minutes deliberation acquitted the defendant."

"Such is the showing the railroad now make. It seems mighty poor policy to invest in such evidence."

"The Messrs. Boyer, the owners of the ice factory are among the best men of Charleston, S. C., as is proven by affidavits from bankers and business men of Charleston."

BROADFOOT--MACRAE.

A Raleigh Man Weds One of Fayetteville's Charming Women.

The Fayetteville Observer prints the following account of the Broadfoot-MacRae wedding there Wednesday.

St. John's Episcopal church, which was the scene today of one of the most beautiful noon weddings that has taken place in Fayetteville. The charming old church, with lovely chancel and altar decorations, was early filled with a fashionable congregation of friends of the bride and groom to witness the marriage of Mr. Samuel Hinsdale MacRae to Miss May Marceline Broadfoot.

The bride, wearing a lovely white satin dress and carrying a bunch of white roses, entered the church on the arm of her uncle, Major J. B. Broadfoot, preceded by Miss Kate Broadfoot, the maid of honor, in pink silk with pink roses, and the ushers, Messrs. W. F. Leak and Cameron MacRae.

Awaiting them at the chancel was the groom and his best man and brother-in-law, Mr. Jas. C. MacRae, Jr., who had entered from the vestry room. The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. William Wetmore, a great uncle of both bride and groom, assisted by the pastor, Rev. I. W. Hughes.

The following music was exquisitely rendered on the organ by Miss Georgie Worth:

Belgian March, Marche aux Flambeaux, Marche de Girondina and Vienna March—S. Clark. Wedding Chorus—Lohegrin. Trauerrie—Shumann. Wedding March—Midsummer Nights Dream—Mendelssohn.

After the ceremony the bride was driven home, where she exchanged her wedding dress for a most becoming black traveling costume, the young couple then repairing to the Atlantic Coast Line station, accompanied by a number of their close friends, who, there bid them God speed on their journey in the good old fashioned way.

Mr. MacRae, who is a son of Judge Jas. C. MacRae, is one of Fayetteville's most talented young lawyers, was Regimental Adjutant of the Second North Carolina regiment during the war with Spain and is a Register of Bankruptcy. His bride is a young lady of rare charms and accomplishments, and is one of Fayetteville's boasted beauties.

Numerous and handsome presents, not alone from Fayetteville, but from many parts of the United States, including rare gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Marburg, of Baltimore, and Mrs. W. W. Fuller, of New York, attest to the wide popularity of the fortunate and happy young couple. Greatly admired was a silver service of pitcher and goblets, the gifts of Mrs. Hinsdale, mother of the bride, a cherished heirloom, presented many years ago by the bank of Fayetteville to the late Thomas Waddell, in recognition of his effort in saving valuable property of the bank in a steamboat explosion on the Cape Fear river.

The Graded School, of which Miss Broadfoot was one of the faculty up to a few weeks ago, gave an hour's recess, in order that the pupils might attend the marriage, and the great number of children present, filling both galleries, was an interesting feature of the ceremony.

TWO MEN KILLED BY BOILER EXPLOSION

A Fatal Accident Happened Near Blanchard.

ONE VICTIM A PASSER BY AND THE COLORED FIREMAN

THE OTHER.

CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSION UNKNOWN

The Saw Mill is the Property of Farmer & Weaver. Mr. Farmer is a Citizen of Raleigh. Mr. Sim Wood One of the Victims.

News reached here last night giving the facts of a horrible accident about a half mile from Blanchard Station on the Cape Fear and Northern, Mr. Angier's railroad.

About 9 o'clock yesterday morning the boiler of a saw mill belonging to Farmer and Weaver exploded, instantly killing two men, one the negro fireman and the other Mr. Sim Wood, a highly respected citizen of the community. Mr. Wood, it seems, was merely passing by the mill and stopped for a few moments, and while there met his death.

The boiler exploded with terrific force and the sound of it was heard by the people for a mile around. The name of the negro fireman could not be learned. The accident is supposed to have been caused by allowing the water to become too low in the boiler.

TOBACCO GROWERS ORGANIZE.

Mr. J. Bryan Grimes, of Pitt, Elected President.

A meeting of the tobacco growers of the State was held in the hall of the House of Representatives yesterday afternoon. Mr. E. J. Ragsdale was made chairman and Mr. H. D. Edgerton secretary. The depressed condition of tobacco farmers caused by the steady decrease in the price of tobacco was discussed, and it was resolved to form a permanent organization to try to remedy the conditions. Mr. J. Bryan Grimes, of Pitt, was elected president of the association.

No man is a hero to his stenographer. Politics has two sides—the outside and the inside.

During the winter of 1897 Mr. James Reed, one of the leading citizens and merchants of Clay, Clay county, W. Va., struck his leg against a cake of ice in such a manner as to bruise it severely. It became very much swollen and pained him so badly that he could not walk without the aid of crutches. He was treated by physicians, also used several kinds of liniment and two and a half gallons of whiskey in bathing it, but nothing gave any relief until he began using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. This brought almost a complete cure in a week's time and he believes that had he not used this remedy his leg would have had to be amputated. Pain Balm is unequalled for sprains, bruises and rheumatism. For sale everywhere. Bobbitt-Wynne Drug Co., and H. T. Hicks, Druggists, Raleigh.

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FAIR WEEK.

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On the 10th of December, 1897, Rev. S. A. Donahoe, pastor M. E. church, South, Pt. Pleasant, W. Va., contracted a severe cold which was attended from the beginning by violent coughing. He says: "After resorting to a number of so-called 'specifics,' usually kept in the house, to no purpose, I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which acted like a charm. I most cheerfully recommend it to the public." For sale everywhere. Bobbitt-Wynne Drug Co., and Henry T. Hicks, Druggists, Raleigh.

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NOTICE. Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company, Portsmouth, Va. Oct. 8th, 1899. The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company will be held at the office of the company, in Raleigh, N. C., on Thursday, November 9th, 1899, at 10 o'clock, a. m. J. M. SHERWOOD, Secretary.