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ARE THEY RIPE FOR THIS VAST UNION?

Dr. Black Sees all Presbyterians Joining Hands.

THE BODIES ARE FIFTEEN

Overture Asking for Organic Union Between Presbyterian and Reformed Churches

Submitted to the General Assembly at Lexington.

(By the Associated Press.)

Lexington, Va., May 22.—The second day's session of the Presbyterian General Assembly began at 10 o'clock after the members had attended special exercises in Lee Memorial Chapel at Washington and Lee University, where addresses were made by President Denny, of the University, and Dr. Theobald Rice, of Atlanta, on behalf of the assembly. The opening prayer of the assembly was by Dr. Hyde, of Fort Worth. Dr. Thornton Whaling, of Lexington, presented Moderator Hopkins with a gavel sent by Rev. P. F. Price, missionary to China. The moderator then announced the standing committees. The chairmen are as follows: Bills and Overtures, W. T. Halls; Judicial Committee, James P. Smith; Education, T. E. Converse; Publication and Ministerial Relief, Henry Moore; Foreign Correspondence, R. A. Webb; Foreign Evangelization, T. H. Rice; Theological Seminaries, D. A. Planck; Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, J. H. Patton; Home and School, W. D. Morton; Beneficence, W. H. Perkins; Narrative, J. L. Caldwell; Bible Cause, A. D. McClure; Church and Christian Endeavor, J. R. Bridges; the Sabbath, W. V. Frierson; Auditing, W. Pipes; Devotional Exercises, Thornton Whaling; Leave of Absence, L. R. Walker.

The ad interim committee on Home Missions made a report through Dr. S. L. Morris, secretary. Dr. D. E. Lilly, secretary of the Executive Committee on Colored Evangelization, followed with the annual report of that committee. The remaining time of the morning session was consumed in reading a large number of bills and overtures of importance from various Synods, Presbyteries and Churches which were all referred to the proper committees for consideration, to be reported back to the assembly for final action.

The annual report of Secretary Dr. Joseph R. Lumpkin, of Memphis, of the Executive Committee on Education for the Ministry was then read. Records of the synods of Louisiana, Tennessee, Georgia, Texas and North Carolina were then given out to the assembly for consideration. The Committee on the Twentieth Century Fund submitted a report which was referred to a committee for further consideration. The treasurer's report of the assembly showed that the total funds collected were \$2,830, expenses \$2,455, leaving a balance on hand of \$375. The report of the permanent Committee on Sabbath Observance followed. Sixteen Presbyteries reported success attending efforts for a better observance of the Sabbath day and recommended that popular meetings be held. The report said a hopeful reaction was assured and asked the assembly to appoint an evening for the consideration of this subject. Encouraging reports were read from the boards of the various theological seminaries within the bounds of the assembly and all were referred to the Committee on Theological Seminaries. The reports consumed the major portion of the afternoon session. After the chairman of the various standing committees had announced the members of each respective committee and the places of meeting the assembly adjourned in order to permit the committees to organize so as to take steps to get to work on the many papers and topics for their consideration.

The assembly in lieu of a night session held a popular meeting. Rev. Dr. J. A. Wallace, of Bristol, Tenn., presided and Rev. Dr. A. L. Phillips, of Richmond, Va., and Rev. Dr. R. L. Webb, of Clarksville, Tenn., addressed the meeting in the interest of the Sabbath Schools. This meeting was largely attended by visitors. The standing committees are now engaged in arranging for the laborious tasks before them prior to submitting action for consideration of the assembly. The synods of the Tennessee, Alabama, Missouri and North Carolina, Red River, Brazos and Maryland Presbyteries submitted overtures to the assembly, asking that an organic union between the Presbyterian and Dutch Reformed churches be considered. The matter was referred to the Foreign Correspondence Committee.

Commencement at Dover.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Dover, N. C., May 22.—The commencement exercises of the Dover High School began Sunday with the annual sermon, eloquently delivered by Rev. H. M. North to a large and appreciative congregation. The exercises of Monday night showed culture and taste befitting our most classical centers of learning, and the rendering of the program was excellent.

Tuesday morning the first feature of the exercises was a celebration of Philomathean Literary Society, culminating in debating the subject, "Resolved, That Private Schools are to be Preferred to Public Schools." The debate would have done credit to men accustomed to consider seriously the perplexing problems of life. The judges, H. P. Woodson, Rev. J. B. Newton and Dr. Raymond Pollock finally decided for the negative.

The feature of the day was the master

ly address of our Congressman, Hon. Charles R. Thomas. His brilliant and lofty theme, "The Beacon Lights of the World," was not too sublime a subject to be mastered by this great pilot of the old ship of state. In a little more than one half an hour, Mr. Thomas gave us a panoramic view of the history makers of the ages. He very beautifully alluded to the elements of true greatness, and showed how men at all times who possessed them had stood as beacon lights along the rough sea of life.

At the conclusion of Mr. Thomas' grand address, Mr. G. V. Richardson arose and in a few well chosen sentences, beautifully presented to him a waiver of the choicest flowers.

The feature of Tuesday evening was the beautiful operetta "Snow White." The last but one of the most interesting parts of the evening exercise was the presenting of prizes by Mr. S. M. Brinson.

MISS MARY CURRY IS DEAD.

She Does Not Long Survive the Passing Away of Her Distinguished Husband.

(By the Associated Press.)

Atlanta, Ga., May 22.—A telegram received here today from Atlantic City, N. J., announces the death there today of Mrs. Mary Curry, widow of the late Dr. J. L. M. Curry, former United States Minister to Spain, Captain Manly B. Curry, paymaster in the United States army, and stationed in Atlanta, is the son of the deceased. The body will be buried in Richmond, Va.

THE CUBAN TREATY

Convention Between United States and Cuba Signed in Havana.

(By the Associated Press.)

Havana, May 22.—The permanent treaty between the United States and Cuba, in which is incorporated all the provisions of the Platt amendment, was signed this afternoon.

OUTRAGED HIS STEPCHILD.

This is Why William Hopkins Dies of an Overdose of Lead

(By the Associated Press.)

Bainbridge, Ga., May 22.—William Hopkins, a negro charged with outraging his nine-year-old step-daughter, at Babcock, Miller county, was last night shot to death by a mob at White's Mill. Hopkins was taken from a Georgia, Florida and Alabama train, upon which he was being conveyed to jail by an officer. The negro confessed the crime.

DR JOHN K. RUFFIN DEAD.

One of Wilson's Best Beloved Citizens Passes Into the Beyond.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wilson, N. C., May 22.—Dr. John K. Ruffin, son of former Chief Justice Ruffin, died suddenly at nine o'clock tonight. He was about sixty-eight years old and had been in feeble health for some time. This evening he went for a walk and died soon after his return. He was one of Wilson's best beloved citizens and his death is deeply regretted by one and all.

SPECULATION LESS ACTIVE.

While Cotton Continues to Advance the Conflict of Interests is Less Fierce.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, May 22.—At the start today cotton prices at Liverpool were not far from expectation. They shot up and at 12:30 were from 2 to 23 points higher than expected with the near positions showing the greatest strength. Later they became weaker and declines were reported, but at the time of the local opening they were still about 8 points higher. Last night many of the local traders were disposed to look for a continued decline this morning and at the opening here the volume of covering was enormous, while fresh buying orders came pouring in on the cable news. Prices opened on the New York Exchange at an advance of 9@20 points, with July selling from 10.85 to 10.87 on the call. The advance at Liverpool was attributed by many to buying orders from this side, and those who were yesterday proclaiming the collapse of the bull movement again professed their confidence in the bull leader's ability to control the market. After the initial rush of buying the bears attacked the market vigorously, and being favored by the continued heavy movement, with favorable crop weather and the break abroad were successful in causing a loss from the best of about 10 points on the active months, then speculation became less active though fluctuations were frequent and nervous.

The suspension of F. M. Tucker & Company, of Boston, was officially announced on the Exchange this morning, but had little or no effect on sentiment, as the firm in question is believed to have been only slightly interested in cotton. During the entire forenoon the market was very irregular. After opening at 10.85, July sold to 10.88, declined to 10.75, advanced to 10.91 and at midday was fluctuating around 10.98 with August and September following closely, while the later months showed less nervousness. As compared with last night the market at midday was net 15 to 18 points on the old and 6 to 9 points higher on the new crop positions. Speculation was much less active than at any time recently. Trading while perhaps a shade more active towards the last hour was still comparatively quiet. Neither side seemed disposed to take any aggressive action and prices ruled from about 9 to 20 points net higher. The in-

to sight for the week proved over expectations and the estimates for tomorrow's movement were heavy, but the bulls bought enough to maintain values, and the close was steady generally net 6 to 28 points higher.

July closed at 10.97, August 10.67 and September 9.76. May closing at 11.30 was net unchanged. Total sales were 250,000 bales, about one-third the sales of some of the recent heavy days.

Hester's Cotton Statement.

(By the Associated Press.)

New Orleans, La., May 22.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued today shows the total visible to be 2,848,965 against 2,872,403 last week and 3,198,440 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 1,631,965 against 1,733,403 last week and 2,114,440 last year, and of all other kinds including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 1,185,000 against 1,139,000 last week, and 1,034,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and continental Europe 1,573,000 against 1,850,000 last year; in Egypt 69,000 against 126,000 last year; in India 710,000 against 554,000 last year; and in the United States 425,000 against 329,000 last year.

Secretary Hester's weekly cotton statement issued today shows for the 22 days of May an increase over last year of 81,000 and an increase over the same period year before last of 39,600 for the 264 days of the season that have elapsed, the aggregate is ahead of the same days last year 238,000 and ahead of the same time year before last of 694,000.

The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 91,156 against 46,827 for the same seven days last year and 67,955 year before last.

The movement since September 1 shows receipts at all United States ports to be 7,756,141 against 7,353,516 last year; overland across the Mississippi, Ohio and Po-

THE CAREER OF BROADNAX ENDED AT THE ROPE'S END

The Young Murderer of Sydney Blair Dies Without Struggle or Any Evidence of Pain.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Reidsville, N. C., May 22.—John Broadnax, who murdered Sydney Blair, an aged and highly esteemed citizen of the Oregon section, was hanged for his crime at Wentworth today, at 1:35.

The execution took place in the presence of thirty-odd people and the guards allowed the sheriff by law. Deputy Sheriff J. E. Lambeth sprang the trigger, which ended the career of one of the most remarkable murderers known in history, and the execution was in every way a complete success. Death resulted within twelve minutes after the trap had been thrown, and there was no sign of struggle or pain.

Sheriff Pinnix issued tickets to those who were present to see the execution before the dinner hour and sent Deputy Lambeth and Jailer Martin into the jail to have the prisoner properly dressed for execution. About half past twelve o'clock Rev. W. P. Ware, Methodist minister, of Reidsville, representatives of the press, and three colored ministers were admitted to the jail to see the prisoner.

Broadnax was neatly dressed in a nicely fitting suit of black clothes with patent weather shoes, white shirt and collar and looked neat and clean. He greeted the visitors to his cell pleasantly and talked freely with the ministers, who were disposed to ask him questions. A colored preacher, who had worked for Blair, Broadnax's victim, asked him if he wanted them to pray for him and he replied that he did if they thought it would do him any good. The minister then prayed. "My time is running short," said Broadnax. "I want to tell you all that

tomac Rivers to Northern Mills and Canada 1,039,826 against 1,071,441 last year; interior stocks in places of those held at the close of the commercial year 35,241 against 64,064 last year; southern mill takings 1,654,500 against 1,469,575 last year.

The total movement since September 1 is 10,285,708 against 9,947,601 last year and 9,691,921 year before last.

Foreign exports for the week have been 25,344 against 72,382 last year, making the total thus far for the season 6,397,555 against 6,442,868 last year.

The total takings of American mills, North and South and Canada thus far for the season have been 3,691,005 against 3,501,483 last year.

Stocks at the seaboard and the 29 leading Southern interior centres have increased during the week 11,710, against a decrease during the corresponding period last season of 67,298.

Including stocks left over at interior towns from the last crop and the number of bales brought into sight thus far for the season the supply to date is 10,500,782, against 10,307,288 for the same period last year.

Died Last Night.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Mr. Keith Pearce, the young man who was brought to the city by Dr. S. P. Holding from Wake Forest to be operated on for appendicitis, is dead.

The operation was performed yesterday at noon, but the disease had proceeded too far and death came last night at 9:15. The body of the young man was taken to Wake Forest on the early train this morning.

A RESUMPTION OF SERVICE ORDERED

Resignation of Colored Mail Carrier Accepted.

THE STATEMENT BY PAYNE

"Papers in the Case Show That This Lawless Act is Not Approved or Sustained by the People in That Vicinity."

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 22.—Postmaster General Payne has ordered the immediate resumption of service on the suspended rural free delivery mail route at Gallatin, Tenn. The resignation of John C. Allgood, the negro carrier, who was intimidated and who refused to work, has been accepted and the Civil Service Commission has been called upon to certify a carrier to fill his place.

The Postmaster General gave out the following statement regarding the case:

"In the case of John C. Allgood, rural free delivery carrier, who reported that he was held up by masked men while in the discharge of his duties, on the sixth instant, an investigation was made by Inspectors Conger and Bains. From their report it appears that the carrier was stopped by two men and warned not to continue in the service. The papers in the case show that this lawless act is not approved or sustained by the people living

INCREASE IS SHOWN

But There is Room for Improvement in Trade.

Wholesale Business Halts Pending Developments Affecting Fall Trade.—The Plight of Cotton Manufacturers.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, May 22.—Broadstreets tomorrow will say:

"While underlying conditions have improved as a whole, there is still room for betterment in weather, crop and labor matters. Retail trade has been stimulated by summer weather, but wholesale business is pending further developments affecting fall trade. Collections have improved at a number of large cities. Railway earnings are as good as ever reported. Gross reports for the first half of May indicate a 14 per cent increase over last year, while net returns for March show the significant increase of 18 per cent in net on a corresponding increase in gross.

"Iron is dropping, largely because buyers are holding off on future purchases. Stocks do not accumulate, however, and consumers are insistent for deliveries on other orders. Some of the less favorably situated trades are lumber, which notes the effect of building trade labor troubles; silk manufacturing at Paterson, which is slack at present, and men's wear woolsens, which are still halting as regards fall orders. Cotton manufacturing is claimed to be unprofitable at present prices. Stocks of cotton goods in the Western markets have been marked up in price. New business is small with the mills, but jobbers are making money because of active retail demand.

"Failures during the week number 155, against 152 in the like week of 1902."

Red Springs Commencement.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Red Springs, N. C., May 22.—The closing exercises at Red Springs Seminary were held this week. The sermon to the graduating class was preached on last Sunday morning by Dr. Wells, of Wilmington. The literary address was delivered by Governor Charles B. Aycock. The exercises were of a very high order. There were twenty in the graduating class. The total attendance during the year was 342. A large three-story brick building has been erected and the necessity for another is apparent. An immense organ has recently been placed in the auditorium at a cost of \$2,500. The cost of the erection of the buildings foots up fully \$40,000 and the cost of additional buildings now contemplated, will require an outlay of an additional \$30,000.

The Vera Cruz in Good Condition.

(By the Associated Press.)

Norfolk, Va., May 22.—United States Weather Observer Davis at the Cape Hatteras station today sent the following telegraphic communication to the Norfolk office:

"It is known definitely that the stranded vessel at Ocracoke, previously reported as the Vert Cruz III, is really the Vera Cruz VII. She is still in good condition, standing rigging and all. Thirty-five tons of whale oil and bone should be taken out without further delay. The vessel appears to be covered with a yellow sheathing, thought by some to be copper."

A Sunken Wreck.

(By the Associated Press.)

Norfolk, Va., May 22.—Captain Smith, of the schooner Maule Sherwood, which arrived at this port today, reported having sighted off Winter Quarter Light a spar attached to a sunken wreck, protruding about five feet above the surface of the water, the same being a menace to navigation. The wreck is floating in twelve fathoms of water.

The Government Accepts the Deal.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 22.—The acting secretary of the navy has directed the final acceptance of the torpedo boat destroyer Dale, built by the Trigg Company of Richmond.

CLOSES IN A BURST OF SUPERB ORATORY

The Fifty-First Commencement at Oak Ridge.

DR. W. E. DODD'S ADDRESS

The Commencement at Buie's Creek of Deep-est Interest Draws Throng—Mr. Campbell's Indomitable Energy and Its Results.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Oak Ridge, N. C., May 22.—The fifty-first commencement of Oak Ridge Institute began May 20th with a sermon by Rev. T. M. Johnson, President N. C. Conference Methodist Protestant church, an alumnus of Oak Ridge Institute. The sermon was eloquent and forceful throughout, and easily one of the best commencement sermons ever delivered at Oak Ridge Institute.

Class day exercises were held at 3:30 p. m. and were one of the most enjoyable features of the commencement.

The Juniors' contest in oratory was held in the spacious chapel at 8 p. m., and was of an unusually high order. The contestants were E. S. Welborne, Thomasville, N. C.; W. C. Tucker, Zephyr, N. C.; T. Bumgarner, Swanner, N. C., of the Athenaeum Society, and C. A. Bernard, Raeford, N. C.; W. G. Broadfoot, Fayetteville, N. C.; J. C. Taylor, Fayetteville, N. C., of the Philomathean Society. The medals were awarded to W. C. Tucker and C. A. Barnard. The decision of judges was announced by Hon. Jas. W. Forbis, of Greensboro, chairman, in a few well chosen words.

Following the oratorical contest was a concert by the Oak Ridge Institute Silver Cornet Band and Orchestra, Prof. C. Z. Whitaker directors, which was exceedingly creditable.

Thursday, May 21, commencement day, was ideal. The exercises began at 10 a. m., with prayer by Rev. T. M. Johnson, and music by the Oak Ridge Institute band, followed by the annual contest for the Elisha K. Gravely medals for oratory by four representatives each of the Philomathean and Athenaeum Societies each. The speakers for the Philomathean were J. J. Williams, Wilmington, subject "Room for Trained Men in the State"; J. Arthur Forbis, Greensboro, subject "Commercialism"; Joseph L. Lee, Laurinburg, subject "A Crusade Against Two Evils"; and Warren C. Stack, Monroe, N. C., subject "God's Last and Best Gift to Man."

The speakers for the Athenaeum Society were Clark Dixon, Monroton, subject "Character"; Ira C. Triplett, Hendrix, subject "Light and Shadows of History"; Rush C. Bowman, Oak Ridge, subject "Independence in Politics"; and Dexter Moser, Burlington, subject "No Place for a Financial Czar in a Political Republic."

The orators were eloquent, forceful, edifying, all acquitting themselves well. The alumni address by Dr. William E. Dodd, Professor of History in Randolph Macon College, was full of thought, and no one heard it without a realization of the great truths it contained. He began by saying that "no man liveth unto himself," is as true a saying now as 2,000 years ago, and no act of any human thing is without its influence on the public. One of the significant signs of the time is the tendency to allow might to become right, to allow crimes against the helpless to go unpunished. It behooves us all to love republican government and believe in democratic institutions, for every man who votes in a free country is responsible for the violation of law, for the perpetration of injustice. The eyes of the nations were upon us. We had been regarded by them as standing for right and justice, but our national policy of imperialism was bringing upon us their contempt. They declare that our ideal republic has fallen, it could not withstand the temptation to seize upon and hold foreign territory, and despite our pretensions we had shown ourselves no better than they. Another discouraging tendency is political immorality. Changes have occurred that no man could have expected. Political organization has brought out political bosses, and more than \$25,000,000 were spent in 1900 by these political bosses to elect a President. The result of this purchasing of votes may be seen in Rhode Island today where men have sold their votes. One writer says it is legitimate for a party to pay men for their loss of time when they go to the polls to vote for that party. This is all wrong. St. Louis has been the scene of recent political crime. Unless we can reform we certainly cannot hope for the great things we have been hoping for. Do these things exist in North Carolina? I have heard that some men sit on the fence until a few minutes before sundown, waiting in glee some anxious candidate to place something in their hands before voting. I have heard these things. I hope it is not true.

We should have greater respect for law. There are too many examples of lawlessness. We must be law-abiding if we would reach the highest development.

This has been one of the best years in the history of Oak Ridge Institute. In the Classical Department there were fourteen graduates; scientific, three; book-keeping, nineteen; shorthand, nine. A large and representative crowd attended commencement. It would be difficult to find in any other section of North Carolina, or in the world, more strong, earnest

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