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FOREST RESERVE BILL IS OPPOSED

Hackett Thinks it Unconstitutional

THAT NEGRO MEETIN'

Significant of Bolting in Republican Conventions Throughout South—Adams and Duncan and Pie Distribution—Adams Says State is Solid for Taft.

By THOS. J. PENCE.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—There is one member of the North Carolina delegation who is opposed to the Appalachian Forest Reserve bill. This is Representative Hackett, of the Eighth district, who believes the measure pending before Congress is unconstitutional. He thinks in its present form it is wrong in principle for the reason that it would withdraw from taxation entirely too large an area of forest lands in counties like Watauga. Mr. Hackett received oday a petition from Watauga signed by four hundred citizens of the county protesting against the passage of the park bill. It is claimed that there are not 200 people in the county favorable to the park.

Ex-Representative Linney wrote Mr. Hackett that petitions with five thousand signatures protesting against the forest reserve measure would be forwarded here in a few days.

Republican State Chairman Adams returned home this morning, deciding at the last moment that he would not wait for National Committeeman Duncan, who arrived tonight. Before leaving Judge Adams recommended the reappointment of T. E. Wallace as postmaster at Wilmington. He also made inquiry as to the failure to confirm the nomination of Wheeler Martin as collector of internal revenue. This is due to the fact that Senator Aldrich has been too busy to call a meeting of the Finance Committee. There is no opposition to Martin, and his confirmation will follow shortly. The State Chairman has delayed the selection of Postmaster Hoskins' successor at Elizabeth City. It is believed that Assistant Postmaster Overman will finally get the appointment.

Great interest was manifested here today in the result of the Florida Republican convention which selected delegates to the Republican National Convention. The press dispatches represented the anti-Taft men as being the bolters, but dispatches received here today stated that the shoe was on the other foot and that the Taft men were the bolters in fact. The significance of the Florida convention is that there are likely to be bolting delegations from most of the Southern States. The "outs" are resenting the use of Federal patronage to control delegates in behalf of Taft, and the Foraker, Fairbanks and Hughes crowd are encouraging them to make a fight. Practically all the delegates from the South Atlantic States have been conceded to Taft, but if the other candidates combine and seat the bolting delegates, Mr. Taft's chances of securing the nomination are very slim. It is a big game now being played among Southern Republicans, and is likely to decide the selection of the nominee.

Republican State Chairman Adams says North Carolina will send a solid Taft delegation to Chicago. He does not think the opposition to the organization in the State will be able to select a single delegate. The biggest fight is to be made in the Eighth District where ex-Congressmen Linney and Blackburn are seeking to elect Cannon delegates.

The War claim bill, which carries a total allowance of $315,565 in payment of claims for supplies furnished the Federal arm in the Civil War, gives rNoth Carolina claimants $1,200.

The auctioneer who sold the stock of whiskey shipped here from Asheville is in trouble. He is charged with selling whiskey without license.

Senator Simmons has gone to the State.

E. H. Morris, recently appointed postmaster at Mocksville, who has been here for several days to see if he could not overcome the charges made to prevent his confirmation, has gone home. No action has yet been taken with reference to the case.

Representative Page has been chosen President of the North Carolina delegation and Representative Webb, secretary.

IN GREENSBORO SOCIETY.

Mrs. Merrimon Gives Reception—Mrs. Hood Entertains— Mrs. Nash Gives a Party.

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 7.—On Thursday afternoon Mrs. W. B. Merrimon gave a beautiful reception at her home on Edgeworth street, from three to six-thirty in honor of her sister, Mrs. W. G. White, a bride of a few weeks. At the door receiving the cards were little Misses Lillian Merrimon and Emma Blake. Mrs. C. G. Wright and Mrs. G. S. Ferguson, Jr., received in the hall, which was lovely with ferns and palms and lighted by many candles in quaint and handsome silver and brass candelabra. The [illegible] work and carving of the stairs [illegible] twined with tendrils [illegible] was an exquisite [illegible] coration. The par- [illegible] and white, ferns, [illegible] niers of white hya- [illegible] running over win- [illegible] ors and mantels [illegible] fairy land. In this [illegible] party consiting of [illegible] mon in white lace [illegible] C. White, wear- [illegible] ce gown, and their [illegible] Small in black let- [illegible] gs, received their [illegible] in the dining room [illegible] red Odell, Herbert [illegible] es, and Miss Hattie [illegible] room was decorat- [illegible] ias. The table, gleaming with silver and cut glass, was lighted by candles with red and silver filigree shades, decorated with red carnations, smilax and maidenhair ferns. Dainty refreshments were served. The punch bowl was presided over by Mesdames Z. V. Taylor and E. W. Meyers, while Mrs. W. E. Allen and Mrs. J. W. Lindan dispensed coffee with whipped cream and wafers. During the afternoon about two hundred guests called.

Friday afternoon Mrs. R. C. Hood entertained the Friday Bridge Club at her her home on North Edgeworth street. Sixteen of the members were present and the afternoon was most enjoyably spent. The hospitable home of Mrs. Hood was very beautiful with its green and red decorations.

Mrs. M. W. Nash's party on Wednesday afternoon was an enjoyable occasion for the ladies invited to meet her guests, Mrs. S. N. Blackburn, of Bedford City, Va., Mrs. S. H. Oliver, of Danville, Mrs. Ed Huffine, of Rocky Mount, and her mother-in-law, Mrs. L. L. Nash. The home was decorated with cut flowers and ferns. A game of dinch was followed by a hot luncheon served in several courses, Mrs. Nash dispensing a pleasing hospitality to the friends invited to meet her guests on this occasion. Mrs. Blackburn wore a handsome pink brocated satin, Mrs. S. M. Oliver wore black taffeta, Mrs. Nasn wore lavendar, and Mrs. Ed Huffine appeared in blue silk and lace.

BACK FROM LAND OF FLOWERS.

Capt. J. M. Leath Gives a Glowing Description of His "Trip Through Georgia" and Florida.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wilson, N. C., Feb. 7.—'Twas a great pity to break into the pleasant time that Capt. J. M. Leath and his friend, Mr. E. A. Hartly, of Petersburg, Va., were enjoying in "the Land of Flowers," pretty women, crocodiles, snakes and mosquitoes—"but the best laid plans of mice and men" etc.

The hunting of the elusive quail in Georgia was greatly enjoyed and many of these feathery beauties were bagged. The Captain says he and his friend should have liked to remain in Georgia longer, but as their time was limited they moved on to Florida, where fishing and duck hunting was simply great. He and his friend would go angling for the denizens of the deep about sunrise; return about nine-thirty; after breakfasting they would hunt the slick back ducks. Then return to their hotel, wash up and go sight-seeing.

The Captain brought back with him some of the fruit that grows spontaneously in Florida—boughs from three trees—one of which bore six beautiful golden oranges, another with five grape fruits which weigh about twenty pounds, and a lemon branch with four well-grown lemons hanging thereto.

The Captain is living the proper life—taking in everything as it comes along ihs way.

REVIEW OF TRADE

Little Change in the Commercial Situation Says Dun's

New York, Feb. 7.R. G. Dun and Company's Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

Little change appears in the commercial situation, but progress is in the right direction in so far as any difference can be discerned. Recent gains are maintained in almost every instance, and a few further encouraging symptoms appear, notably the smaller decreases in railway earnings and larger forces at work in leading industries. Wholesale and jobbing houses prepare for the future most conservatively. Mercantile collections are irregular, some districts reporting fairly prompt settlements, but at other points payments are slow.

On the whole, the iron and steel industry is in a better position than a week ago although new contracts are placed with much caution.

Aside from a moderate demand for prompt shipments of novelties special conditions, the primary market for cotton goods is dull, staple lints being almost wholly neglected. Purchasers continue to await lower quotations.

All lines of woolens have been opened without arousing much interest or giving any definite impression regarding the trend of the market.

New England footwear producers are receiving small initial and supplementary orders by mail from wholesalers who recently inspected samples in the Boston market, but total results are not satisfactory. Leather is dull and weak, s hoe manufacturers resricting purchases to actual needs.

HIGH POINT BANKS MERGE.

McDaniel Bank Consolidated With North Carolina Savings & Trust Co.

(Special to News and Observer.)

The McDaniel bank, with a capital stock of seven-five thousand dollars, was this evening merged with the North Carolina Savings Bank & Trust Company, with a capital stock of $200,000, adding strength to this already strong bank, which opened for business this week.

The McDaniel bank was to have opened for business next month. McDaniel will hold a responsible position with the North Carolina Savings Bank Trust Company.

Arrangements were completed this evening for the moving here of the D. M. Pollock Lumber Company, of Atlanta, hardware manufacturers, one of the bigest concerns of its kind in the South.

$210,000 Agricultural Education.

(By Associated Press.)

Pittsfield, Mass., Feb. 7.—By the will of Miss Alice Byington, of Stockbridge which was filed for probate here today, the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute of Hampton, Va., is given $210,000. The Normal and Industrial Institute of Tuskegee, Ala. is given $50,000 and the Mount Hermon School for Boys at East Northfield, Mass., $25,000.

EACH CALLS THE OTHER BOLTERS

Aftermath of that Florida Negro Convention

CALLED 'REPUBLICAN'

Confusion of Claims and Counter Claims—The Taft Crowd's Delegation Instructed and the Anti-Taft Crowd's Untrammeled.

Crowd's Untrammeled and Free.

(By th Associated Press.)

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 7.—The aftermath of the dual Republican State Convention held in St. Augustine yesterday shows confusion of claims and counter-claims. Each set of delegates alleges itself to be regular and calls the other the bolters, and so complicated is the question, that it must be carried to the national convention for final adjudication. In brief it stands thus: The State Central Committees by some means, secured similar tickets and forced their way into the hall, and despite attempts to forcibly eject them, held their places and organized. The two conventions were held in the same hall at the same time, the chairman and secretary of the Taft forces being on one end of the platform and those of the anti-Taft forces on the other end, each with their respective bunch of delegates gathered close around.

It was the convention called to order by Henry S. Chubb, chairman of the State Central Committee, and the list of delegates certified by that committee that endorsed Roosevelt policies and instructed emphatically for William H. Taft for President.

The opposing conventions organized by adopting the report of the committee on credentials, which certified a list of delegates and every detail of holding a convention was carried out. They claim the case the regular convention on the allegation that there was was froud in selecting the delegates and in organizing the other convention, and that the other convention leaders overstepped all legal rights in refusing even a hearing to the contesting delegations from the several counties.

The anti-Taft convention did not instruct for any candidate for President, but the name of Joseph B. Foraker was loudly cheered whenever mentioned. They adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That we as delegates duly elected to the Republican State Convention of Florida, in convention assembled, express our unqualified disapproal of attempts to influence and control by use of Federal patronage, through governmental office-holders, the selection of delegates to the Republican national convention in the interest of any Presidential candidate."

STATESVILLE HUNTERS' TRIP.

Mr. E. D. Smith to Speak Today—Electric Piano New Thing.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Statesville, N. C., Feb. 7.—Messrs. D. F. Jenkins and W. N. White, of Statesville, and J. H. Shuford and O. S. Woodsides, of near Loray, who went to Hamlet last week with a fine pack of fox hounds numbering 20, expecting to spend a while hunting foxes, have returned home empty-handed. The weather was so disagreeable that the hunters did not attempt but one chase, and this one was very unsatisfactory, and realizing that it would be some days before the weather would be favorable for hunting on account of the sleet and snow, they decided to postpone the hunt and returned home.

Messrs J. Henly, Laster Alexander, Harvey and Scott Murdock went to the vicinity of Red Springs a few days ago ot spend awhile hunting foxes. What luck they are having has not been learned.

Mr. E. D. Smith, of South Carolina, national organizer of the Southern Cotton Association, will speak at the Iredell court house tomorrow at one o'clock. He has an appointment to speak at Mooresville this afternoon.

Heath has returned to Statesville to become manager of the dress goods department of Lawrence Bros. Co.'s new store.

Messrs. J. B. Leonard, of Salisbury, and J. Paul Leonard, of Statesville, have received a handsome electric piano, which is being installed in the store of the Statesville Drug Company today. The piano is equipped with the latest improved automatic appliances and the patrons of the drug store are anxious to see it in operation. Mr. J. B. Leonard is here rom Salisbury to install the machine. As Statesville now has electric power numbers of electrical machines of different kind will doubtless be installed. The piano being installed today is the only thing of its kind here now.

$100 and Sixty Days.

(By the Associated Press.)

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 7.—Pleading guilty to complicity in the cotton speculations of the Beale brothers, who were each given one year in the penitentiary, E. M. Robinson, was today fined $100 and sent to jail for sixty days by Judge Hanckel, corporation court.

Hotel Macon Improved.

Greenville, N. C., Feb. 7.—The Hotel Macon, an old landmark, has been remodeled and renovated, and now looks like a different place. It is new and up-to-date.

Mr. J. W. Hight, formerly of Louisburg, has leased the hotel and took charge of it on the first of the month. He and his family are cordially welcomed to Greenville.

FIENDISH DEED OF DEMON HUSBAND

Beat His Wife to Death While She Begged

BLOODY STICK FOUND

Investigation by Coroner's Jury of Murder of Mrs. John Randall Reveals a Horribly Brutal Crime of a Devil Incarnate.

of a Devil Incarnate Who is in Jail.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 7.—The coroner's investigation at Marshall into the murder of Mrs. John Randall at the hands of her husband revealed one of the most brutal crimes committed in this State in years. Elisha Randall, who is an uncle of John Randall, and to whose house the murdered woman fled for refuge on the morning of the day of the tragedy, was the principal witness. He stated that Mrs. Randall had come to his house about twelve o'clock on Tuesday and asked to stay there a while, saying that her husband had abused her the night before, and that she was afraid he would kill her. About six o'clock that afternoon, according to Elisha Randall, his nephew came to the house and asked if his wife was there. He was given an affirmative answer. He said: "I am going to whip her." He went into the house and dragged his wife into the yard. "I caught hold of him," said the uncle, "and tried to prevent him from carrying out his threat. He turned on me and said he would kill me if I did not turn him loose, at the same time making a motion to reach for a pistol. I went after John Buford, a neighbor, to come to my assistance. When we returned we found John Randall and his wife about fifty yards from the house. We started towards them and when a short distance away John ordered us not to come any nearer, threatening to kill us if we did. We could hear Mrs. John Randall begging him not to take her away. We found them and could hear the sound of blows and the woman begging him not to kill her. We tried to follow them and later on found the woman's shawl in the snow also other blood marks. Later on we found a large stick about two feet long which had blood stains on it." Further on Mrs. Randall was found in a dying condition. Elisha Randall's advanced age prevented him from rendering any physical assistance to the murdered woman when attacked by her husband, who also threatened to kill his aged uncle.

CRUSHED TO DEATH

Ten Men Perish by Mine Explosion

Cause of the Explosion in Port Hood, Nova Scotia, Mine Early Yesterday Morning is as Yet Unknown.

(By Associated Press.)

Port Hood, N. S., Feb. 7.—Six coal miners and four coal loaders were crushed to death today as the result of an explosion in the Port Hood mine of the Port Hood-Richmond Railway and Coal Company. Whether the explosion was due to gas, fire damp or gunpowder remains to be determined by a coroner's jury.

The accident occurred about 7.30 o'clock this morning soon after the day's work had begun. The explosion was in the south level and the six miners and four loaders were buried under tons of soft coal that were loosened by the explosion.

Practically every man of the 300 miners employed in the pit volunteered for rescue duty. As the rescuing parties progressed into the mine no gas was met nor was there any evidence of afterdamp, and as a result the rescue work was facilitated.

With the exception of the four Bulgarian loaders all of the victims were natives of this place and were descendants of the highland scotchmen who settled Cape Breton. All were well known and the scenes at the bankhead when the bodies were brought one by one to the surface were distressing. The property damage was slight.

Port Hood is the capital of Inverness county and is situated on the westerly side of Cape Breton Island, about twenty-five miles from Port Hawkesbury. It has a population of about 2,000

Death of Mr. W. D. Cox.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Statesville, N. C., Feb. 7.—Mr. W. D. Cox died last night at nine o'clock at the sanatorium. The funeral services and interment will take place this afternoon. Mr. Cox had been in failing health for some months, and was brought from his home east of town, to the sanatorium, about three weeks ago in a serious condition. He was suffering with a complication of diseases, and it was realized that he could not get well some days ago.

Deceased was about 46 years old and is survived by his wife and nine children. He was a farmer and was well known to many Statesville people.

FROM DANVILLE TO GREENSBORO

Division Headquarters of Southern Railway Moved

BANQUET AT G. F. C

Given by President, Faculty and Trustees—One of the Most Notable Ever At Greensboro—Dr. Kilgo's Address—Success of Merchants' Association.

By ANDREW JOYNER.

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 7.—It is learned here today that Greensboro is to be again made headquarters for this division of the Southern Railway, and that on next Monday the offices of the general superintendent, A. A. Wesfall, and of the Engineer of Maintenance and Way, Mr. Thomas Bernard, will be changed from Danville to this point. The Southern Railway about two years ago moved these headquarters to Danville. Their coming mack to Greensboro with the large force of clerks and the heads of the division officials, is indicative of the advantage of this point as a central one in railroad administrative affairs.

Superintendent W. R. Hudson, of the Danville Division of the Southern Railway, has been transferred from Greensboro to Birmingham, Ala. Trainmaster P. C. Walton has been promoted to a superintendency and will take Mr. Hudson's place here. Mr. C. G. Whately continues his work as Chief Clerk.

Prosperous Year for Merchants' Asso.

At the annual meeting of the Greensboro Merchants' Association last night, reports of the president and secretary showed that the past year had been a prosperous one for the association, the membership having been increased from 48 to 97. Besides this increase of membership many practical plans have been put in operation for the protection of the merchants from frauds and dead beats of all kinds, from fake advertising projects and other sucking schemes. The work of the new secretary, Mr. Charles J. Brockman, Jr., received cordial endorsement by his unanimous reelection. Other officers elected were: President, Charles H. McKnight; vice-president, R. C. Bernau; attorney, F. P. Hobgood, Jr. The board of directors is composed of the president, vice-president, H. C. Huntley, H. W. Clendenin and J. M. Hendrix.

Notable Banquet at G. F. C.

At the Greensboro Female College last night there was given by the President, faculty and trustees of the institution, one of the most notable banquets ever enjoyed here. Several hundred people participated, many of them being distinguished visitors.

Rev. Dr. S. P. Turrentine, presiding elder, acted as toastmaster. Rev. Dr. L. L. Nash offering the invocation. The spacious dining-room of the college served at the banquet hall. It wa sdecorated in the college colors, white and green. Several rows of tables were required to seat the banqueters among whom were representatives of the State government and leading lights of the Methodist denomination. Music between the courses was rendered by the college orchestra in a way which called for the sincerest praise. The tempting viands were served by the young ladies of the college who were attired in pure white. The principle addresses were made by Rev. Dr. W. W. Smith, president of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, at Lynchburg, and Rev. Dr. C. Kilgo, president of Trinity College, at Durham. Rev. Dr. G. H. Detwiler pastor of West Market Street Methodist Church, State Auditor B. F. Dixon, a former president of the college and the present, Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, also responded to toasts. When Mrs. Robertson arose to speak the greatest enthusiasm of the evening prevailed she being unable for quite a while to proceed for the vigorous and prolonged applause which was accorded her. Bishop Charles B. Galloway was on the program for an address, but to the great disappoint of all, was prevented by sickness from being present. In his address Dr. Smith discussed the superiority of the training in a denominational institution to that which as a rule s mparted in secular institutions. He declared that the State was more indebted for the right sort of education to the ministry than to any other agency. He scouted the idea that instruction in a denominational college is narrow and sectarian, and mean. On the cotrary he argues the church offers the broadest ad the most liberal education. The speaker's treatment of the subject of man's possibilities was masterful and wonderfully impressive and at the same time enlivened with a subtile humor that wos completely captivaitng.

Dr. Turrentine introduced Dr. Kilgo as president of the best endowed and highest grade college in the South. He made one of his strong and unique speeches The two leading characteristics of our time he regarded as being daring and revolution. There's nothing, he said, too great for this age to undertake. The man who can't sympathize with the tremendous undertakings is to be pitied. Discussing the second cha acter'stic, revo'ution — he said that there is no fundamental idea nowadays that is not up for revision. In this connection he spoke of competition in commerce. This he maintained, is a mistaken principle. Business nstead of being a warfare to the death is fraternity and co-operation. However we may dislike this new order of things, it is here and it is here to stay. He was willing to grant that initsinitiartory stage there is much that is crude and wrong. What we should undertake to do is to interpret the revolution andn ot destroy it. He made an earnest plea for a broadness of view that would rise above party lines and sectarian prejudices. He then treated education in the light of the conditions that he had described announcing as his theme, "Educational Heresies from an Educational Heretic." He described the disadvantages of being a heretic, saying that it was not comortable not to be able to think with the multitude o men, one has so oen to sit down and ask himself if he is a crank.

He thought women as good as men, but no better. Preachers had a way of saying that heaven would be made up principally of women and children. "If that is so," said he, "women will not stay there." He was very convincing in his argument that woman was not intended to be a head-woman. God pity the woman who wants to be independent of man. Woman has her highest power over man in her helplessness. He closed with a magnificent tribute to woman which called for prolonged applause.

TO HOSPITALS FOR OPERATIONS

Chair Factory is Completed—Investors Watching the Belt Line.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Thomasville, N. C., Feb. 7.—Thursday night Mr. J. A. Morris and Dr. J. W Peacock left for Richmond, Va. where Mr Morris goes to a hospital for an operation. Dr. ePacock will assist in the operation and while there will take a special course in surgery in the University college of Medicine. He will be gone about three weeks.

The Bard Lumber Company have completed their large chair factory and have begun making chairs, the actory was started Thursday and will have a capacity of between 200 and 300 chairs per day.

The Thomasville Light and Power Company have their plant almost completed and will be ready to turn on the current from their plant by March first.

Already prospective investors are coming to Thomasville and looking along the belt line for suitable locations for manufacturing enterprises and the prospect is that a number of manufacturing plants will be built along this line during this year.

Mrs. J. W. Marsh has been carried to the Stokes-Whitehead hospital in Salisbury, where she is going to be operated on for appendicitis. She is undergoing treatment before the operation. Her friends hope for her a speedy recovery.

Violin 187 Years Old.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wilson, N. C., Feb. 7.—Mr. John B. Vick, of this city, has in his possession a celebrated Stradivarius violin which was made n the year 1731. This instrument he prizes highly. He says he will use it at the Fiddler's Convention which holds forth here on Thursday night, February 13th. The mellow tones that eminate from this highly prized fiddle when 'Uncle John" draws the bow across the catgut, are wonderful to hear.

This old war horse says he used to be somewhat of a dancer—in fact, he used to amuse the boys of the "Lost Cause" by tripping "The Fisher's Hornpipe" and the "Highland Fling" while waiting for the Yanks to show their heads. He enlisted in the Confederate Army in April, 1663, Co. A, Twfifth North Carolina Batallion. He was one of Gen. D. H. Hill's body guard.

HESTER'S REVIEW

Supply of Cotton 4,930,447 Against 5,763,571 Last Year

New Orleans, Feb. 7.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued today, shows the total visible to be 4,930,447 against 4,903,556 last week, and 5,493,181 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,763,561, against 3,782,480 last week and 4,320,181 last year, and of all kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 1,166,876, against 1,120,876 last week and 1,173,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and Continental Europe 2,872,000, against 3,016,000 last year; in Egypt, 222,000 against 236,000 last year; in India 548,000 against 505,000 last year, and in the United States, 1,288,000 against 1,736,000 last year.

SIXTY FIDDLERS FIDDLED.

Convention at Asheboro—Capt. A. S. Burns' Mineral Water.

(Special to News and Obserer.)

Asheboro, N. C., Feb. 7.—The Fiddlers' Convention was pulled off last night at the Auditorium. The house was well filled with enthusiastic and interested listeners. About sixty musicians were enrolled for the arious contests and prizes. Mr. E. E. Pugh, of High Point, N. C., was chairman of the program committee, and Prof. E. J. Coltrane was master of ceremonies. The opening piece was Mississippi Sawyer by the entire company. That was "music to beat the band." From start to finish there was genuine enjoyment on the part of the audience. Three old-time fiddlers composed the judges, Dr. L. M. Fox, Dr. A. P. Staley and T. H. Redding. The prizes were awarded as follows: Mr. Fontaine, of Ramseur, first best lead fiddle; J. F. Cousins, of Trinity, second best lead; Capt. Johns, of High Point, best second fiddle; Tony Johnson, of Randolph, best banjo; Mr. Stanley, of Reidsville, best specialty banjo and song; Grady Miller, Asheboro, second best specialty; J. F. Hamilton, of Central Falls, booby. There were many features worthy of note—too many to mention all. Special mention is due George Pugh, of Millboro for two excellent guitar solos, and the Ulah and Cedar Grove string band for good old-time combinations. The spontaneous "shuffle" by Henry Allred, Jake Mileir and Carl Hooer brought down the ohuse.

The entertainment was given for the benefit of the Woman's Betterment Association.

The mineral water from the spring belonging to Capt. A. E. Burns, in North Asheboro, is still attracting special attention and is effecting some almost marvelous results in restoring health and vigor to those who have given it a fair trial. It is doubtless the best mineral water to be found in the State.

WAR CLAIMS BILL PASSES THE HOUSE

Carries an Appropriation of $315,000

MACON MAKES RIPPLE

The Day's Session Devoted Almost Exclusively to Consideration of Omnibus War Claims Bill—Arkansas Representative Defends the Senate.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—The session of the House of Representatives today devoted almost entirely to the consideration of the Omnibus War Claims bill, which was passed after considerable discussion. It carries a total appropriation of $315,000. A ripple of excitement was caused by Mr. Macon of Arkansas, who in the course of the debate defended the Senate against what he said were aspersions cast upon that body by Mr. Payne, New York, when he predicted that the Senate would load the bill down with a number of unmeritorious claims.

A number of private claims bills also were passed and the House at 4.43 p. m. adjourned until Monday.

Passage of the Omnibus Bill.

The omnibus bill, carrying a total allowance of $315,565 in payment of claims for stores and supplies furnished the army of the United States during the civil war; claims of volunteer officers for service pay and claims by churches, colleges and other eleemosynary societies was favorably reported to the House today by the committee on war claims and was soon taken up and passed by the House. The bill as recommended includes appropriations for the following States (Round numbers):

Alabama, $31,600; Arkanda, $4,400; Georgia, $17,500; Kentucky, $1,500; Louisiana, $21,000; Mississippi, $29,400; North Carolina, $1,200; South Carolina, $800; Tennessee, $79,700; Texas, $1,100; Virginia, $[illegible]; West Virginia, $8,800.

These adjudications conform to the findings by the court of claims under the provisions of the Bowman act.

During the discussion of the bill in the House Mr. Mann, of Illinois, gave warning that if the bill should come back to the Senate loaded down with all kinds of claims, which have no place there, he would exhaust every parliamentary means to prevent its passage. He was assured, however, by Mr. Haskins that he himself would fight any Senate addition of meritorious claims.

Mr. Macon, Arkansas supported the bill and said he could not see why any one could be prejudiced against meritorious war claims. A remark that there seemed to be insinuations that there was some fraud embodied in the war claims bills caused Mr. [illegible], New York, to state that if he had the power he would try to amend into the bill under discussion [illegible] the other things that will go with it from the Senate that I object to," he declared.

This was taken by Mr. Macon as a reflection upon the Senate. He said he was not afraid of any action the Senate might take and he did not believe that a man occupying such an exalted station in life as that of a United States Senator would deliberately and wilfully perjure himself by trying to force dishonest claims on the House.

BANK CHANGES NAME.

Promoter of New Bank at High Point Soon to Marry in Virginia.

(Special to News and Observer.)

High Point, N. C., Feb. 7.—Mr. DeKalb McDaniel, the gentleman who is promoting a new State bank in High Point, was here today looking over the location for his new bank. He expects to move to High Point permanently about the first of March and be ready to open his bank in the [illegible]. He has options on two locations, one above and one below the national, [illegible] will become a benedict soon as the following announcement will show: "Mr. Edward Plummer [illegible] to be present at the marriage of his sister, Josephine and Mr. Dekalb McDaniel Wednesday evening, Feb. 18th, 1908, at seven o'clock, St. Paul's Episcopal church, Newport News, Va."

With the announcement that Mr. Geo. F. Kirby of Kings Mountain, is to become cashier of a new bank here, it is learned that the name of the new bank as first agreed upon will now be chartered under the name of the Home Banking Company, instead of the Peoples Loan and Trust Company. Mr. Kirby has been a member of the Western North Carolina Conference for several years and was stationed here several years previous to 1906, serving the South Main Street Methodist church. He married a daughter of the late Prof. J. F. Heiman, of Old Trinity. He will move his family here sometime about the first of March.

Louisburg Social Events.

Louisburg, N. C., Feb 7.—Miss Alice Winston Spruill charmingly entertained Monday evening a number of her friends in honor of Miss Laura Harrison, of Littleton.

Six-hand euchre was the game played, Mrs. J. R. Collie winning the first prize and the visitor being given a pearl pin, was gracefully presented to Miss Harrison. At 11:30 elegant refreshments were served.

On Tuesday evening Miss Virginia Foster delightfully entertained from 8:30 to 11:30 at six-hand euchre. Miss Alice Spruill won the prize, a lovely hand-painted bowl, and presented it to the guest of honor, Miss Laier Harrison, of Littleton. Delightful and dainty refreshments were served.