

REASON WAS ELECTROCUTED AT 12:17 A. M. TODAY

ed by Poison the Girl to Whom He Was Affianced, in Order That He Might Wed Another and Richer Woman

Boston, Mass., May 21.—Richardson was electrocuted at 12:17 this (Tuesday) morning. Richardson spent much of his time Monday in prayer and in reading his Bible. Richardson was turned on at 12:02 and the prisoner was declared totally dead at 12:17.

Details of the Execution

(By the Associated Press.) Boston, Mass., May 20.—Richardson walked to the chair erect, eyes straight ahead until he sat down. Then he closed his eyes and kept them shut until the end. Seated in the chair, he was asked a series of questions by the Rev. Mr. Johnson, his spiritual adviser. During his answers he said: "God will take of my soul and I pray for all. I forgive everybody."

The current applied was of 1900 volts, eight amperes. The application was made at 12:02. When the officials and witnesses of the execution entered the death chamber after talking through the prison yard in a falling rain they heard sounding through the walls the strains of music. It was Richardson's spiritual adviser, Rev. Mr. Johnson and Chaplain Stebbins, singing distinctly audible as they closed were the words: "For I know, what's befall me, Jesus doeth all things well."

TONIGHT THE END

Last Chance to Enter Names for Nominations in Wake County

The entries of candidates for office or for party positions in the Democratic or in the Republican party in Wake county ends at midnight tonight.

The law for the localized primary to take place on June first makes it obligatory to have in all nominations with the Register of Deeds at least ten days prior to the primary, and the notice has been given that the ten days' limit will expire at midnight Tuesday, May 21.

Deputy Sheriff H. M. Farmer, of Wilson, yesterday brought to the State's Prison Jim Green, a negro, sent up for ten years. He was convicted of having stolen a horse and buggy from Mr. Hayward Winstead, whose home is near Elm City.

WILSON'S MISSIONS PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY, SOUTH

Annual Sermon by Presiding Elder Bumpass and Address of Miss Head Leading Feature of Last Day at Weldon

Weldon, N. C., May 20.—The perfect and delightful weather Sunday came as a benediction to mark the closing scenes of a busy week, and the church was filled to an overflow for the annual sermon by Presiding Elder R. F. Bumpass before the Women's Home Mission Society of the North Carolina Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and it was a sweet message of peace and comfort this consecrated man of God delivered. The work of the noble women for this season of the conference had ended, and as they presented themselves in the sanctuary on this beautiful day to receive spiritual comfort, the picture must have been well pleasing in the sight of the Lord. Mr. Bumpass selected for his text Proverbs 28:18: "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

At the evening session there was even a much larger congregation than at the morning session, for it had been noised abroad that Miss Mabel Head, of Nashville, Tenn., was to deliver the address and the overflow was accommodated by the opening of the Sunday school auditorium connecting it with the main auditorium of the church.

Nothing like even a brief synopsis could be given of her stirring address, and the large audience sat almost spellbound under her matchless words of eloquence as she held up to the vision of the world and in this work you find that all the resources of God's program are given to you.

ANOTHER GREAT WILSON SHOWDOWN

William L. Wilson's Home County Swept by Woodrow; Mercer, West Va., Also Instructs for Gov. Wilson

(By L. A. BROWN.) Washington, May 20.—The Wilson bureau gave out the following statement tonight: "While he was carrying the day in North Carolina Governor Woodrow Wilson triumphed over Speaker Clark in a primary contest in the home county of William L. Wilson, who was one of the greatest leaders that the Democratic party has produced in Congress. The following telegram from Hon. William Campbell at Charleston, West Virginia today tells of the result: "At today's primaries Woodrow Wilson swept Jefferson, the banner Democratic county of West Virginia, and the home of the great Democratic leader, William L. Wilson, West Virginia Democrats believe that the mantle of the great reformer has fallen on his namesake."

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY, SOUTH

Important Work Yesterday Before the Body in Session

ANOTHER STEP LOOKING TO UNION OF CHURCHES

Contest Over Preparation of Popular Statement Embodying Doctrines of the Church Precipitated, by Requests Prompted by the Disseminating of False Charge That Church Believes in Infant Damnation, Predestination and "Souls of Hell"—Progressives Won Out on Close Vote—Other Matters.

By the Associated Press.) Bristol, Tenn., May 20.—The adoption of a resolution to appoint an ad interim committee to prepare a brief popular statement of the doctrines of the church, which was adopted by a narrow majority and after a lively debate the passage of a resolution to appoint a committee to confer with the United Presbyterian Church on the subject of union with that organization, the report of the Committee on Church Societies, recommending the appointment of a woman secretary, the consideration of a proposed amendment to the elect infant clause of the Confession of Faith, to be submitted to the presbytery and the adoption of the minority report of the Committee on Marriage and Divorce, refusing to submit to the presbytery the matter of a revision of the confession in this respect were the principal doings of today in the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

The contest over the preparation of a popular statement embodying the doctrines of the church was precipitated by requests from missionaries and overtures from Presbyteries asking that the church should give aid against the church because it is charged by its enemies with believing in infant damnation and predestination of souls of hell. It developed a fight between the progressive and conservative, and the latter led by Dr. James I. Vance, Nashville, won by a vote of 34 to 23. Dr. Vance pleaded for the assembly to put in Twentieth Century terms the terms of our confession.

Strong speeches were made against the statement, but the advocates urged that the statement was not to compromise any of the teachings in the confession, but to explain them. The resolution to appoint the committee was carried by a vote of 36 to 23.

Dr. W. E. Hogg, of Atlanta, pleaded for a change in the confession so as to authorize only one ground of divorce—impurity. He lost by the adoption of the report of the minority of his committee.

FOUR LADIES AND A RUNAWAY HORSE

One Leaped From Vehicle and Was Dangerously Injured; Her Companions Escaped With a Bad Scare; All at New Bern

(Special to News and Observer.) New Bern, May 20.—Late this afternoon a horse belonging to Mr. W. C. Willett and which was hitched to a trap in which were Misses Bertha Willett, Lida Wilson, and Violet Folks, became frightened and dashed down Craven street. The young ladies screamed for assistance, but owing to the fact that the trapping hoof beats of the frightened animal drowned the full import of their cries, no one came to their aid. Just after crossing South Front street Miss Davis, who is the daughter of Capt. W. H. Davis, arose and prepared to jump from the vehicle. Although highly excited her companions tried to restrain her, but without avail. She leaped from the swaying vehicle, but misaligned the distance and struck the pavement with frightful force.

CONGREGATION IS ON AT PEACE

First Exercises Sunday Morning at Presbyterian Church

BACCALAUREATE PREACHER

Music of That Morning a Distinct Feature—Sermon of Intense Practical Worth—Ceremonies Continued Yesterday With Art Exhibit One of the Phases of It—Major Hemphill is to Be the Commencement Orator Tomorrow—Other Things of the Period.

They followed the history of the class by Miss Catherine S. Rogers, of Raleigh. It was a faithful and well written account of the doings of the class from the freshman days. Miss Nannie Pettaway, Jacksonville, Florida, read the class prospectus. The class song came next, and then, Dr. Braxley as the class surgeon and phenologist, dissected four hearts, to the delight of the schoolmates of the seniors whose hearts were lacking in this delicate organ, he proceeded with great cleverness to read the secrets of those young ladies from the shape of their noses. For this occasion the surgeon "pro tem" was robed in a white operating gown with his face muffled, while accompanying him was a very neat and trim nurse with her red cross cap and accoutrements. With a number of legal tender and extensions, Miss Elizabeth Sparrow, of Lowell, N. C., read the last will and testament of the class. The division of the common properties and imaginary valuables were enjoyed with great enthusiasm.

The first of the commencement exercises of Peace Institute was the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning, preached to a crowd that filled the First Presbyterian Church on the main building over and loved heavily upon the Sunday school rooms.

Upon the front seats of the church sat the Peace girls. They were dressed in beautiful white and their choruses were a distinct feature of the morning. Accompanied by pipe organ and piano, they did their institution a great credit by the class of music they rendered. The sermon, preached by the Rev. Dr. Walter L. Lingle, many years pastor of one of Atlanta's great Presbyterian churches, more recently of the McCormick professorship of the Union Theological Seminary, teaching Old Testament Literature and Interpretation, preached the sermon on the last passage of St. Peter. The words are: "But grow ye in the grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

"The text is a familiar one," he said. "I love to preach upon familiar themes. There is something to be learned to you in the last message of the Scriptures, a part of the gospel is to save souls but that is a secondary matter. It is a part of the gospel, and a glorious part to send souls to you, but that is also a secondary matter."

The preacher illustrated his meaning. The object of the Scriptures is to make men like Christ. The accent of the Bible is not upon saving men from hell, but upon saving them from their sins. The uses of the gospel are the making of Christ like men.

"I shall awake in His likeness satisfied," the speaker quoted, "and I am sure everybody wants to be like him. How is it to be done? When we look at our poor, pitiful selves, we wonder all the more how we can become like him. What was it that brought him by thought and one cubit to our stature. How less can we be like him."

"Here I Lingle spoke of spiritual starvation. He told the story of a friend of his whom he had not seen in a great many years. The friend had a child dying with malaria and the parents were rushing to a mountain. Soon a change had been wrought and from a sickly, weakened baby there came a perfect specimen. "The child had been lying in an atmosphere that starved it, he said.

HIGHER BODIES OF MASONIC DEGREES

Three of These in Session in Raleigh This Week Begin

This week three of the State bodies of the higher Masonic degrees will meet in Raleigh in annual session. Today there meets the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, which comprises forty-two chapters and has a membership in the State of over 2,800, of which Mr. Hugh A. Murrill, of Charlotte, is now the Grand High Priest, and on Wednesday the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, of which Professor John T. Alderman, of Henderson, is Grand Master, and the Grand Commandery of Knight Templars, of which Mr. William C. Brown, of Winston, is Grand Commander. These grand bodies were here the last time in 1904. The program of these meetings is as follows:

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The musical concert given at Meredith College at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, complimentary to the visiting Masons, will be open to the public and most cordially invited to attend. The notice of this concert will be given in the papers.

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PAN-PRESBYTERIAN PENTECOSTAL UNION

That is the Plan for Next Year When Both Northern and Southern General Assemblies Meet There.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., May 20.—With two great Presbyterian bodies already having accepted Atlanta's invitation to meet here in 1912, local Presbyterians are bending their energies to accomplish the thing which preparation will be made for what will be known as a Pan-Presbyterian Pentecostal Union. The Southern Presbyterian Assembly, now meeting at Bristol, Tenn., and the Northern Presbyterian Assembly, located in Louisville, within the past week have decided to come to Atlanta next year.

Dr. Hugh K. Walker, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, who was instrumental in securing the location of the meeting, now in route to Seattle, Washington, where he will lay the proposition before the united Presbyterian Assembly, which convenes this week. Local churches have received assurance, it is said, that this organization will also decide on Atlanta for their next meeting place.

The three branches of the denomination are expected to bring \$,000 to \$,000 church workers to this city next May.

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RECEPTION LAST NIGHT

Brilliant Social Affair at the Yarborough in Honor of the Colonial Dames; Over Two Hundred Guests Present.

Over two hundred distinguished guests were present at the delightful reception in honor of the Colonial Dames last night at the Yarborough Hotel, which was given by the Sons of the Revolution.

The introduction of the lobby and the balcony overlooking the lobby was very appropriately decorated in United States and North Carolina flags, while fragrant flowers adorned the tables in the room. Delicious refreshments were served.

THE BUTLER MEN LAUGH AT TICKET

Think Colonel Harris Did Not Make Much of a Saturday

One Tenth of What the County Should Have; A Bolters Convention

The Butler-Bernard alliance in politics isn't overwhelmed with a sense of the colossal in the county convention of last Saturday.

The fact is, Chairman Butler, that was, had George Glenn in the subway in front of Martin street, and Mr. Glenn's job was to count the crowd. That wasn't hard to do. But Mr. Glenn was commissioned to do more. He not only estimated the gathering, but he singled the men out and put the brand upon them.

The delegates were: J. C. L. Harris, Ernutt Stone, Willis Briggs, C. D. Wilder, J. L. Williams, E. F. Morrison, Luther White, Lynn Stephenson, J. J. Penny, Walter Ferrell, Dudley Peed and W. C. Lumiter. This makes a delegation of 12 men.

Besides those were W. T. Barrow, D. C. Guiley, Dave Watts, J. L. Medlin, A. D. Bryant, Assistant Postmaster F. C. Holding, revenue men, W. B. McTear, W. F. DeJarnatt, K. W. Merritt, Thomas Stephenson, V. C. Garrard and Postmaster W. H. Chambliss. Still more were Henry Smith, E. H. Hood, Joe Williams, Nathan Holleman and W. J. Andrews. These were not delegates, it is said.

Now there are 122 lawful delegates in Wake county. That is what a county convention ought to have for it represents the strength of the party. Since the great Republican fight in local self government, the "rule of the people" especially Teddy rule, it begins to look a little amusing to hear more of the popular rule and see how 12 delegates turn the trick.

Chairman Butler and his friends do not admit that they are dead. They expect to be seated at the National Convention and to see the State convention's work overturned. Mr. Butler does not admit that the last meeting of Colonel Harris counts to anything. He expects to see an entirely different ticket put out and nominated. "This is just a bolters' convention," he said a day or two ago, "and it is not going to nominate. You can't elect bolters."

Mr. Butler does not think that the turning out Saturday ought to be considered a convention. He doesn't believe that there could be defended any such claim that it represented the party and the single vote could be called an expression of the strength of a primary expression, he will take the stump against the Democrats and challenge them to a joint issue.

IN HIS BARE FEET AND HEAD

Midnight Prowler Landed After Losing His Goods in a House.

The officers this morning caught a strange negro who declines to give his name, and locked him up on a charge of burglary.

The unknown black was discovered in the house of Joe Hawkins during the night and in the rush to get away lost his hat and shoes. Later he turned up at the station and being under spot, was soon in hot water. He left but was later taken by the police. When locked up he refused to tell who he was and the officers don't know his name.

They are rather inclined to the belief that he is not an accomplished burglar but a half-witted marauder who gets drunk and gets caught. So far as they have been able to learn, the black fellow did not steal anything worth while.

COULDN'T CONVICT

Jury in Case of Alleged Slayer of Asheville Policeman McConnell Discharged Because They Couldn't Agree

(By the Associated Press.) Asheville, N. C., May 20.—After being out for exactly sixty-eight hours, the jury considering the case of Wess Brewer, the negro charged with the murder of Patrolman McConnell here last fall, returned to court this morning and announced they could not reach an agreement. Judge Long withdrew a juror and declared a mistrial in the case. A subsequent poll of the jury by a reporter showed that ten were for conviction for second degree murder and two would acquit for acquittal. The first ballot, it is said, stood six for first degree murder and six for acquittal. The jury has reported for instructions three times, and the last time the substance of putting two witnesses back on the stand was remitted to the jury.

NEGRO GENERAL CONFERENCE AT CHARLOTTE ADJOURNS TONIGHT

What Was Done at Yesterday's Sessions

(Special to News and Observer.) Charlotte, May 20.—Pending final adjournment Tuesday night the General Conference of the A. M. E. Zion church is hurrying to complete the business on the calendar. The appointment of the \$100,000 benevolent fund is the chief item of today's business, and education getting the greater part. The committee refused to carry out the wishes of the Conference, which the church extension and missionary secretaries office has consolidated, the Conference finally upholding them.

Dr. W. L. Gober was re-elected President of Livingston College. John C. Daney was defeated by two votes for editorship of the Star of Zion, the official Conference publication. Many delegates are leaving for their homes and Wednesday morning there will be an exodus of about 400 still remaining.

FOR BEST ESSAY ON THE STARS AND BARS

Offered by J. J. Davis Chapter U. C. C. and Won by William Winston, of Louisville.

(Special to News and Observer.) Louisville, May 20.—The J. J. Davis Chapter of the U. C. C. of Louisville, through the generosity of Miss Jessica Randolph Smith, of Henderson, N. C., offered a gold medal for the best essay on the "Stars and Bars" which was designed by a Louisville man and raised in Louisville. The best essay was won by a high school pupil, William Winston, and I enclose a copy of the essay and also the presentation of the medal by Captain Orren Randolph Smith, a veteran of three wars and the designer of the Stars and Bars. Possibly it may be of sufficient interest to the people of the State, and Louisville, would appreciate the publication of all events.