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**ROPER'S ADVANCE REJOICES FRIENDS**

Trinity Man Is Member of Tariff Commission; Trinity Wins In Debate

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Durham, March 18.—His friends hereabouts are congratulating D. C. Roper, formerly first assistant postmaster general of the United States, on his recent appointment by President Wilson on the tariff commission which is to take charge of the government's tariff machinery in the effort to "lift the tariff out of politics." Mr. Roper is an alumnus of Trinity, being a member of the class of 1889, and two years ago he gave the annual address at the meeting of the alumni association at commencement. He was born in Marlboro county, S. C., and entered college from Tatum, S. C., while Trinity was located in Randolph county. The Trinity debate team, composed

of G. B. Farmer of Bailey, R. L. Fisher of Gatesville and H. C. Greenberg of Durham, who met and defeated a team from Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania, Friday night, returned to Durham this morning. The Methodists received the unanimous decision of the judges with the negative side of the question. Resolved, that Congress should enact legislation providing for the compulsory arbitration of disputes between labor and capital; constitutionally waived. The recent victory was the second which Trinity has won out of three contests with the Pennsylvania college. The only other debate which Trinity has had this year was with Washington and Lee University March 2, which it won on a question similar to the one recently debated with Swarthmore.

Allen Plythe of Jackson, a member of the junior class and captain of the Trinity baseball team, sustained a rather painful injury yesterday while practicing when in undertaking to slide to first base he wrenched his left ankle and foot so seriously that he had to be taken to Watts Hospital, where he will likely have to remain for many days. He is resting very comfortably now, however, though he will likely be out of the game for some weeks.

E. C. Few of Greer, S. C., a member of the senior class of Trinity College, has been appointed pastor of the Methodist church at Roanoke Rapids and has already taken up his work there. Mr.

Few is a nephew of President William F. Few.

The Trinity College Historical Society, through its president, Prof. W. K. Boyd, of the department of history, has donated to the library of the college a large collection of rare and valuable documents and pamphlets on North Carolina and Southern history. In the collection which contains more than 1,000 different titles there are numerous addresses and lectures which were given at the commencement exercises of the State University and other colleges of the State during the secession period, 1861-1865. The documents and pamphlets are now engaged in putting the collection into pamphlet binders and having them catalogued.

President W. F. Few of Trinity College has accepted an invitation to deliver an address before the Woman's Federated Club of South Carolina at Hartsville on April 18.

Dr. T. S. Graves, professor of English in Trinity College, is the contributor of a scholarly article in the current number of "Solider Philosophy" on the subject, "Johnson's Epitaph and Lady Arabella Stuart." Professor Graves points out that Johnson's "Epitaph or Silent Women" met with much disfavor and caused the celebrated writer trouble because of the personal satire in it which Lady Arabella Stuart resented.

**ATTEMPTED SUICIDE BECAUSE OF LOVE, CLAIM**

Norfolk Woman Blames a Lawyer for Her Attempt At Self Destruction

(Special to The News and Observer.) Durham, March 18.—The elements of mystery surrounding the attempted suicide of Virginia Kirl, a 19-year-old girl from Norfolk, were clarified early this morning when she made open confession as to the cause of the ill advised act.

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She named V. M. Keith, a Durham lawyer, as responsible for her attempted self-destruction. Keith, who formerly practiced law in Raleigh, admitted that he had known the girl for five years. He is a married man.

The bold stroke of the Kirl woman in attempting to swallow the solution of deadly poison on the principal street of the city last night is still the topic of the city. She rushed into a drug store, called for three tablets, and turned the doses to her mouth while climbing aboard an automobile, when the vial was knocked from her lips. Robert Brown, the automobile driver, informed the drug clerk of her intentions and he made haste to follow her in to the streets.

The woman was hurried to Dr. Joseph Graham's office, where prompt medical attention is responsible for her recovery. "I wanted to kill myself because of a man, lots of people want to die," was her original statement. This was later amended, when she recovered her full sense, and the Durham attorney was mentioned as the reason for the act.

Small Fire at Concord. Concord, March 18.—The rear of the Gilson Drug Company's store was damaged by fire at 3 o'clock Saturday morning. Mr. R. D. Earnhardt, night clerk at the St. Cloud Hotel, gave the alarm.

Several barrels of turpentine, wood alcohol and other materials were in this part of the building. Rats and matches are supposed to have caused the trouble in some way lying about on the floor.

New Thomasville Enterprise. (Special to The News and Observer.) Thomasville, March 18.—The North State Veneer and Panel Company is the newest organization in the city. Ed. C. Jones is secretary and treasurer. The company will use the old Pickersick factory on the belt line for their operations. This building is being remodeled for the purpose.

**Death of Mrs. John W. Gray.**

(Special to The News and Observer.) Thomasville, March 18.—Mrs. John W. Gray died yesterday morning at 4 o'clock. Her husband survives and several children, namely, Miss Berta Gray, of Charlotte; Mrs. F. C. Harville, of Thomasville; Earl and Robert Gray, of China Grove; Will C. Gray, of Charlotte; Fred and Julius Gray, of Thomasville. The funeral services were conducted today at 3 p. m. from the home by Rev. W. O. Goode, and interment was made in the cemetery here.

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