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NEW YEAR BEGUN BY LIVE ORGANIZATION

Mr. E. B. Crow Succeeds Mr. H. E. Litchford As President of Raleigh Chamber of Commerce After Splendid Year

SHIRT FACTORY WILL BE OPERATED HERE

Secretary Olds Announces That Mr. C. R. Towles of Baltimore Has Arranged to Make Custom Shirts, Pajamas and Underwear in Raleigh—Commission Form of Government Receives Consideration—President Litchford's Administration is Heartily Commended—New Officers Have Support of Chamber of Commerce in Year's Work—All in Favor of Good Bridge on Boylan Heights.

President—E. B. Crow. Vice-Presidents—H. E. Litchford, John C. Drewry and C. T. McClenaghan. Secretary—Col. Fred A. Olds. Treasurer—W. B. Drake, Jr.

These men were elected at a largely attended and enthusiastic meeting of the chamber of commerce last night, and they entered upon their new duties today with a united compact organization behind them. In each instance the election was unanimous. They will do their part to keep Raleigh wide awake.

The meeting last night was the first affair since the chamber was reorganized a year ago with Mr. Henry E. Litchford as president. Nobody wanted Mr. Litchford to give up the work and everybody insisted that he keep the place another year, but his other business affairs were so pressing that he felt that he could not do justice to himself, the chamber and his bank if he retained the presidency and firmly declined. When the members learned that he would not be moved to reconsider, a committee appointed by Mr. N. B. Broughton, who was called to the chair, selected Mr. E. B. Crow unanimously and, in spite of that young banker's earnest protests, he was practically hurled into the office. The other elections were made unanimously.

Live Organization. Those who have kept track of the chamber of commerce for the past year must have observed that there was more business and less talking. This organization has evolved from an oratorical contest to a compact working body of Raleigh business men, all interested in Raleigh and her progress. With such enthusiasm as has been manifested during the past year there is little wonder that results have been achieved. The chamber went on record as approving most heartily the tenure of President Litchford and his officers and assured President Crow and his administration that everything that earnest men could do would be done to make his reign supreme.

During the evening Col. Joseph E. Pogue spoke in favor of the commission form of government, which has been so successfully tried out in over sixty cities, and moved that a committee be named to consider the matter. This was done.

A New Factory. In prefacing his report, Secretary Olds announced that a shirt factory, the first in North Carolina, was assured for Raleigh, Mr. C. R. Towles of Baltimore having decided to locate manufacturing plant here. This announcement created great interest and much applause. It was a complete surprise to most members and they hailed with genuine enthusiasm.

President Litchford called the meeting to order at 8:45 o'clock. The chamber was full of interested citizens and the proceedings of the body were followed with interest. Adjournment was taken at 10:30.

New Building Needed. Under the head of reports, Secretary Olds read the report of the educational committee showing that the Raleigh public schools are in first class condition. The lunch feature of the high school was especially commended. The school buildings, the report went on, are not adequate for the city; several of the buildings—notably the Wiley school building—are little else than fire traps. The report was signed by Dr. J. Y. Joyner as chairman, as suggested a bond issue for better buildings.

Swamps and Malaria. Secretary Olds read the report of the health committee on the relation of the swamps of Walnut creek to disease. The only effect of the effect of the swamps is to spread malaria, as mosquitoes travel only a short distance. Walnut creek plays a minor roll in the death rate in the

city, but it was recommended that the physicians report cases of malaria. This report was signed by Dr. R. H. Lewis and Dr. W. S. Rankin.

Colonel Olds read a letter from Clarence O. Keuster, president of the Greater Charlotte Club, acquiescing in the plan to organize a state board of trade.

The secretary told some of the good things that have been said about Raleigh's entertainment of the two political conventions, and he expressed the hope, which was encouraged in, that the republicans would hold their second convention here.

Praise For Litchford.

President Litchford's report, which is published elsewhere, received hearty applause and when Judge Winston read a resolution commending the president, secretary and other officers, it was adopted by a rising vote. The resolution is as follows:

"At the close of the most successful year in the history of this chamber of commerce, acknowledgment should be made to those who have accomplished this result.

"Therefore, it is resolved, that this chamber and the city of Raleigh stands indebted to President Litchford, Secretary Olds, and to the various committees for their faithful and unselfish work during the past twelve months. Mr. H. E. Litchford especially, who has spared neither time, strength, brains nor energy, we find a citizen whose life exemplifies the highest civic virtues and whose liberality and breadth of vision are a valuable asset in our city."

Money Is Needed. Treasurer E. B. Crow read the financial report showing expenditures of over \$2,000 for rent, lights, entertainment and for the secretary's salary. There is a deficit of \$700 handed down by the former administration. Mr. Crow suggested that a finance committee be selected to consider the financial condition. He thought it too much to expect the secretary to work when his salary is overdue.

Colonel Olds' Work. In prefacing his report, Colonel Olds, the secretary, declared that he "done his durndest" during the past twelve months. He told of fine letters being circulated at not one cent of cost to the chamber. The secretary has written over 30 letters each day during the year—over 9,000 a year. The full report is published elsewhere.

Mr. Litchford Declines. President Litchford asked Mr. N. B. Broughton to take the chair, and he declared that the election of officers was next in order. Mr. W. H. Williamson nominated Mr. Litchford and moved that it be made by acclamation. Mr. Litchford protested that he could not give the time to the work, that his health could not longer stand such duties and that his other business was bound to suffer. Mr. Fred Habel spoke in favor of Mr. Litchford's retaining the place, assuring the president that in another year he would be released. Mr. Litchford again protested that he could not spare the time from his business. Mr. J. B. Pearce told how Mr. Litchford had taken hold of the chamber when it had about five members and developed it into a fine, progressive machine. Sheriff Sears asked Mr. Litchford to serve one more year.

Mr. Litchford said he was perfectly frank and sincere in declining the presidency, saying that he could not possibly take the work for another year. He suggested that a committee be named to select a successor and Col. Joseph E. Pogue made a motion to this effect. Mr. Broughton then appointed Colonel Pogue, Mr. B. F. Montague and Dr. W. S. Rankin. The committee then retired.

For State Medical Society. John A. Ferrell stated that the Wake County Medical Society, at a meeting yesterday, had decided to invite the State Medical Society to hold its next meeting here and the doctors appointed Dr. Ferrell, Dr. C. O. Abernathy and Dr. T. M. Jordan to ask the chamber to cooperate in the invitation. The state society represents 1,000 or 1,200 men.

Chairman Broughton said that the question was an important one. Dr. Jordan suggested that the chamber send a representative to the society with an urgent request that it meet here next June. As chairman of the committee on conventions, Mr. W. B. Drake, Jr., said that the committee has been going after all meetings and had gone after this one, and (Continued From Page Two.)

Three Conventions Next Week. Charlotte, June 14.—Three conventions will hold their meetings in Charlotte next week. These are: The North Carolina Retail Jewelers



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Association, Tuesday and Wednesday; the State Association of Trained Nurses, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; and the North Carolina State Optical Society on Thursday and Friday.

Saloons Ordered Closed. Port Amboy, N. J., June 13.—The authorities have ordered all saloons closed near the American Smelting and Refining Company where strike riots occurred last night. Two policemen were injured by stones. Three strikers were wounded by bullets. The strikers demand a 15 per cent wage increase.

Merchants Coming. Charlotte, June 14.—Charlotte will send a large delegation of retail merchants to the annual convention of the Merchants' Association of North Carolina, which is to meet in Raleigh, June 18-20, as indicated among the local merchants.

Strikers Killed By Officers. Perth Amboy, N. J., June 14.—A thousand striking laborers stormed the American Smelting and Refining plant and were fired on by yelpets. One striker was killed and three wounded. With the first volley the strikers fell back.

Foolish Dare Ends in Death. St. Joseph, Mo., June 14.—Phillip Scheible and Henry Elmore, two young men were found dead in their rooms, having swallowed strichnine in beer last night after they dared each other to do so.

Postoffice Safe Raided. Steubenville, Ohio, June 14.—Robbers raided the main town of Parklet, blew with the postoffice safe, and stole five hundred dollars, escaping in a hand car.

WANTS TWO-THIRDS RULE ABOLISHED

St. Louis, Mo., June 14.—Senator William Joel Stone declared that Champ Clark's friends at the Baltimore convention will support a resolution abolishing the two-thirds vote and providing that whenever any candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, he shall be declared the party's nominee. Stone said an effort would be made to get other presidential candidates to support its abolition.

Charlotte Financial Report. Charlotte, June 14.—The financial report of the closing fiscal year shows that the total income last year was \$220,000 of which a surplus of something like \$27,000 will be carried to the new year. This excellent showing is made in spite of the fact that Charlotte paid in interest on bonds alone last year \$82,900.

With the issuance of \$500,000 additional bonds upon which interest will be paid for the first time next year, Charlotte will be called upon for a total yearly interest money of \$114,800 it is figured, or \$314 per day.

THE LEAGUE CONFERENCE

Interesting Meeting Now In Progress at Kinston—Program For Week

(BY S. F. IDEN.)

Kinston, N. C., June 14.—The Epworth Leagues of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, meeting in their annual session in Queen Street Methodist church, Kinston, of which Rev. F. S. Love is pastor, are holding one of the most enjoyable and profitable sessions in the history of the conference.

The opening session was held Wednesday night at which time addresses of welcome were made, for the church, by Rev. Mr. Love; for the Epworth leagues by the president, Mr. J. C. Hood. After these splendid and cordial addresses there could be no question in the mind of any delegate or visitor present as to whether the Epworth and league presidents seemed to feel that the conference was lending them far more than they could bring to the conference. In the absence of Rev. W. W. Peck, superintendent of Trinity Park school, the response was made by Rev. A. J. Parker, of Raleigh, in his own happy manner. The opening devotional service was conducted by the president of the conference, Rev. W. H. Brown. He impressed on the delegates the importance of attending every meeting and making good use of their time so that they would have something to take back to the home league that would be of benefit to them.

Following the addresses of welcome there was an enrollment of delegates the evening closing with a social hour enjoyed in the adjoining Sunday school room. Lemonade and ice cream were served and everybody had a delightful time, an acquaintance social being held, everybody writing their names on everybody else card. This created such a spirit of informality and good fellowship that it was a late hour when the gathering broke up.

Thursday morning following the devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. E. Underwood, president of the first and third departments and Junior League were held, the delegates dividing up in attendance on these devout institutes, some going to one the first day, and to another the second day when the same discussion were held. Rev. Walter Patton, first vice-president and Rev. J. H. Frizzelle conducted the first department, the devotional. Miss Ivor Ellis, Junior League superintendent, conducted the Junior League institute, while Miss Susan Iden had charge of the institute on the literary and social department.

The main address of Thursday morning was made by Rev. J. H. Fitzgerald, of Durango, Mexico. His address on the conditions and work in Mexico was of special interest to the conference on account of the share the North Carolina leaguers have in the mission work in Cuba, where conditions are very similar.

No meetings except committee meetings are held during the afternoon. Thursday evening the address was made by Rev. J. C. Wooten, of Wilmington. Made by the North Carolina quarter was a delightful feature of this meeting, Rev. Charles Vale was the last member of the quarter to arrive. The other members are Rev. A. J. Parker, Rev. J. H. Frizzelle and Mr. R. N. Phillips. Their voices are in splendid accord and no part of any conference is enjoyed more than the selections by the quartet.

The program for Friday morning consisted of the work of the institutes of the first and third departments and the Junior League. From 11:15 to 12:15 Rev. H. M. North, pastor of Edenton street, Raleigh, conducted a most interesting and helpful open conference on "Personal Evangelism."

The address on Friday evening is to be made by Mr. M. W. Brahm after which there will be reports from delegates.

The program for the remainder of the week is as follows:

Saturday Morning. 8:00—Devotional exercises. 8:15—Institute for second and fourth departments, combined and open. 11:00—Song service. 11:15—Address, Dr. H. K. Boyer. 12:15—Announcements and adjournment.

Saturday Evening. 8:15—Devotional exercises. 8:30—Business session. 9:30—Adjournment.

Sunday Afternoon. 4:15—Model Missionary meeting, conducted by Rev. F. S. Love and Miss Ivor Ellis.

Sunday Evening. 8:00—Consecration service, Communion.

BRITISH COURT WILL CONDEMN CALIFORNIA

London, June 13.—The British court of inquiry into the Titanic disaster will find that the steamer California defaulted in its duty. Lord Mersey, president of the court, declared: "I have no doubt the California did see the distress signals; that they were signals from the Titanic; that the California ought to have made efforts to get to the Titanic."

BRYAN'S BAG OF SCHEMES

Abrogation of Unit and Two-Thirds Rules Would Enhance Chances of Lightning Striking Him.

Baltimore, Md., June 14.—Although William Jennings Bryan has not arrived for the democratic convention, democratic leaders who are on the scene, and who are closely watching developments here and elsewhere in advance of the convention, say that he will come with a bag full of schemes.

First, they declare, he will make a desperate effort to repeal the unit rule in force in several state delegations.

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TURMOIL AT CHICAGO WITHOUT A PRECEDENT

Both the Taft and Roosevelt Leaders Seemingly "Up In the Air"—Neither Side Will Have Enough Delegates to Nominate

thirds rule if he finds it stands in his way.

It is the general opinion of visiting democrats that Bryan is leaning to Gov. Wilson, and that when the psychological minute arrives he will be found to be in the camp of the New Jersey candidate, all this the hoping and scheming that lightning will strike him.

It is declared that the unit rule is in Bryan's way because in several state delegations, including that from Ohio, are Bryan's friends who are tied up, and who cannot follow him. It is declared that Bryan is anxious to abrogate this rule in order that, as he expressed it in the national convention in St. Louis, in 1908, he may free his supporters, from "the fetters of local bosses."

Without his followers whose hands are tied Bryan realizes, it is asserted, that he cannot dominate the convention. Whether Bryan will be, or will not be, a candidate in the convention, later events will have to determine, prominent democrats declare. With the unit rule on the way he would have a formidable following.

NEW POWER PLANT.

Southern Power Company Erecting Auxiliary Plant at Mt. Holly.

Charlotte, June 13.—The Southern Power Company has begun the construction of its ten thousand horse power auxiliary steam plant at Mt. Holly. This plant is for the purpose of curing for any emergencies that may arise, and the installation will be such that the current may be sent to any part of the lines of the Southern Power Company's extensive system. The plant is so constructed, also, that its capacity may be easily doubled, and it is expected that this action may become necessary within the near future, so rapid is the expansion of the system. The rated capacity of the Southern Power Company is being exceeded at the present time by about 7,000 horse power, approximately 132,000 electric horse power being consumed daily from an equipment rated at only 125,000 horse power.

GRACE RECOVERING.

Operation Performed For Bullet Fins Spinal Cord Is Not Severe.

Newnan, Ga., June 13.—Eugene H. Grace, who was mysteriously shot at his home in Atlanta last March and who has since been partially paralyzed, was operated on for the removal of the bullet supposed to have severed his spinal cord. The ball was not removed, but it was found that the spinal cord was not severed, nor was the bullet in the spinal column. It was embedded in one of the vertebrae. He is expected to recover.

Mrs. Daisy Olin Grace, his wife formerly of Philadelphia who is charged with the shooting, is now at liberty on bond. Her trial is set for a week of June 24, but developments in Grace's condition may result in another postponement.

Where Taft Ship Will Hit Rocks. Chicago, June 14.—Many Roosevelt leaders concede the improbability of Roosevelt's nomination on the first ballot, but say Taft cannot muster enough votes to adopt the credentials committee's report. Here is the point where they claim the Taft ship will go on the rocks.

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The Contests Today. Chicago, Ill., June 14.—The republican national committee met at nine twenty o'clock this morning with thirty members present. The committee proceeded with consideration of the contest of the third district of Oklahoma. The North and South Carolina contests followed. In the remaining North Carolina district, the fourth, the contest involved local issues. No question existed as to Roosevelt's title to the two delegates. In the order scheduled the next contests were the first, second and tenth Tennessee district, where bitter local fights were involved.

HONOR TO UNDERWOOD

House Leader Elected President of Virginia Alumni.

Charlottesville, Va., June 13.—Representative Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, was elected president of the general alumni association of the University of Virginia, to serve for a period of two years. Other officers chosen were R. Colston Blackford, of Lynchburg, Va., first vice president; William B. Ramsey, of Wilmington, Del., second vice president; Robert Lee Preston, of Washington, and Albert L. Roper, of Norfolk, members of the executive committee.

Wickliffe Buried in Kentucky. Louisville, Ky., June 13.—Kentucky paid final honors to a native son when the body of Robert C. Wickliffe, the Louisiana congressman, killed by a train near Washington Monday, was buried in Cave Hill cemetery. The funeral party arrived about noon in a special train. Simple services were held at Christ church Cathedral.

WHERE TAFT WILL HIT THE ROCKS

Roosevelt Men Say That Taft Cannot Muster Enough Votes to Adopt the Credentials Committee's Report and On This Point They Expect the Taft Ship to Go to Pieces—Reverting to First Nomination of Abraham Lincoln to Find a Parallel for Present Conditions, Pointing to Death of Old Whig Party As Their Theory of What May Happen at Chicago Next Week.

Chicago, June 14.—The republican national convention delegates in anticipation of Theodore Roosevelt's coming to Chicago, are reverting to the first nomination of Abraham Lincoln, in 1860, to find a parallel for the fight now being waged. The Roosevelt men kept at high pitch by frequent conferences. Their leaders attacked the national committee action with bitterness, pointing to the death of the old whig party as their theory of what may happen at Chicago next week.

The Taft leaders, declaring the committee's action in seating the Roosevelt delegates from Missouri, as an indication of its fairness, laugh at the predictions of Roosevelt's followers and the continued talk of a bolt.

Taft Lacks 14 Votes. Roosevelt managers today announced that if all the remaining contests before the committee are decided in Taft's favor, he will lack fourteen votes of the number necessary to nominate. These figures and others compiled at Taft and Roosevelt headquarters, brought the situation to point where possible "dark horse" talk loomed large. The fight for the unattached delegates, southern delegates, and thirty-six LaFollette delegates from Wisconsin and North Dakota today became intense. As a result of the tightening of the Taft and Roosevelt lines the LaFollette delegation looms larger than ever as the strategic force and in the calculation of members of other camps, it ranks a close second to the southern and unattached vote in the convention. It is pointed out that if Taft is not in absolute control of the convention from start to finish LaFollette will hold the balance of power. The Roosevelt men claim they will have the aid of LaFollette strength in the combination to defeat Ellihu Root as temporary chairman.

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Miss Christina Arbuckle Appointed Administratrix of Huge Estate. New York, June 14.—Miss Christina Arbuckle, 72 years old, was appointed administratrix of her brother's estate, the late John Arbuckle. The estate of the coffee and sugar dealer is estimated at \$37,500,000.

Miss Arbuckle was appointed administratrix over the protests of the public administrator, who contended that she was disqualified by her residence in Pittsburg, Pa.

It's like "putting out an anchor to winward" to keep track of the offering in the Want Columns.