

TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Baptisms and Conversions Far Exceeded Those of Last Year—Report on the Orphanage Read by Mr. Hobgood, and Appeals Made By Rev. Burton Craig and Rev. M. L. Kesler.

Wilmington, Special.—The convention met at 9 o'clock, Prof. J. B. Carhyle in the chair.

After devotional exercises and the reading of the minutes, the committees of the convention were named by the president, H. H. Hulsten is on the Sunday school committee. E. E. Bonar, on foreign mission committee; S. F. Conrad, on home mission committee; L. R. Pruett is one of the vice presidents of the convention; Livingstone Johnson submitted the report of the board of missions and Sunday schools.

During the past year 3,229 conversions were reported; 2,372 baptisms, and 1,345 additions to church by letter. The total amount reported raised by missionaries is \$55,088.01. During this year 155 more baptisms are reported than last year; 330 more conversions; and \$2,164.26 more money has been raised by missionaries.

The report of the treasurer showed that during the year just closed, \$36,215.54 has been received for State missions; \$35,094.91 for foreign missions, and \$17,429.85 for home missions.

The report of the orphanage was read by F. P. Hobgood and Rev. Burton Craig addressed the convention on the interests of the institution, and Rev. M. L. Kesler, manager of the orphanage, the largest in the State and one of the largest in the South. Reports showed the health of the children to be good and every interest of the orphanage to be prosperous. The work of the superintendent and of Rev. Archibald Johnson, editor of *Charity and Children*, were highly commended. This excellent paper has made a fine showing and has a balance of \$2,000 on hand. Mr. Kesler pleaded strongly for funds with which to equip the orphanage with every needed improvement. The infirmary is now in course of erection, the Baptist women having contributed \$3,000 for the purpose. There are 365 children now in the orphanage. The report on education was read and will be fully discussed at a special hour Thursday. The report showed there are now 73 ministerial students at Wake Forest College, 53 of these getting aid from the convention.

The report on education will receive full discussion at a future hour during the convention. Rev. J. R. Stampey addressed the convention in the interest of Louisville Theological Seminary. There are now about three hundred students in the seminary, 28 of these being North Carolinians. A collection was taken for the benefit of the 20 students who receive aid from this convention while pursuing their seminary course.

The collection amounted to \$1,900. Important interests of the denomination will claim the attention at the afternoon and night sessions.

North State Briefs.

Releigh, Special.—Among the new charters are the following:
Elastic Leather Garter Company, Greensboro, capital, \$100,000; M. W. Thompson, Lee H. Battle, W. E. Cochran, incorporators.
Farmers' Quickstep Telephone Company, of King, Stokes county, capital, \$25,000; J. E. Wilson, J. E. Smith, C. H. Lunsford, W. R. Kiger, incorporators.
A charter is granted the Holladay Studio Company, at Durham, Walker Holladay and others stockholders, capital stock \$15,000, to do photographic work. Another charter is to the M. W. McKethen Company, at Supply, Brunswick county.
Insurance Commissioner Young says this has been a very good year for the formation of home insurance companies and fraternal organizations. The Jefferson Standard Life at Raleigh, and the Scottish Fire, at Fayetteville, have been chartered; also thirteen fraternal and assessment companies.
A charter is granted the Elastic Leather Garter Company to make garters, suspenders and all sorts of elastic wearing apparel, the place of business being at Greensboro, the amount of capital stock \$100,000. W. M. Thompson and Lee H. Battle being the chief stockholders.

Negro Dies in Cell at Wilson.
Wilson, Special.—Charles Burton, a negro locked up in the station house here for being drunk, was found dead in his cell. Relatives of Burton charge that he froze to death, and consequently a coroner's inquest will be held. The cell was located in a brick building and supplied with ample bed cover and supposed to be comfortably heated. Indication of the authorities is expected.

North Carolina Day; Teachers Get Programmes.

Raleigh, Special.—Copies of the programme for North Carolina Day in the public schools has been forwarded to the county school teachers by the county superintendents of education.

The subject for the day's exercises this year will be "The Scotch-Irish Settlements," and the book, with the programme included, contains some very interesting matter to Charlotte and Mecklenburg people.

In his preface to the book sent out, Superintendent Joyner says: Following the chronological order of the State's history, the subject of the North Carolina Day programmes have been as follows: In 1901, the First Anglo-Saxon Settlement in America; in 1902, The Albemarle Section; in 1903, The Lower Cape Fear Section; in 1904, the Pamlico Section; in 1905, the Upper Cape Fear Section. In 1906 it was deemed advisable to turn aside from the adopted plan of chronological study to devote the day to the study of the life, character and splendid service of Dr. Charles D. Melver. We return this year to the plan adopted, selecting "The Scotch-Irish Settlements in North Carolina" as the subject. In succeeding years the history of other sections of the State will be studied somewhat in the order of their settlement and development, until the entire period of the State's history shall have been covered.

The book this year treats of the following subjects, all of great interest to people living in Charlotte and Mecklenburg.
"Origin of the Scotch-Irish," by C. H. Mebane.
"Counties Settled in Part by the Scotch-Irish," by C. H. Mebane.
"The Scotch-Irish in Orange," by Frank Nash.
"The Regulators," by E. C. Brooks.
"Capture of Charlotte by Cornwallace," by M. S. C. Noble.
"Battle of King's Mountain," by W. C. Allen.

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Work of Board of Agriculture.

Raleigh, Special.—The State board of agriculture continued its sessions Thursday. State Horticulturalist Hutt is acting as secretary in the absence of T. K. Bruner. Mr. Hutt made his report as horticulturist and it was a very satisfactory one indeed. All the reports so far made are very complete, though of course voluminous. The illness of Secretary Bruner has somewhat hampered the immigration work. The board has adopted a resolution of thanks to him for his 21 years of faithful service and expressing regret at his illness. It is said, he will probably be out at the end of this month. The report by State Chemist Kilgor referred to work at the test farm and also to the pure food department work done, particularly that by Ceburn D. Harris in exposing the frauds in starch sold to cotton mills. The board of agriculture is asked by J. F. Murphy of Asheville, to establish a test farm in Buncombe county. It is the purpose of the board eventually to have test farms in each of the ten congressional districts. There are now farms in five of these.

Work of Game Warden.

Nutbush, Special.—Game Warden W. C. Ellington was up in this township looking after the violators of the game law, and arrested C. D. Emerson, of New Egypt, N. J., for hunting on Sunday, and also warranted him for hunting without license. Costs and fines amounted to thirty-four dollars.

Gets Some Certificates.

High Point, Special.—The Commercial National Bank of this city has been allotted \$67,000 of the 3 per cent certificates issued under the recent order of the Secretary of the Treasury and approved by the President. The commercial was thereupon made a United States depository and received \$50,000 deposit of government funds. Mr. J. Elwood Cox, president of this bank, has just returned from a trip to New York and Washington on this errand.

Killed By a Negro.

Graham, Special.—As a result of a premature explosion at the Alamance Copper Mines, in the southern part of the county Friday morning about 11 o'clock, James Harris, a negro about 24 years of age, is dead. Harris came here from Person county some time ago and was what is known at the mines as a *chill runner*. He was a married man.

END OF N. C. CONFERENCE

Session at Newbern Closed Sunday Night With Reading of the Appointments.

Newbern, Special.—Following is the list of appointments made by the North Carolina Conference for the year 1908 and read in meeting by Bishop Galloway Sunday night:

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

Presiding elder, R. B. John. Edenton Street—C. M. Chandler. Central—L. B. Jones. Brooklyn and Apex—G. W. Starling. Epworth (Raleigh)—E. D. Woodall.

Cary—J. D. Pegram. Clayton—G. B. Stading. Smithfield—J. H. Shore. Kenly—A. L. Ormond. Wakefield and Zebulon—A. D. Wilcox.

Millbrook—G. T. Simmons. Youngsville—D. B. Parker. Franklinton—N. E. Coltrane. Louisburg—L. S. Massey. Tar River—H. G. Stanley. Greenville—F. W. Robinson. Oxford—F. M. Shamburger. Oxford Circuit—A. S. Barnes. Editor Raleigh Christian Advocate—T. N. Ivey. Superintendent Methodist Orphanage—J. N. Cole.

DURHAM DISTRICT.

Presiding elder, J. B. Hurley. Trinity—G. T. Adams. Main Street, Durham—Rev. M. Bradshaw.

Carr Church—J. A. Daily. Branson—J. W. Aulry. Mangum Street—H. E. Stanfield. West Durham—J. H. McCracken. Durham Circuit—G. W. Fisher. Chapel Hill—W. R. Royall. Hillsboro—M. M. McFarland. Mount Tizah—J. B. Thompson. Leasburg—C. C. Yearby. Roxboro—J. A. Hornaday. Milton—M. D. Giles. Yanceyville—G. R. Reed. Burlington—E. M. Snipes. Burlington Circuit—E. O. Durant. East Burlington, Graham and Haw River—W. F. Stanford. Alamance—C. M. Lane. President of Trinity College—J. T. Kilgo. Headmaster of Trinity School—H. M. North.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

Presiding elder, J. T. Gibbs. Hay Street, Fayetteville—G. F. Smith.

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SHOOT UP A TOWN

Horrible Outrages Committed By Kentucky Night Riders

A VERITABLE REIGN OF TERROR

Hopkinsville, Ky., Special.—Five hundred "night riders," masked and heavily armed, marched into Hopkinsville early Saturday and destroyed property valued at over \$200,000, while citizens, in terror of their lives, feared even to open their windows. The police, fire department, telephone and telegraph offices, and even the railroad stations, were in possession of a wild mob, shooting right and left, flames from burning buildings meanwhile fighting up the city and the surrounding country until it seemed that the whole town was ablaze.

Windows in the front of business houses and banks on the main street of the city were shot out and the entire front of one newspaper, which had been especially severe in its condemnations of the raids of the "night riders," and which was owned by the mayor of the city, was demolished.

Brakeman Shot.

Only two men were injured, one of them being Lindsay Mitchell, a tobacco buyer, who was severely beaten with switches and clubs, and the other a brakeman, who was shot in the back while trying to move his train from the path of the flames.

The raid of the "night riders" caught the country unawares, as for some time the depredations resulting from the tobacco war had been of a minor nature and it was generally thought that in the "dark district" at least the worst was over.

The property destroyed was as follows:
W. H. Tandy, independent tobacco warehouse building, owned by J. H. Latham.
B. M. Woolridge, association warehouse.
Tandy and Farleigh, buyers' warehouse.

In addition, the entire glass front of The Hopkinsville Kentuckian, Mayor Meacham's paper, was destroyed, while windows in the front of the Commercial Banking and Savings Company, the First National, the Planters' Trust Company and the Bank of Hopkinsville, were punctured with bullet holes.

A number of other business houses and residences bear the marks of bullets and it is considered remarkable that no one was killed. The insurance is believed to be about \$60,000.

Milita Chase Raiders.

As soon as the "night raiders" left town a posse of about 15, headed by Major Bassett, of the local militia, and Deputy Sheriff Crovins, entered buggies and followed the trail. As soon as the posse could get near enough they opened fire on the fleeing mob and the pursued returned the shots. It is believed none of the "night raiders" was hit.

Governors Respond.

Washington, Special.—President Roosevelt has received replies from most of the Governors whom he recently invited to confer with him next May, from the 13th to the 15th, on the conservation of the natural resources of the country and all of them are joining in with interest in the programme. The conference will be a success.

Chicago Gets Convention.

Washington, Special.—Chicago was selected as the place and June 16th, 1908, the time for the meeting of the next Republican national convention. This decision by the Republican national committee followed a long and hard-fought contest between the advocates of Chicago and those of Kansas City, Denver, Colo., coming in at the end with a formal but not important effort to secure the convention. To ballot showed 31 vote for Chicago, 18 for Kansas City and four for Denver, the vote being made unanimous after the result was announced.

Von Bulow Supported.

Berlin, By Cable.—The Reichstag passed a vote of confidence in Chancellor Von Bulow. The effect of the controversy has been to strengthen the position of Von Bulow, who earlier gave warning that he would resign unless there was an immediate settlement of the difference of opinion among the various parties which constitute the Governor's support.

KING OF SWEDEN IS DEAD

Venerable Monarch of the Swedes Passed Away Sunday Morning Surrounded by His Family and Household.

Stockholm, By Cable.—Oscar II, King of Sweden, died at 9:10 o'clock Sunday morning. The death of venerable monarch occurred in the royal apartment of the palace, where, surrounded by the members of his family, including the aged Queen Sophia and the Crown Prince, Oscar Gustava, and high ministers of State, the inevitable end had been awaited, while outside the palace great crowds stood with bowed heads and tearful eyes long after the announcement came of the death of their loved sovereign.

When the flag on the palace was dipped to half-mast there was a moan of anguish from the assembled multitude and many of them cried: "Our dear old King is dead."

The following official bulletin was posted after the King's death:
"The strength of the King continued to decrease throughout the night and the state of unconsciousness became more marked. His Majesty passed quietly away at 9:10 a. m."

The succession to the throne of Sweden now passes to Oscar Gustava Adolphe, Duke of Varmeland, the oldest son of the late King. At a meeting of the council of State Sunday afternoon, the new King took the oath of allegiance under the title of Gustave V and adopted the motto "With the people for the fatherland." The Princess then took the oath of allegiance and the new monarch accepted the homage of the State officials.

The last hours of the expiring monarch were passed in unconsciousness and up to the end he gave no sign of recognizing those about him. The Queen was grief stricken because he could not bid her farewell.

Believing that death would not occur until morning, the members of the royal family and the cabinet ministers withdrew and the physicians left their patient in the hands of the nurse soon after midnight. Within an hour or two the doctors were called again to the sick room and administered further stimulants, but at 5:15 the gentlemen of the King's court were aroused and ordered to appear at once in the bed chamber. The Premier and Foreign Minister and the highest court officials, together with all members of the King's family, assembled there and remained at his side until the end came.

Death List About 400.

Monongah, W. Va., Special.—But 53 bodies had been recovered from mines Nos. 6 and 8, of the Fairmont Coal Company, when darkness closed over the little town of Monongah Sunday night. Fifty-six hours had elapsed since the awful explosion and a majority of the bodies brought to the surface were in a terrible condition, necessitating almost immediate burial. It is now believed that the number of dead will not be over 400. A thorough investigation was made by the company and it was discovered that many miners believed to have been entombed had escaped because they had not gone to work Friday, after Thursday's holiday.

Failure of Big Missouri Bank.

Kansas City, Special.—The National Bank of Commerce, the largest financial institution in Missouri, failed to open its doors Friday morning. The bank statement published in answer to Comptroller Ridgeley's call, shows that the deposits last August, when the previous call was made, were twenty-five millions and now are sixteen millions.

Under Shadow of Guillotine.

Monte Carlo, Special.—Mrs. Vera Gould, who was sentenced to guillotine for participating with her husband, who escaped with life imprisonment, in the murder of Mrs. Emma Levin in order to rob the latter of her jewels, is so ill from the shock of her trial that the physicians say she will probably not recover. There is no doubt that if she lives her sentence will be commuted by the Prince of Monaco to the same penalty imposed on her husband.

Acquittal Under Unwritten Law.

Jacksonville, Fla., Special.—Hammond P. McNeill, charged with the murder of Harry Parker, the ardent grower out of alleged attentions of Parker to his wife, who was widow of Stephen Crane, the novelist, was acquitted in the Circuit Court of Duval county. The case was bitterly fought and was in progress three days, being presented to the jury Tuesday afternoon.

News of the Day.

Secretary Taft had a long interview with the Czar.

Great Britain will soon begin work on a naval base at Rosyth, Scotland, to cost \$12,500,000.

The Brazilian Government is disposed to deal severely with the filibusters of the Magati party, some of whom are Americans.

WATERWAYS PLANS

Prominent Speakers Discuss the Country's Needs

SOME SIGNIFIANT UTTERANCES

Among the Speakers at the Meeting Were J. J. Hill, Mr. Finley and Gov. Glenn.

Washington, Special.—A notable feature of the Rivers and Harbors Congress convention, now in session in this city, was the address delivered by James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad company, who was introduced to the congress as "a wizard of transportation and one of the greatest railroad builders in the world." Mr. Hill created great enthusiasm among the 2,500 delegates by declaring that the railroads of the country would support cordially any proper plan for the development of the legitimate waterways of the United States. He produced figures to show that the traffic of the country had become so great and was increasing so tremendously that it was beyond the physical power of the railroads to handle it. He made a most important and significant statement of the attitude of railroad men toward legislation which has been directed against rail carriers in America and declared that all the railroads asked was permission to conduct their business in a proper way under fair regulations and fair laws.

Notable addresses were delivered to the congress by governors of State and by other men prominently identified with the political and commercial life of the nation. Among those present at the sessions of the convention were scores of members of congress, upon whom it is the desire of the convention that its ideas be particularly impressed. The convention will conclude its work by the adoption of a series of resolutions incorporating its idea that a comprehensive scheme for the improvement of the internal waterways of the country should be crystallized into law.

Gov. Glenn's Address.

Gov. Glenn, of North Carolina declared that the matter before the congress was the most important that had been approached in the last 100 years. Continuing, he said: "We demand the opening of our various rivers and harbors. We will take no denial. We must have \$500,000,000 for the improvement of rivers and harbors, paid in sums of \$50,000,000 every year."

Gov. Glenn said that this nation was the greatest producer of prosperity that ever was born since the dawn of creation. "We have," said he, "a population of 90,000,000 people; we have unlimited resources. We have a money circulation aggregating \$2,733,000,000; we produce 25,000,000 tons of pig iron and 230,000,000 tons of coal annually. In the South alone there are singing daily 9,500,000 cotton spindles. To my ear the music of these spindles is the grandest in the world."

He called attention to the fact that last year the South had added \$7,300,000 a day to the industries of the country. In North Carolina, the increase in manufactured products during the past five years was 150 per cent and in agriculture the increase had been 86 per cent in the past five years. "We took," said the Governor, "second place in the manufacture of cotton goods, being second only to Massachusetts, and were first in the manufacture of plug tobacco, and we made so many chairs during the past year that every man, woman and child in the country could obtain a chair to 'go way back and sit down.'"

Gov. Glenn said that the improvement of the inland waterways of the country would do much to solve the rate question. He suggested that the harbors of the country were improved properly the great warships of America would be able to enter these harbors and thus be able efficiently to protect them in the event of emergency.

At the conclusion of Gov. Glenn's address he was given a notable ovation.

President Finley.

President Finley of the Southern railway said that he was heartily in sympathy with the purposes of the congress.

"Water transportation and rail transportation largely supplement each other. To a large extent, the waterways are feeders of the railways and the railways, in turn, are feeders of the waterways. There is a general tendency to a division of traffic between water and rail carriers."

A Notable Organization.

Washington, Special.—The National Council of Commerce, with a membership starting with 30 organizations of business men in the late cities and expected ultimately to embrace practically all of the leading commercial bodies in the country, was formally launched at a conference in the offices of Secretary of Commerce and Labor Straus.