

IMPORTANT CLUB IS ORGANIZED

The Women's Betterment Association of the City Formed Yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, in the Public School building, was organized a Women's Betterment Association.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. B. G. Moss, president; Mrs. Chas. Payne, vice president; Mrs. D. M. Carter, secretary and treasurer.

The purpose of this association is to help the town to progress in every way, and especially to help the children, and as the name suggests, to better the conditions as much as possible.

The monthly dues are twenty-five cents, provided you wish to pay and are able to do so.

ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF NIECE

Mrs. N. L. Holton at Home Complimentary to Miss Carrie M. Daily.

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Prominent Citizen Is Paralyzed

Wilmington, N. C., Sept. 17.—The community was shocked today when it was learned that Marden Bellamy, Sr., Esq., county attorney and a leading member of the Wilmington bar, had been stricken with paralysis.

SECY. HYMAN HAS RESIGNED

Leaves Chamber of Commerce to Go to Montgomery, Ala.

The Chamber of Commerce held its regular meeting at their rooms last evening. At this meeting Secretary E. H. Hyman tendered his resignation.

I feel that I wish to thank all the members of this Chamber of Commerce for the kind manner in which I have been received.

Mr. Hyman came to Washington November, last year, to assume the duties of secretary, from Norfolk, Va.

When his resignation was tendered to the Chamber of Commerce last night, it was his intention not to leave for his new home until some time next week.

Bound Over to Next Court

Charles Eason and Lula Satterfield, both colored, were indicted before Mayor Sterling on the charge of fornication and adultery.

EXCURSION TO NORFOLK

There will be an excursion from Washington to Norfolk Wednesday, September 22, returning September 23.

Second Strike Has Been Ended

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 17.—With the stars and stripes flying, 2,500 men marched into the Pressed Steel plant at Schoenville at 4:30 yesterday morning, ending the second strike at that plant within a few months.

THIRTY-SIX YEARS AS RECTOR ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

REV. NATHANIEL HARDING CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY AMID CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES OF PARISHIONERS AND CITY—OUR MOST POPULAR CITIZEN.

If a Washingtonian were asked by a visitor who was considered the city's most popular citizen—one held in the highest esteem by people of all classes, be they white or black, who would be that man?

Tomorrow, thirty-six years ago, a young man in clerical garb, with all the vigor of young manhood coursing through his veins; with all the requisites for a useful career beckoning him onward, Rev. Nathaniel Harding stood for the first time within the historic walls of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, this city.

As this sainted father in Israel sits around the fireside of his home with retrospective thoughts and visions of past years, and, too, enjoying the scenes of a happy home, a home where children and grand-children know him best and love him most, there issues forth from every heart in Washington for him congratulations and best wishes.

His sunrise was bright and auspicious; his afternoon is radiant with the glow of a well-spent life, and may the zenith of his days for usefulness be as one grand, sweet melody, as he is permitted to witness his life's sunset.

Mr. Harding attended school at Chocowinity until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he volunteered in the Confederate army at the age of 17.

After the close of the war Mr. Harding taught school in Beaufort county and also near Wilmington, until the year 1868. Subsequent to this he was educated at Cheshire Military Academy in Connecticut and also at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.

In July, 1873, he was ordained to the ministry and in the year 1875, in December, he was made a priest of his church. Thirty-six years ago tomorrow, he was called and accepted the rectorship of St. Peter's parish, this city, and since that glad hour has been its guide and leader.

Through sunshine and shadow and through all the varied vicissitudes this holy man of God has known no man; duty has ever been his shibboleth. The rich, the poor, the bond and free, have all come under his guiding care and tender entreaty.

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In church and state Mr. Harding stands the peer of any, and to him they are indebted for his wisdom and forethought.

Public education in Beaufort county knows no better friend, and the progress this great cause has made is no doubt, in a large measure, due to him.

For 25 years he has been the county superintendent of schools and that he has made good, needs no comment. For answer, one has only to behold the condition of the schools when he was inducted into office and now, 25 years afterward, his work as superintendent is a monument the coming ages cannot efface or scar.

Mr. Harding is chaplain of the Second Infantry, North Carolina National Guard, and he has the honor of holding the oldest commission in the State. He is, in addition, one of the oldest men of his rank in the United States.

He holds this position now. He has for many years been the dean of the convocation of Edenboro.

What a record with, to salute his Lord as he some sweet day enters the "City of Peace." This record tells of tears, of hopes, of joys, in a few short sentences we can frame a picture that will always linger as a record of his life.

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CITY HONORED THIS AFTERNOON

Hon. W. M. Hays, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Guest of Congressman Small.

Hon. Willet M. Hays, Assistant Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, arrived here this afternoon, about 1 o'clock.

The national Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the State Department, has been attracted toward Eastern North Carolina and its agricultural possibilities.

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Church Directory For Tomorrow

First Baptist Church, Market street, Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m., S. P. Willis, superintendent; lesson subject, "The Morning Star."

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Bopner street, Rev. Nathaniel Harding, rector. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m., C. H. Harding, superintendent.

First Presbyterian Church, Gladden street, Rev. H. B. Seabright, pastor. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m., J. B. Sparrow, superintendent.

First Methodist Church, West Second street, Rev. M. T. Plyler, pastor. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m., C. F. Bland, superintendent.

Christ Church, East Second street, Rev. Robert V. Hops, pastor. Sunday school, 4 p. m., J. B. Latham, superintendent.

Free Will Baptist Church, Masonic Hall, Elder J. T. Butler, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

MR. HATHAWAY STATES FACTS

The Railroad Question is Up to Governor Kitchin for Settlement.

The facts of Mr. A's holdings, of which I stated yesterday, I would mention, are as follows:

In 1905 Mr. A. purchased 9,000 acres of land, through immediately transferred it to a lumber company.

In the immediate section Mr. A. owns between fifteen and twenty-five thousand acres of land, and being a well-informed and familiar with all phases of the situation, knowing the land to be among the richest in the world, he has a well-laid project to slightly improve these lands, and I am told sell a few tracts at \$20 an acre then later raise the price.

There is no just reason why our State Council should place this road where it will only benefit one man and one railroad.

Now the question is, which shall be served?

A rich railroad corporation besides the one man who has enough brains, energy, ability and knack to secure backing from owners of railroads who are able to buy every foot of land in Beaufort county without coming themselves, making its people a present of it.

Thousands of men knowing no living except that by the sweat of their brow?

This question is up to our Governor. We say our government must watch over, nurse and protect these men of labor, who are content to meet and labor until the soil.

If our government takes from these many men that which would make them strong, giving to him who already has wealth and power, what is the desired reward?

What is to encourage the youth to be content "Down on the Farm."

To Have Day Current Next Week

The electric light plant, beginning Monday evening and continuing until Thursday morning, will run a continuous current both day and night.

This is done for the purpose of affording the Washington Telephone and Telegraph Exchange current to charge their new batteries.

Infant Dies

Johnnie P. Hill, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hill, passed away at the home of her parents, West Third street, Thursday morning at 2 o'clock, of cholera infantum, aged 2 years.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon and the interment was in the family burying ground at Haw Branch Church, Chocowinity.

Mr. Thompson Purchases Gin

The Standard Lumber Company, of Aurora, N. C., yesterday sold their cotton gin to Mr. B. H. Thompson, of that town, who will operate same in the future.

New Advertisements in Today's News

C. D. Parker - General Insurance. J. B. Hoy - Special Cottontail. E. L. Archbell - Cigarettes and Cigars. Excursion to Norfolk. Albers - Capelhart - Laundry Co. - Collars and Cuffs. Electric Light Plant - Lights.