

ARE STILL VOTING

The Election of Connectional Officers Resumed.

THE VANDERBILT MATTER

Dr. Pinnock Succeeds Dr. Lambuth on the Board of Missions—Joseph G. Brown, of Raleigh, on Committee to Select Place of Next Meeting—University Matter Compromised.

Asheville, May 18.—The election of connectional officers was resumed at today's session of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Dr. W. W. Pinnock, of Louisville, conference, was elected secretary of the board of missions, succeeding Bishop-sheep Lambuth.

Dr. W. V. McMurray, of St. Louis, was selected corresponding secretary of the board of church extension.

Dr. H. M. Dabson, for 12 years secretary of Epworth League, asked not to be considered for reelection. Rev. F. A. Parker, of Nashville, assistant secretary, was elected in his stead on the third ballot by 164 votes. Dr. J. A. Burrow, of Abingdon, Va., received 117.

Dr. E. B. Chappell, of Nashville, was continued as editor of Sunday school literature.

To select the place of meeting for 1914 the following were elected: J. G. Brown, of Raleigh; Thomas C. King, of Memphis; M. Thomas, of Chattanooga; N. W. Davis, of Baltimore; Rev. A. J. Lamar, of Nashville.

Tampa, Fla., Ga., Louisville, Ky., San Antonio, Texas, and Asheville, N. C., want the next meeting.

The question involving Vanderbilt University was settled when the conference unanimously adopted the report of the committee on education affirming the report of the Vanderbilt commission, and elected Col. N. E. Harris, of South Georgia conference, as trustee of Vanderbilt. Hereafter the board of education of the general conference will nominate and the board of trustees of Vanderbilt affirm the selection of trustees. This is a compromise.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

Another Session of the Washington Public Schools Came to an End Today After Satisfactory Year.

Today closed the session of the Washington Public Schools for the present year. The commencement exercises come off tomorrow morning and evening in the school auditorium. Tomorrow morning the annual sermon to the graduating class will be delivered by Rev. Mr. Brown, of Toronto. At night the graduating exercises will take place, and the annual address. The public is cordially invited to be present at all services.

Washington should feel proud of the record made by the public schools this year. The work accomplished has been the best in the school's history. This year new departments were added to the course and from first proved beneficial. All the students in every department of the school have exhibited interest in their work. The superintendent and the teachers are to be congratulated on the way the school has been conducted the past year. The school is a credit to Washington.

THE GEM.

No better program has ever been rendered at the Gem Theatre than the one last night. High commendation is heard on all sides today for the Gem. The management never fails to please and satisfy, and last night exceeded their former reputation in this role.

The following pictures will be shown tonight:

"The Beggar's Repentance" is a strong dramatic picture, well acted, with many pretty scenic effects.

Other pictures to be shown are: "The Story of a Lie," a roaring comedy, and "The Ring of Wilkins," tonight's program bids fair to come up to the standard of last night's pictures, and without doubt will be greatly enjoyed.

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Extra long Corsets in the best fitting, most stylish shapes, made of fine quality Batiste, . . . 69c.

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THE HIGH-ART CLOTHIERS

MUSICAL RECITAL

To Be Given at School Auditorium Tonight.

BY MISS BONNER'S CLASS

A Rich Treat Awaits All Who Attend the Commencement Recital at the School Building This Evening—The Performance Begins at 8:30 O'clock—All Invited.

The following program is to be rendered by Miss Lillian Bonner's musical class at the public school auditorium this evening, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. Everybody has a cordial invitation to attend:

1. Duette, "Dance of the Demons." Edward Holst. Misses Orleans and Bonner.

2. Solo, "Dance in the Green." Care Bohm, Op. 327, No. 19. Valde noble. Evelyn Ross.

3. Solo, "The Ostrich." H. Engelmann. Bertina Susman.

4. Duette, "The Waltzes." Pres. er. John Keats Hort. L. Bonner.

5. Solo, "Woodland Path." Waltz. A. Garland. Ethel Nixon.

6. Solo, "The Lion." H. Engelmann. Cassie Martin.

7. Solo, "Forget-me-not." Waltz. Carl W. Kern, Op. 32. Elizabeth Taylor.

8. Solo, "Pleasant Thoughts." Polka. J. Thurman Wolcott. Elizabeth Carrow.

9. Duette, "Reverie." L. Behr, Op. 54, No. 4. Mira Arthur, L. Bonner.

10. Solo, "Wedding March." H. Engelmann. Margaret Wells.

11. Solo, "Carnival March." Theo. Bonheur. Elizabeth Simmons.

12. Solo, "The Bumble Bee." Chas. Lindsay. Janie Whitley.

13. Solo, "On the Heights." Carl Bohm. Henrietta Susman.

14. "Skipping Song." Misses Bertha Susman, Cassie Martin, Thelma Buck, Evelyn Ross, Mira Arthur, Henrietta Susman, Elizabeth Carrow, Elizabeth Simmons, Janie Whitley, Ethel Nixon.

PART II.
Vocal solo, "The Rosary." Nevin. Miss Alice Bright.

1. Solo, "Colts Antrim." Stabert mator. W. Kern, Op. 101, No. 3. Evelyn Ross.

2. Duette, "Mourning Dance." Etude. Mattie and Elizabeth Bright.

3. Recitation, "Little Golden Hair." Sallie Carrow.

4. Solo, "Serenata." M. Moszkowski, Op. 15, No. 1. Rebecca Simmons.

5. "Lily of the Valley." Marszprak. Sydney Smith, Op. 14. Margaret Williams.

6. Vocal solo, "The Swallow." Robena Carter.

7. Solo, "Meditation." Sallie Carrow.

8. Duette, "Quartet from Rigoleto." Verdi. Misses Simmons and Bonner.

9. Solo, "Dance of the Marionettes." Corinne Bright.

10. "By the Light of the Silvery Moon." Paroel and drill song. Misses Carrow, McMillenny, Williams, Eeklin, Rumley, Shaw, Orleans, Wells, Carter, Nicholson and Taylor.

General report of class and awarding of prizes.

BOAT CLUB

Another Squadron Drill by Motorboat Club Friday Afternoon.

The Tar Heel Motorboat Club of this city will give a squadron drill and parade on Pamlico river Friday evening, May 20, between 9 and 7 o'clock. All members are especially urged to assemble at the Black Beacon below the Norfolk & Southern Railroad bridge promptly at 9, and the parade will be formed a few minutes later and come up the river in squadron formation. The public is cordially invited to witness the parade from the county bridge.

NEW BOARDERS.

The jail is fast securing boarders awaiting their trial at the next session of the Superior court which convenes next Monday for a term of three weeks.

When a detective sees an alrship sailing away, he is justified in thinking that there is something up.

BOILERS EXPLODE

Seven Burst, Killing From 20 to 30 Workmen.

MANY OTHERS ARE INJURED

The Boilers in Tin Company's Shop at Canton, Ohio, Explode With Deadly Effect—One Man Begs to Be Killed—The Accident Causes Consternation in the City.

Canton, Ohio, May 18.—With a roar that was heard three miles away a battery of seven boilers at the plant of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Co. exploded this afternoon killing twenty to thirty and injuring about fifty. Among the injured are a half dozen who, it is said, will probably die before morning. Others, physicians say, cannot recover from their injuries.

Members of the bereaved families rushed frantically to the plant and those to hospitals and residences near the ruined shops in an effort to find a trace of their loved ones. It was thought at 2 o'clock tonight that all the dead had been removed from the debris. It was then stated that so far as known the dead numbered twenty but this did not include any who had died at their homes after removal from the ruins.

The body of one man, unknown, was blown through a house, over seven hundred feet from the plant. The body entered the house from the east side and continued in a straight line through a bed room and out of the other side of the house to Louis arena. The torso of another man was found in the garden of a yard about five hundred feet west of the scene. Arms, legs and parts of bodies were strewn about the neighborhood.

The bodies of seven men, mutilated beyond recognition, were found in the north end of the mill.

"For God's sake hit me on the head and kill me," cried one workman to a man who found him. The injured man had an arm torn off and a great hole in his side.

The plant had five mills. All the employes working at mills No. 1 and 2, 3 and 4 were either killed or injured, while the men in mill No. 5, farthest from the boilers, escaped serious injury.

DECISION

Digest of Supreme Court decisions approved by the majority of the court:

John T. Pullen and the Raleigh Savings Bank vs Corporation Commission.

All bank stock is taxable at its full par value, although the capital is invested in North Carolina State bonds.

So much of the surplus of the bank as is not invested in the non-taxable bonds of the State of North Carolina issued in pursuance of the Act of the General Assembly of 1909 is likewise taxable.

Under the express provision of said act so much of the surplus over and above capital, as is invested in such non-taxable bonds is exempt and the shares of stock must be valued accordingly.

MAYOR'S COURT

Only One Case Before His Worship, Mayor Sterling, This Morning at the City Hall.

Moses Woodhouse, a negro hailing from Elizabeth City, was before the mayor this morning at the city hall, charged with stealing a bicycle, the property of Mr. Charles F. Harris. The wheel was taken last night from in front of the McKeel-Richardson Hardware Company's store on Main street. Woodhouse was bound over to the next term of court. Failing to give bond he was lodged in jail.

CONVENTION

The Diocesan Council of East Carolina to Convene in Wilmington on May 21.

Wilmington, May 18.—The twenty-seventh annual council of the diocese of East Carolina Episcopal Church will be held in this city, beginning Saturday, May 21, and continuing through the following Tuesday. The session will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Third and Red-Cross streets, and it is expected that it will be one of the most interesting sessions in the history of the Episcopal church in Eastern Carolina. In addition to the 20 or more clergymen there will be about 150 lay delegates.

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HE RESTS FOR A DAY

Ex-President Roosevelt Spends a Quiet Day.

UNDER PHYSICIAN'S CARE

The Inclement Weather at the First Funeral Pageant of King Edward Irritates the Throat of Mr. Roosevelt, Necessitating Him Remaining Indoors Most of Day.

London, May 17.—Theodore Roosevelt spent most of today in Roosevelt Hall. Under the orders of Dr. St. Clair Thomson, the throat specialist who attended King Edward and who was requested by King George to take Mr. Roosevelt's case, the ex-president remained comparatively quiet, spending much time at Dorchester House in attending to his correspondence.

The raw weather that marked the day of Edward's first funeral pageant did much to irritate the throat of Mr. Roosevelt. Dr. Thomson, it was understood, did not regard the trouble as serious, however.

Mr. Roosevelt's cough remains most annoying, nevertheless.

Mr. Roosevelt made no attempt to see the mourning procession today, but Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Ethel, and Kermit were taken to a good position at Carlton House, where seats were found for them on the terrace. Here they overlooked the cortege from the most advantageous position on the Mall.

Many Americans went to the residence of Ambassador Reid today, seeking interviews with Mr. Roosevelt, but all were told that the ex-president would not be at home all the week.

Mr. Roosevelt hopes to be cured of his cough by Friday, when he must participate in the funeral pageant as representative of the United States. He also wishes to get his voice in good condition as soon as possible for the formalities of May 31; when he will be presented with the freedom of the city of London at the Guild Hall.

LITTLETON COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

The News acknowledges receipt of the following invitation:

The Faculty and Senior Class of Littleton College request your presence at the Commencement Exercises May 24 to 26, 1910.

College Auditorium Littleton, North Carolina. The program will be as follows: Senior Class Day, Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 p. m.

Art Exhibit, Wednesday, May 25, 10 to 11 a. m.

Annual Sermon, Wednesday, May 25, 11 a. m. Rev. R. V. Broom, Presiding Elder, Elizabeth City District.

Graduating Exercises, Thursday, May 26, 10 a. m.

Literary Address, Thursday, May 26, 11 a. m. President W. S. Poteat, Wake Forest College.

Commencement Recital, Thursday, May 26, 8 p. m.

REJECT BIDS

The Street Improvement Committee Give Bidders Until Friday Night to Make Another Bid.

The Street Improvement Committee, composed of Capt. Geo. T. Leach, Dr. John C. Rodman and Mr. George Hackney, Jr., met at the city hall last night for the purpose of considering the bids as presented by the bidders for paving the different streets of Washington.

All the bids as submitted were rejected on the ground that they were far in excess of the cost of paving as the committee see the situation. However, the bidders are to be given another chance and the time for considering same was extended until Friday night. As many as a dozen bidders have filed bids to pave the streets.

BISHOP HENDRIX TO PRESIDE.

According to the plan of visitation of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, it will be pleasant news to the Methodists of this State to know that Bishop E. R. Hendrix, of Missouri, will preside at the next session of the North Carolina Conference which is to be held in Elizabeth City, November 30, next.

TRINITY'S PRESIDENT.

Mr. James H. Southgate, of Durham, and Dr. W. P. Few, a member of the faculty of Trinity, are prominently mentioned as successors to Dr. J. C. Kilgo, the president who has been elected bishop in his church. The election will take place in June. Rev. Dr. J. C. Rowe, of Charlotte, is also mentioned.

PURCHASES GROCERY.

Mr. A. F. Ashburn has purchased the grocery business of Mr. Noah Jackson, at the Washington bridge, and will continue the same at the present stand.

SHERMAN'S TARIFF

Vice-President Defends the New Tariff Law.

PROTECTS LABOR, INDUSTRY

The Tariff Measure a Protection to Labor and Industry. But Perhaps Makes the Rate too Low, He Declares—Critiques Roosevelt Mildly But Praises Taft.

Kalamazoo, Mich., May 18.—Another gun in the Republican congressional campaign in the central west was fired here today by Vice President James S. Sherman.

Mr. Sherman took the opportunity of his appearance as chief speaker at the first anniversary celebration of the Lincoln Voters League to defend the tariff and answer the critics of President Taft. He replied particularly to the recent attack upon the President by Senators Dooliver and Cummins, of Iowa. Incidentally the celebration was also a boom for the aspirations of Senator Burrows for reelection to the United States Senate. The Senator was the other guest of honor.

The Vice President held up the Payne-Aldrich tariff measure as a protection to labor and industry. He even sounded a warning against the revision downward in that measure, saying: "I am not an alarmist, but submit the question whether or not we have not gone far enough, possibly too far; in downward revision if we are to continue to give adequate and necessary protection to our own producers."

NO COMET

Many Disappointed Folk in Washington Last Night.

For the benefit of those of our citizens who on last night spent a sleepless night looking for the comet and expecting every moment to be annihilated by its tail, it will be visible again tonight, so the astronomers say. It can be best seen on Saturday night about one hour after sunset.

The Daily News furnishes this information so our citizens will not again spend the night looking and wondering. The comet was not visible in this country last night, but was seen in Europe and Asia.

Notwithstanding the fact that this information was given out several days a great many of the citizens in Washington, both white and black, sat up all night, and today disappointment can be seen written on their countenances. Not only were the colored population wrought up over the comet's tail striking the earth, but the white people were excited also. Everybody last night was thinking and talking about the comet and between 11 and 12 o'clock last night there were more people in the city awake than asleep. Their disappointment is to be deplored. One good woman has spent several nights on the bridge endeavoring to discover the heavenly wonder and last night she made another trial—of course she was disappointed. It makes no difference how cast down she is, all one has to do is to mention the comet and immediately her face is all animation. The Daily News wishes her success next time in her effort. Perhaps she can see it Saturday night without spending the night out of bed as has been her custom lately. In one home of the city there was a party of ladies and gentlemen watching for its appearance. How thankful all should be no harm came to this old earth.

THE SHOW

The Hallie Mack Shows Not Up to the Standard of Their First Shows Last Night.

Notwithstanding there was a large house to witness the exhibition of the Hallie Mack shows last night, the performance was not so good as those of the preceding nights, and those present were somewhat disappointed. The first two nights this company gave exhibitions, the audience was hearty in its approval. There will be another show tonight, and it will no doubt be an improvement. A matinee will be given Saturday afternoon.

ENJOYABLE AFFAIR.

Quite a number attended the regular meeting at the Country Club at Washington Park this afternoon.

Mrs. N. S. Fulford was the hostess, and proved herself a most charming one.

WILL CELEBRATE.

The "Le Livre" Club, of Annapolis, will celebrate the Macklenburg Declaration of Independence tomorrow, May 20, 1810, at the Academy. Mr. Angus D. MacLean will address the club and the public. Everybody is cordially invited to be present. A most pleasant and profitable occasion is looked for by the people in that section.

CAUSES UNEASINESS

The Situation in China Not Yet Satisfactory.

MANY DISQUIETING RUMORS

The Serious Condition in the Chinese Empire Has Caused This Government to Request That Immediate Measures be Taken to Stop the Anti-Foreign Movement.

Washington, May 18.—Foreigners in Peking are disturbed over disquieting rumors not unlike those that preceded the Boxer outbreak, according to a dispatch to the state department today from Minister Calhoun. The consul body at Nanking has presented a memorandum to the viceroy calling his attention to the serious condition and emphasizing the importance of immediate measures to stop the anti-foreign movement.

Minister Calhoun has asked the rear admiral in command of the American fleet in Chinese waters to hold a warship in readiness to proceed to Kanking in case of necessity. The state department denies the charge of the so-called self-government society at Canton that Chinese immigrants arriving in San Francisco are subject to harsh treatment.

CONVICTED

The Prisoner Thanks Jury For Its Verdict—Sentence Was Not Pronounced.

Washington, D. C., May 18.—John C. Davis was this afternoon convicted by a jury in the District court on both the charge of false pretense and embezzlement. Sentence was not pronounced by the trial judge, and following a theatrical display of religious fervor, the convicted prisoner was removed to the jail to await the disposition of a motion for a new trial to be submitted to the court by his attorney, Henry E. Davis.

"The maximum penalty under the law for embezzlement is ten years in the penitentiary, and for false pretenses three years' imprisonment. The jury returned its verdict early this afternoon. Davis proceeded to thank the jurors for their decision in this language: "I thank you, gentlemen, and I will see that you are well rewarded. I know that your goodness would preserve me. God bless my best friend. I desire to bear witness to His sustaining power. In the dark hours of last night I promised the Holy Spirit I would not be afraid to stand before the whole world and bear this testimony."

Before being taken to the cell room, Davis, joining his hands in the attitude of prayer, exclaimed: "Jesus, I have said it." Justice Stafford interrupted him, and ordered him removed from the court room. Davis is estimated, astounded investors in the District of Columbia, for the most part women, out of two hundred thousand dollars. It was shown during the trial that he fraudulently secured about twelve thousand dollars from Miss Nellie McKeown, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and from Dr. R. Lee Watkins, of Alexandria, Virginia.

Davis is a native of Beaufort, N. C. His first financial venture was at Wilmington, N. C., where he took advantage of his standing as a lawyer and church member to defraud a number of investors in that city. For this offense he was sent to the Central asylum for the insane at Raleigh, where he spent nearly six years.

He came from Raleigh to Washington, and established himself at the capital of the nation. His methods were very much the same he worked so successfully in Wilmington. Ever since his arrest Davis has feigned religious insanity.

THE GAITY.

It will be welcome news to the theater goers of the city to learn that the Gaity has for their approval one of the latest Biograph's for tonight. "The Tenderfoot's Triumph" is the title of the picture and it is a comedy that can't fail to please. There is no need to go into details about a picture when it is a Biograph, the name alone is a sufficient guarantee of its excellence, and this one is no exception.

For a dramatic picture "The Railway Mail Clerk" will certainly fill the bill. This picture reproduces the greatest of all stunts of Oliver Perry, who lowered himself with a rope from the top of a moving train, and, entering through a window, robbed the mail car. The film shows how the mail clerk was accused of the robbery and how his faithful wife ran down the real criminals and secured their arrest.

New illustrated song for tonight. Come out and see a good show.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Gem Theater.
Gaity Theater.
J. K. Hoyt—Hat Sale.
Hyomet.
Mrs. Summers' Remedies.
Cardul.
Mother Gray Powders.
Boag's Elixir Pills.