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PRESBYTERIANS AT CHATTANOOGA LAYMEN'S MEETING TOMORROW

2,000 Delegates Are Expected to Be in Attendance Hon. A. M. Scales, of Greensboro, Will Be Presiding Officer—Many Distinguished North Carolinians to Attend

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 5.—The Laymen's Missionary Conference of the Southern Presbyterian church, which will be in session in this city February 6-8th, will have as its presiding officer Hon. A. M. Scales, of Greensboro, N. C. It is expected that nearly 20,000 delegates will be present, representing the entire south, and with all the Southern states to draw from, those in charge of selecting a presiding officer bestowed an honor on Greensboro and on North Carolina as a state by choosing Mr. Scales. This will make the second time a North Carolinian has presided over a meeting of this sort. Governor Robert B. Glenn having been president of the conference, when it convened in Birmingham three years ago.

This conference though held under auspices of the Southern Presbyterian church, will be attended by men of all evangelical creeds, and it will be one of the largest religious gatherings in a decade, equalling in numbers any of the large denominational conferences and conventions that come together. The general secretary of the Southern Presbyterian

Laymen's Missionary movement, the Rev. Charles H. Pratt, is stationed here, arranging for the conference, and he is being kept busy answering communications and assigning delegates places to stay. Among those who have already reservations are many distinguished North Carolinians. From Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, there will come a solid carload of delegates, while there will also be many from the other theological seminaries of the South. Some of the best known religious speakers of the South will be here to discuss the plans for promoting the efficiency of missionary machinery, looking toward the evangelization of the world.

There will be a special Pullman car attached to No. 43 leaving Greensboro at 7:30 this evening for the Laymen's convention. It will go via Atlanta and is due to reach Chattanooga at 10:15 tomorrow morning.

The Presbyterian church of Washington, N. C., will have one delegate, sent by Miss Sadie Wiswall's class.



THE CHAMPION American Men Defeat All Competitors in Egg Laying Contest—News Item.

HOME HEALTH CLUB

By Dr. David H. Reeder, La Porte, Indiana.

Everyday Dangers.—The Home Health Club is the enemy of fear; it constantly advises all who may possibly be brought under its influence in the slightest degree, to be brave. But there is a difference between bravery and carelessness and there is one kind of fear that is much to be commended. Always fear to do wrong. Never fear to do right. Carelessness is wrong, whether it be carelessness of yourself or others. You would consider it criminal in one who had a contagious and dangerous disease, to go into a public place and thereby spread the contagion. When by carelessness you contract a disease, you not only endanger yourself, but your friends with whom you are brought in personal contact.

At any rate you place yourself in a condition to become a trial and a burden to them in taking care of you during your illness. Ordinarily this care is labor of love, when it must be given, but it is highly reprehensible and useless to cause your friends such work, anxiety, and sometimes expense, when it can be avoided.

It is not with any disposition to become alarmists that we speak of "everyday danger," but to call attention to the heedless—even foolish—incurrence of danger to your own health and that of others. Just think a minute. See that dirty chap over there with a sore mouth, uncombed hair and a general appearance of filthiness? He is evidently the victim of his indolence or general "carelessness." How would you like to take a cup of water from his hands? Worse, how would you like to take a cup or glass that you knew he had been drinking from? The very thought is sickening, isn't it? It is almost sickening to ask the question. But those who look after the health of others have to do and say a great many unpleasant things.

Well, just remember that every time you take a drink from any public drinking-cup or other vessel of the kind, that some other person may have drunk from it, the minute before you did, and left upon its edge where you may get them, the microbes of some awful disease. But you say that kind of person is not to be seen on sleeping or drawing-room cars, or even respectable day cars, about decent hotels and the like.

Just remember that scrofulous and syphilitic disease, the most contagious, insidious and dangerous, are easily conveyed by the bacilli of the disease germs, so infinitesimally small that the particles of the air that you breathe are sometimes, and not only the wealthy and high everywhere, but even royalty may be beguiled or acute sufferers from such diseases.

At Hot Springs, Arkansas, the most famous of all places for the cure by water of syphilitic and mercurial diseases, it is not made even a pretense of furnishing bath-towels to the guests, but for fear of promoting contagion, require every guest to supply his own bath-towels. The managers of these hotels doubtless under the in-

ANTH BELLUM HOMESTEAD CHANGES OWNERSHIP

Former Magnificent Country Estate of the Late Judge Thomas Settle Is Sold for \$25,000—It Contains 1,184 Acres.

Greensboro, Feb. 5.—The formal transfer by which the magnificent country home and plantation of the late Judge Thomas Settle, owned since 1877 by the late Sheriff R. F. Trogon and his heirs, and located in Rockingham county on the Dan river, becomes the property of J. H. Moore of Madison, was made yesterday by S. L. Trogon of this city, who acted for himself and his brothers and sisters. The consideration was said to have been an even \$25,000.

OLD LANDMARK IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Occupied by Lord Cornwallis in 1774 While Passing Through Rocky Mount Enroute to Yorktown Negro Whiskey Seller is Caught in Drag Net

Rocky Mount, Feb. 3.—Flames discovered at 8 o'clock last night destroyed the two-story dwelling house of L. C. Norris and an old revolutionary tavern, which was occupied in 1774 by Lord Cornwallis when he passed through this city enroute to Yorktown, the total loss being estimated at about \$6,000, both buildings being burned to the ground, with only \$1,000 insurance on the dwelling house.

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PEOPLE YOU KNOW COMING AND GOING

Mr. and Mrs. Danforth Taylor, of Scotland Neck, are in the city the guests of Mrs. Taylor's parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. T. Nicholson.

Mr. Frank Drew, of Chapel Hill, spent Saturday and Sunday in Washington with friends.

TO ATTEND CONVENTION AT CHATTANOOGA TENN.

J. A. Mayo, a member of the financial Bible class of the Presbyterian Sunday school, left this morning to attend the second great Laymen's convention which is to be held in Chattanooga, Feb. 6 to 8. Mr. Mayo will make one of a party of young men from Union Seminary, of Richmond, Va., who have a special car for the trip. The attendance at this meeting, it is expected, will break all past records. Some of the best speakers of the United States will be present.

ALPINE SINGERS AND YODLERS TOMORROW NIGHT

Will Appear at School Auditorium at 8:00 Tomorrow Night, Under the Auspices of the Lyceum Course.

The Tyrolean Alpine Singers and Yodlers will be heard in the School Auditorium tomorrow night, gathering here under the auspices of the Lyceum Course. Of them the Chamber of Commerce has the following complimentary notice: "The very newest spark of novelty and interest in a charming combination of the picturesque and romantic in people was offered last night in the Auditorium by the Tyrolean Alpine Singers. Clad in their native costumes, these artists bring home to the audience the music of the mountains, pulsating with life and throbbing with human sympathy. The ensemble maintained in the performance was captivatingly perfect—a beautiful proportion being maintained and the tone quality fresh and musical. The scene enacted on the stage was like a reproduction of a chapter from Alpine life and scenery, so vivid and realistic was it in every detail. One of the most enjoyable features was the solo work. That exquisite form of mountain singing which reverberates in echoes from cliff to cliff and is known the wide world over as "yodling," found a fascinating exponent in Franklin Gross, a high soprano of most remarkable range of voice. Other soloists were presented and their selections were full of that individual style and humor of which the Tyrolean Alpine Singers alone seem to be capable."

STRAWS THAT POINT THE WIND'S DIRECTION

Agriculturist Writes New Bern's Chamber of Commerce for Literature—What Could Washington Send Them?

We city from a New Bern exchange the following letter, addressed to the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, of that city: Euclid, Ohio, Jan. 30, 1911. J. Leon Williams, New Bern, N. C. Some of us are considering taking a trip over the Norfolk Southern Railway, as a result of their books "Corn, Cotton and Cash," with the idea of looking at farm lands and possibly buying. If you have anything printed describing your vicinity carefully, or the real estate dealers would like to mail us anything describing the farm lands it would interest us. We are farmers near Cleveland, O., and will soon sell as land is too high priced for farming, and think of locating in the South. Yours very truly,

REV. SEARIGHT AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Delivered a Most Excellent Discourse Yesterday in "Christian Contentment"—Two Ad. Offers to Church on Profession of Faith

At the First Presbyterian church yesterday morning, the pastor, Rev. H. B. Searight, preached a powerful, practical and inspiring sermon from Philippians 4:11—"Not that I speak in respect of want; for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content." He took Christian contentment as his subject, and through the various analyses of the Christian life he greatly inspired his congregation; a number of whom expressed themselves as it being Mr. Searight's finest effort since his pastorate here. Two members were reported into the fellowship of the church.

A QUIET MARRIAGE

Rev. H. B. Searight performed a quiet marriage at the manse Saturday afternoon, when he united in holy wedlock Mr. Geo. S. Swain of this city, and Miss Minnie Fulford of South Creek. Only a few friends witnessed the ceremony.

A SURPRISE MARRIAGE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Mr. Howard C. Harrison Weds Miss Lucy M. Bell at Home of Mr. Leggett, Near Whorton. Captain Howard C. Harrison, a popular conductor on the Norfolk Southern, and Miss Lucy M. Bell, the attractive daughter of Mr. John T. Bell, gave their many friends a surprise yesterday afternoon, when, at the residence of Mr. M. M. Leggett, near Whorton, they were united in marriage by Rev. Lewis, of the M. E. church. Both are exceedingly popular young people and have the felicitations of their hosts of friends who wish for them a long and happy life. Captain and Mrs. Harrison will reside in New Bern.

MR. MEEKINS HAS GOOD YIELD

Mr. W. G. Meekins, of Jocassee, planted six acres in cotton and has sold besides six bales of lint, 4,000 pounds of seed.

GREAT WAR IS WAGING; FINAL BATTLE TO BE FOUGHT ON THURSDAY MORNING

The Ballot Box Will Close at Ten O'clock—Pay Up Double Votes on Renewals—Renew Before the Final Count is Made

SPECIAL NOTICE TO CONTESTANTS. BONUS OFFER. Between the date of Feb. 5th, and Feb. 8th, at 10 o'clock A. M. the following Bonus Offers will be given: All Contestants must have all subscriptions in promptly. Ballot Box will be closed promptly at 10 o'clock. All remittance must be made to the Contestants. First largest amount from each district 35,000. Second largest amount from each district 30,000. Third largest amount from each district 15,000. Fourth largest amount from each district 10,000. With double vote on all renewals or old subscriptions. SPECIAL BONUS. Beginning this date a Special Bonus of 10,000 Free Votes for every \$5.00 remitted will be allowed.

If the day looks kinder gloomy An' your chance kinder slim, If the situation's puzzlin' An' the prospects awful slim, An' perplexities keep pressin' 'Till all hope is nearly gone, Just bristle up and grit your teeth, An' keep on keepin' on.

With the closing of the last Bonus offer Saturday night, there were some startling figures in the form of votes, and one would know without asking that the end of the great contest is very near. Thursday morning at 10:00 the lid goes on the box, and the high tide will have been reached. Someone will claim handsome prizes, and then the great New Voting Contest will be ancient history. Have you paid up? Are you in arrears with your subscription? Pay up and renew this week—today; in time for some one to get the benefit of your votes. All renewals count double until the close of the contest. The contest is being stirred with a big stick, and will be until the very last minute. The relative positions of the contestants have been varying so much recently that the Contest Owl believes some of the workers have an Egyptian Theurgist for a medium who is chief agency of transmission of "power" to get votes. See the Bonus offer and get your subscriptions in promptly.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS: District No. 1—Washington, N. C. Miss Olivia Jordan 771,800. Miss Lillian Swanner 703,450. Miss Mary Shaw 677,650. Miss Madeline Elmendorf 463,000. District No. 2. Mrs. Marion T. Mayo, South Creek 559,250. Miss Rena Rowe, Aurora, N. C. 435,500. Miss Nina Heddtit, Edward, N. C. 328,250. District No. 3. Miss Lucy G. Woolard, R. F. D. No. 3 400,000. Miss Alice Woolard 395,000. Miss Mary Marsh, Bath, N. C. 318,070. Miss Willie Lee Latham, Pantego 90,500. Miss Nancy Marsh, Bath, N. C. 17,800. Miss Ella Baynor, Leechville, N. C. 14,600. District No. 4. Miss Leta Cartwright, Swan Quarter, N. C. 340,024.

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The executive committee of the board of directors of the State School for Feeble Minded, which is to be located about one mile from this city, met yesterday afternoon and received bids for the erection of three of the buildings. The committee, composed of State Senator Baggett, of Lillington; Hon. W. A. Thompson, of Aurora; Mr. J. B. Dawson, of Kinston; and Dr. Ira M. Hardy, secretary and superintendent of the institution, awarded the contract to York & Cobb, contractors, of Raleigh. There were nine bidders for the work, including seven North Carolina concerns, one from Virginia and one from Atlanta. The bids offered ranged from \$48,465, the price named by York & Cobb to \$89,000. In conference with the committee were Mr. Hook, of Hook & Stephens, of Charlotte, and C. C. Hartree, of Raleigh, joint architects, who drew the plans from which the bids were made. The contract calls for the erection of two dormitories, one for girls and one for boys, and a central building to contain the dining room, kitchen and nurses quarters. The three buildings will be

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