

To Judge a Man's Character, First Find the Food Upon Which His Brain Feeds—Good Reading Makes Good Men



WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

That to Address New League.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—The seventh annual convention of the Navy League of the United States began today with a pilgrimage of the delegates to the tomb of Washington at Mount Vernon. Later in the day the delegates returned to the city for the annual dinner, which had Secretary of the Navy Meyer, Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, Rear Admiral Wainwright, former Speaker Cannon and a number of other notables scheduled among the speakers and guests. President Taft has accepted an invitation to address the convention at a public meeting tomorrow in Memorial Continental Hall.

AN AFTERNOON AND EVENING WITH MCENTEE IN SHAKESPEARE

The McEntee-Everson Company, which presents the Merchant of Venice and Hamlet at the School Auditorium on Tuesday, Feb. 27, is an organization of national reputation, and it behooves the local theatre-going public to give this event careful attention. It is only too well known that inferior Shakespearean companies, headed by a variegated (not a synonym for variegated) advance representative, who tricks the public into believing his attraction is a first class one are common. The life of such represented organizations is unfortunately very short. "You can fool all of the people sometimes, etc., is one of the truest sayings ever uttered."

The McEntee-Everson Company fills the position once occupied by the Ben Greet Players. Mr. McEntee was general manager for Mr. Greet over some the latter's first visit to America. Mr. Greet temporarily retired from the field, and this fact allowed Mr. McEntee to enlist the services of most of the members of the old organization, to which he has added the names of several artists of national prominence. Critical estimation pronounced this year's company the strongest classic organization on tour. A community of this size seldom has an opportunity of seeing an organization of this class. This event should not be overlooked. To miss it will be a matter of regret.

The Merchant of Venice at 3:30 p. m. Hamlet at 8:30 p. m.
Seats on sale at Hardy's Drug Store. Prices—Matinee, 50c and 75c; Night, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

AT THE LYRIC

The Lyric Theatre Prize Drawing Tonight at 9:30 O'clock.

The many patrons of the Lyric will be interested to note tonight brings another week-end prize drawing at 9 o'clock. Those holding coupons should avail themselves of the opportunity of securing a month's pass free. Together with the prize drawing, the manager has secured extra feature pictures for the Thursday night drawings and you will note from the program that appears in the columns of the paper daily, has every indication of being a feature.

There is no reason why the Lyric should not be popular, as the photo-plays are certainly up to the standard of high class pictures and the manager makes every effort to secure extra features that are released.

According to the bookings the manager announces the bookings of "Gulliver's Travels" a great feature produced by the Kalem players, also the staging of "Dante's Inferno," in two reels, that was booked some time ago, but did not reach here. "A Victim of the Mummies" is another great feature that will be exhibited shortly. The above mentioned features are produced at an enormous expense and the exhibiting dates will be announced later.

Mary Knox, Hattie Knox and Doris Carter, colored, were taxed with the count in Judge Gilman's court yesterday for disorderly conduct.

'BLACK AND TAN' AND 'LILY WHITE' SOUTH CAROLINA

CHOOSE TWO AXES OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION. CAPT. CAPERS REFUSES NEGRO WING.

THREE OFFICE HOLDERS

ARE CHARGED WITH DISRUPTING THE TRANQUIL TENOR OF THE 'LILY WHITE' WHO ARE TAKING ORDERS FROM HITCHCOCK AND NOT FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.

Spartanburg, Feb. 21.—South Carolina will send two sets of delegates to the Republican National convention.

Capt. John G. Capers, Republican National Committeeman, in a letter made public today repudiated the "black and tan" wing of the party and urged the Republicans not to attend the State convention called for Feb. 29 by J. W. Tolbert, State Chairman. Capt. Capers says the "Lily White" section of the party, headed by Major L. W. C. Blalock, is the regular organization and will probably hold its convention some time in April.

The Tolbert faction, he says, "seems to be moved in its actions by the three officeholders. Postmaster Harris, United States Marshal Adams and District Attorney Cochran, who operate, no doubt, by orders directly from the Post Office Department in Washington not from the White House." He adds:

"The Blalock faction is called 'Lily White' because it protests against the party in the State being all black, and protests against worthy colored men being imposed upon and fooled by those who want office."

BRIEF NOTES OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

The wind seldom reaches a greater velocity than that which swept over this city last night. Houses creaked as if they would be uplifted from their foundations and those inclined to be timid slept but little.

The rain began falling before noon yesterday and kept up an incessant downpour, with considerable wind all the afternoon, clearing up about dark. It was one of the most disagreeable days of the winter.

Frank McEntee and Millicent Everson & Co. will present The Merchant of Venice at the auditorium on the afternoon of the 27th, and in the evening, Hamlet. See notice elsewhere.

Pearly Lloyd and Nat Dunn appeared on the blotter in the Recorder's court yesterday for discharging fire arms in the city, and were each fined \$3 and the cost of action.

In the Superior Court the case of Sulley vs. Washington & Vandemere Railroad company occupied all of yesterday and this forenoon.

New features in today's paper—Today's happenings today—How the country at large is celebrating the birthday of the Father of Our Country.

Central Kansas Teachers. Hutchinson, Kans., Feb. 23.—The members of the Central Kansas Teachers' Association gathered in this city today to take part in what promises to be one of the most profitable annual meetings in the history of the organization. The sessions will continue two days and will have as speakers Dr. Edward C. Elliott of the University of Wisconsin, Prof. E. L. Kellon of Kansas State Agricultural College, Prof. A. W. Tretton of the University of Kansas and a number of other educators of wide reputation.

Clarkburg, W. Va., Feb. 23.—The West Virginia College of the Son of Revolution held its annual meeting in this city today with an attendance of members from many parts of the state.

HAVE YOU THE ANGEL GERM THIS AFTERNOON?

Pittsburg Minister Has Discovered a Little of the "Angel Germ in Man."—Every Man Is Inoculated.

Pittsburg, Feb. 21.—Dr. John H. Willey, pastor of Christ Methodist Episcopal church, declared today he has discovered a little of the angel in man—in fact, that every man is inoculated with an angelic germ.

Referring to the results of his spiritual and scientific research, the divine gave his summary as follows: "Evolution from the germ, followed to a conclusion, shows an angel."

There is immortality. The Bible offers it under conditions and the best science is looking toward it as the culmination of its chiefest dreams. Evolution is one of the master words of the age, and evolution means more life. The original germ created by the Divine Thinker became man, then polyp, then through all the stages up to man. Each change was made by the constant upward pressure of life.

The wheels have started and perhaps they will not stop. The primordial germ has become a man. Let us keep our eye on the process, for by the same reasoning man becomes an angel."

HINGLETON NEWS

We have had a few days of spring weather this week, but today (Wednesday) looks as if another storm was approaching.

The farmers are very much behind in their work owing to so much bad weather lately, but most of them are preparing their tobacco beds. Seems as if a lot of the "golden weed" is going to be planted this year.

Mr. Farmer be sure you have prepared for plenty of "hog and hominy" before you plant much tobacco and cotton, so these swampy days you can sit back by a good old oak fire and wear a smile on your face.

Miss Zula Willard left today for Belhaven, to visit her cousin, Mrs. Louise Brooks. She will be absent about a week. Her many friends wish her a pleasant trip.

Little Lillian Willard has been out of school for the past week on account of being sick. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery to health.

Mrs. Doris Forrest and daughters, Lulu and Sadie, who have been visiting Mrs. S. L. Willard for the past week, left Wednesday to visit Mrs. Louise Brooks and will then go to Rocky Mount, to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Lilley returned home Monday from visiting their daughter, Mrs. Bob Jackson, of Belhaven. They report a most pleasant trip.

The many friends of Mrs. J. B. Willard are glad to know she has recovered so she can be out again.

Mrs. Ida Berry returned from Belhaven, Monday, where she has been the guest of Mrs. Bob Jackson.

Oscar Hodges, of Swansland, was in our midst Sunday afternoon.

Miss Myrtle Willard was the guest of Miss Lucie Woolard, last Tuesday night.

SIMMONS CLUB WILL BE ORGANIZED MONDAY EVE.

Democratic Voters Are Called Upon to Meet at City Hall—Over 200 Sign Petition for the Call.

On Monday night, Feb. 26, at 8 p. m., at the City Hall, there will be organized a F. M. Simmons Club. This call has been signed by over 200 of the Democratic voters of the city of Washington, and the purpose of the organization shall be "to use every honorable effort to return to the United States Senate the Hon. F. M. Simmons. The Democrats of the county have not forgotten the magnificent leadership of Senator Simmons in 1898-1900. His leadership turned darkness into light, and forever swept away the possibility of negro domination in North Carolina."

Every Democrat who feels an interest in the welfare of the state, should attend this meeting and join the club. Good music and good speaking will be the features. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The telegraph lines of the West are out of commission due to the storm of yesterday. Points north of Baltimore are also out of commission. Local points as Richmond, Norfolk and Charlotte are open.

BIG FIRE SWEEPS MANY BLOCKS IN HOUSTON TEXAS

EATS ITS WAY ACROSS THE TOWN, FANNED BY A 25-MILE AN HOUR WIND—LOSS MAY REACH TEN MILLION DOLLARS.

THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS

THE UNDERWRITERS REFUSE TO MAKE POSITIVE STATEMENTS REGARDING LOSS—AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE SQUARES IN THE RESIDENCE SECTION ARE BURNED.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 21.—Fire broke out at 12:30 this morning in a wooden hotel building, and swept by a wind blowing thirty-five miles an hour, ate its way across town, covering an area of seven blocks wide. The loss may reach ten million dollars. Among the mills, factories and plants, either totally destroyed or seriously damaged, are: McPadden Southern Compress and Warehouse Company; Dew Brothers Syrup Mill; Houston and Liggett Lumber Company; Robert Paint Company; Magnolia Compress; Hudson's Pencil Factory; Houston Packing Company; Ed. H. Harrell Lumber Yard; Standard Compress; Cooperative Manufacturing Company; Acme Mill; St. Patrick's Catholic Church; Catholic school.

At least twenty-five squares in the residence district were burned. No casualties have been reported. Thousands are homeless. The weather is cool. Underwriters refuse to make positive statement regarding the loss. Most part burned homes were not of great value as the flames swept through a district comprising the best of the city.

SOCIETY IN AURORA

"Hearts and Diamonds" Captivate Audience—Miss Lottie Bonner Entertaining—Le Livre Club Met With Mrs. Litchfield.

Aurora, Feb. 23.—Friday evening a play entitled "Hearts and Diamonds," was given for the benefit of the Episcopal church. Mrs. L. T. Thompson was the efficient manager and it was one of the best plays ever given in Aurora. J. Hooker as a back-woodsman, was as good as is usually seen in the best plays in our cities. The play was taken to Small on Tuesday night. Quite a nice sum was realized for the worthy cause.

Tuesday afternoon Miss Lottie Bonner entertained the Larkin Club. Mrs. R. T. Bonner won the prize in a contest in which the word "Larkin" was used to form other words. Mrs. Paul Sparrow won the booby. Delightful refreshments were served. Each guest was presented with a package of Larkin Sachet powder as a souvenir. The following members were present: Mesdames Midyette, McWilliams, Sparrow, Lane, Mayo, Stubbs, Griffin, Bonner and Mr. R. T. Bonner.

Tuesday evening the Le Livre club met with Mrs. J. M. Litchfield. Dickens' life was read by Mrs. D. M. Dough. Miss Lottie Bonner gave a most interesting talk on Dickens. After the literary program was completed a contest of the presidents was engaged in. Mrs. W. A. Thompson and Miss Lottie Bonner tied for the first prize and Miss Lottie Bonner won after drawing. Mrs. C. H. Robinson was presented with the booby. Delightful refreshments were then served.

First Methodist Church.

The mid-week services at the First Methodist church were largely attended last night. The lecture on the Sermon on the Mount is being continued and is arousing much interest, being manifested by the increased attendance.

After the lecture the choir held its regular rehearsal for Sunday services. The cottage prayer meeting in Nicholsonville will be held at the home of Mr. Thomas Alligood tomorrow night.

The many friends of Miss Jennie Hammond will learn with regret of her illness, at her home in East Second street.

W. C. T. U. NOT MOVING TO PROCURE EVIDENCE

Report That They Were Inaugurating a Wholesale Testification Campaign is Disclaimed.

It has been currently rumored upon the streets of Washington for the past ten days that a campaign was being waged whereby nearly every business and professional man in the city would be brought before the Recorder to testify as to whether or not they had purchased any whiskey in the city within the past year. Some of them have already begun to grow nervous. We are in receipt of a communication this morning which explains itself.

To the Editor:—We understand that a report is current in the city to the effect that the W. C. T. U. has undertaken a movement looking to the enforcement of the prohibition laws, whereby a large number of the citizens of the city are to be taken before the court under ad testificandum papers to testify as to their knowledge concerning the illegal sale of whiskey here.

We do not know from what source this report comes, but we wish to deny that this Union has inaugurated such a movement, or that we are in any way connected with the movement. Nor have we any knowledge that such a movement is to be undertaken.

Those who are familiar with the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union know that the objects of the Union is not to enforce the prohibition law by acting as detectives, or by taking any steps, or inaugurating any movement which will tend directly to the prosecution of any person or set of persons.

The courts of the state are made for that purpose; the officers of the law are selected for that purpose.

Our chief aim and ambition is to stamp out the use of intoxicating drink by educating the people, by agitating the question and by showing the damaging results that are sure to follow the use of whiskey. When the people generally realize the effects of whiskey drinking, its consumption, in a great degree, will decrease. To that end we are bending our efforts.

And right now we desire to congratulate the officials of the city upon their excellent prosecution of the whiskey seller. We are fully conscious of the fact that not one-third of the whiskey is sold here that was sold here six months ago. We believe they are pursuing the proper tactics and should be left to their efforts, which have proved so fruitful of late.

We make this explanation, Mr. Editor, to correct the erroneous impression that has somehow gotten abroad.

W. C. T. U.

MILLIONAIRE FOR DAY CALLS ON PRESIDENT

Letter Gave Him \$40 for His Campaign Fund—In Going to Put Luzerne County on Map and Do Things.

Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 21.—John J. McDewitt, "millionaire for a day," returned today from a visit to Washington and announced:

"I had a chat with the President, and he favors me very much. He gave me \$40 for my campaign. Sherman don't appear to take kindly to the matter and refused to loosen up." McDewitt has been in Washington several days. He had no special business except "to call on the President."

"Washington looks good to me," said "Butch," as he is called here, "and I will accept the proffered gift of Congress. I will now proceed to make Luzerne a part of the nation by doing unthought-of things."

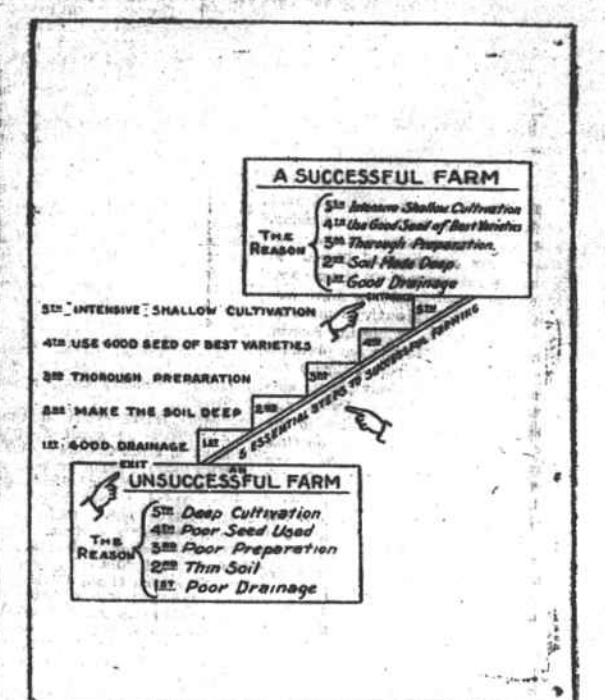
"Butch" has a novel way of advertising himself. While in the capital he secured several blank names such as members of Congress give their friends. These he has filled in with the names of friends and has signed them in the bold, free hand of John Jay McDewitt, M. C. from the Eleventh Congressional District.

The Holiday in Washington.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—The national capital kept the customary holiday today in celebration of the George Washington. Meetings of patriotic societies were held in commemoration of the day, all of the executive departments of the Government were closed, while the members of Congress assembled in the senate chamber to listen to the reading of Washington's "farewell address" by Senator Kern of Indiana.

USE GOOD SEED OF BEST VARIETIES TO ACCOMPLISH BEST RESULTS

Mr. Latham Follows up Preceding Articles With the Fourth Step in Successful Farming



Use good seed of best varieties. All we have written aforetime in leading up to this, the fourth step in our succession of steps to successful farming. "For what profiteth it a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" What profit would it be to a farmer to do all we have written in this series of articles relative to good drainage, making the soil deep, and thorough preparation, if he should then use poor seed.

What we mean by good seed is seed from good plants. "For whatsoever a man soweth, that also shall he reap." This is as true in the vegetable kingdom as it is in the carnal or spiritual kingdom. Therefore we should be very careful about the quality of seed we plant. They should always be carefully selected and stored in a dry, well ventilated place. And the proper thing to do to get good seed is to watch the growth and development of the individual plants you like best and then at about the time of maturity and before the crop is harvested go in the field and select them out from the others and save your seed from these, and if we use good judgment and are careful in our selection, we can by this method get good seed, provided, however, that we are selecting from a good type or variety. Field selection is the only way to get the best seed. Now some farmer will ask what variety of corn or cotton seed ought he to plant. The answer to that question is, "the variety you like best."

Some farmers in selecting seed corn fix in their minds the picture of a large, well developed, deep grain, small cob, single ear variety, and work to obtain it. Others like a double earred variety, while there are still others who want a still more prolific type and work for from two to seven or eight ears per stalk.

So the best advice we are able to give is that each farmer should grow the variety of corn he likes best and result in as much profit as careful field seed selection. The average farmer can, in a very short time, select seed for his own farm. Now if any farmer can not go into his field and select the seed for the entire farm the first year, then select enough to plant a seed patch separate and apart from the general field crop. Give the seed patch good attention and you can grow good seed for yourself and some for your neighbors.

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The banks of the city are observing Washington's birthday, today. Likewise the post office and public library.

WEATHER REPORT

Due either to the condition of the wires after last night's storm, or the celebration of Washington's birthday, no weather report has been received here today.