

FAIR TONIGHT AND THURSDAY. LIGHT FROST TONIGHT. WARMER IN WEST PORTION

BIG THINGS IN DEVELOPMENT WORK INDICATIVE OF INCREASING ACTIVITY IN THE SOUTH

Throughout the South, in nearly every line of industry and in almost every phase of material activity, there are signs of improvement. Indications all point to a marked revival in general business activity, and especially in construction work of all kinds. This is noticeable in great building operations, in the plans that are being made by railroads for increasing their facilities by double-tracking portions of their line where traffic is the heaviest, and in the extension of roads into new mineral and timber sections.

Leading engineers of Chicago and banking houses of the East are uniting in an enterprise for the purchase of a number of street-railway companies in Tennessee in connection with the utilization of great hydro-electric power plants to be developed at various points in that State. Around Macon, Ga., very large hydro electric operations are under way, while in North and South Carolina, which for a long time took the lead in hydro-electric work, companies long established are extending their operations while new financing has made it possible within the last few months to take up and carry forward the work at a number of points, the completion of which had been delayed since the panic of 1907.

In the cotton-goods trade so long depressed, there are signs of decided improvement both in the demand for and in prices, which, like the iron trade, has for the last two or three years been having a hard row to hoe now seems to be on the up grade.

These are but a few of the indications which are in evidence in every direction of better times. With its great cotton crop of over 15,000,000 bales, which even at the lower prices that have prevailed ought to be worth to the growers \$1,000,000,000 this year; with increasing diversified agriculture with an output of all agricultural products in the South exceeding by \$700,000,000 the value of all farm crops of the United States in 1890, with a steady trend of population and of money from the West and the North to the South, the outlook for the selection is optimistic in the extreme.

For the last 25 years the South has been at work accumulating experience and capital and educating the outside world as to the wealth of its resources, and now it is beginning to see the effects of this cumulative work. All of the material activities under way and projected, all of the increasing interest throughout this and other countries about the possibilities of the South, are the outcome of the years of toil through which the South has been passing in the last quarter of a century. If this growth were due to any sudden activity or any of the hurrah plans of recent years, it might be feared that it would prove to be of a mushroom character without solid foundation that has been laid during the last 25 or 30 years, firm and solid, and now the South is ready for the rearing of the great structure of material upbuilding and prosperity.

SUCCESSOR OF SENATOR FRYE



Obadiah Gardner is the United States senator from Maine who is filling out the unexpired term of the late Senator Frye.

NEW DESTROYER BOAT HENLEY LAUNCHED TO-DAY

FIRST FITTED WITH BOTH TURBINE AND RECIPROCATING ENGINES — CONTRACT SPEED IS 29 KNOTS

Quincy, Mass., April 3.—The destroyer Henley, representing a type of torpedo-boat destroyer new to the American Navy, was successfully launched today at the yard of the Fore River Shipbuilding Company. The Henley will be the first of the destroyers fitted with both turbine and reciprocating engines. The reciprocating engines will be used for cruising at from ten to sixteen knots speed. When the vessel is to be run at a higher rate of speed the reciprocating engines will be cut out and the turbines operated. The contract speed of the Henley is set at twenty-nine knots an hour, but it is expected that she will be able to make at least thirty-one knots.

The Henley is named to commemorate the deeds of two brothers, John Dandridge Henley and Robert Henley. They were nephews of Martha Washington and both were distinguished officers in the early days of the American navy. John Henley commanded the Carolina, the vessel which so aided Andrew Jackson at New Orleans in breaking the force of the advance of the British army. Robert Henley served in the navy during the war of 1812 and particularly distinguished himself at the battle of Lake Champlain.

CONFERENCE FOR EDUCATION IN SOUTH OPENS TO-DAY.

IS THE FIFTEENTH SESSION—EDUCATORS, STATESMEN, EDITORS, LAWYERS, PREACHERS AND FARMERS REPRESENTED

Nashville, Tenn., April 3.—The fifteenth conference for education in the South opened its three-day session here today with a record-breaking attendance of leading educators, statesmen, editors, lawyers, physicians, preachers, farmers, merchant manufacturers and public-spirited and thoughtful men and women of all professions and from all walks of life. These conferences, of which, for more than ten years, Robert C. Ogden, the great New York philanthropist, has been the presiding officer, are among the most important gatherings for the promotion of education in general and of education in the South in particular. No other has had so large an influence on the educational development of the South. No phase of the educational, economic and civic life of the Southern States has failed to be helped by these conferences, the influence of which has even been felt in the remotest sections of the North, East and West.

The program of the conference is comprehensive and the subjects to be considered and discussed embrace practically every phase and problem of an educational, economic or civic nature of importance to the development of the South. The various subjects will be considered not alone in the general conference, but at special conferences for which round-table discussions have been arranged. The list of speakers contains the names of many noted men, among them: Hon. Ben W. Hooper, Governor of Tennessee; Right Rev. Thomas E. Gallor, bishop of Tennessee; Dr. St. Clair McKelway, editor of the Brooklyn Eagle; D. R. Walter L. Page, editor of the World's Work; Dr. Charles W. Dabney, president of the University of Cincinnati; Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia; Count J. H. von Bernstorff, German ambassador to the United States; Jonkheer J. Loudon, Minister from the Netherlands to Washington, and other prominent men.

In connection with this conference several other important organizations, such as the Association of Southern State Superintendents of Education, the Association of Rural School Inspectors, Superintendents of City and Country Schools, the Association of Southern College Women and a number of others will hold the meetings here during the three days of the gathering.

FARMERS LEAVE FOR VICTORIA TO INSPECT LANDS.

ARE MOSTLY FROM CALIFORNIA AND OTHER STATES ON THE PACIFIC COAST—SAILED TODAY FOR AUSTRALIA

San Francisco, Calif., April 3.—About two hundred farmers, mostly from California and other states on the Pacific coast, sailed from this port today on the steamship Tahiti for Australia, to make a thorough inspection of the available irrigated lands of Victoria. The excursionists are in charge of Mr. William C. Mach, a member of the Irrigation commission of Victoria, who came to the United States a few months ago, to promote the trade relations between Victoria, the United States and Canada and to introduce competent agriculturists to settle upon the reclaimed and irrigated lands of Victoria. According to his statement there are in Victoria about 1,000,000 acres of land which can be reclaimed for agricultural purposes and of these 150,000 acres are already under irrigation. The climatic conditions are almost the same as those of lower California and the land is said to be especially well suited for the raising of fruit and vegetable and for dairying.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHOCOWINITY CLOSES

The Chocowinity Graded School closed yesterday. At 11 A. M., Mr. G. F. Hill, the principal, submitted a report showing the work done during the school term and also the methods by which great progress has been made. The report was received with pleasure by all present.

The addresses of the day were made by Mr. E. A. Daniel of Washington and Professor H. E. Austin of East Carolina Training School Greenville. Mr. Daniel spoke along the lines of general education, which showed that he was alive to the educational wave now sweeping over the rural districts. His speech was one of the best heard in this section.

Professor Austin's address was devoted principally to hygienic and sanitary principles as relating to the rural districts. His address was exceedingly interesting and instructive and no doubt will make it easier for the next teachers of Chocowinity to teach the studies upon which he spoke. His speech showed preparation. At night the closing exercises proper took place. The program was an interesting one from start to finish showing a great deal of care and originality. The program was rendered by the pupils in an excellent manner. The students deserve a great deal of credit for the program they rendered. The principal of the school Mr. G. F. Hill and his assistant Miss Lucy Peterson, have done a good year's work, the school has advanced along all lines and the patrons are appreciative of their efforts. They have been the means of accomplishing much good in Chocowinity educationally.

GRADUATING CLASS NUMBERS THIRTEEN

The graduating class for the year 1912 of the Washington Public School numbers thirteen, eight boys and five girls. The graduating exercises will take place on the evening of May 3 and 10. As yet who will deliver the annual address to the class has not been announced.

PRAYER MEETING
There will be Prayer-meeting services in the different churches of the city this evening at 8 o'clock. The general public is cordially invited to be present. At the First Baptist Church Mr. P. Q. Bryan will lead the services.

A man ceases to be a good husband when he begins to feel sorry for himself.

WASHINGTON POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS SHOW INCREASE

The Washington Postoffice receipts for sale of stamps for the quarter ending March 31, 1912 were \$4,835.12. For the quarter ending the same time last year the receipts were \$3,900.01. Increase \$435.14 over last year.

The sale of stamps for the entire year ending March 31, 1912 aggregated \$10,105.90 and for the previous year the sales amounted to \$15,282.84. The increase over the previous year was \$823.06.

ADDITIONAL PRIZES GIVEN IN CORN CONTEST

Mr. I. O. Schaub, Special Agent in Extension, United States Department of Agriculture with headquarters at West Raleigh, N. C., has sent out the following letter to the members of the Corn Club throughout the State. The letter is published below and explains itself:

I wrote you before that we should have additional prizes and I am now glad to announce two additional prizes in each district under the same rules as the first list I sent you. These new prizes are two free trips, in each district, to the National Corn Show which will be held in Columbia, S. C., in Jan. 1913.

The Southern Fertilizer Association has appropriated \$500 for this purpose. The boys who win these prizes will each get \$25 to cover all expenses for the trip. No boy will get the money, however, unless he takes the trip.

We expect five hundred prize-winning boys from all the Southern States to be at the Corn Show. Cots will be furnished and all the boys will stay in one building. The main feature of the trip will be a judging school. Two or three hours each day will be spent in judging corn, grains and live stock and in visiting the various exhibits of the exposition.

I believe these prizes the best offered in the State. The boys who will have a great time, see the finest corn grown in the United States during the year 1912 and will get special instructions in corn judging. Each of you should do all in your power to win one of these trips.

We now have seven prizes in each district in the state. The two boys making the best records will get \$25 each to pay his expenses to the National Corn Show while the next five will get cash prizes about which you have already received notice.

If you wish any further information please let me know.

LADIES DAY
Tomorrow will be ladies day at the Elks Home and all the ladies of the city are invited.

ASSISTANT LIST ASSESSORS ARE APPOINTED.

The following persons were appointed by the Board of County Commissioners yesterday as assistant assessors for the respective townships in Beaufort County for the year 1912 to-wit:

Pantego Township, R. D. Adams.
Bath Township, D. D. Harrison.
Belhaven, D. L. Windley.
Long Acre, M. H. Cutler.
Washington Township, W. M. Cooper.

City of Washington, W. B. Windley and J. H. Bonner.
Chocowinity Township, R. H. Gaskill.
Richland Township, W. I. Austin.

TWO CASES BEFORE THE RECORDER

Two cases were disposed of before Recorder W. D. Grimes this morning at the City Hall.

W. B. Bridgers who was indicted for retailing, was fined \$60 and cost making a total of \$72. He was required to give bond for his personal appearance before the court each month for the ensuing twelve months and show that he had not violated the law.

Singleton Wallace was indicted for allowing a vicious dog to run the streets. He was found guilty and sentenced to jail for 60 days. The defendant took an appeal to the Superior Court and gave bond in the sum of \$200.

MRS JAMES BASS DEAD

Mr. W. H. Lodge of this city received a letter yesterday announcing the critical illness of his sister Mrs. James Bass, who resides near Edenton. This morning Mr. Lodge was notified by telegram of her death. Mr. Lodge left on the morning train to attend the funeral. Mrs. Bass was well and favorably known in the city and county.

HERE FOR OPERATION

Mr. Harris of Hog Island is here for the purpose of having his son operated upon at the Washington Hospital.

OFFICE BEING PAINTED

The building occupied by Mr. Arthur Mayo, United States District Court deputy clerk, on Market Street, is being repainted. The property is owned by Mr. C. M. Brown.

MRS. D. PERRY FELL ON SLEEP YESTERDAY.

Mrs. Frances Williams Perry, wife of Mr. Daniel L. Perry, fell on sleep at her residence on Gladden Street yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock after a lingering illness due to pneumonia. The deceased was 32-years of age and the daughter of Mr. Benjamin R. Hodges and Mrs. Mary F. Hodges of Old Ford, N. C.

Mrs. Perry is survived by her husband and two children, aged respectively 9 and 3.

Twelve years ago she was happily married to Mr. Perry and has resided in this city since her marriage. She was a consistent member of the Christian Church being connected with the church at Old Ford. She was a woman in the truest sense of the word—ever ready to do and act for the cause of the right. In her home she was the loving wife and devoted mother. Her going has cast a pall of sadness over the community. Her friends were legion and none knew her but to love and admire her.

The remains were taken to the home of her parents near Old Ford today at noon and this afternoon at 3 o'clock the funeral was conducted by the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Rev. H. P. Dalton, of this city. The interment was in the family burying ground.

The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs J. E. Adams, J. P. Jackson, J. D. O'Neal, Clyde Harrison, Robert Clark.

MARRIAGE LICENCES ISSUED LAST WEEK

The Register of Deeds issued the following marriage licenses during the past week. As was the case week before, all licenses were to colored people:

Spencer Bordon to Adeline Brim-
mage.
Cornelius Perkins to Sylvia Clark.
Noah Jenkins to Rebecca Braddy.

CHOIR PRACTICE

The members of the M. E. Church choir are requested to meet at the church tonight for practice.

A woman is so used to pinning things that she can't understand why a man should make so much fuss about a missing button.

The American husband is lucky in one respect, at least. He doesn't have to buy hair for a beard.

SUPT. NEWBOLD PRAISES WORK

"A frog in a well knows not the wide ocean." The supreme benefit of travel lies in the priceless recollection which we bring back from our wanderings. As only the few are privileged to enjoy actual travel others might glean their information from books.

This is to certify that I have owned a set of Stoddard's Lectures for a number of years. I have found them to be most helpful and suggestive books—perhaps the best of their kind in print.

I am glad to recommend them to any one who is interested in history, travel or any allied subject. They are most valuable to children in school.

N. C. NEWBOLD,
Supt. of Schools.

ELDER P. D. GOLD.

Elder P. D. Gold, of Wilson, N. C., will preach at the Primitive Baptist Church, this city on next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Gold is one of the State's prominent divines and no doubt will be heard by a large congregation.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOT OF AMERICA

Special to the Daily News.

New York, April 3.—Some of the most noted amateur trap shooters of the country were on hand today for the seventh annual amateur championship of America at clay pigeons. The tournament is being held on the grounds of the New York Athletic Club at Travers Island. Today was given over to the preliminary events on the programme. The championship will take place tomorrow. There will be ten prizes awarded, the first being a diamond medal.

WOMEN FOR GOOD ROADS

Special to the Daily News.

Chicago, Ill., April 3.—Nearly one thousand delegates, representing women's clubs and other organizations throughout Illinois, were on hand today at the opening of what is believed to be the first convention of women ever held in America for the sole purpose of promoting the good roads movement. Miss Jane Adams, the noted settlement worker, presided over the initial session, which was held this afternoon at the Auditorium Hotel. The convention will continue over tomorrow.

DISTRICT MEETING OF ODD FELLOWS

The district meeting of Odd Fellows will meet at Robersonville tomorrow. There will be two sessions, morning and afternoon. The district embraces the counties of Washington, Hyde, Pitt and Beaufort and is composed of thirteen lodges.

Mr. W. S. Frizzle is the Grand Guardian and Supervisor of the district.

Mr. R. W. Harris, of Swan Quarter, is the president.

Mr. L. E. Pender, of Greenville, the secretary.

Mr. J. F. Thomas of this city is treasurer.

Quite a number of Odd Fellows from here expect to be present. A large attendance from all over the district is expected.

LODGE BUILDING

The lodge building being erected on Fourth Street and owned by William Leary when completed will be the largest structure of the kind in the city owned by a colored man.

FOR TREATMENT

Mr. C. G. Keeley, of Norfolk, Va., is a patient at the Washington Hos-

NEW ENTERPRISE FOR WASHINGTON

Washington is to have another manufacturing enterprise. Letters of incorporation have just been issued to the Pamlico Coopers Company. The authorized capital stock is \$25,000 and the paid in stock is \$15,000. The company will manufacture staves and headings. The plant will be located where the Moore Lumber Company now is on East Main Street.

Captain George T. Leach is president and John G. Gorham is secretary and treasurer.

NICE BANANAS, ORANGES, APPLES, LEMONS AND CANDIES

J. E. Adams.
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MAYOR C. H. HARDING SPEAKER THIS EVENING

Nightly services are being held this week in St. Peter's Episcopal Church this city in commemoration of the World-wide week of prayer. Tonight at 8 o'clock Mayor C. H. Harding will be the speaker and his subject will be "Seeking the Lost." The services are short but over 45 minutes. Rev. J. E. Adams will officiate in the presence of a large congregation.

INLAND EMPIRE TEACHERS

Spokane, Wash., April 3.—Spokane today welcomed a small army of educators, who gathered from all parts of Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho to take part in the fourteenth annual meeting of the Inland Empire Teachers Association. Today was given over to the reception of the visitors and several preliminary conferences. The general sessions of the convention will begin tomorrow morning and continue until Saturday.

The distinguishing feature of the programme this year is the large number of noted educators who will deliver addresses. Among them will be President G. Stanley Hall of Clark University; Dr. A. E. Winship of Boston; President C. A. Dunaway of the University of Montana, President E. A. Bryan, of Washington State College; Prof. E. J. Iddings of the University of Idaho, Arthur H. Chamberlain, of Los Angeles, and Grace M. Shepard, State Superintendent of public education of Idaho.

HERE FOR TREATMENT
Mr. James Smith, of Sheldonia, is at the Washington Hospital for