

FAIR TONIGHT AND THURSDAY. LIGHT VARIABLE WINDS.

THE ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT OF THE WASHINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SERMON WILL BE PREACHED SUNDAY, 5TH

Will be Delivered by Rev. C. F. Smith of Elizabeth City in Auditorium.

CLOSING EXERCISES THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Literary Address by Hon. Bradford Knapp, Washington, D. C. Graduating Class Numbers Thirteen.

The commencement exercises at the Public Schools this year will occur as follows:

The annual sermon will be delivered by Rev. Claudius F. Smith of Elizabeth City in the auditorium Sunday afternoon, May 5th, at 4:00. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the High School Chorus under the direction of the music teacher, Miss Ruby G. Feany.

Exercises by the graduating class will occur on the evening of Thursday, May 9th, at 8:30. These exercises will consist of music, reading of the Class Will, Class Prophecy Class History, and the essay which will win the Small History medal.

The literary address will be delivered by Hon. Bradford Knapp, of Washington, D. C., on the evening of Friday, May 10th, at 8:30. In addition to this address there will be the delivering of medals and prizes won by the graduates, brief report of the year's work, and the awarding of certificates and diplomas to the graduates by the Chairman of the School Board, Hon. John H. Small.

All our people are cordially invited to attend all of these exercises. As has already been announced by the members of the Daughters of the Confederacy, Memorial Day exercises will be held in the school auditorium Friday, May 10, at the hour to be named by them. Mr. R. D. W. Connor, Sec. of the State Historical Commission, is to deliver the Memorial Day address. In a measure we may be able to consider this a part of our closing exercises since it occurs on the same day, and we are glad to have these exercises in our auditorium at that time.

MOVING TODAY.

Mr. K. John is today moving his store to the Brown building on Main street, formerly occupied by the Palace Barber Shop.

MAJOR HARDING DIED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Major Henry Harding, brother of Rev. Nathaniel Harding, of this city, passed away at his home in Greenville, N. C., yesterday afternoon. Death came as he was sitting in his chair.

The news of his death will be received by his numerous friends throughout Beaufort County with regret. He was about seventy-seven years of age and for years resided in this county at Aurora, N. C., where he married. Major Harding has occupied positions of trust and honor both in Beaufort and Pitt Counties and was always faithful and true to every trust. During the Civil War he was brave and fearless. He loved the cause for which he fought. The deceased leaves a widow and several children to mourn his loss among whom is Mrs. Hannis Latham of this city.

The funeral is to take place from the Episcopal church in Greenville this afternoon.

FOR SATURDAY WE WILL HAVE a large lot of our own made candy which will be sold that day only at 7 cents per pound off on every kind. Don't forget the fresh, new vegetables and fruits. Fresh milk and cream. Read this ad and then tell your neighbors of the bargain we offer. Washington Fruit Store.

Presbyterian Church Scene Of Wedding

Amid a shower and profusion of snowballs, dogwood, evergreens and spring roses Miss Martha Olivia Hodges became the bride of Mr. William Rice Percival, of Petersburg, Virginia, this morning at 10:40 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church.

The marriage of this popular young couple had been anticipated by a large number of friends and acquaintances for weeks and in consequence the historic edifice was filled to its utmost to witness its consummation. The ceremony although beautiful was conspicuous for its simplicity and no couple ever entered upon life's journey under more auspicious and favorable circumstances. If well wishes in an omen of happiness their cup of joy is already full to overflowing.

Before the bridal party was announced an enjoyable musical program was rendered by the organist, Mrs. R. A. G. Barnes and the violinist Mr. R. A. G. Barnes.

Promptly at the appointed hour to the inspiring and familiar strains of Lohengrin the bridal party entered the church. The first to enter were the polite and attentive ushers Messrs G. B. Walton, C. H. Richardson of this city, Roulac McMullen, of Hertford, and Judson Blount, of Rocky Mount. They entered the right and left sides respectively. After taking their positions at the chancel they were followed by the bridesmaids, sisters of the bride, Misses Anna Claire Hodges and Myra Thigpen Hodges, who entered the right aisle. Up the left aisle wended the groomsmen, Mr. Arthur Scoggins, of Petersburg, Va., Mr. Ralph Hinton Hodges, of this city. The bridesmaids were comely attired in white lingerie gowns, white hats and gloves and carried bouquets of pink sweet peas.

All eyes were now centered on the main entrance to catch a glimpse of the popular bride. She entered the right aisle leaning on the arm of her Maid of Honor, Miss Clyde Stancill, of Hill, N. C. She never looked more attractive or charming. She wore a handsome traveling coat suit of Confederate blue cloth, blue hat and grey gloves and carried a shower bouquet of white sweet peas. Her Maid of Honor, who was attractively dressed in white lingerie, white hat and gloves and carried a bouquet of white sweet peas.

Arriving at the chancel the happy bride was met by the gallant groom and his best man and brother, Mr. James Percival, of Richmond, Virginia, who entered from the annex. Facing the pastor of the church, Rev. H. B. Searight and while the organ played softly the familiar strains of the Rosary, the solemn words making them one for time and eternity were pronounced.

To the familiar strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march and the merry peal of wedding bells the bride and groom left the church and took carriage for the Norfolk Southern station where they boarded the eleven o'clock train for a tour to Niagara Falls, Buffalo, cities in Canada, New York, Washington City and Baltimore.

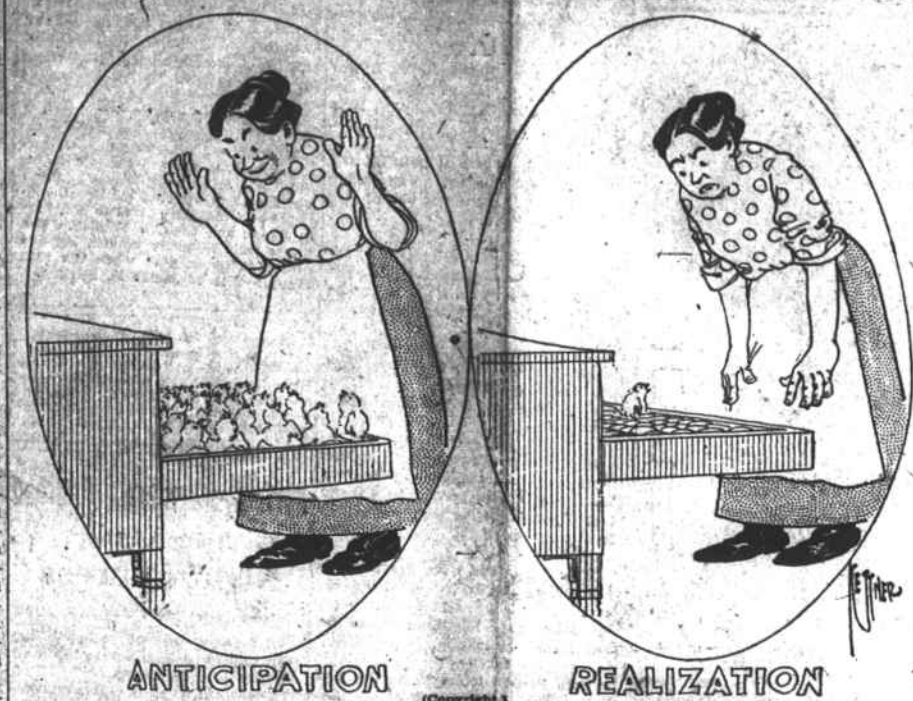
At the station a large number gathered to witness their departure and amid a shower of rice and old shoes the couple left for their honeymoon carrying with them best wishes from a host of friends for a long life of happiness.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse S. Hodges of this city. For years she has been the official stenographer for the firm of McKee-Richardson Hardware Co. She attended school at the State Normal College and from girlhood has always stood in the forefront among her friends. She is a woman of attractive personality. Her friends are legion. May her wedded life be ever one grand sweet song.

The groom is a native of Petersburg, Virginia. For the past seven years he has been the traveling representative of the Anderson-Lewis Gray Company. In this city he enjoys the esteem and confidence of a host of friends. His future in the business world is promising.

The guests of honor at the wedding were: Mrs. G. B. Walton, Miss Mary Tasker, Miss Mary Simmons Jones, Mrs. Ann Arora, Miss Pearl Campbell

LIFE'S DISAPPOINTMENTS



Sister of Fiancee Bride of Pastor Married. Friend of Slayer of Avis Linnell

Boston, April 24.—Miss Rose Edmonds, sister of Miss Violet Edmonds who was the fiancee of Clarence V. T. Richeson, and the Rev. George Herbert Holt, of Barre, Vt., were married yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Grant Edmonds, parents of the bride, No. 15, Devon road, Brookline.

Despite rumors that the engagement had been broken, the ceremony which united Miss Edmonds and Rev. Mr. Holt took place on the date planned. When Richeson was arrested last fall for the murder of Avis Linnell it was said the wedding plans of the younger sister were postponed together with the abandonment of the marriage of Miss Violet Edmonds to Richeson.

Miss Violet Edmonds attended the wedding, which took place at noon, according to friends by the Rev. Maurice A. Levy of the First Baptist Church of Newton Centre who was to have married Miss Violet Edmonds to Richeson.

No announcement of the wedding was made by the Edmonds family and all plans were surrounded with secrecy. The fight to save Richeson from the electric chair will begin Tuesday, when John L. Lee, of Richeson's counsel is to reach here from Lynchburg, Va. He and William A. Morse of Boston will prepare for the hearing on the petition for commutation of sentence which the Governor is to be asked to grant. The papers will be filed with Gov. Foss on Friday.

Miss Lillian Campbell, Mrs. Elizabeth Windley, Miss Maud Windley, Miss Helen Kugler, Miss Mary Louise Archbell, Miss Jennie Cox, Miss Annie Cox, Miss Adeline Mayo, Miss Ellen Parker, of this city; Miss Christine Stancill, Hill, N. C.; Miss Allie G. Little, Fermoyle, N. C.; Miss Mary McMullen, Hertford, N. C.

Out of town guests were: Mr. James Rollings Percival, father of the groom; Miss Pattie Percival, Mr. Arthur Scoggins, of Petersburg, Va.; Mr. James H. Percival and wife Richmond Va.; Mr. Roulac McMullen, Miss Mary McMullen, Hertford, N. C.; Mr. Judson Blount, of Rocky Mount; Messrs Leslie Thigpen and Cullen Cobb, of Conetoe; Miss Christine Stancill, Miss Clyde Stancill, Mrs. W. J. Hodges, and son, Mrs. F. K. Hodges of Williamsport, N. C.

Last evening at the home of the bride's parents on Market Street a reception was tendered the bridal party from nine to ten-thirty o'clock. The couple were the recipients of a large number of useful and handsome presents from all parts of North Carolina and Virginia. Among the gifts was a handsome brooch which was the only ornament worn by the bride. The many remembrances of friends here and elsewhere test the high esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Percival are held.

After their bridal tour they will be at home in Richmond after May 5. The Daily News joins in congratulations and best wishes.

EXCITEMENT CAUSED BY EXPLOSION

Considerable excitement was created in the city last night between 11 and 1 o'clock occasioned by a terrific noise or explosion, the nature of which at the hour of going to press has not been ascertained. Quite a number of the citizens heard the explosion but none have been able to account for it. The Daily News has endeavored to ascertain the cause but so far has been unsuccessful.

The report startled those awake and awoke those who were fast in the arms of Morpheus. One citizen stated that he was sitting in his room smoking when the report was heard and that he at once went on the street thinking some manufacturing plant had been demolished. Another citizen was aroused from slumber and so great was his anxiety that he dressed himself and went down town to Main Street. The report seemed to come from Pamlico River. One citizen advanced the theory that possibly some fishermen were using dynamite in order to catch fish. The report is the talk of the city today but as yet no one has been able to account for it.

MUCH INTEREST IS SHOWN IN MEETING

The series of meetings now in progress at the First Baptist Church are increasing in interest and attendance all the while. Last night a large congregation was present and heard one of the best sermons of the series delivered by the pastor, Rev. H. P. Dalton. The outcome of the meeting is destined to accomplish much good. Mr. Dalton is doing a fine work in Washington and he is being heard gladly not only by his parishioners but the members of other churches. There will be services again this evening at 7:45 o'clock to which the general public is cordially invited.

OFFICES MOVED

Drs. S. T. and Jack Nicholson have moved their offices from the Hotel Nicholson building to the store formerly occupied by the late Dr. James M. Gallagher.

MRS. DUNCAN MARRIED YESTERDAY MORNING

Mrs. Fannie Duncan, of Beaufort, N. C., who at one time was a resident of this city, was happily married at her home in Beaufort yesterday morning at 8:40 o'clock to Mr. J. F. Duncan. The bride and groom passed through this city yesterday on the Norfolk Southern train bound for Northern cities on a bridal tour. Mrs. Duncan is a sister of Mrs. A. S. Falford of this city and her many friends wish her every happiness.

You can sometimes do a friend a favor by refusing to give him advice.

White Star Line May Be Liable

Element of Gross Negligence is Basis Lawyers See For Damages

New York, April 24.—Admiralty lawyers in this city believe the courts would be likely to uphold claims against the owners of the Titanic for loss of life and property.

In ordinary circumstances claimants for damages would have to prove that the vessel was unseaworthy when she left the last port and that the owners had not exercised due care in the selection of officers. If they cannot prove this they must be content with what money could be obtained from the sale of the damaged vessel after the accident. In the case of the Titanic only a few life boats remain.

It would be difficult to prove under English laws that the floating palace was unseaworthy, because those statutes are very favorable to ship owners. If, however, gross negligence, such as running at full speed through dangerous ice fields, could be proven there is a prospect of obtaining damages from the company without reference to the shattered bulk of the Titanic.

The International Merchant Marine is incorporated in the State of New Jersey. It has many American stockholders. J. Pierpont Morgan and other American financiers are interested in its affairs. It is the holding company which controls the White Star and other ocean steamship lines. The Titanic, however, was under the British flag and her lifeboat equipment, which served to save only one-third of those on board was sufficient to meet the requirements of the English laws.

MR. THOS. CLARK ABLE TO BE OUT AGAIN

The numerous friends of Mr. Thos. Clark, manager of the Jas. E. Clark Company's dry goods establishment are glad to know that he has recovered sufficiently from his recent illness to visit his store. Notwithstanding his contracted illness Mr. Clark is looking extremely well and bids fair to fully recover. He has been confined to his residence on East Main street for several weeks. He is one of the city's popular and highly esteemed young business men and counts his friends by the score. It is a source of pleasure to see him on the streets again.

MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Frank Moss is making improvements at his residence corner of VanNorden and Second streets.

SMALL FIRE

An alarm of fire was turned in at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon and proved to be a residence on Washington and Third streets. It was extinguished before the Fire Department reached the scene. Very little damage was done.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EXHIBIT THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AT THE SCHOOL BUILDING.

Segregation In New Jersey Tuberculosis

What is designated by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, in a statement issued today, as the most advanced legislation in the campaign against tuberculosis that has been enacted by any state in the United States, is found in a bill just passed by the New Jersey Legislature and signed by Governor Wilson.

The new law provides that tuberculosis patients who refuse to obey the regulations laid down by the State Board of Health concerning the prevention of their disease, and thus become a menace to health of those with whom they associate, shall be compulsory segregated by order of the courts, in institutions provided for this purpose. If such a patient refuses to obey the rules and regulations of the institution in which he is placed, he may be isolated or separated from other persons and restrained from leaving the institution. The law further provides that all counties in the State of New Jersey shall within six months from April 1st, make provisions in special institutions for the care of all persons having tuberculosis in these counties. The state treasury will subsidize each county to the extent of \$3.00 a week for each person maintained in these institutions except those who are able to pay for the maintenance.

Commenting on this legislation the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis says, that this is the most advanced legislation of its kind that has ever been enacted in this country by any state legislature. The only other statute which provides for compulsory segregation of dangerous cases of tuberculosis, is Maryland. The only city in the United States which has adopted a special ordinance providing for compulsory removal of dangerous tuberculosis cases, is San Francisco. A few other cities, such as New York, exercise this power under certain provisions of their sanitary ordinance on the subject.

The National Association declares that a consumptive who exercises sufficient precautions in the disposal of his sputum need not be a menace to anyone. The association goes further, however, in saying that when a consumptive refuses to adopt the proper method necessary to prevent the spread of his disease, he should be forcibly isolated and segregated in a special hospital provided for that purpose.

MISSOURI PRIMARIES TAKES PLACE THURSDAY

Special to the Daily News.

St. Louis, Mo., April 24.—With both Roosevelt and Taft leaders claiming control there is every indication of an interesting session when the Republican State Convention is held here tomorrow to name Missouri delegates-at-large to the Republican National Convention. The Roosevelt managers claim 713 and concede 433 to Taft. The Taft managers claim 707 votes and concede 444 to Roosevelt. In both these estimates are included the contested delegates and the uninstructed delegates of which latter there are a considerable number. A month ago the Taft forces believed they would have 247 delegates in the convention, made it apparent that Roosevelt had at least an equal chance of winning out. Today the Roosevelt people are brimful of confidence. So close appears the contest that many party leaders predict that the convention will send the delegates-at-large to Chicago without instructions for any presidential candidate.

PRAYER MEETING TONIGHT

There will be prayer meeting services in all the different churches of the city this evening at the usual hour, eight o'clock, to which the general public has a cordial invitation.

EACH GRADE WILL SHOW EXHIBITS

Opportunity of The Citizens to See Actual Class Work Done in School

ALL ARE INVITED TO BE PRESENT

Brief Exercises in The Auditorium 9 A. M. and at 12 M.

The Washington Public Schools will hold their regular annual exhibit on Thursday and Friday of this week, April 25th and 26th. All exhibits by each grade will be shown in their own class rooms and will consist of various kinds of hand work.

On Thursday and Friday mornings at the opening exercises at 9:00 A. M., there will be brief exercises on these two days at 12:00 M., lasting about thirty minutes.

All the people of the city are cordially invited to visit the school on these two days especially, and it will not make any difference what time people come, though if you can be present at the opening exercises and go from the auditorium through various departments, you will be able to get a more comprehensive idea of the school as a whole, as well as see it in all its various departments.

Last year we had about 225 visitors on exhibit days. This year we are very anxious, if possible, to double this number, and we hope that all the patrons of the schools and all our citizens will avail themselves of the opportunity of paying us a visit some time on these two days.

In addition to seeing the exhibit work that the children have done, another object of these days is to furnish our people an opportunity to see the actual class work done in the school.

When visitors arrive they will be invited to register at the front door of the building fronting on second street, some students in the high school will show the visitors to the department in the school which they may wish to see, and teachers and classes will go on with their work as usual. Many people have the idea that should they visit the school they will be a source of embarrassment or hindrance. This is a mistake. The schools is open at all times to visitors, particularly on the exhibit days as mentioned above.

Again we extend a cordial invitation to everybody to come. All teachers, students, principal, and superintendent will be glad to answer any questions regarding exhibit over the phone or in person or otherwise.

RECORDERS COURT.

The following cases were disposed of before Recorder Grimes this morning at the City Hall:

Upon the complaint of Georgia Leary; Julia Kinsey was placed under a peace bond for a term of six months. Both of the parties are colored.

Lyman Barnes, colored, was charged with larceny. He was found guilty but judgment will not be pronounced until tomorrow.

CHOIR PRACTICE

All the members of the First Methodist Church choir are requested to meet at the church this evening at 8 o'clock for the usual practice.

LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE NEWS

- J. K. Hoyt.
- Lyric Theatre.
- Doans
- Washington Horse Exchange
- Bromalgine.
- Poetum Cereal Company.
- Southern Furniture Company.
- Votan Tea and Coffee.
- Draughton's Business College.