

Fair Tonight and Tomorrow--Cooler

## REV. MATTHEWS CHARMS PEOPLE BY HIS PREACHING

The mission which has been in progress at St. Peter's Episcopal church under the direction of Rev. J. R. Matthews since last Sunday, closed with the service last night.

Yesterday was a feast of good things at this church. In the morning the gifted speaker delivered a sermon of power and in the afternoon spoke to men only. The large auditorium was full of men eager to hear the gospel from such a worthy and gifted ambassador of Christ. They were not disappointed for they heard it in its simplicity and plainness. A space was called a space. The men present were told of their sins and words from the speaker were not lacking to express them. For over a half hour he told in a graphic way the story of Jonah and made the application to this day and time.

The singing of the male choir was one of the features. No service in Washington in years was more thoroughly enjoyed.

On last night Mr. Matthews discussed the life of Elijah and Elisha and from them presented a discourse that will long linger in the hearts of his hearers.

Mr. Matthews has done a wonderful amount of good in Washington and a warm welcome is ever his upon his return. He speaks the gospel and too, he lives it.

A generous offering was presented him by the congregation last night in appreciation of his services.

He took the city by storm. Not only is he a speaker of magnetism, but he presents his thoughts in such a way that the smallest child can readily digest. Mr. Matthews will never be forgotten.

## SIDNA ALLEN SAYS THAT HE WAS PRESENT

Wethersville, Va., Dec. 8.—Sidna Allen, on trial for his life, charged with the murder of William M. Foster when the Allen clan shot up Carroll county court house, Saturday was a witness in his own defense. He said his presence in the court room was due to the fact that he was under bond to appear as a witness and not to any conspiracy. He denied that he shot at Judge Massey or at Commonwealth's Attorney Foster, and after telling of his flight to Don Moore, where he was captured, he stated that it had been his intention to wait until the excitement over the shooting had died down and then to return and give himself up.

Ernest Dolan, a son of Judge C. W. Selva, who was the State's chief witness, testified that he saw Fred Allen and Wesley Edwards in a drug store after the verdict in the trial of Floyd Allen had been announced. This, the defense contends, shows that no conspiracy existed.

That Deputy Sheriff Frank Fowler stated after the shooting that Sheriff Webb fired twice at Floyd Allen, was the statement made by Fred Allen. Cameron Montgomery testified that he heard Deputy Clerk Quisenberry say he had been prepared for the shooting for nine months, while Walter Webb of Pulaski stated that he had drawn his revolver before the first shot was fired. This evidence is in support of the contention of the defense that the court officers had prepared for trouble with Allen and that they and not the Allens were responsible for the tragedy.

Only four more witnesses remain to be examined, and argument in the case is expected to begin today.

## YOUNG TONSORIAL ARTIST IS MAKING GOOD

One of the youngest tonsorial artists in the United States is John Angus MacLean, the 12-year-old son of David Pritch, colored. He is one of the most popular barbers in his father's shop and does work that is satisfactory to all who call.

## GOV. ELECT BLEASE HAS NO APOLOGY

Washington, Dec. 9.—Gov. Cole L. Blease, of South Carolina, whose remarks created stormy scenes at the Richmond conference, was among the first governors to arrive Saturday for a conference with President Taft. He took apartments at a downtown hotel, and spent part of the day sightseeing. To all interviewers who asked about his utterances at Richmond, he replied:

"I stand upon the official stenographic record of the case and I apologize to no man for one word I have said."

### ARMIES ENJOYED.

The services at the First Presbyterian church were well attended yesterday. Pastor Beahm, delivered services full of thought and hope.

## B. D. ROWE DELIVERS ADDRESS ON N. C. DAY

On Friday afternoon last the patrons and children of the Cayton school district were honored by having Mr. B. D. Rowe, of Smith, to speak to them. Mr. Rowe spoke in his ever easy, though forceful manner, about the great work of the late Charles B. Aycock. He also laid special stress on the responsibility that now confronts every school patron of this age, for, soon, he says, "That the leaders today will pass away from the stage of existence, and then the task of leadership will be devoted to the coming boys and girls, then their success will be marked in accordance with the preparation which they have received."

His speech throughout was full of earnestness for the patrons, urging them to heed the necessity of supporting the school, that the coming generation might be better able to meet the demands of citizenship.

## TO BEGIN SERIES OF U. N. C. LECTURES

Chapel Hill, Dec. 8.—The board of trustees of the University of North Carolina by recent action deemed it advisable to inaugurate a series of public lectures throughout the college year, these lectures to be delivered at periodic times by eminent speakers and thinkers of America. The first of this series of lectures was delivered in Gerrard Hall Thursday night by America's foremost poet, Edwin Markham, author of that celebrated poem, "The Man with the Hoe." The lecturer ranked Poe and Emerson as the most distinctly original geniuses that America has ever given to the world. Mr. Markham in drawing a contrast between poetry and science emphatically asserted that they both were on equal basis relative to their quest for the unhidden truth, and that poetry is truth and something more than the fanciful, the term popularly accorded to poetry.

Stephen B. Weeks, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and now a historian in the United States Bureau of Education, is the author of Bulletin No. 27 of the national education department, just issued. The topic for discussion in the "History of Public School Education in Arkansas." Of particular local interest to North Carolinians is the news that Mr. Weeks is at present engaged in writing a bibliography of North Carolina.

The William Simpson Pharmaceutical Society of the University received substantial encouragement in its endeavor to advance the profession of pharmacy in the State this week from Mrs. Charles McKinnon, of Raleigh, in the form of a cash prize.

Teams representing the University, A. & M. of Raleigh, Wake Forest and Trinity colleges will contest for honors in a cross-country run here next Saturday. The fastest individual sprinter will receive a prize of a solid gold medal. This contest will serve as a medium of cementing athletic relations between the various State colleges into a closer bond of friendship.

Present conditions in China and the opportunities before the Young Men's Christian Association and the church of the State will be the topic of discourse of Arthur Hugh, of New York City, in an address in the college chapel on the night of December 13.

Dr. L. B. Wilson, chairman of the

EAST TENNESSEE BUILDING, NATIONAL CONSERVATION EXPOSITION.  
Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. and Oct. 1912.  
This building is to be erected by the thirty-four counties of the Eastern Division of Tennessee, and will contain exhibits from each county of agricultural products, minerals, hardwoods, etc. This building will contain 30,000 feet of exhibit space, and the displays made therein will show the extent and variety of natural resources of one of the most favored regions of the Middle South.

## Sixteen Years' Service Reviewed By the Secretary of Agriculture

Washington, Dec. 9.—After 16 years, a record of service in the United States Department of Agriculture, Secretary of Agriculture William Wilson submitted Friday to President Taft the last annual report he will make as head of the United States department of agriculture. The report is more than a review of the past year's work; it contains summary of the agricultural advance of the country during the venerable secretary's term of public service.

"The record of 16 years has been written," he says. "It begins with a yearly farm production of \$4,000,000,000 and ends with \$9,532,000,000. Sixteen years ago, the farmer was a joke of the caricaturist; now he is like the stone that was rejected by the builders, and has become the head stone of the corner." The tillers of the soil were burdened with debts he adds, "but prosperity followed and grew with unexampled speed. Beginnings have been made in a production per acre increasing faster than the natural increase of population. There has been an up-lift of agriculture and of country life."

"During the past 16 years the farmer has steadily the wealth production year by year, with the exception of 1911. During the 16 years the farmers' wealth production increased 141 per cent."

"Most productive of all agricultural years in the country has been 1912. The earth has produced its greatest annual dividend. The sun and the rain and the fertility of the soil heeded not the human controversies, but kept on working in co-operation with the farmers' efforts to utilize them. The prices at the farm are generally profitable and will continue the prosperity that farmers have enjoyed in recent years. The total production of farm wealth is the highest yet reached by half a billion dollars. The grand total for 1912 is estimated to be \$9,532,000,000. This is more than twice the value of the farm wealth in 1896."

More than \$105,000,000,000 in the grand total of farm wealth production, the report says, during the past 16 years, an amount equal to about three quarters of the present national wealth.

### MERCURY DROPS.

The temperature took a decided drop during the night and in consequence pedestrians and citizens are enveloped in heavy wraps today. It is stated that there was a slight fall of snow between midnight and day which was followed by rain and a heavy wind.

### PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH.

There was services held at the Primitive Baptist church on North Market Street yesterday. The services were much enjoyed by all who attended.

### SAYS BAKER.

We are making some small pictures of some of our young folks for Christmas presents for their particular friends.

### BAKER'S STUDIO.

North Carolina Library Commission states that the campaign of State-wide scope now under way for the extension of traveling libraries to every rural district in North Carolina, in meeting with favorable recognition. Two educational forums, The Teachers' Assembly and the State Literary and Historical Society, have heartily endorsed the movement, and it is evident that the next body of lawmakers will take the legislative step in hand and push it to the forefront along with other progressive States.

### NATIONAL WEALTH.

The most effective move toward reduced cost of living is the production of greater crops, says the secretary, and this move, he declares, is due to the work of the department of agriculture, the agricultural colleges and experiment stations and to the help of the press in publishing every movement to help the farmers. The nation, he adds, forgot its farmers in the general schemes of education of past years and few philanthropists thought of them when giving for education, but they are waking up and Congress has been good to them.

The secretary first takes up the work of the various bureaus of his department in the past year and then tells of the growth in some instances from their foundation. Of these bureaus during the time he has been head of the department. He praises highly the experts who have worked under him.

"The great and growing movement carried on by the department for agricultural betterment," he declares, "has not been sustained solely by one man nor by a few men. A choice corps of scholarly experts in their special lines of endeavor has been growing in membership, in breadth of view, and in the practical application of their efforts."

"The department is prepared to continue and increase its possible service. During 16 years it has progressed from the kindergarten through the primary, middle and upper grades of development until now it has 1,000 tongues that speak with authority."

From a department with 2,444 employees in 1897 and an appropriation of \$3,272,902 it has increased to 13,858 employees at the beginning of the present fiscal year with an appropriation this year of almost \$25,000,000. Whereas there are now 52,000 requests every week for department publications, there were but 500 in 1897; and during this period 225,000,000 copies have been distributed. In soil investigation an area of 523,000 square miles, equal to that of Germany, France, Great Britain, Ireland and Italy, has been covered.

### PROHIBITS SENDING CAMPAIGN FUNDS.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Senator Clapp, chairman of the committee investigating campaign funds, Saturday introduced a bill to prohibit the sending of campaign funds from one State to another, to aid campaign of candidates for President, Vice-President, Representatives or Senators.

The measure does not represent the concerted action of the investigating committee, but was presented by Chairman Clapp as his suggestion of the remedy for excessive use of money for campaign purposes.

In a statement to the Senate, he declared such a law would prevent the "dumping" of great sums of money into outlying States by wealthy communities like New York. "This bill is aimed to meet the vice of gathering funds in large centers and then sending them to distant States to influence the election of President, Vice-President, members of Congress or Senators," said Mr. Clapp.

At his request the bill was referred directly to the investigating subcommittee. Senator Clapp said he hoped the measure would form the basis for a bill to be passed by the Senate at this session.

Mr. W. L. Barnhill, of Greenville, N. C., was a Washington visitor yesterday.

## PRESIDENT TAFT SPEAKS TO GOVERNORS

Washington, Dec. 9.—President Taft in a speech to 26 governors Saturday urged the adoption of uniform State legislation which would make possible in this country the adoption of a system of rural credits and low interest-bearing loans to farmers, similar to that in vogue in many European countries.

"We are not going to adopt a system over-night," said the President. "It is going to take a considerable length of time before the country shall receive the benefit of it, but the earlier we begin the agitation the earlier we shall achieve the purpose we have in bringing the matter to the attention of the public."

"There is no subject," continued the President, "of greater importance to the people of the United States than the improvement of agricultural methods, the keeping them up to date in all agricultural communities, the securing of profits to the farmer, the attracting of the young men of the country to farming as a lucrative profession and the lowering of the cost of producing agricultural products and lowering of the cost of producing agricultural products and lowering of their prices to the consumer."

"We have great capital in this country and we have farming property that is producing farm products of immense value. It would seem clear that with these two elements it would be possible to introduce a third by which the farmers engaged in producing these crops should be able, in view of the value of what he produces an (the value of the land on which it is produced, to obtain money on the faith of the land and the faith of the product which will enable him to expand his acreage and better his methods of cultivation and production. An easy exchange between capital and farmers with proper security has been established in European countries where the rate of interest has been lowered so that the farmer is practically on the same basis of advantage in the borrowing of money as the business man."

"If this can be done abroad it can be done here, and if abroad we find that government institutions adapted to form the conduit pipe between capitalists and farmers are successfully operating, why should we not adopt them here?"

While conditions in this country and in Europe are somewhat different, the President said, yet by modification of the European plan the idea could find a proper place in the United States.

The following committee was named Saturday to draft uniform rural credit legislation to be recommended to the States:

Governors: O'Neal, Alabama, chairman; Johnson, of California, Plaisant of Maine, Foss of Massachusetts, Hadley of Missouri, Harmon of Ohio, Mann of Virginia, McGovern of Wisconsin and Carey of Wyoming.

The White House conference lasted less than an hour. In addition to President Taft, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Senator Fletcher of Florida and Dr. Lillian Johnson of the Southern Commercial Congress made short speeches. Final adjournment was taken shortly after 4 o'clock.

Many of the governors left Washington Saturday night for their homes, although others remained over to attend the dinner of the Gridiron Club and to engage in political conferences with the Senate and House.

## ONLY FOUR CASES FOR TRIAL ON THE CRIMINAL DOCKET

The third and last week of the November term of Beaufort County Superior Court convened this morning at the Court House with His Honor, Judge Stephen C. Bragaw, presiding.

The last week of the court will be for the trial of criminal cases and there are only four cases on the docket—an unheard of record in Beaufort county for a number of years.

The charge of Judge Bragaw to the members of the grand jury this morning was in keeping with his reputation as a jurist and expounder

of the law. The charge was one of the very best ever delivered in Beaufort county and goes to show that our home people always make good. Judge Bragaw is presiding over the courts of North Carolina with dignity and ability and as the Daily News has already intimated the coming of our distinguished townsman to preside over this court carries with it a pleasure that is catholic.

The court will in all probability either adjourn this afternoon or tomorrow. Solicitor Ehringhaus, of Elizabeth City is prosecuting the criminal docket.

## NEW HEAD OF CHEMISTRY APPOINTED BY PRES. TAFT

Washington, Dec. 9.—President Taft and Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, after months of consideration, Saturday decided upon the appointment of Dr. Carl Alsberg, a chemist in the Bureau of Drugs and Plants, as chief of the Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture, a position that has been vacant since the resignation last spring of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the famous defender of the pure food law.

Dr. Alsberg's nomination will be sent to the Senate probably before the Christmas holidays and the President and Mr. Wilson are hopeful it will be confirmed. In Washington the place of Chief Chemist with its attendant duty of enforcement of the pure food act, is regarded in many ways as a non-political position and hope was expressed by officials that senators who have announced their intention of opposing Mr. Taft's nominations would not include that of Dr. Alsberg.

Dr. Alsberg has been in the Department of Agriculture four years. He was educated in Columbia University and Strasbourg University in Germany. He engaged in research work in Germany for several years. Before coming to Washington he was in charge of the department of biological chemistry at Harvard University.

The President decided upon this appointment only after careful consideration of the claims made for other chemists. Several times reports arose that he had decided upon a chief chemist to fill Dr. Wiley's place, but they later were proved erroneous. His decision to name Dr. Alsberg was made only Saturday.

## PROSPECTS FOR SETTLEMENT IN WAR CRISIS BRIGHT.

London, Dec. 9.—Prospects for a satisfactory and reasonably rapid settlement of the Balkan war and of the great European interests depending upon it, seem brighter today than at any time since the allied armies took the field against Turkey.

The envoys from the Balkan kingdoms, Greece—if Greece decides to participate—and the Ottoman Empire will hold the first meeting of the peace conference next Friday. At the same time Ambassadors of the great powers at London, charged with the task of protecting the interests of their countries, will meet as a sort of court of appeals to watch, advise and admonish the peace delegates.

To reach even this complicated arrangement, has strained all the resources of European diplomacy. There have been times in the last month when even the consent of all the governments to a friendly gathering appeared beyond the range of possibility. Austria consented yesterday to join the ambassadorial conference and Germany, which stood aside awaiting the decision of its ally, announced its acquiescence Saturday. This will be by far the most important assembly of diplomats since the Berlin conference after the Russo-Turkish war, Giants, like Bismarck, Beaconsfield, Salisbury and Gortchakov, to be sure, will not tread the stage but their successors who do will have an equally important work to perform.

One question charged with the possibilities of disaster is Serbia's unquenchable determination for an Adriatic port and Austria's determination that she shall not have it. Serbian official newspapers make it plain, however, that the little kingdom has made up its mind to take instructions from the Powers so far as public opinion in Serbia will let it.

A second interesting struggle will take place over Turkey's endeavors to hold as much of the conquered

## FARMERS UNION NAME DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Raleigh, Dec. 8.—Between 500 and 1,000 delegates and visitors are expected here this week for the annual meeting of the North Carolina Farmers' union, which will assemble tomorrow afternoon and continue in session through Thursday. Many progressive steps will be considered and officers of the union believe that the close of the convention will find the organization stronger in every way. Dr. H. Q. Alexander, of Mecklenburg county, the president, will again be a candidate for re-election, and it is said that Prof. C. C. Wright, superintendent of public instruction of Wilkes county, may enter the race. The opening exercises will be public. Governor Kitchin will be among those to welcome the delegates to Raleigh.

## THE FARMERS UNION MEETING ON TOMORROW

The Farmers' Union held a very interesting and profitable meeting at the Court House on last Saturday afternoon. The delegates selected to attend the State convention were: Captain George J. Studdert, Mr. Henning and Mr. Hamberg. The convention is to be held Thursday and Wednesday of this week.

### HAS RETURNED.

Mr. Howard Winfield has just returned from Western markets, where he purchased a carload of horses and a carload of mules. See his announcement elsewhere in today's Daily News.

Mr. L. L. Winder and son, of Elizabeth City, are here today.

territory as Oriental diplomacy and the help of friendly Powers can save tan can make probably will reduce for her. The best bargain the Sultan subjects in Europe from more than £,000,000 to less than 2,000,000.

Besides, various difficult questions will arise over the commercial status over the disposition of the Turkish debts attached to the conquered country and the final status of Adrianople.

That the peace negotiations proper will be less complicated than had been feared is promised by the two facts that Turkey and Bulgaria appear to have reached an understanding already and that the dimension among the Allies portended by the failure of Greece to sign the armistice is mostly myth, a pre-arranged plan having been agreed to by the Allies that Greece should stand out so that her army could continue the blockade and acquire, the islands, which are Greece's natural share of the spoils.

London was selected for the conference because England is nearer neutral than any other great power, both Turkey and the Balkan States considering her a friend; because the Powers have the ablest ambassadors in London and because Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, who will naturally hold a commanding position, has a unique reputation for honesty among European diplomats.

FOR SALE — BUGGY, CART, plow, cultivator, single and double harrow, planter guano distributor, etc. Will sell these articles very cheap. See C. B. Bell at the Automobile Place. 12-737p

### COTTON MARK.

Lint Cotton, 12 1-2.  
Seed Cotton, \$4.50.  
Cotton Seed, 121.