

Weather: Fair Tonight and Colder

LAYMEN HERE HAD MEETING YESTERDAY

The scheduled meeting of the laymen of the various churches took place yesterday afternoon at the First Methodist church, an address being made by Dr. H. M. Bonner, of New Bern. Mr. J. Leon Williams, of that city, who was also to have been present, missed his train and so did not arrive.

Mr. Bonner, who said the laymen's movement had been called the greatest undertaking yet known, gave a brief history of it. In 1897, at Northfield, Mass., some students went out for an open air prayer meeting. A storm drove them to shelter, and thus started the first organized missionary society. In 1900, at a missionary meeting in Nashville, Tenn., some young business men conceived the idea of the laymen's movement. In 1906, one hundred years after the founding of the missionary society, a laymen's meeting was called in Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Owing to a storm, only 75 were present. Yet resolutions were passed putting the movement squarely on its feet. Many men went to foreign fields at their own expense to see the character of the work done. At the Rochester convention, over 1,000 college men volunteered for missionary service. The question arose as to who would send them. The answer was, "The laymen." The movement has since extended to England, Scotland and Ireland, and even to Germany and Austria.

The first North Carolina meeting was in Greensboro in 1910. In 1905-06-07 Greensboro's contribution to missions was \$26,500,000 and in 1908-09-10 was \$33,025,000, as a result of raising over \$20,000 the last year.

The laymen's movement does not seek to found new societies, but merely to wake up those already existing. Several men present yesterday afternoon who had been to the Greensboro convention testified that it was the greatest experience of their lives. The following statement has been given in respect to the coming New Bern convention:

"Why should we spend money and time to hold such a convention? Because the time is ripe for it. The larger part of the work of the church has been left to the pastors and the women. The laymen have not done their part. The present industrial, financial, political, social and religious conditions challenge men to a great advance."

The convention will be educational, inspirational and practical. We should come together and carefully and prayerfully study in a business-like way the work of the kingdom and under the inspiration of powerful messages go out to apply ourselves in a practical way to the task.

The New Bern campaign has the faithful co-operation as well as the hearty endorsement of the pastors of the churches. All delegates are expected to pay a registration fee of one dollar, which entitles them to a seat on the floor of the convention and to the convention supper, the remainder of the fund thus raised to be applied to the expenses of the convention. The registration fee will not bar any one from attending the convention. No collections will be taken in the convention.

Each delegate will be expected to provide for his own entertainment. If you desire rooms in private homes reserved in advance, address Laymen's Movement, New Bern, N. C. Will you render the following service at once: Write L. B. Padgett, New Bern, N. C., the names of five men in your church whom you would like to have in this convention.

We call upon churches, Sunday schools, missionary societies and individuals to make this convention a subject of special prayer that it may accomplish its highest purpose in enlisting men for the world-wide propagation of the Gospel and in quickening the spiritual forces of our churches.

The New Bern convention will be February 6-7. Mr. Charles McDevett, formerly of this city and a member of Company G, militia, now linotype operator on a Kingston newspaper, was here yesterday.

COTTON MARKET.
Lint Cotton, 12c.
Seed Cotton, 4-1-2c.
Cotton Seed, \$36.00.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE VISITS SAVANNAH

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 3.—Damage estimated at \$1,500,000 resulted early yesterday from a fire of unknown origin which swept the Savannah river front for two blocks, destroying the wharves of the Merchants and Miners Transportation company, several warehouses and business structures and the Planters' rice mill.

The blaze was discovered shortly after 1 o'clock in a shed on the western end of the wharves. All the available fire apparatus in the city responded to the general alarm and every effort was made to check the conflagration, with the assistance of fire tugs in the river. The flames spread from the Ogeechee canal east to within 150 feet of Broad street, threatening many business structures and shipping.

After fighting the flames for four hours the fire finally was gotten under control without loss of life. Several firemen were slightly injured, but none seriously.

FAMOUS WHITE HOUSE COW TO RETIRE

Washington, Feb. 3.—Pauline Wayne, the noted and illustrious White House cow, has become disaffiliated with political life in Washington and through the executive officers has announced her intention to return to the farm of Senator Stephenson, of Wisconsin, her home since "calfood."

Miss Pauline, who is to be replaced on March 4th by her cowship, Nora, of Avon, is intensely satisfied with her work during President Taft's administration. She has faithfully furnished the White House table with the finest milk and cream, but is just now hankering for Wisconsin pastures.

REPRESENTATIVE RODMAN MAKES STATEMENT

To the People of Beaufort County: You have probably seen that I have included Beaufort County in the law which provides that tenants shall comply with their contracts. The law in my opinion is an understanding for the reason that it can hurt no honest man and simply says that the act of cheating and defrauding shall be construed to have been with intent to do so. There are about fifty counties to be placed in the bill, but I do not want Beaufort to be placed therein unless it meets the approval of the people and I will be glad to hear from any citizen of the county on the subject.

W. C. RODMAN,
Representative from Beaufort.

EASTERN RAILWAYS FACE STRIKE

New York, Feb. 3.—If the railroad strikers in the Eastern territory carry out their threat to strike, over \$5,000,000 of airroads in the United States will be tied up. Their decision won't be made public before February 11th, when the men are expected again to meet the committee of railroad managers.

More than 50,000,000 people depend on these railroads. These same railroads pay annually for labor over \$500,000,000—more than a million and a half every working day. There are about 850,000 employees on the railroads in the Eastern territory. Every one of these would be affected by a strike, not to speak of the serious effect upon the public, which is even of greater importance.

To preclude the possibility of a walk-out and to make sure of an equitable settlement, the railroads offer to have the controversy settled by a representative commission of disinterested citizens. The strikers so far have refused to do this. Rather than accept the railroads' offer, or arbitrate their differences with the railroads before a commission sufficiently large and representative to consider all questions in dispute, the strikers have, it is believed, voted to strike if their leaders give the word.

Rev. Raleigh Topping, of Pantego, passed through on his way home from Royal, where he conducted services at the Christian church.

SILVER WEDDING HELD SATURDAY EVENING

It has been many a day since Washington society was permitted to enjoy a more enjoyable social function than the one on last Saturday evening when Captain and Mrs. W. H. Ellsworth celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage at their residence on West Second street.

Captain and Mrs. Ellsworth have been residents of Washington for a number of years and when the invitations were sent out announcing the celebration of their 25th anniversary as man and wife the entire city was eager for the auspicious event to arrive, for all were anxious to pay tribute to this popular couple and wish them many more happy returns.

Captain and Mrs. Ellsworth received their guests from eight to eleven and during these hours there was a steady stream of callers to wish them joy for their noon-day and prophesy for them in their evening only the silvery lining.

It was one of the most brilliant functions Washington has had in a decade. The attractive home was brilliantly decorated with native bamboo, evergreens, carnations and roses, and old time Southern hospitality reigned on all sides.

In the parlor where the guests were received, the color scheme was white and green—the attractive decoration being twenty-five waxen tapers giving the softening rays to the color scheme. These tapers represented the number of happy years in which the host and hostess had walked the pathway of life together. In the present room the color scheme was pink and green and in the hall the scheme was silver and green. To the rear of the hall could be seen in large figures "1888-1913."

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth joined their heart and hand in the town of Goldsboro on February 1, 1888, in the First Baptist church and for a number of years have been among Washington's popular and highly esteemed citizens.

The guests were received at the door by Miss Mary Baugham and Master Kirkwood Ellsworth and Miss Kathleen Goodwyn, of Raleigh, and Master Dornton Ellsworth. They were then carried to the register booth by Mrs. C. E. Leons, which was presided over by Miss Mary Elizabeth Thomas. Mrs. Mary P. Baugham had the honor of presenting the callers to the receiving line which were as follows:

Captain and Mrs. W. H. Ellsworth, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Wallace, Mrs. W. H. Crone, Mrs. Charles F. Taylor, Mrs. R. W. Goodwyn.

The bride of 25 years never looked more charming. She wore a beautiful creation of white Chamoise with silver lace and pearls and held in her hand a lovely bouquet of bridal roses. Mrs. Wallace was crowned in black messaline and chiffon cloth and jet; Mrs. Crone wore a gown of light blue chiffon and lace over satin; Mrs. Taylor wore white chiffon and silver lace over white messaline; Mrs. Goodwyn was charmingly attired in light blue voile with lace and chiffon roses. All the receiving party carried bouquets of white carnations.

During the entire evening delicious refreshments were served by the following young ladies: Miss Mary Lillian, Gladys and Madeline Ellsworth, Helen Shaw, Sallie Carow, Louise Buckman, Louise Moore, Lillie Belle Willis, Josephine Bowen and Fisher Taylor of Goldsboro. The punch bowl was presided over by Miss Ethel Fowle, assisted by Messrs. Curtis Ellsworth, John Crone, T. M. Eure and William Ellsworth. A large number of gifts were distributed.

TURKEY IS NOW AWAITING THE ATTACK

London, Feb. 3.—The Porte has ordered the Turkish plenipotentiaries not to leave London until hostilities are resumed and has instructed the army to await the attack before firing a shot.

Thus the Ottomans, who, with the exception of the Montenegrins, are the only delegates left in London, remarked today that nobody could accuse them of not having done all that was humanly possible to come to terms. Animate by a humanitarian spirit, they added, Turkey wished to avoid needless carnage and wished also to show deference to the advice of the powers, although Europe had been unfair toward Turkey.

DELIGHTFUL RECEPTION AT MRS. C. M. BROWN'S

Mrs. C. M. Brown gave a most delightful reception Friday afternoon at her home on South Bonner street between the hours of 3 and 6, in honor of her house guests, Mrs. C. E. Stevenson, of Salisbury, and Mrs. Eugene Gray, Jr., and Mrs. Robert McArthur of Winston.

The front door was opened by Miss Margaret Handy, Miss Dorothy Brown, and Master Charles Brown. The guests were welcomed immediately by Mrs. Thomas Clarke, who showed them into the parlor, where the receiving line was as follows: Mrs. Charles Stevenson, Mrs. Eugene Gray, Jr., Mrs. Robert McArthur, Mrs. Frank Kugler, and Mrs. Henry Bridgeman. Mrs. S. R. Fowle then invited the guests into the dining room, which was in charge of Miss John Myers, Miss Caddie Fowle, Miss Ethel Fowle, and Miss Olive Burbank. The guests were ushered from the dining room into the reception hall by Miss Cecilia Bridgeman, where they were welcomed by Mrs. John Brown, Jr.

The color scheme was yellow and white. The refreshments consisted of delicious grape ice served by Miss Lacy, Miss Bragaw, and Mrs. Junius Grimes. The ladies one and all reported it a most delightful affair as they took leave of their charming hostess.

MEDICAL SOCIETY TO BE ENTERTAINED

Tomorrow evening from 8 till 12 o'clock Dr. John C. Rodman will entertain at his home on Main street the Beaufort County Medical Society. Several scientific papers will be read, and a congenial evening is predicted for the doctors.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Wallace, of Kenansville; Mr. W. H. Crone, Raleigh; Mrs. Charles F. Taylor and daughter; Flasher Taylor, Goldsboro; Mr. Curtis Ellsworth Williams, Arizona; Mr. John Crone, Norfolk; Captain John Keyes, Raleigh; Mrs. Goodwyn and daughter, Kathleen, Raleigh. All wish Captain and Mrs. Ellsworth many happy and joyous returns.

PRESBYTERIANS, HEAR SERMON WORTH THINKING OVER

At the First Presbyterian church yesterday morning, Rev. H. B. Searith delivered a sermon which should furnish his congregation with abundant food for thought for the remainder of the week. His text was several verses from the seventh chapter of Hebrews, especially the sixteenth verse: "Who is made, not after the law, of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life."

Christ, said Mr. Searith, possesses an unchanging, eternal priesthood. The Jews objected that He was not of the priestly tribe of Judah, but it had been prophesied that there should come another Priest, of a new type of priesthood, after the order of Melchizedec, who should be a priest forever and come direct from God. The death of Christ was an interruption in his priesthood. It is impossible that a holy one, a sinless being, could be kept under the power of death. It was the power of a holy beautiful, sinless, and sublime character that gave him endless life. Only those who are pure and holy will be permitted to plead at the bar of a just God. None but a sinless person could meet the requirements of the holy law.

Character is the essential equipment for service, and determines the real true value of you in the world. Christ came to make all men kings and priests. "As My Father sent me into the world, so send I you into the world." Kings are we after the power of an endless life. We sometimes see small men, puny in character, occupying high positions. These are kings after a carnal commandment, and there is a wide gulf between such kings and the Lord's anointed. Compare Oliver Cromwell and the Stuarts; in the presence of the kingly character of Cromwell, the absurd doctrine of the divine right of kings crumbled into dust. Compare the humble inventor of enameled pottery, chained in the Bastille for being a Protestant, with the despotic Henri III of France, when the potter exclaimed to the King, "Neither yourself nor all your nobles can compel me to do wrong." John Bunyan, imprisoned for daring to preach the gospel, knew more of the spiritual life than any man who ever sat in St. Peter's chair or in the archiepiscopal chair at Canterbury.

Let young men apply especially to themselves, said the speaker, the true statement that not a mere name, nor money, nor a diploma will suffice to carry them through the world. Nothing will truly succeed but principle. "A man's happiness depends upon what he is," continued Mr. Searith; "his character determines the sort of service he renders." We must lose our life to save it, and think what we can put into the world, rather than what we can take out of it. It is patience, industry, and character only which lead to success. As Walter Scott said on his death bed to his son-in-law, Lockhart, "Be a good man, be virtuous, for nothing else will give you any comfort when you come to lie here."

Immortality in itself is not a thing to be desired. It may be a mere continuance of mediocrity, or even of misery. We ought to think of it as a fulness of life, in terms of moral power, and not as a mere continuation, only the germ of eternal life exists in us. We should go on from grace to grace and glory to glory. "Build these more stately mansions, O my soul!"

A MAD DOG IS SENT BY MAIL

Berkeley, Cal., Feb. 3.—A mad dog in a neatly tied package arrived here by parcel post yesterday. "Mad" it was labeled and so it turned out after the bundle had been examined by Dr. W. A. Sawyer, of the State hygiene laboratory.

Although the dog was dead, Postmaster Merrill said, the shipment overstepped even the wide bounds of the parcel post regulations. The package was sent from Floriston, Cal., where the dog had been shot.

SANITY IS QUESTIONED

Mr. Jesse Whitley, of Pantego, has been brought to the county jail by Deputy Sheriff Duke, pending an investigation as to his sanity. Once before he has been confined in the asylum at Raleigh. Mr. Whitley has many friends who regret exceedingly his illness. He has been pronounced a splendid bookkeeper by those competent to judge.

FASHIONABLE HOTEL IS BURNED

Aiken, S. C., Feb. 3.—"Park-in-the-Pines," Aiken's picturesque tourist hotel, was destroyed by fire in a short time yesterday, the guests having to flee for their lives leaving most of their personal effects behind. All escaped in safety but Col. A. E. Dick, manager of the hotel, who was overcome by smoke and was dragged from the burning building just before the flames reached him. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

The building was a three story frame structure and contained 177 rooms. The fire is believed to have originated in a store room in the basement, directly at the foot of the elevator shaft.

Mounting swiftly through the aperture, the flames spread very rapidly. There were only 44 guests in the hotel at the time and the fire had gained such headway when the first alarm was sounded that they had no time to save anything but themselves. Some few of the guests tarried behind in their rooms to gather up some of their belongings and the moment they thus wasted came near costing them their lives despite the fact that the fire started in broad day light, just before midday. When they reached the halls they were turned back by a black volume of suffocating smoke and had to make their way to safety by means of the fire escapes.

In the office safe, deposited by the guests, was about \$2,000 in cash, but so rapid was the spread of the flames that the clerks did not have time to save it although the safe was open at the time.

DAVE TAYLOR VISITS OLD SCHOOL; OTHER NOTES

Mingham School, Mebane, N. C., Feb. 3.—Mr. Henry Blanchard, of Bristol, Va., Tenn., has arrived to begin his duties as coach of the baseball team. Mr. Blanchard is considered one of the very best players and coaches in the United States and is sure to make a success of the season. The boys are beginning to practice now, and everybody is out on the field each afternoon. Mr. Fred Blakely, the manager, is completing a fine schedule for the number of games allowed, and Bingham is anticipating as many victories as she won during the football season. Major Adrian Nalle, who has been an entirely successful commandant for the past three terms, has returned to resume his work for the spring term. He was First-Captain at the V. M. L., stood first in military there for four years and since he has been at Bingham has maintained in the military department a very strict, yet just and kind, discipline.

Mr. Dave Taylor, son of Dr. D. T. Taylor, of Washington, N. C., who has been a cadet at Bingham for the last three years and who graduated in the spring of 1912, having been since then one of the best football men at the University of North Carolina, has been visiting the school. Dave enjoyed his stay very much and all were glad to see him.

STILL HOPEFUL

The baseball committee had about given up in their efforts to secure subscriptions sufficient to assure Washington a birth in the Eastern Carolina League, since the salary limit is one thousand dollars and there is a three hundred dollar forfeit.

A letter from the New Bern fans, however, is so urgent in its insistence that Washington come in that all efforts have not yet been given up. It is possible that the action of Washington may determine the question of the existence of any league at all or not. The amount pledged steadily grows—the question is whether it will grow fast enough to secure a place in time for any action to be of use.

IN RECORDER'S COURT.

Before the recorder this morning Robert Reeves and William Keys, both colored, were each fined \$2 and compelled to divide the costs for assaulting one another. West Cornwell was fined \$3 and costs for profanity. Yesterday afternoon Reddin Bell, a white man of Bolant's Creek, was fined \$5.00 and costs for assaulting S. M. Scott.

GRIDIRON CLUB AGAIN MAKES MERRY

Washington, Feb. 3.—President-elect Wilson, President Taft, Theodore Roosevelt, William Jennings Bryan, Rip Van Winkle and a lot of other notables were portrayed to the Gridiron Club and its guests at the annual winter dinner.

An incident to the drinking of the single toast of the dinner—to the President of the United States—was the bestowal upon President Taft of the large gold gridiron, bearing this inscription, "To William Howard Taft, President of the United States, as a token of friendship from the Gridiron Club of Washington, February 3, 1912."

The club began by having an inauguration of its own President—Rudolph Kauffman of the Washington Evening Star. His inaugural procession, which marched into the banquet hall to the blare of a band, consisted of a detachment of the New Jersey National Guard, a club of Princeton professors, a contingent of Southern colonels hurrahing for the "Sold South," "Places for Veterans," and the "Wanta Eta Pie Frat" of college boys. Tammany's phalanx, the "In Bad Club," including George Harvey, Henry Watterson, August Belmont and Thomas F. Ryan, and finally a squad of Suffragettes shrieking "Voices for women!"

It was announced in light of President Kauffman—that he did not think much of the parade, as there were some things missing. "Where," he asked, "was the 'Champ Clark House' 'How 'bout it?'" "Went broke at Baltimore," was the explanation. "Where's the Underwood protection phalanx?"

"Pulled off the train by Bill Bryan and slapped into steel shackles, while the Harmon Ohio Buckeyes were being entertained at French Lick Springs at Tom Taggart's expense."

Hardly had the guests turned again to their terrapin when entrance was demanded and achieved by the Sigma-Pi-Pi-Sigma Fraternity of the Yale Law School, which insisted on initiating two new members. The dinner was suspended for the ceremony. The neophytes were "Mr. William of Cincinnati" and "Mr. Theodore of Oyster Bay," to be known in the order respectively as "Brother Bill" and "Brother Teddy." A discord in the band was explained by the inability of the neophytes to agree on a marching tune, one demanding the only tune he knew, "A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," and the other wanting Keller's "Hymn of Peace."

METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY.

At the First Methodist Church yesterday morning, the pastor, Rev. R. H. Brown, read the General Rules, and briefly expounded them as to their Biblical origin. The Lord's Supper was celebrated, a large portion of those present partaking upon the subject, "The Bondage of Corruption and the Glorious Liberty of God's Children," taking his text from Romans 8:21.

AT THE LYRIC TONIGHT.

The attraction offered at the Lyric for the first half of this week promises to be a feature of its kind and something for good amusement. Tonight opens the engagement of "Lamuel & Lamuel" in a black face singing, talking and dancing act, the real kind that furnishes the amusement that hits the spot. The motion pictures that appear in their program also have every indication of being up to the standard and ones that will please. For an hour's entertainment so one could ask for better than the manager of the Lyric is now offering his patrons.

AFTER THE SOLICITATION OF many of my customers who want something better than the National, I have added the Loose Wiles Biscuit Company's line of Sun Shine Cakes, the finest made, and would be glad to have you inspect same, especially when you want something better than the ordinary when having entertainments. Their Brandy Wine, Clover Leaves, Sun Saus, Sun Shine Citrus, Golden Flakes are some of their leaders, but we have other brands besides their oyster crackers and soda biscuits. Very respectfully, Chas. M. Little. 1-29-12