

Weather: Fair Tonight and Colder

BASEBALL FANS HAVE MET IN GOLDSBORO

Goldsboro, Feb. 4.—At the meeting of the committee representing different towns in Eastern Carolina in the proposed league for the season only four towns were represented, New Bern and Fayetteville. There were no definite steps taken further than to pass the following resolution: That the towns represented be canvassed in order to ascertain how many are willing to enter leagues with the following conditions: A salary limit of \$1,000 per month for each team, a forfeiture of \$200, and a 40 game schedule. That was done and Fayetteville, New Bern and Goldsboro agreed that they would put out a team and enter a league under those conditions.

Correspondence will be started with the different towns in Eastern Carolina, and if six towns, or rather three more towns, are willing to come into a league of that kind, a meeting will be held in Goldsboro to perfect the organization.

A letter from Mr. Lindsay C. Warren on behalf of Washington was received last night while the meeting was in session, and it is hoped the Washington folks will join in promoting the league under the above stipulations.

OFF FOR MEETING OF FAIR ASSOCIATION

Mr. Joseph F. Taylor, who returned Saturday from an extended business trip, leaves today for Raleigh to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Fair Association.

At this meeting the matter of greatly improving and changing the fair grounds will be discussed. The fair of 1913 was the best and most successful in the 53 years history of the fair association, and it is felt that further needed permanent improvements can be financed successfully at this meeting, the attendance, and some departments of the exhibits, will be easily doubled in a few years. Part of President John A. Miller's letter is as follows:

"I am sure you will agree with me when I say our State Fair has outgrown itself. It is becoming unwieldy and is much harder to control than it was many years ago. Our fair grounds need many changes and improvements in order that we may be able to display exhibits and make them attractive. At the next executive committee meeting we mean to map out plans for developing our fair, so that it will be a greater factor in the upbuilding of our people and our State."

GRIMESLAND SUPPLY CO. ROBBED LAST NIGHT

Grimesland, Feb. 4.—The Grimesland Supply Co., one of the leading stores of Pitt County, was last night broken into by thieves and robbed. Entrance was made through the rear window. The two money drawers were locked, and upon failing to force them open, the thief or thieves took away an entire drawer. Exactly how much money was left in the store when it was shut up for the night is unknown; therefore the amount successfully made away with is unascertainable. The robbery was not discovered until this morning.

Mr. C. F. Aycock, of Pungo, is in the city.

Mr. B. H. McCarty of Raleigh was among yesterday's visitors.

Mr. Lindsay G. Warren left this morning for Raleigh.

AFTER THE SOLICITATION OF many of my customers who want something better than the National I have secured the famous Wiles Malt Company's line of Sun Shine Cakes, the most 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 Shine, Sun Shine, Golden Flakes are some of their leaders, but we have other brands besides their oyster crackers and soda biscuits. Very respectfully, Chas. M. Little.

PARCEL POST IS GREAT SUCCESS

Washington, Feb. 4.—The parcel post system, which has been in operation since the first of the year, is working like a well-oiled Corliss engine. The experimental days seem to have passed, and the people are trying to reduce the cost of living by the use of the new postal express. Postal employees are doing their utmost to make the law a success.

There are two sides to the enforcement of the parcel post regulations, one is humorous and the other serious.

Some of the infractions of the law that caused merriment are reported. In the mountains of Georgia a trapper shipped an odoriferous skunk skin to a friend at Seattle. The postmaster at the receiving point did not know that the package contained such a loud-smelling parcel and passed it along. The skin wended its way across the continent, leaving its unique trail in its wake, before the postal authorities were able to detect it.

Anything with a bad odor is "unavailable."

"What is a bad odor?" the department has been asked.

S. J. Batts, a seed corn farmer of Raleigh, has entered his protest against a law that permits the posting of skunk skins by parcel post and not seed corn.

"I see," said Mr. Batts in protest, "where one of our farmers has just sent a skunk hide which had to be kept out of the building until the mail wagon started to the depot."

"I mention these things in argument in behalf of seed corn. The law should be changed."

The Postoffice Department is in possession of a letter from Miss Louise Moore of Sandy Springs, Md., expressing her appreciation of the good service the parcel post is doing.

"I have a beautiful cat that came to me by parcel post," she added by the way of a postscript.

Cats and other live animals are barred from the parcel post, but now and then they get by the postmasters.

John Medrick of White Oak, Va., sent by parcel post to Mrs. Sarah Lillington, of Washington, five corn cobs which he trapped one night for "Belle," the family cat. The postoffice people never knew about the live rodents until they saw a notice about them in a local paper.

In Ohio, a rural free delivery carrier, was asked to carry a baby from one home to another. The laws do not provide for such a package but the carrier delivered the baby for 15 cents worth of parcel post stamps, which were stuck on the basket that contained the new-born tot.

The ashes of a citizen of Illinois, who was cremated in St. Louis, were sent to the relatives of the deceased by parcel post for burial. Ashes of dead people are mailable. The Postoffice Department does not care to have its negro carriers fall heir to such parcels lest it lose some good men. The colored man is naturally afraid of corpses.

The postmaster at Clarksville, Tenn., has notified the department that the "system is meeting with approval at our place. We are handling nearly everything from soup-bones to hand saws, and have refused to accept a bundle of raw hides and a bull pup."

That the parcel post is being used by the country people is evidenced by letter received at the Postoffice Department. A letter that drifted from West Virginia has been framed by some of the clerks at the department. It reads: "Dear Harry, Please send to me by parcel post a mouse trap, two tin wash pans, and a half dozen papers of plum. My wife has just presented me with a fine boy, and also, old fellow, two loaves of bread and a half dozen lemons. See you soon."

An eight-pound roast of beef was received and delivered to a woman on the west side. It was properly wrapped in cloth.

Many efforts have been made to send liquors through the mails by parcel post. Somehow an impression that the law permits the shipping of whiskey and other intoxicants got abroad and hundreds of inquiries on that point have come to the department. No sort of intoxicating liquor can be sent by mail.

Mr. Elijah Proctor, of Grimeland, is in the city today.

Mr. Chas. L. Morton left this morning for Raleigh on business.

BALKAN WAR HAS BEEN RESUMED

London, Feb. 4.—The Turkish-Balkan war has been resumed. The bombardment of Adrianople began at 7 o'clock last night and a small skirmish occurred at the Tchatalia lines. The armistice had lasted exactly two months.

Bulgaria has turned a deaf ear to the remonstrances of the powers, and unless Turkey yields to the Balkan demands the allied armies will now attempt to drive her completely out of Europe. According to a dispatch from Belgrade last night, the Serbians already are on the point of falling. It is reported the Turkish commander has sent two representatives to the Serbian commander to propose the capitulation of that town.

FOLDER EXPLOITS WON- DERS OF 'NEW CORN BELT'

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 4.—"The New Corn Belt" is the title which has been accorded the nine Southern States east of the Mississippi and south of the Potomac. This honor is given the South in an attractive folder just issued by the Southern Railway Company which is being distributed among visitors to the National Corn Exposition here. Figures in the folder, compiled from latest official sources, give new proof of the increasing importance of the South as a corn growing section and fully wonderful section as the "New Corn Belt."

"Figures in the December number of the Crop Reporter issued by the federal department of agriculture, show that the nine Southern States east of the Mississippi and south of the Potomac produced in 1912 a crop of 505,185,000 bushels, worth \$314,746,000 at prices paid farmers in that territory," says the folder. "Compared with the report of the 1900 census, when the crop of 347,463,737 bushels in the same states was worth \$137,079,603, the latest figures show an increase of 162,670,263 bushels, worth practically \$178,000,000 more than the earlier production."

"The greater yield in the Southeast has followed an increased acreage given to corn and a steadily increasing acreage. The general development of this agricultural region, aided by federal and state demonstration work and further helped by the sectional efforts of such railroads as the Southern, which maintains a corps of agricultural experts whose services are at the command of all the farmers along its 7,000-odd miles of territory, has had a large share in stimulating attention given to corn. Prominent among the reasons for the increased acreage has been the organization of boys' corn clubs and annual corn show in each of these nine States. Comparative figures show that the increase in the average yield per acre over the 1906 record in 1912 alone amounted to 1108,981,221. Four hundred and fifty-four members of boys' corn clubs in the South in 1912 made over 100 bushels to the acre."

In addition to the wide circulation it is being given at the Corn Exposition, the folder will be distributed among farmers of the North and West in an effort to attract desirable settlers to the "New Corn Belt."

SEVERAL MATTERS LAID BEFORE ALDERMEN

The Board of Aldermen held their regular meeting last night in the city hall, Mayor C. H. Harding presiding.

The proposition was made by the County Board of Commissioners to erect a concrete bridge over Snow's Creek, the city to bear one-third of the cost. After lengthy discussion, the matter was referred to a committee to act in conjunction with the County Commissioners.

The next question brought up was that of making an appropriation for the two local companies of militia. Various amounts were suggested until finally a motion was made to allow them \$50 apiece. The motion was carried. Mr. F. C. Kugler desired it understood that the money was not for the specific purpose of sending the companies to Washington for the inauguration, but to be used as they saw fit.

Dr. E. M. Brown desired the Aldermen to do something for the improvement of a certain street in especially bad condition. Mr. Kugler stated that he saw only one solution, namely, to get a vessel load of oyster shells to spread on the offending thoroughfare. Shells will give body to the road, he explained, though of course they won't last forever. Oyster shells have the additional advantage of being cheaper than anything else. The matter was referred to the street committee. Dr. Brown, before resuming his seat, complained of the amount of trash on the water front, back of buildings facing on Water street. He was promised an investigation.

Mayor Harding laid before the assembly the request of a colored man that a hydrant be placed at the intersection of Washington street and the Greenville road. The proposition will be brought before the water commissioners.

One of the policemen was next granted a raise in salary of ten dollars. Some one raised the point that the amount of this officer's salary was definitely fixed by the city charter. To get around this technically, the additional amount was specified as being for "extra duties."

Alderman Kugler moved that the mayor be requested to write to the Norfolk Southern Railway about improving their station and its surroundings, declaring it "a shame for any town to have a station of the kind." At least, said Mr. Kugler, let the railway know that its negligence is noticed. The motion was unanimously passed, and the mayor declared he would take pleasure in writing the letter.

The Aldermen next voted to pay \$1,600 which was due at the First National Bank.

Chief George N. Howard advocated before the board some improvement in the police department, declaring the service from the night force too poor, through no fault of the men, however. He declared the night men should be kept on the street all the time. The hour was by this time growing late; therefore the Aldermen simply voted to empower the chief to take any measures he saw fit, and adjourned without delay.

STARTS CHORAL CLASS.

Prof. W. E. Smith starts his choral class Thursday evening at 8 o'clock over the store of the Walter Credit Co. About 40 have already joined the class, and many more are expected to do so.

WILSON PICKS HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 4.—Joseph Patrick Tammity, at present private secretary to Governor Wilson, will be secretary to the president after March 4, according to an announcement by President-elect Wilson yesterday.

Tammity has been in charge of the governor's correspondence since election day and has been throughout a close confidential adviser.

IMPORTANT SANITARY MEASURE PASSED

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—A bill was introduced in the Legislature yesterday requiring the State Board of Health to make annual inspection of all hotels, restaurants, and public lodging houses. Some of the provisions of the bill are that hotels and public lodging houses shall have ample provision for fire-escapes. Sanitary toilets, screened doors and windows, well lighted and ventilated kitchens and bedrooms, clean bed linen, etc. The bill also abolishes the unsightly, ill-smelling, time honored, disease scattering roller towels, and also common drinking cups. Furthermore, it provides a certain degree of protection to the purity of the drinking water used in these hotels, etc. In the case of seashore hotels and resorts provisions are made for life lines or ropes anchored and buoyed up on boats out in the surf to prevent the inexperienced from going out beyond their depth.

One of the wisest provisions of this bill is that giving the hotels a sanitary rating, which is to be made public from time to time. By this means the traveler may better select the hotel at which he stops, and a marked improvement may be expected in some of the hotels receiving low ratings. Fines and penalties are provided for gross or willful violations of sanitary practices.

Besides a hotel inspection bill two other sanitary measures were introduced in the Legislature today. One provided for the sanitary maintenance, operation, and inspection of railroad coaches, and the other for similar oversight in the case of stations and depots. In both of these bills the State Board of Health is required to make the inspection, and to give the various railroads ratings on the sanitary conditions of their coaches and passenger stations similar to the method employed in the United States dairy score card.

These are all good measures, directed towards the protection, comfort and safety of the traveling public. Furthermore, they operate to the interest of the clean hotel keeper, and to the interest of the sanitary railroads. No objection should be heard except from those unwilling to give the traveling public a square deal when it comes to hotel and railroad protection.

SINGS IN OPERA

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Fowler McCormick, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold McCormick, and grandson of John D. Rockefeller, made his debut in a grand opera role in "Cocchita," sung at the Auditorium Theater last Thursday evening. This became generally known yesterday for the first time.

Young McCormick was principally noticeable in the "Opera House" scene of the opera, when he appeared always close to Mme. Galli, the pretty and young danseuse. It was then that many women in the audience recognized him and gave the young "sensation" a measure of applause all for himself—only Fowler didn't know it.

Fowler's appearance on the stage was recalled yesterday by Mme. Galli. "You see, Fowler knows practically all the members of the company and most of them are fond of him," she said. "I remember now seeing him near me on the stage that night, but he is so often behind the scenes that I did not think much of it at the time. He was not assigned any part and merely went on for the fun of it. Of course, he took part in the singing and dancing."

His appearance on the stage in "Cocchita" is said to have been a surprise to members of the McCormick family, who were present.

Chicago society has had many good laughs this winter over the apparent devotion of young McCormick to Mme. Galli. The boy is often seen with the pretty little 20-year-old dancer.

FIRE PANIC IN PICTURE SHOW

New York, Feb. 4.—A boy's cry of "fire" and the smoke from an exploded reel of a motion picture machine in an East Side theater last night resulted in a panic among the audience of 400 persons and a rush for the exits in which two women were killed and 11 other persons so badly injured that they had to be sent to hospitals. The panic occurred in one of the most densely populated sections of the East Side and the thousands who poured into East Houston street in front of theater and rushed to the doors added to the confusion and to the number of injured. The two dead women were not identified, were trampled to death in the crowd in an effort to reach the doors. The operator of the machine soon extinguished the burning film and the flames did not spread beyond the fire-proof cage in which he worked. With the exception of one exit door, the only means of escape from the theater was through the main vestibule and it was here in a narrow space that most of the injured were found. The two women who were killed were picked up in the main section of the theater where they had been trampled. Steep steps led from the sidewalk to the theater entrance and down these hundreds fell while those behind piled on top. Children became separated from their parents and frantic searchers for friends or relatives mingled with the panic-stricken audiences. It was more than an hour before the police were able to definitely say that only two had met death.

In the panic clothes were torn from their wearers and the police gathered up a great pile of hats, coats, shoes, eye glasses and even pocketbooks. A few rings and watches were among the salvage taken to a police station for identification.

At the time the panic started fully one hundred persons were waiting in the vestibule to gain admission to the theater and as the doors burst open from within these people were caught in the rush.

Fire Commissioner Johnson arrived at the theater soon after it had been cleared. In a statement he declared that there were 800 similar places in Greater New York where conditions were equally perilous. He said, however, that owners had complied with every ordinance governing such places. In addition to the usual Sunday throng the management had advertised an additional spectacular attraction which caused an unusually large crowd to gather.

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The Methodist organization which is interested in this college is not the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, but is the great national body of the denomination. With the spirit of cooperation and the movement towards unity among the different divisions of all denominations, it is expected to be only a question of time till the two great divisions of the Methodist church are reunited. In view of this fact, it is expected that cordial and enthusiastic support will be given this enterprise by Methodists of this section, most of whom are members of the M. E. Church South.

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CATHOLICS WILL CELEBRATE FOR NINE MONTHS

New York, Feb. 4.—Beginning in the middle of March and extending to the festival of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, the Catholic Church will have a continual series of ceremonies in commemoration of the sixteenth century of the establishment of Christianity by the operation of the famous edict of Constantine the Great. Outside of Rome the character and extent of the celebrations have been left, by order of the Pope, to the discretion of the archbishops, excepting such special ceremonies as a public mass of thanksgiving, which has been ordered for every diocese. In this country the archbishops and bishops will have local celebrations. Cardinal O'Connell is already preparing for an extraordinary ceremony and, it is intimated, may issue an official statement on the significance of the commemoration. There will be a national ceremony in Washington, at St. Patrick's, under the direction of the Apostolic Delegate, who will say the mass. Cardinal Gibbons will preach.

When he returns from Bermuda Cardinal Farley will fix a day for the New York celebration. But, as is usual in such times, the Catholics throughout the world will focus their attention on Rome. The pilgrimages this year will be larger than heretofore.

Mr. C. F. Stramider, of Raleigh, was a visitor yesterday.

BILL TO KEEP COUSINS FROM MARRYING

Raleigh, Feb. 7.—Comparative brevity, absence of lengthy debate and of exciting or specially interesting features marked yesterday's session in both branches of the General Assembly. Neither house took action on any legislation of "the first magnitude," though a long list of bills were introduced in the House and an unusually large number were ratified.

Also a large number passed through readings in both houses. In both houses new bills of general interest and importance were introduced.

The Senate postponed until 2 o'clock Tuesday consideration of the bill to increase the number of judicial districts and Superior Court judges from sixteen to twenty. There is prospect that a fight will be made on the bill when it comes up as a special order today at noon. It passed the House Saturday and had the "clincher" applied.

Perhaps the most interesting bill introduced in the Senate yesterday is that by Senator Watkins of Randolph, to prohibit intermarriage of first cousins. Senator Weaver introduced a bill to regulate the use of assumed names in partnerships, and Senator Phifer of Beaufort is the author of a new bill to amend the present law regarding place of trial of suits against foreign corporations.

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DELEGATES TO NEW BERN.

The following will go as delegates from the First Methodist Church to the laymen's convention in New Bern Thursday and Friday: J. B. Ross, G. G. Morris, W. E. Swindell, S. C. Carter, E. M. Leggett, J. F. Beckmas, W. K. Jacobson and E. W. Ayer.

COTTON MARKET.

List Cotton, 12c.
Seed Cotton, 4 1/2-5c.
Cotton Seed, \$25.00

Read This Old Chinese Proverb.

"A good customer won't change his shop, nor a good shop lose its customer once in three years," says an old Chinese proverb.

The importance of this to you rests upon the fact that the "good" customer has confidence in his shop, and the "good" shop gives the customer quality, service, and a square deal.

You can rely upon securing these things from the merchants who advertise in The Daily News, for they realize that once favored with your trade, they must render all these things to retain your custom. Their advertisements in The Daily News are offers of goods of the best quality, courtesy, and speedy service, and when you shop in their stores they fulfill those promises.

Shop with reliable merchants, and acquaint yourself with the buying opportunities they offer by reading their advertisements closely and constantly every day in The Daily News.