

Weather: Fair

## CHAS. MECKINS IS DEBATE WINNER

DEBATING WAS EXCELLENT

All Five Contestants Brought Out Good Arguments and Judges Had Hard Task in Picking the Winner.

To state that the debate at the Auditorium last night was good would be putting it rather mild. It was more than that. It was, according to views heard on all sides, one of the best affairs of its kind ever held in Washington.

Shortly after half past eight, the debaters marched to their places on the stage to the accompaniment of a piano duet by Misses Eleanor Barry and Lottie Branch. John Cotten Taylor, who acted as president, promptly made a very neat introductory speech and called on Secretary Wm. H. Mount, Jr., to read the query.

The latter read: "Resolved, That Congress shall appropriate sufficient funds to increase our navy from one to ten battleships a year, together with such auxiliary craft as may be necessary." The secretary then announced the first speaker on the affirmative side, Gilbert Weston.

Mr. Weston made an excellent speech. He has a fine delivery and brought out his arguments in a strong and convincing manner. His chief points in favor of the affirmative of the query were that a navy is absolutely essential for the protection of the United States and that as the country grows larger and acquires more territory, it needs more vessels to protect this territory.

The second speaker on the affirmative side was Charles Meekins. Mr. Meekins is an accomplished orator and he put them before the judges in an impressive manner. He argued that it was worthless to think of giving up the thought of increasing the navy and allowing our homes to be at the mercy of some prying enemy. What good would it do to build schools and colleges if we do not have the means of protecting them?

Hubert Ellis, who was also on the affirmative side, was the next speaker. He brought out the point that if the United States had had a better and larger navy in past years a number of the wars in which our country has been engaged could have been prevented. He claimed that we were gradually losing our rank in the fight for supremacy, and stated that our navy should be so strong as to prohibit all thoughts of war.

James Fowle, who was next introduced by the secretary, was the fourth and last speaker on the affirmative side. Mr. Fowle stated that if we wished to have peace, we must be ever prepared for war. He said that the United States was now third in the number of war vessels owned by the powers of the world, Great Britain being first and Germany second. If the United States would not build two or more vessels a year, by 1915 she would be fourth in the race, France taking third place. He also went on to illustrate how the great wars in the world's history could have been prevented or shortened if each country had had a good navy.

The secretary then introduced Charles Meekins, the sole holder of the negative side of the question. Mr. Meekins had been sitting at his desk in an unassuming manner. He appeared to pay little heed to the spears of oratory, barbed with stinging epithets, which were hurled at

## CHILD HAS CLOSE ESCAPE

NARROWLY ESCAPES BEING SEVERELY INJURED BY AUTO.

Daughter of J. J. Johnston Crossed Street in Front of Automobile. Escapes With Only a Slight Cut and a Few Scratches.

The three-year-old daughter of J. J. Johnston had a very narrow escape from serious injury and possible death late yesterday afternoon. The child, with her little brother, was crossing the street at West Second Street. An automobile had just passed and had raised a cloud of hoary dust. Either this prevented her from seeing P. C. Kugler's car, which was coming down the street, or else she stepped off the curb without looking. Mr. Kugler, who was running his auto at a moderate rate of speed, turned out so as to avoid the child. She kept on her way, however, and the mayor-elect hurriedly applied his brakes. In spite of his efforts, the right mud guard of his machine hit the child and knocked her down. In falling, she hit her head against a small stone, causing a slight cut. Otherwise, she was unharmed.

We would again advise the parents of children in the city to be very careful in allowing their young ones out on the street alone. Very often, in play, they run out in the street without thinking or seeing an approaching vehicle and are under the wheels before the driver can stop.

Our Lodge Furnish Room in Home.

Our Lodge, No. 104, A. F. & A. M. have furnished one of the rooms in the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Greensboro, N. C. for aged and infirm Masons. The furnishing consists of one iron bed, one pair of springs, one feather bed, and coverings, one dresser, one wash stand, and buffet, one wardrobe, three chairs, two rugs, etc.

The Home has twenty-eight living rooms, besides sitting rooms, halls, kitchen and other rooms.

him. What cared he if he was called a "monument of ignorance" or compliments of a like nature, caused by the eloquence of his opponents? To be frank he didn't care. Mr. Proctor's turn was at hand and he proposed making the best of it.

He restated the issue cast upon him right at the start, when he referred to his worthy opponents as a "disgrace to humanity" for taking a side of the question which could do no good to the nation and only harm. "Why, oh, why, should we increase our navy," argued Mr. Proctor. "What good would it do, when the other nations would immediately follow suit and increase theirs? The country could make use of the money used for this purpose, in so many more beneficial ways! Why keep up this everlasting struggle for supremacy? There is no danger of war. England and Germany are our best friends; why not place confidence in them?" He finished in a burst of oratory that thrilled his hearers and left him a little out of breath.

President Taylor then asked the judges to retire and prepare a decision, which was announced by Mr. Doughton.

He complimented the speakers on their work and stated that the judges had had a somewhat difficult time in deciding who should be given preference. He also praised the teachers for the way that the young men had been trained in the work. He then announced that the laurels of the evening went to Charles Meekins.

## CONGRESSMAN JOHN H. SMALL ADVISES VOTERS TO VOTE FOR BOND ISSUE AT MONDAY'S ELECTION

PHILADELPHIA SOCIAL.

The members of the Philadelphia Class of the Baptist Church enjoyed a social at the church last night. A large number of the members and friends were present and spent a most enjoyable evening. The social was given for the purpose of continuing and furthering the interest of the members in the Class and also for the purpose of allowing others who were not members, to become acquainted with the work that the class is doing.

A very entertaining program, consisting of vocal and instrumental selections, was rendered and heartily appreciated. Ice cream was served.

## FIRE THREATENS BUILDING ON ANOOSA FARM

Woods Are on Fire and It Is Feared That the Tenant Houses on the Farm Will Be Destroyed.

The woods on the Anooza farm, owned by W. B. and J. C. Rodman, are on fire. A considerable stretch has already been burned and it is feared that considerable damage will be done before the blaze can be put out. Men, women and children have been at work all morning fighting the fire but their efforts up to noon today have proven futile. The blaze is very close to the tenant houses on the farm and the fire fighters are concentrating their energies in an endeavor to save the buildings.

First Methodist Church Services Tomorrow.

At the 11 o'clock hour the pastor will preach a short sermon on David's example and entreaty, to be followed by the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Sunday school will meet at 4 o'clock. Mr. E. R. Milton, superintendent, and Mr. W. M. Keas, teacher of the Baracca Class. The subject of the evening discourse will be Corneiljus' Conversion.

To all of these services strangers, whether visitors or traveling men, are cordially invited.

RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The governing committee of the Associated Charities recently sent out a circular asking for a renewal of subscriptions. A stamped envelope was enclosed for a reply. A great many responded promptly but there are still a large number who have not returned their cards.

The Association is anxious to have all the cards returned whether a contribution is intended or not so that their collector may know on whom to call.

Funeral Services This Morning.

The funeral services of J. W. Brubble, who died yesterday, were held from his late residence this morning. Rev. N. Harding officiated, assisted by Rev. J. Malone. The interment was in the Oakdale cemetery.

E. K. White, J. A. Tucker, F. E. Cutler, W. J. Pippin, C. F. Harris and J. W. Frobet acted as pall bearers.

Singing Class Here Tuesday.

The Singing Class of the Oxford Orphanage, which will give a concert at the Auditorium on May 6th, is meeting an enthusiastic reception wherever they are entertaining. They have visited some of the principal cities throughout the State and are, to use a colloquial expression, "making good." It is hoped that a large number will be present at the Auditorium.

## SEWERAGE, PURE WATER AND ELECTRIC IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED

SUBMITS MESSAGE TO CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON THROUGH F. C. KUGLER

Had Hoped to be Here One Night This Week to Address the Citizens of Washington on the Subject, but Was Found It Impossible to Leave the Capitol.

Mayor-elect F. C. Kugler received a communication from Congressman John H. Small at Washington, D. C., this morning, regarding the bond issue which is to be voted for in this city on Monday. Mr. Small has given the issue careful thought and his views on the subject are as follows:

Washington, D. C., May 1, '13. Mr. F. C. Kugler, Mayor-elect, Washington, N. C.

Dear Mr. Kugler: Through you I beg to submit a message to the citizenship of Washington in favor of the bond issue for water, sewerage and enlarging the electric plant. I was at home last Tuesday for a few hours, at which time I sought an interview with you and others regarding this proposition.

I regard this as the most vital issue which has arisen since our citizens were called upon to vote special taxes and bonds for the establishment of a public school system. There hangs in the balance the cleanliness, the health and the general welfare of our people. It is a time when Washington expects every son to do his duty.

I shall devote only a brief space to the necessity for this bond issue. Washington is substantially an un-drained town. There are actually some sections of the town not so well drained as entire farms in some of the swamp lands of the county. A partial exploration of the town after a heavy rainfall will convince the skeptical on this point. Drainage is necessary to prevent mosquitoes, flies and other insects which carry infectious diseases, and also to provide comfortable homesites.

Sewerage is essential to carry away the refuse from various forms of animal life, and all kinds of filth of a soluble nature, the decomposition of which produces discomfort and disease. We have heretofore been content to cast this upon the surface, expecting the wind, the sun and the rains to carry it away. This is an impossibility with a population of 7,000 living upon a limited area.

We need pure water for household needs. We require an abundant supply for flushing our sewerage pipes, and an ample reserve for fire protection. The drinking of pure water abundantly by every person is an inexorable law of health.

We must enlarge our municipal electric plant because the demand for current is now beyond the capacity of the present plant, and because electric power has become a necessity for the increase of small industrial plants, which in the aggregate will contribute so largely to our prosperity.

Will the bond issue be carried? Not unless the proposition receives a majority of the registered voters. A successful issue depends altogether upon the number of voters who are willing to banish from their minds every consideration except the welfare of the city. I cannot believe there will be a single citizen who has been blessed with more than the average of prosperity who will hesitate to vote for this proposition because of the increased taxation. Such a

man would be unworthy of his heritage and an enemy to the public welfare. I shall be surprised if there is a single man of property who will hesitate to assume his burden.

## SUIT FILED BY NEWSPAPER

NEWS AND OBSERVER INSTITUTES SUIT AGAINST WATER COMPANY

Suit Occasioned by Lack of the Water Company to Furnish Sufficient Pressure of Water at Recent Fire.

The Raleigh News and Observer has instituted suit against the Wake Water Company for failure to supply water to fight the fire which destroyed the building and plant of the paper. From reports, there is every reason why the paper should win the suit.

SHIPPING NEWS

The Lorona D. Captain A. J. Da...

The gas launch Bennett is in port. The launch Triumph is taking on stores and supplies preparatory to leaving port this morning.

The steamer Clyde of New Bern is in port.

Baptist Church Notice.

Rev. T. B. Davis will preach tomorrow morning and evening at the Baptist church. Mr. Davis is secretary of the B. Y. P. U.

Presbyterian Church.

There will be the usual morning and evening services. A special offering will be taken up for foreign missions at the evening services. Special music has been provided for this occasion.

Prayer and Holy Communion at 11 o'clock. Services will be held at 8 o'clock. Sunday school at 4 o'clock.

Foreign Missionary Society Meeting.

The monthly meeting of this society of the First Methodist Church was held at the parsonage on W. Second street yesterday afternoon at four o'clock. Mrs. Mamie Baughan, district secretary, presiding. The opening devotions were led by the pastor. John 17 being used as a Scripture meditation, after which special prayer was offered for relations of peace between Japan and Korea and between these two peoples and the American nation. Several readings were rendered in addition to routine business. The interest was fine, and the attendance was quite large.

Finally, this is no time for the spirit of selfishness, neither prejudice, envy or malice. It is a crucial period in the history of our town. Our neighboring towns have already provided these public utilities. Let not Washington longer lag. It is a time for consecration to public service. If you stay at home, it is equivalent to a vote against these public blessings. You can only discharge your duty by going to the polls on next Monday and casting a vote for bonds.

I had hoped to be at home one night this week and address the home folks in person on this subject, but I find it impossible to get away, and I am offering this letter as a substitute.

Very sincerely,

J. H. SMALL

Crops Damaged.

C. A. Hollowell of Aurora was a visitor in town in that section of the county. Corn and potatoes, which had been coming up nicely, have been practically ruined. Tomatoes, which were set out early in the spring, have also been damaged.

## TELEPHONE COMPANY SALE

WASHINGTON AURORA TELEPHONE CO. TO SELL SYSTEM.

The Washington and Aurora Telephone Company will sell their system at public auction Monday at noon. The sale will be held at the door of the Court House and will include all the wires, branch lines, connections, poles, telephones and other equipment or property used by the company. The sale will also include all of the company's rights of ways and franchises. The terms of the sale will be cash to the highest bidder.

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Merchants no longer just "keep shop." They are live, progressive, alert, and energetic. There's high-powered efficiency on top at most of the shops, large and small. Everything conceivable is being done for the information, convenience, and comfort of patrons. And it is the patron's own fault if he or she doesn't know where the choicest things may be purchased, where the best service is to be had, and where prices are the most reasonable.

Just read over carefully the crisp, instructive, up-to-the-minute announcements contained in today's Daily News and you will readily understand how simple it is to find out where to shop and want to buy.

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I wish to impress upon the citizens the importance of public improvements and public utilities. It is the desire and intention of the incoming Board of Aldermen to sewer the whole city through the Third and Fourth Wards as well as the First and Second. In my mind it is equally if not more essential to have the 3rd and 4th Wards sewered, as even the 1st and 2nd and the Board will give this the preference over other portions of the city.

FRANK C. KUGLER.