

THE WEATHER: Showers tonight; clear and cooler Saturday.

NEGATIVE SIDE WINS DEBATE AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

ARE BEING HELD DAILY IN AUDITORIUM UNDER DIRECTION OF MR. POOTE.

INTERESTING ARGUMENTS

Debaters Were Held Mitchell and Hubert Ellis on the Affirmative Side and Wood Davis and Wilford Whitley on the Negative.

The large number who attended the debate at the Christian Church last night are loud in their praise of the talent displayed by the four young gentlemen who discussed the question, "Shall the constitution of North Carolina be revised so as to allow women to vote and hold office?"

The debate began at half past eight. W. R. Robertson, president of the debating society, made a very neat introductory speech, stating the object of the meeting, giving a brief history of the Loyal Sons Club and thanking all for their presence at the church.

Rev. R. V. Hoppe made a brief prayer and was followed by William Ellis, the secretary of the society, who read the query and called upon the first speaker on the affirmative side, who was Held Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell made an excellent opening and introductory address and discussed in an able manner the reason why women should be given the ballot in this State. He pointed out that woman suffrage had been tried successfully in other states and other countries and saw no reason why it shouldn't be in North Carolina. He also proved that better men had been elected and politics, as a whole, had been purified in the places where women were allowed to vote.

The first speaker on the negative side was Wood Davis. With the delivery and gestures of a Daniel Webster, Mr. Davis began his speech with the startling announcement that women SHOULD be at the poles. He added that he would like to see half of them at the North Pole and the other half at the South. He proclaimed that they could do as much good there as they could in North Carolina, when it came to voting. He went on to show how given women the ballot would take her away from the home and degrade her mentally and morally.

Hubert Ellis was the second speaker on the affirmative side. He refuted Mr. Davis' argument by informing his audience that the ballot would not tend to break up the home. He read a report which showed that divorces in states where there was woman suffrage were fewer than in other states. He compared the length of school terms in the state of North Carolina compared with that of Utah, the latter having a much longer term.

The last speaker on the negative side was Wilford Whitley. He stated that each and every one of us had his or her mission in this world, and read a passage from Bible which proved that woman's mission in the world was to be a help-mate to man. He spoke of the corrupt influence of present day politics and pointed out that the wives and mothers of honorable men should not be allowed to absorb this corrupting influence.

Each speaker then made a three minute speech in which it was attempted to prove that each opponent's argument was worthless. When the final speech had been made, the secretary called for the judges to retire and render a decision as to the winner of the debate.

Messrs. E. A. Daniel, N. L. Simmons and E. L. Stewart, who acted as judges left the room and in a few minutes returned. Mr. Stewart announced that the negative side was the winner.

The Government of Portugal has authorized the signing of a contract with the European and Azores Telegraph Company for the laying of two cables between the Azores and the United States, and one between the Azores and England. The government is negotiating with the Republic of Panama for a cable between Portugal and Panama, linking the Porto Rico, twenty-six miles north-east of Madeira.

MEN HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

SINGLETON NEWS.

During the rain Tuesday afternoon, an accident occurred to three of our male residents, which came near being fatal to them. Willie Grover-Lilley, White, Amos Hodges and Thomas Morning were getting in out-of-the-rain-a-blinding-fash-of lightning struck near them. The three men were knocked down and were rendered unconscious for several minutes. It was found, however, that besides a serious shock, they had not sustained any serious injuries. It was a very close escape.

H. R. Woolard is on the sick list this week. His friends wish him a speedy recovery.

There were quite a number out Sunday to hear Mr. Singleton preach.

Alex Willard, who has been very sick, is so that he can be out again. His many friends are glad of his recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson and little daughter, Burdett, of Washington were the guests of Mrs. Jackson's mother Sunday.

Misses Stella Robinson and Lizzie Henderson and little Mary-Bottle Hodges, all of Old Ford, were guests of Miss Lizzie Woolard Sunday.

Mrs. Dave Perry, who has been very sick, is so she can be out again, to the delight of her many friends.

Wilbur, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Willard, is very sick.

The farmers are busy setting out and replanting tobacco.

There is to be an ice cream supper at Singleton school house Saturday night, May 30, for the purpose of raising money to build a new school house.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Let everybody turn out and help a worthy cause.

Mrs. J. J. Hodges of Old Ford spent from Thursday until Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. J. Wesley Woolard.

Messrs. Heber Cherry and Grover Hodges of Old Ford were in our midst Sunday night.

Vance Peels and Miss Rosa Hodges of Swainsland attended preaching here Sunday and were the guests of Miss Myrtle Willard for dinner.

Miss Myrtle Woolard of Old Ford was the guest of Miss Zula Willard for dinner Sunday.

H. R. Woolard has a rooster which, according to its owner, is a most accomplished bird. Mr. Woolard states that he recently broke his alarm clock and for the past several mornings, has overslept himself. He determined to remedy this so he brought Hector (that's the name of the rooster) into the house and proceeded to teach him something. He bade Hector to look at the clock. When he pointed to exactly six o'clock, he yelled, "Now crow, you piece of a gun, CROW!" Hector crowed. Mr. Woolard repeated this performance several times until he didn't have to tell the rooster to crow. Hector was wise and when he saw the hands pointing to six, he crowed without being told. That was O. K. That night, before going to bed, Mr. Woolard tied him to the bed post and put the "alarmless" clock where the bird could see it distinctly. Then he went to sleep. Promptly at six o'clock the next morning he was awakened by Hector's lusty crowing.

Since then, Hector has played his part regularly without falling.

"ROMEO & JULIET" COMING

LYRIC MONDAY.

An unusual feature in motion pictures will be the high class production offered the patrons of the Lyric Monday night in a two reel subject—"Romeo and Juliet."

This two reel feature was secured by special bookings being a beautiful hand colored picture made by Pathé Freres of Chicago and well acted.

Among other features that will be on the program will be Pathé's weekly giving some of the most interesting events of the world.

Two above mentioned pictures will be here for one day only, Monday night. The admission prices will be 10 and 20 cents.

CUBAN TROOPS FOR MAINE UNVEILING.

Havana, May 23.—The cruiser Cuba, carrying a company of Cuban infantry, sailed for New York today, to take part in the ceremonies at the unveiling of the Maine monument in New York at the end of the month.

GREAT INTEREST DISPLAYED IN REHEARSALS OF PLAY

MANY ATTENDED DEBATE AND HEARD DISCUSSION ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE QUESTION.

TO SHOW IN NEW BERN

Should Friday's Play Be Successful, Mr. Foote Has Announced That He Will Take the Entire Cast to New Bern and Give Performance There.

"The Girl in Pink," which is to be given at the School Auditorium next Friday night, is now well under way and rehearsals are being held daily. The performers who are to take part are displaying a great interest in their work and Mr. Foote, under whose direction the play is being staged, is very much encouraged over the outlook. He stated this morning that he felt assured that the play next Friday would "make as big a hit" with the people of Washington as Blumberland did. The play is being put on for the benefit of the Washington Public Library.

The principals, who will take part in the play are Misses Ada Rhodes, Robena Carter, May Ayers, Pat Harris and Mr. Foote, Ben Taylor, Isaac Hughes, Charles Meekins, John C. Taylor and James Fowle. In addition to these, there will be a chorus of eight young ladies and six men. The names of these can not be published at present as it is still somewhat undecided as to who the parts will be given to.

Should Friday's play be successful, Mr. Foote has announced that he will take the entire cast to New Bern and stake the show there.

REPUBLICANS REORGANIZING

Meetings of Republicans and Progressives Being Held in Washington for the Purpose of Reorganizing the Party.

Washington is a regular beehive of Republican activity. A joint meeting of the leading Republicans and Progressives was held yesterday in an effort to form plans for the reorganization of the party. It was the prevailing opinion of the Senators' Conference, which was held yesterday that the Congressional Committee should be reorganized at once. It will be endeavored to hold a joint caucus of the Senate and House leaders as soon as possible.

GOVERNOR CRAIG HAS RHEUMATISM.

Governor Craig is confined to the mansion again today, his condition being such that his physician thought best for him to spend the day in bed. His old rheumatic trouble is bothering him considerably.

MAY 23 IN HISTORY.

1706—British and allies under Marlborough defeated the French at battle of Ramillies.

1783—James Otis, orator and patriot of the Revolution, died at Andover, Mass. Born at Barnstable, Mass., February 6, 1735.

1863—Universal Laborers' Union, under the leadership of Ferdinand Lassalle, formed at Leipzig, Germany.

1864—"Kit" Carson, famous frontiersman, died at Fort Lyon, Colo. Born in Madison County, Ky., December 24, 1809.

1869—Old South Church, Boston, celebrated its 100th anniversary.

1878—Thirty lives lost in a tornado that swept Iowa county, Wisconsin.

1911—A conference of the premiers of the British colonies with the Imperial government began in London.

1912—"The Imperator," the biggest ship yet built, launched at Hamburg, Germany.

GUN CLUB AVERAGE

Shoot of the Washington Gun Club Was Held Yesterday Afternoon.

A very interesting shoot was held by the members of the Washington Gun Club yesterday afternoon. The averages made were as follows:

- Esportes 32.
- White 58.
- Dumas 37.
- Squires 28.
- Hodges, J. 76.
- Sterling 72.
- Fowle 68.
- Knight 70.
- Bland 63.
- Hodges, M. 66.
- Kear 60.
- Tucker 28.

VAUDEVILLE ACT PLEASES AUDIENCE AT THE LYRIC.

"Certainly was good," was the many comments paid the artist at the Lyric last evening in a high-class amusing act that drew large and well deserved applause.

"McNally & Stewart" in a singing, talking and dancing act opened for a three day engagement and the initial performance was well received. Some of the features of the act was the singing of Mr. McNally and the excellent dancing number, as a locomotive this artist's imitation of a freight train has no equal. The singing of Mrs. McNally also was very good.

Today's program offers an entire change in both vaudeville act and motion pictures, again featuring tonight the Human Locomotive by Mr. McNally.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY HONORS.

Congressman Edwin T. Yates of North Carolina, was born in Shelby, N. C., May 23, 1872. He studied law at the University of Carolina and University of Virginia and began practicing in 1894, forming a partnership with his brother, J. L. Webb. This was dissolved in 1904, when his brother was appointed to a superior court judgeship. He has served as state senator and delegate to the Democratic national convention, also as chairman of the Democratic State convention of North Carolina. He has been a member of Congress continuously since the Fifty-eighth session.

HARVARD CLUBS GATHER.

St. Louis, Mo., May 23.—Harvard graduates from all parts of the United States are here attending the seventeenth annual meeting of the Associated Harvard Clubs. Tonight there will be a dinner at the Hotel Jefferson. Tomorrow will be given over to various forms of entertainment. At tonight's banquet President Lowell of Harvard; Major-General Leonard Wood, United States army; Dean Briggs, Secretary Houston, of the Department of Agriculture; H. A. Loeckley of Oklahoma, and Percy Haughton, Harvard's head football coach, will be the principal speakers.

For the Merchant

Who doesn't Advertise.

In these days of higher efficiency in the management of affairs, where do you stand, Mr. Merchant?

WE invite you to become an advertiser in this newspaper; to join, if you have not already done so, the progressive merchants of this vicinity who have something of merit to sell and something of interest to say about it.

Many a tale is yet untold about your store or your business which if placed before our readers would rejuvenate your whole establishment.

The game is out in the open today.

The honest merchants and manufacturers tell the public of the merit and superiority of their wares.

The most successful enterprises in this city are so constantly before the public in the columns of The Daily News and other first class newspapers that when one thinks of any of the many articles of daily trade his mind turns instantly to one of the stores or one of the particular makes whose advertisements are set forth in these pages.

ADDISCO CLUB MEETING HELD YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

MEMBERS WERE CHARMINGLY ENTERTAINED BY MISS J. MYERS AT HER RESIDENCE.

LAST MEETING OF SEASON

Yesterday's Meeting Was One of the Best Ever Enjoyed by the Members of the Club. Large Number in Attendance.

A most delightful meeting of the Addisco Book Club was held at Miss Jane Myers Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Miss Myers was assisted in receiving her guests by her sister, Miss Penelope Myers.

Almost most gracious, the Misses Myers surpassed themselves on this occasion. The home was a veritable bower of Dorothy Perkins roses and exquisite sweet peas, most artistically arranged by the deft fingers of the hostesses.

An unusually large number of the members were present at this, the last regular meeting of the club for this year, and quite a number of guests, added to the pleasure of the occasion. The guests were: Mrs. Frank Short of Lynchburg, Va.; Mrs. Norman Cordon of Charlotte, N. C.; Miss Mary Wright of Clinton, N. C.; Mrs. J. C. B. Ehringhaus of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. Stephen C. Bragaw, a visiting club member.

The president, Mrs. D. T. Taylor, presided most graciously. The meeting was called to order promptly at five o'clock and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved. The roll call was responded to by articles of unusual interest.

Then followed Mrs. S. R. Fowle's paper on "Wales of the Present Day." Always versatile in her accomplishments, Mrs. Fowle showed on this occasion her ability to handle a difficult subject in an interesting, as well as an instructive, manner. Our able delegate to the meeting of the North Carolina Federation of Clubs at New Bern then transported us to that delightful time and place by means of her most interesting and glowing report. We could have chosen no more efficient delegate than Miss Jane Myers and surely no one who could have given us a more enjoyable report of that occasion.

Exclamations of delight were heard on all sides as Miss Myers entered and handed to each one a dainty embroidered napkin bearing a bunch of exquisite sweet peas. A delicious salad course with ice tea was served, so dainty and refreshing that it was a delight to the eye as well as to the palate. The guests loitered long, loath to leave a place so beautiful in its lavish floral decorations, and so justly noted for its charming hospitality.

NEWS FROM HAW BRANCH.

W. H. Lewis and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Edwards Sunday afternoon.

Miss Bessie Whaley from Blounts Creek spent Saturday night with Miss Lizzie Lewis.

Messrs. Altona Buck and Raymon Lewis were visitors of J. F. Lewis Sunday.

Miss Lily Mae Warren was the guest of Mrs. Lottie Hill Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Warren were visitors at J. F. Lewis' Sunday night.

Joseph Edwards and Madison Dixon were visitors at Bragaw Saturday night.

Victor Williams, Joe Edwards, Madison Dixon, Plum Hill, Harvey Taylor, Sam Hill and Sam Barr were visitors at J. F. Lewis' Sunday night.

Misses Mae Warren, Nancy Taylor and Sadie Hill were the guests of Miss Lizzie and Lillian Lewis Sunday afternoon.

Turnip Nelson and family were visitors at James Nelson's Sunday.

Minnie Nelson were visitors at Gilbert Dixon's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Lewis of Bragaw visited friends here Sunday.

Messdames Mary Taylor, Nan Lewis and Lenora Beavers were visitors at Ada Lewis' Sunday afternoon.

J. L. Beavers and wife were visitors at N. L. Lewis' Sunday morning.

POPULAR TALKS ON LAW

By Walter Towers, A. B., J. D., of the Michigan Bar.

State Library. The milk supply that is of vital interest to all of us. To the babies the difference between good milk and bad milk is the difference between life and death. To a great many of us milk and cream mean either nourishment or disease according as it is pure or impure. Typhoid epidemics have been frequently traced to an impure milk supply and Tuberculous cows spread a dreaded plague to those who consume the milk.

The law has given the weight of its authority to the regulation of milk by municipal ordinances and state legislative enactments. These laws have for their purpose not only the safe-guarding of the milk supply against disease but also the separation of all relations between the producer of the cow and the far-famed milkman's pump. Watered milk has frequently drawn down the lightnings of the law as well as furnished inspiration for the professional joke-smith. It was the subject of the following diatribe, of which a St. Louis Judge recently relieved himself in the case of the city against a purveyor of diluted milk.

"Milk," said the wearer of the ermine, "an object of profound and vigilant concern to the modern law-maker, has been always part and parcel of the daily life, the adages and folklore of mankind. For example: We are told not to cry over spilt milk—that is not to fret over real loss that can't be helped. The Russian has an adage. That which is taken in with the milk only goes out with the soul—that is, early impressions last till death. The Swede has one denoting hospitality, viz., When there is milk in the can for one, there is milk in the can for two. In the phrase, 'The milk of human kindness,' is expressed the very heart and ounce of that gentle but noble virtue. The bard of bards does not hesitate to connect milk and philosophy, deeming that neither loses dignity by the juxtaposition, he speaks of 'Adversity's sweet milk philosophy.' All such amiable metaphors, saws, similes, associated ideas of water in milk. Contra, the milk held in mind is good milk. I recall but one instance to the contrary (seemingly the inadvertence of a daring and erratic genius), viz.: 'Oh Mirth and Innocence! Oh, milk and water!'

Ye happy mixtures of more happy days!

Indeed, the universal, primal and spontaneous mental conception we have of milk, in the first instance, is that it is unwatered. Take one case for example: Milk and honey are emblems of pastoral good luck, peace and plenty—a large and a goodly land. Witness the phrase, A land flowing with milk and honey. (Ex. xiii, 8; Jer. xxxii, 22.) But what a derivative picture would rise to harass the imagination by use of the phrase, A land flowing with watered milk and honey? We think the ordinance proceeds on the notion that however much the cow waters her own milk in her own humble and honest way (letting nature take her course), the milkman has no right to designedly duplicate nature's gift of water by a furtive gift of his own from the barnyard pump. It proceeds on the underlying theory that it is a fraud, a trick and a veritable cheat—contrary to the common law and hence of that phase of it known colloquially as the "square deal"—to sell water, when milk, not water, is the commodity dealt in. If one is not to get a stone who asks for bread—so more (under the spirit of the ordinance) is he to get water who asks for milk."

The regulation of a matter of such general and vital concern as milk is properly within the province of the state legislature. It is for the legislative power representing the people as a whole to prescribe the measures that are to safeguard the supply. But the legislature may, and very frequently does, delegate this power to its creature, the municipality; and so we find the individual communities supported by the courts in their enactment and enforcement of drastic ordinances regulating the production and distribution of milk.

As these measures entail additional labor and expense on the part of those engaged in the milk business many of the laws have been bitterly opposed in the courts, but quite generally they have been sustained. It is now clearly understood that municipalities having the usual powers may license milk dealers and prevent all unlicensed persons from selling milk within the municipality. A reasonable license fee may be exacted and the health officers may be

given the authority to issue or withhold licenses; and, unless it is shown that they acted from improper motives, their action in refusing to issue or in revoking a license, under the authority of the municipality, will be supported by the courts. The legislative bodies may also prescribe laws against adulterations. In the absence of a legal enactment an adulterant must be unwholesome before action can be taken against the parties responsible. But modern laws forbid all adulterants, whether harmless or not. Under these regulations water is an adulterant. So any preservatives, or other unnatural substances, no matter how harmless, are adulterations. If the law forbids the adulteration any person who adulterates is guilty and may be punished under the law. Usually the statutes and ordinances also prohibit the sale of adulterated milk and under the usual form of the law it is not necessary to prove that the dealer knew that the milk was adulterated. It becomes his duty to see to it that the milk which he sells is pure and up to the standard set by the law, and if he does not he is legally liable. Both the man who owns the business and the servant who drives the wagon are, in general, liable under the law.

But the laws have gone even further than requiring licenses and prohibiting adulteration. They have regulated the conditions under which the milk is produced and transported and prescribed standards of richness. Regulations forbidding the sale within the town of milk from cows fed on slops, or brewer's malt, or kept in unsanitary premises have been upheld. The defendants in these cases were not allowed to show that the milk was, nevertheless, perfectly wholesome; the fact that the law prohibits the sale at such milk is final. It is a matter properly within the regulation of the law-making power. The municipality may also require that all cows be subjected to tuberculin and other tests, and that no milk be sold within the town limits except from tested cows.

Eventhough the dealer to licensed and his milk come from properly fed and cared for cows, and there be no adulteration of any kind, the milk may yet be barred because it is not up to a required standard of richness. A requirement of three per cent of fat in cream has been held reasonable. Where the laws provide, the health officers may seize without compensation sufficient quantities of milk to make tests. The analysis of competent authorities, unless shown to be erroneous, is taken by the courts as the final test as to whether the milk in question was up to the required standard. Ordinances permitting the seizure and destruction of all milk found to be impure or below the required standards are supported by the courts and generally enforced.

Of course the municipality may make valid regulations governing the measures of quantity in use by the dealers. The citizens through their legislative representatives—be they aldermen or members of the village board—may provide these regulations as well as those protecting them against impure or weak milk. All but officially-tested measures may be barred and ordinances not infrequently require that milk shall be sold only in bottles of jars permanently marked with their capacity.

If you are a consumer of milk recognize your rights. You can compel the enforcements of the regulations you now have and, if they are insufficient, you may do much to secure the passage of acts that will be adequate.

ENTERTAINED IN HONOR OF MRS. TELFAIR.

Mrs. C. F. Warren entertained three tables of auction bridge in honor of Mrs. W. Telfair last night at her residence. After a spirited game, delicious refreshments were served. Those who enjoyed the evening were Messdames D. T. Taylor, A. M. Dumas, J. B. Moore, Wm. Telfair, John Blount, Geo. T. Leach, J. K. Hoyt, S. C. Bragaw, H. W. Carter, L. L. Knight and Misses Annie Cox and Elizabeth Warren.

New York, May 23.—The Alumnae Association of the New York Medical College and Hospital for Women are holding a jubilee dinner at the Savoy Hotel tonight to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the college and to complete for raising the \$500,000 fund necessary to equip a modern college to train women doctors.