

MR. HARDING NEW REFEREE BANKRUPTCY

Appointed by Judge Connor for Seven Counties. Commission has been Mailed him. Excellent Appointment.

Judge H. G. Connor, United States District Judge, has appointed Collins H. Harding, at this city, referee in bankruptcy for seven counties in Eastern North Carolina. These counties are, Hyde, Pitt, Beaufort, Tyrrell, Dare, Washington and Martin.

The appointment of Mr. Harding was made several days ago and he has notified the clerk of the district court in Raleigh, N. C., that he has already taken the oath of office and arranged his home. Mr. Harding's commission has been mailed to him. The news of Mr. Harding's appointment to this position will be known with pleasure by his many friends. He is in every way qualified and will prove an excellent official.

CONFERENCE CLOSURE

With a short business session of the North Carolina Women's Missionary Conference, yesterday morning at which time resolutions of thanks for all who have aided in making the Durham gathering such a great success, the delegates took their last farewells, and later in the day departed for their several homes.

Sunday was one of the most interesting days of the conference to the general public. Conference day was observed at the Memorial church in the morning. Bishop McCoy, of Alabama, preached a magnificent sermon to an audience that taxed the capacity of the large church. The bishop traced the growth of the religion from the Garden of Eden to the present day, traced the history of man from the primeval day to this century on the road to the New Jerusalem. The bishop spoke of the growth of the cities during the past century, and of the consequent large amount of work for the mission workers of the country. At the close of his sermon the bishop made an eloquent appeal for the cause of missions.

In the evening another large congregation was addressed by Mrs. J. H. Spillman, of Kentucky. Her address was filled with food for thought, and touched on many phases of mission work. Mrs. Spillman told of the great army of slaves in the country, the condition of the poor in cities, and the condition of the backwoods people in some of the mountain districts, the evils of the white slave traffic. She urged the women and the men in the audience not to make any one of these things a hobby, but to work for the whole creed of Christ.

YOUR MISTAKES.

Study Them, Then Profit From Them, and Go Ahead.

Study your mistakes. There are two kinds of mistakes. Those that happen from ordinary human misjudging and those that come from carelessness and petty selfishness.

Study your mistakes. No one ever gets too big to make mistakes. The secret is that the big man is greater than his mistakes, because he rises right out of them and passes beyond them.

After one of Henry Ward Beecher's sermons in Plymouth church, Brooklyn, a young man came up to him and said, "Mr. Beecher, did you know that you made a grammatical error in your sermon this morning?"

"A grammatical error?" answered Beecher. "I'll bet my hat that I made forty of them!"

Half of the power of the forceful man springs out of his mistakes of one sort or another. They help to keep him human.

Study your mistakes. But the mistakes that tear away the power of a man, weaken him and make him dabby are the stupid, the reckless mistakes. The clerk who forgets the stenographer that doesn't care, the worker who neglects—these are the ones whose life blood and vitality are sucked and sucked away.

ELEVEN YEARS EXPERIENCE. Wright's.

COME AND SEE THE NEW STYLES in Women's and Misses Spring Suits, the new Silks and Wash Fabrics, new Shirt Waists, and other new merchandise. J. K. Hoyt.

MRS. I. BUCK WAS HOSTESS ON YESTERDAY

Entertained the W. C. T. U. at Her Home. Delicious Refreshments were served to the Guests.

A White Ribbon Social was given at the beautiful home of Mrs. Isaac Buck Tuesday afternoon, from three to five o'clock in honor of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. The following interesting and profitable program was successfully carried out:

Bible Reading—Mrs. M. E. Giles. Prayer—Mrs. Lucy Archbell. Hymn—"I'm Praying for You."

Reading—The Committee of One Thousand. Mrs. M. E. Giles. Duet—"A Knot of White Ribbon," Mrs. Z. N. Leggett, Mrs. Lizzie Hardy.

Poem—"The Village on the Sea," Miss Sadie Wiswall. Song—"My Mother's White Ribbon Boy," Mrs. Leggett and Mrs. Hardy.

Reading—A true Story of a Boy Tramp Rescued by Religious Song. Mrs. S. C. Carby. Poem—"Nothing and Something," Mrs. E. T. Stewart.

Song—"No Drunkards Are There," Mrs. Z. N. Leggett, Mrs. Hardy and Miss Farrow.

Helpful Quotations—Members of the union. After singing the White Ribbon Rally Song refreshments were served, and every one present highly appreciated the interesting and delightful social given by the hostess.

The Kalbar and the Cocoon national forests adjoin each other. Yet it takes from two to three days to go from one to the other across the Grand Canyon of Colorado.

CHIEF HOWARD SPECIAL AGENT FOR N-S R.R.

Will Assume His New Duties On February 1 Between Raleigh and Charlotte. Chief Here 11 Years.

Chief of Police George Howard, who is to retire as chief of police of Washington after holding the office for the past eleven years is to become special agent for the Norfolk Southern Railway in their western division between Raleigh and Charlotte. Chief Howard was selected by the company from a number of men mentioned for this responsible position, going to show his worth as an official.

For the past eleven years he has been at the head of the police force here and for four years prior to that time was an assistant police. He has given universal satisfaction and the laws of his retirement on February 1st carries with genuine regret. He has endeavored to do his duty and the entire city wishes him every success in his new position which is quite a promotion. As to who will be named as his successor by the board of city aldermen is conjectured. There are several candidates for the position.

IDEAL PRESSING CLUB HAS OPENED BRANCH STORE

The Ideal Pressing Club, Mr. G. G. Gabriel, proprietor, has rented the basement under the furniture store of W. B. Horton & Co., where the tailoring department will be handled in the future. The pressing and repair department will continue at the same stand over the store of W. S. Fritzie.

W. B. HENRY IS GUEST OF DR. RODMAN

Was in Charge of Military Department Carolina Military Academy in 1894 Being Greeted by His Friends.

Mr. William Byrd Henry of New York City, arrived in the city last night and is the guest of Dr. John C. Rodman.

Mr. Henry is now a successful practitioner of the law in the metropolis and his many friends are glad to see him. In 1894 he was in charge of the military department of the Carolina Military Academy which was in charge of Supt. C. G. Barton. Mr. Henry during his short residence in Washington at that time made many friends, and they are more than pleased to ascertain how well he is succeeding in life. He expects to be in the city for the next few days.

HOW TO HELP HIM.

Far Eastern North Carolina is rejoicing in the fact that big tracts of lands are being sold into small farms, and are being sold and cultivated. It is a matter to rejoice over, and a fine example to follow. Not that the big farm is not a good thing, because it is, and there are farmers who own hundreds and hundreds of acres who are greatly benefiting the country. Still the small farm is of great benefit, of greater benefit in a way. The more farms there are, naturally the greater number of people being benefited. It means more land owners, more people in business for themselves. This is bound to equal, not only for more individuals, but for a community as a whole. It counts in the interest of the people, as a man is bound to be more interested and no harder work when he is so vitally concerned; and it also means more in actual dollars and cents. Money is being better divided and the country is really belonging to more people.

Numerous small farms, in place of two or three giant sized ones, also mean, it seems to us, more scientific farming, as a farmer can pay more attention to a small tract of land than he can to one of vast proportions. Small farms, too, will help the "back-to-the-farm" movement. Let the small farms multiply and flourish.—Wilmington Dispatch.

WITHIN THE LAW.

Hayard Voller, author of the successful new American play, "Within the Law," which the American Play Company announces for presentation here at the New Theater on Wednesday, February 4th, began his writing career as a reporter for one of the New York dailies. At the time Theodore Roosevelt was police commissioner in the metropolis Voller was detailed at detective headquarters and while there secured the material for the exciting scenes in "Within the Law" that depict so illuminatively certain questionable practices of the authorities in their endeavor to fasten guilt for crime on suspected persons. "Within the Law" is hailed as the dramatic sensation of the year in both New York and Chicago, and its metropolitan success is being duplicated in every city which it visits.

Prayer Meeting at Respective Churches on This Evening. There will be prayer meeting services in the First Methodist, First Baptist and Christian churches this evening at the usual hour, 7.30 o'clock to which the general public has a cordial invitation to be present.

COLONEL RODMAN HERE

Col. W. B. Rodman, General Inspector of the Norfolk Southern Railway arrived in the city last night and is spending the day here on business.

AT YOUR SERVICE FROM 6 TO 7. Wright's.

SPECIAL PRICES THIS WEEK on Boys' Suits. Good strong suits for school wear. J. K. Hoyt.

EXTRA FINE GRAYE HAIN Brads for the new style of hair dressing to match any shade of hair. We are showing three special values at \$1.75, \$2.49 and \$4.99. J. K. Hoyt.

GIRLS HAVE FORMED A LIT. SOCIETY

Girls of Collegiate Institute have Organized a Literary Society Will Study Various Authors Prospects Bright.

One of the most important and attractive adjuncts of college or high school life in these days is the educational, social and athletic organizations which are formed by the student body, as is proved by the fact that no college is without them.

Washington Collegiate Institute is not going to lag behind in this respect. Already the boys of the institute have formed an Athletic Association and a Debating Club, and now the girls, not to be outdone have started the organization of a literary society for the purpose of making a study of the work of various authors. Last night after the regular study hour was over, they assembled in formal convocation and elected the following officers: President, Bessie Congleton; vice president, Clara Paul; secretary, Lucy Killingsworth; treasurer, Mary Gaskill. They also decided to meet once every two weeks to discuss the work of the author whose birthday is nearest the date of the meeting. In addition they will meet once a month with the Boys' Debating Club, when it is expected that some rather lively and interesting discussions will take place, especially as long as such vital and important questions as "Woman's Suffrage," etc., remain unsettled.

AGED CITIZEN ILL AT HIS HOME ON EAST FOURTH STREET

Mr. Samuel Daniels one of Washington's highly esteemed citizens and a brave Confederate soldier is very ill at his home on East Fourth street. His condition is said to be precarious. The entire community wishes for him a speedy recovery.

There are several bands of the Persian fat-tailed sheep on the national forests of southern Utah. The large fat tail sometimes weighs as much as forty pounds, and like the hump on the camel, is a reserve supply of nourishment when food is lacking.

A Fair Chance Makes A Man Himself Great

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N. L. SAWYER SELLS GROCERY STORE TO D. W. POWERS, NORFOLK

Mr. N. L. Sawyer, who has been engaged in the mercantile business on West Main street next to the Walter Credit Co., on last evening sold his business to D. W. Powers of Norfolk, Va., who expects to continue the business at the present stand. The future of Mr. Sawyer is not known at this writing.

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Several of our young people attended the box party at the Shepard school house Friday night.

MISS WARREN IS REPORTED IMPROVING

Was Operated upon at Fowle Memorial Hospital for Appendicitis. Mrs. J. H. Warren Canvalescent.

At the bedside of Miss Agatha Warren, daughter of Rev. J. H. Warren, who was operated upon a few days ago at the Fowle Memorial Hospital, by Dr. Jack Nicholson, is more than encouraging.

Unless something unforeseen happens she will be able to return to her home at Washington Park shortly.

Mrs. J. H. Warren, who has been quite ill at the hospital suffering from an attack of fever is now convalescent to the joy and pleasure of her many friends.

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GOOD SOLID LEATHER SHOES for the school boy at saving prices. J. K. Hoyt.

REV. SHIELDS DELIGHTS HIS AUDIENCES

Large Congregation are Attending Payne Memorial Chapel. Services Again this Evening.

There was another delightful service held at the Payne Memorial church, Nicholasville, last night. Evangelist Mc G. Shields preached to a large and attentive congregation and his sermon was one of the best yet heard. Evangelist Shields is being assisted by Professor Burr who is leading the singing. Mr. Burr was here several years ago with Evangelist Black when a union meeting was conducted in the First Methodist church. Services are being held each night at the Payne Memorial at eight o'clock and each service shows an increase in attendance. In consequence of the services at Payne Memorial this evening there will be no prayer meeting services held at the First Presbyterian church. All are cordially invited to attend. Considerable interest has already been manifested.

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FOREST NOTES.

The war department is reforesting a large area near Fort Bayard, New Mexico, for use as an army hospital site.

The light house reservations on the great lakes are able to grow all the white cedar needed for spar buoys in their district.

Dr. E. B. Fernow, dean of the forest school of the university of Toronto, and Bristow Adams, of the U. S. Forest Service, have just been elected president and secretary of American foresters, the only organization of professional foresters in the western hemisphere.

HAWKINS NEWS

Some of our people attended divine services at Asbury Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sparrow and child of Hall Swamp were guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Sparrow Sunday.

Miss Cassie Woolard spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Pearl Lee. Miss Alice Woolard spent awhile Sunday afternoon with Mrs. O. L. Sparrow.

Misses Bertha and Bessie Jefferson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Waters at Slatestone Saturday night and Sunday.

Misses Mattie Winfield and Millie Lee attended the box party at Jordan's school house Saturday night. They report a pleasant time.

Miss Lacey Woolard spent awhile Monday with Miss Alice Woolard. We are glad to note that Mrs. Julia Wallace who has been quite sick with fever is some better.

Mrs. Ryan Woolard and Mrs. J. G. Woolard spent awhile Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Sarah E. Woolard.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hawkins and grandson, Alton were guests of Mrs. James Turner and family at Slatestone Sunday.

Prayer meeting was well attended here Sunday night. Mr. Lovick Harris of Hunters Bridge, was in our midst Sunday afternoon.

ALARM OF FIRE WAS TURNED IN EARLY THIS MORNING

A small blaze at the garage owned by Mr. William Ellison in Union Alley this morning caused excitement for a few minutes this morning between nine and ten o'clock. Before the department reached the scene the blaze was extinguished.

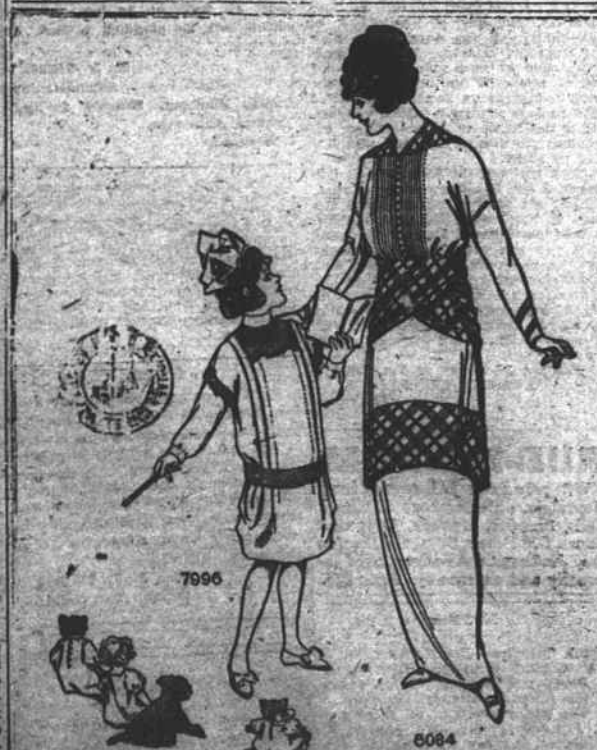
GLOVES CLEANED SNOW WHITE at Wright's.

THE NEW FASHION BOOK FOR Spring, illustrating Pictorial Review Patterns now ready and contains a free pattern coupon. All for 25c. J. K. Hoyt.

Lyric Theatre Entire Change of Program Today

Floating Theater Boat Estelle Successfully Launched Yesterday

The boat "Estelle" was successfully launched from the marine railway of Mr. W. M. Chauncey yesterday afternoon between three and four o'clock. The Estelle is being built for Mr. James Adams, who is to use same in Eastern Carolina and Virginia as a floating theater. The boat is 125 feet long, 34 feet beam. She will have a seating capacity of seven hundred and living quarters for about twenty. The floating theater when completed will mean an outlay to the owner of at least \$10,000. Mr. Adams proposes to give his first performance on the Estelle in Washington on or about March 1st next. The boat is fitted with all the latest appliances—having a stage, dressing room, etc. She will be provided with an electric plant. This is quite an innovation and no doubt Mr. Adams will receive generous patronage from the citizens wherever he goes. The launching yesterday was witnessed with interest by quite a number.



SMART RESULTS OBTAINED BY NOVEL COLLARS, VESTS AND SASHES

ADVANCE SHOWING NEW SPRING Suits in which is featured the newest models, highest grade tailoring, most stylish shades and materials at popular prices. J. K. Hoyt.

PLAIN AND FANCY BATHING Suits in the new Spring shades for early suits and dresses. Big values at 25c and 50c yard. J. K. Hoyt.