

## Go To Church Sunday Announced For March 22nd

### Pastor R. L. Gay Commends The Suggestion

#### Gives Reasons For The Faith That Is Within Him. Great Attendance Looked For.

(By Rev. R. L. Gay.)

Rev. R. L. Gay recently called attention to the fact that the pastors of the city have decided to urge the citizens to observe the fourth Sunday, March 22nd, as go-to-church day. It seems that the suggestion should commend itself to the people and give all the churches overflowing congregations on that day. A little thought will convince any intelligent person that the most helpful influences in any city are those that go out from the churches. And these beneficial influences are manifest in every direction. All kinds of legitimate business is blessed by the churches. A desirable person, prospecting for residence will invariably inquire about the churches and schools. Very few persons would care to live in a community in which there are no churches. Of course, no one doubts that the best conservative of good morals are the churches. Indeed, apart from religion there is no such thing as good morals. The difference between the moral standards of America and of China is the difference between the religions of the two countries. We have men and women of good moral character who do not profess to be Christians but they are product of the Christian impulse under which they were reared. The President himself recently said: "There is a religious revival all over the country today, and this is doing more for the spirit of the people than the legislation at Washington." I have before an article by Dr. J. B. Gambrell of Texas, in which he proclaims that our civilization, (or all that is good in it) is the product of preaching. Of course, all will admit that the churches, with their various agencies, are the only hopes of a future life dependent. Can men afford to neglect the greatest agent for the promotion of the best interests of the community. May we not hope that all the people—business men, professional men, society leaders—will, for once, by their presence encourage the institutions without which our city would not even be recognized by the citizens of the State.

### REV. R. L. GAY TO PREACH COUNTY HOME SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Rev. R. L. Gay, pastor of the First Methodist church, will be the preacher at the County Home tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock. All citizens are cordially invited to take part in the services.

## Senator Fletcher of Florida Watches Interest of Country

Washington, D. C., Mar. 14.—There is probably no man in public life who watches with keener interest every possibility for developing additional facilities for transportation than Senator Duncan U. Fletcher of Florida. For five years Senator Fletcher has been President of the Mississippi to Atlantic Inland Waterways Association and a Director of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. During that time he has been an enthusiastic advocate of waterway improvement, his pleasing personality and his intelligent appreciation of the needs of commerce for added means of transportation, being largely instrumental in bringing about waterway improvements beneficial to the whole country.

"Our people are greatly interested," said the Senator, "in the plan for an inside waterway from Cape Cod to the Rio Grande and will do everything possible to make this dream a reality; but while vitally interested in the whole scheme of an intracoastal waterway, we are especially enthusiastic over the prospecting up of certain links in this waterway chain. These links extend from New Orleans, on the Mississippi

### A GREEK DIVER DISCOVERS VALUABLE FISHING DISTRICTS

Where do sponges come from, from the sea of course, but very few people know just how or where they are gathered and that their habitat is restricted to a very few profitable fishing districts. Like oysters, sponges don't travel about of their own accord, and they must be caught where they grow. As the demand constantly increases and the older fishing areas are being depleted, newly discovered grounds of great importance are being eagerly sought.

A news item in the current number of the Monthly Bulletin of the Pan American Union, Washington, D. C., states that recently a shipment of 3,000 sponges of a fine grade arrived at Mobile, Alabama, from the coast of Honduras. The fact that this coast has extensive sponge-fishing possibilities had been either practically unknown or ignored until a Greek sponge-fisher from the Mediterranean Sea happened along during the latter part of last year. While about three weeks fishing he gathered enough for the shipment alluded to and now Honduras is going to add another product to its other numerous industries.

To persons who know sponges only as they appear ready for sale and use, the animal as it comes from the sea would be unrecognizable. It is a solid looking, rather slimy, fleshy body varying in color from light greyish yellow through a range of browns to black and in form either cup-shaped, spheroidal, or cake shaped, according to the species its age, or the environment in which it grew. In general appearance and consistency and the manner in which it cuts with a knife, a living sponge is not unlike a piece of beef liver, perforated with holes and canals. The sponges of the market are merely the skeleton, the supporting framework which has strengthened form to the soft gelatinous tissues of the living animal.

### HAVE RETURNED.

Mrs. J. F. Randolph and son, Haughton, have returned from a short visit to Elizabeth City.

### Bavarian Distances.

In the Bavarian highlands signposts along the roads, instead of stating the number of miles or kilometers to the various villages, give the amount of time which the average pedestrian will supposedly take to traverse the distance. This is merely an official expression of the very general custom of the peasants in the region, who invariably tell inquirers on the roads not how far it is to a place, but how long it takes to get there.

For instance, one asks, "How far is it to Oberammergau?" "A small half hour," will be the answer, or perhaps "A good half hour" or "A big half hour."

Which is puzzling until the stranger learns that a "small half hour" means twenty-five minutes, "a good half hour" thirty minutes and "a big half hour" thirty-five minutes.

## LEON RICKS DIED LAST EVENING

### Funeral Took Place This Afternoon at Three O'clock From Residence of Sheriff Ricks.

Sweet little Leon LeRoy, the bright and interesting 15-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Leon Ricks, was called last evening at 10 o'clock to brighten the battlements of Heaven and today the young parents and grandparents, sit silently beside the cradle longing for the casket of jewels now gone.

Little Leon about ten days ago was taken with measles which finally developed into congestion of the lungs. His short stay on earth made the sunshine brighter and his going has made the clouds darker. He plucked a thorn where a flower might grow in the home. He was a bright little fellow and although permitted to hear the birds sing in lovely spring-time for a few short months, the memory of Leon will ever be kept green and fresh in the archives of memory. To the young father and crushed mother, they should be consoled with the fact that the "Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord." Upon the new made grave of their only son can not the Daily News place a bunch of forget-me-nots for sweet remembrance sake?

The funeral took place this afternoon at three o'clock from the residence of Sheriff George E. Ricks on East Second street, conducted by Rev. R. V. Hope, pastor of the Christian church. Little Leon now sleeps beneath the Daisies in quiet Oak-land.

It's Healthful in Washington Park.

## DEBORAH SUBJECT FOR SUNDAY EVE.

The customary services tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m., at the First Presbyterian church. Preaching by the pastor Rev. H. B. Seagriff. Subject of the morning sermon, "The Joy and Advantages of Divine Worship." In the evening Mr. Seagriff will continue the series of sermons on the representative women of the Bible. The character for this evening being "Deborah, the Indomitable."

Sunday school 3.00 p. m., C. M. Brown Jr., superintendent. Strangers and travelling men cordially invited to worship with us.

### HOME TALENT IN THE MICADO

The Daughters of the Confederacy will present a comic opera "The Mikado." Tuesday night, April 14th, with a cast of one hundred and fifty. Wm. A. Baker of Chicago, will coach the home talent.

Let's Build in Washington Park.

### NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT RULES

Raleigh, N. C., Mar. 14.—The North Carolina Supreme Court held that because the foreman of a grand jury is the prosecuting witness is no ground for a new trial. Willie Pitt a negro, was convicted of stealing corn from the foreman of the Pitt county grand jury.

The religious beliefs of witnesses is not ground for a new trial, the court also held.

### Lyric Theatre Tonight

PRICES 10 and 15c.  
"BURTON & BURTON."  
Musicians of the different kind. If you don't want to laugh stay away from the theatre. They have made every big house in the country hold their sides from start to finish, Keith's not excepted.

Association Picture Program Which as You Know is Worth the Price

## BOOK CLUB ENTERTAINED BY MRS. SMALL

### Was Hostess at Her Home Thursday Afternoon Last. A Delightful Meeting Was Held.

Thursday afternoon from 3.30 to 5.30 o'clock Mrs. John H. Small entertained the members of the O'Henry Book Club at her home on Main street. Mrs. Small sustained her reputation as a most charming and gracious hostess and a delightful meeting was held.

The club was so glad to welcome home, the president, Miss Rodman, who has been on an extended trip to Florida. Mrs. Carter, the efficient vice-president presided over the meeting. Continuing the study of American writers Mrs. Lynch read a very interesting paper on the life works of our most noted poet Longfellow, and Mrs. Cleary read most charmingly one of his beautiful poems. The club had the pleasure of having as guests Mrs. McCullers, Mrs. Bragaw and Miss Fagan.

After the literary program Mrs. Small invited the guests into the dining room where she served a most tempting salad course, with Mrs. Bragaw and Miss Fagan very graciously presiding at the tea table. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Angus MacLean.

## BARACA'S ARE MAKING GOOD SHOW

Now that the ground hog has come out of his hole again, this time it is hoped, to stay, we can begin to figure that the winter is about over. The signs of spring are beginning to manifest themselves and imbue us all with new life and energy. This condition is nowhere more true than in the Baraca class of the Methodist Sunday school. The contest recently started by this class for the acquisition of new members is meeting with very encouraging results, and bids fair to more than double the size of the class by the end of the three months allotted to the campaign. The attendance last Sunday was the largest in the last twelve months, twenty-five being present of whom three were new members. At this rate the room assigned to this class in the new Sunday school building which is to be built this year will be in demand long before it is ready.

Remember the class meets every Sunday morning at the hour of 9.45 and that you cannot find a more profitable way of spending an hour than by attending this class. Mr. W. M. Kear is the teacher and all those who have heard him will guarantee that this hour will be pleasant and interesting, as well as profitable.

REV. R. L. GAY WILL  
PREACH SUNDAY P. M.  
AT COLORED CHURCH

Rev. R. L. Gay, pastor of the First Baptist church, will preach at the Spring Garden Missionary Baptist church, colored, Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. His subject will be: "What a Baptist church stands for in a community." All invited.

### THE HAGENBECK-WALLACE CIRCUS HERE MONDAY.

One of the most interesting and most sensational features of the season will be that that greets the patrons of the New Theater, Monday night.

The management of the New Theater secured on short notice the four reel feature "The Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus."

The feature picture displays the entire circus, from the arrival of the advance car to the final and complete ring work of the performers.

This picture comes to the New Theater for one day only, and is one of the most sensational ones of its kind. No advance will be made in the price of admission and the Vaudeville acts will be all new.

## MRS. KUGLER HOSTESS TO BOOK CLUB

### Two Very Interesting and Entertaining Papers Were Read. Meet Next With Miss Harvey.

In spite of the very inclement weather Thursday afternoon, a small party of kindred spirits met with Mrs. F. C. Kugler for the regular meeting of the Addisco Book Club.

Mrs. Frank Rollins, vice-president called the club to order at 3.30. The minutes of the last meeting at Mrs. J. B. Sparrow's, were read and approved. Responses to roll call were made with bright, newsy items of current events.

In the literary program for the afternoon there were two papers, the first on, "Women of the Confederacy," by Mrs. J. D. Grimes. The story of the heroism and self-sacrifice of our Southern women during the four years of Civil war, is one of never failing interest even after the lapse of years. It should be told often that our young people may feel the inspiration of these noble lives. The second paper was, "Women of the White House," by Mrs. J. B. Sparrow. This too, paid a worthy tribute to the splendid womanhood of our United country.

After this feast of good things for the soul, another feast equally pleasing to the palate, was served by a brown-eyed lad and lassie, over which the guests lingered long in pleasant social intercourse. As the meeting adjourned to meet again with Miss Harvey, each lady kissed away with her some of our hostess' little daughter, Miss Mary Martin Kugler.

## MISS BRIGHT ENTERTAINED AUDIENCE

(Special.)  
In the Senior play "Pandora" at the East Carolina Teachers Training School on March 9th Miss Mattie Bright, a sister of the star, Miss Corinne Bright, was one of the graces the three beautiful and graceful sisters who danced for joy at finding the lovely creation in the work shop of Hephaestus. Miss Bright was also in the Greek ball dance, which represented a charming picture of Greek maidens playing ball with different colored fruits. This was the great feature dance of the play, and rhythmic and lovely with the colors of the flowing draperies of the maidens.

The costumes were superintended by Mrs. Beckwith and Miss Beaman and were indeed creditable and lovely. Miss Maria D. Graham, the class advisor acted as manager of the play.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
SERVICES SCHEDULED FOR  
SUNDAY A. M. AND P. M.

All strangers remaining over in the city Sunday have a warm and cordial welcome to attend the services at the First Baptist church morning and evening. Seats free, and polite and attentive ushers. The subject of the pastor, Rev. R. L. Gay for 11 a. m., will be: "Moral Architecture." Evening topic: "Almost Persuaded."

### POPULAR SALESLADY IS NOW WITH THE FIRM OF BOWERS-LEWIS CO.

Mrs. Elizabeth Windley, formerly with the firm of James E. Clark Co., has accepted a position as saleslady with the well known firm of Bowers-Lewis Company. Mrs. Windley has the distinction of being one of Washington's popular salesladies and the firm of Bowers-Lewis Co., is to be congratulated on securing her valuable services.

## Piling Perfectly Sound After 43-Years Service In Great Salt Lake

### Railroad Trestle Has Just Been Replaced Which Was Recently Burned. Timbers Found Impreg- nated With Salt From The Lake.

### PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER OFFICE OPENED BY ROBERT S. WRIGHT

Mr. Robt. S. Wright, head of the Commercial Department of the Washington Collegiate Institute, announces that he will open a Public Stenographer's office in the County Courthouse on Monday, March 16th. Mr. Wright is a college educated man and has had over fifteen years experience as stenographer and secretary in various kinds of legal and general office work. For the last six years previous to coming to Washington, he was employed as chief stenographer and clerk of the proceedings of the Public Service Commission of New York City, the largest and most powerful commission of its kind ever created. His training and experience are therefore such as to make him an exceptionally well fitted man to carry on the work of this new office.

Mr. Wright will continue to teach evening classes at the Institute in the subjects of shorthand, typewriting and book-keeping, and will offer instruction in these subjects in connection with his work as public stenographer. Arrangements can be made for either day or night classes or for private instructions.

### Methusalem Practiced It.

Says Benjamin Franklin in his little essay "On the Art of Procuring Pleasant Dreams":  
"It is recorded that Methusalem, who being the longest liver, may be supposed to have best preserved his health, for when he had lived 900 years an angel said to him, 'Arise, Methusalem, and build thee an house, for thou shalt live 600 years longer.' But Methusalem answered and said: 'If I am to live but 600 years longer, it is not worth while to build me an house. I will sleep in the air, as I have been used to do.'"

This dialogue is not reported in the fifth chapter of Genesis, to be sure, but it is reproduced here out of respect to Franklin as evidence that outdoor sleeping is no fad, but a wise return to the manners of our ancestors.—Harper's Weekly.

### Profit in Arresting Deserters.

"The members of the police department are continually on the watch for deserters from the army or navy," explained the man about town. "The reason is that the government sets a price of \$25 upon the deserter's head. Of course policemen are anxious to gain the reward and are on the watch. 'The Bowery is the district most frequented by deserters, and that is the first place in the city where search is made for them. A score of deserters are picked up along this thoroughfare every year.'"

"Before a member of the police department can accept the reward for catching a deserter his claim must be approved by the commissioner. Even then he does not draw the entire amount, for the usual deduction for the police pension fund is made."—New York Sun.

### An Arab View of New York.

An Arab who visited New York city is said to have sent this letter home: "People in America travel like rats under the ground [meaning the subway], and like squirrels in the air [meaning the elevated railways], and the buildings are so high that people have to be put in square boxes and pulled to the top by heavy ropes [meaning the elevator]. In the day the sun furnishes the light the same as in Morocco. At night the light is as strong as the day, but people here do not seem to have much use for sleep, as the streets are just as crowded at night as in the day."—Outlook.

### Misfit Tails.

It was Robert's first visit to the zoo. "What do you think of the animals?" inquired Uncle Ben.  
"After a critical inspection of the exhibit the boy replied:  
"I think the kangaroo and the elephant should change tails."—Youngstown Telegram.

### That Maid Him.

Wife—Henry, you need a rest. Let us go to Longfong Springs. Hub—That place! Why, it's only fit for women and fools. Wife—I know it. Let's go there together.—Boston Transcript.

### Athletic.

"I don't think," said an old lady, "that bookkeeping is a very sedative employment. There must be so much exercise in running up the columns."

In replacing a railroad trestle recently burned along the north shore of Great Salt Lake, engineers have impregnated throughout with salt perfectly sound after 43 years of service. Looking for the cause, since these were only of local pine and fir, they found the timbers were impregnated throughout with salt from the lake.

At another point on the lake, 18 inch piles set 29 yards, are similarly preserved with salt which has penetrated to their very center. Timbers in the Southern Pacific trestles across Salt Lake placed in 1902, appear to be as good as on the day when the piles were driven. They have been preserved well above water line by salt dashed on to them by the waves, a fact apparently anticipated by the engineers who built the trestles.

The first transcontinental telegraph line, built before the railroad, extended west from Salt Lake City through the prosperous mining camp of Eureka, Austin and Vir Virginia City. When the railroad was built the telegraph line was transferred to follow its right of way and the old poles sawed off at the ground. An engineer who recently examined the butts left in the ground in the salt desert near Fish Springs found that, although fifty years had passed since the poles were cut off, the old butts were perfectly sound.

In the Salt Lake Electric companies the local salt for preservation. When set up, about 75 pounds of salt is placed around the pole on the ground. This method can not be used, however, when the pole is on or near a lawn, or in any place where the vegetation is desired.

It is pointed out that the reason why the waters of Salt Lake act as a strong preservative, as distinguished from ocean waters, is because the lake water is so much saltier, being practically a saturated solution. Preservation with salt is of no use in ocean piling against the attack of teredos and other marine borers.

Experts in the forest service who have been investigating the preservative treatment of timber offer the suggestion that ties and poles which have been immersed for some time in the waters of the lake ought to be impervious to decay if the salt is not leached out by the action of the elements. It has been suggested that this can be guarded against, for example by painting the butt of the pole with a coat of creosote which will keep out the moisture and keep in the salt.

## ATTRACTION NEW THEATRE WED. NIGHT

This attraction at the New Theater on Wednesday, March 18th will be the "Joshua Simpkins" company. It is a strong rural comedy drama, opening with a realistic scene of rural home life, showing Skinner Tavern with Uncle Josh's Briar Farm in the distance. The play progresses abounding in interesting situations, until a climax is reached in the third act, when a human being is helplessly bound to a log to be cut in twain by a mammoth bursaw, and is only saved by the timely arrival of Uncle Josh.

"Joshua Simpkins" was written with a view of keeping an audience thoroughly amused and it fully carries out the author's intention. The plot is not allowed to interfere with the comedy parts to any extent, thus producing a play that is thrillingly interesting and said to contain many laughs. The company carry their own special scenery.