

DELIGHTFUL SERVICE AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

GOOD CROWD WAS
PRESENT ALTHOUGH
WEATHER INCLEMENT

Fine Spirit Prevailed During
The Meeting. There Were
Two Additions. All Invited
To The Service This Eve.

In spite of the threatening weather quite a good congregation assembled at the First Baptist Church last evening and enjoyed what was the most delightful service of the whole series. Mr. Ham had recovered from the nervous strain due to overwork on Sunday and sleeplessness Sunday night, and preached a strong sermon on the "Shadow of a Great Rock in a Weary Land." All present seemed to attend heartily in sympathy with the spirit of the meeting and a fine spirit prevailed throughout the service. A spirit of quiet earnestness pervaded the entire congregation and at the close of the service every one was happy and ready for future work. There were two additions to the church—one for baptism and one under watch care.

The services continue during the week. It is to be regretted that more people do not take advantage of the morning meetings for Bible study and prayer. These meetings are a rich treat to those who do attend. One of the imperative needs of the age is a greater emphasis on the study and use of the Word of God. To most people the Bible is an unknown book and consequently Jehovah is an unknown God. Another result of this is manifest in empty churches on Sunday. Sabbath desecration and loss of Christian homes. He may be blind who is ignorant of the general tendency toward moral decadence that threatens the very foundations of Christian civilization.

The morning service begins promptly at 10 o'clock and the evening service promptly at eight o'clock.

Mrs. J. W. Ham returned yesterday from New Orleans and will assist in the music during the week.

DEPARTMENT GIVE NOTICE TO SHIPPERS

Washington, D. C., July 15.—The U. S. Department of Agriculture has just issued a number of notices of judgment against shippers of adulterated or misbranded beer, tonic and liggers in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

The S. Hirsch Distilling Co., doing business under the name of Mineral Cordial Co., Kansas City, Mo., was charged with the interstate shipment of a quantity of so-called extra fine Jamaica rum, described on the label as Jamaica rum. It was proved to be a mixture of Jamaica rum and neutral spirits. The court imposed a fine of \$100 and costs upon the company.

An interstate shipment of beer by the Evanville Brewing Association, Evansville, Ind., was alleged to be adulterated for the reason that it was brewed from barley, malt and cereal products and not from "Finest Barley Malt and Choice Hops," only as printed on the labels. The company pleaded guilty and the court imposed a fine of \$100 and costs.

The Independent Brewing Co., of Philadelphia, Pa., was fined \$50 and costs for the interstate shipment of adulterated and misbranded beer. The label indicated that the beer was brewed from "Choice Malt and Hops," but the government showed that a cereal or cereal product had been substituted wholly or in part for malt.

M. J. Griel, a member of the firm of Griel Trading Co., Pensacola, Fla., was charged with the interstate shipment of a quantity of so-called cognac, which was labeled "Cognac (L. G.) Brandy-Proof 50 Stamp #4184, Pensacola, Fla." Analysis showed that it contained in part neutral spirits colored with caramel.

PLAYING BALL IN AMERICA STILL POPULAR

"Ph-a-a-a-y Baw-aw-aw-ll!" is not as new an expression of popular impatience to have some one "start something" as some people may think. Neither is playing ball for a living a strictly modern invention. In fact thousands of years ago, way down in Yucatan, impatient crowds sat around in ball parks, yelled themselves hoarse, beat one another in the back, and threw their leather head-gear into the arena in the enthusiasm of the moment, just as we are doing today. Also there doubtless were Ty Cobbs whose skill in batting and fielding was such that they could afford to hold up the management occasionally for a few more hundred jaguar skins a year by threats to quit professional ball and go to farming.

Of course the game was not exactly base ball. But the point is that it was a ball game, that there were regular ball parks—or courts—and that there were professional who played the game for what there was "in it" in them. Mayhap the medium of exchange took the form of jaguar skins, pounds of cacao, fancy feathers, or what not, but it was money all the same, and they could buy with it at the club, or in the market place as the case might be. They had their peculiar systems of "plans" too, at least in some parts of the Americas, which translated into English means about as much to us as ours would to them—all of which is brought out by Mr. Franklin Adams in his story "Indigenous Games in Latin America" in the July number of the Monthly Bulletin of the Pan American Union, Washington, D. C. That the ball game is an ancient institution in the Americas may be gathered from the following:

"The ball game is indigenous to the Americas. Perhaps the first similar inhabitants found true sport in catching the cocoanuts tossed from the tall palms—certainly it is that several thousand years ago the ball game had reached a high state of development in the 70 cities scattered throughout Yucatan. On clearing away the matted forests enveloping these marvellous ruins, ball courts were discovered near the most sacred temples, and from the elaborate hieroglyphics and pictographs ornamenting the walls, much was learned of the complicated character of the sport. Centuries after the passing of these ancient Mayans, came the first Spanish explorers who found that a younger race in contiguous territory, the Aztecs, had revived the old pastime into a 'national game,' with a stone 'God of Sport' beaming on every court.

"The peculiarity of these early games was that the ball, when in play, was not thrown with the hand but struck by the hip, around which the player wore a protecting pad of leather. At each end of the court was a great stone disk with a hole in the center, and through this orifice the ball was driven before a point was scored. Very naturally a 'lively' ball was used, since rubber trees dominated the forests.

"Old chroniclers marvel at the skill and endurance of the players, for a game was seldom won under four hours of constant play. Such exhausting contests, with a dozen participants in almost constant action, were not for amateurs but professional. Thus from the Aztec word *ollin*, signifying 'ball' came the word *mollinquitl*, 'one who plays ball for a living.'

Another form of ball game is played by the Indian tribes of the Orinoco river region in the wilds of Brazil. A carefully leveled field lies in front of the malokas, or large communal houses, and adly at 5 o'clock the men returning from the day's fishing or hunting, indulge in the sport—not a complicated game like that of the early Mexicans, but one calling for a degree of skill, as two balls are used by the players, who drive them with the hands toward their opponents. Yellow ball feathers of the Yapon bird are affixed to the rubber balls for accuracy.

NEW THEATRE SHOW TONIGHT ATTRACTIVE

Miss Nellie Gay, together with her sisters and associated company extend a welcome to every one in the city to attend the birthday party to be given at the New Theatre tonight to Miss Jane. Every one attending is requested to bring a partner with them. The party will last from 7.30 to 10.30 p. m., so every one wishing to attend will have all the time that they wish to enjoy all of the different kinds of amusements that will be furnished the hostess guests. The stage will be furnished with some of the best scenery suitable for such occasions. First there will be three reels of the very best selected associated films, especially engaged for this occasion. Then the guests will be treated with one of the funniest Irish farce comedies ever presented at a gathering of this kind. This little comedy will be intermingled with some of the very latest songs and dances. Every artist that will take part is a pupil of great ability in their different lines. The stage has been wired for the special electrical effects that will be used for this occasion. The invitations extended through this paper includes every person in town, both old and young, so there will be amusements that will please every one that attends. There are no invitations mailed to anyone, so do not hesitate to take advantage of this opportunity to see and enjoy one of the best evenings of pleasure that you will have for some time to come. We predict a large crowd for them tonight, for this splendid troupe has certainly made a big hit here this week.

HAVE RETURNED FROM OUTING TO THE SOUND

The Boy Scouts returned this morning from their annual outing on Pamlico river. The party was in charge of Dr. S. A. Nathan. The scouts, twenty in number, enjoyed their outing immensely and are loud in praise of those who helped make the occasion what it was.

BREAK THIS NEWS GENTLY TO CALAMITY SHOUTERS

(By Senator Jas. E. Martine, of New Jersey.)

In my own state, which is a great manufacturing community in the city of Elizabeth, is a great plant, known as the Singer Sewing Machine plant, employing 10,000 hands. We put their product on the free list. We were told on all sides in Elizabeth that we were inviting calamity and were inviting our own defeat to advocate putting sewing machines on the free list; but what has been the result? It has been the annual custom, at this time of the year, of the Singer Sewing Machine Company during every year that I have had any knowledge of it—and they have been there twenty years or more—to close down for one month, as they said, for repairs and for other purposes. Within the past two or three days I learn from the Elizabeth Journal, the property and voice in Bays part of the distinguished and honorable John Keay, my predecessor, a protectionist and a Republican, that the situation has entirely changed, and instead of closing down the plant for four weeks this year they notified their workmen on Monday last that no such shutdown would take place; that a week would be as long as they could afford to have the plant idle this year; that they had sold out their stock of sewing machines, and that their orders were such as to keep the Singer Sewing Machine plant busy and humming for the rest of the year.

GUESTS OF PARENTS

Mrs. Edward Farris of High Point, N. C., is the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Willis at their home corner of Harvey and East Second streets. Mrs. Farris was accompanied by Miss Marguerite Kirkman of High Point, who is to be the guest of Miss Lillian Belle Willis.

GREAT SCENE WILL GREET THE VISITORS

San Diego, July 15.—What is doubtless the greatest movement ever inaugurated with the purpose of beautifying and adorning a city, was begun here at a mass meeting called by the officers of the San Diego Federation of State Societies this week. Representatives of every commercial and civic organization in the city, the schools, the churches, fraternal societies, city and county officials and directors of the San Diego Exposition all pledged support for the movement, which has been systematically planned by experts in city beautification work.

Holding of the San Diego Exposition during the entire year of 1915 which is expected to attract hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the world to San Diego, was the incentive for the movement, which has now assumed such form that those at the head of it feel safe in asserting that by January 1, 1915, the date of the opening of the San Diego Exposition, there will not be an unsightly spot in all San Diego. Fences and outhouses are to be overgrown with perennially blooming vines, vacant lots will be cleared and sown with flowers that bloom the year around, houses will be freshly painted, streets cleared of all weeds and rubbish, bare walls adorned with window ledge flower boxes, and hanging baskets from roof ledges and flower gardens will appear everywhere, until San Diego becomes one great, fragrant, beautiful bouquet.

TWO RECENT CONVENIENCES

I want to tell you about two conveniences I have recently found that will help you.

One is a moth-proof closet for only \$1. It comes folded and packed flat. Postage paid for the above amount. It is made of heavy cardboard rendered moth-proof by some process, and you have only to open it up, and pack your winter clothing in it. Tie it up again, and stand it back in a closet. So you have a cedar closet! The one I have is 36 inches long by 18 high and 18 wide. There is enough room to pack at least six suits of heavy outer clothing. I have in mine all my winter underwear, two hats, a muff and several dresses.

The other helper a glass jar with fitted top through the center of which runs a metal disher spirally twisted. Moving the disher up and down it is turned around by the spirals passing through the hole in the top. Thus by only moving it up and down two movements are given it. Eggs, mayonnaises, anything can be beaten very quickly in this.—L. M. C., in The Progressive Farmer.

A SHORT BUT UNIQUE UNDERGROUND TRIP

While few visitors to Washington fail to pay a visit to the handsome marble office building of the Senate and House many miss the unique experience of having a ride on the only underground system in the world. In less than half a minute, the lawmakers descending the basement by one of the Senate offices many roomy elevators, are whisked off in a little eight-seated open car, under the car tracks and lanes by the underground mono railroad and next moment find themselves safely landed in the basement of the capital.

If the mono rail cars happen to be full there is also a small auto at the Senator's or visitor's disposal which makes the same journey with equal celerity. Owing to some fault in construction of the tunnel the ground in the street has settled and consequently the tourist who visits the Congressional Library can see by depression in the road bed of the Capitol Traction Company's tracks exactly where the tunnel extends.

Members of the House being so numerous and so much younger generally speaking, are not provided with similar underground road, but have to walk over to the capitol when summoned by telephone.

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THE TOBACCO MARKET IS PROPITIOUS

The tobacco market is surely going to be far in expectation of the most auspicious. The farmers of this county are more than jubilant as to the outcome and notwithstanding the heavy rains of yesterday and the day before the crop is going to be favorable in every particular. The weed is being cured with care and forethought and if the prices are even fair the farmers of Beaufort county should have no apprehension.

CROPS FINE OPINION OF CO. FARMERS

Washington and surrounding section was visited by one of the largest rains of the season yesterday afternoon and night. Inasmuch as the farmers were beginning to pull tobacco it was feared that the rain would injure the plant. Mr. T. E. Smaw was here today and states that in his opinion it did it good. Mr. Smaw states that his entire crop was benefited and the prospects are that the farmers of Beaufort county will reap a harvest this fall.

MISSOURI BANKERS SEE GOOD TIMES AHEAD

St. Louis, Mo., July 15.—Bankers of Missouri, each in touch with the actual financial business and crop conditions in his territory, believe that the State is on the verge of one of the greatest eras of prosperity in its history.

In a number of letters to the St. Louis Republic, replying to inquiries as to the exact conditions in the state, they have declared in no uncertain terms that Missouri is entering with the coming installation of the new currency system, on a period of exceptionally good business.

The majority of letters received by The Republic ascribe the optimistic outlook to the bumper wheat harvest, its already noticeable effect in financial circles in certain districts and the belief that the new currency system when in operation will increase the financial prosperity of the state many fold.

Many of the writers have gone into painstaking detail and show in their letters just what the situation is in their own sections of the state. The inquiries were sent out regardless of political creed or belief and with the request for replies in the same spirit. This has been done.

Those in the farming districts pin their faith to the bumper wheat crop, the greatest Missouri has ever known, and the fact that the harvest has gone on without hitch and the farmers are having few financial worries and are able on this crop to take up old obligations without the necessity of making new.

Corn, too, has a good prospect. In some sections of the state they have had plenty of rain, while reports from others show that the corn has a good stand and that with seasonable weather will join with the wheat in making this a great year for Missouri.

Some of the letters follow: R. B. Price, president of the Boone County National Bank of Columbia, Mo., is a typical optimist: "The oat crop will be short and the grass not over one-half crop."

J. L. Diefenderfer, cashier of the Bank of Lebanon, Mo., forecasts prosperity under the new currency law. "The new currency law will be of great benefit to the country in my estimation," writes Mr. Diefenderfer. "Business will pick up in the next sixty days, if we have the proper season."

IN THE CITY.
Ex-Sheriff E. O. Spencer of Swan Quarter, N. C., is among the welcome visitors to Washington today.

HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR THIS EVENING

The preliminary hearing of Earl Overton charged with a criminal assault upon Lillian Brown is to be heard before Recorder W. M. Hooker in the town of Aurora this evening at eight o'clock. The defendant is to be represented by Rodman and Bonner. As yet the prosecution has no counsel.

The prisoner was brought to the county jail Sunday last and since that time has been an inmate. What the outcome of the preliminary is to be this paper cannot state, however, it is surmised that the case will attract more than ordinary attention.

DR. SHAW DISAPPROVES CATECHISING THE PRESIDENT

The suffragists of the country are almost unanimous in sending hearty congratulations to Dr. Anna Howard Shaw on the firm stand she has taken regarding the recent action of the small faction of women who called on the president and endeavored to catechise him in regard to his suffrage beliefs. As president of the National Association Dr. Shaw has most wisely written an open letter to Mr. Wilson in which she frankly deplores the repeated demands of the small body of women who pose as the representative of the suffragists of the country. As a matter of fact this delegation was not only not authorized to speak for the National organization but by a vote of its officers—representing the suffragists of every state in the Union—were refused, not a year ago, their request to become affiliated with the parent organization. It was owing to the ill advised methods of the Congressional union and its published intention of "fighting the Democratic party" that caused its application to be denied.

Dr. Shaw in her letter mentions the splendid work of the National Congressional Committee, of which Mrs. Medill McCormick is the able chairman and points out that while the committee has diligently endeavored to secure favorable Congressional action, at no time since November 1913 has any delegation from the National Association endeavored to secure from the President any further expression of his views.

"We greatly deplore," Dr. Shaw declares, "any act in the name of woman suffrage which mars the record of dignity, lawfulness, and patriotism which has marked the conduct of the campaigns to obtain."

VISITING MRS. CADDELL.

Mrs. F. A. Ward of Puntagorda, Fla., is visiting Mrs. L. R. Caddell at her home on West Third street. Mrs. E. W. Rountree and children of Puntagorda, Fla., are her guests. They arrived here Sunday afternoon last.

PRAYER MEETING.

There will be prayermeeting in all the different churches of the city this evening at the usual hour with the exception of the First Baptist Church, where a series of meetings is being conducted.

FOR SWAN QUARTER.

Mrs. Charles Wahab and Mrs. George Spencer have gone to Swan Quarter, N. C., to visit relatives and friends.

TO ATTEND CONVENTION.

J. F. Cowell and Mrs. Cowell left yesterday for Hot Springs, Va., for the purpose of attending the Fertilizer convention. They expect to be absent several days. Their many friends wish them a pleasant outing.

It's restful in Washington Park.

A MESSAGE OF HOPE.
The only cure for cancer is to remove every vestige of the disease. The only sure way to do this is by a surgical operation.

If taken at the beginning, the majority of cases of cancer are curable. All cases will end in death if let alone.

Records of our best hospitals prove that the chances of cure are very high with early operation, and that these chances decrease with every day of delay. Early diagnosis is therefore all important.

HOME WEDDING THIS MORNING WAS INVITING

Amid the presence of a few invited guests and friends Miss Nellie Winfield was happily united in marriage on East Main street this morning at 10.30 o'clock to Mr. J. S. Willard. The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. Robt. V. Hope, pastor of the Christian Church in the presence of a few friends. The bride and groom immediately after the consummation of the nuptials left for northern cities. They expect to return within the next few days.

PRELIMINARY PLANS HAVE BEEN COMPLETE

Mrs. Robert Baker, chairman of the recently created Woman's Auxiliary Department of the American Highway Association, announced today that she had completed her preliminary plans for organizing the women of the United States into a strong organization which will work continuously for the improvement of the roads of the nation, especially rural roads.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee at which Mr. Leonard Tufts, chairman, Hon. Logan Waller Page, Director U. S. Office of Public Roads and President American Highway Association, Mr. Fairfax Harrison, President Southern Railway, Mr. A. G. Btcheider, chairman Executive Committee of the American Automobile Association, Mr. Richard H. Edmonds, editor Manufacturers' Record, and others were present, it was decided that a Woman's Auxiliary Department should be established to aid the women who have been working individually for better roads in their various communities.

The women of the country should learn the value of good roads, not only to the nation as a whole, but to individual women and children. It is the opinion of the officials of the American Highway Association that if the women had an organization through which they might obtain all needed information concerning roads and the most effective means of organization, inquiry and propaganda, they would become a powerful influence for efficient handling of road funds and adequate road building and maintenance.

"Millions of children in the United States," said Mrs. Baker, "are educated in rural schools and yet at certain seasons, because of the deplorable condition of the roads, the children are unable to get to school. Discipline is destroyed and the continuity of study is made impossible. Good roads will bring consolidation of the one room schools into good graded schools and the use of school wagons."

The country churches are not as a whole showing healthy growth and it is upon these churches that the vitality of the city churches depend. Women all over the land should rally to the support of the good roads movement when its vital influence upon the home, the school and the church is so plainly shown.

Arrangements are being made to hold a conference of prominent women under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary Department in conjunction with the Fourth American Road Congress in Atlanta, Ga., during the week beginning November 9th.

THE NEW POST CARD.

A brand new post card has just been issued by the Post Office Department which will replace the one now in use bearing the well known profile of the martyred president. The new card is printed in green ink and instead of the portrait of President McKinley the stamp very properly bears the portrait of the great Democrat Thomas Jefferson. Wags of course will now again get off the old, old joke and declare that although the new postal is green, it will still be read.