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OLD FIDDLERS' CON-VENTION.

Big Cathering from All the Surrounding Counties-Grand Success.

Shakespeare has said that "The man that hath no music in hiuself is fit for treasons, stratagems and

This cannot be said of the citizens of Randolph by those who attended the convention of fieldlers at the Graded School Auditorium last Thursday night. Probably the most interesting and largest gather-ing and certainly the most musical, ever held in this section was this.

All day long the strains of Ye Oylden Tyme hidde music in every section of the tivin gave warning to the coming event. Occasionally one could hear some of the modern one could but few prused to listed except when the strains of such plebian airs se Straw Bonnet, Leath-er Breecher, Yunkee Doorle, Fisher's Horn Pipe, Old Mollie Hure, Home Sweet Home, Little Piggie, Hop Light Ladies, Dixie, Turkey in the Straw, Patarola, Jesse James, Halleluiah Sale, and others fell upon

The curtain at the Auditorium The curtain at the Auditorium went up on more than seventy born fiddlers sawing away upon Mississippi Sawyer and pawing the devil's tatto, otherwise known as patting. These seventy fiddlers were playing under the direction of Mr. E. E. Pugh, of High Point, and as he right or little foot, and wave his bow to correct the tempo, each player bore down upon his bow and drew melody from his instrument while the crowd of spectators went wild with cheering, hurrahs and whist-ling. The house was filled to over-

C. J. Poole, Troy, tune Leather Br sches. M. M. Routh, Kandleman, Jessy Lynd.

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J.A. Richardson, D. wey, Mississippi Sawyer and Little Brown Jug.

M. F. Withams, Ulah, Hallebjah Side and Going to the Wedding.

J.J. Miller, Asheboro Rochester Schottische and Lady Washington.

W. R. Haulin, entra Fells, Mississippi Sawyer and Beastifold Bolls.

W. J. Pugh, Climax, Jesse James and Old Molite Hare.

S. J. Walson, High Point, Straw Bonnet and Mid the Green Fields.

John Bray, Central Falls, Flat Rock and Mississippi Sawyer.

Dr. J. D. Sulls, Trinity, Floating Down the Stream of Time and Palacola.

Jee Hamiin, Central Falls, Yankee Doodie and Ship That Never Returned.

Everett McDaniel, Holly, Jesse James and Rain a Little.

J. M. Lincherry, Randleman, Leather Rain & Ettle.

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J. M. Lineberry, Randleman, Leather Breeches and Flat Rock
Henry Smith, Millboro, Magpie and Tur-key in the Straw.

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E. A. Tucker, Colfax, Little Rock and Hop Light Ladies.

E. I. Tomlinson, Dixie and Kiss Waltz.

w. N. Elder, Trinity, Rock the Cradle, Joe. and Old Molile Hare?

B. F. Gray, Franklinville, Yankee Doodle and Jesse James

J. F. Coosine, Trinity, Turkey in the Straw and Rainbow Schottishe

Jos. M. Brown, Handleman, Leather Breeches and Flat Rock.

P. A. Fonlayne, Ramseur, Shoo-Fly Melody and College Horn Pipe.

J. Frank Hamilton, Central Falls, Old Kentucky Home.

P. A. Fontayne, Rumseur, Selection with Sones.

J. R. Winningham, Central Falls, on harp
Flat Rock and Mollie Hare.
Joel Davis, Fragress, on Banjo, Peek sov and Daving Chlor.

S. T. Hill Progress, on dalcimer, Waughn, Shortstep and Sam Jones Going Down
own.

too, Shortstep and Sam Jones Going Down Town.

Geo. W. Fugh, Mil boro, guitar specialty, Sebastopol and Star Waltz.

Capt. W. E. Johns, fiddle specialty, Mocking Bird and 22nd of February.

C. C. Holden, High Point, guitar, Home, Sweet Home and Mexican Waltz.

Grady Miller, Asheboro, harp and guitar combined, San Antonio and Rufus Haston.

E. L. Tomlinson, Glenola, vocal specialty. Dear Heart and Nevermore Grow Old.

J. F. Hamilton, Coutral Falls, vacal selection North "archine Hills

R. K. Stanley, Greenshoro, vocal with hanjo accompaniment, Up With the Angels Now.

C J. Poole, Troy, salo with guitar, lättle J. N. Rumble.

The contest was close, making the work of the judges, Messra. A. P. Staley, of High Point; T. H. Redding and Dr. L. M. Fox, of Ashe-boro, very hard. After fome deliberation the prizes were awarded as

Best lead fiblic-P. A. Fontaine

of Rams-ur-\$10.00. Sec and best lead findle-J. F. Consus, Trinity-\$5.00.

Best second fiddle—F. M. Trog-don, Millboro—§7.50. Second best second fiddle—Capt. W. E. Johns, High Point—\$2.50. Hest barjo—Tony Johnson, Sol. \$\frac{4}{2}\$.50.

\$5.00. Second best banjo-Joe V. Vickory, Greensboro—\$2.50.

Best specialty—R. K. Stanley,
Greensboro—\$5.00.

Greenstoro-\$5.00.
Second best specialty—Grady Mil-ler, Asheboro-\$2.50.
Booby price—J. F. Hamilton, Central Fall.—Δ Model Fiddle.

That these were awarded the

sing. The house was filled to overflowing.

The overture completed, a n d cheers subsided, Prof. E. J. Coltrane, master of ceremonies, called upon Col. W. P. Wood, to greet the fiddle and vocal selections. The delers and their friends, who has come from every part of Randoiph and adjoining counties. As usual Col. Wood's welcome was most cordial—just such as would came oce to tune to the highest pitch—just the thing for a convention of fill-dlers.

The program was interesting throughout. It consisted principally froughout. It consisted principally for tunes of the antique school, but now and then a more modern air or a vocal selection was given adding variety.

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genuine delight for the audience, ren for the sake of wetting their The convention was a grand success whiatles. credit is due Mr. Pugh, of High Point, for the success on account of his excellent arrangement and conduct of the program. A nest sum was realized by the Betterment Association.

NEW ATTORNEYS.

Forty-Three Applications Granted by Supreme Coert.

COMMENTS ON VARIOUS MATTERS.

The Legislature of 1908.

The same members returned to clean as a woman's. The same members returned to Raleigh who were elected for the Legislature of 1907, but the recent seesion was in every way sounder. The coarse jake and even the shaly safer and more sensible then the alluston are no longer drawing as ds. other. What was the reason for this marked change in the spirit of the two sestions? There are two reasons B. Aycock, never utters a word in the life that would be income. young man representing that paper at the capital during the session of the body. One reason is, the members heard the voice of the people, and the other which naturally followed is, that there was a change of

leadership.
At the first session the people had no instructions to give, because the rate question was new to them, and they had no opportunity to think it through. They have done a lot of thinking within the past year, and the members some ow heard the prepared to execute their will.

The other reason for the wisdom of the recent assion, the change of leadership, is apparent to all. The session of 1907 was characterized by impulse rather than calm reason. The man who could best abuse the railroads was he who caught the ear of the House. The men in the sad-dle had blood in their eye for the

prizes does dot declare against others thought at the beginning of the ses-who participated in the program, sion of 1907 that these radicals were

but the majority ought, in some de gree, to measure the strength of the performance the andience struggled to control themselves, and managed to keep their feet on the floor until the Cedar Grove band struck up "Cedar Rock." There was a sudden stillness, then a whirl and a spontaneous shuffle began on the stage, participated in by Messrs. Henry Alfred, Carl Hoover and Jake Miller. The house went wild.

Prof. J. N. Rumble, whose work on the fiddle is well known in this section, was a highly appreciated participant. In his rendition of Arkaness Traveler, the Mockingbird and other selections he displayed a perfect knowledge of the fiddle, and his scientific work proved him a master with the bow.

From start to finish there was a genuine delight for the audience. The convention was a grand suce we wisiates. but the majority ought, in some de been gree, to measure the strength of the nix.

Our Moral Progress.

The fact that we are facing a great prohibition victory in North Carolina indicates how far and how fast we have travelled in the direct tion of a higher moral manhood, We all remember the remark of the great Tribune of the people, who, replying to Rev. Mr. Abernathy sa to how be intended to vote in the Second Fronce.

Success Fronce.

Capt, W. E. Johns, High Point, Rock the Crade, Joo. and Old Mollie Hare.

P. A. Featayne, Ramesur, Rattlesmake Jig. Pathle Frister Saspended.

The Surpers Court has granted the prohibition election, said, "dy heart is with you, but my stomach is laguing tyou, and my stomach is laguing the country type the first the case and over a hundred withease stetified.

Pathle Fritter Suspended.

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beaten by a man whose life is

and they are given very clearly in public that would bring a blush the Charlotte Observer of February 3d by Mr. W. D. Adams, the bright spirit of the times demands that a candidate for office shall also be a gentleman.

The North Carolina Press.

the News & Observer has stood like a stone wall; and all over the State our country newspapers to the best of their strength have gladly enamentally strength have gl pioned every righteous cause. A depraced and immoral newspaper cannot flourish in North Carolina.

It must convince its readers that it loves the right in order to win their patronage. They may be deceived patronage. They may be deceived but they will not let the same man deceive them twice.

The field for the coun ry paper is broader and more inviting now than it has ever been. The educational revival has opened new and larger dle had blood in their eye for the corporations, and would hear to no compromuse. They demanded the price of flesh. Put for the protest of the Senate the passenger rate would have been put at two cents a mile.

They demanded the protest of the Senate the passenger rate and the deeper the thirst the better for the local paper. I am always glad to see a community proud of And yet a majority of the people and loval to its paper. It is a good sign of 1907 that these radicals were he wise men of the Legislature, which proves that the voice of the

been ill about a week with pneumo

dict of not guilty. It it under-stood that the jury for some time after it retired stood seven to five for acquittal.

Bascom Guilford county.

Mr. Horner Acquitted.

The jury in the case of State gainst G. W. Horner, of Elise, against charging him with burning his store at Eliac, Moore county, in 1901, has returned a verdict of not guilty. The case was moved to Chatham county at the request of State.

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB.

Something of the Play to Be Given Some -Cast of Characte

The Spinsters' Fortnightly Club, a burleaque entertainment will be given at the Graded School Auditorium on Friday night February 21st, under the maspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

The spinsters represent typical old maids with old-time costumes They meet in their convention hall, respond to the roll call with appropriate quotations and proceed with business in the most absurd manner-plan to go to Alaska where they have heard there are 50,000 there are 50,000 brides wanted, and as they cannot all decideon the style of dress for their trip the President appoints two Right behind every thing which has for its order the upon the unjoint and dependent and the press of North Carolina. In the fierce bat is for the destruction of the liquor traffic the News & Observer has stood like a stone walt and all over the State.

Below we print the cast of charac-

Josephine Jane Green, President Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer,

- Als, w.m. C. Hammer,
Rosnita Abigal Hodge, Secretary—
M.s. C. C. McAlister.
Cynthia Priscilla Jones, Treasurer—
b.rs. H. E. Mofflet.
Opheria Arab-lla Pitkins, Chm.
Vigitanus Com.—Mrs. W. D. Stedman.

Portia Olivia Bennett-Mrs. J. T.

Underwood, Penelope Gertrude Doolittle-Miss Lucy Crowson. JUDGES. Saphronia Araminta Long-Mrs.

Dantel Sharp.

Jerusha Matilda Spriggins-Miss Nannie Ballinger. Martha Elvira Blathers-Mise

OTHER CHARACTERS.

Essie Ross.

Betsy Bobbitt-Miss Darsy Crowon, (Poetess) Patience Desire Mann—Miss Fan-

nie Gray. Rachel Rebecca Short—Miss Ruth

Florence Lucretia Goodhope-Mrs Laurin Cranford.

Samantha Polly Popweasel (deaf and dumb)—Miss Mullie Rush. Florence Arabella Long-Mrs. T. Johnson.

Miss Rachel Bodkins—Miss Bossis Coffin. Jessica Juliet Smith-Miss Laura

Stimson. Cleopatra Bell Brown—Miss Irma Whitfield, Violet Ann Ruggles—Miss Min-

nte Hoover.
Anatosia Melissa Huggins-Mrs. E. Kephart.

Mercy Desire Adams-Mrs. Otis Rich. In addition to the above persons who take part in the spinsters con-vention there are about 10 more who

come out "made over". Tickets will be on sale at the Standard Drug Store. Reserved seats 35c., general admission 25c., children under 12 years of age 15c.

FIDDLERS' CONVENTION.

On the Night of February 29th,

There will be an Old Fiddlers' Convention at Farmer February 29:b. All who play either a fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar or autobarp are cordially invited to enter the contest. Prizes consisting of two two and one-half dollar gold pieces, with burning his store with burning his store and the contest. Prizes consisting of two two and one-half dollar gold pieces, will be given to the best players. About thirty have already promised their support, and in all about fifty players are expected.

All who wish to enter should send

All who wish to enter should send their names at once to S. T. Lassi-ter so that free entertainment may be arranged for them,

TRAGIC DEATH OF A MERE BOY.

Master John McPherson Accidently Killed While out Hunting Friday.

News reached here Saturday of the tragic death of Muster John, the 12year-old son of John McPherson.

Felise. The death was the result of wounds received while out hunting.

Early Friday morning he shouldered his sun and departed for the wood . His long absence caused much uncasiness on the part of the family and searching parties were organized. Several hours of search-ing revealed the lifeless form of the by in a fence carner. One foot was caught in the fence. A wound disclosed the fact that he had received a full discharge of a shot gun

in his breast, killing him instantly. His gun was lying by his side. Circumstances warrant the belief that the boy's gun was discharged accidentally while he was in the act of crossing the fence.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

School Fund Apportioned -- Six New Libraries Will Be Granted.

An important meeting of the County Board of Education was held at the courthouse Monday. The full board, consisting of G. T. Murdock, W. N. Elder and I. F. Craven, was W. N. Elder and I. I.
prese t Po. bly the most important work of the Board was the apportionment of the county's part of the second \$100,000 of the State's appropriation to public schools.

Raudolph county received \$2,148.

72. This assures a four-months term for every school in the county. 72. An election on special tax for school purposes was finally ordered to be held in the Farmer district, in Concord township, and Shiloh, in Coloridge township. The election will be held February 18th.

The Board will soon authorize the establishment of new yoral libraries establishment of new yoral libraries.

establishment of new roral libraries at the school at Millboro, in Frank-linville township and in the Julian district in Liberty township. Sup-plementary libraries will be granted the Marlboro and Glenola schools, in New Market township, the Caraway district in Tringty township and the Staley district, in Columbia township.

WILLARD MEMORIAL.

Special Program for Service at the * Presbyterias Church,

The Frances E. Willard Memorial Service will be held at the Presby-terian church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. An interesting program which appears below has been arranged. Not only the members of the W. C. T. U. and the Loyal Temperance Union are interested in this service, but it will be enjoyed by all. Mothers are especially urged to attend with their children. PROGRAMME

Voluntary, Mrs. C. C. McAlister. Song, Loyal Temperance Legion, Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," by the

Prayer, by Rev. C. A. Wood. Quartette, "I'm a Filgrim.

Solo, "There is a Land," by Mrs. E. E Kephart. Recitation, "Remembered Still," by Way-Land Hayes

Duet, "Love and do," Miss d Richardson.

Reading, "Frances E. Willard's Influence Upon the Young People," Miss May McAlis-Quartette, "More Love to Thee,"

Resitation, "Our Leader," Maggie Davis, Offering and Discribation of Literature. Song, Loyal Temperance Union. Hymn, "Abide With Me.