

OLD FIDDLERS' CONVENTION.

Big Catering from All the Surrounding Counties—Grand Success.

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

This cannot be said of the citizens of Randolph by those who attended the convention of fiddlers at the Graded School Auditorium last Thursday night.

All day long the strains of Ye Oydien Tyme fiddle music in every section of the town gave warning to the coming event.

The curtain at the Auditorium went up on more than seventy born fiddlers sawing away upon Mississippi Sawyer and pawing the devil's tatter.

These seventy fiddlers were playing under the direction of Mr. E. E. Pugh, of High Point, and as he stamped his foot and waved his bow to correct the tempo.

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

The following is a list of the contestants for the prizes offered, and some of the selections played by each:

- LEAD FIDDLE: C. J. Poole, Troy, tone Leather Breaches, M. M. Routh, Handelman, Jessy Lynd, polka.

During the greater part of the performance the audience struggled to control themselves, and managed to keep their feet on the floor until the Cedar Grove band struck up "Cedar Rock."

From start to finish there was a genuine delight for the audience. The convention was a grand success both socially and financially.

NEW ATTORNEYS. Forty-Three Applications Granted by Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court has granted 43 of 46 applications for license to practice law.

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 direction of a higher moral manhood.

Albemarle Notes. Wm. Foreman, formerly of Albemarle, has been elected second vice-president of the Geo. DeWitt Shoe Co., of Richmond, Va.

Fielders Brothers Released. Raleigh Feb. 5.—After having deliberated for six hours the jury in the case against the Fields brothers charged with robbing the mail of a register package containing \$3,000, tonight at 8 o'clock returned a verdict of not guilty.

Public Printer Suspended. President Roosevelt has appointed Wm. S. Rosser of the Pension office, as public printer pending the investigation made by Congress of the affairs of the government printing office.

COMMENTS ON VARIOUS MATTERS.

By ARCHIBALD JOHNSON.

The same members returned to Raleigh who were elected for the Legislature of 1907, but the recent session was in every way sounder, safer and more sensible than the other.

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.

The other reason for the wisdom of the recent session, 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 saddle had blood in their eye for the corporations, and would bear no compromise.

And yet a majority of the people thought at the beginning of the session of 1907 that these radicals were the wise men of the Legislature, which proves that the voice of the people is not the voice of God.

It seems to be a foregone conclusion that the liquor people are going to be defeated on the 26th of May, but they must be overwhelmingly defeated.

It is not out of the way now, and we shall discover how many white folks in our good State are willing to risk the ruin of their own children for the sake of wetting their whiskies.

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FORTNIGHTLY CLUB.

Something of the Play to Be Given Soon—Cast of Characters.

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

The spinners 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 brides wanted, and as they cannot all decide on the style of dress for their trip the President appoints two of the spinners to engage in a debate upon the subject.

Below we print the cast of characters: Josephine Jane Green, President—Mrs. Wm. C. Hamner.

Rosalia Abigail Hodge, Secretary—Mrs. C. C. McAlister. Cynthia Priscilla Jones, Treasurer—Mrs. H. E. Moffitt.

Ophebe Arabella Pitkins, Chm. Vigiliance Com.—Mrs. W. D. Stedman.

Portia Olivia Bennett—Mrs. J. T. Underwood. Penelope Gertrude Doolittle—Miss Lucy Crowson.

Saphronia Araminta Long—Mrs. Daniel Sharp. Jerusha Matilda Spriggins—Miss Nannie Ballinger.

Martha Elvira Blathers—Miss Essie Ross. Betsy Bobbitt—Miss Daisy Crowson, (Poetess)

Patience Desire Mann—Miss Fanuie Gray. Rachel Rebecca Short—Miss Ruth Fox.

Florence Lucretia Goodhope—Mrs. Laurin Cranford. Samantha Polly Popwessel (deaf and dumb)—Miss Mollie Rush.

Florence Arabella Long—Mrs. T. M. Johnson. Miss Rachel Rodkins—Miss Bessie Coffin.

Jessica Juliet Smith—Miss Laura Stinson. Cleopatra Bell Brown—Miss Irma Whitfield.

Violet Ann Ruggles—Miss Minnie Hoover. Anastasia Melissa Huggins—Mrs. E. Kephart.

Mersey Desire Adams—Mrs. Otis Rich. In addition to the above persons who take part in the spinners convention there are about 10 more who come out "made over."

TRAGIC DEATH OF A MERE BOY.

Master John McPherson Accidentally Killed While out Hunting Friday.

News reached here Saturday of the tragic death of Master John, the 12-year-old son of John McPherson, of Elise. The death was the result of wounds received while out hunting.

Early Friday morning he shouldered his gun and departed for the wood. His long absence caused much uneasiness on the part of the family and searching parties were organized.

Several hours of searching revealed the lifeless form of the boy in a fence corner. 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 raising 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 present probably 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.

Randolph county received \$2,148.72. This assures a four-months term for every school in the county. An election on special tax for school purposes was finally ordered to be held in the Farmer district, in Concord township, and Shiloh, in Coleridge township.

The election will be held February 18th. The Board will soon authorize the establishment of new rural libraries at the school at Millboro, in Franklinville township and in the Julian district in Liberty township.

Supplementary libraries will be granted the Marlboro and Glenola schools, in New Market township, the Caraway district in Trinity township and the Staley district, in Columbia township.

WILLARD MEMORIAL. Special Program for Service at the Presbyterian Church. The Frances E. Willard Memorial Service will be held at the Presbyterian 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 Congregation.

Prayer, by Rev. C. A. Wood. Quartette, "I'm a Pilgrim," Scripture. Address, Rev. Johnson. Solo, "There is a Land," by Mrs. E. E. Kephart.

Recitation, "Remembered Still," by Way-Land Hayes. Duet, "Love and do," Misses McAlister and Richardson.

Reading, "Frances E. Willard's Influence Upon the Young People," Miss May McAlister. Quartette, "More Love to Thee," Recitation, "Our Leader," Maggie Davis, Offering and Distribution of Literature. Song, Loyal Temperance Union. Hymn, "Abide With Me."

SERIOUS FIRE.

Southern Car Factory Destroyed at High Point—Valued at \$75,000. High Point suffered a very costly fire Saturday night when the plant of the Southern Car Company was burned down.