

PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Annual Meeting of the State Editorial Association.

WAS HELD AT CHARLOTTE.

Many Interesting Papers Read—Meeting Enthusiastic.

The gates of Charlotte were wide open last week to the members of the North Carolina Press Association who were there in their Thirty-sixth Annual Convention.

The convention was called to order on Wednesday morning by the president, Mr. Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children.

Welcoming addresses were made by Mayor Franklin, who welcomed the editors in behalf of the city of Charlotte.

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Editor R. F. Beasley, of the Monroe Journal, read a well prepared paper on "The Editor and his Subscribers."

All hail the non-partisan (may his tribe increase) May we see in the moonlight within our rooms, Making it rich like a lily in bloom.

Mr. Josephus Daniels arose and said that he was not on the program but that he had some things which he wanted to say since there had been three non-partisan and no partisan.

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He opened his address by reference to his early experiences as a newspaper man and assured his hearers that the legitimate publishers had his sympathy.

In contrasting the partisan and religious papers, he said: "The partisan paper deals with man as he is; the religious paper shows what he may become."

BENEFITS DERIVED FROM PROHIBITION.

Asheboro's streets were thronged Monday with people from every section of the county who came to hear the address of Judge J. C. Pritchard in the interest of Prohibition.

At 1:30 o'clock the immense crowd met in the auditorium of the graded school building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman E. J. Cottrane, of the Randolph Prohibition Campaign Committee.

Professing his speech Judge Pritchard expressed his pleasure at the great audience assembled, bespeaking their interest in the cause of temperance, and also his pleasure in having an opportunity to talk to the people of Randolph county.

industrial interests of the State."

The argument in favor of the measure was supported by testimony from many towns in the State where saloons, dispensaries and prohibition have all been tried, and every instance the removal of whiskey not only did not retard the growth of the community, but it was in every way decidedly beneficial.

The removal of whiskey from the city of Charlotte, according to the statement of Mayor Franklin has improved the financial condition of the town, increased business and decreased crime 75 per cent.

In 1900 Fayetteville, under the reign of the bar room, had one bank with \$250,000 on deposit; one cotton mill; and one silk mill.



JUDGE J. C. PRITCHARD, Asheville, N. C.

The Courier recently published an address by Mr. Pritchard which embodied many of the points of his speech here on Monday, and for this reason we give only a brief report in this issue.

In the outset Judge Pritchard declared that the question of prohibition is not a partisan question, though it may be a political one. He objected to the bill because it only went so far as to provide for an election, and thus burden the people with this campaign and this election.

Judge Pritchard refrained from abuses of the whiskey men and those who oppose the measure, but appealed to their better nature. He proclaimed them a big hearted honest set of men as a whole, but in a manner morally depraved on account of their environment.

"Ours is an age of industrial progress," said the speaker, "and I shall confine myself to the discussion of the relation of Prohibition to the

and two silk mills. Twelve years ago Cumberland county had fourteen saloons and six cotton mills and today she has fourteen mills and no saloons.

Madison county under the reign of whiskey was a desperate county. It was dangerous to venture out after dark. Night meetings of a religious or other nature were almost an impossibility.

These facts show the benefits of Prohibition to a community, county or State.

After a thorough and convincing treatment of his subject Judge Pritchard said in conclusion:

"This is a great moral question, a question in which every man must take a stand, either for or against, and I believe the good people of this county will stand on the right side."

A LOSS TO THE COUNTY.

Prominent Physician and Citizen Died at Farmer Last Week.

Dr. C. H. Lewis, one of the most prominent citizens and physicians in the county, died April 23rd at his home at Farmer, aged sixty years.

The deceased is survived by a wife and three children, Mrs. J. M. Rowland, of Manchester, Va., and Messrs. Carlisle and Hal Lewis, the latter of Lexington.

Dr. Lewis was a graduate of Jefferson College, Philadelphia, a member of the county and State medical societies and of the Masonic Order and Knights of Pythias.

He was one of Randolph's most progressive citizens, keenly interested in the development of the county in matters of moral and educational merit.

The funeral was conducted Friday by Rev. J. W. Ingle, pastor of the Methodist church at Farmer. About fifty citizens and business men of Asheboro attended the funeral, the local lodges, of which Dr. Lewis was a member, having charge of the burial service.

Rev. J. W. Ingle read the following tribute at the service:

Dr. Claudius Hill Lewis was born near Oak Grove M. E. church, in New Hope township, March 4th, 1848, being 60 years; 1 month and 19 days old.

He lived nearly all of his life in New Hope and Concord townships, having been away only about 4 years during his early manhood, which time was spent in Pennsylvania.

He began the practice of medicine thirty years ago, after receiving his medical education at the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. He was a life member of the North Carolina State Medical Association, and always attended its meetings until his health failed.

He united a number of years ago with this church as a seeker after the truth.

He was a familiar friend in every home within a radius of many miles, and has brought comfort and cheer to hundreds by his sympathetic ministrations and timely aid, and will be missed, not only by his faithful wife and loving children, but by a large number of relatives and a still larger circle of friends.



The Late Dr. C. H. LEWIS.

Perhaps no more appropriate eulogy could be spoken than the words of Will Carleton's beautiful poem, "The Country Doctor."

"Maybe half the congregation, now of great or little worth, Found this watcher waiting for them when they came upon the earth; This undecorated soldier of a hard unequal strife, Fought in many stubborn battles with foes that sought their life.

In the day-time or the night-time he would rally brave and well; Though the summer lark was piping or the frozen lances fell; Knowing if he won the battle, they would praise their Maker's name, Knowing if he lost the battle, then the doctor was to blame.

'Twas the brave old virtuous doctor, 'Twas the good old family doctor, 'Twas the faithful country doctor fighting stoutly all the same.

But perhaps it still is better that his busy life is done, He has seen old views and patients disappearing one by one; He has learned that death is master both of science and of art; He has done his duty fairly and has acted out his part.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Do-Nothing Policy Still Rules Republicans

PRINCIPLE REFORMS IGNORED

Republicans Notify President Roosevelt What to Expect from Congress.

Washington, D. C., April 27.—The present Congress will go down in history as a standpat, donothing body at war with the chief executive. The Republican leaders have plainly told President Roosevelt, through their envoy, Congressman Watson, just what legislation will be put through before the session ends.

Some kind of currency legislation. Prohibiting child labor in the District of Columbia.

Authorizing the Ways and Means Committee of the House, and the Finance Committee of the Senate, to give hearings preliminary to a revision of the tariff.

An appropriation for the Inland Waterways Commission.

This ultimatum leaves over all the principal reform and remedial legislation recommended by the President until after election, if ever. The Republican leaders intended to adjourn Congress on May 9th, but in deference to the President's wishes will continue in session until after the conference here of the governors and others invited by the President to consider our "natural resources."

Whether President Roosevelt will submit to the ultimatum of the Republican leaders is not certain. It is reported by some of his friends that he will try to upset their plans by inducing enough Congressmen to act with the Democrats, who are fighting for the consideration of the legislation he has recommended. Whether the President can induce the necessary twenty-nine Republican members to join with the Democrats, and overthrow gag rule, is very problematical, and not probable. The Cannon machine holds them in its grasp, and their local legislation and campaign funds for the election or those in close districts is under the control of the machine; and but few will dare to defy it.

THE NORTH CAROLINA TEACHERS' ASSEMBLY.

Completion of Program for Next Session to Be Held in Charlotte, June 16-19

Secretary R. D. W. Connor, of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly, announces the completion of the program for the next session in Charlotte, June 16 to 19. The program includes in its list of speakers some of the most eminent educational leaders of the state and nation, promises to be the most interesting instructive program ever offered at a session of the assembly.

The assembly is twenty-five years old and for a quarter of a century has been an active and potent influence in the educational development of the state and the south.

Will Stamp State for Blood Money.

The anti-prohibitionists in North Carolina are preparing a more active campaign between this and the 26th day of May in an effort to hinder the ratification of the prohibition laws at the polls on that date. Speakers are being arranged to stamp the State in defense of the liquor traffic. Among the names mentioned in this connection one sees that of Judge Hyman, Hon. Thos. Settle, Mr. Self and others—all prominent Republicans.

Youthful Convict Shot.

Lonnie Moore, a young white boy, who was serving a term on the Guilford county roads for breaking into a freight car, was fatally shot last Wednesday by guard Lace Donnell, when the boy and his younger brother attempted to escape. The force was working near McLansville. The boy was taken to St. Leo's Hospital, Greensboro, and recovery is believed impossible.

Denton High School Commencement.

The Commencement exercises at will begin Wednesday night May 13th. Thursday May 14th is commencement day. A well arranged program will be carried out and all are invited to attend.

DEADLY TORNADO.

Series of Wind and Rain Storms Sweep the West.

Probably 500 killed, a hundred fatally hurt and a thousand painfully injured is the record of a series of tornadoes that swept over the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia. Mississippi seemed to be the storm centre and in this state alone 300 are dead and a thousand seriously hurt.

Property loss is enormous, and commerce is blocked and the crippled condition of telegraph, railway and telephone lines makes it impossible to make anything like an adequate summary of the disaster.

Miss Mary L. Davis, of Deep River, and Arthur E. Futrell, of High Point, were married last Wednesday at the home of the bride's father, Stephen H. Davis.

THE MILLS ARE TO CLOSE.

Definite Action is Taken At a Representative Meeting of Cotton Manufacturers at Spartanburg.

Spartanburg, S. C., April 25.—The cotton mills of the Piedmont section of North and South Carolina will close down indefinitely July 1st, and no further orders for cloth at the present prices will be accepted by the mills. This action was taken this afternoon at a meeting of mill presidents representing the mill industry of the upper section of South Carolina and North Carolina.

A recent issue of Our Church Record contained a picture of Thos. F. Ashburn, son of Rev. W. F. Ashburn, of Liberty, who graduated last week from the Atlanta Dental College. Mr. Ashburn was one of the executive committee of his class of 88 members.