

Big Plant for Greensboro.

The announcement comes from Greensboro to the effect that the Southern Power Company is to establish a steam auxiliary electric plant in that city. The erection of this mammoth plant will cost in the neighborhood of a quarter of a million dollars and will mean much for Greensboro and that city will hail with delight its coming, as much competition has it engaged in with other towns, as Durham, Charlotte, Salisbury and Lexington made inducements in order to have it come to their respective towns. The contract for the erection of the mammoth plant will be let at once to North Carolina contractors, and the company expects to have the plant completed within six or eight months. The capacity of the plant will be 10,000 horsepower. The Greensboro News of Sunday gave out the following interview which it had with a Southern Power Company man concerning the prospective North Carolina interurban line:

"If the conditions are favorable and the proper encouragement is given along the proposed route by the public, the line will be extended from Greenville via Spartanburg, Gaffney, Blacksburg, Kings Mountain, Mt. Holly, Charlotte, Concord, Salisbury, Lexington, Thomasville, High Point, Greensboro, Burlington, Graham, Haw River to Durham.

"The road is to be built of 85-pound steel rails, will be rock ballasted with 1 per cent. maximum grades, and over the road will run high speed electric cars, capable of making 65 miles per hour. Heavy duty locomotives will be put on and solid train loads of freight will be carried over the line.

Stout-Farlow.

The wedding of Miss Jane Farlow to Mr. Silas C. Stout, occurred yesterday morning at 6:30 at the home of the bride on Tomlinson Street, Squire Matt Sechrest performing the ceremony.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for a visit to relatives in Randolph county, followed by the good wishes of their friends. —High Point Enterprise.

Guilford Superior Court.

Guilford County Superior Court convened on Monday for a one week's criminal term. There are twenty-three prisoners in jail awaiting trial, and the entire docket contains eighty-five cases, with many cases sent up by the magistrates on appeal or bound over under bond. The most noted case on the docket, and the one that will attract much attention, is the case of Dr. Vestal, charged with making a criminal operation on a young woman at High Point. It is charged that Dr. Vestal made a criminal operation upon a young woman of that town last July, with quite a number of accomplices in the crime. Prominent legal talent has been retained by the accused and much interest will be put into the trial of the case.

Odd Fellows' Meeting.

From the four corners of the earth, twenty-five thousand strong, the Odd Fellows have been in annual session at Atlanta, Ga., this week, their meeting coming to a close on day after tomorrow. At this meeting the grand secretary reported total receipts for the year as nearly a half million dollars ahead of last year's total with the expenditures for relief of approximately \$144,000 less, in the homes of the order there are now 3,261 inmates. The total cost of these homes, including property values, is given as \$3,226,676.

It is now predicted that by 1919, the 100th anniversary of the order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will number 3,000,000 members if it continues its present rate of increase.

Blind Senator Makes Fine Speech.

The address of Senator Gore in Greensboro on Tuesday night of this week aroused much enthusiasm. He completely reversed the sensational attack of the Greensboro News, and made such a telling speech that one man was heard to remark that it actually fooled him. Mr. Gore had had that speech printed in the News just for the purpose of answering it.

Great Educational Rally at Trinity.

On Saturday, the 17th, there was a great educational rally at Trinity under the auspices of the Junior Order of American Mechanics. Trinity Council, No. 307, although organized only a year ago, has already attained a membership of seventy and is one of the most enthusiastic lodges in the state. It is evident that the lodges of the Junior Order supply a long felt want in many of the smaller towns and rural sections of the state. We are a rural people, more or less scattered, and yet there is the same feeling for friendly intercourse with one another that there is in the larger towns and cities. The problem that confronts our citizens is how to gratify this feeling of social solidarity in the proper way. Those who have studied this problem are of the opinion that the Junior Order meets this requirement; it furnishes the opportunity for social intercourse, for recreation and fun, for all these attractive features of the saloon without the demoralizing and degrading side of the saloon. If to the work of the Junior Order were added a reading room, a library, and the other adjuncts of a men's club we shall have an organization that will make for the permanent upbuilding of the community.

One of the tenets of the Junior Order is hearty and unstinted support of the American Public School System. This fact was in great evidence at the meeting in question. The Rally was under the direct auspices of the Trinity Council assisted by the Council at Caraway and those at Thomasville and High Point. The master of ceremonies was Mr. Sechrest, of High Point, who has a state wide reputation as a leading Junior.

The speech of the day was delivered by Professor Charles E. Brewer, the head of the chemistry department of Wake Forest College, a man who is not only a well known Junior but one of the leading chemists of the state, educated at the Johns Hopkins University, he long since attained distinction in chemistry circles and returning to his native state has devoted all the powers of his heart and mind to the advancement of practical education. The subject of his address was "Education and the relations of the Junior Order to the American Public School."

He spoke for nearly an hour and practically without notes, giving a masterly survey of the whole field and treating some of the educational problems that confront us in North Carolina and which the Order is helping to solve. The picture which he presented of education in North Carolina is not a flattering one. For instance he told us that while there are in round numbers about ten thousand children of school age in Randolph county there are only some seven thousand enrolled in the public schools and of those enrolled some 1700 do not attend. The report of conditions in Wake county, the seat of the state capitol and of various high grade colleges is even worse than in Randolph; for there hardly more than fifty per cent of school subjects are in attendance. The speaker pointed out that perhaps the most serious obstacle to a fuller attendance was the desire of the parents to secure "another hand in carrying on their farm work." By this means they gain a "hand" but lose a life. The obvious remedy for this indifference to the opportunities offered the speaker suggested was compulsory attendance and while compulsion is not a term that sounds pleasantly to free American ears the state may be forced to adopt it to protect itself from the growing power of ignorance.

While there was the most abundant feast of things intellectual and spiritual there was not less attention paid to the physical wants of the people. The Juniors had prepared a whole ox for the table; the community brought chickens, bread, pickles, pies, cakes and other good things in abundance; all these were spread on a table 200 feet long which was set in the shade of the trees on the college campus and the table was served by the matrons and young ladies of the town in a way which made all the men folk crowd around the tables sating to be helped by fair hands and recognized by winning eyes and smiling faces. Dr. Frank H. Wood said the invocation before the dinner and Rev. L. E. Stacy opened the morning session with reading and prayer.

Mr. L. P. Hartsell, state educator, was in attendance.

Joint Discussion.

There will be a joint discussion between Robt. N. Page, the Democratic nominee for Congress in this District, and J. J. Parker, Esq., the Republican nominee for Congress in this District in the Court House at Asheboro on Wednesday the 28th day of September.

Mr. Page is one of our own people, lives in an adjoining county, a plain man and knows the needs of the working man, the farmer and the business men. Let the Democrats come from all over the county and make this a big day for Democracy and good government. Come and bring your neighbor.

In the Superior Court at Wadesboro Saturday afternoon, Milton Tillman was convicted of murder in the second degree for the murder of Tom Burch and given ten years in the pen.

being present. He was to have spoken on the principles of the Junior Order as was also Mr. T. H. Spencer who was to have presented the Bible to the school. Mr. Spencer's place was taken by Col. D. H. Milton, of High Point, while Mr. C. B. Webb in presenting the flag to the school spoke of the principles of the Order. The Bible was accepted in a few well chosen words by Professor N. C. English and the flag was accepted by Dr. Stephen B. Weeks, who in a short talk summarized the meaning of the emphasis laid on the Bible in the public schools by the Order by showing that while there were few people in North Carolina who opposed such reading there were in other states many such; that while here we were in no danger from the cat like creep of Rome, other states were in such danger and that the Roman Hierarchy was perhaps more powerful today in the United States than in Italy or even in priest ridden Spain; he showed further from the U. S. Census that the New England States once the foremost defenders of Protestantism, were today states a majority of whose population took their orders in things religious from the Sea of Rome. But the main part of Dr. Week's speech was devoted to a review of the condition of education in the United States. He quoted Woodrow Wilson to the effect that for the last twenty years we have failed to instruct, have failed to educate; have failed to make efficient men and women out of the pupils entrusted to the schools. He believed that the cause of this was that teachers had adhered slavishly to the old curricula which were evolved years and centuries ago when the church was all that there was in life worthy of emulation and when Latin and Greek ruled the minds of men. He saw the coming of a brighter era with the rise of the Agricultural Colleges and Farm Life Schools which will undertake to do for the 94 per cent of school pupils who never go beyond the elementary grades what the agricultural colleges are doing for these further advanced. He ended with a strong and feeling plea for more sympathy and union among the people of the Trinity section in school matters. He pointed to the 13 stripes on the flag and showed how out of the thirteen disconnected, and often hostile colonies had been evolved a great Nation and pleaded that this community taking the flag of the Nation for its guide would seek to arrive at a similar unity.

That this unity is coming to the community is evident in the meeting itself. The whole went off without a jar; the meeting is itself an evidence what the community can do when they will. It has had a good effect already and with the community and the Junior Order behind the school there is no reason why it should not continue to develop and prosper until it becomes one of the best schools of its kind in the state. The High School opened on Monday the 19th, with Dr. Weeks in charge as principal. The attendance is already large and promises to be larger. The pupils are bright and ambitious and this should become the Farm Life School for Randolph county. Of the pupils who were here last year four have gone to other institutions to continue their work: Miss Lina Gray to the Southern Presbyterian College at Red Springs; Mr. Frank E. Ellis to Trinity; Mr. J. R. Carpenter to the University and Mr. Charles Parsin to the A. and M. College.

Morehead a Missionary.

One of the brightest and best young Democrats in the county has sent The Courier one of Chairman Morehead's missionary circulars, in which the Republican State Chairman asks that a missionary campaign committee be organized, consisting of three or more Republicans in each precinct to talk to every fellow Republican and cultivate any dissatisfied Democrats who will join them in the two-faced liquor plank which looks both ways for Sunday. The speculation counter or game table would suit him better. Did you ever hear of a letter pitched on a lower level? His idea of the low level upon which an appointive office should be filled is a brazen offer of traffic in the appointive power. He holds out an inducement to sorehead Democrats who are mad about something. Morehead's idea of elevating and making the Republican party respectable in this State is a corker sure enough. It is a disgraceful method of offering offices for missionary work and for desertion of one party to join another, and the bid is made to the proslaves and not to those who vote the ticket from principle. He puts a premium on party perfidy and party dishonor, on the turncoat, sorehead, and political renegade who is in it for what he can get out of it. Morehead is getting along rapidly making the party respectable—he is progressing backward. But hear our young friend who writes so truly and well:

Mr. Editor: I am no politician, no office-seeker, never have been and have no desire to hold office, but I am a Democrat, always have been and always expect to be so long as I have to choose between the two great political parties of the United States now in existence. If you ask me why I am a Democrat I reply by saying that I believe in Democratic principles and doctrines in preference to Republican hypocrisy. Yet I love and enjoy reading clean and honest Republican literature, and think the Republican party have some of the best and most able newspaper editors in the United States. But this does not apply to Randolph county nor to the State of North Carolina. For since our Democratic county convention we have received several copies of the Randolph Bulletin and we hope the editor will continue sending out his weekly issues to all the Democrats he possibly can, for we are confident by so doing he is aiding and strengthening the Democratic party. Why? Because of his inconsistency, humbuggery and hypocrisy, and were I inclined (which, thank the Lord, I am not) to change my politics, after reading the Bulletin I could not honestly and conscientiously join the Republican party, for did I not sit within a few feet of the editor of the Bulletin during Aycock's speech at the Democratic county convention and hear our ex-governor tell him how he had misrepresented him when he spoke in Asheboro ten years ago, and how the editor proposed to pay Aycock's expenses if he would come back to Randolph and make that same speech all over the county. But how was it the Bulletin misrepresented Aycock? Aycock said in his speech at Asheboro ten years ago, "You Republicans charge that we Democrats hold the power in North Carolina by force and fraud." But how did the Bulletin quote him? The editor said, Aycock says, "we hold the power in this State by force and fraud." Many of your readers saw and witnessed how severely Aycock scored the editor on this occasion, and I thought the editor looked more like a sheep-killing dog than anything else I could compare him to. Again this editor comes out in the Bulletin and says the Democratic challenge for a joint canvass is hypocritical. Yet, in his next issue, he says the "issues" will be openly and boldly discussed by the Republican candidates, and that the Democrats will be asked to render an account of their stewardship, or something to the effect. In the name of common sense, honesty and common reason, where and how could the is-

ues of the day be better discussed than by and in the presence of both political parties? But the Republicans of Randolph says, No, no. We won't join the Democrats in joint debate because the Democrats will "avoid" the issues. Did you ever hear a poorer or weaker excuse? Can any reasonable person accept that as an excuse? No, and more than that, it is not their reasons for not having a joint canvass, for their real reasons are perfectly plain, for if they had a joint canvass the Republican speakers could not go out, as they will do, and make their wildcat statements, because the Democratic speakers would show the voters what extravagant and absurd statements the Republican speakers had made, just as Aycock did in showing up the editor of the Bulletin for having misrepresented him, but without a joint canvass the Republican speakers can and no doubt will go out and misrepresent the Democrats to their heart's content, as no Democratic speaker would be allowed to reply, and the Radicals can then all go home in peace, believing every word their Republican candidates have said. But with a Democratic speaker present who could show the intelligent voter how false the Republican charges are, there might be some discord in the Republican camp, and I suppose the Radicals think they have enough of that all over the United States already.

I notice in the Bulletin of this week that Mr. Lewis, chairman of the Republican executive committee in 10th judicial district, answers the challenge of Mr. Worth for a joint canvass between Mr. Holton and Mr. Hammer. Mr. Editor and readers of The Courier, isn't Mr. Lewis' reply a particular weak excuse? Now, the Bulletin says the Republican party is not boss ridden, yet in this instance it says the action of the chairman, Mr. Lewis, is contrary to Mr. Holton's desire and judgment, and that he (Holton) requested the committee to permit him (Holton) to make a joint canvass with Mr. Hammer. Now does or can any sane man believe Holton really wanted to meet Hammer in joint debate? No, a thousand times no, for Holton and the Republican bosses knew that Hammer would totally destroy him, tooth and nail, even his very existence, so far as being in the race for solicitor is concerned, therefore the bosses declined Mr. Worth's challenge. Again, I notice in the Bulletin of August 18th, after quoting the Raleigh Evening Times concerning two men who had been convicted of murder in the State, says where was Governor Aycock and his mocking bird song while these murders were being committed? I can tell the editor where he was. He was going over North Carolina denouncing the Republican party as he did the editor of the Bulletin for misrepresenting Democracy and practicing hypocrisy, and yet the editor of the Bulletin has not had the rural courage nor manhood, to have said one single word in the way of apology for having misrepresented Aycock. But how could he and be consistent with Republicanism? For their only hope is to fool and deceive the people. Otherwise that party would take a back seat from a political standpoint, and that is what they will have to do when our next Congress convenes. The Bulletin appears to be greatly concerned because two persons had been convicted of murder in North Carolina, but if it has ever expressed regrets at the murderous attack on Mayor Gaynor, of New York, I have never been able to read it in his paper. He does not ask where Gov. Hughes was, for he knew Gov. Hughes was somewhere looking after the G. O. P., and that is excuse enough for any Republican. Take for instance Mr. Hitchcock, Postmaster General, who is supposed to be looking after the postoffice department and who draws his salary as Postmaster General, yet who is out in interest of the Republican party trying to harmonize matters. But from the Bulletin's standpoint Hitchcock is attending strictly to his business because he is looking after the success of the Republican party. But I have already occupied too much of your valuable space and regret to ask for more, yet cannot refrain from saying that we have also received a copy of the Republican State platform with circular letter from Mr. Jno. M. Morehead, asking for names, precincts and postoffices of "ALL" Democrats

North Carolina Happenings.

Mr. T. H. Siler, of Siler City, passed away at his home in that town last week.

Something like 100 postmasters from various towns in the State are expected to meet in Winston-Salem September 23rd and 24th to attend the State Postmasters' Association.

Ben F. Dean, for whose arrest Montgomery county had offered a reward of \$50, was arrested last Thursday at Cheraw, S. C., and brought back to Troy. It is to be remembered that Dean escaped Montgomery county authorities some two weeks ago, being charged with a serious crime.

A dispatch from Raleigh says that Booker T. Washington, the negro educator, beginning on October 28th, and ending November 3rd, will make an "Educational Pilgrimage" through North Carolina. This tour, as has been the case in other states, will be made for the purpose of seeing what progress the negro race has made and to encourage them to greater effort.

A dispatch from Beaufort one day the past week said, if the 300,000 pounds of mullet landed here during the last three score hours extended head to tail in a straight line, and moved in that direction, they would reach from Beaufort to Greensboro. The sounds and bays as well as the ocean in the vicinity, are alive with mullets and about six hundred people are enjoying the catch.

Charged With Murder.

Charles Ashby, a white man who formerly lived at Rameuse, this county, is now in the Lexington jail charged with the murder of his wife, who is a daughter of Mr. Will Alfred, of Liberty. The particulars in the case say that Ashby is of a brutish disposition and had been mistreating his wife for sometime. And when she died on last Thursday and bruises were found on her body suspicious were soon awake, which led up to an autopsy. This investigation revealed traces of poison in the woman's stomach and led up to the arrest of Ashby. The preliminary trial that came off in Lexington last Saturday afternoon caused the court to place Ashby under a \$5,000 bond, which he failed to give and was placed in jail. He is about 28 years of age and for the past two months had been in the employment of the Nominok Cotton Mills of Lexington. Mrs. Ashby was about 20 years of age, and left a baby about five months old.

who are dissatisfied that he may send them "literature;" but I enclose this circular letter that you may read it, though I suppose the county is flooded with them. But it is; they don't appeal to Democrats, for we are not like the Republican, except it be the "weak kneed" and "office seeker," and them we don't want, and when a Democrat gets it into his head that he is the only man fit for any particular office, the best thing we can do is to turn him over to the Republicans and let Mr. Taft pass sentence on him, which he has already done on the Republicans of North Carolina, and that sentence was very severe, too, yet the Republicans of North Carolina swallow it with apparently good grace, for in their State platform they say, we pledge our continued "loyalty" to W. H. Taft. In other words this looks to mean—no matter how much Taft may abuse us—for we admit we are nothing within ourselves—never have been and never expect to be anything unless Mr. Taft sees fit to give us a crust of pie, and we further admit that he gave to the Democrats of North Carolina the best, the largest and sweetest piece that could have been given in the way of a federal judgeship. But we realize as our President said, as yet we are unworthy of the high and dignified offices of the State, yet we endorse all Mr. Taft says about us and humbly submit to all his disrespectful remarks concerning us because without so doing we might be prevented from eating the crust that fall our way in the way of a little postoffice now and then. Therefore, Mr. Taft, we are yours to command.

Mr. S. W. Laughlin went to Raleigh Tuesday for the purpose of submitting plans of the warehouses for Asheboro to the State Board of Health.