

Presbyterians Extended Call To Rev. Murray of Lincolnton

HE OCCUPIED PULPIT AT CANNON MEMORIAL YESTERDAY AND MADE HIGHLY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION—WILL SEND ANSWER THIS WEEK AND MEMBERS BELIEVE IT WILL BE TO ACCEPT.

By a unanimous vote, the members of Cannon Memorial church of this city, have extended a call to Rev. Murray, of Lincolnton, N. C., and are now awaiting his answer with every reason to believe that he will accept, and that the pulpit of their church will again be occupied after being vacant, so far as a regular minister is concerned, since the resignation of Rev. Grear, many months ago.

Rev. Murray preached at the church yesterday both morning and night before unusually large congregations, and made a most favorable impression. He delivered his discourses in a clear finished style, proving himself to be a speaker of surpassing qualities, and carrying the conviction that the church had called a man competent in every way.

Mr. Murray is now being entertained by members of the church, but will leave tomorrow for his home in Lincolnton. It is announced that before next Sunday he will send his formal answer to the call and it will be read at the service that day. As above indicated the members confidently expect him to accept as the result of his looking over the field. In case he does he will take charge on or about January 1.

This will give Elizabeth City two new ministers for the new year, and every pulpit in the city will then be most ably filled.

SHOOTING CRAP IN SHADOW OF JAIL

A game of craps, being played in the shadow of the county jail Saturday night by three unknown negroes, came to a sudden end when Sheriff Reid appeared. The craps fiends were under the hook and ladder shed and their appeals to the two bones could be plainly heard on the street. They were loud enough to reach the ears of Capt. Massey, whose room is next to the jail and he notified the officer. Arriving at the shed Sheriff Reid took a peak at them through a crack and could distinguish the three forms, the money and dice, but could not see their faces. He forced an entrance but the surprised negroes immediately broke out the back way and made desperate dashes to escape in which they succeeded. Drawing his pistol Sheriff Reid fired a shot over their heads in the hope that it would scare them into stopping, but it only served to increase their speed and an auto would have been required to run them down.

The forms of the men looked familiar to the officer but he cannot be positive enough as to their identities to make arrests and they will likely go unpunished.

It was certainly an open game, as the doors of the house are about two feet from the ground with a wide crack between and with an electric light shining down on them, they could be seen by any passerby.

TAR HEEL SENATORS BOTH ON COMMITTEES.

Simmons on Inter-Oceanic Canals and Overman on Military Affairs.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Democratic senators in caucus today approved the action of their steering committees in filling committee vacancies. The important assignments are: Appropriations—Gorman, of Maryland.

Inter-oceanic canals—Simmons, of North Carolina.

Military affairs, three vacancies—Vester, of Louisiana; Overman, of North Carolina, and Taliaferro, of Florida.

Finance—Taliaferro, of Florida, in place of Gorman.

MINERS MURDERED FOR THEIR PAY

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 17.—The bodies of Martin Alhast and John Salkies, mine workers, of Port Griffith, were found this morning near their homes. They had been shot and clubbed to death and robbed of their two weeks' earnings, which they received at the mines yesterday.

They were not together, but the police believe that they were murdered and robbed by the same gang, which has committed several robberies recently on payday nights. Alhast was only a hundred yards from his home when he was shot twice and his head crushed in with a club.

A neighbor, hearing the shots, sprang from bed, and saw two men, bending over the body in search of the victim's money. They fled when the alarm was given and escaped.

Salkies was attacked at a lonely spot on his way home. A trail of blood leading from the roadside to a culm bank, fifty yards away, was seen by some men this afternoon, and by following it they found his body. He had been shot twice, stabbed, and his face battered. In his hand was tightly clutched a bloody \$2 bill. One suspect has been arrested.

COTTON CONVENTION AT NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, Dec. 16.—If the plans of President Jordan of the Southern Cotton Association are fulfilled, the mass convention of the association to take place in New Orleans, Thursday Friday and Saturday—January 11, 12 and 13, will be the occasion for one of the most striking celebrations in the annals of cotton industry ever held in the South, for after a year of unprecedented and continuous victories, the Southern Cotton planters will meet for the purpose of more closely welding their organization and to discuss and act upon important questions affecting the welfare of their industry.

Organized eleven months ago at New Orleans by a monster assembly of over 3000 farmers, merchants and bankers, the Southern Cotton Association has proved itself a factor of national and inter-national power and at the January convention further steps will be taken to insure to the farmers still further advantages to which their position entitles them. "One of the chief features to be emphasized is the continued holding of the balance of the unsold crop for higher prices, so as to average the present crop for as near 12 cents as possible, and this can be done only by selling at 15 cents," writes Mr. Jordan.

"We must do this and we must discuss other matters of great importance under the following general heads:

"The advisability of speeding bringing about direct trade relations between the spinners of the world and the cotton producers.

"The importance of extending the work of the association as rapidly as possible throughout the cotton belt, so as to make the work absolutely effective.

"The imperative need securing facilities for handling the crop in the South, by the erection of standard built warehouses where cotton may be weighed and classified by expert managers and the receipts underwritten so as to make them negotiable in any financial center or where they can be bought by exporter or spinner and tendered for delivery; of cotton at such time as it may be needed for consumption. In this way the crop can be marketed slowly and the supply regulated to meet the legitimate demand of spinners. This plan would tend to at once limit the range of speculation, avoiding the present wide fluctuations that are injurious both to the producer and spinner and place the future handling of cotton on a sound and conservative basis."
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From the Before Christmas Diary of Mr. You-n-me.
(Continued from yesterday.)
"Could not but help note the angelic disposition of my family."
(Concluded tomorrow.)

CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO THE POOR WAS BURIED WITH MASONIC HONORS

The Junior Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. are now preparing to hold a "penny party" at the Y. M. C. A. hall on Friday night, December 22, the proceeds of which will be to purchase Christmas gifts for the poor of the city. Each member of the Auxiliary is taking an active part in getting up the event and it gives promise of being most enjoyable in every respect.

Many features never introduced in the city before will be presented; in fact, everything about it will be entirely new, and it will be worth anybody's while to be present.

This means has been adopted to help raise a fund with which to glad- den the homes of many of the more unfortunate ones of the city, and everybody should make a contribution no matter whether they attend the party or not.

HOLIDAY TRADING BEGINS IN EARNEST

Succeeding the storm or last week the weather has modified to a state almost like Indian summer, and everything being favorable, Christmas trading opened in earnest this morning. Every boat and train to arrive contributes to the already large crowd of shoppers who represent almost every quarter of the surrounding section. All the stores are now experiencing in full the rush they have been expecting, but they had prepared for it and are handling the many customers readily enough. They have all called in extra clerks and from morn till night they are busy.

This will continue all the week, and the climax will be reached Saturday. Hundreds of out-of-town people will then be here to purchase their holiday supplies and will take advantage of the superb stocks and the phenomenally low prices of the local stores.

The prediction that it would be one of the busiest weeks in years is being verified.

Mr. W. M. Ferguson, of Munden's Point, is attending to business of importance here today.

Clear thinking, decisive action, vim and vigor of body and mind, the sparkle of life, comes to all who use Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 25c. Standard

The funeral of Mr. Elisha Harris, who died at his home near Corinth last Wednesday in the 83 year of his age, was held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and was witnessed by a large number of those who knew and revered him in life. The ceremonies were in charge of the Masons, of which order he was a member in good standing. The Masons assembled at their hall and proceeded to the Harris home, from which they escorted the remains of the aged man to the last resting place. The final tribute of love and respect paid a deceased brother by the Masons is always impressive, but there was something about the ceremonies they held over the remains of this venerable resident which made the funeral unusually solemn and all witnesses were deeply touched.

DUEL IN DARK HALLWAY.

Member of "Black-Hand" Society Killed by a Fellow Italian.

New York, Dec. 17.—Joseph Magorero, said by the police to have been a member of the so-called "Black-hand" Society, was shot and instantly killed tonight during a fight in a dark, narrow hallway leading to the back room of a saloon at 171-2 Catherine street.

Salvatore Delsalvatore is in a hospital with the big bone of his right leg shattered by a bullet, and is charged with being an accessory to the crime. The murder is laid to Rosaria Juliano, who is in custody.

The scene of the shooting is in the Cherry Hill section of the city, and when Juliano darted from the hallway he was pursued by a big crowd of men and boys through that thickly populated district until, almost exhausted, he ran into the arms of a policeman. The shooting, according to the police, was the result of a so-called "black hand" demand made upon a brother of the alleged murderer. The brother had paid \$50 to members of the society, and it was to secure a return of this amount that Juliano is declared to have sought Magorero today.

HOTEL GUESTS IN PERIL.

Flames Drove Them From Virginia Hotel Out Into Blizzard.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 17.—The Hotel McAden, at South Hill, Va., was burned to the ground early this morning, its thirty or more guests being turned out into the blizzard-like weather which has prevailed in Virginia since last Friday.

The town was saved only by heroic work on the part of the citizens, who were greatly aided by the co-operation of the Rev. Mr. Hill, the new Methodist minister, whose power of organization was marked.

Col. R. B. Creecy To Be Honored at Banquet Tomorrow

SPLENDID ROADS IN NEWLAND

CHAINGANG FINISHED SEVERAL MONTHS' WORK THERE SATURDAY, LEAVING CONDITIONS SUPERB—AT WORK THIS MORNING ON RUM ROAD—SEVEN ADDITIONS TO GANG.

The county chaingang returned here Saturday night after having remained in Newland district, in the upper part of the county, for a month or longer, where the road improvement proceeded rapidly under the skilled direction of Capt. Massey. From being among the worst, the highways in that locality are now among the very best in this end of the State. They all have excellent drainage, have been graded beautifully and left in a condition so that they will not need further attention in many months. This morning the gang is engaged on Rum Road, leading out from the city, which will be put in the same excellent shape of other Pasquotank roads.

Seven Additions To Gang.

Deputy Henry Raper returned from Washington, N. C. Saturday, bringing seven men convicted in the Superior court and committed to the gang of this county on sentences ranging from two to seven months. One of the seven is a white man. They joined the gang this morning and are being initiated on the indicated road. Their additions swelled the gang to 32 members, and each day's work counts heavily in the road improvement.

Thirty is the standard number for the gang. Only a few will be released before next court and there are twelve negroes now in jail here who are likely to take their places, while in Washington there are 14 likely to be contributed when court convenes there again.

GETTING DOWN AFTER "DELINQS"

Warning is now being given the delinquent tax payers by City Clerk Whitehurst, who assures them that their goods and chattles will be attached after the first of the year if settlements of their taxes are not made before then.

It is announced that about the same amount has been paid so far that is usually collected by the clerk before Christmas, which means that the delinquents are numerous. On the first of January the collectors will go out after them with a rush and will use every means allowed by the law for making collections of the outstanding amounts.

New Figures On Receipt.

The tax receipts this year will show many new figures and will be productive of surprises. The rate on property has increased since last year, while the man who only pays poll tax will see that he has only about half of the former amount to pay. This year there is no city poll tax to pay and a man taxed, for instance, \$3.60 last year will now only have to pay \$1.80.

The sheriff has given the same notice that he and his deputies will commence collecting on January in a manner calculated to quickly remove the receipts from the books.

NOTICE.

Messrs. W. O. Barnett and William Davis are authorized to collect for this company. Payments made to any one else except myself will not be received.

F. F. COHOON,
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pany, publishers Daily Economist
and Tar Heel,
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HIS 92ND BIRTHDAY WILL BE NOTED IN SUMPTUOUS MANNER BY LARGE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS—THE COLONEL IS YET WELL AND HEARTY AND HAS LOST NONE OF HIS MENTAL VIGOR.

At a meeting held by a number of prominent citizens Saturday afternoon in the office of Mayor J. B. Leigh, it was decided to honor our distinguished townsman, Colonel R. B. Creecy, by giving a sumptuous banquet tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock at the New Central Hotel, on Poindexter street, in commemoration of his 92nd birthday. Committees were appointed to make all necessary preparations for the banquet and the secretary was instructed to extend invitations to the president and secretary of the State Press Association and also to Mr. R. B. Creecy, Jr., and to Hon. E. F. Lamb, the son-in-law of Colonel Creecy, to be present at the banquet. Those who will occupy seats at this event will be representative citizens who will make contributions toward defraying the expenses and as many are expressing the desire to help honor the venerable Colonel, the affair will be an elaborate one. Such speakers as Mayor Leigh, Hon. I. M. Meekins and Hon. E. F. Lamb, it is expected, will respond to toasts in which Colonel Creecy will be congratulated on having attained such a remarkable age and in which earnest hopes will be expressed that he will continue to enjoy his good health and prosperity.

Colonel Creecy will tomorrow be 92 years of age, the oldest man in this section and bearing the distinction of being the oldest active editor in the world. He daily writes the same brilliant editorials for The Daily Economist and Tar Heel which have ever characterized his work as a newspaper man, which work has extended through a span of years reached by only a few in a lifetime. To all appearances he is as well and cheerful as he was ten or fifteen years ago, and has not lost a particle of his well known mental vigor.

He is today the most highly honored, revered and remarkable figure in the State, loved and respected alike by all parties and classes, and tomorrow's honorary banquet will be in keeping with the sentiment of a people whom for years he has entertained and uplifted with his pen.

The Colonel persists in attributing in a large measure his wonderful longevity and health to the use of his Juniper water, and in honor of this it has been suggested that a quantity of the "elixir of life," served with all the chasteness at the command of the hotel, be made a feature of the menu.

QUIET MARRIAGE AT WEEKSVILLE

One of the quietest but prettiest home weddings to take place recently at Weeksville was solemnized yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of the bride when Miss Blanche White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. White, and one of the most popular young ladies of this section, became Mrs. C. B. Munden, the groom being also well known and of sterling qualities.

Rev. W. F. Jones officiated and performed the ceremony in an impressive style. Quietness was observed in all the details and it was witnessed by only a few relatives and most intimate friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Munden will continue to reside at Weeksville where he is engaged in business.

Other Marriages To Follow.

This was the second to occur of six marriages announced to take place at Weeksville during the present month and the other four will follow Wednesday, almost at the same hour. The principals in one of these events will be Mr. Elisha Copper-smith and Miss Attie Meads, both of whom are well known in this city.