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PRESIDENT FINLEY ADDRESSES LARGE AUDIENCE AT SALISBURY

Salisbury, N. C., November 17.—In an address at a meeting of farmers in Salisbury to President Finley, of the Southern Railway Company, took a very optimistic view of the future of agriculture in the Southern States. He began by saying: "No one can look forward into the future with greater confidence than can the farmer, and in my opinion there is no area of equal extent in the world where the agricultural outlook is better than in our Southern States."

He directed attention to the dependence of all the peoples of the earth upon the farmer for food and clothing, tracing the causes of periods of low prices for farm products in the Nineteenth Century in large measure to the opening up of extensive areas to agriculture and expressing the belief that such relatively rapid increases in the supply of farm products in the future were not probable. Showing by comparative statistics the rate at which the demand for cotton goods is increasing, he expressed the belief that "we may look forward to a time in the not distant future when the world will call on the American cotton planters for 20,000,000 bales annually," while, at the same time, there would be an increased demand, at home and abroad, for cotton seed products. Yet he did not counsel the growing of cotton to the neglect of other crops, but advised that the increased production needed to keep pace with the demand of the world should be secured by more intensive cultivation and by the growing of other crops with cotton.

Speaking from the viewpoint of one in touch with the relations of supply and demand affecting different commodities in the United States and in foreign countries, Mr. Finley, with a view to making suggestions of practical value, emphasized the opportunities in the South for the production of grains, hay, fruits, vegetables, live-stock, poultry and dairy products, giving special attention to the market opportunities for Southern grown cabbages, Irish potatoes, and sweet potatoes. He showed that farmers in some localities in the South were shipping these products both to Northern and to Southern markets and were finding the business so profitable as to warrant increased production.

Referring to the dependence of agricultural prosperity on supply and demand, he pointed out that "the condition most favorable to the farmer is one in which wide-spread prosperity prevails in our own and other lands," and that ability to reach a market was equally as important as the existence of the market. The farmer, therefore, had a vital interest in the highways from his farm yard to the markets of the world. After referring to the importance of good country highways, Mr. Finley pointed out that the interest of the farmer in good roads extended beyond the wagon road from his farm to an industrial or shipping center, and embraced all the railroads and waterways over which his products moved to reach the final consumer. Pointing out that adequate transportation facilities were essential to increased production and that the present railway facilities of the South were now little more than sufficient for meeting present demands, and were relatively less than those of some other parts of the country, Mr. Finley said:

"It is manifestly to the interest of this section that the railways, as instrumentalities of transportation, should be built up and strengthened. Even superficial glance at those sections which are most prosperous will demonstrate that their prosperity is largely based upon the perfection of their transportation facilities. Those producing communities which have the easiest, quickest and most reliable ways to market can sell quicker and more certainly, and

thus possess commercial advantages over communities less favored with means of transportation.

"It is, therefore, short-sighted in any community to permit any other section, by a larger, more stable, or more conservative policy, to stimulate and encourage, to a greater extent than it itself does, the development of transportation facilities. To the extent that any community permits this, it surrenders to its rival the commercial advantage which differentiates the growing and prosperous from the laggard and stagnant community.

"In view of these general considerations, which are universally accepted as sound by thoughtful men, it becomes important to inquire what the public in any locality can do to promote this important interest.

"The fundamental thing to accomplish is to make the investment in transportation facilities in that locality attractive to the honest investor.

"It is in no way difficult to determine what will do this. All any sensible man has to do is to inquire of himself what would make an investment for his savings attractive to him, and he may rest assured that the considerations which would induce him to invest his savings are of the same general nature, and are based upon the same principles of human action, as those which influence and control other people.

"In the first place, he would ask himself whether the proposed investment is safe, and

"Second, whether it would bring in as large a return as any other investment that might be open to him as an alternative.

"If he could answer both of these questions in the affirmative, he would not hesitate to make the investment. If, however, he should conclude either that the investment is unsafe, or that he could not rely upon as good a return from it as from some other investment, the prudent man would not venture to make it.

"It is apparent, therefore, that those communities which want their transportation to be gradually improved and perfected, must find some means of convincing the investor that his investment in that community will be safe and that it will bring him as good returns as an investment in any other line of business.

"This is also the thing in regard to which the railway manager, who needs funds to develop his system; is all the time trying to convince investors. To aid in this is equally the interest and the duty of the public which wants and needs increased and improved transportation facilities.

"In order to make the investor believe that his investment is safe in any community, it is necessary to convince him that it is protected by a conservative and just public opinion.

"He cannot feel satisfied if one measure of justice is, in that community, by juries in litigated cases, meted out to an individual litigant and a different and smaller measure of justice is meted out to the corporation in which it is sought to induce him to become an investor. It is, therefore, not only right, but it is wise, in any community, to insist through the medium of an enlightened and unyielding public sentiment, that there shall be but one measure of justice for all litigants, and that railway companies and individual litigants shall be treated exactly alike—in other words, that there shall be equal justice to all, and no excessive or unjust verdicts against any.

"I feel, therefore, that I am making a plea, not only in behalf of the railway that I especially represent, but also in behalf of justice and the

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The plans for our Grand Prize Contest have not been perfected yet. We fully expected to be ready to make the announcement in this issue. We are hard at work on the proposition and will make the announcement as early as possible.

THE UNIVERSITY LETTER. NOW FOR THE PUBLIC BUILDING IN THIS CITY

The University of North Carolina represented by E. E. Barnett and E. M. Highsmith scored another victory in debating Friday night. It was in the third annual debate with the University of Pennsylvania. They query was: Resolved; that, aside from constitutionality the federal government should establish a federal inheritance tax. The judges were: Prof. W. K. Boyd, Rev. Melton Clark and Hon. Dred Peacock. This was the twenty-seventh she has won nineteen: two out of three with Pennsylvania, two out of three with Virginia, one out of two with George Washington, one out of one with Tulane, none out of one with Washington and Lee, two out of two with John Hopkin's, three out of three with Vanderbilt, and eight out of twelve with Georgia. The "Red and Black" of the University of Georgia dubbed the University of North Carolina as that of "undefeatable debating teams"

On account of the death of Archer Christian of the University of Virginia's foot ball team, who died from injuries received in the game of Virginia against Georgetown, the annual Thanksgiving game between Carolina and Virginia has been called off. This was a source of regret to both states, fifteen thousand of whose people have been assembling each Thanksgiving to cheer their respective states to victory.

Last week was prayer-meeting week in the calendar of the Y. M. C. A. Prayers were held each morning before breakfast and each evening after supper.

The Ben Smith Preston memorial cup, given by Hon. E. Randolph Preston of the Charlotte bar, was introduced to the students Monday morning at regular chapel service. It is given in honor of Hon. Preston's brother, Ben Smith Preston, who was a student in 1905-06. It is to go each year to that undergraduate student who develops most in Journalism.

Dr. N. S. Anderson, of Winston, preached to the University Students in chapel Sunday night. The stress of his sermon was laid on the place of the Miracle in religion; he said that the miracle was essential in order to establish religious faith. His was a very forceful explanation of the miracle, and his sermon made a deep and good impression on the Students.

Taylor-Dailey.

Miss Mamie Belle Dailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Dailey, and Mr. Albert Newton Taylor, of Kinston, were united in marriage Tuesday morning at 9:30 at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. E. N. Snipes, the brides pastor and Rev. Adolphus Dailey, brother of the bride, officiating. The parlor was specially arranged and most beautifully decorated for the occasion. Mrs. Walter Sellars presided at the organ, rendering excellent music for the occasion. Quite a number of intimate friends and relatives of the city were present, who as a token of remembrance gave a large number of beautiful wedding presents. Those present from out of town were: Mrs. John Dailey and daughter, of Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Dailey, of Pleasant Grove, and Mrs. Speed, of Kinston.

Miss Dailey is a very popular young lady and widely known in our social circles. We join the large number of friends in extending congratulations.

BRICK WAREHOUSE CHANGE MANAGEMENT

Messrs. Hooker and Thornburg Purchase the Interest of Mr. Hall. An important deal was consummated in this city a few days ago whereby one of the tobacco warehouses of this city changed management. Messrs. O. D. Hooker and W. L. Thornburg purchased the interest of Mr. R. J. Hall, and will continue the business.

Those holding accounts against the former firm of Hooker Thornburg and Hall will please present the same to Hooker and Thornburg and all indebted to the former firm will kindly make immediate settlement with Hooker and Thornburg.

The Burlington Brick Warehouse is one of the oldest in the city and has an enviable reputation for high prices. The gentlemen composing the firm as it now exists are men of large experience in the Tobacco business and are thoroughly equipped for their chosen profession.

They are hustlers when selling tobacco and leave nothing undone that will secure for their patrons the very highest market price for every pile of tobacco entrusted to their care. Give them a trial with your next load and you will never regret it. If the highest prices and best treatment count for anything. Sell with Hooker at the Brick Warehouse.

Foster Shoe Company announces that their store will be closed all day Thursday November 25th. That being a National Holiday. The public will be governed accordingly.

Kite Snuff is good for the nerves.

OUR GREENSBORO ITEMS ELON COLLEGE NOTES.

Special to the Dispatch.

Greensboro, Nov. 23.—The Simpson Coble murder—an account of which appeared in this correspondence in the last issue of the Dispatch has been the chief center of interest and excitement in this city during the week last past. As was forecasted in this correspondence last week the preliminary trial of those accused of the foul deed was commenced Wednesday, before Justice D. H. Collins, in the County Court House and attracted quite a large crowd of people. It was estimated that there were 500 persons in attendance from Green township, some as witnesses for either the state or the accused and some out of sympathy and friendship for the defendants, while not a few were attracted by curiosity. Added to these were some 4,000 persons residing in this city, actuated wholly by curiosity. The testimony in the case was rambling and somewhat conflicting, but pointed strongly toward Hiram Elliott and Daniel Coble as the perpetrators of the foul deed. The hearing was long drawn out, consuming the greater portion of two days.

Justice Collins, who conducted the trial with fairness and ability, decided after hearing the evidence and argument of counsel on both sides and carefully weighing all the evidence to hold the two defendants, Daniel Coble and Hiram Elliott without bail for the action of the grand jury of Guilford criminal court. The two, together with John Amick and Henry Holt, who were charged with illicit distilling, were committed to jail and placed in separate cells. After being committed to jail Elliott made a partial confession-exonerating Dan Coble, his father-in-law of having taken any part in the murder and alleging that he did it in self defense, as Simpson Coble the victim, was advancing on him with an open knife. This plea is borne out to some extent by the fact that an open knife was found near the scene of the crime.

Miss Alvenia Guthrie Entertains.

The Epworth League met Friday night November 19th. with Miss Alvenia Guthrie. The following program was rendered: Reading by Mrs. Snipes, vocal solo by Miss Bennett Instrumental solo by Miss Mabel Damerson, Recitation by Miss Ada Guthrie, Reading by Miss Patterson, Recitation Mrs. Snipes.

After the program the guest were ushered into the dining room which was decorated in yellow and white League colors, Ice cream, cake apples, bananas and grapes were served. All present were treated with the greatest courtesy by Miss Guthrie who made each member feel that they were thrice welcome. Those present were: Misses Lola Lasley, Annie Bennett, Henrietta Love, Lula Kagey Mollie Pryor, Mabel Dameron, Nettie Dailey, Annie Hawkins, Emma Love, Mittie Lovett, Annie Walker, Swannie Patterson, Jennie Vaughan Ruth Dameron, Maude Gunter, Annie Coble, Netta Cook, (Ada Guthrie) and Elsie Cook, Messes E. N. Snipes, W. N. Mebane, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thornburg. Messrs Paul Morrow A. A. Apple, W. A. Flick, W. H. Ray, Paul Kagey, R. O. Browning and L. R. Cates.

Grotto Changes Management.

Messrs. B. P. Davies and F. D. Fogleman two well known prominent business men of our town have recently made a deal with Mr. Michael in which they have purchased and will take charge of the Grotto November 29th. The Grotto during the past has proved very satisfactory as a place of entertainment during the past, and with several improvements which the new managers will put before the public we feel that its success in the future may be even greater than in the past. The new managers will have entire change of programme twice each week, and will do their best to secure first class vaudeville in connection with illustrated songs and moving picture shows.

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Nov. 21.—The Francis Asbury Palmer fund, a fund which is worth about two million dollars left in the hands of thirteen trustees by the late Francis Asbury Palmer, of New York City, has voted the college 1500 dollars for current expenses during the coming year. This money will be available the first day of January. This is not the first time the Palmer board has shown its interest in Elon College. Last year the board appropriated \$500,000 and previous years sums have been given, but the appropriation this year is the largest one received yet. During Mr. Palmer's life he manifested a great interest in Elon and at his death left \$30,000.00 as a permanent endowment to Elon College.

President Moffitt is this week attending the Western, N. C. Conference which met at Graham in this county. On Wednesday afternoon he addressed the Conference on the Status and needs of Elon College, outlining his policy for raising the \$60,000 endowment.

Last week Mr. W. Z. Atkinson, Cardenas, N. C. gave the president \$500.00 on this endowment, this making a total of \$10,000. raised to date.

The Philologist Literary Society, one of the male societies of the institution announces its annual public entertainment to be given on Thursday evening November 25, 1909 at 8 o'clock in the college Auditorium. At this entertainment Mr. L. E. Smith, of La Grange, Ga., will preside and Mr. H. E. Truitt, of Wentworth, N. C., will act as secretary. The Marshalls will be Mr. R. C. Lewallen, Chief, Asheboro, N. C., Mr. A. H. Simpson, Haw River, N. C., Mr. S. B. Foushee, Ramseur, and Mr. F. S. Drake, Coletrain, N. C. The program will consist of two orations one to be delivered by Mr. J. J. Ingle, of Elon College, N. C., and the other by Mr. J. A. Fogleman, of Gibsonville, N. C. There will be a debate the affirmative being upheld by Mr. J. C. Stewart, Raleigh, and Mr. Wm. H. Fleming, Burlington, N. C., and the Negative by Mr. W. L. Anderson, Mebane, N. C., and Mr. E. L. Daughtery, Franklin, Va. The query is Resolved that Women should be granted the same right as men in the use of the elective franchise. Mr. J. S. Fleming, Burlington, N. C., will read a paper entitled Elon Echoes and the Society Quartette will render two selections of music.

The students are looking to Thanksgiving day festivities usually attend upon that day and there will be a magnificent dinner served at the West Dormitory.

It has always been recognized that the students in Elon College have considerable dramatic ability. This fall, when the College opened, Miss Urquhart, the director of the Department of Expression, decided to organize a dramatic club. The club from the start has been one of the most interested and enthusiastic organizations ever inaugurated here. The members of the club have spared no time nor expense to equip themselves thoroughly and properly for their debut on Saturday evening November 27, in the College Chapel.

At this, their first public performance, they will give the comedy-drama, Bar Haven, and will be greeted by a large audience of villagers and students and they hope also of citizens of Burlington, Graham, Haw River, Gibsonville, and the communities surrounding. The admission will be for adults, 25 cents; for children, 15 cents. The proceeds will go to the purchasing of a Stereopticon for the College Chapel, an article of equipment which is much needed in the lecture work of the professors in the regular conduct of their classes and also for illustration of public lectures from time to time. There will be three other performances by the club during the College year. The public is cordially invited to attend these plays.