

THE TWICE-A-WEEK DISPATCH

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BURLINGTON, ALAMANCE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1915

BARACA-PHILATHEA UNION MEETING.

The City Baraca-Philathea Union met at the Webb Avenue M. E. Church last night in regular business session. The feature of the business session was the election of officers for the ensuing term, which resulted in the following: Mr. R. O. Browning, President; Dr. J. P. Spoon, Vice-President; Miss Bertha Cates, Secretary; Miss Gertrude Isley, Assistant Secretary; Mr. Minter Coble, Treasurer; Mr. C. B. Way, Press Reporter; Mrs. Allie Burroughs, Pianist; Miss Allene Amick, Assistant Pianist.

The meeting was presided over by the President, Mr. J. G. Rogers. The classes winning the attendance banners were: Star Philathea of Webb Avenue M. E. Church and Senior Baraca of the M. P. Church. After the business had been disposed of a social hour was enjoyed. The attendance was not as large as the previous meeting, due in part, to the cold weather and the remoteness of the church in which the meeting was held.

The January meeting will be held in the Reformed Church on the first Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

AT THE COURT HOUSE.

Graham, Dec. 6th.—The Board of County Commissioners of Alamance County met in the Court House on the above date at ten o'clock A. M., W. H. Turrentine, Chr. Protom; Chess H. Roney; Chas. F. Cates, and M. C. McBane.

Ordered: That D. K. Elder and the other petitioners be ordered to finish the road from E. M. Holt's place to Patterson's Mill as per agreement by the first Monday in February and file report with this Board so the matter can be settled.

Ordered: That H. F. Bass be authorized to furnish Mrs. Banks Bass in provisions to the amount of \$5.00 per month for three months and present an itemized account with this order attached. One notice issued.

Ordered: That Mrs. S. M. Hornaday be refunded tax on \$550.00, same being for tax on lot which she did not own and erroneously listed in 1914.

Ordered: That the matter of the road at Miss Mary Foust be laid over until the first Monday in January, 1916.

Ordered: That G. F. Murray be relieved of road duty on account of disabilities.

Ordered: That G. Ab Fogleman be ordered to repair the road from Trolingwood to Mebane—fill up holes and open ditches according to his best judgment. Also ditches to be opened from Graham to Trolingwood.

Ordered: That R. N. Cook, Sheriff and George T. Williamson, chairman, be appointed a committee to draw the money for January term of Superior court.

Ordered: That E. L. Morrow be relieved of tax on \$475.00 personal property—same being erroneously listed.

The Board adjourned to meet on the first Monday in January, 1916.

CAHS. D. JOHNSTON,
Clerk to The Board.

A PIE SUPPER.

A pie supper will be given at Highland School House, Saturday evening, December 18th, beginning at 8:00 P. M.

Everybody invited. We invite the girls to come and bring pies. Other amusements will be provided for the evening.

The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school.

Educational Column

CONDUCTED BY
J. M. Robertson.

TEACHERS' MEETING.

The regular monthly teachers' meeting on Saturday of last week as well attended by the teachers of the county, and showed to a marked degree the interest the teachers are taking in their work. After a short time spent in general session the Primary Teachers met with Miss Jeffcoat, County Supervisor, in the Woman's Club room in the rear of the Citizen's Bank while all the other teachers remained in the court room with the County Superintendent for a study of assigned lesson in Teaching the Common Branches. Union dinner and hot coffee was served in the court room, on a long table which had been prepared for the purpose.

In January a regular meeting of the teachers is not scheduled, however, when the primary teachers came to the realization of the fact that two months would pass before they would again meet for a continuation of the work they have begun they made inquiry, "Why can't we meet in January?" Such interest and enthusiasm being demonstrated the President, Miss Stockard, appointed a meeting of the primary teachers the second Saturday in January, 1916, from 10:30 to 11. Every primary teacher in the county is asked to show her loyalty to the cause by being present at this special meeting.

Moonlight Schools.

We are pleased to report at this time seven Moonlight Schools in the county in operation. Graham has made the largest enrollment, makes eight. The largest enrollment at present is at Midway. Total enrollment of all the schools is 270. Ages range from 13 to 65, enrollment by schools, Midway 65; Glenwood 25; Glencoe 25; Altamahaw 21; Ossipee 20; Elmire 15; Maandale 8. Thirty eight teachers are now engaged in this campaign to wipe out illiteracy in Alamance. The pupils of these schools are manifesting keen interest in their work. We hope by next week other schools may be added to this list.

Meeting of Woodlawn, Country Life Club.

On Saturday evening of this week Miss Jeffcoat, Mrs. Morris and Supt. Robertson meets with the Woodlawn County Life Club and lectures on the following subjects: Miss Jeffcoat, Home Sanitation; Mrs. Morris, Home Labor Saving Devices; Mr. Robertson, Home Water Works. The public is cordially invited.

ENTRE NOUS CLUB.

Miss Margaret Freeman delightfully entertained the members of the Entre Nous Club Tuesday evening from eight to ten o'clock.

Christmas embroidery occupied most of the time after which delicious refreshments were served by Miss Mary Freeman.

The visitors present were Misses Reed, Cutchens and McAdams.

KILL KARE KLUB.

Miss Nonie Moore delightfully entertained the members of the Kill Kare Klub Wednesday afternoon.

Embroidery seemed to be the chief feature followed by refreshments served by Miss Moore.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA ALUMNI BANQUET.

Piedmont Hotel, Burlington, N. C., Monday Evening, December 27th, 1915.

The alumni of the University of North Carolina now residing in Alamance county, together with the present student body from Alamance, are most cordially invited to attend the annual banquet of the Alamance County Alumni Association to be given at the Piedmont Hotel, Burlington, N. C., beginning sharply at 8 o'clock, P. M., Monday evening, December 27th, 1915. Mr. Young, proprietor of the hotel has agreed to furnish this banquet at one dollar per plate. Bring your wives, daughters and sweethearts and let us make this the occasion of our Christmas Holidays. In order that there may be no hitch, or misunderstanding, you and each of you can attend, will please send your dollar and your name to Mr. I. C. Moser, on or before noon of Christmas day. "Your name will be placed in the pot," and a proper ticket furnished you upon your arrival.

A delightful programme will be carried out and a royal good time for each and every one is promised. Every one who ever attended the University, whether he graduated or not, is an alumne for the purposes this banquet and you are most cordially invited to be present. Should you not receive any further notice, this is our gift edge invitation and is intended for you. Hoping each and all a Merry Christmas, and a most "Happy and prosperous New Year, we are yours in heart and soul for the welfare of our dear old University,

W. H. CARROL, President,
E. S. W. DAMERON, Sec'y.
I. C. MOSER, Banquet Manager.

RESOLUTION URGES RENOMINATION OF WOODROW WILSON

Administration and Policies Also Endorsed by Democratic National Committee: 1916 Convention to Convene June 14—St. Louis Selected as Convention City: Details Complete For Gathering.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The Democratic national convention of 1916 will be held at St. Louis beginning Wednesday, June 14, at noon. The Democratic national committee tonight named the convention city and adopted resolutions calling for the renomination and re-election of Woodrow Wilson as "the trusted leader of national Democracy."

Chicago and Dallas contested with St. Louis for the honor of the convention, but St. Louis easily led from the start and won on the second ballot. When the trend of the voting was seen Texas moved that the choice of St. Louis be made unanimous, Dallas held second place on the first ballot, but was displaced by Chicago on the second roll call.

WAKE FOREST GLEE CLUB ENTERTAINED.

On Saturday afternoon, from three thirty to four thirty, at the home of Miss Sadie Steele, the Entre Nous Club entertained the Wake Forest Glee Club.

There were about fifty people present and the time was enjoyably spent in chatting. Different musical selections were rendered by the Glee Club. Sandwiches, coffee and mints were served by Misses Verna Cates, Margaret Freeman, Ruth Thurston and Sadie Steele.

POWDER MILL BLAST CAST FEAR'S SHADOW ACROSS ALL AMERICA.

Whisper Goes Through Wilmington That DuPont Disaster is But Fore-runner of Nation-Wide Eruption—German Warnings Are Pencil on Streets; Every Stranger in City is Shadowed in Fear of Spies, and Clutch of Horror Holds Every Heart

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 5.—Is the awful explosion at the DuPont Powder works, which blew thirty-one men to atoms and threw the 100,000 people of this city into a state of abject terror, only the first eruption of a volcano which threatens to scatter death and destruction throughout all America?

This question is on the lips of every one here.

And the suspicion is given strength by the sudden appearance on fences and trees all about the town of posters warning workmen of Teutonic blood to quit the powder mills or pain of death.

British secret service men have warned the local authorities that there are at least six spies at work in the mills which every Teuton sympathizer in the world would gladly see destroyed.

Although every German or known German sympathizer was discharged the moment work was begun on the enormous powder orders of the allies, deadly blasts have occurred at the ammunition shops with startling regularity—at least once a month.

Never have the hundreds of secret agents of the DuPonts and the United States Government, who mingle in every grade of local society, been able to trap the intriguing spies from Europe who, every one here is sure, are at work day and night trying to hamper the output of the powder mills.

There are 6,000 Germans in Wilmington, most of them naturalized. Every man, woman and child among them is watched constantly.

For that matter every stranger who enters the city is dogged by secret service men and is conscious of being followed from the train.

Your correspondent was talking with a man when a dull "boom" broke in upon the conversation. A breathless second elapsed, and then the whole building shook as if a giant had cuffed it.

Everybody dashed into the street and off in the direction of the historic Brandywine river. A great black "mush-room" of smoke, like the discharge of a volcano, was rolling skyward. Many others, bareheaded and wild-eyed, had run from stores and offices. Street cars stopped while motormen and conductors stared up at the sign of death.

"It's in the upper Hagley yard," some one shouted and all joined the procession.

Three miles from the city all that was left of a big, black powder storehouse, nothing but a huge gaping crater in the ground, a few splintered timbers and the horrible remnants of what had been men.

All were stopped at the outer barrier of the works—a ten-foot barbed wire fence. The guard was one of the 1,200 ex-soldiers under the command of Major Richard Sylvester, former chief of the Washington police, who have placed the whole munitions manufacturing section in a state of siege.

"But I'm on a public road," your correspondent protested.

"There isn't such a thing in these parts," one of the guards replied. A squad of others who sprang from everywhere in an instant soon reinforced this lone sentry and stopped

everyone—even the weeping disheveled women whose husbands and sons were behind that ten-foot fence, perhaps dead or terribly burned.

At the site of the road was a group of silent men who smelled overpoweringly of ether. They were workers in the lyddite mills, where the air is always so heavy with the drug they are partially under its influence all the time.

"Well, they got to us this time, all right," said one of them, who looked more like a gnome than a human being, his face yellowed and his hair actually green from the picric acid fumes in which he labors.

He was asked what he meant by "they."

"I guess you know who I mean, all right," he muttered, and followed the remark with a string of oaths.

Another worker, was not so reticent.

"We all have expected something like this for months," he declared.

"There isn't a man among the 20,000 employed here who doesn't believe European agents are planning day and night to destroy these mills—and all the others in America."

BEQUEST OF \$18,000 TO RALEIGH CHURCH.

Will of Mrs. Andrews Wipes Out Debt of Good Shepherd Congregation—Money Was Loaned Parish by Husband.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 7.—Through the will of Mrs. Julia M. Andrews, widow of Col. A. B. Andrews, first vice-president of the Southern Railway company, the Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal) of this city, gets a bequest of \$18,000 that completely wipes out the bonded indebtedness.

It was when the finances of the church were readjusted three years ago for the completion of the \$75,000 granite building, that Col. Andrews assumed the \$18,000 bonded debt so that the funds would be assured for the completion of the church.

There was a confidential announcement of the bequest to the members of the parish at the annual meeting that marked the close of the every member canvass of the congregation for parish support and missions. Col. and Mrs. Andrews were among the founders of the parish and Colonel Andrews was for a long while a vestryman and he and Mrs. Andrews were always intensely interested in the welfare of the parish.

PEACE ADVOCATES.

The statesman who's demanding peace—a lasting peace that will not cease, until we're ages older—seems always in delant mood; he struts around the neighborhood, a chip upon his shoulder. His every action seems to say, "I'm bound that peace shall come our way; if any man opposes, if any men would block my schemes, or sidetrack my pacific dreams, I'll surely pull their noses. Why breed the blood lust in our sons? Why purchase endless ships and guns, and make our tax stiffer? Peace is the only righteous plan, and I can larrup any man who has the nerve to differ. The Jingoos have a gory creed, for which they argue, threaten, plead, but every sane man flouts it; our bulwark and our shield is Peace, and I can manul the axle grease from any man who doubts it. Peace is the balm for every sore, Peace is the welcome at the door, the greeting and the blessing; if any man says 'No' to that, I'll knock his jawbone through his hat, and leave his backers guessing."

DEMOCRATS SURE TO WIN, WILSON ASSURES LEADERS; REPUBLICAN ISSUE IS LOST.

Their Only Argument is Tariff and We Will Carry That, He Declares; Host to Committee at White House Dinner—"Our Constructive Work Has Started An Irresistible Movement Which Cannot be Stopped," Says President, "Anyone Who Tells You Otherwise Talks Through His Hat."

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Wilson told members of the Democratic National Committee at a luncheon in the State dining room of the White House today that the Republicans had no issue for the next campaign except the tariff and that Democracy was certain to win.

"Our constructive work has started an irresistible movement which cannot be stopped," he declared. "Anyone who tells you otherwise is talking through his hat."

Mr. Wilson said nothing to indicate whether he would again be a candidate for the Presidency.

Throughout his entire talk, which dealt with subjects ranging from Democratic chances of victory to features of the isolated life of a chief executive the President was informal. Taking his place at the head of the table, he thrust his hands into his trouser pockets, cast aside what he termed his "dress parade" language, and talked freely and confidentially.

Democrats of all factions greeted his remarks enthusiastically. They left the White House in buoyant spirits, declaring that his optimism had inspired them with new confidence. It was the first time, committeemen said, that their body had been received as a whole in the White House. They expressed regret that the text of the President's speech would not be given out, as they regarded it as a vigorous campaign argument.

At the outset the President said he wanted the members to feel that they were a part of a big family of which he was a member. He asked whether anyone present could suggest any campaign argument other than the tariff which the Democratic opposition could advance, and they shook their heads. Nobody knew at this time, he added, what sort of a tariff measure must be framed to meet changing conditions resulting from the war.

Discussing parties and policies generally, the President insisted that the Democratic view was that the majority should rule, while that of their opponents was that a "board of trustees" should act for the people.

Teaching upon the Mexican problem, he said that same majority rule should apply in Mexico as well as this country, without regard to the wishes of persons residing in other countries who hold Mexican property. He expressed the belief that in due time peace would come in Mexico, when the people were thoroughly tired of rising disturbances.

The President faced a united committee. Leaders declared tonight rumors of threatened breaks between friends of red E. Lynch, Minnesota committeeman, and Chairman William F. McCombs, having been promptly disposed of.

Mr. McCombs and most of the other committeemen left for their homes tonight. The chairman will name the convention committee on arrangements this week, and within a month it will hold its first meeting in St. Louis.

The Sixty-fourth Congress is now proceeding to hold forth.