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MR. TWITTY ALLOWS OPTION ON MASONS' CORNER EXPIRE

Secured Privilege Ten Days Ago to Interest Some Outside Capital in Property as an Investment and Not Any Agencies Here.

Interest and speculation in what was to happen to the corner of Trade and Church streets since an option was secured from the Masonic Temple Association some days ago is dispensed by the announcement of Mr. W. H. Twitty, who held the option, to the effect that he will allow it to expire today without further negotiation.

of Pineville, and other relatives of the deceased are scattered throughout the county at large.

Mrs. Bell leaves three children, Mr. J. A. Bell of this city, Mrs. W. T. Cunningham of the county and Mrs. W. S. Rone of Durham.

The funeral hour has been fixed at 11 o'clock Friday, and the interment will be at Harrison Methodist church in the county, where the deceased had long held her membership, and where she was well known for her good works, interest in church undertakings and support of all that went for the advancement of the Church and of humanity.

PERSONALS

Mr. J. D. Woodside of Greenville, S. C., is at the Selwyn Hotel today.

Mr. B. B. Rhyme of Gastonia is among the visitors to the city today.

Mr. W. B. Sharpe of Laurinburg is spending today in Charlotte.

Mr. Hoyle Glover of Ellenboro is a visitor to the city today.

Mr. J. J. Elder of High Point is a guest at the Selwyn Hotel.

Mr. W. M. Carpenter and Mr. P. V. Carpenter of Worth are guests at the Buford Hotel today.

Mr. H. E. Young of Raleigh is spending today in the city.

Mr. O. E. Gantt of Shelby is a Charlotte visitor today.

Mr. C. E. Godwin of Lexington is a guest at the Central Hotel.

Mr. N. P. Giehrst of Laurinburg is in the city today.

Mr. George W. Long of Rutherfordton is a Charlotte visitor today.

Mr. M. E. Beatty of Mount Holly is at the Buford Hotel.

Mr. A. G. Bohannon of Hickory is in Charlotte for a few days stay.

Mr. W. E. Cox of Lilesville is in the city today.

Mr. Frank M. Caldwell, of the local staff of The Chronicle, who has been spending the past six months at Saranac Lake, N. Y., is expected to return to the city the early part of next week to resume his duties here.

It will be of great interest to the friends of Mr. Caldwell to learn that his health is so greatly improved that he contemplates the resumption of his newspaper duties permanently.

HANDSOME BRIDGE DEDICATED TODAY

The New Concrete Structure At Sloan's Ferry Is Being Officially Presented

The formal dedication of the handsome and massive new bridge of concrete and steel for public travel that spans the historic Catawba river at Sloan's Ferry, took place this afternoon beginning about 2:30 o'clock.

This immense structure of concrete, with steel approaches, extends over a space one-third of a mile in length, a little journey in itself to cross such a bridge driving from end to end.

This bridge forms one of the strongest ties that has ever united the counties of Gaston and Mecklenburg, and paid for jointly by the two counties, at a total cost of about \$100,000.

The bridge at Sloan's Ferry between Charlotte and Belmont will stand for many years as a monument to the boards of county commissioners who will go down in the annals of the two counties as the men who effectually bridged the Catawba, not only at Sloan's Ferry, but at other points.

Nearly 1,800 Feet Long. The new bridge is estimated at 1,750 feet in length over all. The central spans across the river proper measure 385 feet, and the approaches of steel are a few feet longer taken together.

The bridge is built of concrete and the appearance is suggestive both of massiveness and of durability. The symmetrically curved arches under which flows the Catawba river in three sections, are built to withstand any torrent that may sweep down this somewhat turbulent stream, which on ordinary occasions suggests only serenity and calmness.

The bridge affords space for a double driveway, with sides rising above the level of the floor about 36 inches, affording protection against any possibility of accident.

The Men and the Builders. It was on June 5, 1911 that the board of county commissioners, in regular session, voted unanimously upon a resolution which set forth that the time had arrived when this bridge was demanded, and with keen appreciation of the importance of the work before them, these commissioners adopted the resolution which made possible this monumental structure.

The resolution was put by Chairman W. M. Long and voted for by Commissioners D. A. Henderson, F. T. Beatty, W. J. Dunn and W. N. McKee. This same quintet of commissioners also voted in March and April of the same year that bridges should be built at two other points on the Catawba, one near Mount Holly between Mecklenburg and Gaston, and another higher up the river between Mecklenburg and Lincoln.

After adopting the resolution setting forth the necessity of the new structure, with the stipulation that it should not cost exceeding a sum approximating \$80,000 to Mecklenburg (Gaston bearing her proportionate part and making the total of \$100,000) the board then named as a committee on the building of the bridge, Chairman W. M. Long and Commissioners Beatty and McKee, these members to cooperate with the committee from the Gaston County board to attend to the construction of this great structure of concrete and steel.

Consequently since that time these members of the committee have kept close watch on the progress of the work and it is largely to their careful

attention to all details that the successful completion of the contract has been made possible.

The call for bids for the structure was forthcoming in due time and the contract for the concrete work and the bridge was let to the C. W. Reaugh Company, builders of bridges, and the contractors with little interruption have carried out their contract in a manner satisfactory to the board.

During the early stages of the work there was a great rise in the waters of the river and a small deluge swept down during the night, practically submerging the unfinished structure, but when the waters subsided several days later, in the late Summer of 1911, the bridge still stood unharmed, but much of the temporary wooden structure and tool houses, etc., had vanished. The event was considered in a way an excellent test of the durability of the bridge.

The program for this afternoon included several brief talks, and the formal turning over of the bridge to the commissioners of Mecklenburg and Gaston. From Charlotte went the members of the old board, Chairman W. M. Long, and many citizens with a delegation to represent the Greater Charlotte Club, these being met by quite a number of citizens of Gaston and other towns, while from the country roundabout came scores of the people of Mecklenburg and Gaston to whom the building of the bridge means hereafter easy crossing of the river and the bringing nearer to their doors of Charlotte, Gaston, and other points.

The big bridge will be the pride of the counties for many years. It is situated on the National highway from New York to New Orleans and it will stand for many years to come as a tangible evidence of the spirit of progress which actuated the commissioners of the two counties in undertaking so large a contract.

GREAT CEREMONY GIVEN FUNERAL OF LATE PRINCE REGENT

MUNICH, Bavaria, Dec. 19.—The body of the late Prince Luitpold of Bavaria was carried this morning to its sepulchre beneath the altar of the Church of the Theatines in this city and laid beside that of King Maximilian II. The German Emperor, the King of the Belgians, the King of Saxony, Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir apparent of Austria-Hungary and a number of princes representing royal houses of Europe followed the coffin in the procession which passed through streets crowded with mourners.

All the time the procession was on the way to the church and also during the service minute guns were fired and church bells throughout the city were tolled.

Although during his life the aged prince regent had declined to adopt the royal title, because, as he said, the real king was still living but unable to rule on account of insanity, Bavaria treated the dead Luitpold with kingly honors. The funeral was conducted with all the ritual employed in the case of Bavarian sovereigns, including the escort attended in medieval costumes, while the coffin was accompanied by cawled candle-bearers.

The heart of the dead regent was embalmed separately and interred with those of many preceding rulers at the village of All-Oetting, where it reposes in a silver case beside the famous shrine of the virgin Mary.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The House today adjourned for the holiday recess until January 2, without receiving the President's message. The message, however, was sent also to the Senate, which remained in session.



BY MARGARET KELLY ABERNETHY

Wednesday night was MacDowell night at the Presbyterian College for Women when the anniversary of the birth of the great American composer was fittingly celebrated by a recital which strikingly exemplified the genius of this gifted musician. The selections were all from his compositions.

Miss Lily H. Walker read a carefully prepared sketch of the life of Edward MacDowell in which she recalled the details of his musical education and told of the various places where the larger part of his work was done. His versatility was emphasized and his facility of execution as a pianist.

Attention to his qualities of buoyancy, vitality, tenderness, strength, dignity and genuine emotion as reflected in his productions.

Effectively reinforcing this analysis the rendition that followed were admirably representative of MacDowell's different moods. The romantic strain in "Romance," the love and understanding of nature in "Waldfahrt," melodious sweetness in "Idylle," descriptive art in "The Dance of the Shadows," were skillfully interpreted by Miss Lucy Boyce.

Miss Betty King, rendering "Aragués" and "Ungarisch," illustrated the qualities of vitality and buoyancy. Miss Elizabeth Scales played "The Wild Rose," and Miss Maggie York Houston rendered "Wiegenlied," each doing justice to the artistry of the author.

"The Witches' Dance" was rendered by Miss Mary Bangle in a manner which realized its descriptive possibilities in a broadly humorous vein in striking contrast to the "Scotch Poem." A note of dignity was sounded by Miss Mary Watson Vaughn in the "Scotch Poem."

The three vocal selections from MacDowell emphasized the same versatility. Miss Ruth Rainey sang "Long Ago" with fine expression, developing MacDowell's romantic and sentimental powers. Miss Emily Murphy in "A Maid Sings Light" had a rich and delicate atmosphere, her interpretation being equally adequate, while Miss Dandine Kirkman in "The Robin Sings in the Apple Tree" drew upon the great reservoir of pathos so often in reserve in the true interpreter of the composer's every day episodes of the world about us. The accompaniments, played by Miss Carr and Dr. Ninniss, added much to the effectiveness of the vocal numbers.

An enjoyable preface to the MacDowell program was "Mendelssohn's 'Greetings,'" sung by the college club, directed by Mrs. Orndorff and accompanied by Miss Stokes.

Miss Eldora Ross and niece, Mrs. Thomas D. Mackay and Miss Estelle Hargrave, arrived home this morning from New York.

Invitations reading as follows have been received for the Christmas Eve of the Amphion Club of Anderson, South Carolina invites you to attend its Christmas Dance on Friday evening, December twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and twelve at nine o'clock, Maple Hall.

Mr. T. C. Evans and son, Master Thomas Clancy Evans, Jr., of Cheraw, S. C., will arrive in the city tonight to spend some time as guests of Mrs. Evans' sisters, Misses Charles and Bessie H. Gaudin, at their home on Tenth avenue.

The young ladies will give a Leap Year dance at the Southern Manufacturers' Club Monday evening, December 30.

Miss Fay Pierce of Fayette will arrive in the city tomorrow to spend the holidays as the guest of Mrs. W. Faison at her home on North Tryon street.

Mrs. H. Dudley Burkholder has returned from Washington, D. C., and other Northern points, after a most delightful visit to relatives and friends.

An interesting social event of the evening will be the reception given by Rev. and Mrs. Watson Oscar Goode at their home, 701 North Broadway street from 8 to 11 o'clock, in honor of Mrs. Ann B. Walker, who formerly pastored of Brevard Street Methodist Church and is held in warm affection by the members of his congregation and friends. It is now the first of the Children's Home of the Western North Carolina Conference at Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Charles M. Carson entertained at an elegant luncheon Tuesday at her home on South Tryon street in honor of Mrs. Anne T. Walker, who will leave for her home in New York tonight. Mrs. Walker will be accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. W. D. Cowles, who will spend Mrs. Anne's Christmas in New York. During Mrs. Cowles' absence from the city her sister, Mrs. Rosa W. McDonald, will be with Misses Susie, Margaret and Mildred Cowles at their home on Park avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Parker will entertain at a musicale at their home in Piedmont Park tomorrow evening at 8:30 o'clock in honor of Mrs. W. B. Odell and daughter, Miss Anna Branson, of Concord. The invited guests aside from Mrs. Odell and Miss Branson are: Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Tillett, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Van Landingham, Mr. and Mrs. James O. Gaudin, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ham, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dye and mother, Mrs. B. W. Matthews of Lebanon, Ind., Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Tolson, Mrs. W. C. Woodruff, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Woodruff, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Petty, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Jones, and Mrs. R. L. Cochran, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Gandy, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Morrison, Mrs. George Butler, Mrs. W. C. Johnson of Chattanooga, Tenn., Misses Onnie and Miriam Parker, Gertrude Dowd, Sarah Canoyer, Della Irwin, Essie Stokes, and Messrs. W. B. Parker, Odum Alexander, Torrence Hamby, Edwin T. Cansler, Jr., and Charles W. Tillett, Jr.

Mrs. W. F. Martin of Davidson will spend tomorrow here as the guest

of Mrs. Charles M. Carson en route last night from Henrietta, where she spent a day as the guest of Miss Lorena Wiseman.

Mrs. D. E. Anderson of Chester, S. C., is spending the day here shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Lucas and children of Chesterfield, S. C., will spend the holidays with Mrs. Lucas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zack Johnson, at their home in Piedmont Park.

Mr. and Mrs. James O. Spear, Jr., will spend Christmas in Atlanta with Mrs. Spear's father, Mr. James Warren Howard.

Mrs. James Russell Ross and children will leave early tomorrow morning for Fayetteville to spend Christmas with Mrs. Ross' sister, Mrs. R. H. McDuffie. Mr. Ross will accompany his family as far as Maxton and will join them later for the holidays.

Miss M. J. Leiby has returned home from Lumberton, where she spent several days with friends.

Mrs. A. W. Plyler of Lexington is spending today in the city with her sister, Mrs. Walter Davidson, at her home on East avenue.

Miss Mary Moore of Yorkville, S. C., has arrived in the city to spend some time as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Moore at their home on Kirtland avenue in Dilworth. Miss Moore is a sister of Messrs. R. C. and S. R. Moore.

Miss Roddy Reid of Rock Hill, S. C., who has been visiting her sister, Miss Annie L. Lammond, will return home this afternoon.

Messrs. Lucius and Jack Wilkes of Norfolk will spend the holidays here with their aunts, Mrs. Charles M. Carson and Mrs. B. J. Witherspoon.

Miss Helen Barnhardt, who is a student at the Southern Presbyterian College at Red Springs, will pass through the city this afternoon en route to her home in Ringer Mills to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Barnhardt.

Miss Beatrice Gray has returned home from Statesville where she visited relatives.

Mrs. Marcius Wilkes of Richburg, S. C., has arrived in the city to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Tedder, at their home on North Church street. Dr. Wilkes will spend Christmas Day here.

Miss Lila Russell returned home last night from Columbia, S. C., where she spent a week as the guest of Mrs. J. C. Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Patterson will leave Monday for Winston-Salem to spend Christmas with Mr. Patterson's mother, Mrs. M. F. Patterson. They will return home Thursday night.

Miss Shelby P. Lexington, Ky., will arrive in the city the first of January to visit Mrs. Word H. Wood at her home on Hawthorne Lane.

Miss Mary Pruitt will arrive home tonight from Raleigh, where she is a student at Meredith College.

Mrs. B. A. Hollingsworth and daughter, Miss Belle Sawyer, are making their home with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Anderson on Cantwell avenue in Piedmont Park.

Miss Alice Buchanan, the handsome little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Buchanan, will entertain at a Christmas tree Christmas afternoon at 4 o'clock at her home on South Tryon street. About two dozen guests will be invited.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Rhodes and son, Master George, will spend Christmas in the eastern part of the State with relatives.

The first dance of the season will be the ball at the Auditorium Christmas night. The Charlotte Gokillon Club will give a dance at the Southern Manufacturers' Club on the 26. The Benedicts' dance will occur at the club on the 27th and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart W. Cramer will give a dinner dance the same evening. The leap year dance given by the young ladies will take place on the 30th and the concert under the auspices of the Charlotte Musical Association will take place on New Year's Eve.

A number of charming ventures being planned which will be announced in due time. Quite a number of prominent homes will keep "open houses," both on Christmas Day and New Year's day.

Get Attention of Governor Wilson Today—Senator Overman's Visitor to Discuss National Affairs.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 19.—Woodrow Wilson gave his attention today to the question of a revision of State corporation laws which is expected to be one of the principal questions that will be discussed in the State Legislature.

To the charge in the recent campaign that he had not fought certain corporations chartered under New Jersey laws and alleged to be trusts, the Governor's answer has been that at no time during his term had he complete co-operation in the Legislature. For the purpose of making the State's powers more extensive an amendment of the present laws is expected to be proposed in the next Legislature, now Democratic in both branches.

On national matters the President-elect today had only one engagement—with Senator Overman of North Carolina.

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REAL ESTATE MEN ARE ABOUT READY FOR AN ORGANIZATION Proposition Launched Some Time Ago to Start a Charlotte Association Has Broadened and The Two Carolinas May Be Included in the Concern.

The organization of a State association of real estate men, with the final object in view of becoming affiliated with the National organization, is the fixed object in view of the up-to-date realty men of the city, who a few days since effected a strong association in Charlotte with Mr. F. C. Abbott as chairman.

The system embraced in the complete organization includes the local or city organizations, the State organization and finally the National organization and the Charlotte real estate men who have successfully launched the movement which brought about a strong organization in Charlotte, propose to carry on their work to the highest point attainable and to get the other local associations of the State together, and then to become a member of the organization in the United States.

It is at present contemplated to call a meeting of representatives of all North Carolina and likewise South Carolina cities having local real estate associations, for the purpose of starting an association not for North Carolina alone, but for the two Carolinas. It is believed that better results can be achieved by having one strong organization embracing both States than could be obtained in any other manner.

The Charlotte real estate men have taken such a determined and progressive step forward in the work already achieved that little doubt is entertained but that the next move will likewise succeed and that the doors of the National association will soon be open to the local organization through the State association, so that the numerous benefits and aids which come from the National association may be enjoyed by the Charlotte realty men.

The calling of a State gathering will hardly be considered until the holiday season has concluded, but a little later in the Winter, it is believed that no difficulty will be found in getting all of the city associations of the Carolinas together, while as a side issue it is not improbable that the organization of more local associations will be recommended and made one of the indirect purposes of the Charlotte body.

A Des Moines man had an attack of muscular rheumatism in his shoulder. A friend advised him to go to Hot Springs. That meant an expense of \$250.00 or more. He sought for a quicker and cheaper way to cure it and found it in Chamberlain's Liniment. Three days after the first application of this liniment he was well. For sale by all dealers.

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