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CHARLOTTE, N. C., THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 19, 1903.

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PROMINENT AND POPULAR PYTHIANS PURSUE VERY PLEASING PROGRAM

States Are Present Today at the Meeting of The Fifth District

ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY MR. J. D. McCALL

Irolley Ride This Afternoon and Reception This Evening in Rathbone Hall Will Wind Up the Meeting

the address of welcome was Mr. J. D. McCall, of Charthe response was made by

lodges were Statesville No. 46, 90. Charlotte: King's Mounstane No. 103. Bessemer; Davidson No. 40 hours after she was dead. 14. Davidson; Independence No. 105,

After the roll call talks were made of Graham. and W. W. Willson, of Raleigh, on the condition of Pythian-

At the conclusion of these talks Mr. William Goldsmith, Jr., of Greenville, S. C. and Dr. G. A. Neuffer, of Abbethe lodges in South Carolina. All

Col. W. J. Woodward, of Wilmington, made a splendid talk on "The En downent Rank," after which the meet ng adjurned until 3 o'clock this af-

Fromptly at the hour, 3 o'clock, the meeting was again called to order and Rev. J. H. Thornwell, D. D., of Fort Mill, delivered an entertaining and instructive talk on the "Origin and Progress of the Order.'

delivered by R. L. C. White of Nash-The afternoon's programme will be Social Side of Pythianism-Rev. A.

Graham, D. D., Davidson, N. C. Report of Lodges-Deputy Grand building to another.

Exemplification of the Secret Work | The loss is estimated at three hundred T D. Meares, Wilmington, N. C. s the District Meeting Beneficial-Rev. J. C. Troy, Durham, N. C. The Pythian Press—J. G. Baird, Charlotte, N. C.

Discussion of Pythianism-Geo. W Monteastle, Lexington, N. C. Adjournment-Five-thirty o'clock.

The evening session will be held in the Castle Hall. An address will be made by R. L. C. White of Nashville. At this time a reception to the visiting Pythians by Rathbone Lodge will be the of the features. The receiving

This is to be followed by a banquet. The Knights of Pythians have ex-

MAIN SPEECHES

Argument of Morgan Against Canal Treaty Occupies 96 Pages in the Congressional Record

which were delivered in executive ses- for \$250,000 damages. and made public by agreement of

gunents made against it, fills less than a widow and two children.

There is no intention to make public any other speeches that were delivered

Delegates From Several tended a special invitation to all of their lady friends, the more the better, to be present at an entertainment they are to give at their lodge in the Piedmont building. Rev. R. L. C. White, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seals, will deliver an address on Pythianism which promises to be very entertaining

and instructive. The social feature will come at the close of the address when refreshments will be served and the hospitalities of the lodge dispensed.

The following Pythians are registerd at the Central: T. J. Boatwright, Hamlet; Thos. D. Mears, Wilmington; J. F. Hargrave, Lexington; J. K. Hall High Point; R. A. Brown, Concord; T. Lyon, Greensboro; A. Cannon, Asheville; G. A. Neupper, Asheville; F. H. Tuxbury, Washington; C. S. Watson, Greensboro; R. E. Simpson, Asheville; D. W. Newell, Asheville; C. P. Hammond, Abbeville.

The following Pythians are at the Buford: J. L. Scott, Jr., Graham; H. W. Scott, Graham; Geo. H. Royster, The new Pythian Castle, over the Greensboro; F. J. Boyett, Albemarle; Southern Express Company's building H. T. Fulton, J. F. White, L. A. Bikle, W. R. Wilkins, Gastonia; J. C. Troy Durham; W. A. Gillon, James Young L. Parks, J. F. Hurley, Concord; rning by Mr. W. M. Lyles, C. R. Booker, Salisbury; J. A. Kenuty grand chancellor of the nedy and S. A. Robinson, Gastonia; A. Currie, J. Lee Sloan, Jr., and R. H. Lafferty, Davidson; Geo. W. Montcastle, Lexington.

Famous Bloodhound Dead. Suffolk, Va., March 19.-Hurricane Branch had word today that his bloodrepresented: Rathbone No. hound Tiger, which was being treated by a veterinary surgeon in Richmond is dead. The hide will be mounted mia No. 53, Gastonia; Zeb Vance Tiger, perhaps, was the most noted No. 65, Mooresville; Mt. Holly No. 68, bloodhound in the country. He had Mt Holly: Matthews No. 77, Mat- been engaged in many criminal cases thems. Charlotte No. 83. Charlotte; in three States. One of Tiger's most Mecklen- remarkable achievements was at Eliz abeth City, N. C .- the following of No. 94. King's Mountain; Whet- Miss Ella Cropsey's trail to the river

BAY STATE TOWN

the lodges in South Carolina. All Twenty-One Buildings Were Consumed By Hungry Fire Before it Was Finally Conquered

Pepperell, Mass., March 19.-Fire broke out at one o'clock this morning in the Lewiston Shoe Factory and de-This address was followed by a talk stroyed the entire plant and a number pervision of the Civil Service Commis-

> of smaller buildings. Although little wind was blowing when the fire started, a strong draft was created by the fire itself which carried the flames quickly from one

At 3.30 the fire was under control. thousand dollars. In all 21 buildings, including the shoe factory and several other places,

iwelling houses were destroyed. TO HIS PEOPLE.

The King Of Saxony Thanks Them For Loyalty and Sympathy.

Dresden, Saxony, March 19 .- The King of Saxony has written an open letter to his people thanking them for the proof of their sympathy with him in the "recent sad misfortune" which party will be composed of the officers had befallen himself and his family of Rathbone Lodge and their lady The King expresses the hope that the perturbation and excitement which seized on a large section of the population in consequence of the distressing events of last winter will now give place to quiet, and the old feeling of confidence. In conclusion he begs the people not to believe those who aver that "behind all the miserable business ARE MADE PUBLIC lies a tissue of falsehood and deception, but to believe the word of your King, that this infinitely painful affair arose solely from the ungovernable passion of a woman who had long before secretly fallen.'

\$70,000 DAMAGES TO WIDOW.

New York Supreme Court Awards that

To Tunnel Victim's Family. New York, March 19 .- A verdict for \$70,000 damages against the New York Central Railroad was awarded today in the Supreme Court, White Plains, in the case of Ernest F. Walton, of New Rochelle, who was a victim of the speeches of Senator Morgan Park avenue tunnel accident. The action was brought by the ex-

member of the stockbroking firm of coming known before the date set for on strike. remarks of Senator Morgan oc- De Coppet & Doremus, of 30 Broad the promulgation, next Saturday. May 36 pages, divided into seven sep- street. He was 31 years old. He is said The recommendations of the comarate speeches. The one speech by to have earned about \$26,000 a year. mission comprise about fifteen hun-Cultum, which closed the debate on the His seat in the Stock Exchange was dred words and they are accompanied

More Earth Tremors In Montana. nor the votes taken on the amend- earth tremors were again experienced forecasts of their findings printed this damage resulted.

Program For Meeting at Wrightsville, The executive committee of the State Bankers' Association met at the Southern Manufacturers' Club yesterday for the purpose of agreeing upon a program for the meetings of the convention of State bankers at Wrightsville Beach, near Wilmington, June 24th and 25th. The program will not be made public for the present, but it is said that it will be a most important one.

The first meeting convened at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and lasted until 5; the second at 9 and lasted until 11 at night. During the afternoon Mr. C. N. Evans, cashier of the Merchants and Farmers National Bank and secretary and treasurer of the Association, showed the members of the committee over the city and otherwise

entertained them. The following named men who constitute the committee were present: Mr. George W. Montcastle, president of the Association, and president of the Bank of Lexington; Mr. James P. Sawyer, president of the Battery Park Bank, at Asheville; Mr. W. L. Parsons, cashier of the Bank of Pee Dee, at Rockingham: Col. John F. Bruton, president of the First National Bank of Wilson; Mr. Lee H. Battle, cashier of the City National Bank, of Greensboro; Mr. Andrew Morehead, cashier of the Atlantic National Bank, of Wilmington; Mr. Herbert W. Jackson, assistant cashier of the Commercial and Farmers' Bank of Raleigh, and Mr. C. N. Evans, secretary and treasurer of

the Association. Dinner was served at the Club at ' in the evening and besides the committee the following were present as guests: Capt. A. G. Brenizer, cashier of the Commercial National Bank; Mr. John F. Orr. teller at the First National Bank; Mr. W. H. Twitty, cashier Charlotte National Bank; Mr. W. C. Wilkinson, assistant cashier of the Merchants' and Farmers' National Bank, and Mr. Word H. Wood, treasuver of the Southern States Trust

Company. Many matters ciation and to State banking were discussed. The convention will go to Wrightsville by invitation of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. A large, pleasant and successful meeting

MIDSHIPMEN EXAMINATIONS.

New Rules Governing Admissions To The Naval Academy.

Annapolis, Md., March 19.-Copies of the new regulations governing the examinations of candidates for admission to the Naval Academy as midshipmen have been received by Superintendent Brownson from the Navy Department and in them are to be noted many marked changes from the old manner of holding examinations. The semi- annual examinations, formerly held in May and September, have been done away with, and henceforth none will be held later than June 30.

According to the new order the examinations this year will be held as ollows: A general examination on the third Tuesday in April, under the susion, at various designated places throughout the country. A second exsecond Tuesday in May, under the supervision of the Civil Service Commis sion. A third examination on the third Tuesday in June at Annapolis only, under the supervision of the Superintendent of the Naval Academy. Those successful in their mental examinations given under the supervision of the Civil Service Commission will be devoted to business and a number of instructed to come to Annapolis for

their special examination. The regulations further provide that after January 1, 1904, the minimum age limit for admission to the academy will be 16 years, instead of 15, as it is at present. The maximum limit of 20 years remains unchanged.

Venezuela's First Payment, Caracas, March 19.-The Venezuelan Government today paid to the German Minister the first installment, amounting to about \$70,000, of the \$340,000 pledged to Germany in satisfaction of that country's claims.

GUARDING REPORT WITH GREAT CARE

Extraordinary Precautions to Prevent Any Inkling of the Commission's Report From Leaking Out

Washington, March 19.-Extraordinary precautions are being taken to the verdict of the Anthracite Coal Commission. All the members and the ecutors of the Walton estate, who sued paid employees of the commission are

mony, said to contain about 35,000 words.

are the result of pure guess-work.

STATE BANKERS HERE. VON BUELOW STILL OFFERING EXCUSES

> Germany's Antics Around Venezuela Recently Did Not Spring From Land-Grabbing Aspirations

PARCELS POST SYSTEM

The Post Predicts Things--King's Health Not Good--Pope is Better -- Shamrock's Mast Stepped

Berlin, March 19 .- In the Reichstag used. He is a popular citizen and his oday, Chancellor Von Buelow reiterated the declaration that the action of the German government against Venezuela was not caused by a desire to add additional territorial power or glory out was a necessity in the settlement of claims against the republic. The difficulty was increased, he said, by the unworthiness of the debtorand the New York Herald, which printed nonsensical reports regarding the action of the government, attributing to it the intention to annex Colombia, Venezuela and Brazil. That such culminations were not believed, he declared, was shown by the loyalty of the cabinets of both London and Washington.

Parcels Post System.

London March 19 -- Answering Chamberlain said owing to the inability to secure an arrangement with the United States for forwarding the parcels post last year the government arranged with the express company for forwarding the parcels, Since that time he postmaster general added, the United States has expressed a desire to open the negotiations.

Past Predicts Things. Liverpool, March 19.-The Post, girl holding a pail. commenting on the cabinet situation, suggests that Premier Balfour accept a peerage, with the foreign secretaryship, vacating the premiership in fav- the swinging electric lamp suddenly or of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain. Continuing, the Post says: "Stranger things may happen during the Easter recess and it's almost the only alternative to dissolution. A wealthy cabinet clings to the emoluments of their

King's Health Bad.

Liverpool, March 19.-The Post today says: "King Edward's health is not by any means as good as desired. The court officials are commenting on amination at Washington only on the the worn and tired look which is continually on his majesty's face."

Pope Better Today.

Rome, March 19.-The Pope is rather better this morning, though his weakness continues. He insists, however, on resuming his audiences, say-"I am so accustomed to a certain kind of life that I cannot change and will die in harness.'

Shamrock's Most Stepped. Greenock, March 19.-The mast of Shamrock III. was stepped and put in place this afternoon in James Watts dock. Lipton watched the operations.

Thieves Rob a Church. Vienna, March 19.-Thieves broke nto St. Stephen's cathedral here last night and stole \$4,000 worth of trinkets from the high altar. There is no trace of the thieves or the plunder.

PRINCE'S "BEAUTY" TO WED.

Kaiser's Brother Vowed Miss Dolan Most Beautiful Girl He Saw.

ment of Miss Genevieve Dolan, the young woman whom Prince Henry pronounced the most beautiful girl he saw during his trip to America, was saw during his trip to America, was thony Romadka, the youngest son of the late Anthony Romadka, a trunk

Miss Dolan received more than 5.000 requests for her photograph within a month after the Prince's com-

Mill Operatives May Strike.

Lowell, March 19.-Representatives of the Lowell Textile Council and the Lowell cotton mills went into conference this morning and broke up at 12:15 with no decision reached as to a raise of wages. Failure of the parties to agree on any compromise of the demand for ten per cent. increase unpledged to secrecy in the matter and doubtedly means that the operatives Mr. Walton was the Stock Exchange there's little chance of the findings be- in the cotton mills will be called out

> Market Is Featureless. prices opened higher, the bulls comsatisfactorily affect the bullish news reciprocity treaty was resumed. at hand. Apart from scattered cover-The members of the commission ab- ings and little support from the bull ban treaty began at three this afterchanges.

ANOTHER CANDIDATE TALKED OF Capt, Watts and Ex-Sheriff Smith

Spoken of For Mayor. There is some talk today of another Richmond entering the race for Mayor. A prominent local politician informed The News man this afternoon that efforts were being made to induce Capt. Harrison Watts to make the race. Capt. Watts' name has been mentioned before in connection with the

office but every time Capt. Watts has

been spoken to he has declined, saying that he did not care to enter the race. Again today the name of Ex-Sheriff Z. T. Smith was mentioned. Mr. Smith informed a News man several days ago that he would not, under any circumstances, make the race for Mayor; that he was in the enjoyment of perfect MAY BE INAUGURATED ne was in the enjoyment of perfect peace in private life and he did not care to disturb this sweet repose. Sheriff Smith has many friends in Charlotte and should he enter the race, it might cause a shifting of the position of some well know local politician. But, there is no doubt that Sheriff Smith means what he says and that no amount of persuasion could induce him to enter a three cornered

race for Mayor. Many of the friends of Capt. Harrison Watts are just as well satisfied that he will not allow his name to be friends would rally to his support.

CAN STAND 500,000 VOLTS?

Prof. Bailey Said To Have Robbed Electricity Of Its Danger. New York, March 19 .- A special dispatch to the Evening Telegram from Ann Arbor, Mich., says: "Prof. Benjamin F. Balley, in a demonstration before his class, let a half-million volt alternating current of electricity pass through his body. The current which kills at Sing Sing Prison is 1,500 volts. Professor Bailey has robbed electricity of its deadly effects by creating a current which alternates at the rate of 435,000 times a second.

"His startling experiments were perormed with a current from the labor térnations a second. This current was run through two "step-up" generators, which increased the rate of alterna-

"Two students were called from the class to the front of the room. An ordinary electric light, suspended on a two-foot length of wire bare of insulation, was handed to them. Each grasped an end of the naked wire in his bare hand, and the pair stood swinging the light between them like a boy and a

"Their other hands were connected with the 500,000 volt current. Professor Bailey turned the current on and glowed, then lighted the darkened

"Professor Bailey himself took hold of the bare wires, which were purposely separated so that no current could possibly pass except through his body. If one of the "step-up" transformers had failed to work at that moment he would have grasped his own death warrant. The spectators held their breaths, but both transpormers were working. Calmly Professor Bailey described his sensations.

"There is no sensation except slight feeling of warmth in my wrists, due probably to the fact that the great amount of bone at that point crowds the current some, as it rushes through the flesh,' he said. 'If I should keep only a loose grasp on those wires should feel a light prickling sensation

in my hands. "There is a theory that, because of its extremely rapid alternations, the current has no time for deadly effect. No one professes to understond the phenomenon fully, however. Though the curren tis harmless, it possesses the possibility of great practical use.

"In a darkened room Professor Bai ley placed the ends of the wire in communication with two zinc plates, which were set up facing each other about three feet apart. A gray, milky looking haze was seen between the plates."

Wisconsin Jurist Nearing Death. Madison, Wis., March 19 .- Charles Barden, Associate Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, is afflicted with cancer of the stomach, which, according to the physicians, must cause death in a short time. He was born Milwaukee, March 18.-The engage- in New York State and is 53 years old

THE CUBAN TREATY

Amendments Were Taken Up at 3 O'clock and Final Vote Was Expected to Follow Shortly

Washington, March 19 .- When the Senate met this morning it agreed to a resolution authorizing the Committee on Territories, or a sub-commitas it may desire, to consider the bills New York, March 19.-Although relative to the district of Alaska.

the sty and was the answer to the ar- sold after his death for \$75,000. He left by a voluminous review of the testi- plained that the early market did not closed and consideration of the Cuban of time to prevent a collision with an destroyed. Voting on the amendments to Cu-Helena, Mont., March 19.—Violent solutely refuse to discuss the various operators there was no feature to the noon. There are six or seven of these trading whatsoever. After call the pending and the final vote on ratifica- is reported as improving every day falling stairway are Firemen Crosbie, months and the question of final ratifi- at 8:12 o'clock last night. No actual morning, further than to say that they market held steady with only slight tion will probably be taken about 4 now and his condition this morning Brodie and Deane. The police declare o'clock.

LEVEES CANNOT MUCH LONGER WITHSTAND THE TERRIBLE STRAIN

INTERESTING SITUATION.

Cotton Market Again Disturbed By

Rain Storms In South. New York, March 19.-C. W. Lee & Co. say: Such weather has not been known in recent years. There is no use talking about any decline as long as this sort of thing keeps up. Here we were yesterday with a decent weather prospect and everyone began to feel better. Then in no time we have rains of two inches in sections west of the river and talk of a storm south. We give it up. If we have another storm, May will run up to 10 cents or over again. There is no cotton for sale under this change in weather. Who wants to short cotton when we can't have two days of good weather. It is no exaggeration to say that there have not been a stretch of four goods days in the cotton belt in over three months. No one wants to sell cotton under such conditions as these. It is now getting beyond the humorous stage. Awhile ago, and it was really laughable the way weather helped the bulls. But now the season is getting very late and the land is no drier than it was a month ago. In more delay in planting. What are we going to do? A lot of cotton usually

comes out in August. Now there is no subjected. prospect of this. More cotton will be | Many railroad trains have been needed to carry on this season's needs than was expected some weeks ago. All this is very important. It begins to look as though there might be a scare the people in the lowlands. on the part of spinners. If we have another storm in the South after all will take fright and run. We can easily have another flurry over 10 cents in this case. We would go slow on ation.

THIEVES BREAK IN AND STEAL THINGS

the short side for awhile.

Not Satisfied With Ransacking Trunk Rascals Lifted it Bodily and Car ried it Off

There was a bold burglary committed at No. 309 South Church street last

rented and Mrs. J. H. Mason is one of the boarders. Last night, Mrs. Simmonds and Mrs. Mason were away from home and Mr. Simmonds was sitof one of the back rooms and after going through several trunks that were stored in this room, he left with Mrs. Mason's trunk and valuables to

the amount of \$50. The theft was not known until this morning when Mrs. Mason went into the room to get some wearing apparel

On entering the room, she found the contents of several of the trunks scattered over the room. She looked for her trunk but it was no where to be found. A number of letters and papers that were in her trunk yesterday were found on the floor.

Officers Johnston and Shields were put on the case and they are now trying to locate the guilty party. Mr. Simmonds telephoned The News this morning that other articles about the house were missing but just what began. The report of the committee he could not say. ance committee of the employees was

COUPLE HAVE 22 CHILDREN.

mediately begun. The Latest Iowa Arrival Is Named After Roosevelt. Des Moines, Iowa, March 19.—The twenty-second child was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Woolsey at Creston yesterday morning. The children are all living and the eldest is 26 years old. There are only two pairs of twins

in the entire lot. Mr. Woolsey, acting upon the suggestion of an attorney associated with Congressman Hepburn, has sent a letter to President Roosevelt apprising him of the situation and that the latest arrival will be christened Theodore

Mrs. Woolsey is 42 years old, of medium physique and in perfect health.

Passengers Had Narrow Escape. New York, March 19.-Two crowded rear cars on the Brooklyn elevated railroad this morning broke away from the train proper and sliding backward miraculously escaped death and a hundown the track at a point where tee, to sit during recess, at such places Adams street and Myrtle avenue this morning by three alarms of fire emerge, caused a panic among the pas- from the five-story tenement house sengers. The runaway cars were halt- 240 east One Hundred and Ninth street. At 11:07 the doors were ordered ed by application of brakes in the nick the interior of which was completely approaching train.

> Justice Day Improving. was very satisfactory.

The Father of Waters This Morning Reaches Highest Point That Has Ever Been Recorded

SITUATION ABOUT MEMPHIS CRITICAL IN THE EXTREME

Hundreds of Home Seekers, Bound For the Great West, Are Flood-Bound and Dependant Upon Charity

New York, March 19 .- The Mississippi at Memphis was 39.8 feet on the gauge last night the highest point ever

North of Memphis, the river, how-

ever, is reported to be falling. The gravest fears are being expressed in the vicinity of Memphis that the levees cannot much longer withstand the terrible strain to which they are

caught by the floods in this vicinity and great suffering is reported among

The worst of the flood area, however, trict around Memphis and there is some hope of improvement in the situ-

Home-seekers Are Homeless.

Memphis, March 19.-Hundreds of home-seekers at Union station here, who came in on a home-seeker's excursion, reached here only to find traffic to the West suspended indefinitely. Some are making the best of t, having plenty of money but many have no money and are alone in a

strange city with no help. The scene is pitiable as it will be days before they can be carried to their destination, and it is impossible for a majority who gathered their all together on leaving home, to turn back. The railroads are doing what they can to relieve the suffering. The Cotton Belt Line last night ran a passenger train up the Illinois Central road to Cairo and crossed the river there.

Other roads have no outlet. Weather Bureau Warning.

Washington, March 19 .- The Weather Bureau bulletin says the stage of water this morning at Memphis is 40 feet, a rise since Wednesday morning ting on the front porch. During this of .4 feet. This rise is probably due time, a thief entered the back of the to the overflow of water from the Arhouse, by an alley-way, broke the lock kansas side, as the Mississippi has fallen above Memphis. While a further slight rise is possible, the decline may begin at any time. It is impossible to estimate the amount of water yet to come from the west side.

The situation continues critical be-

low Memphis and forecasts previously

made are repeated as more rain is ex-

pected tonight and Friday. Every pre-

caution should be taken and preparations continued for the stage is in excess of those of 1897. Considering Trainmen's Grievances. New York, March 19.-Consideration of the demands of the trainmen and conductors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad was begun by the board of directors this morning. J. P. Morgan was the last director to appear. With his arrival the meeting

which conferred with the joint griev-

presented and consideration of it im-

50 MIRACULOUSLY ESCAPE FROM FIRE

Incendiary Blaze in Big New York Tenement Results in Exciting Times For The Police and Firemen

New York, March 19.-Three firemen were severely injured, another dred persons were thrown into a panic

The firemen rescue with scaling ladders fully fifty persons who were made prisoners on old-fashioned bal-Washington, March 19.-Justice Day cony fire escapes. Those injured by a the fire was the work of incendiary.