

GREAT ATTENDANCE AT THE OPENING OF STATE CONVENTION

Over 700 Delegates Were Present at the Opening of the Baptist State Convention Last Night. Rev. W. N. Jones was Elected Moderator.

Interesting Report of Growth of Denomination Along all Lines Read by Rev. Livingston Johnson. Gavel Presented by Prof. Carlyle.

Raleigh, Dec. 7.—The seventy-fifth annual convention of North Carolina Baptists assembled within Tabernacle Baptist Church last night and will in session the remainder of the week. There are more than 700 delegates already here and the attendance will probably exceed 800 delegates. It was just 75 years ago that the first convention was held in Raleigh with only 50 delegates. That convention raised \$1,223 for all purposes while monies raised during the year just closed aggregated \$94,095.

Rev. R. H. Marsh, president since 1891, called the convention to order tonight at 7:30 o'clock, calling on the convention to join in singing the Doxology. The opening prayer was by Dr. Demaway of Oxford. A service of song under the direction of Rev. J. C. Massey, the pastor host, followed. "Send out thy Light" and "How Firm a Foundation" being notable numbers.

In the absence of Dr. Hale, of Wilmington, the opening sermon was by Dr. J. M. Frost of Norfolk, Tenn., his theme being the importance and significance of Baptism and the text "This it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness."

The nominations for president of the convention were E. F. Ayldett, of Elizabeth City; W. N. Jones, of Raleigh; C. B. Aycock, of Goldsboro; J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest; T. M. Arrington, of Rocky Mount; W. C. Dowd, of Charlotte; W. R. Gwaltney, of Hickory. Three ballots were required for election. W. N. Jones leading on the third with 145 votes and E. F. Ayldett second with 119.

During the balloting, Prof. Carlyle of Wake Forest presented to the convention a gavel made from a tree under which the great missionary, Dr. Yates used to offer his daily prayers while a student at Wake Forest College. It was the gift of John M. Crenshaw, the first student to enroll at the college when it was opened.

The most notable feature of the Baptist State Convention today was the presentation of the annual report of the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools by Rev. Livingston Johnson, corresponding secretary.

A feature was a statement showing the growth of the Baptist cause in the State during the last five years—1900 to 1905. This showed an increase from 1,868 to 1,816 churches; 1,645 to 9,801 baptisms; 166,995 to 154,233 membership; State missions, \$18,550 to \$30,000; foreign missions \$9,805 to \$23,267; home missions \$5,857 to \$8,901; education \$2,332 to \$5,885; Sunday schools \$615 to \$1,138; ministerial relief \$1,066 to \$2,119; orphans \$12,930 to \$24,000. Sunday \$63 to \$750. The aggregate is an advance from \$50,105 to \$94,095.

The report shows the Woman's Work department in excellent condition with 174 societies and \$77,158 raised for State, foreign and home missions.

Broughton, Hight C. Moore; Assistant Treasurer, Walters, Durham, J. M. Stoner; Assistant Auditor, F. H. Briggs; Corresponding Secretary, Livingston Johnson; Trustees, W. C. Tyree, G. C. Briggs, Chas. B. Aycock.

The annual report of the board of missions and Sunday schools was submitted by Prof. E. S. Bragon, for the Baptist Theological Seminary reported 255 minister is far greater than supply. He ministers far greater than supply. He declared his heart quivered when he read recently declaration by the president of one of the greatest Baptist institutions in the country that he was not a candidate for a Heaven that would exclude Edward Everett Hile men that thought.

Report of Wake Forest college showed 69 ministerial students attending. The committees announced the following chairman: Home Missions, T. G. Wood, chairman; State Missions, M. L. Kessler, chairman; Sunday Schools, J. A. Oates; Obituaries, J. D. Huffman; Baptist Schools, J. W. Bailey; Women's Work, C. F. Meserve; General Education, E. F. Lumpkin; Ministerial Education, E. F. Ayldett; Periodicals, T. J. Taylor; Temperance, Archibald Johnson; Finance, John T. Pullen; Orphanage, W. C. Scarborough.

TILLMAN SUCCEEDS. His Resolution As to Bank Contributions Passes Senate.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 7.—Mr. Tillman called up in the Senate his resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury for information as to whether the reports of bank examiners show any payment of campaign contributions by the national banks, and addressed the Senate outlining his reasons for the inquiry.

He called attention to the recommendation made by the President in his annual messages for the enactment of a law for the protection against bribery and corruption in connection with elections.

He conceded that the Secretary of the Treasury might not have the facts wanted, but he thought he ought to have, incidentally, Mr. Tillman, said he had been informed that the Commission of the Currency has been investigating the subject of bank contributions with the view of instituting legal proceedings.

The Senate passed the resolution and at 2 o'clock went into executive session. At 2 P. M. the Senate adjourned until Monday.

NATIONAL LAW LEAGUE. To Hold Its Next Meeting in Asheville.

By Associated Press. Asheville, N. C., Dec. 7.—Word was received here this afternoon that the National Law League, now in session at Philadelphia, today decided to hold the 1906 meeting in Asheville. The attendance is about 700.

Mrs. Catherine A. Cole has instituted suit for \$20,000 damages against Thomas Redmond, a prominent citizen of this county, for alleged slander. The complaint is sensational.

GREAT TIME AT THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT

Gala Day at Wake Forest. Great Crowds Fill Hall Where Ceremony of Inaugurating Dr. W. L. Poteat as President of the College Takes Place.

Convention Attends in Body. Long Procession Formed. Happy Speeches of Prominent Men From all Over Country. Dr. Poteat Delivers Fine Address.

Raleigh, Dec. 7.—The members of the Baptist State Convention went on the afternoon train at 1 o'clock to Wake Forest for the inauguration of the new president, Dr. W. L. Poteat, to succeed Dr. Charles E. Taylor, resigned.

On reaching the college campus, a procession formed headed by the college students; college trustees in charge of Mr. W. C. Dowd, of Charlotte; visitors; college and university delegates and the faculty.

On assembling in the hall, an invocation was offered by President E. M. Poteat of Furman University, brother of the new president of Wake Forest. Then the eloquent presentation address for the alumni by Dr. R. T. Vann, for the faculty by Dr. W. B. Royal, and the presentation of the keys by the retiring president, Taylor.

Dr. Poteat delivered a strong inaugural address outlining his plans and aspirations in the direction of the affairs of the great institution. The congratulatory addresses followed by Governor Glenn, for the State; President Venable of the University of North Carolina for the other institutions; President Henry Louis Smith for the denominational college and for the universities and colleges of the country by President Denny of Washington and Lee University.

The Convention delegates returned to the city in time for the night session of the State Convention at the Tabernacle church.

COMPANIES CHARTERED. Secretary of State Charters Firm—Other News From Raleigh.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 7.—The Norwood Lumber Co., of Norwood, Stanley county, was chartered at a \$25,000 capital, J. F. Shinn being the principle incorporator.

Sheriff H. L. Joyner, of Northampton county, delivered to the penitentiary Nat Boykin to serve five years for killing Ashby Hepass. Two negroes were also committed, Tom Cook and Oscar Paison, of Wayne county, to serve respectively six and three years for stealing a mule and coal.

FUNERAL OF MRS. WEDDINGTON.

Was Held From the Home This Afternoon At 3 o'clock. The funeral of Mrs. Clara Davis Weddington, wife of Mr. Graham Weddington, who died at Crewe, Va. yesterday afternoon, was held from the residence of Mr. J. H. Weddington on West Trade street, this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

From the house the body was borne to Elmwood cemetery where the last sad rites were performed. The pallbearers were W. R. Robertson, J. Penwick Wilkes, Edwin Gresham, T. R. Peggam, J. C. McNeely, O. L. Harringer, Robert Mitchell and J. B. Harty.

The body of Mrs. Weddington arrived in Charlotte this morning at 9 o'clock from Crewe, Va. The funeral escort was composed of the grief-stricken husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis, father and mother of the deceased, Mrs. H. N. Phillips and son, Mrs. A. O. Bradshaw and Mrs. Pearl Davis.

Throughout the entire day a steady stream of friends of the popular young matron went in and out the Weddington residence. Many, very many, brought beautiful flowers and laid on the bier of the dead.

The news yesterday evening contained the sad notice of the death of Mrs. Weddington. The announcement caused sincere grief among the large circle of her friends in the city. While her death was not unexpected the sadness of it was none the less poignant.

Several of the dead were incinerated. The dead are; First cook James Busbee of Omaha; second cook Ed Rosenbaum of Oakland Cal; fourth cook, John Laws of Omaha; two mail clerks, names not given; electrician Sluigers and his assistant; engineer Brink, of Rawlins; brakeman Smith, of Rawlins.

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IN FEARFUL WRECK 8 ARE KILLED AND 19 MORE INJURED

Horrible Railroad Wreck Occurred on Union Pacific. Freight Train Dashes Into Overland Limited Carrying Death to 9 and Serious Injury to 19 Others.

Happened Five Miles West of Rock Springs Wyoming. Three Cars Burned. List of Dead Given.

By Associated Press. Omaha, Neb., Dec. 7.—Nine persons were killed and 11 train employees and eight passengers injured in the wreck of the Overland Limited passenger train No. 2 on the Union Pacific, five miles west of Rock Springs, Wyoming, this morning.

The Limited was run into head on by a freight train. Both engines were demolished. The dynamo car mail car and dining car on the limited were burned.

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CHAPEL HILL NOTES.

Mr. Max Gardener, of Shelby, Elected Captain of Football Team. Special to The News.

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NAT. GINNERS' ASSO. ISSUES REPORT OF CROP UP TO DEC. 1.

Cotton Crop Report Issued by National Ginners' Association Shows Total Crop of 9,623,000 Bales with 8,486,000 Bales Ginned Up to Dec. 1st.

Report Shows 92.4 Per Cent of Crop Picked and 88 Per Cent Ginned. Reports Were Sent From Whole of Cotton Belt.

By Associated Press. Dallas, Texas, Dec. 7.—The following is the cotton crop report of the National Ginners Association given out today: The reports sent to us from the whole cotton belt, every postoffice represented, indicates a total crop of 9,623,000 bales with 8,486,000 bales ginned up to December 1st, the crop thus picked is 92.4 per cent and 88 per cent has been ginned.

The report by States follows (Alabama, 1,061,000 ginned) 95 per cent; Arkansas, 420,000 ginned; 98 per cent picked; Florida, 61,000 ginned; 95 per cent picked; Georgia, 1,549,000 ginned; 97 per cent picked.

Indiana Territory, 242,000 ginned; 90 per cent picked; Louisiana, 344,000 ginned; 90 per cent picked; Mississippi, 820,000 ginned; 87 per cent picked; Missouri, 31,000 ginned; 90 per cent picked.

North Carolina, 561,000 ginned; 96 per cent picked; Oklahoma, 234,000 ginned; 78 1-2 per cent picked; South Carolina, 975,000 ginned; 98 per cent picked; Tennessee, 198,000 ginned; 89 per cent picked; Texas, 1,978,000 ginned; 92 per cent picked.

SAKHAROFF ASSASSINATED. Horrible Story of How He Perished—Agrarian Disorders—Crimes perpetrated on Peasants.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Dec. 6, via Eydtkuhnen, East Prussia, Dec. 7.—News of the assassination of Lieutenant General Sakharroff the former Minister of War, who was shot in the Governor's palace at Saratoff, December 5, had been preceded by the most horrible stories, about how Sakharroff had been repressing the Agrarian disorders.

He corralled the peasants with Cossacks and their whips. The assassin of Sakharroff has not been identified. When arrested the whom who committed the crime declared she had executed the decree of the terrorists section of the Social Revolutionists.

Following is the description of Sakharroff's arrival at Hovanshina, a village of the province of Saratoff. "He came with Cossacks and an artillery. The peasants were surrounded by Cossacks and Sakharroff addressed them demanding that they surrender their leaders.

CIRCLED THE TRACK OVER 13,000 TIMES

At Eight O'clock the Six Day Bicycle Racers Had Circled Saucer Track 13,000 Times. Rolls of Money Presented by Crowd to Inspire Contestants.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 7.—Thirteen thousand times the six day bicycle racers had circled the saucer shaped track at eight o'clock.

WILL ENCOURAGE IMMIGRATION

Organization Perfected by Men From Charlotte and Other Towns to Encourage Immigration to Piedmont Section. Cases to be Tried in Charlotte.

Special to The News. Greensboro, Dec. 7.—There was an important organization perfected here yesterday by prominent and influential men from Charlotte, High Point, Greensboro and Winston to be known as the Piedmont Immigration Society.

EFFECT OF BAD NEWS.

Former Minister to France Made Ill—Hearing of Brother's Suicide.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 7.—The bad news from his country about the reported suicide of his brother, Young Wan Min, which was conveyed to him yesterday, has affected the health of Young Tehan Min, former Korean Minister to France, and he was not able to receive any one today.

WILL NOT TESTIFY.

Machen is Not to Testify in Trial of Williams.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 7.—The agreement made with the United States Attorney General that August W. Machen should not be required to give testimony in any further proceedings growing out of the postal frauds has been determined to be binding on the government and Machen will not testify in the trial of William G. Crawford for the alleged Postoffice frauds.

ELLEN ARE DROWNED.

Steamer Fram Sunk—Seven of Crew and Four Passengers Were Drowned.

By Associated Press. Christiania, Dec. 7.—The timber-laden steamer Fram was sunk in Christiania Fjord. Seven of the crew and four passengers were drowned.

VICTIMS OF RIOTS NUMBER OVER 8,000.

Is Officially Announced That in Recent Troubles at Odessa 8,000, Persons Have Been Killed, Killings and Plunderings Continue Day and Night.

By Associated Press. Vienna, Dec. 7.—An official statement received from Odessa, says 8,000 persons have been killed there since the beginning of the troubles. The latest arrivals at Jassy, Moldavia, declare that the killing and plunderings continue at Odessa by day and night.

NO MORE FREE PASSES.

New York Central and Hudson Railroad Co. Not to Issue Free Passes.

TRIUMPHAL ENTRY.

Field Marshal Oyama and Staff Received With Great Ovation.

PROHIBITING BETTING.

Law Goes Into Effect Prohibiting Betting on Horse Races.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

The four months old child of Mr. and Mrs. John Tillmon, who reside on West Fifth street, was found dead in bed this morning at an early hour.

RECEIPTS AT THE PLATFORM.

The receipts at the city platform today amounted to 45 bales at 11 1/2 cents. On the same day last year, the receipts amounted to 59 bales at 7 1/2 cents.