

OUR CONGRESSMAN DELIGHTS A LARGE AUDIENCE TO-DAY

At Vance Park Mr. Webb Delivered a Splendid Oration to the Woodmen and Other Fraternal Orders. His Theme a Happy One.

The Beautiful Park was Well Filled with Enthusiastic Fraternal Men and all Were Thoroughly Pleased with What they Heard.

There was a large crowd at Vance Park this morning when Mr. T. L. Kirkpatrick introduced the speaker of the day, the Hon. E. Y. Webb. Mr. Webb was in his happiest vein and his speech was one of the best we have ever been privileged to hear him deliver.

The parade wound up at the park and music preceded the speaking. In the happiest words Mr. Kirkpatrick introduced the speaker and then the speech began. The park was filled with enthusiastic listeners and Mr. Webb availed himself of the inspiration of the occasion to outdo himself. His speech runs as follows:

Mr. Webb's Speech.
Sovereign Woodmen, Brethren of Other Fraternal Orders:

Ladies and Gentlemen, I am proud to be able to take a humble part in this splendid celebration of that great event when your fore-fathers, the patriots of Mecklenburg county, flung the world their immortal Declaration of Independence and all his armies, Colonel Tarleton, "the butcher of the Carolinas," of Revolutionary fame, said that Mecklenburg and Rowan counties were more hostile to England than any other portion of America. On this historic soil Tories and deserters did not grow,--aye, could not grow. It is indeed fitting that the fraternal orders of this section should have a distinct part in this memorable celebration; for it was a spirit of fraternity--of brotherhood--that impelled our noble ancestors to absolve their allegiance to their King, because he had oppressed their brothers as well as themselves, and had made their existence intolerable.

In all ages, among all peoples, in every clime, brotherhood fraternal spirit has been recognized as the highest feeling which man should bear toward his fellow-man. Solomon in his broad wisdom, emphasizing the great friendship which should exist between brothers, said: "There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

"Fraternity is the root of true benevolence." "And now abideth hope, charity--these three--but the greatest of these is charity." This is the language of the great Guide-book to that land whence no man returneth. Charity--the virtue of humanity, the link of gold which binds earth to heaven--is the corner-stone of your fraternal orders. Christ, the man of Nazareth, was the great founder of Fraternalism, and its sweetest, gentlest, and most radiant exponent. "Charity is the real law of life." He makes angels of men here on earth, relieving human suffering, and mitigating human sorrows everywhere.

The American fraternal orders of today are the product and fruition of the noblest days of chivalry in the past. They are founded on the principles of protection to the home, friendship for everyone, and charity for all. The true night of your brotherhood does not hesitate to enter the home of the poor and the helpless; he gladly ministers to the widow in her hour of bereavement; he puts a strong arm around the orphan and whispers words of comfort and good cheer. He makes himself a shield for the defenceless, he lifts up the fallen, and sends them singing on life's tortuous pathway.

Our Government will have become Utopian, and Justice blind when every man can say "I am my brother's keeper!" And then Christ's injunction: "Love thy neighbor as thyself" will be the universal practice.

I had rather rely upon the great principles represented in, and practiced by your splendid fraternities, for the preservation and perpetuity of this republic than upon all the navies and armies that the money of the world can organize.

One brotherhood's greatest and most insidious enemies in this world is avarice--greed for gold, selfishness in the accumulation of this world's goods. This passion, gradually stealing over the hearts of the people of this country, shrivels man's soul, dries up his fountains of mercy, destroys friendships, obscures his better nature, and eradicates his brotherly feeling for his fellow-man. Fraternity and greed cannot dwell in the same breast; avarice is the antithesis of charity.

Do you remember the story of Silas Marner, who, all alone, day by day piled his trade as a weaver, collecting at the end of his day's work his golden crown, or half crown. Finally his earnings grew into a heap. He loved no man that he should offer him a share; he had no love of friendship for any strangers. "For he invited no comer to step across his door-sill"--he never strolled into the village to mingle with his fellow-man. His money kept accumulating until he began to think it was conscious



HENRY E. HUNTINGTON, THE MAN WHO MADE LOS ANGELES.

Over thirty years ago Henry E. Huntington, favorite nephew of Collis P. Huntington, was wedded to Mary Preston, the stepdaughter of that famous railway king. Recently the couple were divorced. H. E. Huntington is known as the man who made Los Angeles. He inherited most of his uncle's fortune. Mrs. Huntington is the sister of Princess Hatzfeldt. The Huntingtons have four children, all grown. The unmarried daughter has gone with her mother to live in Japan.

PRISONERS TAKE DESPERATE CHANCES

Squad of Five from Guilford County Chain Gang Run from Guards. One Killed. McMillan, the Forger, was Shot. The Other Three Escape.

Special to The News.
Greensboro, May 24.--While 40 county convicts macadamizing a road 12 miles from here and two miles from High Point, were being taken from the camp to work at sunrise this morning, a squad of four negroes, headed by Benj. McMillan, white, broke for a narrow skirt of woods near the road.

Immediately two guards ordered the other convicts on their knees while two fired at the fleeing men. Before being lost in the bushes, McMillan fell, shot as he collided with a negro fugitive.
Jesse Tomlinson, sentenced for highway robbery, was killed a quarter of a mile further. The other convicts are still at large and bloodhounds are in pursuit.
McMillan was shot clear through the body, the rifle ball emerging just beneath the heart. He was taken to camp, and later to a hospital at High Point. The physician says he cannot live. McMillan begged for a physician, saying he was going to die, but wanted relief from pain. He was sent to the roads in February for two years for forgery. He came here last fall as a prominent capitalist, investing in manufacturing plant, paying for the same in forged checks for \$30,000. He soon became prominent among the social set and claimed relationship with Senator McMillan. When convicted he refused to tell where he was from, who were his people, saying he had rather serve the sentence than for them to know of his disgrace. This morning he refused to disclose his identity, saying he rather die unknown. He has made a model convict and was of refined and cultivated tastes.

MRS. DAVIS MUCH WORSE

Members of the Family Remain in Quick Calling Distance.

By Associated Press.
New York, May 24.--The condition of Mrs. Jefferson Davis, who became worse last night, is not improved today. Members of the family are remaining within quick calling distance of her bedside.

Shortly before noon, Mrs. Davis rallied, her pulse and temperature returning to normal again. This was the third sinking spell Mrs. Davis has had during her present illness.

KING ALFONSO.

Goes to the Frontier to Meet His Bride To-Day.

By Associated Press.
Madrid, May 24.--King Alfonso accompanied by a brilliant suite of officials and Court dignitaries left Madrid this afternoon for the frontier whence he will meet the future Queen of Spain. Vast crowds witnessed the King's departure, which inaugurated auspiciously the events attending the Royal marriage.

MINERS FIRED ON.

Non Union Men Open the Plum Run Mine Today.

Smithfield, Ohio, May 24.--After a night of almost constant firing in the hills Plum Run mine was opened this morning with non-union men who were fired upon as they approached the mine. No one was injured.

VOTE ON CALDWELL CASE RESULTS IN A VICTORY FOR HIM

The Case was Called at 12:30 O'clock To-day. Amid Great Excitement. A Committee Appointed to Render the Verdict of the Court.

Eleven Members Voted to Sustain Mr. Caldwell in Part, Only Seventy-nine Voted to Sustain Him Throughout, 89 Voted Against Mr. Caldwell.

By Associated Press.
Greenville, S. C. May 24.--The vote on the Caldwell case was called at 12:30 o'clock, resulting as follows: To sustain Caldwell 79; to sustain in part 11; to sustain the Synod 89. Closest follow. The vote to sustain in part, may be contested.

Great excitement prevails on the floor. The second section of the complaint which relates to the action of the Synod's severity of action, was withdrawn by consent after the vote was taken.

The Assembly agreed to appoint a committee to render the verdict of the court. This committee will decide the legality of counting for Caldwell those who voted in part to sustain his complaint. It is believed that the withdrawal of the second item of the complaint will cause this eleven to vote fully to sustain Mr. Caldwell, which means a victory for him. The committee will report the finding of the court after the noon recess.

At the morning session the following arguments were heard in behalf of Mr. Caldwell: Dr. H. L. Smith, Davidson College; Dr. E. M. Munroe, Millford, Texas; Dr. W. B. Boggs, Jacksonville, Fla.; W. Moore Scott, Memphis, Tenn.; Bunton McLeod, Bennettsville, S. C.

To sustain Synod: A. C. Hopkins, Hampton, Va.; B. H. Young, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. R. H. Fleming, Lynchburg, Va.; Dr. Theron Rice, Atlanta, Ga.

YESTERDAY'S SESSION.
Greenville, S. C., May 24.--The General Assembly was opened yesterday with devotional services conducted by Rev. O. G. Jones, of El Paso, Texas. A telegram from the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America in session at Des Moines, Iowa, was received by the Assembly. This telegram was in answer to a telegram sent a few days ago by this assembly to the Northern assembly alleging interference with the work of the Southern Presbyterian church on the part of the Northern church, such as inducing Southern Presbyterians to change church relations by offering financial aid. This the telegram denied.

After some routine business the judicial case of the Rev. Wm. Caldwell, of Fort Worth, Texas, was taken up, and its consideration resumed.
Rev. A. J. McKelway, D. D., asked the moderator to rule on the point as to whether the speakers should be allowed to address themselves to both parts of the recommendation of the judicial committee, namely: (1) Whether the findings of the Synod of Texas were legal, and (2) whether they were just, or should the speakers confine themselves to the loyalty of the proceedings. The moderator ruled that the speakers would be allowed to cover the whole ground.

It was in order now to hear the Rev. Josephus Johnson, D. D., one of the representatives of the Synod of Texas. Before proceeding to the discussion he called for the original draft of the complaint of the Fort Worth church against the Synod of Texas. It developed that the complaint had been misplaced and could not be found, and Dr. Johnson refused to proceed with his argument. A carbon copy was found, however, and the counsel for both parties agreed to accept this as a true copy of the original, and the assembly proceeded with the consideration of the case, but not until a warm discussion had taken place, participated in by Dr. A. J. McKelway, Dr. W. J. McKay, Col. Thomas W. Billitt, and Hon. A. P. Emanuel.

SCARED ENGINEER JUMPED TO DEATH

Fireman Followed in Wild Leap into River and is not Expected to Live. Both Thought that Engine was Going to Fall from Trestle.

By Associated Press.
Somerset, Ky., May 24.--To avoid a wreck which did not occur, Scott Gillespie of Somerset, a locomotive engineer, yesterday jumped from his locomotive at New River bridge, one of the highest in the world and was killed. John Colyar, fireman, also leaped into the river and it not expected to live.

The men became alarmed when one of the trucks of the locomotive left the rails, believing it would fall from the structure, but it was stopped on the bridge by the second locomotive.



REV. ALGERNON S. CRAPSEY, SUBJECT OF FAMOUS HERESY TRIAL.

The Crapsey trial, which recently closed at Batavia, N. Y., was perhaps the most momentous heresy trial in American church history. The action was based on the statement that Dr. Crapsey had denied the miraculous birth of Christ and had asserted that the story of the resurrection is a creation of the primitive imagination. He has been pastor of St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal church of Rochester, N. Y., for a quarter of a century.

VROOMAN ADMITS HE WAS A GRAFTER

Witness Before the Interstate Commerce Commission Says he Accepted Favors While Holding the Position of Trainmaster.

By Associated Press.
Philadelphia, May 24.--The Interstate Commerce Commission resumed its hearings in the investigation of alleged discrimination in the distribution of coal cars today.

Frederick Vrooman, of Osceola Mills, assistant trainmaster on the Tyrone division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was called. At Mr. Glasgow's request Mr. Vrooman named half a dozen coal operators who had paid him money at various times in amounts ranging from \$5 to \$20.

"Why did they give you this money?" questioned Mr. Glasgow.
"I suppose they expected some favors."
"Were the favors granted?"
"Not that I recollect."
"Then why did you take the money?"
"Well, if there was money to be given out I was there to take it."
"Is that your position now?"
"It always has been."
The witness said that there was no scarcity of cars during the anthracite strike. He denied furnishing cars to certain companies at \$20, and \$50 a car.

SAFE ROBBED TO-DAY.

Hundred Dollars Taken from Acme Plumbing Co.'s at Broad Noon.

An unusually bold robbery of the safe of the Acme Plumbing Company on East Fifth street in the rear of the City Hall, took place to-day shortly after the noon hour.

The safe is located in the front part of the building which is a one story structure, and could easily be seen from the street.
There was no one in the building during the hour from noon to one o'clock, and it was between these hours that the robbery occurred.
The robber entered from the rear by cutting out a pane of glass and reaching the door knob, opening the back door and securing an easy entrance. Going to the front door, the robber used presumably a screwdriver and prized open the two cash boxes, securing \$18.50 in money and about \$85 in checks.

The robbery was not discovered until the return of one of Mr. H. L. Hunter's sons about 10 minutes after one o'clock. On going to the safe a few minutes afterwards he found the cash boxes robbed.

There is absolutely no clue as to the identity of the robbery, but it is probable that the man saw the open safe from the front and going to the rear he entered and then prized open the cash boxes, one of which was empty, while the other contained the checks and money.

MR. THOMPSON ELECTED.

As a Member of Board of Visitors of the A. & M. College.

By Associated Press.
Raleigh, N. C., May 24.--W. S. Primrose, of Raleigh; D. A. Thompkins, of Charlotte; W. H. Ragan, of High Point; E. M. Koonece, of Jacksonville, have been elected as members of the board of visitors of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts of Raleigh.

The commissions are each for a six-year term.

INDICTMENT AGAINST CITY.

Rumor that Cabbarus County Grand Jury found True Bill Against City of Concord.

Special to The News.
Concord, May 24.--There is a well defined rumor, though not official, that the grand jury at the last term of Superior Court made a presentment against the city of Concord, the cause of this action being the bad condition of Union street. The bills of presentment made by the grand jury are in the hands of the Clerk of the Court, there to remain unseen until he docket them for the next term of the Superior court. This being the case, and the law, the presentments made by this grand jury are not to be seen but there seems to be no doubt that this action was taken and that there is now in the hands of the county clerk a presentment against the city.

This is given on the best of authority, and the fact that the city has been thus brought to task is understood by some in position to know. This fact has been gathered from a source not to be doubted, and can be relied upon as true. The nature of the presentment is not known, other than the condition of North Union street is responsible.

REPUBLICAN EX. COM. TO MEET.

Tenth District Republicans will Meet in Asheville June 10--San Francisco Benefit.

Special to The News.
Asheville, N. C., May 24.--A meeting of the Republican executive committee is called to meet here Wednesday, June 6, to name a time and place for holding a convention. It is considered likely that the convention will meet in June and that Asheville will be selected as a meeting place. Thus far, Mark W. Brown, solicitor for this judicial district and assistant district attorney J. J. Britt are most frequently spoken of as Republican nominees. Indications are that the republicans will put up a campaign of unexampled vigor in this district this year.

An entertainment will be given at the auditorium tonight to add to the Asheville fund for the relief of San Francisco sufferers and a large attendance with corresponding proceeds expected. Musical and dramatic selections will be rendered by local talent. The house, lights, services of performers, etc., are given free, so that the total proceeds will go to the San Francisco sufferers.

Postmasters Named.

By Associated Press.
Washington, May 24.--The President sent the following nominations of Postmasters to the Senate: North Carolina, Eliza S. Crawford, Williams, Virginia; A. M. Stimson, at Hot Springs; H. F. Butt, Jr., at Portsmouth; Archie Jones, Chinoe League Island.

THOUSANDS DROWN HOMES SWEEP AWAY

Late Advices from China Flood District say That Hundreds of Homes are Gone and That Many Thousand Lives have Been Lost.

By Associated Press.
Victoria, B. C., May 24.--The steamer Tucoor, from Japan and China, brought further advices regarding the disastrous floods of Hai Hang Hao in China.

All the valleys along the river were inundated, homes were swept away by the hundreds and thousands of men and animals were drowned.

FRATERNAL ORDER DAY WAS A SUCCESS ALL ALONG THE LINE

The United Commercial Travelers were in Line to the Number 400. Many Camps in this and Other States were Represented.

The Woodmen of the World Made a Splendid Showing. The Last Day of the Big Celebration to Close Amid Continued Successes.

With playing of bands, waving of flags, the steady tramp of men marching and horses in parade, a thousand fraternal men wended their way through the principal thoroughfares this morning at 11 o'clock.

Today was Fraternal Order Day and the program was in the hands of the United Commercial Travelers and Woodmen of the World, the former bringing up the rear of the long line of the parade.

At the head of the half-mile column rode mounted officers, with the crack Third Regiment Band and carriages bearing prominent Woodmen and others close to the front of the line.

As the Woodmen went by, camp after camp, it seemed that the line would never end. There are in the county alone over 1,000 Woodmen members of 18 to 20 camps, and nearly half the membership was in the parade. The Woodmen on foot and on horseback carried the flags and wore the badges of the order, with small souvenir badges of the Twentieth. They made a good showing and were a fine looking body of men.

Among the various camps represented were Hornet's Nest Camp and Myrtle Camp of Charlotte; Rocky Ridge Camp, No. 94; Providence Camp, No. 123; Earl Camp, of Earls, Mecklenburg county, No. 60; Long Creek Camp; Willow Camp, Mecklenburg; Price's Mill Camp; Derita Camp, No. 133; Pineville Camp; Walnut Camp, of Rock Hill; Mint Hill Camp.

The arrangements and preparations for the parade were in the hands of leading Woodmen, the committee being Messrs W. S. Charles, George A. Page, J. I. Blakely, R. B. Pharr, W. K. Neal, W. A. Short, Jno. Miller, E. M. McGhee, and M. Kirschbaum. The Woodmen did themselves no little credit today and the members are much pleased with the happy outcome of the occasion.

The Traveling Men in Parade.

The hotels and the city today have been pretty generally turned over to the traveling men who are here from Texas to Virginia, and in fact from all over the country. Their appearance in the parade this morning was the signal for a general cheering and clapping of hands all along the line.

There were over 200 posts represented in the parade and in the neighborhood of four hundred U. C. T. men in the line of march.

The traveling men all wore the same garb, a long red duster, reminding us of a minstrel band, and the conventional high hat, wrapped round with red.

The posts in the following cities were represented by a score or more of men, some of them being at least 50 strong: Charlotte, Spartanburg, Asheville, Greensboro, Cincinnati, Ohio, Louisville Ky, Greenville, S. C., Columbia, Atlanta, Knoxville, Tenn., Dallas, Texas, Norfolk, Richmond, Lynchburg, and a number of other posts, whose representation was not very large on account of the distance away.

The travelling men hit upon a happy plan by placing at the front of the column a large float "The U. C. T. Special" representing a car, in which sat a number of young ladies from various points in the Carolinas with their escorts, and several little misses and little boys, who represented the conductors on the "special."

In the float were Misses Vashti Keys of Charlotte, Louise Alexander of Spartanburg, Grace Fannin of Asheville, Clara Parker of Columbia, Annie Sparger of Greensboro.

The children on the "special" were little Misses Carrie Meier Wilkes and Helen Schiff, and Master Louis Hoover and Norman Schiff.

After the float came the traveling men, minstrel fashion, cracking jokes with the crowd when tempted to do so, and furnishing plenty of fun to the spectators all of whom were delighted with the pleasantness of the "nights of the Grip."

The procession after following Tryon street from Morehead out North Tryon several blocks, wound up Vance Park where most of them remained to hear the speech of Hon. E. Y. Webb.

The parade of the fraternal orders was pleasing to the crowd, full of amusement, and fun where the U. C. T. men were marching, and an all round happy stroke on the part of the committee having the affair in charge.

Favorable Report.

By Associated Press.
Washington, May 24.--The Senate Committee on Commerce voted to report the Herb Omnibus Light-house bill.