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Charlotte's Dream of a Great Hotel Becomes a Reality At Last

The Selwyn Opens its Door to 1,000 State and Guests To-morrow

Books Opened for Registration Thursday Morning. The Great Hostelry a Thing of Beauty in its Equipment.

The Hotel Selwyn opens its doors to-morrow in a reception to its friends...

Presto, Change! The transformation from the old court house of yesterday to the new Selwyn of today has been wrought as by the touch of a fairy's wand...

als, among these being Mr. Houston R. Harper, Manager of the Press and Publicity bureau of this hotel system...

The Opening Programme. The reception tomorrow night to invited guests is from 8 to 10 o'clock...

The names of the directors of the Highlands Hotel Co. and their wives should have appeared in the list of the receiving committee for the reception at the Selwyn on Tuesday night...

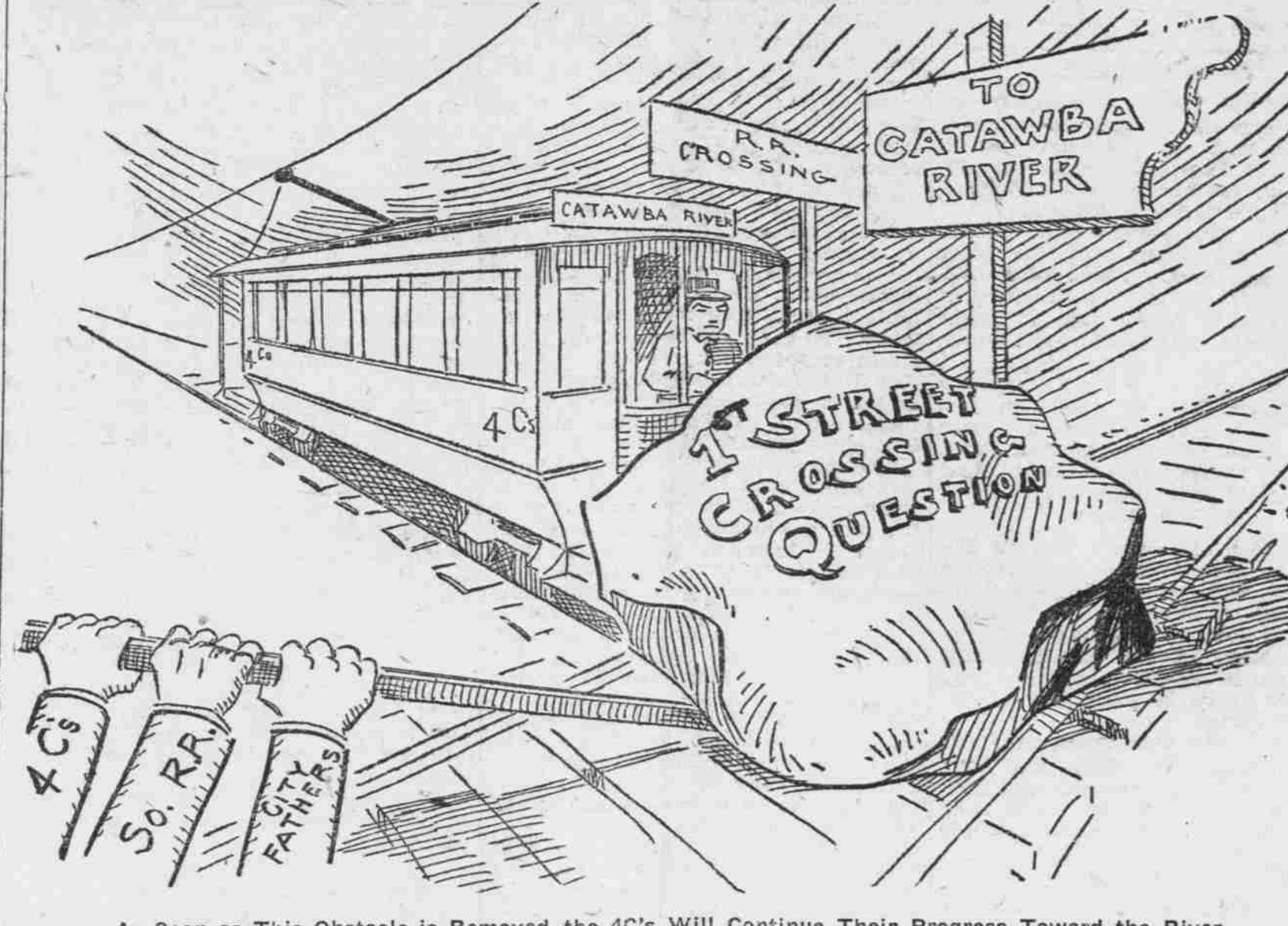
On Thursday after 10 o'clock in the morning the books will be opened for the registration of guests.



THE "SELWYN."

he of the Twentieth Century at most reasonable rates. Mr. Wood in Command. An army of men is at work today from attic to basement.

and the "16s" are the same. The Bridal Chamber. The cheerfulness in the house is naturally the bride's chamber.



As Soon as This Obstacle is Removed the 4C's Will Continue Their Progress Toward the River.

Over Half Million People Will Die in China as the Result of the Spreading Famine and Disease

In Path of a Big Blizzard

Sleet, Snow and Rain Striving Together for Mastery. Evidence that the Groundhog Saw his Shadow is in Evidence.

The groundhog saw its shadow after all on Saturday, for in the late afternoon the sun fought its way through the clouds.

BLIZZARD ON COAST. Fierce Blizzard Sweeping Carolina Coast—Schooner Ashore.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 4.—A blizzard is sweeping the Virginia, Carolina and Maryland coasts, accompanied by a heavy sleet.

Many Killed. An accident on the Burlington Route. A passenger train went through a bridge. Fire broke out in the wreckage.

52 Applications for Licenses. Raleigh, N. C., February 4.—There are 52 applicants here today to stand examination for law license.

Mr. Holland P. Helper, whose friends have been anxious over his long unexplained absence, has returned safe and sound.

Dispatches from Famine Districts of Central China

Pox has Broken Out. Thousands in Danger. Revolution in Central China Grows Daily in its Seriousness.

Revolution imminent. Victoria, B. C., Feb. 4.—The steamer Tartar brought advices that the revolution in Central China is becoming a serious menace to China.

Give Recorder More Power

Commissioners Endorse a Bill Intended to Lessen Docket of Criminal Court. To Get Rid of Barn-Burners.

With the endorsement of the board of county commissioners, in session today, a bill will be drafted and presented to the legislature looking to an increase in the present jurisdiction of the Recorder of the city.

Another important move made by the board today was the decision to ask Governor Glenn to make an appropriation for the apprehension and arrest of all barn-burners.

All Eyes on Thaw Jury

Great Interest Centered in Men who Occupy Jury Box. Thaw's Record Investigated. To-day's Proceedings.

New York, Feb. 4.—Interest in the trial of Thaw, which will be resumed today, centered in the men who occupy the jury box.

Lawrence White, son of the late Stanford White, was called as the first witness for the prosecution. The Thaw trial is on. Assistant District Attorney Garvan opening for the prosecution.

Other Witnesses. Young White was on the stand but a few minutes. He told of accompanying his father to the cafe Martin, and said it was the last time he saw his father alive.

The Race Question is Discussed by White And Negro Preachers

had been detained by a fireman and an employee of the garden recess until he held Thaw while they searched for a policeman.

"We went into an elevator," the witness continued, "and Thaw admitted he did it, saying: 'He ruined my wife.' A woman who he thought was Thaw's wife replied: 'But look at the fix you are in now, and Thaw replied: 'Well, dearie, I have probably saved your life.'"

As To Autopsy. The doctor's performing the autopsy said death was due to gun shot wounds.

Defense is Insanity. Thaw's defense is insanity. Such information has just been made public.

Insane For Years. Gleason said, "You must dismiss all idea that we are going to impart into this case and so-called higher or un-written law. We will rely upon all the defenses the law allows."

His Mother to Testify. The case of Thaw was presented to the jury in less than two hours, when Attorney Gleason opened for the defense.

Thaw's Inspiration. Gleason, in opening said Thaw was suffering from hereditary insanity when he shot White.

Dunn to Vote On Dispensary. After Lengthy Discussion Bill to Allow Vote on Dispensary Passed. Other Bills Considered To-day.

By Bell Telephone. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 4.—A lengthy discussion was heard in the House this morning on the bill to allow Dunn to vote on a dispensary.

Gasoline Advanced. Cleveland, O., Feb. 4.—Quotations on gasoline and naphtha were advanced 1 cent per gallon by the Standard Oil Company.

Raleigh, N. C., February 4.—The spring term of the Supreme Court opened here to-day.

Unique and Important Joint Meeting of the Ministerial Associations of Two Races at Second Presbyterian.

Rev. G. V. Clarke, of Colored Congregational Church Opens Debate and Rev. Plato T. Durham Replies for Whites.

The dangerous undercurrent of racial differences that threatens to further divide the whites and blacks, thus imperil the progress of the republic, was the basis of two heartily applauded and eloquently delivered addresses by Rev. G. V. Clarke, pastor of the Episcopal church, colored, of this city, and Rev. Plato T. Durham, of Trinity Methodist church, before a joint meeting of the white and black ministers unions held this morning at eleven o'clock in the Second Presbyterian church.

Rev. G. V. Clarke, represented the colored ministerial association and read a paper entitled "A plea for Our People," which was endorsed by his association and sent up as representing their attitude toward the present grave problem of the races.

The first portion of the discussion was given over to "Some Facts which the Races are Confronted." "It is painfully true," said he, "that the relations between the races are strained and very serious, due in some measure to political differences, a lack of forbearance, criminality, among part of the colored race and violent intolerance on the part of an alarmingly large class of the whites.

Whites Wouldn't Stand For Massacre. "It is also well known that if bloodshed should follow the negro is utterly powerless to help himself. And for this reason we do not believe that the liberty-loving, God-fearing white people would stand by and watch the development of plans for a lynchery of the blacks in order to wreak vengeance upon a low, vile, ignominious, undesirable class of negroes."

"We have a criminal class which our churches have yet failed to effectually reach. But we desire friends and foes alike to know that we are not in sympathy with them in their wild passions, neither do we condone their crimes nor defend them. We know too that the white race is superior to the colored in wealth, more advanced in civilization, a people of greater achievements along all lines and is therefore better qualified to manage all public affairs."

Speaking of things the two races had in common, the speaker foreward pointed out the fact that we have a common human origin, referring to Moses in Genesis and Paul in the Acts to establish the claim; the same civilization, relating to matters of home, industry and education; the same Christianity, the same patriotic disposition to the same flag, and the same South, which he declared was the black man's home.

As to respects in which the two races differ, he mentioned the fact that the negro was powerless to utilize the new citizenship advantageously in account of past conditions of slavery, and the further fact that the two races view matters from a slightly warped stand-point. In offering helps in the solution of the problem, the speaker asked that encouragement be given the negro in becoming a skilled workman, and that he be deprived of any rights that may come to him in view of such preparation, and that the state show more partiality in the distribution of opportunities toward education, that encouragement be given to acquire property both in the city and the country and thus cultivate an industrial spirit, and that there be a more kindly consideration to political claims.

"There are some of us," said he, "who each and do desire to wisely exercise the right of franchise, not opposing property-holding nor educational qualifications."

The Jim Crow Cars "One of the most miserable and humiliating indignities heaped upon our pure, cultured women, ministers of the Gospel, and thousands of others just as worthy," was the speaker's characterization of the poor accommodation on the part of the railroads for the colored people. Better facilities, therefore, for traveling, was his plea.

Dr. Hardin, who was presiding at the meeting stated that Rev. Plato Durham had been asked by the white ministerial association to respond to the address of the colored representative. "The race problem," said he, "has come to this; is there a way by which two distinct races with widely different racial distinctions, can live together so as each can reach its highest fulfillment? This is the original question, but as it has come down to us it means, is there a way by which Continued on page 5