

MR. DUKE'S VISIT MAY MEAN GREAT DEVELOPMENTS

Much interest centers this week in this section in the fact that Mr. J. B. Duke, of New York, president of the Southern Power Company, is now in the Piedmont territory, inspecting the properties of his company and of the companies allied to the Southern Power Company.

Mr. Duke has been in South Carolina the past week and is expected to reach Charlotte today on Monday on the last leg of his journey, for a conference with Southern Power Company officials here.

The announcement of important new developments is among the possibilities that Mr. Duke's visit South entails, and upon his arrival in Charlotte it may be that officials will have something to say with reference to additional extensions of interurban lines, etc. in the Piedmont, though nothing of a definite nature has been given out thus far as to what may be done.

"INTERURBAN" CITIES MAY ORGANIZE NEW BASEBALL LEAGUE

A report of much interest in the baseball world hereabouts is that just coming from across the line from South Carolina to the effect that a baseball league is likely to be organized of the cities located on the Piedmont and Northern lines and the Greenville, Spartanburg and Anderson lines, to play big baseball next summer, the idea being that the interurban electric railway will furnish a convenient link for transporting the players from one town to another.

The matter is to be taken up with the interurban officials and something definite is looked for in a few days on the subject.

The Greenville Daily News says of the proposal to organize an interurban league: "With the passing of the Christmas holidays the Greenville baseball fans are again beginning to discuss the probability of this city being in an organized baseball league next season. At present there is very little to indicate that Greenville will have baseball, but with the coming of spring enthusiasm will be kindled and there will be an effort made to organize a league. If Greenville wants baseball next year an effort should be made within the next few weeks to place this city in a league of good standing."

A trolley league has been discussed considerably and this circuit seems to be the most favorable for several reasons, Greenwood, Anderson, Spartanburg and Greenville could form a compact circuit and be one of the finest four-club organizations in the country. The towns are closely situated together and the mileage would be small. All of the towns are good baseball towns and have the ready money to back a club. A league of these four towns could be organized during the hot summer months and this section would have the opportunity of witnessing a real class of baseball.

The old Carolina Association of which Greenville was a member for a number of years is now a thing of the past. The North Carolina League has taken its place and there is no chance whatever of Greenville obtaining a berth there. The South Atlantic League is out of the question. Therefore, a trolley league composed of Greenwood, Anderson, Spartanburg and Greenville, seems to be the most probable circuit of which this city could become a member.

If such a league should be formed the expenses would be small and the cities interested would enjoy a fast season of baseball. This is a question which the fans should think over and act upon at once as the sooner the project is launched the better the league will be.

Officials of the Greenville, Spartanburg and Anderson railway will be asked to look into the proposition and it is thought that they will offer some inducement as to the formation of the league. The road would be greatly benefited by the organization and for that reason should take a hand in encouraging the formation of the circuit."

GRANDMASTER OF STATE GREET'S GRAND MASTER OF 1860—TELEGRAM

The following telegram will be of interest in Masonic circles: Charlotte, Jan. 1, 1914. To Col. L. G. Williams, Past Grandmaster, 237 North Tryon Street. Best wishes for a Happy New Year and heaven's richest blessings. F. M. WINCHESTER, Grandmaster.

Colonel Williams is the oldest mason in North Carolina, being 88 on Christmas day. He was grandmaster in the early 60's.

IMPORTANT RATE CASES TO BE HEARD HERE JAN. 7 AND 8

Examiner Smith, of the interstate commerce commission, will conduct a hearing at Charlotte, on the 7th and 8th of January, 1914, for the purpose of taking testimony in a number of cases affecting the rate situation in this territory.

The Elba Manufacturing Company is contesting the reasonableness of the rates on cotton seed from points in South Carolina to Charlotte.

The Standard Ice and Fuel Company, Yarbrough & Bellinger Company and the L. A. M. Coal Company are seeking reparation on shipments of coal from Louisville and Nashville Railway Company Coal Creek mines to Charlotte.

The city of Charlotte is prosecuting the rates from Anniston, Ala., and Group, and from East Radford, Va., on the pipe used in constructing and maintaining the pipe line to the Catawba river and in maintaining the city water line. The city of Rock Hill is seeking to intervene in this case for the purpose of sharing in any adjustment which may be secured by the decision rendered.

The Barnhardt Manufacturing Company is contesting the rate on cotton factory sweepings from South Carolina and Georgia points to Charlotte. The principle involved in this case will no doubt affect the rates on other classes and commodities and is of considerable importance to the shippers and manufacturers of Charlotte.

The complaints in all of these cases are represented by Messrs. Hrenizer, Black & Taylor, of this city.

SPECIAL SERVICES IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCHES JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

The Church of the Holy Comforter on Friday evening held a church supper and an annual congregational and business meeting. In spite of the bad weather there was a large and enthusiastic attendance. The annual reports of the officers and organizations of the congregation showed good progress, the financial reports when totalled showed that the congregation had raised and paid out during the past year \$5,375.00 (five thousand, three hundred and seventy-five dollars) for local expenses, building fund, furnishings, missions, memorials, etc.

At the close of the meeting, Rev. Francis M. Osborne, minister-in-charge, reminded those present of the mission to be conducted at this church in February by the Rev. Milton A. Barber of Christ church, Raleigh, and plans of preparation were adopted. Two features of the plan of preparation will be a corporate communion of all the members of the congregation Sunday, January 4, at 11 o'clock, and a church-attendance campaign for the four Sundays preceding the mission. Monday afternoon being the eve of Epiphany, at 4 o'clock at St. Peter's Episcopal church, the four branches of the Woman's Auxiliary from St. Peter's, St. Martin's, St. Mary, the Virgin, and the Holy Comforter churches will unite in an intercessory missionary service. Mr. Francis H. Ball will relate some observations of mission work in South Africa, of which he has personal knowledge, and an offering will be taken for foreign missions.

On Tuesday at 8 o'clock at St. Martin's church, East Seventh street, the children from the Thompson orphanage will join with the children of St. Martin's in a special service commonly known as the "Feast of Lights" or the Feast of Epiphany, otherwise known as "Old Christmas" or "Twelfth Day."

SALVATION ARMY MAKES FULL REPORT AND RENEWS WORK

The local branch of the Salvation Army yesterday afternoon filed a report with Mayor Chas. A. Bland, setting forth the amount of collections during the Christmas period, a time when the relations between the city and the Army, resulting in the executive board's ordering that the Army discontinue collections on the streets and in the city, are brought to an end, and the local branch will, it is presumed, continue its work in every line as heretofore.

Immediately upon the filing of the report by the local branch in charge of Ensign Parker, Mayor C. A. Bland instructed Chief Moore to lift the embargo which had been placed on the Army against the soliciting of pennies, dimes and quarters on the streets, etc., and last night the Army was conducting its regular services and also passing around the collection baskets in the usual manner.

The report submitted showed that something more than \$700 was gathered by the Army during the Christmas season and the days just before and after the holidays. The distribution of this fund for various charitable purposes is also shown.

KUESTER-LOWE CO. TO HAVE ANOTHER WINDOW DECORATING CONTEST

The Kuester-Lowe Company, wholesale merchants, who conducted among their customers last month a window-decorating contest, in which Velva Corn Syrup was the material, is conducting another window-decorating contest this month in which the well known article, "Whiz," is to be used as the material. A first prize of \$15, a second of \$10 and a third of \$5 will be given for the first, second and third best showings made in the contest. The contest will be open to all customers of the company and the inspection of the windows will be made on January 15. The rivalry between the different retail outlets took great interest in the contest last month. The contest will be held monthly, some new article being chosen for each month.

"JORDAN'S ON THE SQUARE" WILL BE REMODELED

The drug firm of R. H. Jordan & Co. have had plans drawn by the architectural firm of Hunter & Gordon for extensive remodeling of the store—"Jordan's on the Square." The expenditures will be in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

The plans provide for the taking out of the petition in the rear of the store and transforming the whole first floor into one big room. It is planned to keep the prescription department on the first floor and have the offices and stock department on the second floor. The removal of the rear petition and the turning of the first floor into one room will add about fifteen feet to the depth of room, giving abundant room for the artistic and convenient arrangement of the soda fountain and fixtures that will be on this floor. A number of new fixtures will also be added to the present equipment to measure up with the remodeled interior. The floors will be laid in handsome tile, the contract for this part of the work having already been let to the McClamrock Marble & Tile Company of Greensboro. The contract for the other features of the work will probably be let tomorrow.

The walls and ceiling will be handsomely redressed and the finished job will show a very beautiful interior. The work will be rushed day and night and the expectation is that it will be completed in thirty days.

The firm had recently renewed its lease on the building for another five years. Two years of the present lease are yet unexpired and the company is therefore signed up for seven years ahead in its new quarters.

The building belongs to Miss Sallie Davidson.

NEW FEATURES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO "THE AFFINITIES"—CAST

Rehearsals have commenced for "The Affinities," which promises to be an artistic and social success.

The play is to be presented under the auspices of the Battle of Charlotte D. A. R. Those to take the leading parts are being carefully selected as to their musical and dramatic ability. The play is full of beautiful dances and choruses and many new features will be added. Pretty and graceful girls of the social set have been asked to take part in "The Debutante Chorus," which is one of the special features of the play. Other choruses are Tennis Chorus, Western Girls, Cow Boys, Mexicans, Indians, Blue-birds, Divorcees, and solo dancing. The Suffragette Chorus will be a special feature.

The young ladies who will act as pages, wearing colonial costumes and carrying crooks with the D. A. R. colors, will be invited from the college sets. This is a new departure in home dramatic entertainments very popular in the large cities. The patronesses are to be members from the different D. A. R. chapters, U. D. C. and clubs of the city.

The Charlotte chapter D. A. R. is anxious to raise the fund for their monument to mark the Battle of Charlotte, and which is to be placed on East Avenue in the plot in front of the new A. R. P. church, the city having granted the chapter that historic point.

Cast of Characters. Peggy Thurston, an heiress. Suzzette, a maid. Jimmie Thurston, a young millionaire. Mrs. Jasper Thurston, mother of Peggy and Jimmie.

LOCAL B'NAI B'RITH LODGE TO INSTALL OFFICERS TOMORROW

The local of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, No. 733, will install the officers of the lodge for the coming year tomorrow afternoon at 7:30 o'clock at the lodge's quarters in the Woodmen of the World hall on South Church street. The election of officers was made several weeks ago. Refreshments will be served during the evening by the ladies of the Daughters of Israel organization.

The officers to be installed tomorrow are: D. B. Paul, monitor, or past president; M. Kirschbaum, president; M. H. Silverstein, vice president; H. Miller, Sr., treasurer; W. J. Paul, secretary; B. J. Steinberg, inside guard; S. Miller, outside guard; J. Lamb, A. Glick and Harry Roth, trustees.

At the same time that the officers were elected for the year, delegates were chosen from the local lodge to attend the District Grand Lodge meeting of the order, which meets in Atlanta on the first Monday in March.

Dr. Pressley To Speak at Association

Rev. Dr. F. Y. Pressley, president of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Seminary at Due West, will be the speaker at the meeting for men at the Young Men's Christian Association this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Gibson-Woolley Co.'s Big Clothing Sale BEGINS TO-MORROW. Every Overcoat in Stock 1-3 OFF Every Suit in Stock. STRICTLY CASH. No Approvals Alterations Free. "For Men Who Know".

OVER \$1800 RAISED DURING DECEMBER BY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The forthcoming report of the police department for the month of December is said to be a most interesting document, indicating among other things that a total of over \$1,800 in fines and costs was gathered in by the city through the operations of the recorder's court and the efficient police department under the direction of Chief Horace Moore.

RED MEN MEET NEXT IN CHARLOTTE - 8TH DISTRICT MEET

The 15th session of the 8th district of the Improved Order of Red Men was called to order in the wigwam of Macon Tribe, at Lincolnton, at the second run, and thirtieth breath, low (Saturday, Jan. 3). The session was called to order by Deputy Sachem J. P. Fisher of Gastonia, with the following chiefs filling the stumps: J. C. Carpenter, of Gastonia, senior sagamore; A. H. Hrwel, of Dallas, junior sagamore; R. P. Parker of Gastonia, prophet; L. A. Reynolds of Gastonia, chief of records; R. B. Elam, of Charlotte, keeper of wampum; S. H. Lenhardt, guard of wigwam, John Currents, G. of F.

CHIEF'S OFFICE IS ART GALLERY OF CALENDARS

The office of Chief Horace Moore of the local police department, has been transferred during the past two weeks into a veritable art gallery of calendars of all kinds, grades, colors and sizes, advertising everything from baby food to coffins and from automobiles to horse-shoe nails.

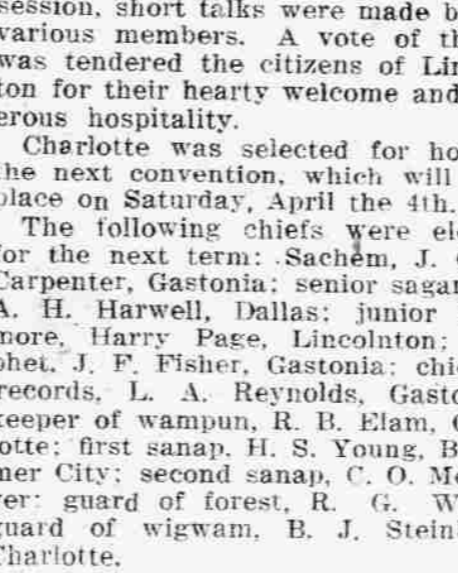
RUMANIAN KING TO ALLEVIATE CONDITION OF JEWS AMONG HIS SUBJECTS

London, Jan. 3.—King Charles of Roumania recognizes that the existing conditions of the Jews in his country are untenable and has resolved to alleviate them, according to a dispatch from Bucharest. His Majesty today informed the leader of the Jewish movement that he had reached this decision owing to the fact that so many Jewish soldiers participated in the recent Balkan war. As a constitutional monarch, however, he said he must first come to an understanding on the subject with the legislative bodies.

Cruel Tale.

A dreadful story is in circulation about Richard Harding Davis, the novelist.

Beautiful Teeth at Holiday Prices



LAW FIRM CHANGED TO "BRENIZER, BLACK AND TAYLOR"

Messrs. Chase Brenizer, F. L. Black and H. L. Taylor have announced, effective January 1, 1914, the formation of a partnership for the practice of law under the firm name of Brenizer, Black and Taylor, succeeding the firm of Brenizer and Black.

Just Her Husband.

A woman mounted the step of a car carrying an umbrella like a reversed saber. The conductor touched her lightly, saying, "Excuse me, madam, but you are likely to put out the eye of the man behind you."

Home Cooked Boston Baked Beans at Brown Betty Tea Room Saturday 6 to 8 p. m.

Ladies' English Walking Boots Black and Tan \$3.50. Gilmer - Moore Co. 16 South Tryon St. Charlotte, N. C.

New Year Flowers Violets, Orchids, Valley, Richmond and Killarney Roses, Corsage Bouquets and table decorations. SCHOLTZ, The Florist, Inc. Phone 1443. 306 N. Tryon St. Charlotte, N. C.

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