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## FALL IN LINE!

The Plan of the Procession Next Saturday.

The Bands, the Horse-men, the Floats, the Conveyances and the Bicycles will All Have Their Places—Don't Fail to Be in the Procession.

On Saturday morning the Mt. Pleasant band will go to train No. 36 to escort the Steel Creek band from the depot up town. As to the plans of the march it has not yet been definitely decided.

In the grand procession the Steel Creek band will open the streets with their excellent music, in a conveyance now being arranged for their special conveniences.

Following them will be the two marshals, Messrs. Sam Harris and Tom White, who will lead the long procession of horsemen, which will be arranged according to townships and wards, riding in sets of twos.

Then will come the Mt. Pleasant cornet band in their band wagon, followed by floats filled with young ladies from the county.

Then comes the buggies, hacks, carriages, and every kind of conveyance available for our people.

The remainder of the procession is to be filled with bicycles. Ladies as well as gentlemen and also children are expected to take part in the procession with their wheels. A gait will probably be kept sufficiently fast to not hinder the bicyclists from riding during the whole time.

The ladies who will take part are requested to meet in Eaton's hall tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of carving the meats. It is hoped that a large number of our ladies will respond to the request.

### REV. YONAN'S LECTURE.

He Contrasts Christian and Heathen Conditions and Pleads for Help to Benighted Lands.

As announced, Rev. Yonan, the native Persian, lectured at the First Presbyterian church Wednesday night. Many have heard him before, and they gladly hear him at any time.

He is a most earnest advocate of the Christian religion. He contrasts its fruits with those of Mohammedanism in his native land.

He showed that man is by very instinct a religious being. He has a sense of a superior being, a god and a hereafter. The false religions lead to the greatest sacrifices and bodily tortures to expiate a sense of guilt and appease the wrath of the god he only seems to know exist.

Heathendom, said the lecturer, is an enemy to the mind or intellect and the body as well as the soul. He dwelt forcibly on the need of the care for the body as a preliminary to that of the soul. The body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, and was created for the honor and glory of God, but heathendom made no provisions for its development and culture. Doctors, said he, are greatly needed.

He depicted the effects of heathendom in cities. There is no cleanliness where there is no godliness. Sanitation is unknown and the

filthy stench in the cities is more than refined nostrils can bear. It breeds disease, and when epidemics come the people die anywhere, even falling over each other in the streets.

The speaker was enthusiastic in his praise of Christian nations, especially of America, that when disease of an epidemic nature comes the victims are tenderly cared for and the disease is subdued with sanitation, so unlike his native country, where the victim is uncared for and the disease is unchecked till it runs its course.

There are more blind people in Persia, said he, than anywhere else. There is no conception of the care of children's eyes and the attempts at treating the eyes, like the few attempts to cure the sick, only result in the more certain destruction.

Woman, said the speaker, is kept in the most abject ignorance and dishonor. The customs forbid a Christian physician from seeing a man's wife even to give her treatment, and she is unvisited and unconsolated by her husband or neighbors. Rather she is brutally reproached and charged with not being sick.

Persia and Turkey, said the speaker, are the only two absolute monarchies. People here, said he, know nothing about what a monarchy is. They are the nurseries of ignorance. There are no schools except for the priests. Indeed ignorance is the only soil in which an absolute monarchy can grow. An absolute monarchy is an impossibility where Christian intelligence exists. Here the speaker paused to give a few examples of what such government produces. He had himself seen human beings eating grass as browsing beasts for want of something better on which to satisfy hunger. Officials live in luxury and licentiousness and tax the people out of everything. If a man wears a new neat coat he is looked upon as thriving, and he is made the victim of official exactions. A man received a demand for tax. He went to the governor and plead that if he sold everything it would still leave much of the bill unpaid. Said the potentate, then sell your children too, so that the tax is paid. Being more courageous than most men he pressed his way to the monarch and finally got an order to be treated with mercy. This order he presented to the governor, whereupon this governor admired his courage very much, and presuming that he had a very large heart ordered his executioner to show him that man's heart. The executioner cut it out of course and carried it to the governor, who kept it for a day to look upon.

Such is monarchical government. The world needs doctors, said he, to care for and develop the body, schools to develop the mind, politics to produce good government, and above all, it needs Christ to save the soul. The speaker appealed to the people of our Christian land in behalf of benighted, depraved perishing humanity.

The speaker is really interesting. His speech demonstrates that it takes more than a knowledge of a language to adopt its idiom or master its articulation, but by training the ear a little while his words are accurately enough caught and his thought is fully comprehended. The simplicity of his faith is in-

spiring and his zeal gives promise of great good in the cause. One feels the anxiety to have many natives to send who enjoy peculiar advantages for the work among the heathen.

### PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mr. Pink Misenheimer is spending the afternoon in Charlotte.

—Miss Sallie Young, of Charlotte, is visiting her brother, Dr. R S Young.

—Mr. Richmond Montgomery returned home this morning, after taking in the circus.

—Mayor Crowell has returned home from a visit over on Yadkin river.

—Mr. Sam Pearson, of Morganton, is spending today at the home of Mr. Jas. Irvin.

—Solicitor Holton came down from Yadkinville today to view the political situation here in this county.

—Mrs. Luther Bost, and Misses Lallah Hill and Margaret Robinson returned home this morning from Charlotte.

—Dr. W C Houston is spending today in Charlotte. He went to see his mother, who passed through from Monroe on her way to Florida to visit her daughter.

—Hon. Theo. F Klutz came down from Salisbury this morning to speak at Poplar Tent tonight. Mr. Klutz will probably stay and attend our grand rally and barbecue Saturday. It is hoped that he can stay and view the Democratic array as it passes through the streets.

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### Mrs. R H Thomas Dead.

Some months ago Mrs. R H Thomas returned here from Charlotte to live with her mother, Mrs. H C Morris. She has been in bad health, having been afflicted with consumption. Between 8 and 9 o'clock this (Thursday) morning she answered death's call. Mrs. Thomas was a middle aged lady, and was the mother of several children. Her remains will be interred Friday afternoon in the city cemetery after the preaching of the funeral by Rev. J D Arnold.

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