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COMMENCEMENT AT SUNDERLAND SCHOOL.

A Most Successful Year in the History of this Excellent Institution.

The commencement exercises of the Laura Sunderland School were formally opened Thursday night by a musical recital by the students in music at the school. The commencement exercises of this school always attract a large number of visitors and this year the number was much larger than in any previous year, the chapel and recitation room being unable to hold the large audience. The entire programme was rendered in a manner that did credit both to the school and the young ladies.

The commencement programme was completed Friday night with the class exercises by the members of the graduating class. The exercises were attended by a large audience who were most pleasantly entertained by the excellent way in which the young ladies of the graduating class performed their part of the program.

This has been a most successful year in the history of Laura Sunderland School and the enrollment has been up to the limit of the school all the year, numbering sixty-five students. Miss Loma Trull, a member of the senior class, won the distinction of making the highest scholarship average of any student at the school. The faculty of the school is composed of the following ladies: Miss Montgomery, principal; Miss Griswold, Miss Bryan, Miss McCartney and Miss Riggs.

Southern Presbyterian Assembly.

One of the big fights of the Southern Presbyterian Assembly was inaugurated Friday when the ad interim committee on marriage and divorce was called upon to report. So divergent were the views of its members that attempts to procure a majority report were abandoned.

Dr. W. E. Boggs, Atlanta, Ga., the last moderator, and Dr. W. Joplin, Red Springs, N. C., submitted a report recommending radical changes in the confession of faith. Dr. Russell Cecil, Richmond, Va., and Dr. R. H. Fleming recommended that no changes be made.

Dr. Boggs wanted to debar polygamists from baptism and the Lord's supper. Dr. Cecil was in favor of missionaries exercising discretion in extending membership to heathen polygamists, claiming that great hardships would result from requiring heathens to desert all but one wife and one family.

Dr. Boggs opposed the Church's continuing to allow "wilful desertion" as a cause of divorce. He also recommended an amendment of the confession so as to allow the guilty party in adultery divorces upon furnishing satisfactory evidence of repentance to the Church, to remarry. He claimed there was nothing in the scriptures forbidding this.

A Pressing Obligation.

"Putting off advertising," says a writer in Printers' Ink, "is putting off a debt that you owe to your business. Every day the interest mounts. Every day, because of added competition, the debt becomes harder to meet." Many non-advertisers postpone the settlement of this obligation because they do not realize how easy it is to discharge it in small installments. The little "ad" in the daily newspaper leads by gradual and convenient stages to the half page and the full page spread, paying its own way as it goes. The big advertisers of today sang small at the beginning. The success they have achieved is open to merchants of very moderate capital who back up brains and energy with regular advertising in The Tribune.

Tungsten Lights to be Put In.

Superintendent Rutledge, of the Light and Water board, will have the system of lights on East and West Depot streets changed from the present arc lights to a single 80 candle power Tungsten light. The Tungsten lights will be placed on each pole. On the streets where there are a number of shade trees the light is poorly distributed and experiments have proven that the Tungsten light placed close together will give a better light than the arc light. The power consumed is about equal.

Miss May Pitts to Go to Foreign Field.

Miss May Pitts, daughter of Mr. C. A. Pitts, of this city, has received her appointment from the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian church as a foreign missionary. Miss Pitts will be located at Kusan, Korea. She will sail either the 27th of July or the 1st of August. Miss Pitts is now in charge of the new hospital at Spartanburg, S. C., but will return here about the 1st of June and remain with her sister, Mrs. N. F. Yorke, until the time arrives for her to leave for the foreign field.

Why are nose and chin at continual variance? Because words are always passing between them.

CHANGING NAME OF CHURCH.

Methodist Episcopal Church in America was Chosen.

The debates on the question of the change of the name of the church took up the greater part of both morning and afternoon sessions of the General Conference at Asheville Friday. Gray-haired veterans pleaded that the name be kept as it is. Others thought that it was time to do away with sentiment and give the church a name which would be acceptable to the congregations of the West. The measure adopted at the morning session to name the church the Methodist Church was vetoed at the afternoon session by the college of bishops. At the afternoon session the conference voted to change the name to the Methodist Episcopal Church of America and requested the bishops, as it was a constitutional question, to have the annual conferences vote on the question. Not until the next general conference can the name be legally changed if by a three-fourths vote of members of the annual conferences vote in favor of a change. It is being predicted that the church at large will not accept the change and equally confident are the delegates who favor the change that the conferences will support them.

History of Phifer Family.

Charlotte News.

Mr. Geo. E. Wilson has had published a history of the Phifer family. The title is "Genealogy or History of the Phifer Family." The preface says:

"This book, containing the genealogy of the Phifer family, was written many years ago by Mr. Charles H. Phifer, late of Concord, N. C., but was never published. In order to preserve it, I caused a manuscript copy of it to be made and this book is published from that copy. Thinking that this genealogy and history is worthy of being preserved for the benefit of the descendants of Martin Phifer, Sr., I have had the same published.

"It is my desire to place a copy of the publication in the possession of the descendants of Martin Phifer, Sr., as a family history, in order that the genealogy and history of the family may be preserved.

"GEO. E. WILSON, Charlotte, N. C., April 25, 1910. Mr. Wilson's mother was Mary Louisa Phifer, a full sister of William F. Phifer, father of Messrs. W. W. and George M. Phifer.

Court Cases.

The case of the Greensboro Boiler and Machine Co. vs. C. L. Carrier was given to the jury Friday evening, and after wrangling over the issues in the case all night a verdict was returned this morning awarding the plaintiff company \$87.15.

In the case of H. L. Parks & Co. vs. R. T. Grant, a motion was made by interpleader to set aside verdict. Motion overruled; interpleader excepts; motion by interpleader for new trial, motion overruled; interpleader excepts; notice given by interpleader of appeal to Supreme Court.

In the case of P. M. Byrd vs. North Carolina Railroad, attorneys for the railroad made a motion to set aside verdict. Motion overruled, defendant excepts; motion for new trial, motion denied, defendant excepts and appeals to Supreme Court.

Court adjourned Saturday after the jury in the Carrier case rendered its verdict, and Judge Pell left on No. 36 for his home in Winston-Salem.

Scotia Seminary Commencement.

The commencement at Scotia Seminary, will take place this week. The regular graduating exercises will take place on Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock. There are 41 graduates in the regular course, which is an unusually large class.

The annual sermon was preached yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and the preparatory entertainment will take place Monday afternoon at 7:30 o'clock. On Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock the annual literary address will be delivered by Rev. W. A. Jones, D. D., of Pittsburg, Pa.

May 20th at Charlotte.

The 135th anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was celebrated in Charlotte Friday on quite an extensive scale, all of the features being entirely local. An automobile parade in the morning and an auto race in the afternoon, followed by baseball, with a wrestling match and theatrical performance at night made a pretty full day.

A visitor of note who attended the celebration was Capt. Guy Jack, of Seocoba, Miss., a descendant of the famous Capt. Jack who carried the noted declaration from Charlotte to Philadelphia in 1776, on its way to Philadelphia. Capt. Jack has the watch which his illustrious ancestor carried, and desires to contribute this and other revolutionary souvenirs to the museum there.

FROM FOREST HILL.

Several Items of Interest from the Northern Part of the City.

Mr. J. E. Wright spent Saturday and Sunday in Charlotte with friends. Messrs. Jno. Stratford and Chas. Wright, of Kannapolis, spent Sunday in the city with relatives.

Mr. James Wright moved his family from Kannapolis to Concord last week and will now make this city his home.

Rev. J. P. Rodgers and family, of Winston-Salem, arrived in the city last Friday night and will spend several weeks with Mr. J. M. Burrage.

Mr. Chas. Forrest, who has been spending several days in the city with home folks, will return to Salisbury Tuesday.

Mr. Jake Russell, who has been living in Kannapolis for several years, is in the city today and expects to move to Concord this week.

Messrs. Chester Howard and Chas. Cress spent last Saturday in Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Ketner returned to their home in this city after spending several days in China Grove with friends.

Miss Lizzie Horton has returned to her home in Mt. Ulla after spending several days in the city with Mrs. P. A. Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Culp and son, Geo. Culp, returned to their home today at Misenheimer Springs, after visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Earnhardt. Mr. Wm. Culp is 83 years of age, hale and hearty.

Mrs. C. W. Sawyer, of Old Town, S. C., arrived in the city this morning to visit her sister, Mrs. Sam Scarborough.

Celebrates Seventh Anniversary of His Birthday.

Master Earl Henderson Brown, Jr., entertained a number of his young friends Thursday afternoon, the occasion being the celebration of his seventh birthday. The little fellows met with him at his grandmother Brown's, where a feast of good things had been prepared for them. Each one of the boys had an automobile, Earl Henderson's being a birthday present from his father. After the birthday dinner the party drove their cars down to Browns-Cannon Co.'s store, where each little machine was stored, away giving the front of the store the appearance of a miniature garage. They then visited the moving picture shows and the soda fountains. Earl Henderson entertained his guests in a royal manner, and each of them went away wishing that he may have many, many more birthdays.

Those who enjoyed Earl Henderson's hospitality were: Luther T. Hartsell, Jr., Crowell Ritchie, Joe Bost, Milton Morris, A. Jones Yorke, Jr., and John Cline.

Death of Mr. C. M. Goodman.

Mr. Columbus M. Goodman died Friday afternoon at his home near St. John's church, after an illness of several months of a cancer of his throat. Mr. Goodman was born and reared in this county, at the old Goodman home place at Rimer town. He was 59 years old, and is survived by his wife, who was Miss Eunice Bost, a sister of Mr. J. D. Bost, of this city, and four children, Messrs. Henry, Luther and Archey and Mrs. Jno. Blackwelder. Mr. Goodman has been a member of St. John's church for many years and had always taken an active part in the affairs of the church, having been a member of the official board at the time of his death.

The funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at St. John church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. H. C. Fisher. A large number of friends and relatives from this city attended the funeral.

Mr. Goodman was a good man and citizen, and had many friends in the city as well as in the neighborhood where he lived.

W. F. M. Society of the W. N. C. Conference.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Western N. C. Methodist Conference will meet in Reidsville, June 2-6. The following will attend the meeting from Central church here:

Mrs. D. B. Coltrane, President.

Mrs. W. R. Harris, district secretary.

Miss Anna Sherrill, lady manager of Light Bearers.

Miss Jessie Willeford, delegate from Light Bearers.

Mrs. A. S. Dayvault, delegate from Woman's Society.

The delegate from the Golden Links will be elected this afternoon.

Assignment this Morning.

H. F. Stowe and J. W. Bost, trading as Bost-Stowe & Co., made an assignment this morning, with J. L. Miller as trustee. They have been operating a general store near the Young-Hartshill mill for some time, having bought the stock of goods of Mr. D. B. Castor when he sold his business there some time ago.

VIEW OF THE COMET.

Many Thousand Eyes Turned on it Here Saturday Night.

The much-heralded comet appeared in the western heavens about 8:10 o'clock Saturday night, and was plainly visible for over an hour. The comet, while not much bigger than a star could be distinguished from them by its broadened or hazy appearance. Thousands of people in Concord saw the comet, about which so much has been printed and all were disappointed in it. "Is that thing the comet?" and similar remarks were heard on every side. There was just enough of the comet visible to prove that the astronomers were right, and to convince those who had about come to the conclusion that the whole business was a hoax.

One of the peculiarities noted, as compared with the appearance of the visitor in the western sky was the fan shape of the tail. In the east this was almost unnoticeable, but now it is much more striking.

The view of the tail Saturday night is said to have convinced the astronomers that it actually passed the earth.

"It is a mistake," said a Washington astronomer, "to suppose that the comet rises in the West. No heavenly body does that. As a matter of fact the comet is in the heavens a greater part of the day, but cannot be seen because of the sun. When the latter goes down it will be seen from now on, every night just after twilight, and each night it will be a little higher in the sky, until about Thursday it will be seen for about four hours."

Subscriptions Paid.

The following have paid their subscriptions to The Times since our last report:

O. C. Russell, M. J. Baker, Mrs. M. R. Kelley, Mrs. Sarah E. Saunders, H. C. Cook, Melala Murph, J. W. Howell, W. W. Gibson, G. W. Lee, W. F. Cannon, G. M. Garmon, W. A. Hileman, Maggie L. Solomon, Jno. A. Lefler, Jno. W. Lentz, E. E. Wingard, J. L. Shinn, J. A. Shoe, J. D. Hahn, Mrs. M. C. Query, F. L. Emery, Mrs. D. A. Dorton, P. M. Sides, P. M. Teeter, Mrs. N. D. Petzer, T. W. Hearne, O. E. Scarborough, J. G. Coggins, R. F. Coble, W. R. Jenkins, Mrs. T. J. Fetzer, J. A. Wright, J. D. Littleton, G. W. Watts, Wade Walter, S. W. Winecoff, T. J. Shinn, Andy Earnhardt, Fred Cline, Jno. R. Blackwelder, J. F. Russell, W. P. Mabrey, W. F. Litaiker, J. F. Blackwelder, J. N. Dayvault, C. A. Safrit, N. M. Barnhardt, Julius Cow, F. C. Odell, W. H. Hudson, G. R. Winecoff, Fred Swink, W. B. Hough, Jno. W. Cline, Miss Sallie Smith, Hugh Houston, A. J. Love, A. N. Harris, W. E. Harris, Mrs. W. H. Blume, D. A. Caldwell, Mrs. J. M. Dove, D. F. Lefler, S. C. Fulham, C. H. Peck, E. C. Turner, W. A. Craven, J. A. Overcash, J. E. Cline, J. L. Andrews, H. L. Webb, W. F. Morrison, D. M. Furr, Louis Morrison, W. J. McLaughlin, Dr. J. S. Lafferty, W. H. Hudson, A. L. Castor, T. F. Little, W. D. Foil, Mrs. J. M. Craven, C. F. Barrier, J. D. Walker, W. M. Linker, Miss Mary McCartney, Jno. H. Manus, E. C. Barrier, Herbert E. Bost, Miss Alice Bost, L. C. Dry, S. P. Mauldin, Eugene Caldwell, J. M. O. Rimer, L. J. Ketner, Mrs. A. J. Thompson, W. J. Glass.

The Methodist Orphanage.

Rev. J. P. Rodgers, agent for the new Methodist orphanage at Winston-Salem, is here and will remain in Concord and Cabarrus for several days in the interest of that institution. Mr. Rodgers preached two excellent sermons at Central and Epworth churches yesterday morning and night respectively. Mr. Rodgers states that there are now 72 children in the home, and that there are on file applications for 200. A beautiful site has been purchased in Winston-Salem, and the home now occupies some repaired buildings. Mr. Rodgers, since he began this work, has secured \$40,000 on the land and building fund, and \$100,000 is wanted. He is meeting with great success, and seems to be the man for this peculiar work. He will be here several days, and will call on the Methodist people for contributions to this great and most worthy object. He expects before he leaves to preach in all the Methodist churches in and around Concord and to present the claims of the orphanage to the congregations.

Working on the Streets.

The city street force is now at work on the streets where the automobile tourists will pass over next month. They are making every effort to get the streets in good shape by this time. The city will also co-operate with the citizens in any movement toward inducing the tourists to stop here and in the entertainment. It is now only a few more days until the tour will start and it is high time the citizens were getting busy.

Mr. J. D. Bivins, editor of the Albemarle Enterprise, was here a short while this morning on business with the editor of this paper.

CLEANING UP THE CITY.

First Prize of \$25 Was Won by Earl Dayvault—All the Boys Given a Prize.

The clean-up contest inaugurated by the city several weeks ago came to a close Saturday night, and all of the 85 contestants gathered at the court room of the city and received their prizes. Not a single contestant was turned away empty handed, but each one who had aided in removing the trash from the various nooks and corners in the city was presented with a prize. Mr. M. B. Stickleby-circulated a petition among the citizens asking for money to provide the little fellows who were not winners of the other prizes with a prize. Enough money was raised in this way to give each contestant who was not a winner of a regular prize a bag of confectioneries.

Mayor C. B. Wagoner presented each of the prize winners with a prize, and congratulated the boys upon their success and thanked them in behalf of the city for the valuable service they had rendered. Much of the success of the contest is due to the efforts of Dr. R. M. King and Capt. Q. E. Smith, both of whom from the day the contest started until the close gave a large amount of their time and work in aiding the boys who were hustling for the prizes. Their system of checking the trash and crediting it to each boy worked perfectly and there was not a hitch nor the slightest confusion in properly crediting the trash. There were 5842 barrels of trash removed this year against 3000 last year. All the trash was thrown in the big fill in the rear of the First Presbyterian church. The following is a list of the prize winners:

- 1st prize, Earl Dayvault, \$25.00
- 2nd prize, O. C. Seamon, \$25.00.
- 3rd prize, Lee Crowell, \$10.50.
- 4th prize, M. E. Baker, \$6.50.
- 5th prize, Colon Bolond, \$5.50.
- 6th prize, Robert Miller, \$4.50.
- 7th prize, Claude Williams, \$3.00.
- 8th prize, Lee Robinson, \$2.00.
- 9th prize, Charlie Nash, \$1.00.
- 10th prize, Ralph Deaton, \$1.00.
- 11th prize, Robt. Faggart, \$1.00.
- 12th prize, John Stratford, \$1.00.
- 13th prize, Ferrall White, \$1.00.
- 14th prize, Sam Petrea, rifle, Yorke & Wadsworth Co.
- 15th prize, Lonnie Penninger, rifle, Ritchie Hardwarde Co.
- 16th prize, Robt. Honeycutt, watch, Correll Jewelry Co.
- 17th prize, Wilmer Miller, watch, J. C. Willeford.
- 18th prize, Brice Willeford, wagon.
- 19th prize, Bob Cochran, month's ticket to the Pastime.
- 20th prize, Robt. Bruton, month's ticket to the Theatorium.
- 21st prize, Glenn Corzine, soda ticket, Gibson Drug Store.
- 22nd prize, Jim Whitley, soda ticket, Davis Drug Co.
- 23rd prize, Burns Covington, soda ticket, Marsh's Drug Store.
- 24th prize, Charlie Earnhardt, soda ticket, Cabarrus Drug Co.
- 25th prize, Norman Swearingen, soda ticket, Peoples Drug Co.
- 26th prize, Chasen Spooner, cake, City Bakery.

Judge Pell's Umbrella Stolen.

During these days of frequent showers almost every fellow has been afforded the opportunity of "freezing onto" an umbrella, but there is evidently some umbrella thief in this county who is, neither a respecter of persons or places, from the fact that some one has gone into the court house of the county and taken therefrom an umbrella, the property of His Honor—Judge Geo. P. Pell, who is now presiding at this term of court. We do not know whether the deed was committed maliciously or wilfully or with malice aforethought, and as there are no legal luminaries around these sanctums to set us straight on this we will not consider any of the intents and purposes but pass them by. The fact remains, however, that the umbrella is gone. The people of this county are seriously disappointed when we are forced to realize that there is one among us guilty of appropriating the Judge's umbrella.

The citizens of Cabarrus have become so attached to Judge Pell that it is almost impossible to imagine one of our citizens committing any act that would not tend to make his stay with us more pleasant. So we have decided to enter the role of detective, and our first act will be to make this as a warning to the man who took the umbrella, and if he will return it to the Judge at once all will be well.

After leading the Democratic hosts of Rowan to victory for twenty-four years as chairman of the Rowan county executive committee Mr. A. H. Boyden will tender his resignation as chairman at a meeting of the committee which he has called to be held in Salisbury on Saturday, May 28, for the purpose of transacting important business. Mr. Boyden resigns this office owing to the fact that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Senator from Rowan.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Work of the Great Body of Methodists Over—Some of the Work Done.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which has been in session at Asheville, has now about finished its work and most of the delegates have gone home. The Asheville correspondent of today's Charlotte Observer has the following in regard to some of the last work done:

The woman's memorial was defeated not because the women did not work hard to pass the measure, but probably because the more conservative members of the conference were afraid that it would aid the suffragette movement. The women are stoutly denying that their measure meant anything more than a sincere desire to be of more and better service to the Church.

It is generally understood that the old college of bishops with the exception of one, Bishop James Atkins, is not in favor of the change in name of the Church to the Methodist Episcopal Church in America. The question will now be put before every annual conference in the connection and some delegates who voted for the change so as to bring the matter before the annual conference say will vote against changing the name.

The subject of the removal of the time limit is still a favorite theme and the failure of this conference to pass a law allowing a minister to remain so long as his congregation, presiding elder and bishop were satisfied, will continue to agitate the Church during the next quadrennium and a more powerful effort will be made at the next session of the General Conference to bring about a measure pleasing to those who wish to see the time limit removed.

So far as the church is concerned the Vanderbilt University matter is settled. Many are of the opinion that the subject of ownership and the right of the General Conference to elect trustees will not come up again.

Notwithstanding the fact that the conference discussed for nearly an entire afternoon the subject of changing the wording of the creed from the Holy Catholic Church to the Church of God, no action was taken on account of the fact that at the last moment of an afternoon session the presiding officer, Bishop H. C. Morrison, ruled that the paper was not drawn up in proper form and for that reason could not be discussed.

It is thought that one of the best provisions enacted at this session was the establishing of a court of appeals which will enable a minister under charges of his conference to appeal his case and not cause him to wait until a session of the General Conference convenes. This court will have full power to either sustain the action of the annual conference or to reverse its findings, thus placing the man under charges, if acquitted, in full possession again of all his prerogatives as a preacher.

One of the most radical laws made was that requiring the bishop to announce his appointments at an annual conference before his cabinet of presiding elders before giving them in open session of the conference. It is claimed this measure will protect the presiding bishop, the presiding elder and the preachers.

Eight Thousand Sing on Capitol Plaza.

Saturday's Washington Herald. At the east front of the Capitol in the shadow of the great dome that has been the background for so many historic scenes, more than 8,000 men and women of the World's Sunday School Convention raised their voices in the lifting anthems and sonorous hymns of praise that are the marching sons of Christianity the world over.

From the massive gray columns at the top of the central steps the crowd extended fan-shaped out to a hastily erected platform, and the plaza was black with people.

Senators, Representatives, and men prominent in officialdom came from the office buildings and committee rooms and joined in the huge service of praise.

An Old Tax Return.

Mr. R. L. Young showed us this morning a tax return of his father, the late Jno. C. Young, made April 19th, 1862, to Daniel Coleman. At this time all slave owners were compelled under the law to return their slaves and give the value of each. There are seven negroes in the list of the property returned by Mr. Young, ranging in value from \$150.00 to \$250.00, the seven being valued at \$1,500.00. A negro man 25 years old was valued at \$250.00. One horse and lot, the same lot where Mr. R. L. Young's residence is located, was valued at \$1,200.00.

Mrs. M. C. Davis, of near Charlotte, is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. E. Ritchie.