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## BANQUET TUESDAY NIGHT.

Given by Local Firemen in Honor of Executive Committee of State Firemen's Association.

The Executive Committee of the State Firemen's Association met here Tuesday afternoon. The committee is composed of Mr. James D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury, M. S. Davis, of Louisburg, R. C. Taylor, of Winston-Salem, and John L. Miller, of this city. Mr. Boyden was unable to be present on account of important business in Asheville and Mr. Taylor was detained at his home on account of illness in his family. Mr. R. L. Kessler, of Charlotte, met with the committee, holding a proxy from Mr. Boyden.

The chief matter of business for the committee was to decide on a place for holding the next firemen's tournament. Fayetteville, Greensboro, Durham and Raleigh extended invitations for the meeting. Mr. McNeill presented Fayetteville's claims and by a unanimous vote it was decided to hold the tournament there. The date will be in July but on account of the various political conventions that will be held during the coming summer no definite date was decided upon. This will be done at a meeting of the executive committee to be held the latter part of June.

Among the attractions offered by Mr. McNeill, if the convention would meet in Fayetteville, was a race between a motor hose wagon, a flying machine and a hose wagon drawn by fire horses. Fayetteville has a good track and other advantages and the only objection offered against holding the tournament there was the fact that there is doubt as to the hotel accommodations being adequate. Mr. McNeill gave his assurance that ample accommodations would be made in this respect. It is expected that about 600 firemen will attend.

Tuesday night the members of the executive committee were honor guests at an elaborate supper given by the local firemen in their headquarters at the city hall. Local Fire Chief John L. Miller was toastmaster. The menu consisted of omelet, turkey, dressing, pickles, olives and biscuit.

Mr. McNeill, president of the association, was called upon and made a most happy response. Mr. McNeill is a gifted speaker and his speech last night made a decided hit with the firemen. Mr. Miller followed Mr. McNeill. He traced the origin of the local firemen's association from the time it was organized to the present. He lauded the efficient work of firefighters here and strongly commended them for their faithful service. Senator L. T. Hartsell, chairman of the committee that has in charge the firemen's relief fund, reviewed the work of the committee and told of its advantages to the firemen. The other speakers were: Mayor Wagoner, Messrs. J. W. Cannon, J. H. Dorton, M. S. Davis, of Louisburg, J. H. Dorton and R. L. Kessler, of Charlotte.

## 12-Year-Old Lad is Best Corn Grower

Bruce Clodfelter, a lad of 12 years was Saturday awarded the \$25 prize of the Guilford County Agricultural Association for the boy entering the corn growing contest and making from a single acre the greatest yield, cost of production being also considered. Young Clodfelter harvested 113 bushels from his acre, his closest competitor, Arthur Staley, making 103 1/2 bushels. Staley was awarded the second prize, \$15 in cash. Third honors went to Dewey Groome, his prize being \$10. Groome's yield was 97 bushels.

The 13 boys in the contest and the yield of each was: J. Erwin Wagoner, 50 bushels; Flavius Amick, 71 bushels; Roscoe Causey, 86 bushels; Lurie Jobe, 86 bushels; Frank Shoffner, 68 bushels; Arthur Staley, 103 1/2 bushels; Herbert Scott, 62 bushels; Wade Dorsett, 58 1/2 bushels; Earl Iddings, 88 bushels; Dewey Groome, 97 bushels; Charles Ward, 68 bushels; Bruce Clodfelter, 113 bushels.

## Three New Store Buildings.

The Morris Realty Company have awarded the contract for the erection of three new store buildings. The buildings will be located on Barbic street, just in the rear of the city hall. They will be 67x60 feet and will be constructed of brick. One of the buildings will be used by L. E. Lipe as a garage and Cline Bros. will occupy one. The other one has not yet been rented, although it is understood that there are several applicants for it. Messrs. R. A. Brown's Sons have the contract and work will likely begin tomorrow.

## THE FIREMEN'S BANQUET.

Mr. Kesler Grows Eloquent in Its Praise And of Mr. McNeill's Speech.

Mr. Editor: You have published the report of the banquet given Tuesday evening by the local firemen in honor of President J. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, and the other members of the State Firemen's Executive Committee. I write to say that this occasion was highly enjoyed by all present, and a more elaborate menu is seldom spread before our people. A great impetus was given the cause of the firemen by the personnel of those present and especially by the splendid address of Mr. McNeill. And this last cause demands a few more words in your paper. A more charming speaker has not been heard here in years. Sparkling with wit that caused the most stoic to laugh, and abounding with the highest stretches of oratory the speaker enthused all present as he spoke of the holiest sentiments of the human heart.

His theme was an appeal for the proper recognition of the world's hero—the fireman. The man and the occasion had met. In language classic and chaste he portrayed this hero as the greatest hero of the age as he, without reward or hope of reward, risks his life almost daily to save the lives and property of the people. The speaker's reference to mother and home and all that depends upon the fireman's skill was beautiful, inspiring and could hardly be equalled by the most polished orators. He characterizes Fayetteville as the Garden of Eden. He believes her daughters are far more fascinating than any seraph that wings her flight above the stars—or beneath them.

On the whole his speech was a gem, it was touching, it was one of those rare effusions that makes his hearers feel glad, that lifts them up to higher things and themes. Concord is glad to say nice things of "Jim" McNeill. He deserves this and more. We will welcome him again around the banquet hall as the lights grow dim or in a forum. And he honors the cause of the champions.

The firemen's banquet was a success. It showed the need of more encouragement to these brave fire laddies. It will lead to more efficiency in our fire department if the aldermen and citizens will aid them. If the people, who are the beneficiary of all their efforts, will give them better support, give them a fire alarm system, and give them the proper co-operation Concord can soon be in the first class on the insurance list, while we are now second. When this is done the people will same enough on the insurance premiums to install most of these things. Let us give these boys a chance to "do" things for our town. It is a patriotic move solely on their part for the good of the city.

G. E. KESTLER.

P. S.—I believe that story of Fayetteville being the real Garden of Eden for what Jim says is so, and he has lived long enough to know a Garden of Eden when he sees it, but here's the rub: Adam, the first mayor of the Garden of Eden, was a prohibitionist in an anti-prohibitionist town while Mayor Jim is an anti-prohibitionist mayor of a prohibition town. Again Mayor Adam prohibited Eve from eating apples of a certain variety, while Mayor Jim don't care a continental what kind of apples the Eves eat in his Garden of Eden, neither does he blame it on the snakes when they do eat of them. Again, Mayor Adam was defeated for mayor of the Garden and cast out while Mayor Jim can be mayor forever and a day. So there must be two Gardens of Eden on the map, Adam's and Jim's.

G. E. K.

## Real Estate Deals.

Mr. T. L. Ross has purchased 52 acres of land in No. 4 township from Mr. J. A. Kimmons.

Mr. J. W. Culp has purchased a house and lot near the second Baptist church.

Mr. John Groff has purchased three lots and Mr. T. J. Sapp one lot of the Wallace Cook property.

The last three sales were from the Wallace Cook property and were made by Messrs. J. F. Cannon and J. C. Wadsworth.

## An Instructive Play.

"The Third Degree," Charles Klein's great play, remains the triumphant public benefactor that it was recognized to be on its premier about a year ago. The play not only entertains its hearers, but it instructs the larger portion of its patrons in a harmful police practice of great interest to the commonwealth.

## DR. SMITH ELECTED

President of Washington and Lee University. — Declines to Say Whether or Not He Will Accept.

Lexington, Va., Jan. 24.—Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president of Davidson, N. C. College, was today unanimously elected president of Washington and Lee University.

Dr. Smith was born in Greensboro, N. C., and is 54 years old. He was graduated from Davidson College, afterwards pursuing a course at the University of Virginia, which, in 1910, conferred upon him the doctorate in philosophy. He joined the faculty of Davidson in 1887 as professor of physics and has been president of the institution since 1901, during which period the number of students has trebled and the endowment and material equipment have been doubled.

To Dr. Smith belongs the distinction of taking the first X-ray photographs South of Johns Hopkins University, and he has done much work in that line. He long has been prominent as a lecturer on educational and scientific themes. He is a brother of Dr. C. Alphonso Smith of the University of Virginia; Rev. Egbert Smith, of Louisville, Ky., and Rev. Hay Watson Smith, of Little Rock, Ark.

## Dr. Smith Has Not Decided.

Charlotte, Jan. 24.—Dr. Henry Louis Smith, in an interview over the long distance telephone tonight, declined to say definitely whether he would accept the offer of the presidency of Washington and Lee University. Dr. Smith frankly admitted that the proposition appealed to him strongly and said that he was of the opinion that in his 11 years' service at Davidson that he had fulfilled his mission; that another might carry the work further. From other sources it is gathered that Dr. Smith will probably accept.

## Ho! Ye Lutherans of Cabarrus.

A meeting for the Lutherans of Cabarrus county is being arranged to be held at Holy Trinity church in Mount Pleasant, next Sunday afternoon, January 28th, at 3 o'clock. The object of this gathering is to present the call of the convention for Lutherans to be held in Salisbury February 7-9. Every indication points to a great meeting in Salisbury. We Lutherans of Cabarrus want to be represented. The whole press of the county is urging Lutheran laymen to go to Salisbury. Let us have a large gathering from all over Cabarrus county next Sunday afternoon at Mount Pleasant to talk over the Salisbury convention and make plans to have Cabarrus County Lutherans properly represented. Revs. C. P. McLaughlin and J. J. Long and others will address the Mount Pleasant meeting. We hope to have Rev. E. C. Cronk present.

Every Lutheran man seeing this is urged to plan to go to Mount Pleasant next Sunday afternoon—3 o'clock in Holy Trinity church.

LUTHERAN.

## Senator Overman Involved.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Copies of the Newark Evening News of Newark, N. J., containing the following item from the Washington correspondent of the Greensboro News, were sent to the members of the North Carolina delegation in Congress today:

"Colonel Henry Watterson, of Louisville, told Senator Lee S. Overman, of North Carolina at Charlotte last December that Colonel Harvey asked Governor Wilson to meet Thos. F. Ryan to discuss the Wilson candidacy for President. This statement was made by Senator Overman to Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, and others. The understanding Overman had was that it was the purpose of the proposed meeting between Ryan and Wilson that Ryan should assist to finance Wilson's candidacy after the manner of old-style politics. The manner of the rejection by Wilson of Harvey's suggestion caused Harvey to inquire regarding Wilson's idea as to the value of Harper's Weekly support, and that was followed by Wilson's frank answer."

When shown this item, today, Senator Overman declined to affirm or deny his connection with the Ryan story.

North Carolina, according to the census figures, is the second State in the union in the production of yarns. Massachusetts leads with 523,000,000 yards and North Carolina comes second with 308,000,000 yards.

New glass windows are being installed in the Reed building. The windows were demolished when the stock of firecrackers in the store exploded during the holidays.

## ROWAN YOUNG MAN

### DROWNED IN BLACK RIVER.

Son of Mr. D. E. Beaver, of Landis Goes Through Bridge and Loses His Life.

Our Landis correspondent, Mr. C. J. Deal, telephoned us this morning informing us of the death by drowning of Mr. Lee Beaver, son of Mr. D. E. Beaver, of Landis, which occurred yesterday at Ivanhoe, in Sampson county. He was engaged in driving a four-mule team drawing a steam roller over a bridge spanning the Black river, when the bridge gave way. Mr. Beaver and the team were precipitated into the stream, and he and two of the mules were drowned. The team and roller belonged to Mr. Wm. Moore, a sawmill man of Ivanhoe.

Mr. Beaver was 30 years of age and unmarried. The body arrived in Landis today and will be buried at Oaklawn cemetery tomorrow.

## Minstrel Fun for Hiccoughing Girl

### the Last Remedy.

Camden, N. J., Jan. 24.—Miss Mary Shinn, 17 years old, has been hiccoughing almost continuously for 17 days. Naturally she is very anxious to stop it, for it is extremely wearying. Her mother and her friends also desire strongly that she stop hiccoughing. A most attractive girl, she is becoming thin, pale and nervous.

There is a home tradition that if you frighten a person who is hiccoughing, scare the breath out of him—or her—the hiccoughs will stop. Many and novel methods have been adopted to scare Miss Mary and she has been dreadfully scared—but she has continued to hiccough. Now her mother is going to try to make Miss Mary laugh so heartily that she will forget the hiccoughs.

Mrs. Shinn has asked the members of the old Dumont Minstrel Company to come to her house and give a show. Miss Mary dotes on minstrel shows and her mother fondly hopes she will be thrown into such convulsions of laughter that the hiccoughs will go away.

## New York Honors New Cardinal.

New York, Jan. 25.—New York's celebration in honor of the elevation of the Most Reverend John M. Farley to the cardinalate, which began a week ago with the welcome of the new Cardinal upon his arrival from Rome, culminated today in notable religious ceremonies held in St. Patrick's Cathedral. The demonstration was one of the most remarkable of its kind ever held in the metropolis and was participated in by eminent prelates and priests of the Roman Catholic church from many parts of the United States and Canada. The leading features of the service were the celebration of the solemn pontifical mass by Archbishop Predergrast of Philadelphia, a sermon by the Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Causack, archbishop of New York, and addresses of congratulation in behalf of the clergy of laity, delivered respectively by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Michael J. Lavelle, rector of the Cathedral, and Justice Victor J. Dowling. Cardinal Farley presided in the sanctuary during the celebration of the mass.

## Meeting of County Teachers' Association.

The meeting of the County Teachers' Association will be held at the graded school in Concord on next Saturday. The meeting will begin at 11 o'clock.

The programme will be the same as the one that was to have been rendered on Saturday before Christmas. A discussion, led by Mr. Thos. Grier, subject: "Specific Purposes of Study."

A discussion led by Misses Mary Gourley, Maggie Efrid, and K. Lee Steele, subject: "Supplementing the Thought of the Author."

A recitation on "Col. Groves, The Teacher and the School," conducted by Prof. A. S. Webb. The recitation will cover pages 206 to 254 of this book.

A full attendance is expected.

## To Inaugurate Georgia Governor.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 23.—The Georgia legislature convened today for a special session to canvass the returns of the recent election and inaugurate Joseph M. Brown as governor. The work is expected to occupy but a few days, when the legislature will adjourn until the latter part of June for its regular session.

Read Efrid's big ad. which occupies the whole of page three in today's Tribune. They have many splendid offerings for you now at prices that are very attractive.

## RAILROAD DEAL HELD UP.

Norfolk Southern Restrained From Buying Other Lines.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 24.—A petition to restrain the Norfolk Southern Railroad from purchasing the Aberdeen & Asheboro, Carthage & Pinehurst, Durham & Charlotte, Sanford & Troy and Raleigh & Southport railroads in North Carolina was filed today in the United States District court and was made a part of the proceedings in the case of Trust Company of America against the Norfolk & Southern Railroad Company. The petition was filed by Dr. Southgate Leigh, through his attorneys, Strood & Terry, and an order was signed by Judge Edman Waddill, Jr., citing the defendant railroad to appear January 31 to show cause why the prayer should not be granted and the relief demanded allowed.

Dr. Leigh was surgeon for the railroad before it went into the hands of receivers and for the receivers while they operated the road, and he claims over \$1,500 is due him for such services. The petition alleges the revenue of the road is not sufficient to pay the fixed charges and cost of maintenance and operation; that the rolling stock is worn out, old and dilapidated; that the roadbed is rough and the ties rotten and that the road cannot be operated with safety without expending large sums of money and that the only way the company has of raising money is to use the assets of the Norfolk & Southern Railway, purchased at the receivers' sale, from revenue derived from operation or further encumbrance of the property. It further alleges that the defendant has sold all the floating property of the company—the steamers Virginia, Comet, Waterburg, Garrett, Dickerman, Maben Belle, Wagner and Albemarle—and that it has been removed from the jurisdiction of the court. It recites that the property was purchased for \$8,500,000 and the assumption of certain liabilities, among them Dr. Leigh's claim, and that it has since been mortgaged for \$25,000,000 and that it has provided for an additional issue of \$10,000,000.

## Afraid of the Suffragettes.

London, Jan. 25.—Great interest is being taken in the mass meeting which A. Bonar Law is to address at the Albert Hall tomorrow. The speech will be the first pronouncement made by Mr. Law in London since his reelection as leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons. Extraordinary precautions are being taken to prevent a possible demonstration by the militant suffragettes. Women will be admitted to one section of the hall only, and no woman's ticket has been issued without a personal guarantee that the holder will not disturb the proceedings.

## Work on the Street Railway.

The street car force has completed the track on South Union street. The work was started at the Lutheran church corner and ends at a point just below Mr. Leonard Brown's residence. The street car force is now at work on McGill street. If the weather remains good the officials hope to have the track connected from the Gibson mill to the Lock mill within twelve days. Should certain expected developments materialize the track will be extended further down South Union, although this is mere conjecture.

## Celebrates Her 94th Birthday.

Mrs. Evelyn Barnhardt is the honor guest today at a dinner at the home of her nephew, Mr. G. D. Bost, in No. 9 township, the occasion being the celebration of her ninety-fourth birthday. The guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Parish, Mrs. P. M. Dry and children, Mrs. F. D. Lefler, Mrs. Reuben Biles, Mrs. Misener, and Mr. Fred Lefler. A number of other relatives were invited but could not attend on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Monroe Bost.

## Alton B. Parker to Speak.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 24.—The Georgia Judge Alton B. Parker, of New York, on the programme to deliver the annual address, the nineteenth annual meeting of the South Carolina Bar Association was opened here today with all signs pointing to the most notable meeting in the history of the association. Leading lawyers from all parts of the State are in attendance when the gathering was called to order by the president, P. H. Nelson, of Columbia. The meeting will continue over tomorrow.

Mr. Charles Gray and Miss Ina Teeter, both of Concord, were married yesterday, at the home of Rev. J. W. Snyder, who performed the ceremony.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here And Elsewhere Who Come And Go.

Mrs. Z. A. Morris is spending the day in Charlotte.

Mrs. J. Lindsay Ross is visiting friends in Albemarle.

Miss Marguerite Brown is visiting friends in Charlotte.

Miss Nan Cannon has gone to Charlotte for a brief visit.

Mr. Gowan Dusenbery has gone to Gastonia on a short business trip.

Miss Mary Durham, of Charlotte, is the guest of Miss Duraid Borden.

Mrs. F. C. Odell, of Greensboro, is a guest at the home of Mr. W. R. Odell.

Mr. N. F. Yorke has gone to New York to witness the big furniture exhibit.

Mr. W. A. Erwin, of Durham, was a business visitor in the city Tuesday.

Dr. F. Y. MacFadyen has gone to Greensboro on a short professional trip.

Mr. Wade H. White, of Huntersville, was a Concord visitor Tuesday.

Mr. M. B. Sticklely went to Charlotte yesterday afternoon on professional business.

Miss Isabelle Turpin and Richard Gibson are spending the day in Salisbury with friends.

Mrs. W. T. Wall and children are visiting Mrs. Wall's father, Rev. Paul Barringer, in Mount Pleasant.

Mr. George A. Ball has returned to his home in Monroe, after visiting his father, Rev. W. H. Ball, for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Goodman have returned from Deland, Fla., where they have been visiting relatives for a month.

Mr. F. J. Harb has resigned his weaving job at the Cannon mill, at Kannapolis, and is going to Greensboro to take a job with his uncle.

Mesdames A. E. Lentz, C. L. Smith, E. J. Braswell and Misses Margaret Lentz and Annie McDowell are spending the day in Charlotte.

Mrs. A. S. Caldwell and two children, of High Point, are the guests of Mrs. W. J. Weddington, Mrs. Caldwell's sister. They will return home tomorrow.

A Negro Highwayman Attacked Two Young Girls.

Salisbury Post, 24th. Two young ladies, Misses Sallie Winters and Sallie Wetmore, who are employed at the Empire store, Miss Winters as cashier and Miss Wetmore as saleslady, were attacked by a negro on North Jackson street near the residence of Mrs. F. V. Barrier, shortly before 7 o'clock last night and Miss Wetmore's purse snatched from her. The negro seized both of them by their arms—they were locked arms—shoved them apart snatched Miss Wetmore's purse and ran. The girls' screams alarmed the community and saved Miss Winder's purse as the negro hurriedly made his escape, fleeing down the alley between Mrs. Barrier and Mr. C. M. Brown.

## Col. Watterson Admits That Ryan

Matter Came up at Conference at Manhattan Club.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—It may be stated upon the highest authority that Colonel Watterson tonight admitted to close friends that the Ryan matter came up at that Manhattan club conference in New York, and that this led Governor Wilson to decline the further support of Harvey. The revered Kentucky editor and savant is 75 years old. It is not known what mitigating circumstances will be advanced in behalf of others in this effort to discredit Governor Wilson by telling less than half the truth about that ill-fated New York conference to which the two colonels, Watterson and Harvey, invited Governor Wilson after the return of Harvey from a several days' stay on the Virginia farm of Thomas F. Ryan.

## Say Watterson is Kentucky's Choice

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 23.—Declaring Henry Watterson is Kentucky's choice for the Democratic presidential nomination, members of the lower house of the Kentucky legislature put through with a whoop a resolution inviting Watterson to address the House at his pleasure.

Col. Watterson is now in Washington. He has intended leaving next week for Florida to spend the winter.