

PARTY LINES ARE DESTROYED

IN THE BATTLE ON PANAMA TOLLS REPEAL.

The Big Fight Began This Afternoon. President Wilson's Supporters Saw the Majority on the Final Vote Will Be Nearly 70.—Representative Campbell's Speech.—"Abject and Humiliating Surrender." He Says.

Washington, March 26.—The dissatisfaction of many members on account of the curtailment of house debate and filibuster on conferences recently delayed consideration of the tolls bill, and it is not expected that the matter will be reached until late this afternoon. It is believed possible that the rules limiting debate might be defeated.

Washington, March 26.—With party lines destroyed, the battle on the tolls repeal began in the House this afternoon. The President's supporters said their majority on the final vote would be nearly seventy. The opponents admitted that it would probably be thirty.

"The most abject and humiliating surrender ever made by our government," was Representative Campbell's characterization of the proposal to repeal free tolls, in a hot assault on the rule to expedite passage of the repeal bill.

"The President does not explain what his embarrassment is that makes this surrender necessary," Campbell declared sarcastically. "Does he fear the murderous and illiterate bandit Villa will break off diplomatic relations with his administration, and that in that event he will need the aid of England? Or does he ask Congress to aid him in further humiliating the American people because England has intimated she wants it done? Or is it to further the profit of England as our ambassador recently declared that it added to his pleasure to know the British would profit most from the canal's use."

"Every drop of red blood in America protests against the humiliating possibility of having the Panama Canal gatekeeper dip the American flag as Britain war vessels went through the canal to reach our Pacific coast cities."

In conclusion, Campbell declared it is "sowardly" to repeal the free tolls provision, and urged the House to kill the rule.

The House Rules Committee reported out an amendment rule for consideration of repeal extending the debate time limit from fifteen to twenty hours. It is believed this action will postpone the final vote until probably Monday and possibly till Tuesday.

COMING IN ALL ITS ENTIRETY.

Sparks World's Famous Shows to Visit Concord Saturday April 11, for One Day Only—Two Exhibitions.

Four hundred people employed and carrying over two hundred foreign and domestic animals, is the statement made by Mr. E. C. Tracy, agent for the Sparks shows, who was in town Wednesday, making arrangements for the appearance of his big circus here on Saturday, April 11.

The strange colony of people, handsome horses, rare wild animals and the golden caravans are scheduled to arrive here during the early hours of the morning of the above date in their own special trains from Salisbury, where the big show has been in winter quarters.

Circus day will begin with a big street parade at 10:30 a. m. and two performances will be given, the first starting at 2 o'clock and the other at 8 o'clock.

The grounds known as the Scott show lot on South Spring street have been arranged for by the agent and a number of our merchants will receive contracts to furnish immense quantities of feed stuff for both man and beast.

The Sparks World Famous Shows have been successfully established for the past twenty-seven years and bear a reputation in the eastern sections of the country second to none for the high class exhibitions presented and the honest manner they have of dealing with the public—no gambling or grafting being tolerated or carried with these shows. adv.

The meeting at Kerr Street Church will continue this week. The pastor, Rev. G. A. B. Holderby, reports that much interest is being manifested. Rev. D. A. Braswell will preach this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

KANNAPOLIS NEWS.

Everything is Busy in the New City.—Y. M. C. A. Membership Campaign.—Report of Y. M. C. A. Work.—Baraca Class Organized.—Two new Churches.

Everything is lively here again, after the recent ground hog weather, which put a stop to building operations part of the time, but now work is going on in earnest and Kannapolis is herself again.

The new five-story warehouse is about finished and work has been begun on the Patterson Mill No. 2. A large force of hands are employed and the work is being pushed.

A new warp room is being built to Cannon Mill, No. 1, to make room for one hundred more looms.

The work of setting up the machinery in Cabarrus Mill, No. 2, is progressing and before long this mill will be running.

Work on the streets is still going on and much cleaning up has been done.

Our merchants are getting busy preparing for the spring season and are scattering printed matter about, the same as they do in the metropolitan cities.

A membership campaign is on at the Y. M. C. A. which is getting very warm now. Efforts are being made to run the membership up to 800 by Tuesday night, March 31, when the campaign closes. There will be several valuable prizes given the most successful contestants by the liberal hearted merchants of our town.

At the meeting of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. Monday night, all the old officers were re-elected, as follows: R. D. Grier, president; E. F. Carter, vice president; R. H. Hare, recording secretary. R. C. Propst was elected treasurer to relieve Mr. Grier of part of his burden, as he had been both president and treasurer. Mr. Shearin, general secretary, read his report for February, which was very interesting. We give a few items from this report, which are of special interest: There was one temperance lecture; 19 meetings of the various churches of the town; attendance about 2,700; 4 literary society meetings; 6 local talent, picture and vaudeville entertainments; 4 socials for ladies only; 9 educational classes; 4 lectures and practical talks; 1 band concert; 1,450 baths taken; 20 special gymnastic stunt meetings, with an attendance of 450; 20 game tournaments and contests with an attendance of 175. There were 400 spectators at the physical activities. Mr. Shearin is a wide awake secretary and a Christian gentleman, and is exerting a good influence in the community, especially among the young men.

Another Baraca Class has been organized in the Methodist Sunday school, with 20 members enrolled. Mrs. J. C. Martin is the teacher and Pinkney Shinn, president. This will be known as the Junior Baraca Class.

Both the A. R. P. and Methodist congregations will worship in their own church in a very short while as their buildings are nearly finished.

BASEBALL SATURDAY.
Collegiate Institute And Oak Ridge to Play at Locke Mill Park.
The first baseball game of the season will be played in Concord Saturday afternoon between Collegiate Institute and Oak Ridge. The game will take place at 3 o'clock at Locke Park and admission will be 25 cents.

The Collegiate Institute has played only one game so far this season, this being a 11 inning struggle last Saturday with the strong Belmont team, which resulted in a tin, 0 to 0. Graham will again be on the mound and his masterful flinging was one of the outstanding features of the Belmont game. Oak Ridge will be in charge of the redoubtable Earl Holt, who never fails to whip in shape an aggregation of ball players for Oak Ridge that gives all comers a run for their money. The cadets from Mount Pleasant will line up as follows:

Lentz, 1; Proctor, 2; Lee, 3; Foil, ss; Wilson, lf; Moose, cf; Cress, rf; Cornelison, c; Graham, p.

HOTEL CHANGES.

Mr. Buren Neill to Leave St. Cloud to Manage Statesville Inn.

Mr. E. G. Gilmer, proprietor of the St. Cloud Hotel and Statesville Inn, has leased the Inn to Alexander Bros., of Statesville. Mrs. Carrie Neill and Mr. Buren Neill will take charge of the hotel and manage it for Alexander Bros.

Mr. Neill has resigned his position as clerk at the St. Cloud Hotel and will go to Statesville the latter part of the week to begin his new work. He is succeeded at the St. Cloud by Mr. Charles Wadsworth.

Huerta might retire if he could thereby violate the constitution.

TORREON HAS NOT YET BEEN ATTACKED

VICTORIOUS REBELS RIGHT UP TO THE GATES.

Battle at Gomez Palacio Still Raging. But a Number of Federal Batteries Have Been Silenced.—Rebels Expect to Take Gomez Palacio the Second Time by Morning.—Fire is Still Raging on All Sides of Torreon.

El Paso, Texas, March 26.—General Chao, rebel military governor of Chihuahua, received at Juarez today a dispatch from Elverjer, Villa's base in the fighting about Torreon, stating that the battle about Gomez Palacio is still raging, but that a number of federal batteries have been silenced. The dispatch added that the rebels are making progress in the attack, and expect to take Gomez Palacio the second time by morning. This is the only dispatch received from the "firing line" since yesterday afternoon.

Out of a mass of rumors the only things that seem certain are: That Villa's army carried a victorious campaign through Gomez Palacio and up to the gates of Torreon itself; that the federals then suddenly turned and drove the enemy back through Gomez Palacio; that the federals displayed astonishing strength at all points, and that fighting is still raging on all sides of Torreon with the battle centered at Gomez Palacio.

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETS.

Interesting Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon at Central School.

The meeting of the Civic League yesterday in the school auditorium was fairly well attended. The president, Mrs. J. F. Cannon, presided and introduced Rev. Mr. MacLaughlin whose address, though not long, was very full of information and earnest counsel in regard to the plain duties and high privileges opening now before the women of our town. In regard to the details of these duties we will look to Miss Van Buren for full instruction. She is to be here on April 1, and at 4 p. m. of that day she will give a meeting to the officers and chairman of the League in the school auditorium. At 8:30 the same evening she will address a meeting in the auditorium of men as well as women, who are interested in this great work, and wish to give aid in having it properly done. It is especially requested that the mayor and city board be present at 9 a. m. on April 26th.

At 9 a. m. on April 2, Miss Van Buren, by the kind permission and request of Prof. Webb, will address the entire school. At 4 p. m. that day she will meet the League in the auditorium. No further arrangements have been made except that the lantern slides, brought by Miss Van Buren, will be shown each of these three days, April 1st, 2d and 3d at the Pastime and Main, along with the other reels. This was offered by Mr. Stuart, the manager, to be done without any extra charge. This most liberal and public spirited contribution to the work wins the sincere gratitude of the League.

At the close of the meeting four young ladies passed through the audience and on slips furnished took the names of all who wished to be enrolled as regular members of the League. The result was most satisfactory and encouraging. Forty-six names were given, that being the exact number of women present. Two others were added later, so the total is forty-eight.

CHAIRMAN PUB. COM.

"ROE" TO FOREST HILL.

Big Bay Fire Horse to be Used by Forest Hill Firemen in a Few Days.

Arrangements are being made to open headquarters for the Forest Hill fire department at Forest Hill. Several buildings are being considered and it is likely that one will be selected in a few days. The department there is already equipped with hose and the city will give the firemen there "Roe" the big bay fire horse that has been in use at station No. 1 for several years. Driver Foil will begin to use the new fire horses in a few days and the "Roe" will be transferred to Forest Hill.

Two Victims of Pneumonia in One Family.

Two children, one three years and the other eleven, of Mr. W. Reece Brafford died last night at his home at the Brown mill after an illness of several days with pneumonia. One child died early last night and the other early this morning.

MOUNT PLEASANT NEWS.

Mr. Lee Moose Hurt in Accident.—Need of More Houses.—Declaimers' Contest Saturday Night.—Local And Otherwise.

Mount Pleasant, March 26.—Mr. W. Lee Moose, son of Mr. A. W. Moose, and a member of the senior class at M. P. C. I., had the misfortune of getting his eye hurt Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Moose was playing with several of his boy friends, playing the game of "hit the stick," when a batted peg struck him in his left eye, knocking him unconscious for a while. Mr. Moose was carried to his home and a doctor summoned, who dressed the wound. Mr. Moose is resting well and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

A visitor who had been contemplating moving to Mount Pleasant, was asked the other day when he intended to move. He replied: "As soon as some one builds a house for me." He was asked, "Can't you find a place without some one building you one?" He replied, "No, there is not a single house that is desirable to live in that is not occupied." We need more houses. If we want good people to come to our town to live, we must furnish them a home.

A contest will be held in the auditorium Saturday night, in which all the schools in No. 8 township are invited to send representatives, a gold medal will be given to the best declaimer. This medal is given by the teachers of No. 8 township. Everybody come and hear the contest.

The Woman's Civic League gave an oyster supper in the old Masonic Hall Saturday night, from which a nice sum was realized.

The cadets of M. P. C. I. will give a negro minstrel in China Grove Saturday night.

Mr. L. A. Lentz has returned from Virginia, where he has been visiting his son.

Miss Bernice Long and Miss Lorine Brown, of M. A. S., spent Sunday in Mooresville, accompanied by their friends, Messrs. Russell Lentz and W. R. Lenhardt.

Mrs. L. A. Shirey has gone to Virginia to visit her husband, who is in a hospital at Salem.

Mr. M. F. Ritchie and Mr. Walter Ritchie, of Concord, spent a few hours here Tuesday.

Miss Bessie McEachern and Miss Ora Fisher spent Tuesday in Concord.

Mr. George Mink, of Virginia, is here with a nice drove of horses.

The M. P. C. I. baseball team will play Oak Ridge in Concord Saturday.

The teachers and children of the graded school will give a play in the auditorium Saturday night, April 4.

Brewster's Millions Here Tonight.

The Concord opera house will have one of the best American farces tonight, when the dramatic version of George Barr McCutcheon's celebrated romance "Brewster's Millions" will be given here. The play comes here with practically the same cast that attended it upwards of a year's run in New York. The book has been adapted to stage purposes by Winchell Smith and Byron Ongley, and judging from the enormous success they have succeeded in placing Mr. McCutcheon's strongest situations in such a coherent manner that a really great play is the result. Frederic Thompson who conceived and brought forth the New York Hippodrome is the manager and producer. So that if basic story and staging count for anything in a stage production, "Brewster's Millions" certainly possesses the elements. The book was one of the "best sellers" and its stage career will be watched with interest. One of the bits of realism attempted is a scene on shipboard during a storm, which is said to be a sensational illusion. The company is headed by Louis Nilsen and his support is declared to be made up of actors who possess talents particularly fitting to the parts they have been assigned.

Sewing Party.
Mrs. R. M. King had fourteen friends to spend the afternoon with her yesterday afternoon at her home on West Corbin street. The ladies brought their sewing and spent a most pleasant hour. After the sewing refreshments were served. Mrs. King's guests were: Mesdames J. C. Wadsworth, C. F. Ritchie, W. W. Flowe, G. M. Lore, J. P. Allison, R. A. Brown, M. L. Brown, M. L. Marsh, C. W. Swink, J. C. Gibson, R. E. Ridenhour, J. P. Cook, J. M. Cook and C. P. MacLaughlin.

Choral Club Concert.
The second concert of the Concord Choral Club was given at the opera house Tuesday evening and, like the first was successful from a artistic standpoint. The audience, however, was not as large as such an attraction merited.

It was a meritorious production, by a cast of topnotchers in home talent. In addition to the local members of the club there were several numbers by Mr. J. G. Harris, of Charlotte, and Miss Van Poole, of Mont Amoenia Seminary, that added much to the evening's entertainment.

Date For the State Convention is Changed.

Raleigh, March 25.—The state Democratic executive committee voted to change the date for the state convention from June 17 to June 4, in Raleigh in order to avoid conflict with the North Carolina Medical society that will meet in Raleigh on June 16 to 18. The committee was presided over by Chairman Charles D. Warren, with Secretary W. E. Brock. There were 48 members present in person and by proxy.

Shriner's Special to Atlanta via Southern Railway.

The Southern Railway has been selected as official route to Atlanta by Oasis Temple to Shrine Meeting, May 10-13th. Special train will leave Charlotte at 11:00 p. m. Sunday, May 10th, arriving in Atlanta following morning, and returning will leave Atlanta at 2:00 a. m., eastern time, Thursday, May 14th, arriving Charlotte same morning.

This special train will be composed of the latest design Pullman compartment/drawing room, steel electric lighted sleeping cars, dining car and baggage car.

The entire train will be parked at Shrine Park during the Atlanta meeting and every facility will be arranged for the comfort and convenience of those occupying the cars while there. The round trip rate from Concord will be \$8.90.

See the ad. of Miss Nannie Alexander today.

FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL TODAY

UNIDENTIFIED AMERICAN BOY SHOT BY MEXICAN.

It Was on the American Side, Too.—Secretary Bryan Has Ordered a Full Investigation.—Dispatches Say Result of Torreon Fighting is Still in Doubt.—Cotton Growers Are Being Yearly Malted of Thousands of Dollars, Says Senator Smith.

Washington, March 26.—An unidentified American boy was shot by a Mexican on the American side, according to a dispatch to the State Department from Consul Garrett at Nuevo Laredo. He said the boy was shot in the cheek. Secretary ordered Garrett to make a full investigation and obtain, if possible the punishment of the guilty Mexicans.

The State Department dispatches from El Paso stated that the result of the Torreon fighting is still in doubt. The department is without definite details of the battle.

By a manipulation settlement deals with grades of cotton, not recognized in the country where the cotton is grown, the New York cotton exchange is yearly mauling the cotton growers out of hundreds of thousands of dollars, Senator Smith, of South Carolina, declared today.

THE EXPORT TRADE.

Commercial Agent Odell Gratified at Increase of Interest.

Charlotte Observer.
Mr. R. M. Odell of Concord, commercial agent of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, of the National Department of Commerce, spent yesterday in the city with friends. Mr. Odell expects to attend the meeting of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association that is to be held the latter part of next month in New York and later be present at the convention of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers in Boston. He will then probably sail for India where he will pursue special work for the Department.

Mr. Odell expressed himself yesterday greatly gratified at the increase of interest on the part of cotton manufacturers in the export trade, particularly in the South. He stated that this increase of interest was also manifested in the North, which indicated a general condition.

Mr. Odell added that there appeared to be a more substantial desire on the part of manufacturers everywhere to go after the export trade which held forth promise of much better things.

Wilson Defended by Wanamaker.

John Wanamaker at the dedication of the \$2,500,000 Manufacturers' Club at Philadelphia, defended President Wilson Mexican policy.

"It is the business of some men to get up wars, he said. 'It is said that a dozen men brought on the Boer war in the Transvaal. It would be worth a lot to thousands of contractors and speculators on the stock exchange to foment a war with Mexico. Thus far President Wilson has heroically and skillfully headed off the war for a whole year. Do not heed his defamers. While his head is on his shoulders he will never be a coward or a runaway.'

"There may be a war some day. America will be in it. So will Great Britain and Canada, and they will both be on the same side with America. Let us stop looking every day for telegrams and cables about Mexico and get down to our individual work to make the good times we talk so much about."

Oppose Sunday Ball Playing.

Baltimore, March 25.—When Federal League directors resumed their schedule making here they found R. B. Ward, president of the Brooklyn club, emphatically opposed to Sunday ball playing by his team and dates to meet his objection were arranged.

"Ball players must work the same as the banker to maintain their standard and to improve in efficiency," said Mr. Ward. "If they fall behind they are dropped. That's why they should have their rest as any one else. I'm not straight-laced, but I do believe in proper observance of Sunday and because of my belief my players will have the same relief from duty."

Col. J. T. Gardner, of Shelby, is here attending the inspection of Company L.

TAKES OWN LIFE

Alex Reed, Well Known Negro of No. 10 Township, Committed Suicide Last Night.

Alex Reed, a well known negro of No. 10 township committed suicide last night. The report that reached here this morning was that Reed was found in the loft of his barn a short distance from his home early this morning with a shotgun lying near him. Coroner Moose was notified and left at once for No. 10 to hold an inquest.

Reed was one of the best known negroes in the county. He was a good farmer and had acquired a farm and other property. For the past two years he has been unbalanced mentally and to this cause is attributed his rash act last night.

Coroner Moose returned from No. 10 township about noon. Coroner Moose deemed an inquest not necessary. From him it was learned that Reed shot himself in the head with a double barrel shotgun, blowing the entire front of his head off. Reed got up about 5 o'clock and went to the barn to feed his mules. He took a shot gun with him and shot himself immediately after entering the barn. Reed's wife states that for several years he has been "getting wrong" in the spring. However, when he retired last night about 9 o'clock, he was apparently in good spirits. He was about 60 years old.

Reed owned about 100 acres of land and stock and farming equipment. It is understood that he had a life insurance policy for \$2,500 in the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

ELKS' BOOSTER.

Concord Lodge Issues a Highly Interesting Newspaper.

The Elks' Booster, a four page paper, has been issued. The booster was published at The Times-Tribune office and is issued in connection with the big Elks' Minstrel which will be given at the opera house Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Five thousand copies of the booster have been distributed. The paper contains sense and nonsense, boasts and knocks, wit and humor and various other things, and is on the whole highly interesting. Its pages teem with "jibes" and "cracks" at the members of the order that are read and relished with delight. If you miss the Elks' Booster you miss being entertained. The editor of the paper is not known but the following announcement is conspicuously displayed:

"This paper is not published to secure subscribers. We recently inherited a considerable fortune and are now spending it in an effort to get even with our enemies, a long felt desire which poverty has heretofore stifled. The articles are prepared with premeditation and deliberation, and are guaranteed to produce anything from paralysis of the brain to acute indigestion."

"We decline in advance to give the names of our correspondents or their co-respondents and will be as steadfast in this resolution as we have always been against paying our debts."