

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Sessions Full of Sound Talk and Good Work—Election of Officers. (Correspondence of The Messenger.) Fayetteville, March 20. The state Sunday school convention increases in interest and in an exhibit of effective work with each day's proceedings, all the sessions are attended by large crowds, and its success is pronounced and gratifying. Last night both the galleries and the body of the Presbyterian church were crowded, the devotional exercises being conducted by Rev. Joseph Peale, of Greensboro, with song service by the choir, and an especially fine solo by Rev. Eli Reese. President G. H. Crowell, of High Point, was very able on "The Benefaction in the Sunday-school Work," as was Rev. Marion Lawrence, of Ohio, on "The Sunday-school as a Business Investment." The collection taken up amounted to about \$1,500. On the cordial invitation of Mr. G. G. Rogers, of Kinston, that place was chosen as the point of departure next year, the date to be published hereafter.

This morning Rev. B. R. Hall, of Fayetteville, presiding elder of the Methodist church for this district, conducted the religious services, which were followed by the election of officers, as follows: President, C. H. Crowell, of High Point; secretary, S. N. Smith, of Elton college; statistical secretary, H. N. Snow, of Durham; treasurer, J. H. Weathers, of Raleigh; vice-presidents, Isaac T. Aresy, W. H. Sprunt, J. E. Bay, G. F. Tillery; executive committee, N. E. Broughton, of Raleigh, chairman; J. G. Brown, of Raleigh; J. O. Atkinson, Elton college; Rev. Dr. A. J. McKelway, Charlotte; J. A. Oates, Fayetteville; G. W. Watts, H. N. Snow, Durham; T. O. Johnson, J. R. Mendenhall, Salisbury; Captain J. A. Southerland, Fayetteville; Chas. Ross, Asheboro, Rev. Dr. C. S. Blackwell, Wilmington; Rev. D. H. Tuttle, Elizabeth City; T. B. Parker, Hillsboro; R. B. Lacy, Raleigh; J. J. Rogers, Kinston.

Rev. Marion Lawrence announced the holding of the International Sunday-school convention in Denver, to which this state is entitled to forty-four delegates, and the following gave their names, as willing to attend, to Mr. Broughton, chairman of the executive committee: Messrs. H. N. Snow, J. R. Mendenhall, M. E. O'Connell, J. A. Oates, G. W. Watts, J. A. Oates, G. A. Adams, J. B. Parker, J. A. Oates, Thomas McDonald.

Mr. Lawrence then discussed the "Big Boy Problem." The speaker left for the north on the noon train, and he left Fayetteville charmed with him. The correspondent regards him as decidedly one of the very ablest platform speakers he ever heard. With Mr. Lawrence, of Ohio, and Messrs. Broughton and J. H. Weathers to work in the cause all the year round, North Carolina could build up such a Sunday-school army as was never before seen.

Of the delegates here, Alamance has 8, Bladen 1, Burke 1, Cumberland 55, Cabarrus 1, Durham 2, Edgecombe 1, Guilford 13, Johnston 2, Lenoir 1, Montgomery 1, Monroe 1, Mecklenburg 1, New Hanover 8, Orange 1, Robeson 1, Randolph 1, Rockingham 1, Rowan 1, Richmond 1, Sampson 2, Scotland 9, Surry 1, Wake 11, Wayne 6, Wilkes 1. Of these, 59 are superintendents of Sunday-schools, and 24 are pastors of churches.

This morning a brief recess was taken at the request of Messrs. Paton and McGilvery, photographers, who took a flash light picture of the officers of the convention and the choir. The remainder of the morning was taken up in the "Home Department," by Mr. S. M. Smith, of Elton college, and "House-to-house-Visitation," by Mr. Ross, of Asheboro.

This afternoon several addresses will be given, among others those of Messrs. Whitaker, of Enfield, Parker, of Goldsboro, and Broughton, of Raleigh, on the convocation of the "House-to-house-Visitation," by Mr. Ross, of Asheboro.

The wrecking tug J. J. Merritt, passed in the Virginia capes with the yacht Endymion, which was wrecked off Diamond shoals, North Carolina, in tow.

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GOLDSBORO GOSSIP.

Notice to Patrons of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railway—The He-brew Charity Ball a Great Success. Hon. B. F. Grady Memorial Day Orator. (Correspondence of The Messenger.) Goldsboro, N. C., March 21. The progressive management of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad is constantly bringing up the service of the "Old Mallet" road to modern railroad policies. The following order has just been published by its transportation department: "After Sunday March 20th, passengers will not be permitted to ride on any freight trains of this company, as they will no longer be provided with passenger coaches, only carrying a caboose for the train crew, and agents are instructed not to sell tickets for freight trains, nor will conductors allow any passengers to ride on them."

I regret to chronicle the critical illness of our good friend and townsman, Mr. R. B. Bassett, the venerable father of Dr. John S. Bassett, of Trinity college. The charity ball and banquet held in this city last night for the benefit of the Hebrew orphan home of Atlanta was a brilliant, social and financial success. The unflinching charity of our Hebrew fellow-citizens towards all worthy causes is very much appreciated by all classes of our citizens, and this was evidenced by the large attendance at their ball and banquet last night. Mrs. Chaney Borden and Mrs. David Edwards, of Kinston, were in the city yesterday, the guests of Mrs. A. R. Edgerton.

Mr. Frank Morris, of Durham, an old Goldsboro boy, is in the city on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morris. Mr. W. R. Phillips is confined to his home today with a slight attack of the grippe. Mrs. C. F. Griffin went up to Wilson today on a visit to her mother. Mrs. Maxwell, of Salisbury, is in the city on a visit to Mrs. Royall.

The condition of Mrs. W. G. Lewis is a shade better today. Mr. C. N. Edgerton, secretary and treasurer of the Whiteville Lumber Company, who was called here recently by the death of his sister, Mrs. B. G. Thompson, returned to Whiteville, today.

Two negro men employed on the yards of the Enterprise Lumber Company in this city, Will Arrington and Will Johnston, got into a wordy altercation this morning which was stopped by the yard foreman. When the hands went home for dinner Johnston returned with his shot gun and without another word filled Arrington full of shot and immediately made off towards the river, and at this writing he is being vigilantly searched for by the officers. Arrington seriously, but not thought fatally wounded.

The ladies of the Confederate Memorial Association of this city, ever active and patriotic in keeping alive in the hearts of the people respect and reverence for the heroes of the gray who fell fighting for a cause that was right, though lost, have secured the consent of Hon. B. F. Grady, who has recently become a citizen of Clinton, to be the orator at Goldsboro's next observance of Confederate Memorial day, May 10th. The selection of Mr. Grady is a most excellent one. An old confederate hero himself, he has the experience of that ordeal to enthuse him, the ability to meet every expectation and the eloquence to paint in glowing reality the thrilling scenes of war and southern "heroism," the like of which we had never seen, nor will ever see again.

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The stockholders of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company authorize an issue of \$50,000,000 of bonds.

Captain W. W. Wrigley for thirty-seven years cashier of the First national bank, of Macon, died Thursday.

The New York stock exchange will be closed on Good Friday and the following day. The produce exchange will be closed Good Friday.

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THE TWO NEW BUILDINGS NORTH CAROLINA.

Wadesboro Messenger: Our Peachland correspondent sends us the following: "Mr. M. J. Ramsey, of Stokes, Wash., died on the 23rd of February, of pneumonia, in his 70th year. He was the father of Mrs. J. S. Billingsley, of Peachland, and brother of Captain N. A. Ramsay, of Durham." The stockholders of the Robertell Manufacturing Company, of Rockingham, met at that place yesterday and decided to build a new mill, to be known as Robertell No. 2. The new mill will be of about the same capacity as the old one—5,500 spindles and 300 looms.

Greensboro Telegram: W. H. Phillips of Clay township, was here today. He told us that on the evening of Sunday striking Mr. John R. Jones, who lives four miles east of Alamance church. The bolt struck the chimney and divided, one part coming down the front side of the house tearing off the weather boarding and shingling the corner post, the other part coming down the rear of the house tearing a hole in the roof of the kitchen four feet across. Mr. Jones was in the kitchen just starting out after a bucket of water. The lightning ran down his right sleeve. His hair was burnt and crisped and the skin of his neck was left in a bright red condition. The outside of his right leg was blistered and the inside left a bright red—like his neck. The leg of his pants was torn into shreds.

Lumberton Robesonian: John Niven, a negro, put on the chain gang for stealing whiskey, was shot yesterday by one of his keepers, while threatening to escape. Some time ago while at work at Red Springs, he cut his foot, purposely, it is said, and has been since in jail, until Saturday morning when he was taken to Jackson Square. His keeper, Mr. W. D. Pratte, the keeper, has them at work. Yesterday morning, according to our information, Niven, with an axe held behind, began moving away from the other members of the gang and was held by Mr. Pratte. He said no attention to the order given and Mr. Pratte advanced as if to stop him. He moved as if to strike and Mr. Pratte's son thinking his father in danger raised his rifle and fired. The bullet entered the abdomen and passed through the body.

Whitford-Williams. (Correspondence of The Messenger.) Warsaw, N. C., March 20. On Wednesday evening at 5:30 o'clock at the hospitable home of the bride's father, Mr. R. J. Williams, was witnessed one of the prettiest weddings we have had in this community for years, when his beautiful and cultured daughter, Miss Katie Maye, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. D. W. Whitford, of New Bern, N. C. The eastern parlor was handsomely decorated in southern smilax and palms. At the appointed hour, to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, touchingly rendered by Miss Carrie Hussey, the Rev. R. Murphy Williams entered, followed by the groom and his best man, Mr. Joe Williams.

Then came the bride, with her maid of honor, Miss Ella Williams, and joined the groom at the altar, where they were made one by the beautiful and impressive marriage ceremony of the Presbyterian church. The bride was attired in white silk mull, over white silk, and carried white carnations and ferns. The maid of honor wore white organdy, and carried La France roses.

After hearty congratulations from the assembled guests, the doors of the dining room were thrown open, and an elegant and sumptuous supper served. The bride and groom were the recipients of many handsome and costly presents. Miss Laura Whitford, cousin of the groom, came from the Normal and Industrial college to attend the wedding. After spending a few days with Mr. Whitford's parents, the bride and groom will take in the Charleston exposition.

STATE SOIL TEST FARM Inspected by Expert of the Federal Agricultural Department—Move for Consolidation of Public Schools. Greensboro for Place of Next Democratic State Convention.

Messenger Bureau, Raleigh, N. C., March 21. With the return of fine weather the farmers are again very hard at work. The sales of fertilizers continue very heavy.

Mr. Hitchcock, of the soil section of the United States agricultural department, is today at the soil test farm near Tarboro and will also visit the one near Red Springs. He is accompanied by State Chemist Kilgore.

Near the Falls of Neuse, in this county, John Quincy Adams was murdered by John Nipper. The news came to the coroner by telephone and the coroner was sent there.

The state charters the Linwood Manufacturing Company, of Linwood, Davidson county, capital \$6,000, to make any and all articles made of wood, veneerings, etc.

Chief Clerk John Duckett, of the office of the state superintendent of public instruction, this evening delivered an address before the large public school at Cary, in which he made the declaration that the state must reverse its public school policy, in that it must take the children to the schools instead of taking the schools to the children; that is, must consolidate the schools, thus permitting better buildings, a more thorough course and more attractive surroundings.

There is undoubtedly a widespread movement to have the next democratic state convention meet at Greensboro instead of Raleigh. The Greensboro people are working like beavers to effect this. They are working on each member of the democratic state committee. Ex-Judge W. R. Allen, of Goldsboro, who is here while in charge of Raleigh as the place, yet he thinks the convention will go to Greensboro. Chief Justice Francis T. Nicholls, of Louisiana, accepts an invitation to deliver an address before the State Bar Association.

IN MAN'S ATTIRE. A Woman for Years Posing as a Married Man.

Petersburg, Va., March 21.—Etrick, a small manufacturing village upon this city, had a genuine sensation today in the discovery that John Green, a person who has posed before the world for thirty-five years as a married man, was a woman. She died this morning, from a complication of diseases, in the 75th year of her age, and the discovery was made by neighbors who were called in to prepare the remains for burial. The wife in the partnership survives. The women came to the village from Raleigh, N. C., about two months ago, and belong to the laboring class.

GENERAL MILES' CASE DISCUSSED AT CABINET MEETING, BUT NO ACTION TAKEN. AWAITING FULL INFORMATION.

The President to Investigate the Case—Question of the General's Remarks to the Committee Being Privileged—Whether or Not, the President to Soon Take Action for His Retirement—Roosevelt Tired of the Continual Friction in the Army—Miles' Fall Statement Not to Appear in the Record.

Washington, March 21.—At the cabinet meeting today the publications relating to the statements made by General Miles before the senate committee yesterday were brought up, but consideration of them was postponed until all the facts in the matter became known. Whatever intentions the president had with respect to the treatment to be accorded General Miles, his future action will be somewhat influenced by the fact that General Miles' statement before the senate committee has been represented to him as being privileged. The president proposes to read the testimony given at the hearing and to consult with different members of the committee on military affairs before finally announcing what he proposes to do.

It is significant that long after the cabinet meeting adjourned Secretary Root and the attorney general were closeted with the president. The president is known to have stated that he was tired of the friction in the army and whether it is decided that General Miles' statement was privileged or not, will at no distant day take action looking to his retirement. In discussing the matter today with his callers, among whom were senators and representatives, the president took the position that the lieutenant general of the army should entertain toward his superiors the same respect that he would expect and demand from his subordinates.

The printed testimony of General Miles has not yet been made public, and it is understood that it will be submitted to him for approval. It is understood that a great deal of what the general said will not appear in the record. Members of the committee say the report published yesterday afternoon was correct in substance in every particular. At the same time these senators do not agree that General Miles can be punished for his utterances before the committee, whether they appear in the record or not. Of course the committee could take no action to prevent the reprinting of General Miles. That, under the law, is purely an executive act and needs no confirmation or approval of the senate.

LAST OF THE SCHLEY CASE. House Naval Affairs Committee Refuses to Take Up the Matter.

Washington, March 21.—The house committee on naval affairs, by a vote of 7 to 4, today adopted a resolution concurring in the conclusions of President Roosevelt as to terminating the agitation of the Schley controversy and indefinitely postponing all bills and resolutions on the subject. The report of the sub-committee as adopted gives all the various resolutions which have been introduced and says: "Your sub-committee, in their report to the house in relation to Rear Admiral Schley were referred has had the same under consideration and presents the following report thereon: "The unfortunate controversy in connection with the Santiago campaign, which attracted wide public attention and has been the subject of four official inquiries and investigations, viz: By President McKinley; by the United States court of claims; by the naval court of inquiry, asked for by Admiral Schley, and by President Roosevelt on appeal from the finding of the naval court of inquiry."

"President Roosevelt concluded his finding in the following words: "In concluding their report to the members of the court of inquiry, Admirals Dewey, Benham and Ramsey, united in stating that they recommended that no further action be had in the matter. This recommendation I most heartily concur. There is no excuse whatever from either side for any further agitation of this unhappy controversy. To keep it alive would merely do damage to the navy and to the country."

"Your sub-committee having in view the interest of the American navy and all concerned fully concurs in the conclusions expressed in the words of President Roosevelt above quoted. "We, therefore, recommend that further consideration of said bills and resolutions be indefinitely postponed and that no further action be taken thereon."

The vote was on party lines, except that Mr. Mudd, of Maryland, voted with the democrats against adopting the report. Prior to the disposition of the subject, Mr. Mudd moved a favorable report on his resolution giving the thanks of congress to Admiral Schley and the officers and men who served with him in the battle of Santiago. This was lost by a vote of 4 to 7.

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PATRICK-RICE MURDER CASE. The Evidence Closed—Arguments to Begin Tuesday.

New York, March 21.—The prosecution of the trial of Albert P. Patrick, accused of the murder of William M. Rice, closed its presentation of rebuttal evidence today and court was adjourned until Monday, when the addresses of the defendant's counsel will be made. Tuesday will be given to the prosecution and Recorder Goff will sum up on Wednesday.

Mr. Moore, of Patrick's counsel, moved that the district attorney be compelled to say on which of the ten counts of the indictment against Patrick he asked conviction, but the motion was denied.

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A CHICAGO SENSATION A CLUE TO THE BIG POSTOFFICE ROBBERY OF LAST YEAR.

Chicago, March 21.—As a result of what seemed a common shooting yesterday the police have become suddenly active and are today bending their energies to connect Joseph Hopkins, the injured man, with the \$75,000 postoffice robbery of last summer.

Hopkins was shot by "Dan" Kipley, a nephew of former Chief of Police Kipley, and himself a former detective, yesterday in a flat occupied by Lillie Arlington otherwise known as "Diamond Lill." Kipley, who, with woman is under arrest, claims self defense.

At St. Luke's hospital today Hopkins' condition was said to be critical. Following the shooting it developed that Hopkins had been leading a "Jekyll-Hyde existence." He was identified, according to the police, as a bank robber and burglar of national notoriety, but in Palos park where he had a cosy little home in a secluded spot sheltered by trees, it was found that he had a reputation as a dispenser of charities, a giver to the church and a man of standing in society. His wife's standing was also of the best, but when she was brought into the police station policemen claim to have recognized her as a woman they had known as "Blonde Marie."

Kipley while in his cell told a friend that Hopkins was a man for whom the police had been searching in connection with the postoffice robbery. What the connection is has not been made plain, but it is pointed out that Hopkins is an electrician, and that the holes drilled in the bottoms of the safes in the postoffice were by tools receiving power from some electrical device. An attempt to search the house yesterday failed because no search warrant had been taken out. The warrant was secured today.

The search of the Hopkins house brought to light a kit of burglars' tools, but nothing was discovered showing that Hopkins had anything to do with the postoffice robbery. Papers giving directions for blowing safes and some dynamite and nitro-glycerine were also found on the premises. Hopkins claims the explosives were used in clearing land.

THE WALLER COURT-MARTIAL. Court Assumes Jurisdiction—Testimony as to Eleven Filipino Shot by Major Waller's Order.

Manila, March 21.—The court martial appointed to try Major Litterton W. Waller and Lieutenant John H. A. Day, of the marine corps, on the charge of executing natives of the island of Samar without trial, after receiving a communication from General Chaffee, today decided that it had jurisdiction in the case and proceeded to try the accused officers.

Major Waller pleaded "not guilty" to the charge of murder, but admitted eleven men had been killed. Captain Robert H. Dunlap, of the marine corps, testified that he received information from Lieutenant Gridley and Sergeant Quick regarding the arrival at Cargadores of prisoners who while on the march across the island, ate roots and parts of plants and refused to assist the marines by giving them their food. He reported the facts to Major Waller, who was lying on a cot and who ordered Lieutenant Day to take the prisoners and have them shot. The witness said Major Waller was not excited and had personally expressed that the men should be shot.

Captain Arthur T. Marix, of the marine corps, representing Major Waller, objected to the testimony of Dr. Love regarding the sanity of Waller at the time, claiming that his fitness for duty was a matter for the defense alone. He conceded that Major Waller gave the orders while in his right sense.

A MIGHTY BOOMERANG. Disastrous Results to the Imperial Tobacco Company From Its Efforts to Boycott the American Tobacco Company.

London, March 21.—At a meeting of the Edinburgh Association of Retail Tobacconists today, a resolution was adopted, unanimously declining to sign the Imperial Tobacco Company's agreement not to sell American goods for a term of years, but expressing willingness, if the minimum price is raised so as to allow a fair profit to dealers, to do what is possible, bonus or no bonus, for the sake of British goods. The chairman declared that no one, outside of a lunatic asylum would sign such an agreement which would make them the servants of the Imperial Tobacco Company. While the Americans offered a large bonus, no restrictions were placed upon the dealers.

The Belfast tobacco dealers, at a meeting today, decided to accept the American proposition. The feeling among the London tobacconists, exemplified at a big meeting held this afternoon to consider the rival bonus schemes, was one of bitter opposition to the boycotting clause of the Imperial Tobacco Company, which was described as arbitrary and unjust.

Ultimately the London tobacconists, after a long discussion, passed a resolution, unanimously refusing to sign the Imperial Tobacco Company's agreement as being unfair to the dealers and un-English.

The retailers were not content with rejecting the proposed boycott of American tobacco, but went a step further, passing a resolution to support any manufacturer willing to guarantee, on proprietary articles, a minimum profit to the retailer of 20 per cent. on tobacco to 25 per cent. on cigarettes. The speakers bitterly denounced the British combine, declared the latter had out-ripped the American, and said that its recent action would only result in forcing the remaining independent tobacco concerns in England into the arms of the Americans.

The resolutions were adopted with much cheering, mingled with groans for the Imperial concern.