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WILMINGTON, N. C. SUNDAY, MAY 2, 1897.

The Tennessee Centennial Opened. Nashville, Tenn., May 1.—The Tennessee centennial exposition was thrown open to the world today under auspicious skies and amid impressive ceremonies.

At 8 o'clock the gates of the exposition were opened and the people began to arrive. By 11 o'clock, the hour fixed for the exercises in the auditorium, that building holding 6,000 people, was filled.

The speaker for the occasion, William H. Stanger, a prominent member of parliament, will probably be a magnificent chess board. The newspapers continue their comments and articles on the Canadian tariff and its effect on British trade.

President John W. Thomas at 11 o'clock with a historical gear, rapped for order and Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Gaylor, co-adjutor bishop of Tennessee, offered prayer.

Chief Justice Snodgrass, W. M. McCarthy, John Thompson, speaker of the state senate, and Morgan C. Fitzpatrick, speaker of the house of representatives, delivered brief addresses.

The exercises in the auditorium ended and the people gathered around the immense fountain representing electricity, built by Moretti, to witness the ceremony of its presentation to and acceptance by Mrs. V. L. Kirkman, president of the woman's board.

Governor Taylor introduced Mrs. Kirkman in a brief and happy speech, Mrs. Kirkman briefly accepting the honor, touched the button and the waters gushed forth.

Distinguished Guests Arriving. New York, May 1.—Today's steamers brought a number of distinguished gentlemen who will represent foreign governments in the international postal congress which assemblies in Washington next week.

Our action will depend upon circumstances," said Mr. Hart, "and it is impossible at this time to discuss the probable outcome of our visit to this country. China has really only just started her postal department and although it works admirably well, it cannot tell what additional facilities the development of our system may require.

Washington, May 1.—President McKinley at noon today received the new Chinese minister, Mr. Wu Tingfang. The Blue parlor of the White House. Mr. Fang, accompanied by three secretaries and the retiring minister, Mr. Yang Yu, accompanied by two secretaries, drove over to the White house with Secretary of State Sherman and Assistant Secretary Rockwell.

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INTERNATIONAL CHESS, CHARLOTTE CHESS.

The Proposed Game Between British and American Legislators—Britishers Jubilant Over Canadian Tariff Bill. (Copyright by Associated Press.) London, May 1.—John Henniker Heaton, M. P., confirms the statement that a cable message has been sent to Washington suggesting May 6th or May 11th as suitable days for the chess match between teams of the British house of commons and the United States house of representatives. It is believed the British team would prefer to place the latter day. A beautiful trophy will be given to the winners by a prominent member of parliament, who will probably be a magnificent chess board.

The chess match continues to be the all-absorbing topic of interest in Charlotte, and both sides are now making supreme efforts to get their forces in line for the final battle at the polls next Monday. The past week, politically, has been rather devoid of any notable incidents. Several pugilistic encounters have occurred between certain elements of the two opposing factions, but with the exception of a few black eyes and battered cheeks, no harm has been done in these little "encounters." In fact they have been altogether more amusing than serious.

The pessimistic citizen is now abroad in the land crying that the present contest will work to the injury of Charlotte's prestige, by drawing attention to the croaking of such men. Charlotte, like all other cities, has her little interior political disturbances, but when you win, you will find our citizens standing shoulder to shoulder pushing with greater energy than ever before in their efforts to land the city and prosper.

CLOSING SERVICES. Of the Westminster Meeting—Fine Discourse and Beautiful Music—A First-Class Show—Notes. (Correspondence of The Messenger.) Fayetteville, N. C., May 1.

Your correspondent would leave his task but half done if he failed to give The Messenger readers Thursday night's closing exercises of the Westminster commemorative meeting. Hon. C. D. McIver failed to attend, but Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill, in his stead, delivered an address on the Westminster assembly—its objects and its beneficent results—which alike did honor to his requirements as an historical student, his erudition as a theologian, and his power as a public speaker. It was, from first to last, a masterly effort.

The choir music, with Mrs. Hall as organist, was exceptionally fine throughout the whole services; strangers were delighted, and expressed the opinion that it could be equalled nowhere else in the state. The Chlora Fire Company benefit at the opera house last night went through with splendid success. The performers were Messrs. Woodmansee, Brandt, Page, Gaster, Shaw, Sidney, Weber, Robinson, Atkinson, Matthews, Monaghan, Clark, McIver, Preston, Weisiger, Burns and Hall, and they served a bill-of-fare full of exquisite tid-bits from first to last—clean, wholesome, fun, stirring music, and especially, an excellent athletic performance by Messrs. Brandt, Page, Shaw and Sydney. Captain J. D. McNeill, the manager, is laurel-crowned today with plaudits. Miss Kate Williams was the charming pianist. It is said that the troupe may visit Wilmington. If so, don't be afraid if they are up-to-date; not at all amateurish, and will give you your money's worth.

Two Persons Burned to Death. Detroit, Mich., May 1.—Two persons were burned to death and two others seriously burned in a comparatively small conflagration at 5 o'clock this evening. The burned structure was a two-story frame building occupied by E. H. Heidel's bakery. Lizzie Sing, aged 20 years, and her brother, Anthony, aged 5, were caught in a back room whence they could not reach any means of egress, and before help arrived they had burned to death.

Champion Swordsman. New York, May 1.—Charles G. Bothner was declared amateur fencing champion of the United States tonight at the annual fencing bouts held at the New York Athletic Club. To him was awarded a handsome gold medal. The winner in the foil contest was Charles G. Bothner, who also was the winner for duelling swords.

A Hog Abattor Burned. New York, May 1.—The hog abattor of J. B. Bartlett & Co., in Jersey City, was burned tonight, entering a loss of \$400. The fire spread to Kinsel & Co's dry dock, and a trestle and six cars of the Jersey Central railroad and did \$20,000 additional damage.

May Day in Europe. Budapest, May 1.—A number of workmen here today attempted a May day manifestation in the streets in spite of the prohibition of the authorities. They were dispersed by the police.

A Socialist Parade. New York, May 1.—Three thousand persons marched in the socialist May day parade tonight. Conspicuous among them were women and girls. The procession disbanded at Union square, where speeches were delivered to a large crowd.

No Sunday Base Ball. Cleveland, Ohio, May 1.—Mayor McKisson announced today that, owing to the fact that he had been called upon as an official by many citizens to enforce the statute prohibiting the playing of base ball on Sunday, he will not allow league games to be played here on Sunday.

Banquet to Minister Bucky. Atlanta, Ga., May 1.—Colonel Albert E. Buckner, newly appointed minister to Japan, was honored tonight with a farewell banquet, tendered to him by his friends in this city. Politics cut no figure in the affair, and members of all parties mingled together in wishing the new minister success and happiness.

Senator Earle Ill. Greenville, S. C., May 1.—Senator Joseph H. Earle's physician pronounced him today seriously ill. He is suffering from kidney troubles, which, according to some of the state organizations will act alone this summer, either by preference or from lack of a nearby neighbor.

Summer Programme for Naval Reserves. Washington, May 1.—Lieutenant Gibbons, charged with the arrangements for the summer drills of the naval militia, is now busy in completing the programme for each state. The department has encouraged the encampment of the militia from the adjacent states in groups, and the states have fallen in with the idea in most instances, though some of the state organizations will act alone this summer, either by preference or from lack of a nearby neighbor.

Free Silver Baking Powder. The enormous sale of this popular goods is attracting attention everywhere. Mr. W. I. Jones, state agent, is in the city, and will begin Monday, to leave a coupon in every house, entitling the holder to a 1/2 pound package of this goods free, which will convince all consumers as to its unequalled leavening quality. Retailers who will do well to get their order in at once.

The North Carolina Sorosis.

The New York Times of April 11th says: One of the most interesting visitors at Sorosis last Monday was Mrs. Gertrude Jenkins Howell, president of the North Carolina Sorosis. Mrs. Howell was interesting personally, but the enthusiasm with which she told the members of the mother Sorosis of the work of her namesake was particularly attractive. The North Carolina club is only two years old, and it does not know much about club life outside of its own membership, but it is working earnestly to do something that is worth while. Its ambitions are unlimited. It is a department club, having an art, home, science, and literary department. "We are not writing papers, so it is more difficult," said Mrs. Howell. "We are not supposed, though, to write papers. We are supposed to speak extemporaneously, so some of the members have learned to speak by heart, so as not to be obliged to refer to notes. We hope our next year to do something about street cleaning. As things are now we please refuse from the house out on the street, and the next thing we know, it is any kind of a respectable box or barrel, the darkies have carried it off, and emptied its contents upon the street."

The club recently had its first debate upon the social question, which reads: "Resolved, That the mistress, and not the servant, is responsible for the present imperfect system of housekeeping." All sorts of subjects connected with the home have been discussed in the most practical manner, and as a result, practically as possible. This was illustrated at the last meeting. The members treated respectively the subjects, "Analysis of Food," "What Do We Eat?" and "What is Dyspepsia?" The latter subject was given to a member who is a great sufferer from dyspeptic throes, and it was thought she could best answer the question.

May Party by Miss Lord's Dancing School. Miss Lord's dancing school closed the season yesterday with a delightful May pole dance at Hibernian hall. The hall was prettily decorated with roses, honeysuckle and ivy. The festivities began at 5 p. m., and came to an end at 7 p. m., with everybody charmed with the affair. Mrs. F. Anrum Lord presided at the piano and her skillful playing contributed wonderfully to the success of the frolic. Fifty couples participated in the dancing and opened the frolic with the May pole dance. By vote of the boys, Miss Nora Angel was chosen as May Queen, and she chose Master Benjamin Bell as her king. The queen was graceful and lovely, and the king was truly loyal.

Pupils from 3 to 19 years old participated in the frolic, and were both charming and astonishing to see how expertly and gracefully they all danced. Miss Lord certainly deserves congratulation upon the splendid exhibition her pupils made at her accomplishments at her hands. She has 60 pupils in her school, and the session will terminate on Friday the 30th inst. She will suspend for the summer and will resume her school in October.

Memorial Day. Monday of next week is the 10th of May and is Memorial Day, the occasion when the memories of the heroes of the lost cause are honored by those who loved them and admired them for their valor and glorious achievements. By invitation the distinguished Rev. Dr. J. William Jones, of Virginia, will be the orator, and the Rev. W. L. Cunningham, will act as chaplain. Captain G. W. Huggins has been selected as chief marshal and has appointed as assistants, Dr. J. C. Shepard, Colonel W. R. Kenan, Captain James I. Metts, Mr. Jesse Wilder, Mr. R. P. Hamme, Mr. O. M. Fillyaw, Mr. A. D. Brown, Mr. Clayton Giles, Mr. P. H. Smith and Mr. P. Heinsberger.

Storm Warning Message. The following message was received at this office for the information of the public: Washington, May 1. Hoist northwest storm signals at 2:45 p. m. for Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington, Morehead, Washington. A storm central in western North Carolina, moving slowly to the east, is being caught by high northwesterly winds on the south Atlantic coast tonight.

Exports of corn from Norfolk for the week ending May 1st were 149,856 bushels.

Will Not Perform Miracles But It Will Cure. Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine. Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine. I feel that I am not a man of words, but of deeds. I have been a sufferer for years with nervous prostration. Not miraculously, but scientifically, by first removing the germs of disease, and then supplying healthy nerve food, increasing the appetite, helping digestion and strengthening the entire system. Desperate cases require prolonged treatment as shown by that of Mrs. M. B. Reed, of Delta, Iowa, who writes: "As the result of a lightning stroke, the physicians said I had a light stroke of paralysis, my limbs would all draw up. I should have shruggings in my chest that seemed unbearable. For three months I could not sleep and for three weeks did not close my eyes. I prayed for sleep, and felt that if I could not sleep I would be dead or insane. I took Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and the second night slept two hours and from that time on my health improved; slowly at first, but steadily and surely. I took in all 40 bottles, and I cannot express how grateful I am, for I am now perfectly well, and have taken no medicine for over four months. Dr. Miles' Nervine is sold by druggists on guarantee that first bottle benefits or money refunded." Book on heart and nerves free. Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

Incidents of the Grant Memorial. In the carriage with General Gordon, there was a wreath of evergreens and roses, with crossed swords and an inscription in scarlet, "General Gordon, Son of Confederates." As General Gordon was driven to his place on the boulevard, he was recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic men ranged along the sidewalks and by the some of confederates and many southern and northern citizens. The greetings between General Gordon and his former antagonists were especially cordial. Many a union veteran stepped up and shook hands and said: "I've seen you before, general, when I wasn't so glad to see you."

There stood on a long board, supported by two barrels, three negroes black as the ace of spades. Two of them were in overalls; the third had made a slight attempt at dressing up and wore a pair of mouse colored trousers below a jumper. The board went under them slightly and was just a bit springy. The wind seemed to blow down and up the drive at the same time when something came along which was as good as hot coffee to them. It was a band, and it was playing "Dixie." It was just what they wanted, and in a second all three were giving a clog dance which would have been a credit to a finished minstrel performer. The band bent and creaked under them and the barrels were momentarily in danger of giving from under them, but the dancers kept on unmindful, clapping their hands to the music of the band and the band was out of hearing and they had to stop.

THE MADSTONE. The Claims of Medicinal Qualities for it Shown to be Without Foundation—Large Quarries of Such Stone Near Kinston, N. C. (Correspondence of The Messenger.) Southport, N. C., May 1.

In numerous state papers, recently, the so-called "madstones" has been discussed and some editors have had temerity to doubt the efficacy of this hory-headed old superstition. It takes a rather bold man to "beard the lion in his den" or to tackle a time-honored old fraud like the madstone.

It seems to be a part of human nature to believe the marvellous, any how, rather than the reasonable and commonplace things of life. Sharp quacks make fortunes out of this weakness of mankind in the sale of their worthless nostrums or appliances, with long and scientific names. If they can get the confidence of a buyer in the virtues of their medicines or electric humbug, then half the battle will be won.

Most of the so-called "madstones" examined are bits of porous fossil limestone. They have a strong affinity for water or liquids, absorbing a large quantity, which afterwards evaporates, leaving it ready to suck up more. If applied to a fresh bite of a dog it will undoubtedly absorb some of the water, blood or virus which may come in contact with it, in the same way that any dry and porous substance, like blotting paper, would do. Further than that the madstone has no effect, except on the nerves and imagination of the patient. It is through the imagination the stone does its work, for not one dog in a thousand, which snaps at somebody, is "mad" or affected with rabies, some times called hydrophobia.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC That I am still at the Old Stand with a FULL LINE OF CLAY SERGES Blue and Black with the Stamp on it. English Cheviots, Worsted & Trousers Ready for inspection and selection. Call and examine same. Prices lower than ever. Satisfaction guaranteed. F. H. Krahnke. ap 18 11

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J. H. BOATWRIGHT & SON, Agents Assignee's Sale. BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED AND ENTERTAINED for the purchase of the balance of stock of Furniture of Sneed & Co., conveyed to me by deed of trust made March 27th, 1897, and remaining unsold. Also for the purchase of a lot of doubtful accounts. Inventory of stock and accounts can be seen at the office of the assignee, the Superior Court at the Court House in Wilmington, and also at store No. 118 Market street, where purchasers may ascertain what portion has been sold. Bidders will present their bids to the undersigned on or before May 6th, 1897, at 12 o'clock m. JOHN D. BELLAMY, Jr., ap 25 3 eod Assignee Sneed & Co.

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