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SYNOD TO MEET IN HICKORY NEXT YEAR

Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina in Session at Greensboro Last Week Chooses This City as Next Meeting Place.

Greensboro, Oct. 10.—The one-hundredth annual session of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina adjourned this afternoon after a four-days session, one of the best and most progressive in its history. The next meeting will be with the Presbyterian Church at Hickory Oct. 10-11, 1914. Gastonia and Red Springs also asked for the next session, but Hickory easily won over both competitors.

Many things have combined to make the session of the Synod which closed tonight memorable. Chief among these was the observance of the centennial of the organization at historic old Alamance Church.

No other session has had such splendid reports of progress and increase in giving. Nearly 2,000 members have been added to Churches in the missionary work and there have been more than 3,000 conversions. The increase in gifts to missions has been tremendous. More than \$30,000 increase in contributions to foreign missions and more than \$50,000 increase for home missions is reported, with nearly a \$50,000 increase in amount for Church extension. In addition to this the amount of \$57,000 was raised by Rev. R. Murphy Williams for the Barium Springs Orphanage.

The selections by the Synod quartet, composed of Messrs. J. G. Carth, L. R. Yandle, W. M. Walsh and J. E. Berryhill, have been thoroughly enjoyed by the audiences. All were gifted singers.

Trial of Tom Watson to Begin Next Week.

Augusta, Ga., Oct. 12.—Thomas E. Watson, editor, author and nominee of the People's party for the presidency of the United States in 1904 will be tried in the United States District court here during the week beginning October 20 on a charge of sending obscene matter through the mails.

The charges against Watson resulted from the publication of articles in two of his magazines denouncing the Roman Catholic church. In one of these articles he referred to the church beliefs as "the most profligate of pagan religion." The articles were published in Watson's Jeffersonian of the July 1911 issue, and in Watson's Magazine of the issues of April and May, 1912. Their caption was "The Roman Catholic Hierarchy; the Deadest Menace to Our Liberties and Our Civilization."

Rushes Back to Capital.

Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 12.—Declaring that developments in the Mexican situation demanded his immediate presence at Washington, Secretary Bryan here today delivered an address; left hurriedly for the Capitol today. The Secretary would not elaborate upon the cause of his unexpected departure.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan had intended to leave tonight for East Radford, Va., and spend Monday as guests of ex-Governor Tyler there.

Editor Calls for Help.

My friend, help the editor in his wild-eyed search for news. When your friends come to see you, if you are not ashamed of it tell him; when your wife gives a tea party, if you have recovered from the effects of the gossip, drop in with the news; when a new baby arrives, fill your pockets with cigars and call; if you go to a party, steal some of the good things and leave them at our sanctum—Barnell (Mo.) Sentinel.

Avoid Sedative Cough Medicines.

If you want to contribute directly to the occurrence of capillary bronchitis and pneumonia use cough medicines that contain codeine, morphine, heroin and other sedatives when you have a cough or cold. An expectorant like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is what is needed. That cleans out the culture beds or breeding places for the germs of pneumonia and other germ diseases. That is why pneumonia never results from a cold when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is used. It has a world wide reputation for its cures. It contains no morphine or other sedative. For sale by Grimes Drug Co. & Moser & Lutz. adv.

Dangerous Practice.

"He was in the habit of walking home nights along the railroad tracks," says a newspaper account of the death of a minister of the gospel who was recently killed by a freight train near a Georgia city. A college graduate, a man far above the average in intelligence, and a useful citizen, yet this man by his daily habits, formed probably because the railroad track offered smoother walking than the public road, did nothing less than invite the fate which finally overtook him.

Commenting on this dangerous practice the Atlanta Journal says editorially:

"The loss of fourteen lives in a wreck would loom forth as a national horror; yet statistics show that there is an average of fourteen deaths every day caused by the dangerous custom of walking on railroad tracks or otherwise trespassing on such property. It is estimated, indeed, that in this manner occur more than half the fatalities incident to railroads in the United States; and the majority of the persons thus killed are not tramps but children and valued citizens.

"The time has come when the public should take serious note of this record with its grim warning to all who are accustomed to use railroad tracks as a common highway. The transportation companies are exerting themselves to end this peril and the Interstate Commerce Commission has spoken to the same purpose. After all, however, it is upon the individual that responsibility must rest; it is popular sentiment and popular judgment that must correct this evil. Five thousand lives a year is a terrible sacrifice to carelessness. It can be reduced and prevented only through individual recognition of the great risk in walking on a railroad track.

"This matter should now be of peculiar concern to the South where railway traffic is fast increasing. In Georgia and neighboring states many more trains are in operation today than ten or even five years ago and their number is continually multiplying. The danger to pedestrians who venture on the tracks is accordingly more and more serious. It is far better to stick to the muddiest highway or the roughest woodland path than to take the deadly chance of following a railroad track simply because the latter affords easier walking.

"Much emphasis is now laid on the need of greater caution in the traffic of crowded cities but it is scarcely less important to remember that in rural districts and in the open country there lies a constant jeopardy of life to everyone who walks on a railroad track."

Bonds Sold.

The last half of the Hickory Township road bonds were sold at the County Commissioners meeting in Newton last week to a Toledo, Ohio, firm. These bonds bear six per cent interest and run for twenty years. The Catawba County News says that no bids were received for the Newton Township bonds which are thirty-year bonds and bear five per cent interest.

Women Who Get Dizzy

Every woman who is troubled with fainting and dizzy spells, headache, weakness, debility, constipation or kidney troubles should use Electric Bitters. They give relief when nothing else will, improve the health adding strength and vigor from the first dose. Mrs. Laura Gaines, of Avoca, La., says: "Four doctors had given me up and my children and all my friends were looking for me to die, when my son insisted that I use Electric Bitters. I did so, and they have done me a world of good." Just try them. 50c and \$1.00 at all druggists or by mail, H. E. Bucklen & Co. Philadelphia or St. Louis. adv.

Hour of Meeting Changed.

We are requested to state that hereafter the city council will hold their regular meeting beginning at 7 o'clock, p. m., instead of 8 o'clock as formerly.

A Gentle and Effective Laxative.

A mild, gentle and effective laxative is what people demand when suffering from constipation. Thousands swear by Dr. King's New Life Pills. Hugh Tallman, of San Antonio, Tex., writes: "They are, beyond question, the best pills my wife and I have ever taken. They never cause pain. Price 25c. at druggists, or by mail, H. E. Bucklen & Co. Philadelphia or St. Louis. adv."

LENOIR WOMAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Mrs. Chloe Crump attempted suicide at her home in Lenoir last week by firing a pistol ball into her right temple. Fortunately for her the pistol was pointed in a slanting direction and the ball ranged around the brain. A physician was called and attended to her wound but she is in a precarious condition.

The attempted suicide was without warning to members of the family and several causes have been assigned for her desperate act at self-destruction. She has been married twice, and besides the elopement of her first husband, who is now living in the West somewhere, she has been having trouble lately with her second husband. Some time ago, he left her, ostensibly to find work and then he was sent for her; but he so far has failed to send for her, and he also carried their only child along with him. All these things are said to have preyed on her mind, and these in conjunction with the brooding over the separation from her child, are assigned as the cause for her attempted self-destruction. At times she is rational, and she expresses a desire to die because of her troubles.

Mrs. Crump has for some time been living with her son, Hayward Jenkins, and she has always borne a splendid reputation, but has been unfortunate in her marriages.

At the Reformed Church Next Sunday.

At the morning service a class from the Orphanage at Crescent will be present and the service will be under the direction of Mrs. Bell. Remember this service will begin at 10:30 instead of 11, the usual hour.

At night the pastor will preach upon the subject, "What I Believe." He has received a letter asking him the following questions:

(a)—Do you believe in the doctrine of the fall? (b)—Do you believe in substitutionary Atonement? (c)—Do you believe in the doctrine of eternal punishment? (d)—Do you believe in the plenary inspiration of the Scriptures?

These questions will be answered in the sermon next Sunday night.

Preferred Death to Roads.

Succumbing to the ravages of concentrated lye, drunk three months ago because he preferred death to serving a sentence, on the roads of Robeson County, Jesse Hayes died in the penitentiary last week. He was brought to the State prison September 17, after it was evident that he would not recover sufficiently to be of any service as a road prisoner in Robeson County.

Paint Now.

If your property needs it; don't wait. There are two parts of a job: the paint and the work; the work is more than the paint; and it never comes down.

The cost of paint is about two-fifths; the work three-fifths.

Paint won't come down in a hurry; too many jobs put-off.

Men are waiting for \$2 or \$3; they don't know it; they think they are waiting for \$20 or \$25.

Why don't men use their heads?

DEVOE F. B. Ingold, sells it. adv.

An A. B. C. Curiosity.

The following paragraph is made up of twenty-six words, each beginning with a different letter of the alphabet:

A boy certainly does enjoy fun greatly. He incites joy, keeps laughing, makes noise or plays quite riotously, seeming to unceasingly vibrate with excessive youthful zest.

The Family Cough Medicine

In every home there should be a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, ready for intermediate use when any member of the family contracts a cold or a cough. Prompt use will stop the spread of sickness. S. A. Stid, of Mason, Mich., writes: "My whole family depends upon Dr. King's New Discovery as the best cough and cold medicine in the world. I was 50c. cured me of pneumonia." Thousands of other families have been equally benefited and depend entirely upon Dr. King's New Discovery to cure their coughs, colds, throat and lung troubles. Every dose helps. Price, 50c and \$1.00. All druggists. H. E. Bucklen & Co. Philadelphia or St. Louis. adv.

A NOVEL HOME-COMING ENTERTAINMENT.

Mrs. Robinson's Boys Furnish a Reception in Honor of the "Coming Back" of Their Highly Esteemed and Honored "Mother".

It is no secret to the people of Hickory that the young men who have long made their home with Mrs. John W. Robinson, look upon her in the light of "Mother" more than as merely performing the function of furnishing them with rooms and board. It is Mrs. Robinson's custom every year to take a vacation during the month of September, the boys remaining in their rooms, but taking their meals elsewhere. It is not at all necessary to state that the termination of this vacation is anxiously waited on by them.

Mrs. Robinson ended her vacation this year by a trip to the Knoxville Exposition, where she was royally welcomed and entertained by Mr. Reynolds, one of her old "boys". Upon learning of her return, the boys here got busy and prepared an entertainment and home-coming for her at her own home. Realizing the necessity of having some help in the preparation of the dinner, they called to their assistance Mrs. M. M. Thompson and Miss Marjorie Whitener, the former to act as mistress of ceremonies and the latter as assistant.

Upon the arrival of No. 12 on Wednesday an automobile was waiting at the depot, and Mrs. Robinson was ceremoniously escorted to the car and taken to her home, where she received such a welcome that she certainly made her feel that she occupied a warm place in the hearts of her "boys". In preparing the menu there was no limit to the selection of food, and the good lady was so overwhelmed with attentions that in her efforts to show her appreciation of the feast, it was feared that Dr. "Jake" would have to be called in shortly after the last course.

Following the dinner, Mrs. Robinson on her part became the hostess and entertained her company by telling her experiences while away, and those who know her can appreciate how well that would be done, as she is not only a close observer but a good conversationalist. Following this instrumental and vocal music was enjoyed, and the event closed with mutual good wishes and fellowship. Those present were: Mesdames Jno. Robinson, and M. M. Thompson, Misses Marjorie Whitener, Nancy Robinson, and Messrs. J. H. Southworth, W. I. Caldwell, C. E. Abernethy, C. W. Cloninger, Marvin Sherrill, and W. H. Robertson.

THE SCHOOL A SOCIAL CENTER

Every school house in Catawba County should be a social center for the district in which it is located. It should be the gathering place for the social, intellectual and industrial life of the whole community.

Here should be held Lecture Courses, Literary and Agricultural Society Meetings, Farmers' Institutes and enjoyments of various sorts.

Why should a school house be idle a large part of the year when they could be used by the community to such great advantage?

Let the school house be a rallying place for the Farmers' Union, Women's Club, Domestic Science Clubs, Boys' Corn Clubs, Girls' Tomato Clubs, the Debating Societies—in fact, for all organizations that have for their object the social uplift of the community.

Why not have a meeting at every school house this winter and discuss subjects such as Local Tax, Non-Tax Districts, Marketing Farm Products, Co-operation, Better Farming, Better Health, Better Roads, Better Schools, Better Churches, the New Amendments to the Constitution, (to be voted on)—in fact, any question of public interest to the farmer?

Use local talent, call on your County Superintendent, County Commissioner of Agriculture, Local School Teacher, School Committeeman, the Local Preacher, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, A. & M. College, State University and others. W. J. SHUFORD.

Chronic Dyspepsia.

The following unsolicited testimonial should certainly be sufficient to give hope and courage to persons afflicted with chronic dyspepsia: "I have been a chronic dyspeptic for years, and of all the medicine I have taken, Chamberlain's Tablets have done me more good than anything else," says W. G. Mattison, No. 7 Sherman St., Hornellsville, N. Y. For sale by Grimes Drug Co. and Moser & Lutz. adv.

A BATCH OF NEWS FROM OVER THE RIVER

Granite Falls, Oct. 15.—Mr. Pink Kirby was right seriously hurt a few days ago by being run over with a loaded wagon. He was hauling corn and had gotten off to fix a bridge near his home when the light from an approaching automobile flashed on his mules and frightened them. They started to run and Mr. Kirby became entangled in the lines and fell under the wheels which resulted in several broken ribs and other bruises. He is resting very well at present and has hopes of recovery.

Mr. Hoke Lutz, who is very low with typhoid fever, is some better at this writing.

Mr. H. V. Russell has moved into his new home just north of town.

Miss Anna Loyd, of Lincoln, visited relatives in town last week.

Rev. Mr. Fink is assisting the pastor here in a revival meeting at the Methodist church.

School was temporarily closed last week on account of supposed diphtheria, but the situation is not as bad as it was first thought. In fact, only one or two cases have developed since then and they are just ordinary tonsillitis or sore throat and the outlook is now favorable for school to reopen the 20th, there being no cause for any alarm unless there should be cases of a more violent form.

Mr. W. E. Starnes went to Charlotte last week on business.

Mr. Charley Starnes, who has been working for an elevator company in Virginia, returned last week.

Good roads are the order of the day. Some of our good citizens are not in favor of them. The election is ordered for December 2nd, 1913, and of course it will win.

Briefs From Highland.

Highland, Oct. 15.—The graded school here has been going on for the past two weeks with a large attendance.

Mr. W. S. Robinson has moved into the property commonly known as the Shell property.

Mr. Chas. Hamilton, one of the cotton mill hands fell from a buggy last Monday, Oct. 6, and sustained serious injury about the head. The buggy was torn to pieces.

The Misses Houke have moved into their residence here which they recently purchased from Mr. Fry.

Messrs. Carroll and Lafayette Miller are at home again.

Mr. Robey Cloer is building a nice cottage on his lot which he recently purchased from Mr. C. L. Echard. Several men from Morganton are doing the work.

Mrs. Raymond Hunt and children have returned from Huntersville where she attended the funeral of her father, Mr. C. F. Whitlow.

Mr. Champ Hyder is at work again after a week's sickness.

Negro Man and His Wife in a Cotton-Picking Match.

Here's a cotton-picking record that will be hard to beat. One day last week Pines Bennett, colored, who lives on R. J. Beverly's place in Gullede Township, "took a notion" he could pick more cotton in a day than his wife could pick. So they "raced" and the result was 427 for Pines and 447 for his wife. The wife, in addition cared for her three-months-old baby and cooked two meals during the day. Pines is a good farmer and expects to make 11 bales of cotton and 100 bushels of corn with the assistance of that industrious wife and one mule.—Wadesboro Ansonian.

Anthony-Weaver.

Married in Burke county, on last Sunday evening at the residence of H. A. Adams, Mr. Claud Anthony of Morganton to Miss Alma E. Weaver, of Long View. H. A. Adams was the officiating magistrate. The marriage was attended by friends and relatives.

A Marvelous Escape.

"My little boy had a marvelous escape," writes F. F. Bastians of Prince Albert, Cape of Good Hope. "It occurred in the middle of the night. He got a very severe attack of cough. As luck would have it, I had a large bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house. After following the directions for an hour and twenty minutes he was through all danger." Sold by Grimes Drug Co. and Moser & Lutz. adv.

Cause for Worry.

The New York Tribune tells of a quaint old negro who stepped up to the window of the ticket office and hurriedly demanded a ticket for PigFoot Junction.

"Pleasure trip, uncle?" asked the agent, pleasantly.

"No, suh; my nephew's ve'y low, suh. Hope de train wont be long coming."

"About 10 minutes, uncle," the clerk reassured him.

The old man went to the platform and studied the bulletin board seriously. "Did you say my train would be 'long in 10 minutes, suh?" he asked, anxiously.

"Yes, uncle."

"I jest axed you, suh, 'cause I ain't got my rabbit foot 'bout me and dat dere board says, 'All trains on time 'cept one,' and I was jest figurin' dat dat one would be mine."

"All the trains are on time. Some one's tampered with the bulletin board!" declared the clerk, excitedly, and rushed to the platform.

He stared for a moment at the board, then at the old negro. Slowly his face relaxed into a broad grin. The bulletin read: "All trains on time.—Sept. 1."

Philadelphia Wins.

Last week the Philadelphia Americans easily won the baseball championship of the world by winning four out of five games played with the New York Giants of the National league. Much local interest was taken in the series. Telegraphic returns from each game were received at Moser & Lutz's drug store each afternoon, and that place was the center of interest for a great many of our sport loving citizens.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. J. F. Dellinger is a business visitor to Concord this week.

Mrs. J. B. Gibbs and baby visited her aunt at Catawba station last week.

Mrs. Mayo has returned home after a visit to her daughters, in Knoxville, Tenn., and Asheville.

Mr. C. M. Glenn has returned to his home in Gaston county, after a visit to his sister, Mrs. D. L. Russell.

The many friends of Mrs. J. G. Hall, of Lenoir will be pleased to know she is visiting her son, Mr. W. A. Hall.

Mrs. F. E. Martin has returned to her home in Lynchburg, Va., after a visit to her father, Mr. J. K. Fisher.

Esq. S. E. Killian went to Blowing Rock Monday to gather some of his fine apples. He will return Friday and will have some for sale.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Menzies, and Mrs. H. C. Menzies are visiting in Philadelphia, New York, Washington, Baltimore and other northern cities.

Mr. Roland Wagner was carried to Dr. Long's sanitarium at Statesville Friday for an operation for appendicitis. The operation was a success and he is reported as doing well.

Miss Gertrude Hall of Lenoir; visited her brother, Mr. W. A. Hall Saturday. She was accompanied home by Miss Virginia Hall, who spent the week-end in Lenoir.

They had right much fun at Lenoir College one night this week, as some of the Sophs., went out on the campus, and began to yell, the Freshmen thinking of course they had put up the flag, began a search for it, which lasted nearly all night. In the meantime the jolly Sophs., quietly retired to their rooms, to enjoy the fun.

Do Your Part.

I will do my part toward making life pleasant in the office.

Be agreeable. Let your personality count for pleasantness in the office.

Don't forget that you spend at least half your waking hours in your business surroundings, and it is worth while to do your part to keep the moral atmosphere pure and sweet and clean and charged with kindly feeling.

It is no excuse to say that the head of the office is so disagreeable that nobody has the heart to be pleasant.

Don't feel that because you are only an under clerk you have nothing to do with the office storms and sunshine.

If you are really taking these texts to heart, you have already discovered that the kind of work Y-O-U are doing has much to do with your employer's state of mind.—Philadelphia Record.

For Weakness and Loss of Appetite

The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic and sure Appetizer. For adults and children. 50c.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADJOURNS SINE DIE

Prohibits Slaughter of Calves For Veal and Applies to Many Counties.—Important Acts Passed

Raleigh, Oct. 13.—The gavel of President Daughtridge of the senate and Speaker Murphy of the house fell simultaneously at 8:28 o'clock tonight, as the voices of these two presiding officers rang out through legislative halls and the corridors of the state house declaring the 1913 extraordinary session of the North Carolina General Assembly adjourned sine die.

The senate finally adjusted the ever present Caldwell calf bill, prohibiting the sale or shipment of calves, dead or alive, under one year old, to slaughter for veal. As finally ratified the act applies to Caldwell, Alamance, Alexander, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Cabarrus, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Durham, Franklin, Gaston, Graham, Guilford, Henderson, Hoke, Lee, Lincoln, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Robeson, Rowan, Rutherford, Moore, Sampson, Wake, Warren, Wilson and Lenoir.

IMPORTANT MEASURES PASSED.

The extraordinary session of the legislature just adjourned, that was called for the specific purpose of taking action for the settlement of freight rates and passing upon constitutional amendment proposals, to be submitted to the people for ratification at the next general election, passed 497 acts and 19 resolutions, the great bulk of them bearing on the veriest local matters in every section of the state.

The principal acts of really statewide interest are the resolutions accepting the proposal of the interstate carriers for settlement of the interstate freight rates, more particularly from the west and out going to the west and east; the passage of the bill to reduce intrastate freight rates and provide for special commissions to investigate allegations of any railroad companies that the rates prescribed are confiscatory; providing for a rate expert and additional clerical force for the corporation commission; the act carrying the constitutional amendment proposals to be submitted to the people; an act to work convicts on public roads instead of on railroads for stock in roads built after present contracts with railroad companies are completed; provision for the completion and opening of the state school for feeble minded at Kinston and supplementary appropriation for a number of state institutions.

MUCH LEVITY OVER CALF BILL.

Much time at the afternoon session of the senate was devoted to considering a resolution from the house for a special commission of three to revise the court procedure in this state, the resolution finally going to the table. Senator Bryant opposed it because it did not include revision of the rules of the Supreme court which he declared were fast tending to deprive poor people of the right of appeal through exacting rules as to printing and filing them.

The senate finally disposed of the wrangle over the site for the state school for the blind by providing that the state treasurer shall pay the \$4,600 balance due for the new site out of proceeds from the sale of 35 acres of land and retain the remainder in the treasury, and that a special commission from the legislature shall investigate as to proposals from other cities to induce the removal of the school for the blind from Raleigh.

The bill for the prevention of the killing or shipping of calves in Caldwell county and a number of other counties that had been added by amendment was a bone of contention for a long time. There was much levity injected during the discussion of this bill. Senator Peterson made a motion that was ruled out of order by President Daughtridge that the bill be amended to also prohibit the "exposure of calves."

Eczema and Itching Cured.

The soothing, healing medication in Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment penetrates every tiny pore of the skin, clears it of all impurities—stops itching instantly. Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment is guaranteed to speedily heal eczema, rashes, ringworm, tetter and other unsightly eruptions. Eczema Ointment is a doctor's prescription, not an experiment. All druggists or by mail, 50c. Pfeiffer Chemical Co., Philadelphia and St. Louis. adv.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA