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MRS. EUGENE LITTLE IS AGAIN PRESIDENT

Unanimously Re-elected Head of State Division, U. D. C., At Charlotte,

Charlotte, Oct. 7.—With the election of officers this afternoon the U. D. C. convention closed a busy daylight session. This evening was observed as historical evening. Officers as elected were: President, Mrs. Eugene Little, re-elected by acclamation; first vice-president, Mrs. C. E. Platt, of Charlotte; second vice-president, Mrs. T. L. Craig of Gastonia; third vice-president, Mrs. J. Q. Gilkin of Marion; recording secretary, Mrs. W. M. Creasy of Wilmington; corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. J. Ingram of Wadesboro; treasurer, Miss Margaret Etheridge, present incumbent; recorder of crosses, Mrs. B. L. Tyree of Durham; registrar, Mrs. Felix Harvey, re-nominated by acclamation; assistant historian, Miss Winifred Faison; chaplain, Mrs. B. H. Griffin of Goldsboro; leader of children's chapters, Mrs. R. P. Holt of Rocky Mount.

Memorial hour was observed at the forenoon session, special tribute to memory of Mrs. Stone-well Jackson was read by Miss Lily W. Long. The convention heard addresses from Mrs. Hunter Smith, chairman of the Women's Confederate home at Fayetteville; Miss Knox of Alabama, field secretary of the Ellen Wilson memorial fund and Mrs. Rich of Winston-Salem, representing Mrs. R. J. Reynolds, president of the North Carolina division of the Ellen Wilson memorial committee; also Col. A. H. Boyden of Salisbury, manager of the Soldier's home at Raleigh, he presenting the needs of the home to the convention.

Tonight two portraits were presented the North Carolina division U. D. C., one of Maj. Orren Randolph Smith, designer of the Stars and Bars; the other of Judge Risdin Tyler Bennett, of Wadesboro.

A feature of the program was a talk by Mrs. William H. Overman, formerly of Salisbury; former state president, her subject being, "A Retrospect by the Convention of 1901."

Other features were talks by Mrs. J. H. Curry—"War Days—Fayetteville;" Mrs. George Phifer Erwin, "Erection of the First Monument to the Confederate Dead in North Carolina;" responses to presentation of portraits Mrs. Marshall Williams, Mrs. Hunter Smith, Miss Mary Oates sang "The Conquered Banner;" Miss Ruth Blankenship "The Homespun Dress; a male quartette, "Tenting Tonight."

Mrs. L. W. Faison was this afternoon presented with baskets of flowers from two chapters she organized, Cleveland Guards of Shelby and the Mt. Olive chapter.

The reception tended the convention last night at the Manufacturers' club was notably brilliant. Among the honored guests were Mrs. Josephus Daniels, Mrs. W. P. Roberts of Gates; Mrs. Fannie Ransom Williams, Mrs. Eugene Little, Mrs. H. A. Loneon, Sr., Mrs. W. H. Overman and others.

To Meet in Gastonia. The State Convention of the U. D. C., in session at Charlotte last week chose Gastonia as the place of next year's meeting. The convention adjourned Friday.

Charlotte people are to be congratulated on the excellent manner in which they entertained the guests at this convention. The convention will long be remembered as one of the most pleasant in the history of the Daughters.

By proclamation of Governor Locke Craig, November has been designated as "Moonlight School Month" in North Carolina. In this state there are 132,000 white men and women, boys and girls, over 10 years of age who cannot read and write, and "Moonlight Schools" are to be held in order to give them the advantages of at least the rudiments of education in order that this State shall take its place among the others in the respect of education as in all other conditions of society, farming and manufacturing.

Supt. J. Y. Joyner of Raleigh, has prepared a letter to the superintendents and teachers throughout the state setting forth suggestions for the better manner of carrying out these moonlight schools. We have received a copy of this letter, but as our space is limited, we cannot publish it as a whole, but it deserves to be in the hands of all teachers and if there are any who have not received a copy, we are sure that Mr. Joyner will be glad to mail them on request. It would be a good idea to observe County Moonlight School Day, and the following program has been gotten up for this occasion:

1. Song—"America."
2. Scripture Reading and Prayer.
3. Reading Governor's Proclamation for "Moonlight School Month."
4. Reading State Superintendent's "Letter to Superintendents and Teachers."
5. Where our County Stands in the Adult Illiteracy Column.
6. Why We Should Observe "Moonlight School Month."
7. How to Organize a Moonlight School:
 - (a) The Survey of Illiterates.
 - (b) How to get them to Enroll and Attend.
 - (c) Use of Lesson Material.
8. Roll Call of School Districts to Find Volunteer Helpers.
9. Appointment of Committees.
10. Song—"Carolina."

Neither of the subjects on the program should take up more than ten minutes. While we do not know the percentage of illiteracy in Catawba county, and believe it to be small, yet there may be some, who are unable to read and write, who would be only too glad to have the opportunity to learn which the "Moonlight Schools" will afford. We hope the county superintendent and teachers will rally to this cause and carry it through according to the instructions of the State Superintendent.

In Honor of New Pastor.

A reception in honor of Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Murray was held at the parsonage of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church last Thursday evening. The guests were met at the door by Mrs. N. G. Deal who introduced them to the receiving line which was composed of the following: Mrs. J. C. Moser, Mrs. J. H. Wannemacher, Rev. and Mrs. Murray and Rev. R. L. Fritz. Mrs. K. A. Price and Mrs. Raymond Hefner directed the guests to the dining room where punch was served by Misses Margaret Wannemacher and Pearl Campbell and Messrs. Laurie Deal and Sam Hawn.

Cakes were served by Misses Reinhardt, Eckard and Deal. The guests were shown into the parlor by Mrs. B. F. Campbell and Mrs. Adden, where Mr. Murray recited and Mrs. Murray told a German story. The affair was highly enjoyed by about 175 members of the church who called to formally welcome Mr. and Mrs. Murray to Hickory. Mr. Murray is the new pastor of Holy Trinity.

Miss Elsie Sherrill of Granite Falls, visited Miss Ellen White at her home in this city last week.

The day of harsh physics is gone. People want mild, easy laxatives. Doan's Regulets have satisfied thousands. 25c at all drug stores. adv't.

PANAMA CANAL WILL BE CLOSED FOR SOME TIME

Will Not Be Re-opened Until Danger From Slides Is Past.

The Panama canal will remain closed until all danger of serious slides in the Gaillard cut is passed. Major General Goethals, governor of the canal zone, issued orders to the dredging engineers to blast away the tops of the hills in order to bring into the channel all loose dirt and thus permanently remove the source of the slides.

General Goethals was unable to say when the canal would be in condition for the passage of ships, but said he would leave November 1, the date to which the canal has been officially closed, unchanged.

General Goethals, however, expressed the personal opinion that the canal would be closed much beyond that date. There would be no effort to maintain a temporary channel for the use of a few ships. When the canal was re-opened, the governor said, it would be with a permanent channel through the cut, even in this work should take the remainder of the year.

General Goethals made an exhaustive study of the situation, being accompanied to the slide by Lieutenant Colonel Chester Harding, engineer of maintenance, and Dredging Engineers Comber and McFarland.

A Pneumatic Air Calliope.

Among the innovations this season with the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus is that of Pneumatic Air Calliope. This musical instrument consists of fifty-two whistles which are played by air forced through them by a blower operated by a gasline engine.

The instrument is a handsome piece of work and is mounted in a specially beautiful and expensively decorated tableau wagon in parade. It can screech like a fire alarm whistle or it can be sounded sufficiently soft for a tune in a residence.

The circus still carries the steam calliope, which still retains its accustomed place in the rear of the parade more convenient for the lads to follow to the show grounds.

This big circus will exhibit in Hickory, Wednesday, November 10.

Firemen and Schools in Fire Drills.

Last Friday morning in the presence of the city officials the Hickory volunteer fire company and the two graded schools of Hickory made a fire efficiency test in celebration of Fire Prevention Day. The north school was visited first. The building was emptied of children in 1 minute and 7 seconds while the firemen made the run with their big auto truck from the station on Fourteenth street to the school in 2 1/2 minutes. The south school was emptied of children in 58 seconds and the firemen made the run to that place in 3 minutes and 42 seconds.

Brookford Mill Bankrupt.

The Brookford Mills, Inc., of Brookford near Hickory last week filed a voluntary petition of bankruptcy and H. J. Holbrook, secretary and treasurer of the company, was appointed temporary receiver. The assets and liabilities of the company are approximately \$50,000.00. Proceedings with a view of throwing the mill into bankruptcy had been pending for some time in the state courts.

First Frost.

The first frost of this fall was observed in considerable quantity here Saturday morning. There may have been some the morning before on the lowlands, but we were not made aware of it.

Conscience Money Boost Revenues.

At the time of President Madison's administration a citizen whose conscience troubled him on account of some shady transaction by which he had cheated the government sent to Washington the sum of \$5 for the purpose of settling the matter right. That contribution was the beginning of what is now known as the "conscience fund." Since that time an average of \$2,300 has been contributed to the fund every year so that now it totals nearly \$500,000. The largest amount ever sent in was a little over \$18,000, received at the New York custom office in 1901. The smallest amount ever received was two cents. All such money goes into the treasury general fund as miscellaneous receipts.

Some months ago \$200 came in from an unknown person who wrote that he offered it in re-stitution for \$35 which he had stolen from the mails more than 50 years ago. A \$15 contribution came in recently was accompanied by a message explaining that it was for the payment of an evaded duty on customs and requesting that it be sent to the right place.

Not long ago an anonymous special delivery letter from New York brought to the treasury department at Washington \$10,000 in currency. The sender wrote that he had already paid double the amount he had stolen from the government but that had not been sufficient to satisfy his conscience.

Among the odd contributions that have come to the treasury department recently was four cents in postage stamps. Letter accompanying explained that the sender, years ago, had used a stamp that had carried a letter before but had escaped cancellation. The extra two cents were sent, it was explained, as interest. A Maine woman has just sent in \$300 for the payment of the duty on some clothes she smuggled into the country for a friend 20 years ago.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. H. F. Elliott of Catawba, was in the city Friday on business.

Dr. H. C. Menzies of this city, has been elected vice president of the C. & N. W. Railway surgeons.

Samuel Whisnant, U. S. N., returned yesterday to Norfolk after a furlough which he spent here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Whisnant.

Mr. H. H. Little of Conover, R-I, was in the city Friday on business. He gave The Democrat office a pleasant call an incidentally left three dollars to pay on his subscription for which we are truly thankful.

Rev. J. G. Garth went to Spencer Monday to assist Rev. Mr. Heller in a meeting this week. Mr. Garth will return in time for services here Sunday or have some one to fill the pulpit.

A basket ball association is being organized among the young men of the city and some interesting games can be expected during the coming winter. It is impossible to give the line-up this early but the team is assured. The armory is being fitted up and a splendid basket ball court laid out.

A Saxophone band has been organized here with the following members: Geo. L. Lyerly, president; J. C. Shuford, secretary and treasurer; L. A. Whitener, O. M. Sigmon, L. F. Cline, Hugh D'Anna and J. C. Miller. The order for the instruments has been placed with a well-known musical instrument house, and when they arrive and the members have several rehearsals we can expect some excellent music.

NEW WORLD'S RECORD IS MADE BY GIL ANDERSON

Indianapolis Driver Wins Astor Cup in Fastest Race Ever Driven.

New York, Oct. 9.—A new world's record in automobile speeding was made today when Gil Anderson at the new sheep-head Bay speedway, driving at an average rate of 102.6 miles an hour, won the 300 mile automobile race for the Astor cup and \$50,000 in prizes. His time was 3 hours, 24 minutes and 42 seconds, making a world's record by 10 minutes, 42 38-100 seconds.

Terrific speed characterized the race throughout, but although the cheering throngs banked around the speedway amphitheater saw driver after driver forced out of the race because of engine trouble there was not one untowered incident to mar the contest. Twenty of the speediest automobiles in the world had entered, but before the race was finished more than half the drivers, including many favorites had been forced out.

Big Circus Coming This Way Soon.

The Barnum and Bailey Greatest Show on Earth will exhibit at Charlotte on Tuesday, October 26, and this good news is being heralded everywhere by the many agents of this, the biggest and foremost amusement institution in the world. The Barnum and Bailey Circus has always been the largest that travels and this year the management has found it necessary to add many more cars to their trains in order to provide for the great equipment. It requires 85 double length railroad cars to transport the big show, 1230 people are employed, there are 700 horses, 40 elephants and a menagerie of 110 cages, 480 world famed artists take part in the greatest circus program this world has ever known.

A fitted introduction to the wonderful performance this year, is the presentation of the new, magnificent specular pageant, "Lalla Rookh" in which nearly 1000 characters take part.

In the circus proper, which is presented in three rings, four stages, the hippodrome, and in the dome of the largest tent ever erected, 480 performers from every nation in the world take part and present a vast array of foreign features entirely new to America. A wonderful trained animal exhibition is given by the Marvellous War Elephants, Palmlengger's Wonder Bears, Madam Bradna's Angel Horses, Thaler's Dogs, Ponies and Monkeys, and the Barnum and Bailey Statue Horses.

Great interest is already being shown in this neighborhood and great crowds will no doubt go to Charlotte for the biggest and most enjoyable holiday of the year. Everyone is advised to get an early start in order to be there in time for the parade which starts promptly at 10 A. M., and which is said to eclipse anything of its kind ever before attempted in the history of circus business.

Two Killed.

J. T. Pace, a well-known resident of Tryon, and Richard Bommer, colored, of the same place, met instant death Friday night when the "Carolina special," Southern passenger train No. 27, struck the automobile in which they were riding as the machine was being driven across the track in front of the locomotive, near the North Carolina-South Carolina state line near Tryon, N. C. J. W. Outlaw, colored, of Tryon, the third occupant of the automobile, a Ford, was seriously injured. He was taken to Tryon on the train and was given medical treatment at that place.

Feel Well, Thank You.

"I don't believe in telling a lie, not even a white lie, as a usual thing," said a good natured man the other day, "but when you can make a man take a new lease on life by telling him he looks well and young when he's beginning to feel old and distressed; and by telling a fellow he'll yet make good when he's down and out and by telling yourself that you have not an ache nor a pain and that you are as youthful and healthful as you ever were, then, if ever," said he, "a white lie seems justifiable."

"The principle, you see, is this," he continued. "It encourages; it makes us think differently and act differently, for after all, we are only what we think we are. Thank goodness we've gotten away from that old habit of saying, 'we're poorly, thank the Lord,' and 'we're only common,' on being asked as to our good health. I've known people to find real pleasure in recounting either personal ailments or those of the family, as if they were so many family virtues."

"Thanks to the new health movement that has put a new song into the mouth and perhaps a new feeling in the body. Now it is not only bad taste to talk of your pains and ailments, but it reflects on your integrity, your knowledge of health, and sanitation, to say nothing of personal hygiene, not to keep well and fit and enjoy good health."

"We are not far from the time," said he, "when diseases will be considered a disgrace and the cause of illness will have to be personally accounted for. In other words, God is no longer going to be blamed for sickness when it is simply the result of our ignorance, indifference or wrong way of living."

Thanks Henry Ford Reduced Cotton Acreage.

Statesville Landmark. Talking about the price of cotton, the size of the crop and the reduced acreage this year, a Statesville man insists that Henry Ford is responsible for the reduced acreage and small crop. He contends that so many farmers were busy with Ford machines, some of them even selling mules to buy them that they didn't have time to plant and tend a larger crop; and if the price of Ford machines continues downward and the cost of gasoline doesn't go too high, next year's cotton crop, the Statesville man avers, will be smaller still. You got to hand it to Henry Ford, he says, for the reduced cotton acreages this year and the consequent high price.

As a small cotton crop always means a high price Henry deserves to have it handed to him, if he has been instrumental in holding down the cotton acreage.

Found!

A farmer had 20 employees on his farm, and as none of them was energetic as the farmer thought he should be, he hit upon a plan which he believed would cure them of their lazy habits.

"Men," he said one morning, "I have nice, easy job for the laziest man on the farm. Will the laziest man step forward?"

Instantly 19 of [the] men stepped forward.

"Why don't you step to the front with the rest?" inquired the farmer of the remaining one.

"Too much trouble," came the reply—Boston Record.

BULGARIA PROMISED GRECIAN TERRITORY

If Central Powers Win, Greek Port of Salonica and Kavala Go to Bulgaria.

Athens, Greece, Oct. 10.—Via Paris.—The representatives of the entente powers, while exercising no pressure on the Greek government, are urging it to reply to the question put last Thursday in regard to its future course respecting the Serbo-Grecian alliance.

The cabinet deliberated this question at great length yesterday and today, but has not succeeded in reaching any agreement.

A neutral diplomat in Athens reported to his government his opinion that within less than a month former President Venizelos will be returned to power, or else the ports of Greece will be blocked by the entente powers.

It is learned from an authoritative diplomatic source that the representatives of the quadruple entente have advised Greece that Bulgaria's present attitude results from a written agreement signed by Prince Hohenzollern-Langenburg, then acting German ambassador to Turkey. This agreement made on behalf of Austria and Germany provided for cession to Bulgaria of Serbian and Greek Macedonia, including the Greek ports Salonica and Kavala; of Kastoria, in north Greece near the Albanian border, and of all Albania. The representatives of the entente powers assert they have proof that this agreement was made.

Secret Treaty Signed.

London, Oct. 10.—An Athens dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company says that the newspaper Hestia this evening confirms the news printed in Paris of the signature of a secret treaty between Bulgaria and the central powers.

The correspondent says he also is able to confirm it, and adds that the British minister handed the text of the treaty to M. Zaimis the day he assumed the premiership.

"The treaty," says the correspondent, "doubtless will be the subject of grave debate in the parliament Monday when the new government will announce its program and ask for a vote of confidence."

"It is understood that the supporters of ex-Premier Venizelos will give the government just sufficient votes to secure a minimum majority, in other words, they will tolerate it."

Murder And Suicide.

Rocky Mount, Oct. 8.—Willie Buckner, seventeen years old, son of a Franklin county farmer, today shot and killed his brother, Hodie Buckner, fourteen years old, by blowing his head off with a shot gun and then using his toe to pull the trigger committed suicide by shooting himself in the head.

The tragedy occurred at Saunders siding near here, at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

According to Ben Davis, a negro, who was the boys companion, the youths quarreled on their way home.

Mrs. W. H. Deal Died.

Mrs. W. H. Deal died at her home in this city last Thursday night after a short illness. The funeral services were held from the home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. C. Pruitt of the Baptist Church.

The deceased was a native of Wake county and was about thirty years of age. She is survived by a husband and two small children who have the deepest sympathy of all their friends in their bereavement.

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly. The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHINA TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic for adults and children. 50c.