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BIG ASSOCIATION MEETS IN STOKES

Gathering of Primitive Baptists Assembles May 18th.

Danbury, May 12.—Great preparations are being made by the people of the Lawsonville section, and Peters Creek township, in general for the big Primitive Baptist Association to be held at Snow Creek church on the third Saturday, Sunday and Monday of this month which will be on May 17, 18, and 19th.

Snow Creek church is at Lawsonville in sight of Shoppard's store. It is a pretty, level spot, with plenty of room for the hosts of men, women and children who will come with their wagons, buggies, carriages and automobiles, horseback and afoot, from a sweep of country from all sections of Stokes, from points in Rockingham, Surry and other North Carolina counties, and from Patrick, Henry and other Virginia counties.

The Association is the biggest event of the Primitive Baptist church. It means the association of the leaders of many churches, for the transaction of their church affairs, for preaching and for social intermingling. It means the coming together of hundreds of their members, and for the assembling of great concourses of spectators. Good fellowship, hospitality and good rations prevail.

The Snow Creek association is expected to be the largest attended of a like gathering in the history of the county. The nearby landlords, Messrs Zack Sheppard, Matt Robertson and others are taking down their fences in order that there may be room for the multitudes of vehicles and stock, which all the big hearted citizens for miles around are whetting their knives for the slaughter of fatted beefs, porkers and poultry. The good women of the neighborhood will spend many an hour over their bake ovens preparing cakes and pastries, pickles and dainties to feed their friends from far and near.

It is learned that the Sheriff of the county has been requested to furnish a number of special officers of the law, who will see that order prevails. It is mighty hard in great crowds where there is no police protection to maintain order. Hoodlums will creep in, and rowdies will bring liquor, and often fightings and brawls will disgrace the assemblage and bring disgrace and dispute to the neighborhood. But the good Baptists of Peter's Creek will not permit any such proceedings at Snow Creek. Sheriff Slate with a number of his deputies will be on the ground every day to see that there is no retailing of liquor, no disorderly conduct, and everybody may go with the assurance of spending a pleasant occasion.

Client Wept on Shoulder of Lawyer Who Freed Him.

St. Louis Dispatch.

"My client is an honest man. I have known him 20 years and in all that time I know personally that he has been upright, industrious, home-loving and of the best of character. This is a case of mistaken identity. The defendant would seem to steal. He has a faithful wife and nine children who are a credit to the community. If you convict this man on this circumstantial evidence, you rob him of a sterling character, built up by years of honest endeavor; you put the stigma of shame upon a dependent wife and her children."

Thus did Clark Hudson, attorney for Frederick Welkey, a negro, appeal before a jury in Judge Kinsey's court for the acquittal of his client, charged with robbery. The jury was visibly affected. The prisoner's wife and children sobbed.

"Not guilty!" the jury reported after deliberating five minutes. Welkey, overcome with apparent emotion, grasped his lawyer's hand and leaned upon his shoulder. Then the attorney felt for his watch. It was gone. A bailiff seized Welkey as he was leaving the court room. He found the watch in Welkey's pocket.

Maj. Hamilton and Gen. Carr Engaged in Hot Fist Fight.

Durham, May 10.—One of the most sensational developments of the celebration of Memorial day here this afternoon was a fist fight between General Julian S. Carr, who has charge of this division of the army of the Confederacy, and Major J. W. Hamilton, commander of the Webb camp of Confederate veterans. The fight occurred in the lobby of the courthouse, and was witnessed by a large number of Confederate veterans and a small number of other citizens.

Neither of the two fighters were injured very much, but Major Hamilton's face was scratched and bleeding when the affray was over. It seems that the cause of the fight grew out of the misunderstanding of the program that had been arranged for the day. Major Hamilton gave orders that the old soldiers would not take part in the parade which was to precede the exercises, under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy at the Academy of Music, giving his reasons that the line of march was too long for the old soldiers to take in their enfeebled condition. They had planned to meet at the courthouse and march to the academy, and from there to take the cars for the cemetery, where the salute over the graves of their dead comrades would be fired.

Cause of the Trouble.

General Carr wished the old soldiers to take part in the parade and as the chief officer of the army in this county sent out such orders. The Webb camp had a meeting at the courthouse and on a vote decided not to march in the parade. Major Hamilton, as commander of the camp presided at this meeting. When the meeting adjourned General Carr met a number of the old soldiers in the lobby of the courthouse and talked to them about their decision not to obey his orders. Major Hamilton came down the steps from the meeting room just at this time, and the general ordered him under arrest. They got into an argument and General Carr accused Major Hamilton of being the cause of the decision not to parade. The commander of the camp said that he was not the cause of it, and when he said this General Carr slapped him in the face with his open hand. Both men clinched. A dozen or more old soldiers were standing round at the time but they made no effort to stop the fight. Finally after a tussle of several minutes duration J. J. Thaxton, deputy sheriff, caught hold of Major Hamilton, and pulled him off. General Carr picked up the major's glasses and handed them to him after the fistfight, reminding him at the same time that he was still under arrest. The commander replied that he knew it.

The Men Make Up.

The old soldiers did not march in the parade as a body, only six taking part, and the familiar figure of Major Hamilton was missing from the usual celebration of Memorial day. The camp was placed in charge of First Lieutenant Lloyd. The affair threw a damper over the spirit of the old soldiers for the day, and there was little cheering of any of the parts of the program on their part. Even the playing of Dixie by the band aroused no responsive cheer from the ranks of the men who wore the gray.

Major Hamilton and Gen Carr, have made up and both now say they are as good friends as they have been for the past 28 years. Maj. Hamilton is making a statement to the effect that both have made up in the local paper Sunday morning. Both regret the affair, but say that it was unavoidable.

The celebration of Memorial day, which was held in connection with the annual inspection of the police and fire departments, was witnessed by a record crowd in Durham. The parade was witnessed by a thousand or more people and was participated in by the police and fire departments, the military company, the boy scouts, the city and county officials, and many other citizens and city institutions in carriages and automobiles.

SPEEDING TRAIN CARRIED NO FEAR.

Federal Prisoner Escaped From Federal Officers—Was Closing a Long Trip.

Greensboro, May 13.—Through the car window of a Pullman on train No. 12, R. R. Hughes last night made a desperate and successful bid for freedom from the clutches of federal officers in whose charge he had almost completed a transcontinental journey. Hughes was arrested in Spokane, Washington, and made his escape from the Western officers at Salisbury last night.

Marshal W. E. Logan, of the Western North Carolina district, was notified of the arrest of Hughes in Spokane and asked where he wanted him sent. He wired to send him to Greensboro. For five days and nights, two deputies from Spokane held water over their man in the journey across the country. They occupied a Pullman car and took turns about guarding Hughes.

The deputies here were notified that the prisoner would arrive on No. 12 last night, and Col. T. W. Vincent went down to meet the train. He received the intelligence that the prisoner had made his escape and the Western deputies were hot on his trail. The officers had no trouble with Hughes all along the route and for this reason he was not handcuffed.

As the train was leaving Salisbury, the prisoner was permitted to enter the private compartment of the car and when the door was unlocked by the porter, the man was gone. He had made his escape through the small window, according to the report, when the train was moving at a very rapid rate of speed. The two deputies were let off the train at Lake and went back to give chase.

Hughes is wanted in the district because of a postoffice charge. He was arrested and placed in jail and there is no record here to tell of how he made his escape. Deputy Vincent was not sure whether he had skipped out under bond or had broken jail.

All Fourth-Class Postmasters Must Be Examined.

All fourth-class postmasterships, except those paying less than \$180 a year, were thrown open to competitive examination by an order issued by President Wilson. These positions are retained in the classified service, but about 50,000 incumbents who were placed in the classified service by executive orders of previous administrations will have to meet all comers in competitive examinations to hold their positions with civil service protection.

In a statement making this order public, Postmaster General Burleson announced that it was the purpose of President Wilson and himself to extend the classified service to include presidential postmasters of the second and third class, probably within a year. This may require legislation by Congress, he said. His plan, which will be laid before the President, would provide for a qualification test for incumbents and applicants "in keeping with the importance of the offices."

Further the Postmaster General says:

"Political considerations have in the past very largely controlled the selection of fourth-class postmasters and under this order Democrats must be held responsible for the wise and safe administration of these offices. Under the circumstances the Taft order violated at least the fundamental purpose of the civil service law because it placed permanently in office without examination or other test as to merit or efficiency, a great horde of persons. If left in this condition and permitted to operate without proper examination into its workings the order would make honest civil service a farce and prove a setback to its proper administration and future progress. My effort is to correct the evil and save the merit of the order and duly safeguard civil service and efficiency."

Col. Osborn Will Drive Every Moonshiner Out of the State.

Washington, May 10.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue W. H. Osborn told the Daily News correspondent tonight that he is working on plans which he will put in operation shortly that will drive every "moonshiner" out of North Carolina. The commissioner said he is positive this can be done and that he will do so if it takes every revenue officer in the service to accomplish his purpose.

"The state of North Carolina by some thirty to forty thousand majority has decreed that the state shall be dry," said the colonel. "The Webb law and the search and seizure measures are doing excellent work. The federal government will do its part and will see to it that no whiskey is distilled within the borders of the state."

Col. Osborn is not ready to go into detail as to his proposed plans. He expects, however, in addition to sending additional men into the state to help drive the moonshiner out, to have the cooperation of the sheriffs of the counties in which illicit distilleries now thrive. Col. Osborn says he had been told that more illicit distilleries were destroyed in North Carolina last year than there were licensed distilleries in the entire United States. "Twice that number will be destroyed this year," said the colonel. "I believe before the end of the year there will not be a blockader in North Carolina."

Commissioner Osborn will try his plan in his native state first, but he will not stop there. His plan is to stamp out the moonshiner from one end of the country to the other.

Unless President Wilson decides Monday to override the ruling of the department of justice W. E. Breese and Joseph Dickerson will have to serve terms in the penitentiary for alleged irregularity in banking methods in connection with the failure of the First National bank of Asheville 16 years ago. The department has already ordered District Attorney Holton to take the men into custody and they will be brought into court Tuesday for resentment.

President Wilson has consented to receive a delegation of North Carolinians Monday who want the President to pardon Breese. It is not believed that the President will interfere with the action of the department of justice.

D. J. Kerr, whom Representative Gudger recommended for postmaster at Canton, has filed his answer to the charges sent here with reference to his character. Mr. Gudger says Kerr produced letters in large numbers which say Kerr is a high type of man.

To Walk Across Continent.

Wilmington, May 12.—A. F. Funderburk, of Pageland, Chesterfield county, South Carolina, formerly of Columbia and for several years a member of the City Council of that place, who arrived in Wilmington early Saturday morning to start on his pedestrian trip from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast, will leave here tomorrow morning on his long journey. He hopes to reach San Francisco by September 10, and plans to walk every step of the way. He starts without funds.

He found awaiting him on arrival here a letter from the governor of South Carolina, in response to his request for a letter to be used by him in introducing himself in the towns and cities that he will pass through on his trip. Governor Cole L. Blease states in his letter that he is absolutely certain that any one who would undertake the trip Mr. Funderburk had indicated he had planned, is loose in his head, and goes on to express the hope that Mr. Funderburk will be able to keep out of jails and asylums on his trip, that the people will be kind to him and that if he should become an inmate of any of the asylums he hopes the governor of the State in which the institution is located will notify him, as Mr. Funderburk is one of his subjects.

TO THE TEACHERS OF SURRY COUNTY.

More About Our Washington City Trip.

It is definitely settled that we will leave home so as to reach Winston-Salem on the 11:20 A. M. train, Monday, May 26th. We will reach Washington same day at 10:40 P. M., and remain there three full days.

We have planned a trip on steam boat down the Potomac river 16 miles to Mt. Vernon. This will be an exceedingly interesting trip to all, and especially so to those who have never enjoyed the pleasures of a river steamer.

We will have time to visit all the public buildings, including the Zoological and Botanical Gardens.

As to the expenses of the trip, I would say, if you wish to economize, you need not spend over \$20.00 from Winston back to Winston including everything. You can easily make it cost \$50, or even more.

I would suggest that you carry your first day's lunch and supper with you from home if you wish to economize. Then in Washington you can "put up" at a Hotel on the European plan and get your meals at the restaurants. I would advise that you take with you nothing in the way of baggage that you can not handle yourself.

It is important that I know who intend going that I may notify the Division Passenger Agent at Charlotte who will meet us in Winston with necessary excursion tickets for the party.

Any friends of the teachers who wish to make the trip can do so on the same terms by notifying me by the 20th inst.

I regret that you are not all going, for it would prove a great help to you in your school work, aside from the pleasure and profit gained. The trip will do you good all your life, broaden your vision of our Nation's greatness, and add much to your present stock of knowledge. Let every one who can do so, embrace this opportunity to take one of the most pleasant outings any one can take in so short a time and with so little cost.

W. M. Cundiff.

Rebuilding Plant.

Raleigh, May 12.—The material is being assembled for the rebuilding of The News and Observer building. This building is to be restored in much more complete and adequate shape than before, and will be a model newspaper home. The work will require several months and in the meantime Business Manager Bagley has arranged to open temporary quarters in the Mahler building on Fayetteville street. In this way The News and Observer will get out of the way of The Raleigh Times, whose newspaper plant has been running double time to get out both papers with the aid of a couple of other printing plants in the city. While The News and Observer lost heavily by the fire, through lack of insurance, people in all parts of the State are coming forward with \$100 subscription bonds and otherwise.

For Violating His Oath of Office.

Asheville, May 12.—Magistrate M. A. Creaman, who issued the warrant last Saturday for W. S. Adams, of Star, S. C., on the charge of bribing and intimidating a witness in the John Huff case, and who at 10 o'clock that night heard the case without the prosecutor being present, and released Adams, was arrested here tonight on a bench warrant, issued by Judge W. J. Adams and held to answer to the charge of violating his oath of office.

The warrant was procured by Solicitor Robert R. Reynolds this morning, after the prosecutors of Adams, with the witnesses, appeared before Magistrate Creaman to try the detective, and were told that he had been released.

The facts were immediately laid before Judge Adams in the Superior court, and the bench warrant followed.

Creaman is one of the prominent men of the county.

A Friedmann Patient's End.

Charlotte Observer.

The official report of a post-mortem examination in Berlin on a Friedmann patient who had received treatment in New York three weeks before scema rather discouraging to whatever hopes may still be entertained of the alleged tuberculosis cure. This patient, John McClusky of Oklahoma, 32 years of age, fell dead on a street of the German Capital.

The post-mortem took place at the Royal Hospital, under the supervision of Professor Westenhof, head of the pathological department there, with Dr. E. Avery Newton, an American physician engaged in practice at Bad Nauheim, participating. Death, according to the report, had resulted from the rupture of a pea-sized aneurism in a branch of the pulmonary artery. The lungs contained cavities as large as hens' eggs. Under microscopic examination it was shown that a pronounced tendency to healing existed there, but the deceased had very recently developed acute miliary tuberculosis of the kidneys, liver and spleen together with "a marked catarrhal condition of the left Rosenmuller gland." Around the left gluteal muscle, where Doctor Friedmann had made his injection, there was extensive destruction of tissue, with a typical tubercle in one place. The official report itself simply states the conditions found, but medical men commenting upon it draw the conclusion that the general tuberculosis, as distinguished from the pulmonary affection, followed the injection and was presumably caused thereby. If this be true, the exhibit for the Friedmann treatment is certainly very damaging in so far as inferences may be drawn from any case.

It goes to the root of the whole theory, not original with Doctor Friedmann but adopted and developed by him, that bacilli from cold-blooded animals like the turtle can after some preparation be injected without fear of injury into human-kind.

Walls Rowan Court House Out of Plumb.

Salisbury, May 12th.—Charging that the walls of the new Rowan County court house, now in course of erection, are out of plumb, that inferior material is being used in the construction, that the granite was taken from boulders and was not properly cut, that the building is from three-fourths of an inch to two and one-half inches larger at the top than at the bottom, the Rowan County grand jury today recommended the immediate discharge of the inspector representing the architect, and that the front of the building be torn down and properly built. It is charged that the inspector is incompetent. The action was taken upon a thorough investigation of the structural work and of the plans as inspected by a committee from the grand jury.

The walls of the building are about completed, and it is estimated that \$54,000 has been expended so far on a contract let by the County Commissioners to the King Lumber Company of Charlottesville, Va. The building as it stands was condemned by the grand jury. It is stated that true bills were returned against the Board of County Commissioners as a whole, for failure to do its duty in seeing that the building was properly constructed. Bills were found against two commissioners for contracting to do public work.

Southern Baptist Meet in St. Louis.

St. Louis, May 13.—The general convention of the Southern Baptist church was informally opened at the Third Church in this city today, and will be continued until Tuesday next. Fifteen hundred delegates, representing the 2,000,000 Baptists in the South, are in attendance. The convention is the largest delegated body in the world. No fixed programme has been prepared for the gathering, but all the church work, including the activities of the missionary, educational and publication societies, will be reviewed.