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THE GREEN RIVER ASSOCIATION.

To the Green River Association: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The laymen in our churches feel that this command is to them as much as it is to the preachers. Out of this conviction the laymen's movement sprang. No special provision was made at the meeting of our association for carrying into effect the plans laid by this movement. There is to be an associational chairman who is to appoint a chairman in each church whose business it shall be to keep in touch with the associational chairman and distribute literature and get a regular contribution from each member of his church. He is to stir up the Sunday School and societies in the church and get them to undertake greater things than ever they have done for the Master. The board appointed on Missions and Sunday School will see to getting out programs and arranging to get the best speakers possible. I hope there will be a number of volunteer speakers who will render the best possible service in this great work. The following persons will please take up this work in their churches co-operating with the board, and send to the Executive Committee, 415 Continental Trust Building, Baltimore, Md., for a good supply of literature. Bethel—W. C. Morris. Bethlehem—A. W. Gilliam. Beulah—J. R. Spraven. Big Level—J. H. Gibbs. Camp Creek—G. W. Guffy. Chapel Hill—E. C. Goforth. Cherry Springs—W. H. Gilliam. Clear Creek—W. D. Long. Columbus—N. T. Mills. Cooper's Gap—T. N. Wilson. Dysartsville—W. H. Taylor. Eureka—G. W. Whitesides. Haintown—John Lewis. Harmony Grove—A. E. Rowe. Hickory Grove—J. G. Raburn. Jesse's Grove—C. Suttles. Macedonia—J. A. Gallion. Marion—W. T. Morgan. Mill Springs—J. A. Rucker. Mountain Cove—E. S. Harris. Mountain Creek—C. M. Lewis. Mount Lebanon—J. B. Thompson. Mount Pleasant—J. C. Owenby. Mountain View—D. J. Halford. Mount Vernon—J. H. Smith. Old Fort—J. S. Bradley. Piney Knob—G. F. Robertson. Pleasant Grove—M. L. Haynes. Pleasant Hill—C. C. Lovelace. Rock Springs—Isaac Williams. Round Hill—W. F. Flack. Rutherfordton—T. C. Smith. Silver Creek—E. A. Arledge. Stone Mountain—R. A. Davis. Sunnyvale—W. T. McMahan. Tryon—T. T. Ballinger. Turkey Cove—Wm. Gouge. Whitesides Valley—Guilford Nanny. Zion Hill—Charles Pendergrass. Let the brethren appointed advise with their pastor and co-operate with the board on Missions and Sunday Schools. Stir your people as they never have been moved before. Make this the best year of your life. New Year's Day was a great rally day in my church. Have Mission and Sunday School rally days in your church. The mid-winter lectures are being heard with great delight. Martin A. Wood, of Mars Hill, is here. North Carolina is in the lead in the Seminary. D. J. HUNT, Louisville, Ky., Jan. 3, 1909. True.

THE TOPIC SAYS THAT THE CURFEW LAW IN LENOIR WILL BE VIGOROUSLY ENFORCED, AND THAT CHILDREN UNDER 15 YEARS FOUND ON THE STREETS AFTER NIGHT, WITHOUT PROPER REASON, WILL BE DEALT WITH. WE BADLY NEED SUCH A LAW ENFORCED IN WILKESBORO. ALL SIZES AND AGES GO ON THE STREETS HERE WHENEVER THEY PLEASE. BUT REALLY WE NEED PARENTS MORE THAN WE NEED CURFEW LAWS. WILKESBORO CHRONICLE.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY ORGANIZED.

Governor's Message Received—The Senate Votes to Increase the Governor's Salary. Raleigh, Jan. 7.—Organization of the 1909 general assembly began at noon yesterday with Francis D. Winston, retiring lieutenant governor, presiding in the senate and F. D. Hackett, retiring principal clerk, presiding in the house. The oath of office was administered the members of the house by Chief Justice Walter Clark, and the senate by President Winston. Whitehead Klutz, of Salisbury, was chosen president pro tem of the senate. Judge A. W. Graham of Granville was chosen speaker of the house in compliance with the action of the democratic caucus last night. Other officers elected in compliance with the decree of the caucus includes T. G. Cobb, of Morganton, clerk of the house; A. J. Maxwell, of Craven, clerk of the senate; R. M. Phillips, reading clerk of the house; Mark Squires, Lenoir, reading clerk of the senate. With the completion of the organization Governor Glenn was notified of the readiness of the assembly to receive his message. This was deferred, however, until Thursday when the Governor appeared before a joint session of the assembly and read the message in person. The message was somewhat exhaustive. Some of the Governor's suggestions met with instant and hearty favor, particularly his recommendation as to the convening of the General Assembly once every four years instead of two, his remarks as to the too frequent holding of elections, the advisability of increasing the Governor's salary, the passage of laws necessary for the conservation of the State's natural resources, the need of strengthening the reformatory and the prime importance of maintaining on a broad, liberal basis the unfortunates of the State. Other suggestions also met with approval as, for instance, the desirability of having all executions take place at the State prison by electrocution, the putting of solicitors on salary, and the like.

TO RAISE GOVERNOR'S PAY. Raleigh, Jan. 8.—The Legislature was in session less than one and one-half hours to-day and but for the appointment of several committees by the Speaker of the House and the introduction and passage by the Senate of a bill to increase the Governor's salary from \$4,000 to \$6,000 nothing whatever of consequence was accomplished. The House was in session but little more than an hour, convening at 11, listening to the reading of several committees, hearing a few unimportant bills introduced and then adjourning. The Senate did a little better, for it passed by an overwhelming vote a bill introduced by Mr. Q. K. Nimock, of Cumberland, providing for an increase in the Governor's salary. A similar bill providing for the increase of the salary of the Commissioner of Labor and Printing from \$1,500 to \$2,500 was also approved. The Senate as a body then adjourned. State guarantee of bank deposits and anti-trust legislation are two topics before the body and the outcome of both issues problematical. M. L. Shipman, commissioner-elect of labor and printing, has selected George B. Justice, of Charlotte, as assistant commissioner. Mr. Justice held this position during a part of the year 1904, being succeeded by Mr. Shipman on December 1st, of that year.

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EIGHT NIGHT RIDERS GUILTY

Six of Murder in First Degree and Two Second Degree. Union City, Tenn., Jan. 7.—With a verdict of guilty in varying degree the jury in the night-rider trials reported at 9:45 p. m. to-night. The twelve men found Garrett Johnson, Tid Burton, Boy Ransom, Fred Pincon, Arthur Cloar and Sam Applewhite guilty of murder in the first degree with mitigating circumstances, and Bud Morris and Bob Huffman, the other defendants, guilty of murder in the second degree and fixed their punishment at twenty years in the penitentiary. The punishment of the six first named defendants was left to the court and may be death or life imprisonment. The defense filed a motion for a new trial which was set for hearing Saturday and which will be overruled, as indicated by the court when sentence will be pronounced. The court will sentence the six first named defendants to death. RIDERS ARE SENTENCED. Union City, Tenn., Jan. 9.—Judge Jones to-day imposed the death penalty on Garrett Johnson, Tid Burton, Rob Ransom, Fred Pincon, Arthur Cloar and Sam Applewhite, the night-riders who were found guilty of the murder of Captain Quentin Ranken, and sentenced Bud Morris and Bob Huffman, the two other defendants, to life imprisonment. The attorneys for the defense immediately gave notice of an appeal to the State Supreme Court. A Business Man's New Year's Resolution. The following is taken from The Congregationalist and published because of its beauty of thought and sentiment: To be joyous in my work, moderate in my pleasures, chary in my confidences, faithful in my friendship; to be energetic but not excitable, enthusiastic but not fanatical; loyal to the truth as I see it, but ever openminded to the power of light; to abhor gush as I would profanity, and to hate cant as I would a lie; to be careful in my promises, punctual in my engagements, candid with myself and frank with others; to discourage shams and rejoice in all that is beautiful and true; to do my work and live my life so that neither shall require defense or apology; to honor no one simply because rich or famous, and despise no one because humble or poor; to be gentle and considerate toward the weak, respectful yet self-respecting toward the great, courteous to all, obsequious to none; to seek wisdom from great books and inspiration from good men; to invigorate my mind with noble thoughts as I do my body with sunshine and fresh air; to prize all sweet human friendship and seek at least to make one home happy; to have charity for the erring, sympathy for the sorrowing, cheer for the despondent; to be indifferent to none, helpful to some, friendly with all; to leave the world a little better off because of me; and to leave it, when I must, bravely and cheerfully, with faith in God, and good will to all my fellow men,—this shall be my endeavor during the coming year.

Talking Postal Cards. The talking postal card is the invention of a French engineer, and has become so popular in that country that the American rights have been secured and the device will be placed in the cities of the United States. The person wishing to send a talking postal card to a friend, enters the booth and talks into a machine that records the words on the specially prepared postal card. When the recipient receives the card a hundred or a thousand miles away, he, or perhaps she, takes the card to the nearest postal booth and inserts it in a machine which talks the message it contains. The record on the postal card is indestructible and the exact voice of the sender is heard. A great many people have kidney and bladder trouble, mainly due to neglect of the occasional pains in the back, slight rheumatic pains, urinary disorders, etc. Delay in such cases is dangerous. Take DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. They are for weak back, backache, rheumatic pains and all kidney and bladder trouble. Soothing and antiseptic, and act promptly. Don't fail to get DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. Accept no substitute. Regular size 50c. Sold by M. F. Morphew.

THE FEE SYSTEM SHOULD GO.

The Raleigh News and Observer gives the Legislature good advice in the following: The fee system should go. It is not the correct way to pay officials in counties with large business. The last Legislature abolished all fees to State officials who are now paid only by salary. It lacked only a few votes of putting solicitors on salary. The previous Legislature passed acts putting county officers in Guilford, Forsyth and Buncombe on salaries. By this change thousands of dollars have gone into the county treasury, and the county officers have been well paid. It is time that the people should fix the salary by law and not let it be as much as may come through the presented fees. The county officials in every county, whether paid by salary or fee, should file a statement with the county commissioners showing every cent received and from what source. The old system, under which nobody knows what a county official received, might have suited when the courts were few and fees were small, but it is not a business method of conducting county affairs. All big counties should pay salaries, and all big counties should know the receipts by every official and the source from which the fee is derived. Forsyth county, as the News and Observer says, pays salaries. In the official settlement of the affairs of that county on the first Monday in December the report of the register of deeds showed that the fees of his office during the year amounted to \$3,749.72. The register's salary is \$2,500 and the difference between the salary and the fees is \$1,249.72, which is saved to the county. The salary of the clerk of the Superior Court is \$3,000 and the fees in his office for the year ending December 1st, aggregated \$4,242.15, leaving a balance in favor of the county of \$1,217.15. The saving to the tax-payers of the county from these two offices alone is \$2,466.87, and the clerk and register are certainly paid liberal salaries. The fact is, there is no argument in favor of the fee system that will stand in the face of the facts. The report of the Secretary of the Interior shows that 50,676 names were removed from the pension roll last year by death, 34,333 of these being soldiers and sailors of the civil war. At this rate it would seem that expenditures on account of pensions could soon be reduced, but new subjects are constantly being added and the scope of the pension business broadened so that the hope for a decrease will hardly be realized. There were on the roll last year 1,006,053 pensioners; the amount paid to pensioners during the year was \$153,093,026, and the expense of the pension bureau amounted to \$2,800,963. In lieu of original Christmas editorials, the Richmond Times-Dispatch and the Charlotte Observer contented themselves with printing extracts from the second chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke. And for appropriateness and good taste, we believe they are entitled to congratulations. The Western Union Telegraph Co. will transmit messages free for the relief of the earthquake sufferers in Italy, when offered by relief committees or public officials.

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