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CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

Concluded Labors Monday After Profitable Meeting at Statesville—The Appointments.

The Western North Carolina Conference came to a close at Statesville Monday. The sessions were most delightful and profitable. The conference appointments were read by Bishop Hoss Monday afternoon, the appointments for this district being as follows:

MORGANTON DISTRICT.

Presiding elder, R. M. Hoyle. Bakersville—To be supplied. Broad River—W. B. Davis. Cliffside—A. C. Swafford. Connelly Springs and Rutherford College—E. J. Poe. Forest City—J. F. Moser. Green River—W. S. Cherry. Henrietta and Caroleen—J. F. Armstrong. Marion station—Ira Erwin. McDowell—D. S. Richardson. Morganton station—H. H. Jordan. Morganton circuit—J. P. Hornbuckle. North Catawba—J. L. Smith. Old Fort—R. L. Doggett. Rutherfordton—R. E. Hunt, J. B. Carpenter, Super. Spruce Pine—J. B. Hyder. Table Rock—Albert Sherrill. Thermal City—J. E. Womack. Professor Rutherford College—E. K. Creel. Professor Rutherford College—W. B. West.

CONFERENCE FACTS.

Reports showed that within the dominion of the conference there are 95,171 members, a gain of over 2,900 this year. Infants baptized, 1,895. Adults baptized, 2,912. Number of Epworth League members 3,039. Number of Sunday school members, 80,941. Contributed for missions, \$43,000; gain of \$1,000. Raised for support of the preachers, \$170,595. Value of houses of worship, \$1,924,529.53. Value of colleges, \$1,115,715; 92 professors; 1,444 students.

Virginian Awarded Prize for Best Corn Exhibit.

New York, Nov. 11—For growing the best thirty ears of corn exhibited from any portion of the United States, W. H. Dorin of Clover, Va., has been awarded the \$1,000 silver cup offered by the International Harvester Company at the American Land and Irrigation Exposition, at Madison Square Garden, Mr. Dorin winning over exhibitors from every section of the country.

Mr. Dorin ploughed his land 10 inches and subsoiled 12 inches more. He used 200 pounds of phosphate, his only fertilizer outside of clover turned under. His seed was carefully selected from an acre on which he made a splendid yield in 1910 and the corn which took the prize was from an acre cultivated under the methods of the United States farm demonstration bureau, the yield from this acre being 137 bushels. The soil is the ordinary type of southern Virginia, a gray sandy loam about eight inches deep with a good clay subsoil.

Cold Wave Grips South.

Charlotte Observer, 13.

Nearly a score of deaths, several million dollars' property loss and much suffering and inconvenience resulted from the violent change of temperature, preceding storms and the succeeding cold and snow that beset the central portion of the country Saturday and Sunday.

After an unusually warm November day Saturday, tornadic storms did much damage in Wisconsin and Illinois and killed a dozen persons besides injuring more than a score, several fatally.

A cold wave almost immediately rolled over the wreckage of the storm, extended in a few hours to the Gulf coast and Atlantic seaboard. Rain turned to sleet, snapping telegraph and telephone wires and snow followed. The temperature dropped in several places more than sixty degrees in eighteen hours.

Several persons were frozen to death by the sudden cold, shipping on the Great Lakes was damaged and several boats were cast adrift. In some places gas almost failed. The poor in large cities and the homeless in storm-swept regions suffered severely.

Suicide at Marshall.

Asheville, Nov. 9.—A visitor in the city yesterday from Marshall reported the suicide of a traveling man at that place Tuesday afternoon. It is said that the man was a passenger on a train which passed through Marshall Monday night, and that he became disorderly as a result of which he was placed in jail and was fined for drunkenness yesterday morning. After paying the fine he is reported to have killed himself a short distance from the courtroom.

The name of the man who is said to have ended his life could not be learned, although it is said that he was well dressed and presented the appearance of a man of refinement. It is believed that he was addicted to the use of drugs.

Institutes Suit for Divorce.

Claiming separation from her husband more than six years ago under rather unusual circumstances, Sallie E. Gilliam, through her attorneys, has instituted suit against Lunie Gilliam for absolute divorce.

The bill of complaint, filed in Buncombe County Superior court, alleges that the litigants were married on March 17, 1898, in McDowell county; that in May, 1905, they were temporarily residing in Louisville, Ky.; that owing to the plaintiff's health, she, on the consent of her husband returned to her home in North Carolina with the understanding that her husband was to rejoin her within two months. The complaint sets forth that the plaintiff repeatedly wrote the defendant, but he never returned to North Carolina to rejoin her.

No New Trial for Henry Clay Beattie

Richmond, Va., Nov. 3.—The supreme court has rendered a decision, denying the appeal for a new trial, filed by Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., convicted at Chesterfield, of murdering his young wife, Louise, July 18. Unless the governor grants a reprieve, Beattie will be electrocuted November 24.

CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

New Chief Will be Appointed and Other Vacancies Filled for Re-organization.

The board of aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, the 7th, last. After dispensing with all routine matters, at the suggestion of the mayor, a full investigation of the organization of the Fire Department was made. It was ascertained that the members of this department had not had a meeting in over twelve months; that a number of its members had moved away from town; that the chief of the Fire Department had resigned, leaving the organization without any official head and with scarcely enough members to keep up the organization.

Attention was called to Revisal 1905, section 3011 and 3607, making it a misdemeanor if the Board of Aldermen shall fail or refuse to appoint a chief of the fire department in any city or town of over one thousand inhabitants, according to the last United States census, and the general law applied to this town as the last census gave us a population of over one thousand. This matter was left open until a meeting of the members of the Fire Department could be had when a full report would be made to the Board. This report will include a recommendation to the Board from the members of the Fire Department whom they desire for Chief of the Fire Department together with a list of the new members elected to fill the vacancies occurring.

The office of Chief of Fire Department is a very important one and the general law sets out plainly what his duties are. The Board of Aldermen have gone to considerable expense in equipping the Fire Department and it is to be hoped that the members will be enthusiastic in their support of the organization. Winter time is here and it is a source of comfort to all property owners in the town to know that such interest is being taken to protect their property from fires.

Christmas season is fast approaching and in this connection it may be interesting to the merchants who contemplate investing in fire crackers, torpedoes, bombs, etc. for sale that they will be subject to a town tax of not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars.

Special Train to Richmond.

For the accommodation of persons desiring to attend the football game between University of Virginia and University of North Carolina and others going to Richmond, the Southern Railway will operate a special train from Charlotte to Richmond on November 29th, arriving at Richmond on morning of November 30th, and returning leave Richmond midnight November 30th. Very low round trip tickets will be sold for this special train from Charlotte to Danville inclusive, and from all branch line stations for regular trains connecting with the special train at junction points.

An attractive silver tea will be given shortly in the new room of the Ladies Library.

THE SENATORIAL CONTEST.

Warrenton Record.

We print elsewhere in this issue of the Record a communication from Mr. Nimocks in behalf of Judge Clark for the U. S. Senate. Judge Clark has many warm friends and admirers in Warren county. Our people recognize his ability and fitness and are cognizant of his great services to the State, and have repeatedly voted for him for the Supreme Court, the Chief-Justiceship of which he adorns, and many of his greatest admirers believe he can best serve the people by remaining a member of the Supreme Court.

There are other candidates for the Senate who are worthy of that high position, but we believe that the best interests of the State will be served by sending Governor Kitchin to the Senate. We believe that of all the candidates he will make us the ablest and most effective representative in the Senate.

From his youth, Governor Kitchin has fought the battles of Democracy, and has kept the faith. In his youth he edited a Democratic newspaper in our sister county Halifax. In his early manhood he was the Chairman of the Democratic Party in the county of Person. He redeemed the Fifth District for Democracy and for twelve years represented it in Congress with signal ability. In the great Suffrage Amendment campaign he made a brilliant canvass of a large part of the State. It fell to his lot to defend this great measure in the Congress of the United States, and he did it with such ability and success that the State Executive Committee caused eighty five thousand copies of his speech to be circulated throughout the State as a campaign document.

His devotion to the Democratic faith, his fidelity to the pledges of the Party, and his courage and ability in fighting bounties, subsidies and special privilege have given him a high stand and a commanding influence in the councils of the party in State and Nation.

For years he was a member of the Congressional Campaign Committee, and he has been a leader in shaping those principles and policies of the party which are about to bear the rich fruitage of a Democratic Congress and a Democratic President.

For nearly three years his administration as Governor has been so able and effective that the State is enjoying its greatest era of prosperity and progress in Agriculture, in public health, in good roads and drainage, in manufacture and in every line of material development and social uplift.

He is wise in council and formidable in debate. He is a foe to indirection and deception and a fearless champion of equal and exact justice to all and special privilege to none. Should he be sent to the Senate, he will, on account of his long service in Congress and his great prestige, at once become a National figure and occupy a commanding position in the councils of the Democratic party with which he is in perfect harmony.

The people demand a clean, incorruptible representative in the United States Senate; a man of ability, a man of backbone, a man whose heart beats in sympathy with the toilers of the land, and yet who is not an extremist, but stands for equal rights for all and who stands against special privilege; a man who will represent the people, rather than what is known as the interests and above all a man who realizes that he is the servant of the people, who elected him upon a Democratic platform to carry out Democratic principles.

We believe Governor Kitchin measures up to the high standard set by the people, and like the immortal Vance, his heart-beats will be in unison with the throbbing

EDITORS IN TROUBLE

Because They Accomodate Delinquent Subscribers Uncle Sam Has a Say.

The following is from the Publishers Auxiliary, a newspaper published for the newspaper people:

Special agents of the postoffice department are traveling around the country dropping into newspaper offices when least expected to examine subscription lists, to ascertain if the regulations requiring payment in advance is being observed. Several newspapers have been in trouble, and here is a story told by the Des Moines Capital:

"Editor Fay, of Lyons, Iowa, has been called to Washington city because subscription list is not as well paid up as the law requires. He will have to explain to the government officials why he has not compelled his subscribers to pay up according to the postal rules. It seems a little tough that country editors have to be hauled up before the government under the charge of violating the Federal law just because they do not eternally keep dunning their subscribers for the small sum they owe on subscriptions, but it is like the end of the world; no one knows when it cometh and an editor knoweth not what day the inspector may pop in and ask to see the list, and if too many subscribers are behind on the paper, it means trouble with the government. It puts the editor in such a shape that he is compelled to force his subscriptions unless he has an unusually prompt paying list of subscribers."

The Bee, a newspaper published at Jefferson, has been jerked up. This is what the editor said about it:

"The Bee this morning received its official summons from the postoffice department to conform with the ruling which requires the pay in advance. We can no longer send the paper to delinquents, no matter how willing we may be to accommodate them. We sometimes question the right of Uncle Sam to interfere in the conduct of legitimate business and we say we shall extend credit if we want to, but whether right or wrong we must conform to the regulation. It certainly will distress us greatly to cut off good long time patrons who we know intend to pay, but are careless about the matter, and if such really want the Bee, we know they will come to our assistance and relieve us of the embarrassment."

"It is very dangerous business for a newspaper man to send papers to subscribers who are in arrears."

"To be deprived of second class privileges, which is the penalty of non-compliance with the ruling, puts a newspaper out of business for the expense of putting a one-cent stamp on every paper mailed amounts to more than the profits on the entire subscription business to say nothing of the increased amount of labor which is required in affixing the stamps."

heart of the great common people, and his official acts, if elected Senator, will express the will of the party, as outlined in the Democratic platform, and therefore we give him our earnest support.