

DECLAIM FOR A MEDAL

Contestants From Leazer Literary Society Merit Praise.

There Were Four Speakers and the Judges Awarded the Handsome Gold Medal to J. E. Porter.

The oratorical contest for Leazer Charter Class gold medal took place last night in the chapel at the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

There were four contestants each speaker acquitting himself well, the judges awarding the prize to J. E. Porter of Emerson.

The college chapel held one of the largest audiences ever gathered within its walls, the fair sex being largely in the majority.

The judges, Dr. I. McK. Pittenger, President Blasingame of the Baptist University and President Dinwiddie of the Institute, were given prominent seats, and the president, J. Wade Stone, introduced Mr. Oscar Green, who is a representative of Leazer Charter Class Memorial Association, presented the medal to the judges in a great speech.

W. T. Hinton of Greensboro was the first speaker. His theme was "Our New Labor," and the subject was well handled. The speaker briefly noted the progressing improvement in the condition of the laboring classes since the civil war had removed the stigma from labor, and appealed for trade, industrial and technical schools to continue this development and improvement.

The subject of the second speaker, S. A. Vass of Greensboro, was "What Agriculture Owes to Chemistry." By logical deduction from facts and figures, the speaker brought to mind that the secret of the successful farmer lay in the preparation of his land and its productivity, showing why and how chemistry, by years of study and experiment, had given the farmer these secrets. There was one great secret yet undiscovered—how to make the nitrogenous nodules grow upon cotton, wheat and corn. When this secret is given to the farmer the land will hardly hold the crops produced.

R. M. Wagstaff of Olive Hill spoke upon "The Prevention of Poverty in Our Growing Cities." The preparation of this speech betrayed careful study of the subject, and deserves especial mention. The speaker brought into use statistics which evidenced the startling fact that fully one-third the population of our cities were living in poverty. The remedy for this distressing condition is naturally the most interesting subject, and of these the speaker outlined several. The first was to stop the giving of alms to mendicants; the second, for labor to combine for protection against corporations and to obtain living wages. To further this the public should refuse to buy non-union goods. Then the city authorities should strive to improve the sanitary conditions of the tenement districts. Clubs of men and women should be formed to give moral assistance and direction to the poor. And lastly, more attention paid to the education of poor children.

The last speaker was J. E. Porter of Emerson, and his theme was "Our Friend, the Machine." The essay was carefully prepared and excellently delivered.

The judges were out only a few minutes, and Dr. Pittenger announced their decision, stating the points upon which the contest was judged were the matter presented, the language used and the enunciation and manner of the speaker. He presented the medal to J. E. Porter in a few well-chosen words.

The contestants were heartily applauded in turn, and each was the recipient of an exquisite bouquet, gifts of admirers in the audience.

During the intermissions the audience enjoyed a number of pleasing and excellently rendered selections by the college band.

A CHARMING SUCCESS.

"Fisherman's Luck" Presented Again at the Academy Last Night.

"Fisherman's Luck" was given its second presentation at the Academy last evening by the Home Dramatic Club and the audience present was a thoroughly delighted and pleased one.

It is the popular impression that the talented company presenting "Fisherman's Luck" has excelled all previous efforts of local amateurs.

The play has many strong lines, relieved by bright and entertaining comedy, and the charming manner in which it is presented by the local company makes it the more attractive.

The cast is an ideal one in many respects. Each character was portrayed with a high degree of excellence, reflecting the highest credit upon the company. But it is just to say here that Mr. Frank J. Sherin, who was cast as Tom Manly, deserves a great deal of credit for the successful presentation of the play. In the character of Tom Manly he was truly excellent. There was a simplicity of manner and speech about his work, though the romantic role which he essayed demanded more or less feeling and emotion at times. Mr. Sherin's portrayal of the character was a splendid piece of work, and in organizing and training the company. His efforts were most felt and appreciated.

He undertook the task of producing the play here, and how successful he has been is now well known to all.

Rose Prescott, as played by Miss Minnie Fitch Tucker, is a most charming character, and it was cleverly interpreted last evening. Miss Tucker has a delightful stage presence, and she is pleasing in any character she undertakes.

Miss Daisy E. Moring was splendid

in the part of Ruth Manly, and her clever impersonation of the character was often applauded.

Miss Flora Creech made an admirable Mrs. Manly.

Little Patsy Smith captivated the audience as Little Nellie. Little Patsy is a talented and bright young lady, and her clever acting is remarkable for a child.

J. Early Hughes was as humorous as ever in the character of St. Kidder. Raleigh people are beginning to think that Early was cut out for the stage. He shines, matters not what the character in which he appears. Dr. George A. Wrenn as David Morris, William Royal as William Farren, and Richard S. Busbee as Joseph Hammond were all good in their respective parts.

POSTSCRIPTS

Dr. Branch Young of Rolesville was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Miss Sallie Parham left yesterday for Durham to visit relatives and friends.

Miss Dowd of Durham, who has been visiting Miss Fannie Jones, returned home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Rosenthal and son of New Bern are visiting Mrs. G. Rosenthal on Fayetteville street.

Miss Claudia Willis left yesterday for Richmond, where she will be the guest of her cousin, Mrs. J. N. Gorman.

Miss Loise Wright of Portsmouth, Va., niece of Mr. C. B. Wright of this city, was here yesterday, en route to Chapel Hill.

Revenue Agent A. S. Patterson of Greensboro was a visitor in the city yesterday. He returned home in the afternoon.

Miss Annie May Kearney, one of Vance county's charming daughters, is visiting at Mrs. R. C. Rivers' on Oakwood avenue.

Don't fail to hear the Schumann Concert this afternoon and tonight. Seats for sale at W. H. King & Co.'s drug store—35 and 50 cents; no extra for reserved seats.

President Winston has invited Attorney General Walser to lecture before the students of the college at an early date on "The three departments of the State government, and the practical workings thereof."

Mr. Henry A. London, editor of the Chatham Record, was in the city yesterday accompanied by his wife en route to attend the annual meeting of the National Editorial Association, which will be held at New Orleans next week. In answer to an inquiry of The Post's representative as to his candidacy for the nomination for State Treasurer, Mr. London said that he was greatly encouraged by the many very kind letters received by him from all parts of the State. He said some very pleasant things about his competitors for the nomination, for all of whom he has the highest regard and kindest feelings. He also stated that the amendment was rapidly gaining strength in Chatham, and that Mr. Poir's recent speech had won many votes.

DR. ROYSTER VICE-PRESIDENT

Tri-State Medical Association to Meet in Richmond Next Year.

Dr. H. A. Royster returned yesterday from Charleston, S. C., where he attended the annual meeting of the Tri-State Medical Association.

The association honored Dr. Royster by electing him vice-president for the coming year. Dr. Charles W. Kollock of Charleston was elected president.

The vice-presidents chosen were Dr. Manning Simmons of South Carolina, Dr. Hubert A. Royster of North Carolina and Dr. J. R. Gildersleeve of Virginia. Dr. Paulus A. Irving of Richmond, Va., was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

The following members were elected on the executive council: W. L. Roberts, Henry Nelson and J. R. Gildersleeve, Virginia; Drs. Stanton, Long and Burroughs, North Carolina, and Drs. W. P. Porcher, S. C. Baker and J. G. Tompkins of South Carolina.

The association adjourned to meet in Richmond, Va., next year.

The meeting at Charleston was largely attended and a very successful one. Dr. Royster stated that the association was splendidly entertained by the city of Charleston.

THE FIRST DIRT THROWN.

Dr. Jenkins Makes First Move in Construction of Orphanage Building.

First dirt was thrown yesterday for the new Methodist orphanage building.

Rev. Dr. J. W. Jenkins, who has been indefatigable in his efforts to establish the orphanage, had the honor of throwing the first shovel of dirt for the foundation of the new building.

The executive committee of the board of trustees, consisting of Rev. Dr. Jenkins, R. T. Gray, Joseph G. Brown and J. S. Wynne, went out to the orphanage grounds yesterday and finally selected the site for the first building to be erected. Much of the material for the new building is on the grounds and the contractors began work at once. The committee consulted with Prof. Wallace Kiddick and Contractors Pearson and Zahary in the selection of a site.

Donation Day.

The managers of St. Agnes Hospital for colored people have set aside next Monday, February 26, as a donation day, and gifts of money, provisions and hospital supplies will be gratefully received. The hospital is located on the grounds of St. Augustine Normal School, and will be open to visitors Monday from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Prof. Potent's Lecture.

Prof. W. L. Potent of Wake Forest College instructively entertained the students of St. Mary's School and a number of their friends last evening. His subject was "An Evening with the Microscope," and increased interest was added to a very thoughtful talk

by practical demonstrations. This important branch of science was carefully treated, and at its conclusion the professor's auditors realized that they had added not a little to their store of knowledge.

The lecture was given in the parlors of the institution, and was in the regular course.

Spring opening of Shoes at Jones' Friday and Saturday, special prices

Supreme Court.

Appeals from the Third district were disposed of yesterday as follows:

Ellis v. Massenburg, argued by C. M. Cooke & Son and P. S. Spruill for plaintiff; B. B. Massenburg for the defendant. (Judge Clark did not sit on the hearing of this appeal.)

Johnson v. Rogers and Marine Insurance Company v. Old Dominion Steamship Company continued.

The Fourth district cases will be taken up on next Tuesday at 10 o'clock a. m.

Schumann Grand Concert Co.

All lovers of good music and impersonation will have a second and third opportunity this afternoon and tonight of hearing the Schumann Grand Concert Company at Metropolitan Hall.

Seldom does Raleigh have an attraction that gives as universal satisfaction as was given by this organization on its appearance here last Monday night. If you did not hear it then, don't lose these opportunities, and if you did it is needless to say you will go again. The press and people are unanimous in their praise of these artists.

Off to Chapel Hill.

Quite a party of Raleighites went to Chapel Hill yesterday to attend the February German given by the University German Club. Those in the party were Miss Lilla Vass, Miss Christine Busbee, Miss Ethel Norris, Miss Annie Rogers, Miss Nell Hindsdale, Miss Mary Thompson, Miss Freda Hill of Halifax, Mrs. M. T. Norris, Mrs. A. A. Thompson and Mrs. C. M. Busbee.

Died.

Haywood.—In this city Friday, February 23, Martha Cannon Haywood, daughter of the late William Dallas and Mary Cannon Haywood. The funeral will be held from her late residence, corner Johnston and Wilmington streets, this (Saturday) morning at 11 o'clock.

The Weather Today.

The weather forecast for today is "fair; warmer." The maximum temperature yesterday was 56, minimum 35 and mean temperature 46.

INVESTIGATION WELCOMED.

The State Department Will Be Glad to Ventilate Macrum's Charges.

Washington, Feb. 23.—State Department officials appear to be pleased instead of worried over the action of Representative Wheeler of Kentucky, presenting a resolution for investigation of the charges of ex-Consul Macrum. From what was said by him today, it would seem that the department would welcome an inquiry into Macrum's allegations as giving an opportunity to show that Macrum neglected his duty and American interests in not reporting alleged violations of his mail and that the department acted promptly on the statement furnished by Macrum to the newspapers. The Wheeler resolution directs also an investigation of the charge attributed to Macrum that the British authorities in South Africa were in possession of the secret code of the State Department. As a matter of fact, the department's secret cipher was not used in South Africa, and if it had been, Macrum would not have been affected, as the Boer government declined to permit transmission of telegrams in code.

BRYAN IN ATLANTA.

He Makes a Neat Point on the Policy of the Imperialists.

Atlanta, Feb. 23.—Ex-Secretary Hoke Smith was among the first to call on William J. Bryan on his arrival here.

Mr. Bryan was entertained by Colonel Howell at dinner. Tonight he addressed an immense audience along the line of his recent speeches. To a reporter he said that he believed the prospects good. He declared that imperialism has received a body blow at the hands of the Republicans who favor the Porto Rican tariff bill, because the measure shows that the Republicans intend to treat the people of the Philippines and Porto Rico as subjects; also that the purpose of the imperialists is not benevolence, but exploitation.

WRECK OFF THE COAST.

A Large Schooner Probably Lost With All on Board.

Norfolk, Feb. 23.—Wreckage coming ashore on the North Carolina coast appears to show that there has been a wreck off shore recently. All aboard the vessel probably went down with her. There was a fifty-mile gale off the coast Tuesday and a stiff storm last Saturday. The wreck is believed to have occurred during Saturday's storm.

Reports from Ocracoke, near Hatteras, state that a large piece of what is believed to be the deck of a 400-ton schooner came ashore fouled with the cable of the British steamship Ariosto, stranded there. Marine men fear that a schooner of which they know the name is lost. They will not tell the name, fearing to cause needless alarm to friends of those aboard the vessel.

CLARK CASE NEARLY ENDED.

Witnesses Called to Fill Up Small Gaps in the Evidence.

Washington, Feb. 23.—When the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections came to order this morning

Mr. Faulkner, counsel for Senator Clark, announced that he was ready to rest the case of his client, except that he might have to examine a few witnesses in rebuttal of any further testimony that might be offered on the other side.

The chairman, Senator Chandler, said the committee desired to confer with counsel on both sides, and for that purpose he ordered that the committee room be cleared of all other persons. Half an hour afterward the doors were re-opened and Charles W. Clark, the Senator's son, was recalled and examined by counsel on the other side and questioned as to some items of payment made by him as testified yesterday.

Attorney-General Nelson of Montana was again called by anti-Clark counsel. He was asked to produce the transcript of the testimony of A. J. Steele before the grand jury. Objection was made on the twofold ground that the secrets of the grand-jury room should not be divulged, and the original stenographic notes were not produced. The committee went into executive session to consider the objection.

PROTEST FROM PORTO RICO.

A Petition From San Juan Chamber of Commerce Laid Before the Senate.

Washington, Feb. 23.—President (pro tem) Frye laid before the Senate today a cable dispatch, signed by the Chamber of Commerce of San Juan, Porto Rico, addressed to "the President of the Senate and Congress," reading:

"Command by poor of Porto Rico attending celebration commemoration anniversary of Washington request that for humanity's sake resolution be adopted economic problems. Every day represents considerable loss, leading to total ruin."

Mr. Hoar inquired of the chair whether he held the document to be a petition from citizens of the United States. The rules of the Senate forbid the presentation of petitions from citizens of foreign countries except through the Department of State.

Mr. Frye said he did not feel called upon to rule on the question, but as he had presented the document, the Senator from Massachusetts might judge his feelings on the subject by that act.

IMPERIALISM CONDEMNED.

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—After two hours' discussion at an anti-imperialistic conference here today, in which the course of the national administration toward the Philippines and the contemplated regulation of trade with Porto Rico were condemned, one of the speakers, B. Frank Stephens, calling President McKinley a murderer, a resolution was unanimously adopted declaring that his policy violates the principles of the United States government, pledging themselves not to support any candidates for President or Congress favoring such policy, and requesting the calling of a national convention of anti-imperialists for the purpose of securing united action against candidates entertaining imperialistic views.

TELEGRAPHIC TERSITIES.

Thirteen firemen and policemen were hurt, none seriously, at a fire which did twenty thousand dollars damage to a building in Ridge avenue, Philadelphia.

The framework of a glass factory in course of erection at Muncie, Ind., collapsed, injuring nine persons.

A mob of about sixty hoodlums attacked the British consulate in Chicago, pelting the building with all sorts of missiles, and tearing down a flag over the entrance in honor of Washington. The police dispersed the mob. No arrests were made. The consul says he will take no official action.

Mr. A. J. Feilds has moved his law office from the Law building to room 501, Tucker building.

Riggan's China and Toy Store.

ORANGES, JUST 3,000, SWEET AND JUICY ONES, AT 1 CENT EACH. A SHOW.—In the north window on Fayetteville street, on Wednesday morning, you will see the novelty that everybody will be interested in to see. It will be a surprise.

GAMES—Carroms, Checkers and Backgammon, all in one, for \$2.50. Carroms and Croconole, \$3.50. Twenty-game Combination Board—twenty games on one board, \$3.50. Croconole only, \$1.00. Croconole, better board, \$1.25. Croconole, best made, \$2.50. Piresias Educational Games, the newest and best Card Game out, for 25c., about twenty different varieties. We keep, as well, all kinds of Games.

NUTS AND RAISINS.—A few more London Layer Raisins, 10c. Pecans, best stock, 10c. lb. GLASSWARE.—These goods have very much advanced, but we are holding the price down as yet here. Pressed Tumblers, 30, 40 and 50c. doz. The best Blown Tumblers, plain, 50c. doz.

TOILET WARE.—A six-piece Toilet Set for \$1.25 (white); ten-piece Toilet Set, assorted decorations, \$1.75; ten-piece Toilet Set, striped in gold, a beauty, for \$3.50; ten-piece set, striped and fancy, decorated in flowers, \$4.25. Now the finest sets in Pansies, something beautiful to behold. Just see them and you will enjoy it. A white Bowl and Pitcher, large one, \$7.00.

DINNER WARE.—From the best Haviland to anything in cheap white; 100-piece Dinner Set, in Granite, green decorations, border decorations, for only \$6.00; 112-piece Dinner Set of three different patterns, blue, green and pearl, for \$9.50 set—good English. If it is the children you wish to please, we will do your bidding. If the kitchen is in need we can supply it. If the dining-room wants for anything, see us. If the parlor wishes to be made beautiful, we have what it wants.

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