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A. & M. COMMENCEMENT

Graduating Exercises at the College Today.

THE TRUSTEES MEET.

No Action Taken Today—Not Likely that Any Important Business Will be Transacted Until Tomorrow.

This was commencement day at the Agricultural and Mechanical College. The auditorium of the college, which was tastefully decorated, was well and comfortably filled with friends and patrons of the college.

The exercises of the day were opened with the invocation by Rev James A. Weston, D. D.

There were five orations, and the young gentlemen who delivered them acquitted themselves with credit and skill. The orators and the subjects of their orations were as follows:

Walter Jones McLendon, Jr., of Wadesboro—“Burns' Influence on the Growth of Government by the People.”

Albert Hicks Oliver, of Mount Olive—“The New Agriculture.”

Joseph Lawrence Knight, of Edgecombe county—“The Best is Yet to Be.”

W. G. Clark, of Raleigh—“Our Manufacturing Possibilities.”

Sidney Gustavus Kennedy, of Lenoir county—“Some Phases of Burke's Life.”

The roll of honor was read by the president and special mention made at the conclusion of the orations. The presentation of prizes was made by Hon. Cyrus Thompson, Secretary of State.

The diplomas were presented the graduating class by a few happy remarks by his Excellency, Governor D. L. Russell.

There are twenty-one members of the graduating class this year. Those who took the degree of Bachelor of Science are as follows: The subjects of their thesis are given:

J. S. Buffalo, Rands Mill, Wake county—“Humus and its Relation to the Fertility of the Soil.”

J. W. Carroll, West Raleigh, Wake county—“Farm Drainage.”

C. E. Clark, Charlotte—“The Flora of the College Farm.”

J. E. Highsmith, Sampson county—“The Practicability of Dehorning Cattle.”

S. G. Kennedy, Lenoir county—“The Tobacco Industry of North Carolina.”

J. L. Knight, Edgecombe county—“Germination of Seeds, Necessary Conditions for, and Various Methods for Controlling These Conditions.”

A. H. Oliver, Mt. Olive—“Effect of Cotton-seed-hulls on the Production of Milk and Butter.”

B. J. Wooten, Wilmington—“Tile Drainage.”

COURSE IN ENGINEERING.

W. G. Clark, Raleigh—“Design of a Hospital for the College.”

N. L. Gibbon, Mecklenburg county—“An Experimental Determination of the Value of Radiating Surface for Heating Buildings.”

C. B. Kendall, Anson county—“Design of a Pratt Bridge truss (with Merritt).”

W. J. McLendon, Jr., Wadesboro—“Design of a 500-horse-power Boiler Plant (with Sanders).”

R. H. Merritt, Wilmington—“Design of a Pratt Bridge truss (with Kendall).”

W. H. Sanders, Dunn—“Design of a 500-horse-power Boiler Plant (with McLendon).”

Lea Watson, Raleigh—“Design of a Lighting Plant for the College.”

COURSE IN SCIENCE.

Ceburn D. Harris, Raleigh—“A Chemical Examination of the Water Supply of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.”

H. W. Primrose, Raleigh—“Reactions Between Calcium Hydroxide and the Phosphates, Under Varying Conditions.”

T. J. Smithwick, Bertie county—“Determination of the Latitude and Longitude and the True Meridian at the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.”

These gentlemen took the degree of civil engineer:

J. I. Blount, B. E., Sampson county—“The Use of Curves in the Solution of Engineering Problems.”

D. C. Clark, B. E., M. E., Raleigh—“A Bird's-Eye View of the College Grounds.”

L. R. Whitted, B. S., Alamance county—“Determination of the Latitude

and Longitude and the True Meridian at the N. C. College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

Trustees Meet.

The trustees of the college had a short session this morning which lasted only a few minutes.

This evening at four o'clock the board met again, but only routine business, such as the receiving of reports, was transacted. The board will hardly take any action today relative to changes in the faculty, though there may be some movement of this kind tonight.

It was said today that Governor Russell postponed his trip to Trinity in order to be near the board when the changes in the faculty are made.

The Sale of the Castle Hayne Farm.

The land of the phosphate mines, mill and farm located at Castle Hayne, which was purchased by the penitentiary for \$16,000, embraces 800 acres. In bidding in the property for the penitentiary, Mr. Chadbourn stated that as director and chairman of the finance committee of the penitentiary, he made the bid and that he was not personally responsible in any way, shape or form. He also stated that he bid the property in as a trustee in order to secure a part of the debt due the state penitentiary by the North Carolina Phosphate Co.

The debts of the phosphate company amount to \$88,500. Among the creditors are the Citizens' National bank, of Raleigh, whose claim is \$31,000; Dr. Hogg, of Goldsboro, whose claim is \$18,000; C. M. Hawkins, of Raleigh, whose claim is \$7,000, and the state penitentiary, the claim of which is \$17,000 for convict labor furnished.

For the past two years the penitentiary has leased the farm, but this year the farming operations have been discontinued and the mines are being worked by about 40 convicts. Mr. Chadbourn says he thinks the sale will be confirmed and in the event that it is the mines and mill will be operated, the farm will be worked and brick making will be carried on to an extensive scale.

Death of Mr. Jabez Myers.

Mr. Martin Jabez Myers died yesterday morning in one of the New York city hospitals on Ward's Island.

Mr. Myers was born in Anson county and was at the time of his death 38 years old. He was for a number of years connected with the well known dry goods house of Jaffray & Co., of New York, as their southern representative. No man on the road had more friends than he and he was one of the most successful traveling men in this section.

Mr. Myers was a frequent visitor to Raleigh and had many friends here.

The American Tobacco Company.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

New York, June 8.—The trial of the indictments found against the officers and directors of the American Tobacco Company for conspiracy to restrain trade was begun in the Court of General Sessions today.

The defendants are James B. Duke, president; William H. Butler, vice-president; Joshua Browne, secretary; Charles G. Emery, treasurer; and William A. Marburg, Lewis Ginter, George Arents, George W. Gail, Benjamin M. Duke and George W. Watts, directors. Counsel for the defense are Joseph H. Choate, W. W. Fuller, Ex-Surrogate Daniel G. Rollins, L. Oudin and Ralph Oakley.

Captain Kendrick.

The Montgomery, (Ala.) Advertiser of May 30th, says: “In writing of the officers of his regiment, Gov. W. C. Oates has this to say of Capt. Kendrick who was in the regiment of which he (Gov. Oates) was colonel: “Wm. B. Kendrick was 21 years old when enlisted. He was an excellent soldier and always present for duty, and in all the battles in which the regiment was engaged, until elected junior second lieutenant in the Thirty-seventh Alabama Infantry Regiment in July, 1862. He served with his company in that regiment so acceptably that Lieutenant Colonel A. A. Greene, commanding the regiment, complimented him by an order read at dress parade for his gallantry and general efficiency. By the voluntary action of all the officers and men of Company E, Forty-second Alabama Regiment, he was made captain of that company, in which he served most acceptably and gallantly and was several times wounded, and once quite severely. He now resides at Raleigh, N. C., and has won considerable distinction as a teacher.”

A CLERK REAPPOINTED

Judge Purnell Continues Green as Newbern—Other Appointments.

Judge Purnell today made the following appointments of United States commissioners:

D. C. Mangum, of Durham; T. W. Dewey, of Newbern and Albert I. Lewis, of Beaufort.

George Green of Newbern, is re-appointed clerk of the United States court at that place.

This is the first appointment to a court clerkship Judge Purnell has yet made. He has five other clerks to appoint.

Judge Purnell has the appointment of the clerk at Raleigh, though it is not known that he will make any change. The clerkship in this city is a circuit as well as a district office and would therefore have to be ratified by Judges Goff and Simoulton.

Judge Purnell has not completed the list of appointments of United States commissioners. He can appoint as many as he deems fit, no specified number being provided for in the statute.

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