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DELEGATES ELECTED

Representatives at the General Conference Chosen.

CANDIDATES ADMITTED.

The Conference Held an Afternoon Session—Blind Institution Visited—The First Conference Held in Raleigh was in 1811.

The addresses of Mr. L. L. Smith and Prof. Mims, of Trinity college, on Sunday school and Epworth League work respectively were listened to by a large gathering in Edenton street Methodist church last evening.

Bishop Hargrove again called the Methodist conference to order this morning at 9:30. It might be said here that the bishop is a model presiding officer. This fact has been commented upon by all who have attended the sessions of the body.

Rev. Dr. F. H. Hood, Rev. C. W. Byrd, N. R. Richardson and Parker Holmes, all of the Western North Carolina conference, were introduced to the conference.

Reverends J. W. Strider, L. T. Mann and J. M. Terrell were received by certificate from the Western conference into the North Carolina conference.

Rev. L. O. Wyche and Rev. N. C. Seabold were re-admitted to the conference.

Rev. Dr. Law, of the American bible society was introduced and made a most interesting address before the conference.

The following candidates for admission into the conference were admitted.

Jesse I. Cuninggim, D. B. Parker, R. L. Davis, Y. E. Wright, H. A. Humble, E. W. Fox and W. D. Sasser.

The election of delegates from this conference to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South which meets in Baltimore in May was then entered upon.

This was the most important work of the body this morning. The tellers were Rev. N. M. Journey, Rev. H. B. Anderson, Q. K. Nimrocks and J. G. Brown.

The following delegates were declared elected: Lay delegates, B. N. Duke, J. G. Brown, Dr. D. B. Zollicoffer and L. L. Smith; clerical delegates, Rev. Dr. J. C. Kilgo, Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates, Rev. T. N. Ivey and Rev. Dr. F. D. Swindell.

The conference will hold another session this afternoon at 3 o'clock to select alternates to the general conference.

At 4:30 the conference visited the blind institution where a concert was tendered them by the pupils of the school.

Tonight Rev. Dr. J. C. Kilgo will address an educational mass meeting.

There are 166 ministers in the conference and 36 lay delegates besides the numerous visitors.

The following facts about the Methodist Conference, which will prove of especial interest to the people of Raleigh, are taken from the Christian Advocate:

"Again the time has come for the Methodist hosts to assemble at their capital city in annual conference session. Raleigh is one of the historic centers of our church. On April 5, 1792, Hon. Wiley Jones and five others purchased of Joel Lane one thousand acres of land and formed the plan of the capitol to embrace in its corporate limits four hundred acres. This was the beginning of Raleigh. The State house had hardly been occupied by a general assembly in 1794, before there was heard almost on the very spot the voice of a Methodist preacher, proclaiming free grace and calling sinners to repentance. The Carolina circuit had been formed in May, 1776, and Jesse Lee and others had been preaching in Wake. Raleigh entertained a Methodist conference for the first time in February, 1811. Bishop Asbury and McEnderree were present. Raleigh contained only a few hundred souls. It was the Virginia conference that assembled at this time. The conference then embraced the greater part of Virginia and North Carolina. In this vast territory there were reported at the conference of 1811 only about 12,000 white members, and less than fifty clerical members. The Virginia conference met in Raleigh three times after this, in 1816, 1821 and 1828. The North Carolina conference met in Raleigh in 1834, 1841, 1863, 1874 and 1882. It is thus seen that Raleigh is a familiar place to Methodist preachers. By com-

paring the statistics that will be presented this week with the statistics presented in 1811, it will be seen how wonderfully Methodism has grown. The little meeting place in 1811 has given way to the splendid church edifice. Raleigh has grown to be a thriving populous city in every part of which Methodism has lighted her camp fires. The memory of Jesse Lee, Asbury and a host of others lingers. The very atmosphere will be congenial to Wesleyan tastes, and Raleigh will throw wide open her doors and her hearts.

"Let it be remembered that the first great revival wave that swept over the State had its starting point in the conference of 1811. The old State house in which the conference met rang with shouts of praise.

Personals.

Mr. R. P. Hill, of Louisburg, is at the Yarboro.

Mr. G. H. Ireland, of Greensboro, is in the city.

Mr. H. N. Shaw, of Oxford, is in town.

Mr. B. A. Capehart, of Kittrell, is at the Yarboro.

Mr. W. G. Lewis, of Statesville, is at the Yarboro.

Mrs. S. C. Vann is visiting Mrs. M. T. Norris.

Miss Birdie Black is in the city attending the conference.

J. T. Lyon, of Rockingham, is at the Park.

W. E. Bonitz, of Wilmington, is in the city.

Mrs. John Tucker has returned from a visit to Franklin county.

Mr. Paul Collins who has been sick for some time is out again.

Mrs. J. S. Congleton, of Greenville is visiting Mrs. L. W. Lancaster.

Miss Cochran, of Catawba county, is visiting Mrs. C. H. Mebane.

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CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Horrible Death of One of the Band of Lynchites.

On Monday afternoon a most fearful accident, but the first during its entire construction, after many narrow escapes, occurred at the Fort.

The unfortunate man is Rufus Murray, of Currituck county, one of the band of Lynchites, who followed them there, making a miraculously trip in a very small boat alone.

He was at work on the top of the battery and as next to the last "skip" of 13,000 yards of concrete was lowered it struck him while in a bent posture, knocking him forward and down, when by accident the skip was tripped and its contents of about two tons of concrete was dumped partly on his body, crushing him heavily.

He was cut out and brought to the city where he received good attention by Dr. Eger, the Quarantine Physician, but expired at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon.—Smithfield Leader.

COLD WAVE TOMORROW.

This Rain Will Continue Until Saturday Night.

The weather bureau predicts for Raleigh and vicinity: Rain tonight and Saturday; clearing Saturday night, with decidedly colder weather.

The storm has moved from the Texas coast to the lower Mississippi, near Vicksburg, where an unusually heavy rain of 4.48 inches in 24 hours occurred. The rain area accompanying the storm extends over the entire country east of the Mississippi. The rainfall so far has been light, except at Vicksburg.

On the northwest side of this storm the cold wave prevails with unabated severity. Snow has fallen over Nebraska and Kansas and the temperature has fallen to zero or below as far south as Amarillo, Texas.

The cold wave will probably follow immediately behind the storm as it moves northeastward.

SPOKES FOR ENGLAND.

Mr. Brierly Will Manufacture Spokes at Methods for Shipment to Liverpool.

Mr. William Brierly, of Leeds, England, has come here to engage in the business of making spokes for shipment to England. He has purchased the spoke making plant of the Mills Manufacturing company here and will remove it to Method, a village two miles west of Raleigh, and make large additions to the plant. He made a shipment of spokes to Liverpool a few days ago.

Mr. Brierly seems to be a wide-awake business man and will no doubt make this enterprise a success.

S. A. L. Issues a Circular.

The Seaboard Air Line has issued the following circular increasing the regular baggage allowance to passengers traveling over their line.

"On and after December 5th, 1897, and until further notice, the Seaboard Air Line, in order to meet the action of its competitors, will allow free 300 pounds of baggage for each passenger holding a full ticket, and 150 pounds for each half ticket between stations on its line. The rules governing the checking of baggage to be the same as outlined in excess baggage tariff No. 1, in effect January 15th, 1897, and circular No. 890, in effect June 10th, 1896.

"There will be no change in the free allowance in checking baggage through to points beyond the Seaboard Air Line."

THORN MUST DIE.

He Will Be Taken to Sing Sing and Be Executed in January.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

LONG ISLAND CITY, Dec. 3.—Thorn was carried before Justice Maddox today and he stood without the tremor of a muscle and listened to the sentence to die during the week beginning January tenth. This was one of the most remarkable exhibitions of nerve ever seen of a condemned murderer.

The court was packed. Several of the jurors were present. Lawyer Howe put no obstacles in the way of the proceedings. After the sentence was pronounced lawyer Howe presented an affidavit that Thorn's funds were exhausted and asked the court to appropriate money for an appeal.

Thorn will be taken to Sing Sing late this afternoon or tomorrow.

It is reported that one of the city fathers will at the meeting of the board of aldermen tonight introduce a regulation requiring the saloons which have a restaurant attached to close at 11 o'clock. All the saloons close their bars at eleven now, but the restaurant can remain open all night.

THE LATEST NEWS

President McKinley with his Dying Mother.

A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

Five Men Made Blind and Many Injured By an Explosion in a Candy Factory—Senator Hanna is Reported Better—Other News.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

CANTON, Dec. 3.—There is but slight change in the condition of the president's mother. Dr. Phillips called early this morning and found his patient breathing heavily but otherwise no worse.

The president is due to arrive at 10:20. All the other members of the family who are not already here are on the way.

The patient still has possession of her mental faculties. Dr. Phillips is constantly present.

LATER—President McKinley arrived at 8:45 this morning. His mother recognized him but she was unable to speak.

The Candy Disaster.

New York, Dec. 3.—A terrific explosion occurred in the candy manufactory of D. Auerbach, at 336 West Thirty-ninth street, shortly before noon today. Twenty four men were scalded and otherwise injured. Six candymakers were blinded by the boiling syrup. Five of them will never see again. One hundred men engaged in making Christmas candy had a narrow escape.

Hanna Improving.

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CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 3.—Senator Hanna is better today and is sitting up. He expects to leave for Washington Sunday.

Wife Murder Hanged.

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WETHERFIELD, Conn., Dec. 3.—Giuseppe Fuda, who killed his wife and placed her on the railroad tracks near East Norfolk, was hanged early this morning. The execution was almost medieval. His accomplice, Imposio, was sentenced to be hanged two weeks from today.

Guards Overpowered.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

ALTONA, Pa., Dec. 3.—Eleven prisoners in McKean County jail this morning overpowered the guards and took possession of the jail. They are now at bay behind barricaded doors.

\$11,000 Deficit.

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CINCINNATI, Dec. 3.—Official statements of the account of the horse show recently held in Chicago shows a deficit of \$11,000. This is much larger than was generally supposed.

A Murderer Escapes.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

RIPLEY, W. Va., Dec. 3.—John S. Morgan, who murdered his family and was sentenced to be hanged December 16th, escaped from jail last night. He is being pursued by a posse.

Train Wrecked.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

LIMA, Ohio, Dec. 3.—A passenger train on the Chicago and Erie railroad was wrecked seven miles east of here last night. It is reported that the engine blew up and three persons were killed.

TO MANUFACTURE SUGAR

A Southern Company with a Capital of \$1,000,000 Chartered.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

RICHLAND, Dec. 3.—The circuit court granted today a charter to the Southern Sugar Refining Company with a capital of a million. The company will manufacture sugar out of beets. Extensive operations will begin soon. This is a new venture in the south. James B. Pace, a banker, is president of the company.

The railroad commission suit of Pearson for Commissioner Otho Wilson's place was expected to come up before the Supreme court tomorrow. The court, however, may not be able to reach it then and it may have to go over until Monday.

Regular meeting of Seaton Gales Lodge No. 64, I. O. O. F., Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. It is earnestly desired that every member be present. Members of sister lodges are cordially invited to attend.

J. J. ROWERS, N. G.

THIEN, Sec.

THE MERRY MAKERS.

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A DELIGHTFUL DANCE.

The Capital Club Gave a Dance in Honor of Visiting Ladies.

One of the most delightful germs of the season was given at the Capital Club last evening complimentary to the visiting young ladies. Beautiful ladies, gallant gentlemen and music made the evening thoroughly enjoyable.

Mr. Thos. F. Bush led the dancing with Miss Elizabeth Taylor. Those dancing were Miss Eliza Bellamy, of Wilmington, with F. M. Stronach; Miss Saunders, of Richmond, with Mr. A. B. Andrews, jr.; Miss Hamilton, of Baltimore, with H. J. Decker; Miss Elizabeth Hinsdale with W. W. Roberts; Miss Carter, of Asheville with Jas. N. Williamson, of Graham; Miss Minnie Tucker with F. P. Hayward, jr.; Miss Hilliard, of Norfolk, with J. C. Drewry; Miss Dorch, of Aberdeen, Miss, with V. H. Boyde; Miss Sophie Busbee with W. H. King; Miss Jane Andrews with Col. S. S. Batchelor; Miss Lucy McAdee, of McAdenville with Dr. John Stronach; Miss Mary Shipp with J. H. Andrews; Miss Ida Baker, of Tarboro, with Perrin Busbee; Miss Frances Carter with W. B. Snow, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Mebane, of Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Foster.

The stags were Messrs. T. C. Denison, G. H. Snow, B. W. Baker, Col. J. S. Cunningham, Mr. M. B. Griffin, of New York, Dr. J. M. Ayer, Mr. E. L. Holt of Burlington.

Masonic.

Hiram Lodge No. 40, A. F. and A. M., will meet in special communication Friday evening, December 31, at 7 o'clock for work in the second degree. Members are earnestly requested to attend. Brethren of sister lodges cordially invited to be present. By order of the W. M. E. B. THOMAS, Sec'y.

Oscota Tribe No. 1.

Improved Order of Red Men meets every Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. Members are requested to be on hand.

W. E. FAISON, Suchem

Message Complete.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—If the president is unable to return by Monday Congress will meet and adjourn from day to day until he returns. The president carried his message with him. It is complete in the final revised proofs for the official copies to go to the Senate and House, but is not signed.

NOT ONE WEEK OFF.

The City Being Billed for DeWolf Hopper Who is Here Next Week.

The city was billed yesterday for the greatest theatrical attraction Raleigh has ever had. Thursday evening, December 9th, will be a gala one at the Academy of Music, it being the date of the premier appearance in Raleigh of a comic opera star famous for his delicious fooling and superb singing as well as the occasion of the initial presentation of "El-Capitan," John Philip Sousa's and Charles Klein's remarkable successful comic opera, whose bright witty lines, sparkling melodies, inspiriting marches, gorgeous stage-pictures and magnificent costumery, delighted New York city theatre-goers for four months last season, and whose hero, DeWolf Hopper, surrounded by the noble representatives of the excellent cast were heartily welcomed at every appearance, and on his appearance here, the clever comedian, as well as the members of his favorite organization, will be the recipients of a genuine ovation at the hands of many friends and admirers. Mr. Hopper will essay the leading role of the opera. It is said peculiarly adapted to his well-known abilities, and in which he appears to the best possible advantage, in the delivery of his heroic lines and spirited action, supplemented by his unusually melodious voice, which he knows so well how to utilize. Mr. Hopper comes surrounded by the entire original New York cast and grand chorus of fifty voices, including dainty Ethel Wallace-Hopper, stately Alice Judson, the new prima-donna of the company, clever Alice Hosmer, as well as Edmund Stanley, the favorite tenor, little Alfred Klein, the droll comedian, Thos. S. Guise, an excellent baritone, John Parr, Harry Stone, Robert Pollard, Louise Shreder, Katherine Carlisle and others.

SHORT STATEMENTS

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND IN THE CITY.

Fort Pourri of the News Pleasured on Paper—Points and People Pertinently Picked and Publicly Pinned.

The salaries of the street car men in Asheville have been raised from \$35 to \$40 a month.

Notwithstanding the rain two couples sent an envoy to register of deeds's office today and secured the necessary permission to wed. They were Daniel Byrd and Lula Johnson, colored, and Lee McMedlin and Miss Alice C. Pool.

Mr. John F. Ray, principal of the schools for the deaf, dumb and blind of this city, is now in Greenville, N. C. Last night he addressed the Baptist young people's union and of course he delighted the audience.

George W. Vanderbilt and party of friends in the private car, Swannanoa, passed through Salisbury last night en route to New York. Mr. Vanderbilt will probably not spend Christmas at the Billmore estate this year.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Williams to the marriage of their daughter Miss Kate to Mr. Thomas Preston Johnson Tuesday, December 7th, at the Presbyterian church, Wallace, N. C. At home after December 9th, Washington, D. C.

C. H. Jenkins, a young man from Oxford, was here last night en route to Cuba. He left on the early freight and will go to Key West. When asked if he would join the insurgents, he smiled and said he had some business to attend to in Cuba.—Durham Herald.

Messrs. C. B. Edwards and J. C. Caddell took a bird hunt on the Linwood farm of the Holts yesterday. They brought back sixty-five partridges, two rabbits and one squirrel. They killed a dozen birds besides but they fell where they could not get them.

The following card has been issued: Col. Oliver H. Duckery requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of his daughter, Carrie Maie, to Mr. Frank O. Landis on Wednesday, December 15th, at half past eight o'clock, at Saint Peter's church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

The will of H. C. Crosby, colored, twelve years superintendent of the State negro normal school at Plymouth, was probated yesterday. He was a Raleigh man and a graduate of Shaw University to which he left almost all his property, valued at \$7,500, to form a scholarship for young men.

Several of the counties of the state which use convicts to work the roads have provided tents for them to live in so that time will not be lost going so far to and from their work. When a man joins the chain-gang he begins the life of a soldier. Iredell county has just received several new tents for the road force.

Mr. H. M. Marmon, of New Hill, has been adjudged insane and was today placed in the asylum here. About twenty years ago Mr. Marmon's mind became somewhat unbalanced and he left suddenly and went to Texas. He got out of funds there and finally made his way back by preaching along the road. His mental trouble came on him again a short time since.

Mr. J. R. Tillery, of Tillery, has made a proposition to the state penitentiary authorities to lease them his large farm on liberal terms. There are 1,800 acres in cultivation on the farm, and the land is entirely free from the river freshets. The authorities are understood to be considering leasing this farm.

Nearly every body will have a copy of Turner's North Carolina Almanac, of course. This is the sixty-first year of its publication and if wisdom grows with age the superiority of the almanac is demonstrated. The publisher is Mr. James H. Enniss of this city—every man, woman and child in the state knows him either personally or through his celebrated almanac. Mr. Enniss has had more experience publishing almanacs than any man in the country, and as soon as you see his almanac for 1898 you will be convinced that he knows how to get up such a publication.

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