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THE BANQUET OF THE MERCHANTS

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accomplish almost anything desired. Josephus Daniels, editor of The News and Observer, responded to "Merchants in Politics," and declared that every man should be up to his neck in politics in order to secure a square deal. He believed in business men and all sorts of good men getting in politics, but not for partisan or personal ends. He called attention to the good work accomplished in our legislature by N. B. Broughton and A. B. Stronach, both business men.

President Clarence Sawyer of the North Carolina Retail Merchants' Association had been assigned "The State Association," but he was kept away by important business, and a letter from him was read congratulating the Raleigh association. President Dobbin of the Raleigh association, who is also vice president of the state organization, responded very happily. He made everybody roar when he said he reckoned a dog had a right to wag his own tail. Just after he had remarked that the North Carolina Association was the largest in the south and the best in the country and the Raleigh Association was the best in the state. He spoke of the 49 organizations in the state and the 1,200 members. He paid a tribute to the work of Norman H. Johnson, the attorney general of the state association, speaking especially of the repeal of the merchants' tax.

Norman H. Johnson, attorney general of the North Carolina Retail Merchants' Association, talked on "Legislation for 1907." He began by saying that although Raleigh was in the front in the state in the independent telephone systems, with the accent on the independent, nowhere was there poorer service than in this city. He declared that he suffered from too much peanut politics and too little business. He told of the damage he received on his first trip to Raleigh when trying to get the merchants' tax repealed, but how a had been triumphantly repeated simply because the merchants finally worked for it. He recounted what had been accomplished in the matter of classification of freight rates, about two millions a year being saved to the merchants of this city. The work for the coming year, he said, was to be against the too high freight rates, and the trouble was that the railroads predominated in both political parties. It would take the merchants to put North Carolina on an equality with any other state in the union. The need was for legislation to subvert and develop the state with all her industries.

J. B. Pearce, chairman of the telephone committee of the association, had "Better Telephone Service." He said he had failed utterly to learn anything about the telephone business. The only thing he could say was "Stick together." There were two more telephone systems than were needed now, and there was an application before the board of aldermen for a franchise for a new company. That would make four. He said that yesterday a representative of the Capital Telephone Company had appeared before the aldermanic committee, and knew the business and was leading the committee along, but he did not think they could not go far. Mr. Pearce had presented before the meeting and presented the following recommendations of the merchants:

1. That the franchise be for twenty-five years, and not for fifty years.
2. Charges for phone rental to be named in franchise, not to exceed \$20 a year on a straight business line, nor \$20 on a party business line. The straight house line to be not over \$18 a year, a two-party line \$15 a year and a four-party line \$12 a year.
3. When a franchise is given the local manager of the Capital City Telephone Company is to be selected from Raleigh that our esteemed citizen, Mr. William Boylan, is recommended for the position.
4. That as it is stated that the local manager of the Capital City Telephone Company is to be selected from Raleigh that our esteemed citizen, Mr. William Boylan, is recommended for the position.
5. That the franchise of the Raleigh Telephone Company be extended so as to equal the twenty-five years for the Capital City Company.
6. No free telephones to be furnished except to city officials.

Others Who Responded. Impromptu responses were made by Capt. A. B. Stronach, Dr. Charles Lee Smith, who has recently become a member of the firm of Edwards & Broughton Printing Company; Sherwood Higgs, who called attention to the fact that the Raleigh merchants would refund railroad fares to parties from out of town making purchases here during the holidays; F. T. Spinney, a native of New Hampshire, who has recently made Raleigh his home, and Edgar Broughton, secretary and treasurer of the association; ex-Senator N. B. Broughton, D. T. Johnson, the first president of the association; C. B. Hart, another ex-president.

By request Col. Olds closed the association with a funny story.

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NORTH CAROLINA DAY.

Exercises in Memory of Dr. Melver. In All the schools Today.

This is North Carolina Day, and in the public schools throughout the state appropriate exercises are being held in the form of a memorial to the late Dr. Charles D. Melver, president of the State Normal and Industrial College. Exercises are also being taken in all the schools for the Melver statue fund. Mr. Charles L. Van Koppin of Greensboro will present to each of the ten schools in each county the largest amount, a steel engraving of Dr. Melver.

The exercises begin at one o'clock this afternoon in the Raleigh High School. There is a brief program, with an address by Mr. Josephus Daniels.

The program for all the schools in the state is as follows: "The Old North State"—William Gaston.

"Charles Duncan Melver," a sonnet—William C. Smith.

"Charles Duncan Melver," a sketch—R. D. W. Cousins.

"The Coronation"—Sir Walter Scott.

"Charles D. Melver as I knew Him"—J. Y. Joyner.

"He Died Poor That He Might Live Rich"—Josephus Daniels.

"America"—S. F. Smith.

"Stories of Charles D. Melver"—J. Y. Joyner.

"Southern Educational Policies"—Charles D. Melver.

"Ho, For Carolina"—William B. Harrell.

The day is being observed with memorial exercises to Dr. Melver at both the white and colored departments of the state school for the deaf, dumb and blind.

Appropriate remarks were made by Principal John E. Ray relative to the life and character of Dr. Melver, and the following program was carried out:

I. Song—"Old North State."

II. Recitation—"Coronach."

III. Selection by the band.

IV. Character Sketch of Dr. Melver.

V. Song—"Ho! For Carolina!"

VI. Sonnet—"Charles Duncan Melver."

VII. Song—"America."

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ENTERTAINMENT AT STATE HOSPITAL

At the State Hospital for the Insane here a special performance was given in compliment to the patients this afternoon. It was for the most part musical, and there were nine participants. The programme was made very bright, as is fitting at this season, when there is so much of the holiday air. The programme was well arranged, and the entertainment was given in the concert hall on the third floor of the great building in the presence of more than 400 patients, whose enjoyment was very great. Col. F. A. Olds acted as manager and the programme was as follows:

Piano solo—Mrs. Wade Brown.

Selection of Coon Songs—by Mr. Koontz.

Solo—"That's What the Daisy Says,"—Mrs. Ernest Martin.

Solo—"A Picnic for Two"—Miss Alline Young.

Recitation—"The Minister's Black Mare"—Miss Frances Renfrow.

Solo—"Why Don't You Try," by Miss Ellen Durham.

Solo—"Dearie," by Miss Patter.

Solo—"Every Nation Has a Flag but the Coon," by Mr. Koontz.

Recitation—"An Old Sweetheart of Mine," by Miss Frances Renfrow.

Solo—"Where the Southern Roses Grow," by Miss Nina Cooper.

Duet—"Mary is a Good Old Name," by Miss Potter and Mr. Koontz.

"The Good Old U. S. A.," Mr. Koontz.

MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of power conferred by mortgage executed by W. Lee Person and wife to me, which said mortgage is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wake County, in Book 208, Page 352, I will sell on the 7th of January, 1907, at 12 o'clock, P.M., at the Court House, in the County of Wake at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the property described as follows: One tract of land lying and situate in the County of Wayne, North Carolina and bounded and described as follows: Being near and in the town of Mt. Olive, and joins the lands of J. A. Westbrook on the north, Mary Winn on the west, the calf pasture branch on the south, and of D. C. Summerlin on the east, and being that part of the land allotted to Margaret Capps of the estate of her father, Charles Winn. The tract contains fourteen acres, more or less; also the following articles of personal property: One two-revolution Potter press, one shaft, two comb pulleys, one fly wheel, two hangers, hand type, cases and stands, leads, rules, chases, mallet, planes, two stones and standers, and one Baltimore job or platen press. S. G. RYAN, Trustee. December 5, 1906. T. D. S.

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