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Three Decades of Success.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Reidsville was held Wednesday afternoon. The reports of the officers showed that the year 1911 was no exception to the institution's unbroken record of prosperity. After paying the usual dividend to the stockholders a nice amount was carried to the undivided profits account, raising that item to more than \$25,000.

The directors were re-elected as follows: R. P. Richardson, Jr., E. M. Redd, Julius Johnson, W. B. Wray, M. F. Pinnix, J. H. Eruton and J. F. Watlington.

The Board of Directors elected the following officers: Vice-President—W. B. Wray.

Cashier—J. F. Watlington.
Assistant Cashier—W. A. Trotter.

A resolution of thanks to the officers and employees for their diligent work and its result as shown by the reports was unanimously adopted.

The Bank of Reidsville began business in 1882 and so has rounded out thirty years of successful management. The Weekly, which chronicled its beginning and has noted its every forward step with pride, rejoices in the prosperity and bright prospects of the country's pioneer bank.

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A Challenge To The Review.

If Webster's Weekly has as much as one-half of the circulation as The Review it is really a good advertising medium and the advertisers would get their money's worth by investing in it. We really mean this and only write it to show that what we have said on the "circulation-controversy" heretofore was solely in the interest of keeping the records straight and not for the purpose of pulling down our next door neighbor.—Reidsville Review.

The evident intention of the above is to raise a doubt in the minds of Review readers whether The Weekly has as much as ONE-HALF the circulation of The Review. It confirms the reports which The Weekly's solicitor has been meeting with in his rounds, to-wit: that The Review claimed to have DOUBLE the circulation as The Weekly.

We have not only challenged The Review's preposterous claims, but have asserted, what we have the best of reasons for believing, that The Weekly has a larger circulation than The Review.

The Review having so completely backed down and refused as fair a proposition as was ever put up to a paper concerning circulation, The Weekly, still anxious to bring The Review across and have the TWO TO ONE claims settled, as well as which paper really has the larger regular mailing list, hereby offers the following proposition:

That a committee composed of three disinterested business men of Reidsville, one to be selected by The Review, one by The Weekly, and the third by the two previously selected, COUNT the regular subscription lists of the two papers and verify the same by the postoffice receipts for pounds of papers mailed to regular subscribers; allowance, of course, to be made for the difference in the number of copies of each paper to the pound. Said examination to cover the last half of the year 1911, which will give The Review a slight advantage, our neighbor having the benefit of the contest which it conducted jointly with Mr. Jno. C. Morrison during the closing months of the year, and which it declined to let The Weekly into, though it now admits it would have paid Mr. Morrison to have taken space with us.

It is also a condition of our proposition that special editions and sample copies are not to be included in the count, and that the findings of the committee be published in both papers.

There has been enough talk and it's up to The Review to let the public see who has been doing the wild claiming.

The Equitable Building Burned.

New York, Jan. 9.—The great marble nine-story building of the Equitable Life Assurance Society at 120 Broadway—the home of the Mercantile Trust Company, the Equitable Trust Company, the banking house of Koppitz Brothers, the Mercantile Safe Deposit Company, and the Harriman lines—was destroyed early today by fire. Three men lost their lives by leaping from the roof, and the property loss is estimated at about \$6,000,000. Millions of dollars in cash and securities are locked in the vaults of the assurance society and the banking and trust companies, but are not believed to be affected by the flames.

The fire was in the heart of the financial district and the flames were fought mainly from the tops of towering skyscrapers. Business was brought almost to a complete standstill among banking and brokerage houses, whose employees could not reach the scene of their daily activities. Financiers stopped business to care for the firemen.

Most of the vital records of the Equitable Life Assurance Society were kept in the branch offices of the society in the Hazen building, several blocks from the main offices.

President Day of the Equitable Life Assurance Society has issued a statement to the policy holders stating that the burning of the home office will cause only temporary inconvenience in the transaction of business. "The loss of the building itself will make no reduction in the society's assets," he says. The securities and important records are protected by fireproof vaults, which are intact.—Weekly.

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Simmons Makes Proposition.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Senator Simmons tonight sent a joint letter to Chief Justice Walter Clark, Governor W. W. Kitchin and former Governor Aycock, who are active candidates against the senior Senator for his seat in the United States Senate, suggesting that an agreement be had between the four candidates as to the amount of money which shall be spent in the coming campaign. Mr. Simmons points out that the use of money in campaigns for the nomination of candidates has become a great evil. He suggests in the absence of any action by the committee or convention an agreement between the candidates limiting the amount of campaign expenses and prescribing the things for which expenditures may be properly made.

The letter in full follows: "Adverting to the recent correspondence between the senatorial candidates looking to securing a joint request on their part to the Democratic State Committee to call a senatorial primary and fix the time, rules and regulations for holding it, I wish in this connection to call your attention to the question of the desirability of securing action on the part of the committee or convention, or by agreement between the candidates, for limiting the amount and use of money by the respective candidates. I am sure you will agree with me that the use of money in campaigns for the nomination of candidates has become a great evil and that it ought to be stopped.

"Personally, on account of my limited means and the embarrassed condition of my finances, even if I felt disposed to do so, I would be unable to invest in this campaign more than is absolutely necessary to defray the admittedly legitimate expense thereof.

"I do not know what the committee or convention, as the case may be, might feel itself authorized to do to regulate and limit these expenses, but it occurs to me that in the absence of such action the situation might be met by an agreement between the respective candidates limiting the amount of these expenses and prescribing the things for which expenditures in this behalf may be properly made.

"I will be glad to co-operate with you and the other candidates with a view to securing action to this end."

The Loneliness of Old Age.

Deal gently with the old man who has lived out his four score years. However much he may try, it will be hard for him to make himself congenial with those now associated with him. He is one to himself. Those who began life with him are all gone.

They dropped out by the wayside. He trudges along his weary way and often longs for a word of tenderness, a warm grasp of the hand, a God bless you! The voice that once used to thrill him is now silent, songs that once inspired him have lost their melody, and the tender hand that touched him is vanished. His world is out of sight and there is not much in the world where he now lives. Sometimes he starts up and tries to be cheerful, but strange sounds greet his ears and a strange life is whirling past him. There are no faces now that look familiar to him. He is a lonely old man, regardless of the fact that he tries to conceal the knowledge of it from himself.

Olive, Wendell Holmes gives us a graphic picture of the old man and how stealthily his age comes upon him. "At fifty your vessel is staunch, and you are on deck with the rest, in all weathers. At sixty the ruffled still floats, and you are in the cabin. At seventy you, with a few fellow passengers, are on a raft. At eighty you are on a spar, to which, possibly, one or two or three friends of about your own age are still clinging."

Therefore, be kind to the old man. Tell him an anecdote once in a while and laugh with him. When he looks depressed, take him by the hand and tell him you are glad to see him, and when the tears dim his old eyes brush them away and help him to be glad. Make him think he is still worth something to life, and that he is a benediction to us all.—Exchange.

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Rev. C. L. Greaves Writes.

Hawkinsville, Ga., Jan. 10, 1912. Editor Webster's Weekly:—No item of news has reached me in along time more welcome than to learn that Reidsville Baptist Church had secured Brother C. J. D. Parker as pastor. I shall always love Reidsville. Both the ups and downs of my experience there are treasured and helpful memories and are parts of my life. I often sit down and call to mind the dear familiar faces that used to surround me there and imagine myself again in the charming homes that used to receive me in the days of old. Loving the people of Reidsville so much, I of course covet for them the best gifts, and they have it in Parker. I knew him in college, an ambitious student and orator, with a more than usual degree of piety for a raw and unformed theologian as we all were. I remember running upon him in a wooded glen one afternoon and catching him treating the rocks and trees to a choice flight of oratory.

I was not surprised to learn of him after that as a winner in society contests for the honors of the forum. Parker is all right; he has made good everywhere he has ever been tried and will do the work of his life in Reidsville. I envy him his dwelling place among those bracing hills. It will make his body as strong as his stout heart. Be good to him, O Reidsville, for he will give you freely all that he has to give in the way of patient and unremitting service. Of course he does not know that I am writing this. I believe I have never told him what I think of him.

Sincerely,
CHARLES L. GREAVES.

Richeson Sentenced to Die.

Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, whose confession of the murder of Avis Linnell, whom he had betrayed, was printed in Tuesday's paper, pleaded guilty when arraigned before Judge Sanderson in Boston the 9th inst., and was sentenced to die in the electric chair during the week beginning May 19th.

District Attorney Pelletier read the minister's written confession and added that the government had sufficient evidence to convince the jury. Richeson was guilty of first degree murder. He then said it became his solemn duty to move for sentence.

Judge Sanderson read the statutes bearing on the case and asked the prisoner if he had consulted counsel, and if he had acted voluntarily.

To each question Richeson said, "Yes, sir." Richeson's counsel will make a fight before Gov. Foss to secure a commutation of his sentence to life imprisonment.

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Bryan Says Teddy Would Run.

Clarkston, S. C.—William Jennings Bryan, who is here en route to Washington, last night commented on the action taken at Lincoln, Neb., yesterday when his name was advanced for a position on the Democratic primary ballot as a preferential candidate for the presidency. He said: "My brother did the proper thing in entering a protest. They have no business to put a man in as a candidate unless he wishes to be one."

His only reply as to whether he would be a candidate was: "I have already expressed myself sufficiently."

Mr. Bryan declined to discuss the Democratic presidential possibilities and concerning Colonel Roosevelt as a possible republican candidate, he said: "I would not want to estimate Colonel Roosevelt's strength. But I am sure the third term objection would detract from any strength he otherwise might have. I think his attitude has been stated, but that he will accept the nomination if it is tendered him."

Death of Capt. J. M. Waddill.

Capt. John M. Waddill, who was for many years a citizen of Reidsville, being engaged in the mercantile business, and who removed from here to Greenville, S. C., died at his home in the latter city Tuesday night of pneumonia. Capt. Waddill is pleasantly remembered by our older citizens, for during his residence here he took an active part in religious and educational work, being a deacon in the Baptist church and a member of the Graded School Committee. He was a genial gentleman, whom to know was to respect. His widow is a sister of Mrs. R. G. Gladstone, of Reidsville. The Greenville Daily News gives the following account of his passing:

"With the profoundest sorrow will the public learn of the death of Mr. John Minor Waddill, Sr., one of Greenville's most sincerely loved and respected citizens, who succumbed to pneumonia at his home on east Washington street last night at twenty minutes after ten o'clock. Mr. Waddill has been in declining health for several years but his never failing cheerfulness and remarkable will power sustained him through many crises when physicians and family alike had all but despaired of his recovery.

"The illness which resulted in his death dates back only a few days. One week ago he was able to attend to his duties in connection with his store and his friends who called in to see him entertained the hope that he was on the road to recovery of old time strength, but the fates did not so will and last night the hand of death separated him from a devoted family and a loving circle of friends.

"John Minor Waddill was born in Warendo, North Carolina, nearly seventy-two years ago—for had he lived until the nineteenth of this month he would have reached his 73d birthday. At the outbreak of the civil war Mr. Waddill enlisted in the Southern army, and although he was scarcely more than a lad, was soon promoted on account of gallantry and general efficiency to the rank of captain, which rank he held with distinction throughout the conflict.

"Several years ago Mr. Waddill moved to Greenville and started the firm of J. M. Waddill, which is now J. M. Waddill & Son.

"Surviving are his widow, one son, Mr. J. M. Waddill, Jr., and five daughters, Mrs. C. S. Webb, Mrs. O. R. Hinton, Mrs. D. A. Henning, Jr., Miss Elizabeth Waddill and Miss Lena Waddill.

"The funeral services will be conducted at the residence on E. Washington street this afternoon at four o'clock."

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Baltimore June 25th.

Washington, Jan. 9.—June 25 was today selected by the National Democratic Committee as the date for the National Democratic Convention of 1912. The convention will be held in Baltimore, Md.

The decision of the date was made early in the session today, but the selection of a meeting place was not made until after more than two hours deliberation this afternoon.

On the first ballot Baltimore received 23 votes, 26 being necessary to a choice. St. Louis received 18, Chicago 8, Denver 3 and New York 1.

On the second ballot the vote was Baltimore 29, St. Louis 22 and Chicago 1. Baltimore thus receiving three votes more than the necessary twenty-six.

The Marylanders went wild when the result was announced and the big delegation sent here from the Monumental City, who were waiting in the Shoreham hotel corridors, began singing "Maryland, My Maryland."

—Apollo Concert Co. and Bell Ringers will be at the Graded School, Jan. 17th. Admission 75 cents. Performance will commence at 8 o'clock p. m. sharp.



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