



CLOSING EXERCISES OF GRADED SCHOOL

An Immense Audience Present—Essay of Classes—Diplomas Delivered—Other Interesting Exercises

(From Sun of Wednesday.) Last night closed the commencement of Salisbury's graded schools. There were fourteen full graduates who received their diplomas, and from all we learn they all expect to pursue their studies at some higher institution.

The closing exercises of this school, at this time, makes an epoch in the life and long history of this city.

The dedication of this magnificent house which has cost nearly \$25,000 and will cost that before everything is fully complete, is the best thing which has happened in this city within the last half century. The one thousand boys and girls whose names appear on the roll books, are but the earnest of what is to be in the city, in the years to come. As was so aptly and truthfully said by Dr. McIver: "It is not enough to say these are Salisbury's children, the fact is, they are Salisbury itself." Men who have had observation, will never fail to note the personnel, the inborn dignity and refinement of one of these old town audiences. They not only observe it in the grown up people, but in the faces and intellects of the children as well.

After the reading by certain members of the class, the essays prepared for the occasion, Dr. Chas. D. McIver, the speaker for the occasion, was formerly introduced by the audience by Superintendent Griffin. He was in his best frame and was evidently glad of an opportunity to speak, all men are who can speak, and who have a message for their audience. Now that Dr. J. L. M. Curry is dead, Dr. McIver is the most effective platform speaker upon the general topics of education, in the entire South. He has never quite gotten over being born a country boy, and this is one great source of his power.

He delivers his message from the standpoint of common sense, and in terms that catches and holds the average man. He puts his hearers to thinking on right lines, and makes them anxious to hear and see the truth—a rare accomplishment in any speaker. The speaker's theme was the elements of cost, which enter into the getting of an education. But he runs all the time with a full head of steam and we dare say, the speaker himself, could not, if he were to try, repeat his speech tonight, as he spoke it to the audience last night. He said an education represents about \$5,000 in money, but that this was the most inconsiderate item in the account.

The energy, the labor, and life blood of the man or the woman, who, day after day; week after week, and year after year, gave the boys and girls of their classes a new birth into the realm of thought and of character and who inspired their pupils with real desires for a higher and a better life, were far more costly and valuable, said the speaker, than the money which was paid out.

The writer never felt so keenly before how inadequate, and how insufficient was the compensation which this high and valuable service on the part of the teacher commanded. We never realized so sensibly before that the man who has charge of our penitentiary convicts got more for his services by nearly half, than the man who is at the head of our State school system. The State Treasurer gets twice as much for keeping the State's money, as the superintendent of education does for superintending the schools of our State, which in the last analysis, are the basis of the State's wealth and its credit. It is a shame that such is the case, even if our own State must plead guilty. The State pays its convicts as much to work on its public roads, as the average woman gets for teaching children in the public schools.

The convicts may not get too much, but certain it is that the school teacher does not get enough.

The third and most essential element in the cost of education, said Dr. McIver is, the drudgery, the sacrifices and the persistent effort which the student must put out in order to be educated.

For, said he, education is neither bought nor sold, neither can it be given to anybody. It can only be attained through the desire and by the efforts of the recipient. At this point in his address, Dr. McIver showed, by the most convincing argument, that the inspiration must come to the student to be educated largely through his teacher, and this gave him his opportunity to define what sort of man or woman a teacher ought to be, and how impossible it is to obtain them upon the meager pay they receive.

The address from first to last was most admirably suited to the occasion, and gave great satisfaction to the pupils and friends of the school.

At the close of the address, the Superintendent asked that Mr. Craig a former teacher in the school would deliver the diplomas to the members of the Senior class. This he did, in a brief, but most happy manner, and this closed the exercises of this most delightful and inspiring occasion.

NEWS FROM THE CAPITOL CITY

Young Men Leave the State—New Food Law to be Strictly Observed—White Bros. at Work

The State board of agriculture has decided to invite those wishing immigrants as labor tenants, or settlers to record their needs with the department, who will undertake to secure the settlers through agents in New York and elsewhere. A charge to the parties on whose lands the immigrants locate being made of \$3 for every man, \$2 for every woman, and \$1 for each child so located. This amount going to the agents through whom the board secures the immigrants. Responses to inquiries sent out by the board show that these immigrants are wanted in seventy-three counties. The board reports that during the past year, 11,829 young men, married and single, have left North Carolina for other States.

The board has adopted this standard below which no feed stuffs of the classes named will be permitted to be sold in this State under the new food law.

Wheat bran—Protein, 14.5; fat 4.0; crude fibre 9.5.

Wheat middlings—Protein, 15.0; fat, 4.0; crude fibre 6.0.

Wheat bran and shorts—Protein, 14.5; fat, 4.0; crude fibre 8.0.

The White brothers Thomas and Chalmers, of Concord drove over to the penitentiary this morning and gave themselves over to the penitentiary authorities to enter into the service of the six years sentence against them for killing Russell Sherill, who ruined their niece, Miss Annie White. They were accompanied by Col. Paul S. Means. They spent two days in the city before going into the penitentiary and during that time formed many warm friendships. It will be a very short time until efforts are made for a pardon. Governor Glenn was of counsel for the prosecution in the trial of the two men but it is not thought that this will be any disadvantage in moving before him for a pardon.

REPLY OF NICHOLAS OF RUSSIA

St. Petersburg, June 7.—(5:50 p.m.)—President Roosevelt, when this dispatch reaches America, should be in possession of Emperor Nicholas' response to his tender of good offices.

The efforts that President Roosevelt has been making to bring the belligerents together entered on a distinctly new phase last night. Foreign Minister Lamsdorff had an audience of the emperor in the afternoon on the subject of Ambassador Cassini's communication, and at 11 o'clock last night Ambassador Meyer called on Count Lamsdorff at the chancellery and remained with the foreign minister for some time. Whether this visit was upon the invitation of Count Lamsdorff or at the request of the ambassador cannot be definitely stated, but there is reason to believe that the visit was in obedience to instructions from Washington conveying a personal communication from the president to the emperor rendering his good offices.

Meyer Calls on Czar

The result was that to-day Mr. Meyer went to Tsarskoe-Selo in full uniform and was received in special audience by the emperor. Upon his return to St. Petersburg this afternoon Mr. Meyer hastened to the embassy, whence he sent a long cipher dispatch to Washington. Half an hour later he was closeted with Sir Charles Hardyng, the British ambassador.

The present situation is extremely delicate, and the greatest reticence is observed. The foreign office is deserted, this being the express birthday, and at the American embassy no statement could be procured this afternoon. Nevertheless, there are some indications that the emperor's response was favorable.

The sudden retirement of the French foreign minister, M. Delcasse, who was regarded as not only one of the strongest supporters to the dual alliance, but as one of the staunchest friends of Russia, was a great blow to Russia and rendered President Roosevelt's friendly tender particularly opportune. Besides, it is known, as set forth in these dispatches last night, that the emperor has been strongly advised if he decided to open peace negotiations to do so through President Roosevelt.

Roosevelt Sees Italian Minister Washington, June 8.—Mayer des Planches, minister of Italy, had a conference with the president yesterday afternoon by appointment. The interview was held at the White House. While no details in regard to the conference were made public, it is known that the situation in the Far East was the principal topic of consideration. With every ambassador representing an European sovereign the president has now discussed the subject of peace between Russian and Japan, and there is permanent ground for the statement that the powers are acting in concert to bring about a cessation of hostilities in the Orient. That Italy has thrown the weight of her influence of peace there can be no doubt.

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PEACE PRESSURE PUT ON NICHOLAS

It is Believed That Their Efforts Will Shortly Be Successful—Hope for Peace is Growing Strong at Paris

Paris, June 7.—A dispatch to the semi-official Temps from St. Petersburg filed at 1 o'clock this afternoon says:

It is learned from an unauthoritative source that the unanimous efforts of the ministers are directed toward peace and that they hope to succeed shortly.

Information reaching here gives a decidedly more hopeful view to the peace outlook. This is particularly true regarding the unity of the foreign pressure which is being exerted. Although it is not yet evident that Russia will yield to the influences of the exchanges in which Berlin is taking an important part are considered to exert a strong tendency toward the initiation of peace negotiations. It is the understanding here that Germany and the United States are now taking the foremost part in the effort toward peace with the other powers lending them strong moral support.

NEWS FROM THE CAPITOL

(From Sun of Thursday.)

The directors of the penitentiary, during their meeting yesterday, decided to increase the price of brick manufactured by the convict labor fifty cents a thousand. The affairs of the prison are declared to be moving along nicely. Dr. Speight and J. C. Hackett, of the board and Superintendent Mann left this morning for the State farm in Halifax to inspect its sanitary condition, crops and also to inspect the cotton still on hand and say they will probably close a trade to sell one-third of the crop for eight cents. The board is now composed of Dr. R. H. Speight, Whitakers; J. P. Kerr, Asheville; W. E. Crouland, Rockingham; J. C. Hackett, North Wilkesboro, and Jno. D. Dawes of Emerson.

A large number of workmen are engaged in putting a new roof on the supreme court building. The building will also be otherwise improved.

It is decided that a committee from the State board of agriculture will visit the Eastern section of the State again early next week with a view to relocating the new state test farm. There is general dissatisfaction at the location at Willard purchase a few weeks ago and now that the board has seen fit to re-open the matter, Wilmington is making a strenuous effort to land the prize after all. The character of the soil available and the accessibility of the place will control the board in deciding the location, provided, it is moved at all from Willard.

Corporation Commissioner S. L. Rogers left to-day for Beaufort and Morehead to spend several days inspecting the canal and steamboat lines in that section.

The Governor appoints Dr. J. B. Biggs, of Williamston, a member of the board of directors of the State hospital for the Insane here to succeed his late father, who was for a number of years chairman of the board.

THE OUTLOOK FOR PEACE NOW

St. Petersburg, June 9.—President Roosevelt striving with excellent prospects of success to end the bloody war is now the central figure of the world's stage. Once Japan and Russia have agreed to accept his good offices for the arrangement of the preliminaries, the belligerents are expected to be able to arrange the peace terms direct.

Evidence exists that President Roosevelt has shared the support of several continental powers and that in the proper time they will appear at his back. The interest with which the moves on the Washington chess board are being followed is evidenced by the manner in which the ambassadors and ministers who learned of Ambassador Meyer's audience of Emperor Nicholas yesterday flocked to the American embassy to-day in search of information. But the situation seems to be so delicate that the ambassador is compelled to display the most complete reserve.

If Japan proves moderate in her demands peace seems at least to be close ahead. An armistice probably will be the first evidence the world will have that the two powers have agreed to shake hands.

Favorable Phase Assumed

Washington, June 9.—Pending the negotiations for the promotion of peace in the Far East has assumed with a few hours an unexpectedly favorable phase. While it might be too much to say at this moment that peace is in sight, in view of the delicacy of the exchange now in progress, it is certain that there is greater hope now for a successful termination of the present negotiations than there had been to any time.

It can be said that the result of Ambassador Meyer's audience with the czar yesterday was distinctly favorable. It has been of the effort of President Roosevelt throughout the exchanges which have taken place between the United States and (Continued on page two)

TO BUILD NEW DORMITORY

By Benj. N. Duke Announced—Law School Being Well Taken Care of Rev. Rich'd Wilkerson Made A Doctor of Divinity.

Durham, N. C., June 8.—With the ringing of the sunset bell yesterday at 7:10 o'clock, during which time the faculty, students and college community stood with bowed and uncovered heads, the flag in front of the Memorial hall was lowered and the college year at Trinity came to a close. It marked the ending of a great year in Trinity's history. President Kilgo said this morning that it had been a year of great work and great accomplishments for the college.

At the graduating exercises this morning gifts amounting to something more than \$30,000 were announced.

It was announced that Mr. B. N. Duke had recently given \$25,000 with which to erect a new dormitory for the Trinity Park school and to make improvements in the main building at that school.

It was also announced that Mr. B. N. Duke and brother, J. B. Duke, had paid the college officials the interest on \$100,000 for one year, this being for the purpose of the law department.

Mr. C. W. Toms, of this city, has endowed a scholarship, this being announced to-day for the first time.

At the conclusion of the awarding of diplomas and announcement of college honors one of the most pleasant features of the commencement occasion was enacted. Rev. Richard Wilkerson, of New Orleans, who yesterday thrilled a large audience when the commencement sermon was preached, was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. The degree was conferred by the board of trustees at the final meeting held this morning. It comes as a surprise, when President Kilgo announced that this honorary degree had been conferred there was prolonged applause. Rev. Mr. Wilkerson arose to receive the high honor, and it was several minutes before Dr. Kilgo could proceed. During that time the new Doctor of Divinity stood with bowed head. Dr. Wilkerson is an Englishman by birth is now pastor of Rayne Memorial church, New Orleans. During his stay in this city he has greatly endeared himself to the people of Durham.

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WEDDING BELLS

Dr. J. W. Carlton, of Spencer, and Miss Pearl Kern, of Salisbury, were married last night at 8:30 o'clock at the palatial residence of the bride's father. This marriage was quite a surprise to the friends and relatives of the bride. Not until yesterday morning did the young couple decide to take this step. The bride's father and mother were in Hagerstown, Md., attending the commencement of Kee Mar College, where their daughter, Miss Beulah, takes the M. A. degree.

At the marriage were only a few friends and relatives of the bride, who had just happened in, and were not expecting a marriage until Rev. J. H. Wilson arrived. Then it was, that the cat was let out, and the couple were wed.

Mr. P. S. Carlton, attorney of Salisbury, and brother of the groom was master of ceremonies.

Dr. Carlton is a dentist of Spencer, a native of Duplin county, and has resided at Spencer for the last six years. He is a graduate of Wake Forest, and of the University of Maryland. He was the first professional man to locate at Spencer, and has grown up with the town. Being successful in his profession, and gaining widespread popularity, he is now an alderman of Spencer.

Miss Kern is the daughter of Mr. T. M. Kern, one of Rowan's wealthiest farmers and business men. She is well known, numbering her friends in many States, and being one of Salisbury's most popular young women. The couple left on No. 12 for Greensboro, where they met the bride's parents and broke the news to them this morning. They left Greensboro this morning for Atlantic City, where they will spend a ten day's honeymoon.

Mr. Thomas M. Kesler and Miss Lillie Lingle were married yesterday evening at 6 o'clock in the Lutheran church at Faith.

Rev. Clifford Fisher officiated. The church was tastefully decorated with ferns and flowers. Miss Lillie Lingle, sister of the bride, acted as maid of honor. Mr. A. Sidney Helig was best man to the groom. Mr. Walter Cook and Will Sifford were the ushers for the occasion. Miss Pearl Lingle, another sister of the bride, played the wedding march.

During the ceremony, Mr. Karl Carston, of Shelby, played, "O Promise Me" on the flute. This was indeed beautiful.

Mr. Kesler is one of Salisbury's most popular salesmen, and is now employed at Reid's Department store. Miss Lingle is the daughter of Mr. John C. Lingle, of Faith, and one of Rowan's fairest young women.

The couple left last night on No. 35 for Asheville and the Sapphire country, where they spend their honeymoon.

CHICAGO STRIKE STILL ON

Strikers Say That They Made Square Proposition for Peace and That It Was Turned Down by Employers

Chicago, June 9.—Hope to-day in the teamsters' strike was apparently abandoned by the unionists and employers. The teamsters planned to continue the fight. President Shea declared that a "good square proposition" for peace was made yesterday and was refused by the employers. Funds was declared to be rolling in for the strikers. The usually conservative president of the department store drivers' union, Peter W. Reitz, claimed to voice the conviction of the members of that union when he said that it looked like a fight until winter. The drivers, he said had made their plans in accordance with the view of the situation.

"It's up to the employers to spread the strike. There will be no peace overtures from us" said President Shea, of the teamsters.

Open defiance of leading men of the team owners' association marked the attitude of the leaders of the teamsters' joint council. It was not the intention of the team owners' association to hold a meeting to-day to decide upon action. But so acute did the situation appear that a number of the employers met in Secretary Cavanaugh's office. The opinion was divided on the question of drastic measure. Some of the members held that there should be no resort to a lockout unless all measures for conciliation failed. On the other hand, whatever dissensions in the national executive board of the teamsters there may have been the strike leaders seemed to have reached to-day about Leader Shea, who apparently was again in full sway.

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A BOARD OF TRADE

(From Sun of Saturday.)

Now is the auspicious time for our business men to organize a board of trade. We have been willing to allow Mayor Boyden to get his breath, after having worked so faithfully and so successfully in the completion of the magnificent school building, recently dedicated. Now, if he will only give himself to the organization of the business men and their interests in the city, we shall at once see the good results. Our streets are sadly in need of cleaning, and paving just as soon as it can be accomplished. The meeting together of the business men would continually emphasize the doing of what would promote the city's interest. If the city officers are careless and not doing their duty, this will be a means of correcting it.

If there are people in this city who are habitually idle, and doing nothing to afford an honest living, this will be a way to arrive at the facts, as well as the remedy. The man or woman who is idle, with no means of support is the sorriest individual in the city, or the community.

Idleness is the "devil's workshop," and out of idleness comes all sorts of crime and degradation.

The law is now ample on this matter, and those who disregard it ought to suffer and do so promptly. When the vagrant goes, we shall hear little of the disturbances from burglaries, thievery and low down dissipation. Work or "move on" ought to be the motto of this and every other progressive city. These ends can be attained only by the creation of sentiment, which always has a healthy and righteous origin the organization of the best people in the community.

Every town and city has its rubbish, its vicious and demoralizing element. But the constant efforts of good people must go toward reducing this to a minimum.

WOMAN MUST HANG

Mary Rogers, the Vermont Murderess To Die on the Gallows

Montpelier, Vt., June 10.—John H. Senter, of Montpelier, one of the counsel for Mrs. Mary M. Rogers, in her attempt to get a new trial, said to-day, when he learned of the decision of Justice R. W. Peckham, denying the application for a writ of error, that he knew nothing now to save Mrs. Rogers from the gallows two weeks from to-day.

When Governor Bell heard of Justice Peckham's action he said: "My stand in the case is precisely the same to-day as it was when I first prevailed Mrs. Rogers. Under the law, I was obliged to grant a second writ. Now that the error has been denied, the law must take its course."

GOOD NEWS FOR SALISBURY

Organization Complete—Officers Elected—Material in Hand—Work to Begin Next Monday Certain

(From Sun of Saturday.)

The trolley wires and electric light are here and the work of putting up the wires to Spencer will begin Monday morning. All the material for the electric road is either here or on the way and it is confidentially expected that the cars will be running from the present terminal by the middle of July.

The cars are built at High Point and are of the most modern double track pattern.

Salisbury and Spencer Railway Co., has been organized with E. M. Dean, of Grand Rapids, Mich., president; N. B. McCannless, vice-president; L. H. Clement, T. H. Vanderford, W. S. Snider, Dwight Smith and Henry Heold directors, and Henry B. Wales, general manager.

The car line to Spencer will be completed at once. A new gas plant will be erected, mains extended in Salisbury and to Spencer and a line will be run to Spencer to light that town.

The extension of the track to Chestnut Hill will begin as soon as the macadam force begins work on Main street from Council street.

This is good news to Salisbury and Spencer, which really are one in point of the above enterprise.

The truth is, at the present rate of growth in business and in population, they must soon be one great city, the largest and best in Western North Carolina.

A number of enterprises here are waiting for the consummation of the above contract. The Sun is among these. A day electric current will add greatly to our facilities and to the promptness with which the paper will appear.

This is but the beginning of our electric system in the city. In less than a year we shall have electric lines on all of our principle streets and a large amount of our machinery run by electric power.

The saving in cost of operation of electricity is hardly appreciated as it deserves. Besides the advantages of a steady power, there is a great saving in this power over that of steam.

We welcome this new enterprise and in doing so, we are only speaking the sentiments of all the people in Salisbury, who wish the city to go forward along progressive lines.

SECRETARY SHAW IN GREENSBORO

Greensboro, N. C. June 10.—Special—Congressman E. Spencer Blackburn received a telegram to-day from Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the United States treasury, stating that he would reach Greensboro at noon tomorrow and spend twenty-four hours here as Congressman Blackburn's guest at his home on Summit avenue. He will be shown around under the auspices of the chamber of commerce and the local bankers. The party will leave in a chartered street car after dinner to inspect White Oak mills. Returning they will board a special train for a trip to Guilford battle ground and after visiting that place the distinguished visitor will be driven over the city to the schools, colleges and other places of interest. After supper an informal luncheon and reception will be tendered in the dining room of the Guilford-Benbow, and an address will be made by Secretary Shaw. No formal invitations will be sent out, but all local business men and bankers throughout the State are invited to the reception.

ITEMS FROM MT ULLA

The farmers of this section have been making rapid progress against Major Green during the last week and have him under pretty good control.

We are now confronted with wheat harvest and haying together. Rust and the fly has injured wheat a great deal.

Rev. Wyatt preached at Mt. Ulla last Sunday evening.

Howard Goodman came home from Davidson College last Thursday.

Mrs. Dr. Keister for mPulaska City, Va., was visiting the Umberger family over Sunday.

Mr. J. K. Goodman, who has taken an extended trip West and attended the genera assembly, arrived home last Friday, and has been quite ill since, but we are glad to note is improving.

Mr. Walter Goodman had to carry the mail two days, on account of Mr. Arthur Goodman's sickness.

Mr. Blackwelder who has been living near Centenary church was buried at that place last Sabbath. He was a middle-aged man and died with flux.

Mr. Will Poston and Mrs. Will Graham are back from an extended trip West.

Broody Lacky, who has been in Texas for some months, arrived home recently.

We will close with best wishes for your paper, and wish to say we think you are improving.