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## NO ELKS CHRISTMAS TREE THIS YEAR.

### Another Method Adopted to Help Poor and Needy of City.

The Concord Lodge of Elks has decided not to have this year the annual Christmas tree that has been its custom to give to the poor children each Christmas day, and has adopted another method of helping the poor and needy of the community. The action of the Elks in not giving the Christmas tree was not caused by lack of funds or any desire to help the poor, as this will be done in what the lodge thinks a better and more substantial way. Heretofore tickets have been given to the children, usually about 500. In some way large blocks of tickets were secured by children whose parents were in good circumstances and well able to provide them with Christmas toys, candies, fruits, etc., that were given by the Elks. As a result of this a large number of the poor and needy children did not get to the Christmas tree and its very purpose was defeated.

The cost of the Christmas tree has been about \$300. This year the Elks will send wagons laden with provisions and other necessities to the homes of the poor. The whole lodge will bear the expense and the work will be done by committees, who will make every possible endeavor to find the needy and unfortunate to whom they will give abundantly. But at the same time they will also try to avoid being imposed upon by helping those who are able to help themselves and are not in need of such gifts that they will dispense.

This act of benevolence on the part of the Elks will no doubt be received as good tidings of great joy and will prove a great agent that will banish the cares, relieve the hardships and lighten the burdens of many of the poor and unfortunate so that they too can experience the true Christmas spirit of "peace on earth, good will toward men."

## Doctoring Acoustics of Union County Court House.

Monroe, Dec. 8.—Work of doctoring the acoustic conditions in the Union County court house was begun today. The contract was recently let to a Baltimore firm for the sum of \$8,000.

This company has a felt, its own patent, which is used in remedying acoustic defects in halls, churches, etc., and it has been very successful in doing the work it advertises that it will do. Professor Sabine of Harvard University does all the calculating for the company, and he is recognized as the leading acoustical engineer of the world and is the inventor of the acoustic felt being used by the company of which he is a member. There are very few acoustical engineers in the world—but three, it is said, of marked ability. Professor Sabine has measurements of every line in a room taken and from these measurements he makes his calculations and makes out specifications for the workmen. It is a wonderful thing the company is doing and has long been needed in the building here.

## Commissioner Graham Retracts Recent Statement.

Raleigh, Dec. 8.—In the session of the State Board of Agriculture today, Commissioner W. A. Graham made a statement retracting as not fair or just to State Chemist B. W. Kilgore and Entomologist Franklin Sherman for him to have referred to them as he did in his annual report to the board, each ably and acceptably filling the positions they occupy on the board.

They had been designated by the board six months ago to report as to means of eliminating duplicative experimental and other work by departmental divisions, a work that Commissioner Graham is insisting in his report. He referred to the two gentlemen as "imported regulators." The Board of Agriculture would not accept the Commissioner's statement today.

The Socialist ticket lost ignominiously in Los Angeles in the recent election, and it is not to be doubted but that the horrible crimes, confessed to by the McNamars, caused the general public to arouse itself and cast out a doctrine which leads inevitably to class war and bloodshed. The people came to their senses, as it were, and a former stronghold of socialism was redeemed.

"Little Joe" Brown has "come back." At the election Thursday he carried 84 out of 146 counties in Georgia and will have 200 electoral votes as against 110 votes for Pope Brown and 54 for Judge B. E. Russell. All the large towns in the State with the exception of Macon and Columbus voted against Brown. All the country districts voted for him.

## NEWS FORECAST FOR THE COMING WEEK.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—The attention of the world will be centered Tuesday on the far-off city of Delhi, where the Durbar ceremony will be held and where 100,000 persons, including many jeweled-bedecked princes and potentates, will assemble to see the King and Queen and to hear King George proclaimed emperor of India.

The event of the week in American politics will be the meeting of the Republican national committee to fix the time and place for holding the national convention and possibly to discuss the vexing question of presidential primaries. The committee meeting will be held by President Taft Monday evening and will hold their meeting the following day. The general expectation is that Chicago will be selected as the convention city, though St. Louis also will put in a strong bid for the gathering.

A special meeting of the National Baseball Commission and the regular annual meetings of the National and American Leagues and several minor organizations will be held in New York during the week and will doubtless furnish "winter fodder" for the restless fans.

A number of important conventions are scheduled for the week, among them the meetings of the American National Live Stock Association, in Denver; the National Wool Growers' Association, in Omaha; the American Civic Association, in Washington; the Anti-Saloon League of America, in Washington; the National Council of Jewish Women, in Philadelphia; and the Canadian Public Health Association, in Montreal. A national congress of business men has been called to meet in Chicago "to consider what is the matter with the country and what remedial legislation will be asked of Congress."

## Mr. Parlette Writes the Local Committee.

Rev. Mr. MacLaughlin, chairman of the local Lyceum Committee, is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Ralph Parlette, who comes to Concord to lecture—constituting the third number of our Lyceum Course. Among other things he says: "I am anxious to give your patrons the Greatest Lecture of My Life. Let us work together to do it. A lecture stands on two legs, the lecturer and the audience. Either one can go lame and cripple it. The audience must be trained and get its money's worth by warming up to the speaker."

Let us, of Concord, help Parlette deliver "the greatest lecture of his life." Let us give him a great, rousing enthusiastic audience. Let us supply the one "leg"—and do it substantially—and then enjoy hearing him make good.

Among his instructions to committeemen, he says: "Don't worry about the introduction. If there is some body handy who can introduce, all right. If not, we'll omit the introduction and the lecturer will introduce himself. He has done it hundreds of times with no injury." Come and hear him next Tuesday night.

## The Baptists Adjourn.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 8.—With a mass meeting in the interest of the work of the Baptist Young Peoples' Union in which a number of short but interesting addresses were delivered the eighty-first session of the Baptist State Convention came to a close tonight. It has been a happy session, enlivened with good feeling and fellowship, magnificent reports, and eloquent addresses, the fitting culmination to a year of marked success in every department and along all lines. The entertainment has been superb and every desire of the hundreds of delegates and messengers from every section of the State anticipated by the people of the church and community.

Death of Aged Salisburyan. Salisbury, Dec. 8.—Mr. Caleb T. Bernhardt, one of Salisbury's oldest and most honored citizens, died at his home on East Innis street suddenly this afternoon at 5 o'clock. The announcement of his death cast a gloom over the entire city as he was one of the leading business men of Salisbury.

## THE MAINE WAS BLOWN UP FROM THE OUTSIDE.

### Findings of Board Appointed to Investigate Wreck Made Public.—Was the Work of Ensmia.

Washington, D. C., 8.—The United States battleship Maine, which sank beneath the waters of Havana harbor in February, 1898, as the result of an explosion, was blown up from the outside. This was announced today by the naval board which has been examining the wreck. The findings confirm the report of the original investigators who made a superficial examination of the wreck shortly after the disaster.

The statement given out by the Navy Department is brief. Secretary Meyer does not believe it necessary to issue any extended explanation of the board's conclusions beyond the flat statement that an exterior explosion was responsible for the loss of the warship and the lives of many men.

This only deepens the mystery of the destruction of the Maine. A mine charged with sufficient gunpowder to blow in the bottom of the ship must have weighed several hundred pounds. To plant such a mine and lay the electric connections necessary for its discharge would have required the services of a number of men.

In the absence of more complete information from the Navy board officials Washington tonight declined to comment on the findings. Officials and officers of the Navy Department alike were silent while members of Congress refused to venture any guess as to the true inwardness of the report. Until President Taft has had opportunity to examine the findings it will not be known whether any more of the report will be made public and the question of whether the Maine was lost as the result of the discharge of a Spanish mine or was the victim of a torpedo launched by other hands will remain.

## Meeting of Stewards District.

Salisbury Post. The district stewards meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference, met in annual session in the First Methodist church, Salisbury, yesterday.

There was a good attendance, each charge in the district being represented.

The routine work of the stewards was attended to. This included, along with other items, the fixing of the presiding elders salary and apportioning the conference collections to the different charges. Dr. Rowe's salary was based on eleven per cent of the amount fixed as the salary of the pastors of the different churches. This is the same per cent which operated last year.

## Was Born When George III. Was King.

Halleyburg, Ont., Dec. 9.—Alexander Renau of this place, who is believed to be the oldest resident of Canada and undoubtedly the oldest native-born Canadian, will celebrate his one hundred and sixth birthday anniversary tomorrow. Renau was born in St. Paul, Quebec, December 10, 1805. At the time of his birth George III. occupied the English throne and Napoleon was the dictator of Europe. Since early youth Renau has been a constant user of tobacco. He also was a moderate drinker of alcoholic beverages until a few years ago.

The disappearance of second Lieutenant Gibbs Lykes, of the Ninth cavalry, has puzzled the war department officials and Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, has appealed to the President to assist in solving the mystery. Lieutenant Sykes, who was on duty at Fort D. A. Russell, in Wyoming, and left there in June on a month's leave of absence, has friends at almost all of the army posts. The last word from him was a letter mailed at St. Paul July 31st.

In Wilmington the mother of an 18-year-old girl gave written permission for her to marry. The father sued the Register of Deeds for the penalty of \$200 for issuing the marriage license for his daughter without his permission. Judge Ward held that both parents must give their consent when the daughter is under age, and the Register of Deeds must pay the penalty unless the Supreme Court reverses the ruling.

Miss Margaret Hendrix, who is teaching school at Kannapolis this year, is spending the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hendrix.

## RECEPTIONS FRIDAY.

### Given by Mrs. W. W. Flows in Honor of Miss Grace Brown.

One of the most delightful of the numerous pre-nuptial events in honor of Miss Grace Brown was the delightful party given yesterday afternoon by Mrs. William W. Flows at her home on Georgia Avenue. Thirty-six guests were present and the hostess gave each one a part in paying honor to the honor guest. When the guests were ushered into the dining room, which was decidedly attractive in decorations of red carnations and asparagus ferns, each was given a paper on which was written a question asking what a bride should do should such a contingency arise during the course of her wedded life, some of the questions reading: "How often should a husband be given fried eggs?" "Should he shave himself or let his wife do it?" "What per cent of his income should be entitled to and what methods should she adopt to get it?" "Should he be allowed to protest when required to wait for his dinner on a busy day while his wife is away at a club meeting?"

The answers were of course ludicrous in many instances and elicited much mirth and merriment. After the questions had been read a delicious luncheon was served. The guests were then given a piece of paper on which they were requested to write some ingredient to be used in making a cake. The suggestions were equally as amusing as the answers to the questions and including everything in the range from old shoes to knives and forks.

Miss Brown was then presented with a recipe for making dainty edibles from each guest present, and the delightful affair ended.

## Reception in Honor of Mrs. P. M. Lafferty.

was the one given by the ladies of the church at her home. The deck of cards, was won by Miss Myrtle Pemberton and the guest of honor prize, a dainty lace collar, was presented to Mrs. Lafferty. At the close of the games an elegant salad course was served. Mrs. Lafferty's guests were: Mesdames P. M. Lafferty, S. J. Ervin, W. S. Bingham, John B. McAllister, S. J. Lowe, Hugh Propst, L. E. Boger and E. A. Moss, and Misses Lottie Boyd, Margaret Lentz, Myrtle Pemberton, Blanche Brown and Kathleen Smith.

## Special Services at Kannapolis Presbyterian Church Tomorrow.

Services of special importance will be held at the Presbyterian church here, Sunday night. The pastor, Rev. G. P. Shipley, will be duly installed. Rev. Byron Clark, D. D., of Salisbury, will preside and preach the installation sermon and propound the constitutional questions. Rev. Geo. N. Thomas, of Concord, will deliver the charge to the pastor and Mr. J. F. Hurley will deliver the charge to the congregation. Services will begin at 7:30.

Installation services are always interesting and instructive for we learn the duties of a pastor and the duties of the congregation, or the relation of pastor and parishioner. Mr. Shipley has been here a few months and has shown his willingness to be of service, not only to his congregation, but the whole community and all have come to love him as a "man of God."

We will all do well to attend this service and learn that we have our duties in the church and community as well as the preacher. H. Kannapolis, December 8.

## Distressing Famine in Russia.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 8.—A famine, which threatens to claim more lives than the one in 1891, when death numbered 800,000, is gripping Russia today. In Ufa hundreds have been subsisting for months on acorns. In Samara the people are eating dogs and shrubs and scores are dying of starvation. The crop shortage estimate is 50,000,000 tons. The officials have prohibited the organization of private relief societies fearing political uprisings. In many places the local press has been forbidden to raise funds for the sufferers.

## Engraved Wedding Invitations and Announcements.

We hope our friends will not forget that we furnish the most elegant marriage invitations and announcements that can be obtained. We have a book showing a beautiful line of samples of the very latest styles, which will be sent to anyone on request. All orders are considered strictly confidential.

Germany has more than 500 music schools. Nearly one-third of them are in Berlin.

## SHOPLIFTING.

### Local Merchants Complain Much of This Species of Thief.

The growth and development of every trade center is always attended by the evil politely termed "shoplifting," but which is nothing less than plain stealing. The Christmas season is here and the usual large Christmas trade is now under way. With the increased number of shoppers there comes the increased number of "shoplifters." Never before in the history of Concord has there been such a complaint on the part of the local merchants on this account. One merchant said the other day the practice had reached such proportions that it was almost necessary to keep one man employed to watch over his stock. "We can usually spot them," he said, "as they always come when the rush is on and at a time when every clerk is busy. The only way I know to stop this stealing is to prosecute the next person I catch stealing from my stock and possibly it will have a good influence towards breaking up this nefarious practice."

## Literary Society of Concord High School.

The Literary Society of the Concord High School held its regular meeting Friday evening. The programme was opened by an essay on "The Influence Cotton Has Had on North Carolina," by Mr. Ernest Norman. Another by Mr. Robt. Fisher, entitled, "What Part North Carolina Took in the Civil War," which showed that North Carolina done more than any other Southern State. Next was a recitation by Miss Willie Gilson, entitled, "October," which was enjoyed by all. Another essay by Miss Mabel Lippard, entitled, "History of Cabarrus County." Another by Miss Beulah Walters, entitled, "What Part North Carolina Took in the Revolutionary War." Next was a recitation by Mr. John Stratford on "The Old North State." The programme was closed by the debate, Resolved, That the Future of North Carolina Depends More on Agriculture Than Manufactures.

The affirmative were Messrs. Watson Smoot and Palmer Sticklely. The negative were Miss Laura Gilson and Mr. Gray Bost.

The society was named The Lentz Literary Society, in honor and memory of the late Superintendent, Mr. J. D. Lentz.

Next Friday the public is cordially invited to attend North Carolina programme.

## Short Sketch of Cabarrus County.

The elaborate programme which has been issued by the State Superintendent for the observance of North Carolina Day in the public schools Friday, December 22, contains a short sketch of each county of the State. It has the following about Cabarrus county:

Cabarrus.—1792. Meeklenburg. Stephen Cabarrus, of Chowan county. Born 1754 in France; came to America early in life and settled at Edenton. Elected to the Legislature seventeen times, 1783-1787, 1788-1793, 1795, 1799-1805. Speaker of the House of Commons eight times, 1789-1792, 1800-1805. Member of State Constitutional Convention, 1788; member of the Board of Trustees of University of North Carolina, 1789-1792; one of the commissioners to locate the State Capitol, 1792. Died August 4, 1808.

County Seat. Concord. Tradition declares that two factions in the county were disputing over the location of the county seat, but finally settled the trouble by selecting the present site, calling it "Concord," (peace).

## PERSONAL MENTION.

### Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.

Mr. W. E. Swinson is visiting relatives in Newport News, Va.

Mr. B. W. Morgan, of No. 10 township, is visiting relatives in Charlotte.

Rev. Paul Barringer left this morning for Winston-Salem, where he will preach tomorrow night.

Mr. J. R. Boyd and little son, of Fayetteville, are visiting at the home of Mrs. W. C. Boyd.

Mrs. Lucia Parks Stephens has gone to High Point to visit her sister, Mrs. Ed. Freeze.

Miss Angelyn Fetzer, who has been visiting Misses Mary and Adeline Morrison, has returned to her home in Wadesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Misenheimer and Mr. Ketter Misenheimer, of No. 5 township, left this morning for Asheville, where they will live. Mr. Ketter Misenheimer will be associated with his brother in the management of the Cherokee Inn, and their parents will live with them.

## Low Estimate 15,425,000.

Memphis, Tenn., December 8.—The National Ginners' Association in an annual report issued today, estimates as a minimum that the cotton crop of 1911 will be 15,425,000 bales. A maximum forecast of 15,700,000 bales is also made. The estimates are exclusive of linters and repacks. Five hundred thousand bales of linters are anticipated.

Weather conditions during the remainder of the picking season will determine the exact figures, it is pointed out, extremely bad weather makes slightly less than the minimum figures possible, while with generally favorable weather the maximum figures may be exceeded.

Insurance Commissioner Young has issued a circular letter warning the people of the State to beware of using inflammable materials on Christmas trees and giving general warning against holiday fires.

## WITH THE CHURCHES.

### First Baptist.

Regular services tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock and tomorrow evening at 7. Preaching by the pastor. Sunday school at 9:45.

### St. James Lutheran.

Services tomorrow morning at 11 and tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock. Preaching by the pastor. Sunday school at 3 o'clock p. m.

### First Presbyterian Church.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor. Sunday school at 3 o'clock p. m.

### Patterson Mill Church.

At the Patterson Mill church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock Rev. G. N. Thompson will be installed as pastor of that church. The sermon will be preached by Rev. James Lapsley, address to the pastor, Rev. J. M. Grier and to the people, Dr. J. S. Lafferty.

### Associate Reformed Presbyterian.

Sabbath school at 3 p. m. Preaching at 7 p. m. No morning service as pastor will preach at Kannapolis.

### Central Methodist.

Services at Central church will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. H. West at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

### Methodist Protestant.

Services tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., by the pastor.

## Weekly Report of the Concord Public Library.

Books taken out by adults..... 94  
Books taken out by children..... 65  
Total..... 159  
No. borrowers added..... 12  
"Money Moon," by Famol, author of "The Broad Highway," has been purchased this week. The Woman's Exchange in connection with the library is in running order now, and we want all Christmas shoppers to be sure to come here before making their selections for presents.

MRS. J. D. LENTZ,  
Librarian.

## Special for Monday

### Xmas Handkerchiefs, Neckwear and Fancy Work.

A large shipment each of the above have just arrived. By buying at this time we bought the entire lots from the importers at Special Prices. Monday we give you the benefit of our good purchase.

100 Dozen Cambric Linen-finished Handkerchiefs, white and colored border, worth 5c—Special for Monday ..... 2 for 5c  
90 Dozen Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, 10c value—Special ..... 6 for 25c  
Lig lot of 12 1/2c and 15c Pretty Linen Handkerchiefs, plain and hand-embroidered corners, 10c each or ..... 8 for 50c  
Children's Xmas Handkerchiefs in Pretty Boxes, look like 25c ones—Special ..... 15c  
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Such an assortment we have never shown in Pillow Tops, Center Pieces, etc., specially priced at ..... 25c—29c—39c—50c

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