

MEETING OF BOARD OF SEMINARY TRUSTEES.

Endorse Action of Community. — Session to Be Resumed January 2. —Special Session of Synod Asked For.—Other News Items.

The Board of Trustees of Mont Amoen Seminary met here Tuesday in called session. The meeting was well attended, every member who could find it convenient to be here was present. While it was called under most unfortunate circumstances, yet an optimistic spirit prevailed for the future of the institution. The Board of Trustees endorsed the action of the citizens of the community in their efforts to continue the present session of the school year. It might be stated just here, lest misapprehension exist in the minds of those not fully informed as to the facts, that the action of the people in mass meetings and through appointed committees, did not presume self-delegated authority, but were acting in an emergency, in a crisis, until the Board could meet and take action. The work, interrupted by the fire, will, therefore, be resumed January 2nd, with the endorsement of the Board of Trustees. The Board also asked the proper authorities of the North Carolina E. L. Synod to call a special session of that body at the earliest date possible, for the purpose of discussing the future of the school. The Board of Trustees did not have power to go beyond the work of the present session.

The people of this community are at work with a will and determined that it is fast crystallizing into substantial means for rebuilding the institution. Some handsome subscriptions, written in four figures, all dollars, too, have been secured, together with a number of others of no mean amounts. And the work has not yet been begun. Those in touch with all the phases of the question are looking forward to the meeting of Synod with a degree of pleasure that cannot be appreciated by those not in possession of facts.

Letters have been received from all students of the Seminary, or parents of students, and almost without a single exception every young lady will answer to her name when work is resumed after the holidays.

Among the few effects saved when the Seminary building burned was the new International Encyclopedia, to pay for which the young ladies had been giving a number of entertainments. One of these was in progress when the fire alarm was given.

The next number in the Lyceum Course will be the Commonweath Quartette next Wednesday night, the 20th. This is one of the very best attractions on the road, and those who see it will be favored with a treat second to none. It deserves a full house and the management is anxious that such will be the case.

The first term of the Collegiate Institute has just closed. It was marked by an unusually large attendance and good work. The cadets are now looking forward to the coming of Santa Claus.

The Ludwig Literary Society has postponed the debate which was scheduled for next week, because of the burning of Mont Amoen Seminary. The debate will be held early in the new year.

Mr. G. H. Lylerly, of Salisbury, and Mr. Rupley Cox, of Mount Pleasant, have enrolled as cadets at the Institute.

Mr. Luke Corzine, who is on the road for the General Fire Extinguisher Company, of Charlotte, spent Monday here, stopping over on his way to Mobile, Ala.

Mrs. L. J. Foil is spending the day in Concord.

Mrs. Rogers, of Coddle, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. S. Hartzell.

The horse to Cook & Foil Co.'s dray ran away yesterday afternoon, creating no little excitement. The boy was on a trip when the horse became frightened and started to run, but he lost no time in vacating his seat for a safer position on mother earth. The horse made a bee line for the store. The wagon was turned over directly in front of the store and almost demolished. The runaway was brought to an abrupt end when horse and wagon fell pell mell on the pavement at the Cabarrus Savings Bank, merely missing the big plate glass front.

Mt. Pleasant, Dec. 14, 1911.

The Mate of John M.
Romance on land and sea is different from the every-day matter of fact romance, especially when it takes in a shipwreck and a terrible battle with the waves, adrift on a raft. It is a pretty story of hopes deferred, but finally realized in a most unexpected way. "The mate of John M." will appear at the Theatorium today. There is so much that is picturesque and emotionally impressive about this picture that it will be highly appreciated by all who see it.

NEW POSTOFFICE BUILDING.

Postmaster Expects to Get Into It About January 1.—Description of the Handsome Building.

On or about January 1, 1912, Postmaster M. L. Buchanan and his corps of clerks will move into the new government building, which will be completed by that time.

The new building is of colonial architecture and is made of pressed brick, stone and terra cotta. It is 54x90 feet and contains two entrances, one at the front on South Union street and one at the side. The building is located on South Union street on the lot adjoining St. James Lutheran church and only a short distance from the postoffice now in use.

The first floor contains a work room 35 x 50 feet, where the mails will be made up and distributed, a money order and postal savings bank depository and the postmaster's office. The main lobby on this floor is 14 x 90. The floor of the lobby is of marble and terrazzo and the walls of ornamental plaster and cornices with quartered oak wainscoting.

The basement contains a swing room, furnished with a divan and comfortable chairs, which will be used as a recreation room for the city carriers when not on duty. The basement also contains dressing rooms, storage and boiler rooms.

The building is equipped throughout with modern furniture, including desks, mailing racks, filing cabinets, etc., all of which are made of handsome quartered oak.

The building cost \$60,000 and was constructed by Joseph Seay & Co., contractors, of Goshen, Va.

To Investigate Men "Higher Up."

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 14.—No Federal Grand Jury that ever met in this city attracted attention that is displayed in the body that began its session today. Specifically the Federal inquiry is as to whether or not the statute governing interstate transportation of dynamite has been violated, but it is the general belief that United States District Attorney Miller will introduce evidence tending to show the connection of many persons in the dynamiting operations of the McNamaras.

Rumors are freely circulated today that this evidence, gathered under the direction of Detective William J. Burns, is of the most startling character. No attempt is being made by the authorities to conceal their purpose to bring the men "higher up" than the McNamaras brothers to justice by revealing the existence of a syndicate of dynamiters nationwide in scope.

The principal officials, former officials and agents of the International Association of Bridge and Iron Workers, whose names are likely to figure in the Federal inquiry are President Frank M. Ryan, of Indianapolis, former Vice President E. A. Clancy, of San Francisco, M. J. Young, of Boston, P. A. Cobley, of New Orleans, H. S. Hoekin, of Detroit, E. J. Hendricks, of Los Angeles, James E. Ray of Peoria, J. T. Butler, of Niagara Falls, J. E. Munsey, of Salt Lake City, W. Reddin, of Milwaukee, James Coughlin, of Chicago, Richard W. Smith, of San Francisco, William Shippe of Chicago, P. J. Smith, of Cleveland, F. E. Thomas, of Chicago, H. V. Pollman, of Seattle, D. F. Dwyer, of Oakland, and Fred Sherman of Indianapolis.

Boy Farmers Entertained.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Twenty young farmers, whose ages range from 12 to 17, are guests of the Department of Agriculture. The boys are the winners of the rewards offered by the department for the best showing of corn grown on acre plots. They are all members of the Corn Growers' Association of Illinois and Southern States.

This afternoon the boys called on Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, who presented them with departmental diplomas.

Bale of Cotton Killed Farmer.

Statesville, Dec. 13.—Adam C. Troutman, a farmer living some miles from Statesville, was so badly crushed beneath a bale of cotton that he died today. Troutman and his son were hauling their cotton from a gin and when within a half mile of home a bale on which he was sitting toppled from the wagon and he was caught beneath it. The son released the father and with help carried him to his home, where efforts of physicians to save his life were in vain. He was 70 years old and is survived by a large family.

Use our Penny Column—It Pays.

BRIDE AND HUSBAND ARE CRUELLY MURDERED.

Cleveland County the Scene of Ghastly Crime.—Two Negroes Arrested Charged With the Crime.

Shelby, Dec. 13.—Weltering in life blood which stained the garments of the innocent month-old infant, who slept unharmed at her breast, neighbors this morning found the dead body of Mrs. John Dixon, a bride of a year, and 100 yards away, in his barn, discovered a few moments later, the horribly mutilated remains of her husband. An axe served the purpose of the murderers and the instrument, covered with gruesome tell-tale evidence, was found later in the Dixon yard. Tonight officers arrested John and Hack Ross, negro tenants of Mr. Dixon, charging them with the double crime. Tracks around the premises that fit the peculiar hob-nailed shoes worn by the negroes their conflicting tales of their whereabouts this morning, and the further fact that Mr. Dixon held chattel mortgages on their crops and that they had been heard to make threats against him warranted the county officials, according to their statement, in holding them without bail. The coroner continued the inquest begun today until tomorrow and no verdict was rendered. Talk of lynching is free and trouble may follow the result of the inquest.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon were about 30 years old, wealthy and socially prominent and the tragedy has stirred this whole section. They lived in a handsome country home ten miles from Shelby.

When neighbors reached the scene this morning young Mr. Dixon, who is only about 30 years old, was lying dead, face downward, at the barn and his wife, with her twelve-month-old babe by her side, was dead in a bloody bed in their sleeping room. Mrs. S. S. Royster and E. A. Houser made the examination of the bodies and testified that the husband came to his death from a blow by a sharp instrument, supposed to be an axe, in the left temple. His temple bone was crushed in and a stream of blood three feet long gushed from his body. Mrs. Dixon had a blow from a blunt instrument in the middle of the forehead, a deep gash from the blade of the axe in the same place and a crushed temporal bone at her right eye. An axe covered with blood is the weapon used. Several human hairs corresponding to Mr. Dixon's hair were found on the axe. The physicians say the fatal bruises fit the poll of the axe.

Danville Has Big Fire.

Danville, Va., Dec. 13.—One of the most thrilling fires in a decade threatened Danville's best business block tonight, destroyed three large three-story brick structures occupied by merchants and required the utmost efforts of the entire department for over two hours to control. The damage is estimated at \$125,000, practically covered by insurance.

Various other properties and stocks of goods are damaged by smoke and water, but the chief destruction was confined to the Boatwright Brothers printing and stationery establishment, the Virginia Hardware company's three-story store, the Main street restaurant and the Waddill Printing company. Other threatened properties were saved by intelligent work.

Says That President Cannot Carry Indiana.

Washington Herald, 13th.
A political sensation, following the harmonious session of the Republican National Committee, was sprung last night when Republican State Chairman Lee, of Indiana, and former Senator Beveridge's lieutenant, issued a formal statement that President Taft could not carry Indiana. His assertion was instantly met by an emphatic denial from National Committeeman Harry S. New, who added that Mr. Lee's attitude was inspired by prejudice. The fact that the Republican State chairman was willing to openly antagonize the President, following the similar position of Republican State Chairman Brown, of Ohio, nevertheless led to much comment.

Honor Memory of First President.

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 14.—In accordance with an annual custom a delegation from the Masonic lodge of Fredericksburg, Va., visited Mount Vernon today and placed a wreath of flowers on the tomb of Washington, in commemoration of the anniversary of the death of the first president.

For International Peace.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The board of trustees of the Carnegie endowment for international peace held its annual meeting in the capital today. The annual report of the executive committee was received and plans discussed for the future work of the organization.

PENSION WARRANTS HERE.

Santa Claus' Visit to the Old Soldiers And the Widows of Soldiers.

The State of North Carolina acted Santa this morning to the Confederate veterans and widows of Confederate veterans who are without an abundance of this world's goods, by sending the sum of \$5,088 to Clerk of Court M. L. Widenhouse to be distributed among those that are on the pension list from this county. The following is a list of the pensioners and the classes they are in, those in the second class receive \$6, third \$48 and fourth \$30, widows \$30:

Second class: M. L. Kiser, John H. Moore and Jacob Simpson. 3.

Third class: T. R. Alexander, G. F. Austin, Cyrus D. Alexander, E. H. Howell, James O. Leslie and John Lowry. 6.

Fourth class: Cyrus W. Allman, W. P. Bass, John R. Benfield, Columbus Blackwelder, David M. Blackwelder, Nelson T. Blackwelder, D. R. Bradford, James H. Bradley, J. C. Brumley, D. Green Barringer, W. R. Blackwelder, John A. Barrier, J. M. Barnhardt, Henry J. Blue, James N. Brown, Bailes Andrews, S. L. Carroll, A. J. Cashion, Samuel Coble, D. M. Cress, P. A. Cress, W. H. Clay, Jacob A. Cline, J. W. Clark William Coley, W. A. Coleman, W. A. Davis, A. L. Demareus, Levi T. Earnhardt, P. A. Faggart, James A. Freeman, H. C. Freeman, B. S. Gray, Jr., B. S. Gray, Sr., M. A. Goodman, J. L. Hartzell, A. M. Hinson, James M. Hartzell, E. F. Hill, M. H. Honeycutt, N. W. Honeycutt, David Huff, William Hunzeker, John W. Herron, Crawford Holouser, Joel A. Hegler, H. W. Isenhour, H. Y. Johnson, John H. Joyner, James C. Kesler, O. V. Mooney, Harrison Miller, G. A. Misener, C. B. Muse, John M. Miller, A. D. Melton, John M. Perkins, Solomon Plummer, John A. Probst, George Rice, A. W. Ridenhour, James Russell, John P. Robinson, T. C. Sloan, M. O. Sherrill, M. O. Spears, Jackson Stancil, George Stammer, J. H. Stammer, Daniel Stiller, G. R. Suther, G. R. Swink, John Stancil, Alexander Safrin, James Seahorn, W. M. Small, Alexander Shoe, J. P. Stirewall, W. F. Talbirt, H. M. Troutman, W. M. Talley, B. F. Taylor, W. A. Thompson, Tobias Weaver, J. A. Walter and J. L. Walker. 86.

Widows: Mesdames Margaret Allman, Catherine Barnhardt, A. C. Barrier, Elizabeth P. Byrd, Sophia Blackwelder, Melinda Blackwelder, Caroline Boger, Martha J. Burleyson, M. E. Bass, Ceny A. Barbee, Mary Blackwelder, M. J. Barnhardt, Esther Brufford, Margaret Carriker, Eliza Cassle, S. J. Cleaver, Sarah H. Cress, Mary C. Campbell, Mary E. Cope, Margaret C. Crowell, Margaret Cranford, Elisa J. Easley, Eunice Edgerton, Joicy Eudy, D. S. Edwin, Martha J. Eury, Margaret Faggart, Annie Fisher, Janne M. Foil, Caroline Griffin, Mary Ann Gourley, Margaret A. Green, Elizabeth Heglar, S. M. Hartzell, Nellie Honeycutt, Annie Hopkins, Martha P. Murphy, E. Hartzell, Sarah Honbarger, Mary Hopkins, Mary M. Isenhour, Emaline Lowder, Martha P. Murphy, E. C. Morgan, Margaret A. Myers, A. M. Murr, Martha Ann Overnash, Sarah Parker, Mary Pennington, F. R. Plyler, Frances I. Pharr, M. C. S. Safrin, Julian Safrin, Christina Sides, C. E. Stowe, R. A. E. Shinn, Mary A. Smith, Margaret Suther, Catherine Shoe Elizabeth Smith, Lucinda Swaringen, Mary Troutman, Esther A. Troutman, M. F. Trull, Julia Upright, Elizabeth Ann Woodall, Elizabeth M. Williams and Barbra M. Yost. 68.

Programme of North Carolina Day at the Graded School, Friday, 15th.

Song, "Ho for Carolina."
"Holding a North Carolina Calf," a recitation.
"The Cotton Industry of North Carolina," an essay.
"The Old North State," a recitation.
"North Carolina Poets," an essay.
Song, "United."
"North Carolina's Part in the Revolution," an essay.
"October," a recitation.
"North Carolina's Part in the Civil War," an essay.
"Carolina," a recitation.
"The Cabarrus Black Boys," an essay.
Debate, "Resolved, That the future of North Carolina Depends More Upon Agriculture Than Upon Manufacturing."
The exercises will be conducted by the Philomathean and the Lentz Literary Societies. They will begin promptly at eleven-thirty and the public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. J. Leonard Brown will entertain on the evening of December 19, from 8 to 10 o'clock in honor of Miss Grace Brown and Mr. R. S. Sanders, who are to be married on the 21st.

MR. IRA WINECOFF HAS A GLOBE CALL.

Negro at County Home Whom He Had Disciplined Snaps Gun at Him.

A few days ago it became necessary for Mr. Ira Winecoff, keeper of the County Home, to discipline one of the inmates for misbehavior, a young negro named George Parks. Thinking it was all over Mr. Winecoff paid no more attention to the matter. But the negro, the next day, went over to Mr. Chas. Crenshaw's and told him his father-in-law, Mr. James Fink, who is employed by Mr. Winecoff at the Home, wanted to borrow his gun to go hunting. Mr. Crenshaw gave his gun to the negro, who took it back to the Home, and hid it in a straw stack behind the barn.

When Mr. Winecoff came in from ploughing and was unharassing the horses at the barn the negro went behind the barn, got the gun, slipped around the side of the barn and pointed and cocked it at Mr. Winecoff twice. Just at this time the negro who works on the farm accidentally came between the gun and Mr. Winecoff. The negro not wishing to shoot the hired man, waited for another chance. Mr. Winecoff, leaving the barn at that time, escaped being killed.

Sheriff Honeycutt went out Monday and got the negro and placed him in jail to await the next term of court.

Small Fire at Albemarle.

Albemarle, Dec. 13.—There came very near being a serious fire in this place last night in the plant of the Albemarle Mantel Co. Fire caught in some trash in the engine-room and was making great headway when discovered. The discovery was very timely, for had a few minutes more elapsed before it was found out, the entire plant would have been destroyed. As it was, however, there was not any great damage done, and this was covered by insurance.

It is not worth while now to advise folks to keep cool; the weather man will see to that.

SEEKING A PARDON FOR WHITSON.

Man Who Escaped And Was Living An Exemplary Life.

Raleigh, Dec. 13.—Lieutenant Governor W. C. Newland is making a special effort to induce Governor Kitchin to grant a pardon for T. B. Whitson, who thirty years ago was charged with the murder of a man named Kitburg, was later convicted and is now serving sentence under remarkable circumstances. T. B. Whitson and his brother, Will Whitson, were convicted of the murder and sentenced to be hanged and Governor Carr commuted to life imprisonment. Two years later T. B. Whitson escaped and fled the State and Will Whitson was pardoned after three years service.

T. B. Whitson located in Kentucky when he escaped and prospered, leading an exemplary life and raising an interesting family. He became superintendent of a Sunday school. The congregation became involved in a factional fight regarding their pastor, one faction insisting that he was insane and the other, led by T. B. Whitson, insisting that he was not. The minister was committed to an asylum. Whitson gave bond for his care and took him to his home. The leader of the other faction set about to undermine Whitson, found out his North Carolina record, reported him to the State's prison authorities and brought about his return to North Carolina and re-commitment to the prison. He is now on the State farm in Halifax where he has been since last March.

It was Governor Newland who prosecuted Whitson as solicitor when he was convicted many years ago. Now he is seeking the pardon and county authorities and the people generally are represented to be urging the pardon, which may be granted at any time now.

Ensign Young Exonerated.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Navy Department today exonerated Ensign R. S. Young, of Concord, of the charges preferred against him for deserting his post last summer.



From Santa Claus at Concord's Great Christmas Store.

You will find thousands of useful gifts in Dry Goods, Notions, Millinery, Clothing, Men's Furnishings, Shoes, Groceries and China ware.

10 Days' Doll Sale.

FRIDAY MORNING We will put on sale the Largest and Best line of Dolls ever shown in Concord. On display in the Dry Goods Department you will find every Doll the very best of its kind and the price will be less than other stores.

China and Bisque Dolls underpriced.....1c to 25c
Dressed Dolls underpriced.....5c to 50c
Jointed Dolls.....5c to \$1.48
Kid Baby Dolls underpriced.....18c to \$1.48
This Doll Sale will last until all are sold.

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