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BANQUET LAST NIGHT.

Given by Local Firemen in Honor of Executive Committee of State Firemen's Association.

The Executive Committee of the State Firemen's Association met here yesterday afternoon. The committee is composed of Mr. James D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury, M. S. Davis, of Salisbury, R. C. Taylor, of Winston-Salem, and John L. Miller, of this city. Mr. Boyden was unable to be present on account of important business in Asheville and Mr. Taylor was detained at his home on account of illness in his family. Mr. R. L. Kesler, of Charlotte, met with the committee, holding a proxy from Mr. Boyden.

The chief matter of business for the committee was to decide on a place for holding the next firemen's tournament. Fayetteville, Greensboro, Durham and Raleigh extended invitations for the meeting. Mr. McNeill presented Fayetteville's claims and by a unanimous vote it was decided to hold the tournament there. The date will be in July but on account of the various political conventions that will be held during the coming summer no definite date was decided upon. This will be done at a meeting of the executive committee to be held the latter part of June.

Among the attractions offered by Mr. McNeill, if the convention would meet in Fayetteville, was a race between a motor hose wagon, a flying machine and a home wagon drawn by fire horses. Fayetteville has a good track and other advantages and the only objection offered against holding the tournament there was the fact that there is doubt as to the hotel accommodations being adequate. Mr. McNeill gave his assurance that ample accommodations would be made in this respect. It is expected that about 600 firemen will attend.

Last night the members of the executive committee were honor guests at an elaborate supper given by the local firemen in their headquarters at the city hall. Local Fire Chief John L. Miller was toastmaster. The menu consisted of oysters, turkey, dressing, pickles, olives and biscuits.

Mr. McNeill, president of the association, was called upon and made a most happy response. Mr. McNeill is a moderate speaker and an excellent one. He made a decided hit with the firemen. Mr. Miller followed Mr. McNeill. He traced the origin of the local firemen's association from the time it was organized to the present. He lauded the efficient work of firefighters here and strongly commended them for their faithful service. Senator L. T. Hartsell, chairman of the committee that has in charge the firemen's relief fund, reviewed the work of the committee and told of its advantages to the firemen. The other speakers were: Mayor Waggoner, Messrs. J. W. Cannon, J. H. Horton, M. S. Davis, of Salisbury, J. H. Horton and R. L. Kesler, of Charlotte.

Oppose New Woodman Levy.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 23.—A convention of the head camp of the Modern Woodmen of America, composed of about 900 delegates representing the 1,500,000 members of the order throughout the country, met in this city today to consider and act upon the question of raising the insurance rates of the organization. The higher rates are proposed in order to conform with the so-called Mobile law, a measure agreed upon by a convention of fraternal insurance organizations held at Mobile at year ago, which decided upon a uniform rate in order to meet the requirements of the insurance laws of many of the States. Many of the local camps of the Woodmen have protested against the proposed increase and the opposition has gone so far as to threaten secession from the parent organization. The amendment is raised.

Choose New College Head.

Lexington, Va., Jan. 24.—A meeting of the board of trustees of Washington and Lee University will be held today to consider the question of a successor to Dr. George H. Denny, who resigned his position as head of the university some time ago to accept the presidency of the University of Alabama. Among all the well known men who are mentioned for the place are Senator Owen, of Oklahoma; former Governor Hayward, of South Carolina; Professor William F. Mann, of Yale; Professor G. A. Washington, of the University of the University of South Carolina and Congressman John W. Davis, of West Virginia.

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BRYAN DEFENDS WILSON.

The Governor Has Consolation of Duty Well Done.—Analyzes the Situation.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 23.—William J. Bryan taking the side of Gov. Woodrow Wilson in his break with Colonel Harvey and Henry Wetters, justifying the action of the New Jersey Governor in requesting that his name be withdrawn from the columns of Harper's Weekly. In a letter sent from the East, made public here tonight, Mr. Bryan says:

"The recent break between Governor Wilson and Colonel Harvey illustrates the impossibility of co-operation between men who look at public questions from different points of view. Colonel Harvey became a supporter of Wilson when he was selected as the Democratic candidate for Governor of New Jersey and he continued his support when Governor Wilson began to be discussed as a candidate for the presidency. Of course, it is absurd for Colonel Harvey's friends to talk about his 'bringing Governor Wilson out.' No man or paper could have made Governor Wilson available as a candidate if he himself had not attracted attention; it would have been impossible for Colonel Harvey to have prevented a discussion of Governor Wilson's availability.

"But let us assume that Colonel Harvey was doing all that he could for his choice, what was the situation? His conspicuous support was not only of no advantage, but it became actually a disadvantage; it did not bring to Governor Wilson the class for which Colonel Harvey speaks, but alienated men just as honest as Colonel Harvey's friends, who could not understand why Col. Harvey praised Governor Wilson personally without endorsing the things for which Governor Wilson stands. It naturally aroused suspicion as to the sincerity of one or the other and when Governor Wilson was asked the question he admitted that he regarded the support of Colonel Harvey as a liability rather than an asset. Should he have pretended that he thought that Colonel Harvey was helping when he was not? And why should Colonel Harvey complain? If he really favors Governor Wilson, he must desire to aid him; why should he be offended then at Governor Wilson's frankness? Is he more interested in being known as 'the man who made Governor Wilson famous' than in advancing Governor Wilson's cause? Harvey has shown no signs of conversion. If he communes with Ananias, it is not with any consciousness of blindness. He has seen no new light and when he does he will feel so ashamed of his lifelong fight against progressive Democracy that his first desire will be to bring forth fruits meet for repentance—not to assume leadership. It must pain Governor Wilson to break with his old friends, but the breaks must necessarily come unless he turns back or they go forward. 'A man is known by the company he keeps' and he cannot keep company with those going in opposite directions. Governor Wilson must prepare himself for other desertions—they will distress him, but there is abundant consolation of duty well done."

12-Year-Old Lad is Best Corn Grower

Bruce Clodfelter, a lad of 12 years was Saturday awarded the \$25 prize of the Guilford County Agricultural Association for the boy entering the corn growing contest and making from a single acre the greatest yield, cost of production being also considered. Young Clodfelter harvested 113 bushels from his acre, his closest competitor, Arthur Staley, making 103 1/2 bushels. Staley was awarded the second prize, \$15 in cash. Third honors went to Dewey Grooms, his prize being \$10. Grooms' yield was 97 bushels.

Three New Store Buildings.

The Morris Realty Company has awarded the contract for the erection of three new store buildings. The buildings will be located on Barbic street, just in the rear of the city hall. They will be 67x80 feet and will be constructed of brick. One of the buildings will be used by E. Lips as a garage and Cline Bros. will occupy one. The other one has not yet been rented, although it is understood that there are several applicants for it. Messrs. R. A. Brown's sons have the contract and work will likely begin tomorrow.

Episcopal Church.

Tomorrow, Thursday, is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The first service will be sung at 7:30 p. m. and the address given. Thursday, Holy Eucharist 10 a. m. (plain) immediately after the service. W. H. Ball.

KEEN INTEREST FELT IN ANTI-SALOON CONVENTION

Anti-Saloon League's Strength Will Be Shown in Meeting at Raleigh This Week.

Raleigh, Jan. 23.—The keenest interest is felt in the showing that the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League forces will make in the State convention of the league that the executive committee has called for Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week in the great auditorium here. It is conceded that on the strength that this convention develops in attendance and aggressive action depends in a large measure the influence and control that the league or prohibition forces will have on the political campaign that will stir North Carolina this year as she has not been stirred in years.

It is conceded that there is a strong and determined element in both the Democratic and the Republican parties that aspires to the earliest possible overthrow of State-wide prohibition and a return to at least the local option policy that was in force previous to State-wide prohibition. Now comes, too, the confident assertion in many quarters that there is a well defined plan for Hon. Thomas Settle, now attorney general of the Federal tariff court by appointment of President Taft, to get the Republican nomination for Governor and make a whirlwind campaign with local option as one of his special slogans. With this he would hope to entice into Republican ranks a big per cent. of the anti-prohibition Democrats.

With some of the biggest guns among the anti-saloon league ranks the country over the expectation of the league leaders is that such a high water mark of State-wide prohibition sentiment will be shown that this and other possible plans will be eliminated.

Death of Mr. W. T. Barnhardt.

Mr. W. T. Barnhardt died last night at his home in No. 5 township, after an illness of several days of pneumonia. He was 67 years old and is survived by his wife and one child. The funeral will be held at St. John's church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. J. J. Long.

Praise for Bear's Emulsion.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here And Elsewhere Who Come And Go.

Mr. T. J. Smith, of Charlotte, was here yesterday.

Miss Margarette Brown is visiting friends in Charlotte.

Mr. T. J. Galtis, of Charlotte, was here yesterday on business.

Mr. M. C. Mayer, of Charlotte, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Mr. N. F. Yorks has gone to New York to witness the big furniture exhibit.

Mr. W. A. Erwin, of Durham, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Dr. F. Y. MacPhayen has gone to Greensboro on a short professional trip.

Mr. J. B. Womble left this morning on a brief business visit to Lexington.

Mr. Wade H. White, of Huntersville, was a Concord visitor yesterday.

Mrs. S. J. Lowe and Miss Ashlyn Lowe are spending the day in Charlotte.

Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Jr., and A. Jones Yorks spent yesterday afternoon in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Fetzer left this morning for Philadelphia, where they will spend some time.

Mr. George A. Ball has returned to his home in Monroe, after visiting his father, Rev. W. H. Ball, for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Goodman have returned from Deland, Fla., where they have been visiting relatives for a month.

Miss Mary Durham, of Charlotte, will arrive tomorrow to visit Miss Durald Borden at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Cannon.

Mr. F. J. Harb has resigned his weaving job at the Cannon mill, at Kannapolis, and is going to Greensboro to take a job with his uncle.

North Carolina Second in Production of Yarn.

Raleigh, Jan. 23.—State officers are calling attention with special gratification to the fact that the United States government on the supply and distribution of cotton in his country which shows that there was only one State in the union that made more pounds of cotton yarn than did North Carolina. This State made 308,000,000, while Massachusetts made 523,000,000 pounds. The third highest record was South Carolina, with 284,000,000 and Georgia was fourth with 230,000,000 pounds.

14,510,876 BALES GINNED.

Census Report Shows That Amount of Cotton Ginned to Jan. 15.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—The vast 1911 cotton crop of the United States has been ginned and baled to the extent of 14,510,876 bales on January 15, according to the census bureau's report issued today showing 193,874 bales were ginned during the period from January 1 to 15 inclusive. Ginnetics this season have been forced to greater activity than ever before by the enormous crop. A considerable quantity still remains to be ginned before the close of the season. The exact amount will be made known by the census bureau's final ginning report March 20, giving figures up to February 28.

Today's ginning report is about 375,000 bales less than the department of agriculture's estimate of production, which was 14,885,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight.

Orphanage Loss Will Approximate \$12,000.

Raleigh, Jan. 23.—The loss from the burning of four buildings at the Catholic orphanage early today is estimated at \$12,000. It is supposed that the fire started in the engine room of the laundry and by 4:30 o'clock four buildings were destroyed. They are: The laundry, an old dormitory and school room and the barn and stables. Nobody was injured. The fire was discovered by one of the sisters who was awakened by the roar of the flames. This is the third fire to occur at the Catholic orphanage in five years.

Misses Beulah and Bessie Blackwelder are visiting friends in Charlotte.

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NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of News From All Parts of the Old North State.

The President has reappointed R. D. Douglass postmaster at Greensboro.

Congressman Webb is advised that work will begin on postoffice buildings in Charlotte and Hickory about May 1. The Charlotte building is to be enlarged.

The Sanford Express hears that citizens of certain territory in Harnett county petitioned for an election on the stock law. The election was ordered and the registration books kept open according to law. Only one man registered and on the day of election not a single vote was cast for or against the proposition.

The Salisbury Post says that M. S. Varner, of that city, sold a pet white rabbit to a Brushy mountain wagoner and two weeks later that rabbit showed up at his old haunts in Salisbury, traveled stained and a trifle off in flesh, but in good health. Whether he deserted his new owner after he reached the Brushy mountains, or while en route, is not known, but he had evidently covered a considerable distance.

The Cole house, one of the best cottages in the city, is offered for sale by Jno. K. Patterson, the real estate agent. See him if you want a home cheap.

State Library

Late Items of News From Here, There And Everywhere.

The Columbia State is of the opinion that a job was sought to be put up on Wilson in the Harvey matter and it comes close to making out its case.

On account of extreme cold weather, causing a great slump in building, nearly fifty thousand workmen have been idle in Chicago since the first of the year.

Because he sold cigarettes to young boys and permitted them to play pool in his place, G. S. Gregory, a prosperous Atlanta pool-parlor proprietor, has been given a straight thirty day chair-gang sentence by the recorder.

Richeson in Dying Condition.

Boston, Jan. 23.—To an inspection committee of the city council, Edward John Quinn, Jr., declared today that the Rev. C. V. T. Richeson, the stay-er of Avis Linnell, was in a dying condition although it was expected that he would survive until the day set for the execution, May 19.

Richeson was introduced to the members of the committee. The councilors said that Richeson looked very weak and emaciated. His cheeks were sunken and very white.

Parks-Bell Co. are closed today preparing for the big "all stock" sale, which begins tomorrow.

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