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THE FIREMEN'S BANQUET.

Mr. Kester Gives Eloquent in His Franchise and of Mr. McNeill's Speech.

Mr. Editor: You have published the report of the banquet given Tuesday evening by the local firemen in honor of President J. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, and the other members of the State Firemen's Executive Committee. I write to say that this occasion was highly enjoyed by all present, and a more elaborate menu is seldom spread before our people. A great impetus was given to the cause of the firemen by the personal address of Mr. McNeill. And this last cause demands a few more words in your paper. A more eloquent speaker has not been heard here in years. Speaking with wit that caused the most state to laugh, and abounding with the highest stretches of oratory the speaker outshone all present as he spoke of the holiest sentiments of the human heart.

His theme was an appeal for the proper recognition of the world's hero—the fireman. The man and the occasion had met. In language classic and clear he portrayed this hero as the greatest hero of the age as he without reward or hope of reward, risks his life almost daily to save the lives and property of the people. The speaker's reference to mother and home and all that depends upon the fireman's skill was beautiful, inspiring and could hardly be equalled by the most polished orator. He characterized Fayetteville as the Garden of Eden. He believes her daughters are far more fascinating than the garb that wings her flight above the stars—or beneath them.

On the whole his speech was a gem, it was touching, it was one of those rare effusions that makes his hearers feel glad, that lifts them up to higher things and themes. Concord is glad to say nice things of "Jim" McNeill. He deserves this and more. We will welcome him again around the banquet hall as the lights grow dim or in forum. And he honors the cause of the champions.

The firemen's banquet was a success. It showed the need of more encouragement to these brave fire ladders. It will lead to more efficiency in our fire department if the aldermen and citizens will aid them. If the people, who are the beneficiary of all their efforts, will give them better streets, give them a fire alarm system, and give them the proper co-operation Concord can soon be in the first class on the insurance list, while we are now second. When this is done the people will save enough on the insurance premiums to install most of these things. Let us give these boys a chance to "do" things for our town. It is a patriotic move solely on their part for the good of the city.

G. E. KESTLER.
P. S.—I believe that story of Fayetteville being the real Garden of Eden for what Jim says is so, and he has lived long enough to know a Garden of Eden when he sees it, but here's the rub: Adam, the first mayor of the Garden of Eden, was a prohibitionist in an anti-prohibition town while Mayor Jim is an anti-prohibition mayor of a prohibition town. Again Mayor Adam prohibited Eve from eating apples of a certain variety, while Mayor Jim doesn't care a continental what kind of apples the Eves eat in his Garden of Eden, neither does he blame it on the snakes when they do eat of them. Again Mayor Adam was defeated for mayor of the Garden and cast out while Mayor Jim can be mayor forever and a day. So there must be two Gardens of Eden on the map, Adam's and Jim's.

G. E. K.
Not To Lutharans of Cabarrus.
A meeting for the Lutharans of Cabarrus county is being arranged to be held at Holy Trinity church in Mount Pleasant, next Sunday afternoon, January 28th, at 3 o'clock. The object of this gathering is to present the call of the convention for Lutharans to be held in Salisbury February 7th. Every indication points to a great meeting in Salisbury. We Lutharans of Cabarrus want to be represented. The whole press of the county is urging Lutharan laymen to go to Salisbury. Let us have a large gathering from all over Cabarrus county next Sunday afternoon at Mount Pleasant to talk over the Salisbury convention and make plans to have Cabarrus County Lutharans properly represented. Revs. C. P. Melanckie and J. J. Long and others will address the Mount Pleasant meeting. We hope to have Rev. E. C. Crum present.
Every Lutharan man seeing this is urged to plan to go to Mount Pleasant next Sunday afternoon—3 o'clock in Holy Trinity church.

LUTHERAN.
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DR. SMITH ELECTED

President of Washington and Lee University. — Election to Stay Whether or Not He Will Accept.

Lexington, Va., Jan. 24.—Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president of Davidson College, N. C., was today unanimously elected president of Washington and Lee University.
Dr. Smith was born in Greensboro, N. C., and is 54 years old. He was graduated from Davidson College, afterwards pursuing a course at the University of Virginia, which, in 1910, conferred upon him the doctorate in philosophy. He joined the faculty of Davidson in 1887 as professor of physics and has been president of the institution since 1901, during which period the number of students has trebled and the endowment and material equipment have been doubled.

To Dr. Smith belongs the distinction of taking the first X-ray photograph South of Johns Hopkins University, and he has done much work in that line. He long has been prominent in a lecturer on educational and scientific themes. He is a brother of Dr. C. Alphonso Smith of the University of Virginia; Rev. Egbert Smith, of Louisville, Ky., and Rev. Hay Watson Smith, of Little Rock, Ark.

Dr. Smith has not decided. Charlotte, Jan. 24.—Dr. Henry Louis Smith, in an interview over the long distance telephone tonight, declined to say definitely whether he would accept the offer of the presidency of Washington and Lee University. Dr. Smith frankly admitted that the proposition appealed to him strongly and said that he was of the opinion that in his 11 years' service at Davidson that he had fulfilled his mission; that another might carry the work further. From other sources it is gathered that Dr. Smith will probably accept.

New York Honors New Cardinal.

New York, Jan. 25.—New York's celebration in honor of the elevation of the Most Reverend John M. Farley to the cardinalate, which began a week ago with the welcome of the new Cardinal upon his arrival from Rome, culminated today in notable religious ceremonies held in St. Patrick's Cathedral. The demonstration was one of the most remarkable of its kind ever held in the metropolis and was participated in by eminent clergymen and laymen of the Roman Catholic church from many parts of the United States and Canada. The leading features of the service were the celebration of the solemn pontifical mass by Archbishop Predergrast of Philadelphia, a sermon by the Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Cavanaugh, archbishop of New York, and addresses of congratulation in behalf of the clergy of Italy, delivered respectively by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Michael J. Lavelle, rector of the Cathedral, and Justice Victor J. Dowling. Cardinal Farley presided in the sanctuary during the celebration of the mass.

Meeting of County Teachers' Association.

The meeting of the County Teachers' Association will be held at the graded school in Concord on next Saturday. The meeting will begin at 11 o'clock.
The programme will be the same as the one that was to have been rendered on Saturday before Christmas. A discussion, led by Mr. Thos. Grier, subject: "Specific Purposes of Study."
A discussion led by Misses Mary Gortley, Maggie Eford, and K. Lee Steele, subject: "Supplementing the Thought of the Author."
A recitation on "Col. Groves, The Teacher and the School," conducted by Prof. A. S. Webb. The recitation will cover pages 206 to 254 of this book.
A full attendance is expected.

Alton B. Parker to Speak.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 24.—The Georgia Judge Alton B. Parker, of New York, on the programme to deliver the annual address, the nineteenth annual meeting of the South Carolina Bar Association was opened here today with all signs pointing to the most notable meeting in the history of the association. Leading lawyers from all parts of the State are in attendance when the gathering was called to order by the president, P. H. Nelson, of Columbia. The meeting will continue over tomorrow.

Say Watterson is Kentucky's Choice.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 23.—Declaring Henry Watterson is Kentucky's choice for the Democratic presidential nomination, members of the lower house of the Kentucky legislature met through with a whoop a resolution inviting Watterson to address the House at his pleasure.
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HOWAN YOUNG MAN DROWNED IN BLACK RIVER.

Son of Mr. D. E. Beaver, of Landis Goes Through Bridge and Loses His Life.

Our Landis correspondent, Mr. C. J. Deal, telephoned us this morning informing us of the death by drowning of Mr. Lee Beaver, son of Mr. D. E. Beaver, of Landis, which occurred yesterday at Ivanhoe, in Sampson county. He was engaged in driving a four-mule team drawing a steam roller over a bridge spanning the Black river, when the bridge gave way. Mr. Beaver and the team were precipitated into the stream, and he and two of the mules were drowned. The team and roller belonged to Mr. Wm. Moore, a sawmill man of Ivanhoe.

Mr. Beaver was 30 years of age and unmarried. The body arrived in Landis today and will be buried at Oaklawn cemetery tomorrow.

Minstrel Fun for Hiccoughing Girl the Last Remedy.

Camden, N. J., Jan. 24.—Miss Mary Shinn, 17 years old, has been hiccoughing almost continuously for 17 days. Naturally she is very anxious to stop it, for it is extremely wearying. Her mother and her friends also desire strongly that she stop hiccoughing. A most attractive girl, she is becoming thin, pale and nervous.

There is a home tradition that if you frighten a person who is hiccoughing, sears the breath out of him—or her—the hiccoughs will stop. Many and novel methods have been adopted to sear Miss Mary and she has been dreadfully scared—but she has continued to hiccough. Now her mother is going to try to make Miss Mary laugh so heartily that she will forget the hiccoughs.

Mrs. Shinn has asked the members of the old Dumont Minstrel Company to come to her house and give a show. Miss Mary dotes on minstrel shows and her mother fondly hopes she will be thrown into such convulsions of laughter that the hiccoughs will go away.

Conference on Child Labor.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 25.—Delegates from nearly thirty States, among them many men and women who have made the amelioration of the condition of the working classes their life work, gathered in Louisville today for the opening of the eighth annual conference of the National Child Labor Committee. The conference will be in session several days. Miss Jane Adams, of Chicago, Mrs. Florence Kelley of the National Consumers' League, Dr. Felix Adler of New York, President Alderman of the University of Virginia P. P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education, and a number of other civic workers of national prominence are included among the scheduled speakers. The main subjects to be considered by the conference are: The relation of rural schools to child labor reforms, child labor and compulsory education, increasing the efficiency of the elementary school, industrial education and vocational guidance, Federal aid to education, and unreasonable industrial burdens on women and children and the effect on education.

Senator Overman Involved.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Copies of the Newark Evening News of Newark, N. J., containing the following item from the Washington correspondent of the Greensboro News, were sent to the members of the North Carolina delegation in Congress today:

"Colonel Henry Watterson, of Louisville, told Senator Lee S. Overman, of North Carolina at Charlotte last December that Colonel Harvey asked Governor Wilson to meet Thos. F. Ryan to discuss the Wilson candidacy for President. This statement was made by Senator Overman to Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, and others. The understanding Overman had was that it was the purpose of the proposed meeting between Ryan and Wilson that Ryan should assist in finance Wilson's candidacy after the manner of old-style politics. The manner of the rejection by Wilson of Harvey's suggestion caused Harvey to inquire regarding Wilson's idea as to the value of Harper's Weekly support, and that was followed by Wilson's frank answer."
When shown this item, today, Senator Overman declined to affirm or deny his connection with the Ryan story.

Dance at Elks Home.

The following couples enjoyed a dance at the Elks' Home last night: Miss Mary Fry and Frank Morrison, Miss Mary Burwell and A. F. Goodman, Miss Alice Brown and Fred Correll, Miss Ashlyn Love and Luther Brown, Miss Helen Arthey and Sidney Love, Miss Lucy Brown and Avellie Taylor, Chaperones: Miss James E. A. Moss and John Van Stagg; John Porter, Campbell Oline, Bernard Palmer and by White.

Mr. Claxton Gray and Miss Lee Taylor, both of Concord, were married Saturday, at the home of Rev. J. W. Sawyer, who performed the ceremony.

PERSONAL MENTION.

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

Mrs. E. A. Morris is spending the day in Charlotte.

Mrs. J. Lindsay Ross is visiting friends in Albemarle.

Miss Nan Cannon has gone to Charlotte for a brief visit.

Mr. Gowan Dusenberry has gone to Gastonia on a short business trip.

Miss Mary Durham, of Charlotte, is the guest of Miss Daral Borden.

Mrs. F. C. Odell, of Greensboro, is a guest at the home of Mr. W. R. Odell.

Mr. M. B. Stuckley went to Charlotte yesterday afternoon on professional business.

Miss Isabelle Turpin and Richard Gibson are spending the day in Salisbury with friends.

Mrs. W. T. Wall and children are visiting Mrs. Wall's father, Rev. Paul Barringer, in Mount Pleasant.

Madame A. E. Leno, C. L. Smith, E. J. Braswell and Miss Margaret Leno and Annie McDowell are spending the day in Charlotte.

Mrs. A. S. Caldwell and two children, of High Point, are the guests of Mrs. W. J. Weddington, Mrs. Caldwell's sister. They will return home tomorrow.

Afraid of the Suffragettes.

London, Jan. 25.—Great interest is being taken in the mass meeting which A. Bonar Law is to address at the Albert Hall tomorrow. The speech will be the first pronounced made by Mr. Law in London since his reelection as leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons. Extraordinary precautions are being taken to prevent a possible demonstration by the militant suffragists. Women will be admitted to one section of the hall only, and no woman's ticket has been issued without a personal guarantee that the holder will not disturb the proceedings.

Work on the Street Railway.

The street car force has completed the track on South Union street. The work was started at the Lutheran church corner and ends at a point just below Mr. Leonard Brown's residence. The street car force is now working on the track on the weather remains good the officials hope to have the track connected from the Gibson mill to the Lock mill within twelve days. Should certain expected developments materialize the track will be extended further down South Union, although this is mere conjecture.

Celebrates Her 94th Birthday.

Mrs. Evelyn Barnhardt is the honoree today at a dinner at the home of her nephew, Mr. G. D. Bost, in No. 9 township, the occasion being the celebration of her ninety-fourth birthday. The guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Parlab, Mrs. P. M. Dry and children, Mrs. F. D. Lefler, Mrs. Reuben Biles, Mrs. Misenheimer and Mr. Fred Lefler. A number of other relatives were invited but could not attend on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Monroe Bost.

Miss Nannie Alexander has awarded.

the contract to Mr. John R. Query to put in a new front at her millinery store. The front will be of modern design and will have a large plate glass window. Work will begin in a few days.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

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

Senator Overman has selected the location for the Vance statue in statutory hall in Washington. It will be placed next to that of Robert E. Lee, and near that of Dr. J. L. M. Curry, of Alabama, who spent much of his time in North Carolina.

The Hon. Josephus Daniels has been made chairman of the delegation from the South Atlantic States to make the necessary arrangements for holding the national convention in Baltimore. All who want a ticket to the convention hall can write Mr. Daniels at Raleigh.

Charlotte Methodists have subscribed \$10,000 toward the erection of a handsome school building at the Children's home, this city. While plans have not been drawn for the proposed new structure, it is known that Superintendent Hayes has additional subscriptions amounting to about \$3,000 for the school building.

A few days ago a postmaster in Anson county was notified by an officer that he was wanted to answer a charge of carrying concealed weapons, whereupon the postmaster informed the officer that he was not amenable to State statutes, his official position exempting him, and he doubtless threatened the officer with all the powers of the Federal government if he so much as touched a hair of his (the postmaster's) head. The officer "got cold feet, and called on Solicitor Robinson at Wadesboro; the solicitor was so astonished by the claim that he asked Attorney General Bickett, The Attorney General's answer was brief and to the point. It was: "Take him."

Two Inaugurate Georgia Governor.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 23.—The Georgia legislature convened today for a special session to canvass the returns of the recent election and inaugurate Joseph M. Brown as governor. The work is expected to occupy but a few days, when the legislature will adjourn until the latter part of June for its regular session.

Mrs. George H. Richmond will be

hostess to the Christian Reid Book Club Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. I. Harrell.

An Instructive Play.

"The Third Degree," Charles Klein's great play, remains the triumphant public benefactor that it was recognized to be on its premier about a year ago. The play not only entertains its hearers, but it instructs the larger portion of its patrons in a harmful police practice of great interest to the commonwealth.

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