

TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

General Assembly of Presbyterians.

Greensboro, Special.—The 48th annual session of the general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church was called to order here last Thursday. The sessions began at 11 o'clock in the First Presbyterian church. Rev. Dr. J. R. Howerton of Lexington, Va., the retiring moderator, preached the opening sermon. He spoke especially of the white people to extend Christian influence among the negroes. Rev. Dr. W. W. Moore of Richmond, Va., was elected moderator. Rev. Dr. A. Curry, Memphis, Tenn., Rev. Dr. J. E. Jones, Meridian, Miss., and Rev. Dr. A. A. McGeachy, Sherman, Tex., were among those placed in nomination for the moderatorship. Dr. Moore was elected on the second ballot. Rev. E. M. Craig, Alabama, and R. B. Eggleston, Virginia, were appointed temporary clerks. Rev. Melton Clark, pastor of First church, presented the moderator with a gavel made of wood from a tree of the Guilford battleground near this city. W. T. Ellis of New York addressed the assembly and the night was set apart for a popular meeting in the interest of the Bible cause. The first business claiming the attention of the assembly was the report of the executive committee of home missions, showing total amount in hands of the treasurer during the year \$165,477.09; receipts for home missions, \$71,133.53; expenditures \$78,236.43; appropriation for the present year \$62,970. The committee directs attention to the growing needs of the work. Among the suggestions is that the assembly call upon the church for at least \$1 per member for the home mission cause. Following the report was an address of an hour by W. T. Ellis of New York, press correspondent of the Laymen's Missionary movement, who spoke very interestingly and earnestly upon the conditions and needs of the foreign field and the duty of the assembly in the premises. Very close attention was given Mr. Ellis, as it was known that his conclusions are based largely upon personal experience and observation in foreign lands. The report of the executive committee of publication and Sabbath school work was then presented. This showed encouraging advances in every department during the year.

Publishers' Meeting Comes to Conclusion.

Charlotte, Special.—The annual meeting of the Southern Newspaper Publishers' association came to an end with the annual banquet at the Hotel Selwyn. Birmingham, Ala. was chosen as the next place of meeting and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. P. Caldwell, Charlotte Observer; vice president, Col. Rufus N. Rhodes, Birmingham News; secretary-treasurer, Victor M. Hanson, Montgomery Advertiser; executive committee, R. W. Brown, Louisville Courier-Journal; J. C. Hemphill, Charleston News and Courier; F. W. Hinman, Jacksonville Times-Union; C. B. Johnson, Knoxville Sentinel; E. M. Foster, Nashville Banner; F. L. Seeley, Atlanta Georgian.

Incorporations.

The Auto Livery Company, of Gastonia, with \$10,000 authorized and \$1,500 subscribed capital stock, was chartered, the incorporators being: A. R. Anders, A. Burwell, Jr., F. G. Wilson, J. F. Johnson, R. L. Swan, and others.

The Hunting Club, of Salisbury, with \$5,000 total authorized and \$1,000 subscribed capital stock, was chartered, the incorporators being: J. H. Mayer, J. M. Woodside, R. L. Simpson and Wade Rankin.

The Safety Fire Escape Company, of Hickory, was chartered with \$3,000 capital stock, with the privilege of increasing it to \$5,000, the incorporators being: C. T. Morrison, M. H. Yount and J. W. Blackwelder.

Shop at Spencer Will Be Reopened.

Spencer, Special.—A rumor has gained circulation here that the Southern Railway shops in Spencer will be reopened at an early date when a large number of employes who were laid off March 10th are expected to be called back into the service. The report lacks official confirmation, but there is a strong probability that it is true. The management, however, has succeeded in handling an immense amount of business during the period of retrenchment as shown by the large number of orders forwarded.

Close of Men's Convention.

Greensboro, Special.—After holding several sessions, each one of which was characterized by enthusiasm, earnestness and spirituality, the Presbyterian Men's Convention closed with the session Wednesday night. This convention was the first of the kind held in the church, but it was eminently successful in every particular. Mr. J. J. Egan, president of the convention, presided and before the speakers of the evening were introduced the report of the committee on resolutions was read and was adopted by a rising vote of the large audience of men present. Mr. S. W. McGill then extended to the convention the salutations of the Brotherhood of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America. Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president of Davidson College, was the first speaker of the evening and in an able manner he discussed the subject: "The Call of the Homeland." He began his address with the statement that it would seem from the subjects on the programme one might think there is some distinction made between home and foreign missions, whereas there is no such distinction and can be none, because all Christian work is one and the same regardless of where that work is carried on; the conversion of a soul is of the same importance whether it takes place on Fifth avenue in New York or in the wilds of Africa.

The era of transition through which the South is passing in every respect, at the present time was a thought upon which Dr. Smith laid special emphasis, and he insisted that with the expansion of world interests which are everywhere so evident demands expansion of all Christian work, in order that the demand may be met. Speaking further along this line Dr. Smith deplored the fact that in some respects the South has suffered, as in reverence for the Bible and for the Sabbath and asked very forcibly this question: Will the young people of the new South be able to stand the sunshine of prosperity of the present time as their fathers stood the strategic point of the South, he said, storms of adversity of the past? The other speaker of the evening was Mr. Fletcher S. Brockman, who is Y. M. C. A. Secretary in China, Japan and Korea and who has spent ten years in the far east engaged in that work. He brought a message which showed that the awakening from industrial, commercial, educational and religious points of view that have come to the east is far greater than it is easy for one to realize who has not been on the field and among the people. He showed also how rapidly the east is adopting the life of the west in all of these changes. China in one day having cast aside her old system of education to adopt that of America. This he said brings new and greater responsibility to America because if the east is not made better by her contact with the west, she will be made worse. His entire address was filled with an earnest plea for the west to recognize and discharge her duty to the east, and especially in the work of carrying the Gospel there.

Killed by Lightning.

Tarboro, Special.—Grover Cleveland Robinson, near Robinsonville, was instantly killed last week by lightning during a severe storm. He was seated by an open fire-place in his home, when a bolt struck the chimney. When the young man was picked up by occupants of the room, he was dead.

20 Years For Burglary.

Winston-Salem, Special.—In the Superior Court here a negro named Gus Hall, submitted to the charge of burglary in the second degree and was sentenced to the penitentiary for twenty years. About two weeks ago Hall entered the sleeping room of Miss Lizzie Ormsby, daughter of Postmaster Ormsby, of Salem, and was driven away by Miss Ormsby.

Twelve More Doctors.

Chapel Hill, Special.—The graduating exercises of the University of North Carolina Medical Department were held in Gerrard Hall. Diplomats were presented to twelve men: James Marion Buchner, William Willis Greene, Jr., David Watson Harris, Evander MacNair McIver, Ph. B., 1904; Robert Gray MacPherson, Julian Decatur Maynard, George Monroe Monk, Austin Flint Nichols, A. B. 1905; Everett Joseph Stewart Scofield, Albert Johnson Terrill, John Blos, Watson Samplitt Edgar Webb.

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FEMININE NEWS NOTES.

An effort to have May 10 made "Mothers' Day" was defeated in Congress.

A son has been born to Mme. Toselli, formerly Crown Princess of Saxony.

New York women won the Washington trophy in the National Whist Congress.

Barnard College girls are going to make baseball a feature of this year's graduation festivities in New York City.

Amelia Bingham, while seriously ill as the result of a surgical operation, was elected president of the Professional Woman's League.

Mrs. Fanny Antisdal Simons, writer of short stories, is dead at her home in Detroit. Mrs. Simons was formerly a teacher in the public schools.

Mme. Emma Eames, escorted by Chief Croker, visited firemen in their quarters, in New York City, and saw exhibitions of fire fighting apparatus.

Dr. I. Herman Randall, of New York City, advised the Kindergarten Association to try hypnotic suggestion for good, instead of punishing children.

Manager Regan, of the Hotel Knickerbocker, New York, was sued for \$25,000 damages by Evelyn Nesbit Thaw for ordering her out of his place.

Wilbur C. Phillips told the Rainy Daisies that most American mothers can't nurse their children, and that if we want good mothers we must import them.

Addressing members of the People's Institute, New York, Olga Nethersole said it was better for women to marry and have children than to work for careers.

Mrs. Hetty Green, now living in New York City, received a letter signed "The Black Hand," threatening her with death unless she paid \$5000 to a messenger.

SPORTING BREVITIES.

Packey McFarland says he won't fight Gans unless he gets \$30,000.

In the Pacific Coast tryouts for the Olympic Games Jos. B. King won the fifteen-mile Marathon race in 1:24:29 1-5.

America will not send a representative crew to the Olympic Games Regatta, to be held at Henley-on-Thames July 29.

Paul Rainey, the young millionaire turfman from Cincinnati, has engaged Jockey McCahey to ride for him this season.

Yonk Ketchell, of Michigan, defeated Jack (Twin) Sullivan, of Boston, in the twentieth round of their fight on the Coast.

The official dates for the National Regatta are July 14 and 15. It is probable that Springfield, Mass., will be the scene of a battle.

Wisconsin University has decided to race Syracuse again at Poughkeepsie. The Wolverines are reported to be rowing strong this year.

Frank L. Kramer won his first race on the new Vailsburg cycle track, at Newark, N. J., defeating Joe Fogler by a few inches in the half-mile sprint.

Yale won the intercollegiate team match trap shooting contest at 100 targets for the fifth time at the Boston Athletic Association traps, in Riverside.

Richard Croker's Rhodora, half sister to his Derby winner Orby, won the One Thousand Guineas, at Newmarket, England, from eighteen opponents, at odds of 100 to 8, ridden by the American jockey, Lucien Lyne.

Count Henri de la Vaulx, Jacques Faure and Alfred Le Blanc, the aeronauts, have been selected as the French representatives in the international balloon contest for the James Gordon Bennett Cup in Berlin, October 11.

LABOR WORLD.

Bricklayers in Japan are paid thirty-six cents a day.

An effort is being made to organize the workmen of Mexico.

In the building trade of the United Kingdom there are employed about 1,200,000 people.

For the twenty years 1887-1906 the average of unemployed among 639,678 British trade unionists was 4.5 per cent.

Montreal (Canada) longshoremen object to the bonus system introduced by the shipping men, but the latter refuse to abolish it.

Organized electrical workers in Minneapolis, Minn., are taking more than an ordinary interest in the proposed street illumination plans.

Much enthusiasm is displayed by the labor men of Baltimore, Md., over the passage of the new eight-hour law, which is regarded as effective.

The recently organized Master Barbers' Association at San Francisco, Cal., has promised to finance the Barbers' Union in its efforts to put all the shops in a sanitary condition.

A labor congress is called to be held in Wheeling, W. Va., May 30, for the purpose of forming a labor party to go into the political arena from the standpoint of the man who toils.

The Congregational Ministers' Association, of Minneapolis, Minn., has asked the local Central Labor body the privilege of paying dues the same as other organizations. The offer was declined.

In the installation of a co-operative sewing shop at Manhattan, another practical side of the Women's Trade Union League has developed along lines of great utility to the women workers.

SHEEP PAID BETTER THAN GOATS.

The relative profits derived from the Angora goat as compared to sheep has been shown in this section by E. M. Tillinghast, one of the Tillinghast brothers, who own a large tract, composed of abandoned farms purchased by them for game and fish preserves, etc. They purchased a flock of eighty goats some eight years ago, and nearly the same number of sheep and fed them alike, giving them the same shelter and care.

From the first it was evident that the goat was the loser, while the sheep were self supporting, with a fair margin of profit.

The Angora goat would eat the bark from every fruit tree and shrub as far as they could reach, while the sheep would not injure a tree of any kind. While comparing the fleeces, the goats would average about 2 1/2 pounds apiece, while the sheep out about four pounds, and in cold or wet weather the goats had to be housed, as their fleeces would absorb water and give no protection to their bodies, while the sheep would not mind the weather but would thrive and fatten, while the goat would shiver and lose flesh. The Angora for a curiosity is all very well, but as a profitable investment is a failure in this latitude, both for flesh and fleece.—C. A. G., in the American Cultivator.

Dancing was resumed in the public school at Cleveland, Ohio.

THE MAN-EATING TIGER.

The India Native Always Knows Where He May Be Found.

I have lived for weeks alongside quite small, well defined forests containing tigers. Looking down from the hillside I could always tell when a tiger was on foot, where he was walking and when he lay down to rest, for all these movements were reported by screaming birds and chattering apes from the treetops.

By the like telegraphy and by woodcraft which is born in the jungle, by the interests and habits of countless generations, the villagers are perfectly well posted regarding the great beasts, and particularly regarding the tigers in their neighborhood. The man eater is well known over the whole of his sometimes very extensive beat.

A sportsman arriving—provided the villagers have confidence in him, and this is a large provision, for they must know their man—will have no difficulty whatever in being accurately informed concerning the man-eaters' movements, but whether he will persuade the villagers to help him to get up to his quarry will depend entirely upon his personal reputation.

Crystalline Metal.

When we speak of a metal being in a crystalline state we almost invariably associate that state with the idea of hardness. Even practical metallurgists entertain this notion, although as Mr. G. T. Beilby says in a recent paper read before the Royal Society in London, "in the pure ductile metals the crystalline state is actually the soft state." A large part of the softness is ascribed to the instability of the crystalline structure. When a metal is drawn into wire its tenacity is enormously increased—that of iron four times, that of pure gold more than three times, and that of silver and copper still more. But investigation shows that metals which have been thus treated show a micro-structure in which deformed and broken-down crystals are embedded in a non-crystalline mass. In the process of hardening a metal its crystalline structure is broken down and it passes into the non-crystalline form.—Youth's Companion.

THE MODERN WAX.

Host—"Have you seen the wedding gifts old man?"

Guest—"No, not yet."

"Well, wait a moment. I'll get one of the detectives to escort you through."—Life.