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### BAPTIST HOSTS SAY CONVENTION A GREAT SUCCESS

Yesterday's Session Fraught With Many Events of Real Interest  
**MANY ATTENDING**  
Rev. Livingston Johnson Thrilled His Hearers Last Night

The session yesterday of the Woman's Missionary Union Convention which is being held in New Bern this week, was probably the most successful held so far. The Baptist church, where the convention is being held, was crowded morning, afternoon and evening with delegates and local Baptists and great interest was manifested in the events of the day.

**Morning Session**  
During the morning session the main business transacted was the welcoming of the visitors, the reading of reports and short talks on the work of the union. Mrs. Charles Hall of New Bern delivered the address of welcome in behalf of the Baptists while Mrs. Whit Gaskins welcomed the visitors in behalf of the other denominations. Mrs. J. F. Brooks of Hendersonville responded to these addresses.

Among the interesting reports made during the morning was one on the growth of the Union since it first came into being twenty-eight years ago. At first there were only a few societies but at present there are more than eleven hundred a gain of more than fifty since last year and there are now more than twenty-five thousand members, with a gain of more than fifteen hundred since the last convention. The total contribution for the year was \$48,000, six thousand dollars more than last year.

**Afternoon Session**  
The afternoon session was devoted almost entirely to young women and missions. This session was in charge of Mrs. R. H. Bowden of Tarboro and she presided in a most able manner. One of the most interesting talks of the afternoon was made by Mrs. Hight C. Moore of Raleigh who made her report on the Training School at Louisville. Another interesting talk on "The Training School and its Course of Study As a Missionary" was made by Mrs. B. V. Ferguson of Durham. Short talks were also made by other members.

**Evening Session**  
The evening session was probably the most momentous of the day on account of the fact that included in the program were speakers of national repute. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity and during the entire session great interest was manifested.

Rev. R. W. Thist presided over this session. Rev. Thist is pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church of this city and is in himself a brilliant speaker and his introduction of Dr. Livingston Johnson of Raleigh and Rev. Victor I. Masters of Atlanta, Ga., was most eloquent and impressive. Rev. Johnson took as his subject, "What's In a Name" and his address was filled with food for thought and proved to be one of the most inspirational ever heard in New Bern. He was followed by Rev. Victor I. Masters who spoke on the subject of "Christianizing the South" and made a lasting impression upon his hearers. The devotional exercises last evening were in charge of Rev. Euclid McWhorter, pastor of Centenary Methodist church.

**This Morning**  
This morning the session will be in charge of Mrs. W. H. Reddick of Wadesboro who will speak on "More Efficient Methods in the General Society." Miss Sophia Languan, missionary to China, will be present

### SEN. SIMMONS ARRIVED IN CITY THIS MORNING

Has Been At Washington Since Adjournment of Congress

### IS LOOKING WELL

Will Spend Several Days Here Before Going to Jones County

Senator Furnifold M. Simmons, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the United States Senate and who has been in Washington since the adjournment of Congress, arrived in New Bern this morning and will remain in this city and at his Jones county plantation, for several weeks. Leaving Washington Senator Simmons came down to Raleigh and spent a short time there visiting his daughters, Mrs. Louis A. Mahler and Mrs. Graham H. Andrews. He left the State capital last evening and came direct to New Bern.

Despite the fact that his duties during the closing session of Congress were extremely arduous and necessitated much extra work which sapped his vitality, Senator Simmons is said to be in the best of health and is looking better than has been the case in weeks.

**Going to Farm**  
While in New Bern he will make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Patterson, wife of Dr. Joseph F. Patterson. Just how long he will remain in the city is a matter of speculation but will probably stay here until some time next week when he will pay a visit to his fine farm in Jones county.

The Senator is an ardent agriculturist and his plantation, while not so very large, is said to be one of the best in this section and he takes great pride in it.

and speak on the subject of "Our Share in Moulding the New Womanhood of China."

**Thursday Afternoon**  
Thursday afternoon a number of interesting talks will be made which will include one by Rev. Hight C. Moore, of Raleigh. In the evening Rev. Robert Logan, a missionary to China will make an address. The convention will come to a close tomorrow morning with the selection of officers and the selection of the next meeting place.

The convention in New Bern has been one of the most successful ever held and there is no doubt but that much real good will be derived from it.

### THIS SUFFRAGIST DIDN'T MAKE GOOD

New Orleans, March 24.—The Rev. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, President of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, was the guest of the New Era Club here today and the principal speaker at an open air mass meeting.

Her appearance under the auspices of the New Era Club has caused a wide breach in the Suffrage forces of Louisiana and tonight the Anti-Suffrage forces are elated. Women who for years have carried the banner of the Suffrage fight here remained away from to-day's meeting. In fact Dr. Shaw's fair sized audience contained only a few Suffragists and was made up largely of men and the usual street crowd.

The New Era Club is an organization of recent date and is composed of the remnants of the old Era Club, a pioneer Suffrage body. Shortly after the death of President Wilson's wife, Mrs. Kate Gordon of national Suffrage fame succeeded at a small meeting of the organization in defeating a resolution of condolence, because, as she declared in a sensational speech, Mrs. Wilson was not a Suffragist. This action caused widespread comment and criticism, and the members of the Era Club voted to disband. Miss Gordon then organized the New Era Club, with only a handful of followers. The majority of the other members joined the Woman Suffrage Party of Louisiana, the biggest organization of its kind in the State.

### WELL KNOWN MAN DEAD

**Fernie Wilcox Passes Away At Pollockville.**  
Pollockville, March 24.—Fernie Wilcox died at his home at this place Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and was buried yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the local cemetery.

Mr. Wilcox was seventy-nine years of age and was one of the most prominent farmers in this section. He was a Mason and took great interest in the lodge. The funeral service was in charge of the Masonic order of this place, Trenton and Maysville.

### JEWISH FEAST OF THE PASSOVER

Will Begin On Next Monday--to Be Observed Here

The Jewish Feast of Passover begins next Monday evening, March 29, to continue a week.

Passover (Pesach) is the seven days' festival observed by the Jew in the early spring in commemoration of the exodus from Egypt. In ancient Jewish life it was the first of the three Pilgrim festivals upon which every male Jew was required to present himself in person at the central sanctuary in Jerusalem. Although the Passover has certain features in common with the universal spring festival, it gives it historical significance which gives it lasting vitality.

It is the great Independence Day of the Jew; the first event in his national history, an event which became fundamental in all his thinking, too, as evidence by the frequent reference to the great deliverance.

The festival is ushered in by a family service, called the Seder, at which certain symbolic ceremonies are observed.

In song and story, the tale of the oppression and the deliverance is rehearsed. Psalms of thanksgiving (Hallel), strike the key-note of the happy occasion. The service, interrupted for the family dinner, closes with a number of merry folk-songs, expressive of the character of the celebration.

During the week of the festival, unleavened bread is eaten instead of the usual wheat. In orthodox houses great care is taken that all traces of leaven be removed before the beginning of the festival. Sets of dishes otherwise unused, are provided.

Services are held in the synagogues and sermons preached in keeping with the thoughts of the festival. Excerpts from, or, in some cases, the whole of the book of The Song of Songs are read.

### EDGAR ALLEN POE (By Ocelola)

Immortal Muse your songs are ended, We shall never hear you sing, But we'll ponder well the meaning, That your mystic lines shall bring.

You have left this world forever, Found at last a "home sweet home," Where the poets, and the Angels, Side by side forever roam.

There perhaps you'll see your Helen Whom in boyhood days you loved, There again you'll hear the greeting, "That your soul to gladness moved."

There you'll see a stately maiden, Of the sixty days of yore, Violet eyes, with amber tresses, She who was your lost Lenore.

There perhaps you'll see your raven, Wandering from the mighty shore, Bearing messages from Pluto To the land of nevermore.

Then away from all the haunts of sorrow, Your soul from out the shadows free, Drifting, drifting through the azure, With the beautiful Anabel Lee.

### MANY CHANGES

**Local Mariners Advised of River Lights Alterations**  
The following "Notice to Mariners" just issued by the Geodetic Survey will be of interest in this section:

**Pamlico River--Windmill Point Shoal Light moved, March 15, about 230 yards northwest from the former station and established on the north side of the dredged channel, in the angle below Norfolk & Southern R. R. Bridge, on a red 3-pile, slatted structure, in about 9 fathom of water. Color of light remains unchanged. Core Sound--Lights established, March 13; each about 15 feet above water, on a concrete pile with slatted daymark, in about 1 fathom of water. Goulds Lump Light, fixed white, of 40 candlepower; black daymark; on westerly edge of Goulds Lump, easterly side of channel. Harbor Island Shoals Stake, 15, discontinued. Halls Point Light, fixed red, of 10 candlepower; red daymark; on end of shoal, westerly side of channel. Atlantic Light, fixed white, of 40 candlepower; black daymark; marks the edge of a sand shoal easterly side of channel.**

### POSTMAN'S MISTAKE COST HIS LIBERTY

Wilmington, March 24.—Because the postman made a mistake in the address of a colored woman in the southern part of the city events took place which led to the arrest this morning in Goldsboro of Cornelius McNeill, colored, charged with the murder here of Robert Reaves last week.

Mrs. I. M. Tull and Mrs. E. M. Hodges, of Kinston, arrived in the city yesterday morning and will spend a short time visiting friends and relatives.

C. D. Thomas left yesterday morning for a business visit to Jacksonville.

### VIRGINIA WOMEN IN COURT FRIDAY

The Case Against Virginia Kaiser Is Continued

Richmond, March 24.—Mrs. Virginia Kaiser and Countess Jackson, who were arrested Monday night in their apartments at 2208 East Leigh street, by Detective Sergeants Wiltshire and Bailey on the charge of assaulting and attempting to obtain \$800 from E. H. Ferguson, 601 North Eighth street, under false pretenses, were arraigned in Police Court today. The case went over until Friday at the request of the detectives. In default of bail the two women were looked up in a cell at the City Jail.

Their youngest sister, Jamie Jackson is at the Juvenile Detention Home and Mr. Ferguson is out under bond for his appearance Friday to answer the charge preferred against him by Mrs. Kaiser, of exposing Jamie Jackson to vicious and immoral influences.

Mrs. Kaiser had Ferguson arrested Saturday night, after she is alleged to have found him in a room with Jamie Jackson at 716 East Franklin street. She told the police that Ferguson pulled a pistol on her when she expressed it, "to save her sister."

Ferguson denied the ownership of the pistol and the detectives upon investigation learned that this part of his story was true. They learned from R. J. Lumpkin that he loaned the pistol to Mrs. Kaiser the same day.

The detectives also claim that several men have informed them that they had been victimized by the two girls. The police maintain that at least four will appear against the women when their case is called for trial.

Ferguson told the police that he did not desire to prosecute the girls until his own case is dismissed.

### DEBATING CONTEST TOMORROW NIGHT

Triangular Event Will Be of Particular Interest All Over State

The triangular debating contest between the high schools of New Bern, Washington and Elizabeth City will take place tomorrow night. The subject for the debate this year is one of much interest:

"Resolved, That the United States should adopt the policy of subsidizing its merchant marine engaged in foreign trade." At present only 8.9 per cent of American shipping is carried under the American flag. The high school debaters in their eager search for vantage ground in the debates will thoroughly thresh out the subsidy as a means of building up the marine.

Each one of these schools will be represented by an affirmative and negative, the affirmative teams debates at home while the negatives go to another town. New Bern will be represented by Thelma Howell and Eddie Merritt and their opponent will be the negative team from Washington. The speakers who have been selected to represent the negative are Robert Thornton and Nathan Gooding. They will leave tomorrow morning for Elizabeth City where they will defend their side of the subject.

### NEWSY NOTES FROM TOWN OF HAVELOCK

**Much Visiting Around That Place--Preaching Tomorrow**

Havelock, March 24.—Miss Bertha Bell has returned home to Harlowe after the close of her school. Misses Annie and Lonie Gould of Newport spent the week-end with Miss Essie Mundine.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Bryan and little daughter, Ruby, of New Bern, spent Sunday with Mr. Bryan's brother, Mr. E. W. Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Garner attended the Primitive Baptist meeting at Newport Friday.

Misses Laura and Gladys Wood of Riverdale spent the week-end with their sister Mrs. Walter Wynne.

Mrs. Hortense Lee and daughter Emma of Croatan were the guests of Mrs. J. J. Trader, Friday.

Mrs. William F. Beeson of North Harlowe spent the week with her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Allen.

### MRS. STONEWALL JACKSON DEAD

Passed Away Yesterday Morning At Charlotte, N. C.

Charlotte, N. C., March 24.—Mrs. Thos. J. (Stonewall) Jackson died this morning at 4:20. Mrs. Jackson was born near this city July 21, 1831, the daughter of the Rev. Robert Hall Morrison, a Presbyterian minister and founder of Davidson College. She attended Salem (N. C.) Academy and College, finishing in 1849.

Her marriage took place in July, 1857. Jackson then was a major, serving as instructor in Virginia Military Institute at Lexington. She became a close student of military tactics and always took an aggressive interest in the fortunes of the Confederate armics. After her husband died of wounds in 1863, she wrote a volume of memories of his career.

General and Mrs. Jackson had two children, both daughters. One died in infancy and the other married William E. Christian. At her death in 1889 she left a daughter, who became the wife of E. R. Preston, a Charlotte attorney, and a son, Thos. Jackson Christian, now a lieutenant in the United States cavalry, stationed in the Philippines.

Mrs. Jackson's last days were spent at the old Jackson homestead in this city. She had been ill for many months and suffered a relapse yesterday.

### TRAINING SCHOOL QUARTERLY TO PRESS

Will Be Issued During the Latter Part of April

(By Georgia Keese)  
Greenville, March 24.—The Training School Quarterly is in press and will be out the first of April. There are several interesting articles in this copy. Among these are two supplementary articles on health supervision, telling what North Carolina is doing in this work. One of these is by Dr. Cooper, health officer of Sampson county. There is one article on Moonlight Schools. It also contains a number of other interesting articles, reviews, plans and suggestions. The Quarterly has received favorable comment in newspapers and other magazines. Requests for copies have come from other States, especially from Normal schools. The University requested extra copies so that one article could be used for reference work with the classes.

Some of the high class professional magazines have placed it on their exchange list.

President Wright made a talk to the teachers of Lenoir county in Kinston, on March 20th.

Mr. H. E. Austin, teacher of science, made a talk to the teachers of Edgecombe county, on "Some Essentials of Good Teaching," at their meeting in March.

### NEWPORT W. O. W. HONOR MEMBER

Havelock, March 24.—The monument of Richard C. Russell was unveiled Sunday by the W. O. W., several camps participating in the exercises. The Harlowe, New Bern, Morehead City and Newport camps, the latter being the one of which Mr. Russell was a member, were well represented.

On the incoming train, hundreds arrived and many came overland in autos.

The entire day was one of interest. Havelock had the pleasure of entertaining some of the most noted men of Eastern North Carolina, among them being the Hon. Geo. E. Hood of Goldsboro, a widely known Woodman and Congressman from the Third District.

The dinner was one of exceptional interest, plenty of old North Carolina ham, oyster cocktails and everything known at the "Taft Hotel" met the eye everywhere and there was a song of welcome extended to all.

The Woodmen gathered at the station about two o'clock and marched to the cemetery where the veil was removed and there before the assembled host stood the monument erected to Richard C. Russell.

After the order of services the Hon. George E. Hood made an appropriate speech and one long to be remembered by those present. He spoke of the good the W. O. W. had done for the home and of the deceased brother passing away ere he had reached the morning of life. Mr. Hood said that memory was like an angel within the soul. Thus a house becomes sacred. Every room has a thousand memories. Every door and window is clustered with associations; and when, after long years, we go back to the house of our infancy, faces look out upon us, and an invisible multitude stand in gate and portal to welcome us, and we hear shy voices speaking again the old words of our childhood.

This address, coming as it did from one of the best speakers of the Southland, was the most brilliant and inspiring ever heard here on a similar occasion.

### SAM. L. ROGERS A BUSY MAN

Loses No Time In Getting to Work--Men Want Jobs.

Washington, March 24.—Director Samuel L. Rogers of the United States Census Bureau is buckling down to work and is learning the ins and outs of his job.

A false impression has gained circulation in North Carolina, and Mr. Rogers and his friends are being bombarded with applications for positions. It is erroneously believed that Mr. Rogers has close on to 60,000 jobs to give out. The truth is everything that looks like a job in the Census Bureau was given out some time ago. There are some field positions to be given out within the next few months, and now and then vacancies will occur, but just now the pie counter is almost empty of good slices.

Mr. Rogers' appointment and the publicity attending it, has developed the fact that North Carolina has many Rogerses and that very few people ever get things exactly right. Fifteen or twenty years ago a very plausible solicitor by the name of Wiley Rogers traveled the state for The News and Observer. He went into every nook and corner of the state. Today a letter came to a North Carolinian in Washington, from an ambitious Tar Heel, asking him to "Please see Wiley Rogers, and tell him to hold one of his best jobs for me; I am on the way."

Another letter asked "If John R. Rogers had any real good places that he would put North Carolina Democrats in."

There is no end of offers to fill good positions, and Mr. Rogers has found it out.

Senator Simmons has been trying to find a way by which he and Mr. Rogers can take care of a few deserving North Carolina Democrats, and he will succeed sooner or later.

### RALEIGH MAN HURT IN FALL

Raleigh, March 24.—Luby Hood, a building contractor, shortly before 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, fell from a second story window of the store on Wilmington street occupied until recently by Ike's Bargain House, and may die as the result of injuries sustained.

His skull was thought to be fractured by Dr. Robert S. McGeachy, who shortly arrived on the scene. The left arm is broken and one or two ribs are thought to be broken. He was carried into the vacant store before being taken to the hospital. It is not known exactly how he came to lose his balance, since it seems no one saw him until he had hit the pavement. He has not regained consciousness.

### SUPREME COURT GIVES OPINIONS

Handed Down Quite A Bunch of Them Yesterday

Raleigh, March 24.—Opinions filed by Supreme Court March 24th are as follows:

- 173—Foy and Ipeck vs. Stephens, Craven, Reversed.
- 174—Swan, Adm'r. vs. Carawan and O'Neal, Pamlico, new trial.
- 175—Warren vs. Susman, et al., Pamlico, no error.
- 184—Knight vs. Roper Co., Craven, no error.
- 202—State vs. Johnson, Lenoir, affirmed.
- 215—Jordan vs. Faulkner, Lenoir, reversed.
- 216—Weeks vs. Telephone and Telegraph Co., Lenoir, reversed.
- 219—Timber Co. vs. Lumber Co., Sampson, no error.
- 251—Bank vs. Roberts Bros., Wake, no error.
- 252—Guano Co. vs. Live Stock Co., Franklin, new trial.
- 256—Novins vs. Hughes, Wake, no error.
- 259—Allen vs. McPherson, Wake, affirmed.

It was told through the columns of the Journal in yesterday's issue of a slight automobile accident which occurred Tuesday afternoon when W. F. Dowdy run into a telephone pole. Mr. Dowdy stated yesterday that the accident was not the result of losing his head, or of any of the steering gear breaking. He stated that a car stopped a few feet in front of him, which caused him to be compelled to steer his machine against the pole or run into the other car. The low speed that his car was making, it is stated, is all that averted a serious accident.

Alex. L. Blow, clerk of the United States District Court at Raleigh, arrived in the city last night and associated Walter Duffy, clerk of the District Court for the Eastern District and Jury Commissioner, J. G. Harrison draw the jurors for the April term of Federal Court which will convene here on the twenty-sixth day of April with Judge Henry G. Connor, of Wilson, presiding. The names were drawn last night and turned over to United States Deputy Marshal C. H. Ange to summon.

### BILL TAFT'S VISIT WAS OF INTEREST

Added to Long List of Celebrities of State University

(By S. R. Winters)  
Chapel Hill, March 24.—The visit of former President William Howard Taft to the State University last week added to the already long list of celebrities that have been guests of the institution during the 120 years of its existence. Coupled with the visit of Mr. Taft, it is the noteworthy fact that five occupants of the White House have addressed Chapel Hill audiences from the platform in Gerard Hall and all within the lifetime of Ex-President Kemp Plummer Battle. These Chief Executives were Andrew Johnson, James K. Polk, James Buchanan, Woodrow Wilson and William H. Taft.

It was 47 years ago, in 1867, that Andrew Johnson, then president of the United States, made his memorable visit to his alma mater. His graduation from the University many years preceding that visit made his re-entrance all the more notable. On the night of his arrival on the "Hill," the students formed a professional march around the home of the University president in honor of the distinguished visit. When the serenading music was over, President Johnson was called upon for a speech. From the recollection of the oldest citizen, in essence he said:

"When I first came to Chapel Hill many years ago, I came trudging along this road that leads by the President's home. I was a barefoot boy, scantily attired in clothing, and with a budget of old clothes on my back. Today I come back to you as president of the United States.

The eloquent lesson spoken by Andrew Johnson has been pronounced by educators as one of the most impressive ever uttered. His words were few and well-chosen but the wealth of meaning which they carried was bound-up in the journey of this North Carolina boy from University student to the highest office within the gift of the American people.

### SOCIAL

#### Birthday Party

Little Miss Mary Elizabeth Craven celebrated her fourth birthday on Wednesday afternoon by giving a party to a number of her little friends at her home on Johnson street, from four to six o'clock. As the little folks arrived, each bringing a gift to delight the heart of the hostess, they were welcomed at the door by Mary Elizabeth in her own naive manner. The happy children played many games that little tots enjoy, after which they were served dainty refreshments ere they bid their hostess adieu expressing their wishes for many happy returns of the day. The little ones present were Misses Mildred Lane, Mabe Uzzell, Mary Katherine Battle, Julia Pugh, Eloise Harrison, Caroline Davis, Nina Earnight, Elma Basnight, Lucile Simpson, Virginia Styron, Elizabeth Norwood Moore, Alberta Waddell, Evelyn Duer and Masters Vernon Rock and Harvey Craven.

#### Canterbury Club Meets

The Canterbury Club held a thoroughly enjoyable meeting with Mrs. Robert Nixon Tuesday evening. The study subject for the occasion was the life and works of Oliver Wendell Holmes. Miss Maud Hurley read a "Sketch of his Life" in a most pleasing manner. Mrs. S. L. Dill read extracts from "The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table," the earliest of the writer's essays, after which Mrs. Charles Hollister read from "Over The Tea Cup," the last of his series of essays. Then followed an open discussion of the difference in the literary style of these two books, the first written in the early years of his young manhood was permeated with a rosy glow of optimistic youth, while the latter, though just as strong in its literary value was yet indicative of maturer years and mellowed sympathies.

Mrs. C. L. Ives gave reminiscences of Holmes which she smilingly termed "near-personal," explaining that she gained this knowledge of Holmes while in Boston, visiting his early haunts, his church, etc., and in social contact with those who had been thrown with the writer in his lifetime. She then read a sketch of "Dr. Holmes, the Physician."

The club was delighted to have with them on this evening a former member, Mrs. Hurley, also Mrs. Alice Young Chapman. The members present were Mrs. C. L. Ives, Chairman; Mrs. S. L. Dill, Mrs. E. B. Ellis, Mrs. C. S. Hollister, Miss Ruth Howland, Miss Maud Hurley, Miss Maud Munder, Mrs. T. J. Roberts, Mrs. J. M. Spencer, Miss Bessie Sumner, Miss Mary Unsell, Mrs. S. B. Yarnall and Miss Etta Nunn. While the session served delicious refreshments, music from the Victrola was enjoyed by all.

Miss Hope Ross, of Stonewall, returned home last evening after a short visit to the city.

Miss Louise Thompson, of Jacksonville, N. C., arrived in the city last evening to spend a short time visiting friends.

G. V. Richardson of Dover spent yesterday in the city attending to business matters.