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REHABILITATE LARGEST PLANTS IN THE STATE.

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News and Observer Has Battery of Six Linotypes—In Quarters Occupied by Paper for Many Years—E. M. Uzzell to Organize Company—Tribute to Brother C. F. Koonce—Other Matters of Interest.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 3.

The press dispatches, heralding the news throughout state and nation, of the disastrous conflagration which reduced to ashes one of the State's most magnificent general printing establishments—that of Mr. E. M. Uzzell, for the past twenty or more years State's printer—together with the office of the News and Observer, Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels' "old reliable" purveyor of daily intelligence, conveyed its unfortunate tidings to none of greater sympathy or keener appreciation of loss than to the host of erstwhile employees among the union printers of the United States, representing every State and city of consequence in the Union, who will be overjoyed to learn that the same indomitable will and untiring efforts that raised one from the "case" of a union printer to the ranks of the foremost publishers of the South, the other from editor of a small weekly paper to the President's cabinet, is again to manifest itself in rehabilitating the great loss the city and State in general has sustained. Before the smoldering embers ceased to emit volumes of choking smoke preparations were being made to remove the debris preparatory to rebuilding. A battery of six machines have already been installed and are being operated in the temporary quarters of the News and Observer, which is upon the identical spot it was published from more than a quarter of a century previous to occupancy of its burned palatial home on Martin street.

A stock company, rumor has it, will be formed with Mr. Uzzell as general manager, and the work of rebuilding begun immediately after the organization is perfected.

Whatever may have been the mistakes of the commission form of government of the capital city heretofore, there seems to be almost unanimous satisfaction in its selection for the office of chief of police, save among a few of its "also-rans" and their prospective supernumeraries. The appointee, Charles F. Koonce, a young man of sterling worth to any community, broad in view, liberal with charity, generous with courtesy and conscientious with justice, has no peer in integrity in any community, and those who have confided in him will have no occasion for regret; unassuming—though he be courageous and fearless in the discharge of every duty of manhood—those whose interests he guards may rest assured of his zealous fidelity in conserving their mutual welfare. Notwithstanding the ever-increasing burdens of the successful business man; the continuity with which he has pursued the arduous duties pertaining to the mutual welfare of those who "eat bread by the sweat of the face," exemplifies the soliloquy of Shakespeare:

This above all,
To thine own self be true,
And it follows, as the day the night,
Thou canst not then be false to any man."

Such men, the discipline of organization for mutual protection, give to city, State and nation, wherever the spirit of the brotherhood of man is manifest.

A special dispensation until December 1st is the method of augmenting the numerical strength of the already substantial membership of the Retail Clerks' Union of this city. By the first of the year they hope to include the few re-

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THE NORTH CAROLINA METHODIST CONFERENCE

Annual Session Convened in This City on Wednesday—Much Enthusiasm Manifested and Interesting Sessions Held—To Adjourn Today.

The annual session of the North Carolina Methodist Conference convened in Wilmington Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock, Bishop John C. Kilgore presiding.

On the night preceding the convention a meeting of the Historical Society of the Conference was held at which a paper was read by Prof. R. L. Flowers, of Trinity College on "The Early History of Methodism in This State," of which Dr. W. K. Boyd was author.

The following officers were elected for the society for the coming year:

President—Rev. A. S. Barnes, of Raleigh.
First Vice President—Rev. J. A. Hornaday, of Weldon.

Second Vice President—Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, of Goldsboro.

Third Vice President—Rev. E. E. Rose, of Conway.

Secretary—Rev. W. H. Brown, of Aberdeen.

Treasurer—Rev. T. A. Sikec, of Kenly.

Historian—Rev. L. S. Massey, of Raleigh.

On Thursday night the members of the conference and many others heard a masterful address by Rev. W. F. McMurray, D. D., of Louisville, Ky., on the anniversary of the Conference Board of Church Extension. Dr. McMurray is secretary of the Extension Board and the General Conference of the Southern Methodist Church.

The sessions of Conference are of much interest to the general public and members of the Conference and at the night services there are large congregations.

The characters of all ministers in the eight districts were called to question and passed the presiding elders answering that there was nothing against them.

Under call of question 18, Rev. T. C. Ellers was admitted for location.

The Conference proper will adjourn to-day, and there will be conference services held in all Methodist churches in the city tomorrow.

SOME LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Of the Week Boiled Down For the Busy Reader.

Hon. Charles U. Harris, of Raleigh, has been chosen to take the place of Hon. O. Max Gardner, who was injured in an accident recently, on the programme of the Elks' annual memorial which is to be held tomorrow at the Victoria.

The honor in the W. L. I. competition drill went to Corporal R. B. Lewis Tuesday night.

The largest barge ever in this port was towed in Tuesday for repairs. She is 200 feet long and 50 feet beam. She is used in constructing the breakwater at Lookout.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the German-American Alliance opened a bazaar on Wednesday evening. Everything was in fine shape and the booths looked refreshing. The articles for sale were attractive and of intrinsic value.

The entire board of county commissioners of Gaston county were visitors to New Hanover this week for the purpose inspecting our good roads.

A mass meeting of citizens of the county will be held Tuesday for the purpose of forming a permanent organization to attempt a corn show on a larger scale next year.

Regular Vespers services will be held Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. building. There will be an address by Mr. Odie B. Hinnant, city boys' secretary.

It is very probable that work on the new custom house will begin soon, as the lot on Market street owned by L. W. Davis and part of the

HAMBURG-AMERICAN OFFICIALS FOUND GUILTY

Of Conspiracy to Defraud and Deceive the Government by Furnishing Supplies to German Vessels—Sentence Not Yet Passed.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.

The officials of the Hamburg-American Line Steamship Co., charged with conspiracy on two counts to defraud and deceive "Uncle Sam," were found guilty Thursday in the Federal court of New York. They were charged with having sent coal and supplies to German cruisers in the South Atlantic during the early months of the great European struggle. The sentences have not yet been passed. The maximum penalty is two years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine.

It is very probable that an appeal will be taken to the United States Supreme Court.

The government has received official announcement of the requisitioning of the steamship Hocking without prize court proceedings and will vigorously contest the action of the British government as being illegal and a violation of our recognized rights according to international law.

State Department officials are amazed at the action of the British government. The United States will demand that the vessel be retained in the prize court on the charge she was seized on and that the court act promptly.

The Ford peace party sailed today on the Scandinavian-American liner Oscar II. The expedition will visit Norwegian and Swedish ports and then proceed to The Hague. The government will in no way be responsible for the expedition.

property occupied by the Review Job Office have been acquired by the government.

The handsome new Presbyterian church at Winter Park is nearing completion.

Mr. W. C. Reville and Miss Ada Reynolds were married Sunday night at the home of the groom's parents, Second and Kidder streets, by Rev. W. R. Noe.

The sentence of Melvin Horne who was to have been executed on the 3rd inst., was automatically stayed in the Supreme Court as statement of appeal had not been made.

W. P. Stacy was appointed Superior court judge by Governor Craig on Tuesday.

A mission at St. James' Church, to be conducted by Rev. Dr. Clark, of Chattanooga, will begin tomorrow.

There will be special services in the Temple of Israel tomorrow when the Feast of Dedication, Hanukkah, will begin and extend over eight days.

The Baptist State Convention will convene on Monday in Charlotte for its annual session of one week.

Plans are on foot to arrange for Lee's Birthday celebration on January 19th.

The constable made a large haul of "crap shooters" last Sunday afternoon.

Work has been resumed on the Federal Point road near Carolina Beach.

The fall session of the moonlight schools ended Friday with interesting exercises at William Hooper School. The schools will be continued in January under the management of the Jr. O. U. A. M. and North Carolina Sorosis. The last lessons of the month were given at Hooper school last night.

Joe Varga, Hungarian light heavyweight champion of European wrestlers, is here and is looking for a bout with Fritz Hanson. Hanson has refused to meet him, but the management of the club may force the Swede to the scratch.

Read the Saturday Record's premium offer for subscriptions on the third page. We will give a nice doll or a little drum as a premium on each yearly subscription paid in advance. Send or bring one subscription, paid in advance, and you get a prize. They are on exhibition at C. F. Thompson's, 707 Castle street.