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LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS.

Brooks & Company, of Scranton, Pa., owners and operators of many public utility plants in the eastern portion of United States, has purchased the controlling interest in the Tidewater Power Company.

Engineer Thomas Rourke, of the dredge Hercules, which is working near the Champion Compress, was badly scalded on Thursday when a bonnet blew off a steam chest. His back and legs were scalded. He was sent to the James Walker Memorial hospital.

Rev. M. T. Plyler, pastor of Grace Methodist church, has accepted an invitation to preach the commencement sermon at the closing of the Jonesboro high school on Sunday, May 6th.

Dr. A. M. Baldwin, chief, and Messrs. Alfred Cannon, W. A. Cornish, W. M. Hankins and R. J. Sikes have been appointed marshals for the Memorial Day celebration.

A marine gun which has been in the water at Fort Fisher since 1865, has been recovered by Capt. Edgar Williams.

Mr. Smith Pridgen, a well known and much liked citizen, who resides at 507 South Sixth street, was stricken with paralysis a few days ago and is in a very critical condition, his many friends will regret to learn.

We are glad to greet Mr. P. B. Brady, who has thoroughly recovered from a very dangerous case of blood poisoning and is now back to normal.

More than five hundred men have enlisted in the six military units formed here for the National Guard and Naval Militia.

An entertainment consisting chiefly of living pictures, was given at St. Matthew's Lutheran church Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock, by the Ladies Aid Society of that church. An elaborate programme of recitations, readings and vocal and instrumental musical numbers was rendered and the entertainment was enjoyed by a large crowd.

A movement has been started by North Carolina Sorosis to encourage moving pictures of a more moral and educational type for the children of the city and to secure necessary funds for this work a benefit performance will be given at the Victoria theatre on Saturday of next week.

"The Affinities," a home talent show, which was repeated on Thursday night for the benefit of the Confederate Veterans, was a most entertaining musical comedy and was greeted by a large and appreciative audience.

Scottish Society of America.

The Scottish Society of America will hold its annual meeting at Red Springs on May 1. The principal address of the day will be by Rev. Peter Robinson, D. D., ex-president of the Caledonian Society of Cincinnati, and a native of Doune, Perthshire, Scotland.

The Spanish cabinet resigned on Thursday.

THROW OFF THE AUTOCRATIC RULE.

APPEAL OF RUSSIAN WORKINGMEN TO WORKERS OF CENTRAL POWERS.

No "Craven Appeal" for Peace, But They Beg the Teutons to Follow Their Example—Gathering of Socialists Looked Upon With Dread and Suspicion.

"Throw off the yoke of autocratic rule, as the Russian people have overthrown the imperial autocrats. . . . By a united effort we can stop this awful murder which is the shame of humanity."

Such is part of an appeal issued by Russian workingmen to the wage earners of the Central powers. The Russians explain that this is no "craven appeal" for peace, and that they will fight to the last man" to protect the Russian democracy from invasion by any foreign military power. But they beg the Teutons to follow their example, establishing liberty first in their own lands.

The gathering of Socialists at Stockholm, known to be fomented by Germans and Austrians, is looked upon with dread and suspicion and it is feared that appeals to the altruistic principles of socialism and the universal brotherhood of workingmen might force the provisional government to consent to a separate peace to terminate the war. But it has been learned that these apprehensions and fears were based on misunderstandings of the aims of the Socialists in Russia. Late information is to the effect that the Russian Socialists hope to force their democratic ideas into enemy countries and bring about revolution which will overturn the monarchies and establish social democracies in their stead.

The Administration bill increasing the enlisted strength of the navy from 77,000 to 150,000 men and the Marine Corps from 17,400 to 30,000, was favorably reported to the Senate Thursday.

Men of military age who have married since a state of war against Germany was declared will not escape military service, the War Department announces.

Edmond C. C. Genet, an American aviator who was officially reported killed in France on Thursday, was the first American to die fighting under the American flag in France. He was from Ossining, N. Y.

The law enacted some time ago prohibiting the mobilization of State troops within 15 miles of any State capital will be enforced during the present war.

Johnny Kilbane, champion featherweight pugilist, won from Matt Brock, of Cleveland, by out-pointing him by a wide margin in their 10-round no-decision bout in Cleveland, Ohio, Thursday night.

DAVIDSON WOMAN STILL IN COMA.

No Developments in Walton Murder Case.

Up to date the coroner's jury has been unable to draw any evidence from the many witnesses examined that would give any clue to the murderer of Neal Walton. But, as we stated last week, the inquiry has certainly brought forth some evidence as to the low standard of purity in several homes in this community. Talk about your "red light" districts being a menace to society, why, from the number of men—both husbandmen and "stags"—that were lurking around near the scene of the tragedy, with other men's wives, (according to some of the evidence in the inquiry), if the murderer had shot at longer range, scattering shot would have surely winged at least half a dozen "gentlemen and ladies of the libertine class" who had left their happy homes and wandered away with their "affinities."

The Davidson woman is still in the hospital under treatment, and physicians state that it will be about nine days before she can tell her story, which, if a truthful one, will reveal the identity of the slayer of Walton and lay bare one of the dirtiest scandals possible. The Davidson woman knows who shot Walton, and why he was shot, and until she is brought to the point that she will relate the facts in the case no developments in the inquiry can be expected.

OUR ADVERTISERS.

Subscribers will please mention this paper when making purchases.

Read the ad. of Young & Gorman on the sixth page of today's paper. They have taken over the entire sheet iron and metal work business of W. B. Klander, No. 8 South Second street, and ask a liberal share of public patronage. These young men are well known as first-class mechanics and as they give their personal attention to all work you can rest assured that you will get the best that can be had as to quality and service when you give your work to them.

W. B. Klander, proprietor of the "Radiator Hospital," has turned his outside tin and sheet metal business over to Messrs. Young & Gorman and is now specializing in automobile radiator, fender and muffler repairs, giving his entire time to this work. Read his ad. on the sixth page.

Read Shands' Saturday specials on the sixth page.

Rev. R. W. Hogue, formerly of Wilmington, has resigned as pastor of the Church of the Revelation, of Baltimore, Md.

THE GREAT COUNCIL OF RED MEN IN JUNE

Local Tribes Planning to Entertain Visiting Tribesmen—Committees Appointed.

The local Tribes of Red Men have appointed committees to prepare for the Great Council to be held here in June, and they are now very busy mixing paint, selecting feathers and arranging for the entertainment of the visiting tribesmen.

The following are the committees who have the work in hand:

Entertainment—M. Marshburn, J. R. Davis and E. P. H. Strunck.

Reception—J. H. Davis, Joseph W. Capps and F. K. J. Fuchs.

Advertising—H. L. Hewett, B. A. Merritt, and F. K. J. Fuchs.

Decorations—Morton M. Hewett, P. M. Greer and George T. Newton.

Hotels and Boarding Houses—W. B. Savage.

There will be a special meeting at the home of Mr. E. P. H. Strunck, at which all committees will be present and plans for the entertainment of visitors will be decided on.

Mr. F. K. J. Fuchs is secretary of the central committee and will handle all inquiries by mail from prospective visitors.

Rural School Rally.

The first rural school rally ever held by New Hanover county was celebrated on Thursday. The exercises were opened with a grand parade of school children through the principal streets of the city, ending at the High School, where the main features of the occasion were the speeches of welcome by the mayor and superintendent of schools, and an address by Dr. Edgar Wallace Knight, of Trinity College, Durham.

After the address a picnic dinner was enjoyed and prizes were awarded for the best declamation and for the best banner carried in the parade.

The declamation prizes were awarded to Miss Sinclair, of Winter Park, for the girls, and by Charles Lionel Jarrell, of Delgado, for the boys.

The prize for the nicest banner went to Seagate school.

The Democratic Primary.

In the Democratic primary held on Wednesday Mayor P. Q. Moore was nominated by a good majority as the party nominee for mayor in the election on May 1, which means he will be our chief executive for the next two years. Mr. L. L. Shepard and Mr. W. A. Sue were nominated to enter the general election May 1 for election as councilman from the First Ward. There was no opposition to councilmen from the Fourth and Sixth wards, and the incumbents, Messrs. Hall of the Fourth, and McCaig of the Sixth, were renominated.

To Urge Real Conservation.

The Council of National Defense, in dividing the seven members of its advisory commission, made Samuel Gompers chairman of the committee on labor for the conservation and welfare of workers; the work of the committee to be furthered whether in peace or war. On invitation of Mr. Gompers, a large number of men and women—workmen, employers, doctors and other specialists—are to meet to discuss plans.