

## SESSIONS TODAY INTERESTING

### Baptists Elect Officers; Methodists at Work

Both Religious Bodies Having Most Profitable Meetings—Election of Officers of the Baptist Association—Fine Sunday School Work—Methodist Conference Big One—Sensation Sprung This Morning.

(BY W. T. Best.)

Durham, N. C., Dec. 10.—The North Carolina Conference had an interesting session this morning with the reports and recommendation of the committees on examinations. Five young preachers were admitted on trial. They have served one year.

The sensation of the morning was the surrender of the credentials of Rev. W. H. L. McLaurin, of the New Bern Circuit. Rev. Dr. R. F. Bumpass, presiding elder of that district, made the recommendation. Nothing giving the trouble has been indicated and the cause of the trouble doesn't appear.

It means that the minister will not preach again. At his own request the ministry of Rev. N. M. Daniels ceases. There is nothing against him and he retires with a good record. Tonight Rev. Dr. W. R. Lambeth, secretary of the missions board, will address the laymen's meeting and Bishop Wilson will preach the sermon to the Epworth League upon the occasion of its anniversary. There are no afternoon sessions.

With the Baptists.

(By Rev. C. F. Whitlock.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 10.—After a good devotional service this morning led by Dr. Monterie, of Raleigh, the regular order was taken up and Dr. Livingston Johnson read the report on missions and Sunday Schools. Following this report the chair announced the committees on the various departments of the work. The work of the ministers' relief was discussed and it was recommended that our pastors take a Christmas offering for the aged and needy ministers of our State, many of whom are being neglected in their helpless old age after wearing themselves out in the work of the denomination and that a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of building a home for aged ministers. A number of touching letters were read from old ministers, showing their appreciation of the little help they were receiving in their dire need.

The Sunday School work was the next order and good speeches were made by N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh, Sunday School Secretary E. L. Middleton, and B. W. Spillman. The report on Sunday Schools was adopted. The report congratulated the denomination on the rapidly increasing efficiency and development of its Sunday School work and recommended that every Sunday School in the State establish a home department and a cradle roll call and that every possible effort be made to enlist the "Shut Outs," and others who are kept from attendance at the regular meetings of the school. The discussion of the Sunday School interest was said to be the best ever heard in the convention.

Ministerial Education was the next order and the report was read by M. A. Adams and after some remarks, Dr. E. Y. Mullins, of the Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky., was recognized and made a powerful speech setting forth the need of education among the Baptists and the work of the seminary in meeting this need. Twenty-seven North Carolina men are now in the Seminary at Louisville. Eighteen of these are receiving aid to the amount of about \$1,600. President Mullins calls for their support. He also shows the need of greater endowment and of a more truly organic connection of the seminary with the financial system of the denomination. Dr. Mullins' address was an eloquent, masterful appeal to the Baptists of the State to respond to the calls of the seminary in its great work and at its close pledges were taken for the students' fund amounting to over \$1,790.

Yesterday Afternoon's Session. Wilson, N. C., Dec. 10.—The second session of the North Carolina Baptist Pastors' Conference closed yesterday after an exceedingly interesting and helpful program had been completed. The only part of the conference not reported in yesterday's Dispatch was the afternoon session. The general theme for this hour was the "Pastor's Correspondence Course." This is a course in Bible study prescribed and conducted by Dr. Cultom, of Wake Forest College, which may be taken free of charge by any pastor or layman of the State, the only expense being the purchase of the necessary text books. The nature of this course was

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## FROZEN TO DEATH

Body of an Infant Three or Four Days Old Was Left on the Porch of Residence of Mrs. Martha Howard, at No. 711 Castle Street—Child Was Discovered Late Last Night and Death Resulted This Morning.

Mrs. Martha Howard, who lives at No. 711 Castle street, was awakened about 12:30 o'clock this morning by the crying of an infant. She made an investigation and discovered that a boy's baby apparently three or four days old had been left in a basket at her front door. Mrs. Howard immediately took the child in her home and cared for it. The child when found gave every evidence of being nearly frozen to death, and this morning shortly about 9 o'clock the infant died at the residence of Mrs. Howard.

Dr. C. D. Bell, the county coroner, and Chief of Police Nathan J. Williams were notified of the circumstances surrounding the finding of the child and of the subsequent death of the infant. They viewed the body today and Dr. Bell stated that the appearance of the body gave every indication of death as a result of freezing.

An investigation will be made into the circumstances surrounding the placing of the child on the porch in such cold weather as prevailed last night, as it is hoped to secure clues which will lead to the discovery of the persons undoubtedly responsible for the death of the infant.

The child when found by Mr. Howard was wrapped only in a piece of cloth. The body was delivered to Mr. W. W. King, the undertaker, by whom the remains will be prepared for burial.

## TWO OLD DEEDS

Were Presented at the Court House Today for Registration.

Two deeds made from the late Edward Klidder in 1870 and 1873, respectively, to Wesley Poe, were presented at the office of the register of deeds at the court house today for registration. The deeds recite the transfer of two plots of land in the neighborhood of Twelfth, Market and Meadow streets. Since the deeds were made the witnesses to both instruments have died and it was necessary to prove the signatures of these before the deeds could be registered. One deed was witnessed by the late J. K. Brown, whose signature was proved by Mr. T. O. Bunting, and the other was witnessed by the late J. Frank Maunier, whose signature was proved by Mr. M. W. Divine.

## INTERESTING CASE

Was Started Today in Justice Bornemann's Court.

An interesting controversy concerning a negro boy was started today in Justice Bornemann's court. From the details connected with the matter it seems that Edgar Horton, a negro, two years ago bound out his son to Benjamin LeBoo, another negro. Some days ago Horton endeavored to recover possession of his boy and an order was issued to this effect today by Judge Lyon in the Superior Court. Judge Lyon stated at the same time that LeBoo could commence an action in a magistrate's court, if he so desired, to recover from the father money to defray the boarding expenses of the boy during the past two years.

Therefore LeBoo went before Justice Bornemann and instituted a civil action against Horton for the recovery of the sum of \$200, which amount he alleges to be due as board for the boy. The case will be tried this afternoon.

## SEATS NOW SELLING.

Notable Engagement for the Academy Tomorrow Night.

The sale of seats commenced this morning for the appearance tomorrow night at the Academy of Miss May Robson in "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary." No better attraction could be offered, because the engagement is that of a New York star in a New York success and it behooves theatre-goers to show their appreciation of this brilliant attraction. The production will be elaborately made.

## ON BRINK OF DEATH.

Serious Accident in 6-Day Bike Race in Gotham.

New York, Dec. 10.—During a terrific sprint at the six-day race at Madison Square Garden today Gordon Walker, of the Australian team, crashed from his wheel and fell unconscious a few inches from the rail. Had he gone over he would have fallen forty feet to death. As it was, his collar bone was broken and he was otherwise injured. At the hospital it was said he would recover. Men and women screamed in terror as the man fell and the place was in a great uproar until the management announced that he still lived. The fall was the result of physical exhaustion.

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## JUDGE LYON SIGNS ORDER

### In the Rockingham Power Co. Case

Handed Down His Decision in the Superior Court This Morning—Court Now Engaged in Trial of a \$10,000 Bank Note Case With the Murchison National the Plaintiff—Other Matters Today.

The most interesting matter in the Superior Court today was an order signed in the case of R. M. Sheppard vs. the Rockingham Power Company, et al., though court is now engaged in trial of an important suit. All day has been consumed so far and the rest of the session today will be consumed by the trial of the suit, which is an action brought by the Murchison National Bank, of this city, against the Dunn Oil Mills Company and J. D. Barnes, \$10,000, with interest, being involved in the suit. The bank paid a note of \$10,000, signed by Barnes, as president of the Oil Mills Company, and deposited with the Farmers' National Bank, of Dunn, which bank afterwards was declared insolvent and which the Oil Mills Company claims owed it money. Probably, however, only eight or nine thousand dollars is really at stake, as there was some collateral. The suit is being hard fought, the same counsel as participated in the case of the Murchison National Bank vs. the Dunn Oil Mills Company being in this case, namely: Ex-Judge E. K. Bryan and Messrs. Rountree & Carr for the plaintiff and J. C. Clifford, Esq., and N. A. Townsend, Esq., of Dunn, and Hon. John D. Bellamy and Woodus Keilum, Esq., of this city, for the defendants. It took until after mid-day to get a jury in the case.

The case of Fred Balfiore, et al., vs. the Atlantic Shingle, Cooperage and Veneer Company was taken under advisement this morning by the court, after argument by Messrs. Meares & Ruark appeared for the plaintiff and Ex-Judge E. K. Bryan for the defense. City Attorney Marsden Bellamy, Jr., also appeared in the case, the city of Wilmington being made party plaintiff.

## Order in Rockingham Case.

Judge Lyon this morning signed and handed down the following order in the Rockingham case, which was extensively argued at chambers before him here last Saturday: North Carolina, New Hanover County —In the Superior Court.

R. M. Sheppard vs. The Rockingham Power Company, Sidney Z. Mitchell, Robert L. Warner and the Knickerbocker Trust Company.

This matter coming on for hearing before me this fifth day of December A. D. 1908, at chambers, in Wilmington, N. C., and having been heard upon the complaint, answers, affidavits and exhibits filed. It is ordered adjudged and considered that the defendants, their officers, agents and employees and each and all of them be restrained and enjoined from using or exercising any power or control over the common stock of the defendants, the Rockingham Power Company, and from voting the same in any meeting whatsoever. And it is further ordered and adjudged that said defendants, their agents, officers and employees be enjoined and restrained from carrying out or putting into effect the plan of reorganization of the said Rockingham Power Company mentioned in the complaint. This order is hereby continued to the final hearing of this action.

C. C. LYON, Judge holding the courts of the 5th District.

The defendant, Rockingham Power Company, excepts to the foregoing judgment and appeals to Superior Court. Notice of appeal waived. Appeal bond fixed at \$100, 30 days allowed defendant to serve statement of case on appeal, 30 days thereafter to serve counter statement.

## Basket Ball Game.

In the basket ball game played last night at the Association building between the Y. M. C. A. team and a team from the Boys' Brigade the first mentioned aggregation was the winner by the score of 18 to 9. An enthusiastic crowd witnessed the contest and each good play was heartily applauded.

## Small Fire Today.

There was a small fire this morning at the house, No. 920 Orange street, owned and occupied by Jane Bell, colored. The fire was caused from the chimney and damage to the amount of \$5 resulted.

Dorothy Dainty Ribbons for sale only at C. H. Fore & Co.

## BAD AUTO ACCIDENT

Mr. Oscar H. Wright's Machine Wrecked at Corner of Fifth and Dock Streets—Man in the Machine Badly Hurt—Hospital Superintendent Refused to Divulge Name of Injured Party—Stated From Another Source That Terry Lyon, of Elizabethtown, Was Injured Person.

As a result of an accident which happened last night the automobile of Mr. Oscar H. Wright was completely wrecked. One gentleman in the machine, whose name could not be ascertained this morning, was badly, but it is stated, not seriously hurt.

The accident happened at the corner of Fifth and Dock streets, where the machine swerved from the road, then ran a few feet along the edge of the pavement. The auto then went heading into one of the fire alarm poles, which was snapped short off at its intersection with the ground and the machine was turned in a half circle on to the sidewalk by the force of the impact. The breaking of the pole caused the fire alarm to sound and City Electrician John T. Yates immediately started to locate the trouble. In about ten minutes he arrived at the corner of Fifth and Dock streets and found the machine wrecked and one man lying in the tonneau in an unconscious condition, apparently seriously injured. Mr. Yates made a superficial examination and found the injured man had sustained a deep laceration on the back of his head and that one side of his face had suffered a severe contusion. Mr. Yates summoned the ambulance from the James Walker Memorial Hospital and the injured man was sent there, where it is stated he is under treatment today.

It is stated today that the name of the injured man is Mr. Terry Lyon, of Elizabethtown.

The automobile was completely wrecked as a result of the collision with the tree, the entire front of the machine having been bent and broken. The machine will be repaired at the garage of Messrs. F. W. Dock & Co.

The Broad theatre today will be shown the film "His First Frock Coat." This picture is one of comic nature and it will entertain everyone who witnesses its exhibition.

## MR. L. TATE BOWDEN.

Passed Away This Morning at the Residence of His Sister.

Friends in the city will be deeply grieved to learn of the death of Mr. L. Tate Bowden, who passed away this morning shortly after 7 o'clock at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Sue King, on Seventh, between Red Cross and Campbell streets. Mr. Bowden had been in failing health for some months past, due to severe attacks of asthma. His trouble developed into an acute form several weeks ago and within the past week pneumonia developed. Mr. Bowden then continued to sink rapidly until the end came this morning at the hour stated.

Mr. Bowden was about 54 years of age and he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Owen Bowden. The deceased had spent his entire life in this city, and never married. Mr. Bowden was injured in a railroad accident some years ago, as a result of which it was found necessary to amputate one of his legs. Since that time his health has never been as good as before the misfortune he suffered.

Mr. Bowden for many years was engaged in the commission business in this city and recently he had been employed as manager of a fish establishment on Water street.

The deceased was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and he was an enthusiastic member of the Odd Fellows. The funeral of Mr. Bowden will be held tomorrow afternoon at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

## HER CLOTHES SLASHED.

Negro Woman Indicts Her Husband on Charge of Malicious Injury to Personal Property.

Henry Clinton, an old negro man, was arrested yesterday afternoon under a warrant charging him with assault and battery on his wife. Clinton was adjudged guilty of the charge and he was required to pay the costs.

Shortly after the case had been tried the wife came again to Justice Bornemann's office with a basket of her clothing and reported every piece of the wearing apparel had been cut and slashed with a knife to such an extent that the entire number of garments had been ruined. The woman seemed to think that her husband was the perpetrator of the deed and therefore she swore out a second warrant against her better half, charging him with malicious injury to personal property. The case will be tried this afternoon.

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STATEMENT CONDITION **THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK** OF WILMINGTON, N. C. At the close of Business November 27, 1898. Resources: Loans and Discounts... \$2,571,534.92 Capital... \$ 550,000.00 N. C. State and other... 188,044.25 Surplus and Net Profits... 298,134.69 Bonds... 550,000.00 Circulation... 550,000.00 U. S. Bonds (at par)... 550,000.00 U. S. Bond Account... 100,000.00 Bank Buildings... 55,000.00 Deposits... 3,098,102.66 Cash... 1,228,698.18

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Statement of the Condition of the **The American National Bank** (the youngest and most progressive in the city) Of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of Business November 27th, 1898. Resources: Loans and Discounts... \$208,543.38 Capital Stock... \$100,000.00 Overdrafts... 45.53 Profits-net... 2,649.88 U. S. Bonds and premiums... 46,684.38 Circulation... 45,000.00 Redemption Fund... 2,850.00 Deposits... 222,132.31 Furniture and Fixtures... 4,580.49 Cash... 107,078.41

STATEMENT OF **The Wilmington Savings and Trust Co.** At the close of business, Nov. 27th, 1908. (Condensed from Report to North Carolina Corporation Commission.) Resources: Loans and discounts... \$1,363,390.68 Capital... \$ 100,000.00 First mortgage bonds... 1,500.00 Undivided Profits... 138,102.21 Real Estate... 45,000.00 Deposits... 1,308,931.16 Furniture and fixtures... 1.00 Cash and due from banks... 137,141.69

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