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BARACA MEETING IS OVER.

R. N. Simms, of Raleigh, Elected a Vice-president, and J. H. Early, of Winston-Salem, State Secretary of Baracas for North Carolina.

Asheville, N. C., June 23.—The thirteenth annual convention of the World-wide Baraca and Philathea Union, which has been in session here since Saturday, adjourned tonight after having held the largest and most successful convention in the history of the organization. The morning was taken up with the report of committees, the election of officers, receiving invitations for the next convention and a discussion of various topics of interest. Marshall A. Hudson was elected president for the fourteenth time, and R. N. Simms, of Raleigh, was elected a vice-president. Both the Baracas and Philatheas adopted resolutions thanking the people of Asheville, the local unions and the National officers for their work during the past year.

The officers of the World-wide Baraca Union follows:

Marshall A. Hudson, of Syracuse, was re-elected president, and the following were elected vice-presidents: R. N. Simms, Raleigh, Rev. Charles McKenzie, Johnstown, N. Y.; Rev. H. M. Hamill, D. D., Nashville; G. E. Winslade, Omaha; E. H. Conibear, Dallas; Rev. Frank Anderson, Millville, N. J., was elected treasurer; L. E. Appleby, San Antonio, general secretary; A. S. Hampton, of Detroit, corresponding secretary; W. G. Monk, of Syracuse, recording secretary; Roland L. Walker, of Kansas City, junior secretary; F. Mitchell Arnold, of Jacksonville, Ill., secretary of Secret Service.

The district secretaries were elected as follows: First district, B. F. Whitford, Stamford, Conn.; second, A. S. Hopkins, Mechanicsville, New York; third, A. B. Caldwell, Atlanta; fourth, George E. Hayes, Louisville; fifth, not filled; sixth, Rev. B. F. Fellman, Omaha; seventh, L. P. Leavell, Oxford, Miss.; eighth, A. M. Melles, Sank Cente, Minn.; ninth, James Edmunds, McMinnville, Oregon

Farmer Broke His Neck.

Rocky Mount, N. C., June 23.—On Monday afternoon Mr. B. F. Harper, a farmer of the Castalia section of Nash county, was killed by a fall from his buggy, his head catching between the wheels and breaking his neck. It is believed that he was under the influence of whiskey or some dope. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon, after which the remains were interred in the cemetery at Castalia. The deceased was about thirty years old and was a member of a large and prominent family in that section of the county. He leaves a wife and a daughter, ten years old, to mourn their loss.

Widow of Eighty Weds Youngster.

Tricky little Cupid put across one of his most capricious pranks yesterday, when Mrs. Elizabeth M. Smith and U. G. Baumgardner, both of Louisville, Ky., were married in Washington at the parsonage of St. Paul's Lutheran Church by Rev. John T. Huddle.

Mrs. Smith is nearly eighty years old and one of the wealthiest women in the Blue Grass State, while her husband counts thirty-four years to his credit, and is chief of a dairy lynch in Louisville. Both are well known in Louisville, and the aged bride is connected with many of the old families of her State.—Washington Herald.

Twelve Killed in India.

Madras, India, June 22.—The Madras mail train, bound from Minjur to Eanore, was derailed near here today and 12 persons were killed. Fourteen others were severely injured. The injured were taken to a Madras hospital and the dead bodies recovered by rescue parties.

Sale of the State Bonds.

Raleigh, N. C., June 19.—The Council of State today decided unanimously for the State Treasurer to accept the bid of the Raleigh Savings Bank for the entire issue of \$500,000 State bonds at 103, this giving the State \$513,775 principal and premium. There were eight other bidders.

TO EUROPE IN FIVE DAYS.

The Mauretania Establishes a New Record in Ocean Travel.

Liverpool, June 21.—The Cunard Line steamer Mauretania has established a new world's record for passengers between New York and London. She arrived here at 10:15 tonight, and thus accomplished, for the first time, the feat of disembarking her passengers on Monday night, after leaving New York on Wednesday. Trains were in waiting, so that the actual time between New York and London will be five days, eight hours.

Queenstown, June 21.—The Cunard Line steamer Mauretania has clipped another 50 minutes off the best previous eastward record, which also is her own. She accomplished the journey from New York in 4 days 17 hours and 21 minutes, the best previous being 4 days 18 hours and 11 minutes. She arrived off Daunts Rock at 11 minutes past 10 this morning. The total run was 2,933 knots, made at an average speed of 25.88 knots an hour. The best previous average speed was 25.70 knots an hour. The day's runs were 592, 609, 606, 602 and 524.

Death Near Benson.

Mr. Joseph Pope who lived in the Alex Hodges neighborhood near Benson died last Saturday of typhoid fever. He was a son of Mr. W. Rufus Pope and leaves his wife and two children. The burial took place Sunday afternoon at Beasley Grove Free Will Baptist church. He was a hard working man and had made a success as a farmer. His wife is sick and it is feared she has the same disease.

BRIDAL USHERS ARE BEARERS.

Double Funeral of the Newly-Wedded Munros a Pathetic Occasion.

Williamsport, Pa., June 21.—One of the saddest funerals ever held here was that today of Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Munro, the young bridal couple who were found dead together in their room, both having died of heart disease.

The same minister who 11 days ago officiated at their wedding ceremony today conducted their double funeral, and the pallbearers for Mrs. Munro were the groomsmen and ushers at the wedding. The pallbearers for Mr. Munro were clerks from the office in which he was employed.

HIT BY LIGHTNING BOLT.

Sixteen Children at Picnic Rendered Unconscious, and Six May Die.

Sparta, Ga., June 18.—While sixteen children, who were attending a Sunday school picnic at Marlin Springs, were standing under a tree today to escape a sudden shower, a bolt of lightning struck the tree and every child was rendered unconscious.

When aid came the children were lying in a heap at the foot of the tree, and all were apparently dead. Not one of the children was killed outright, though six of them were in such condition that their recovery is almost impossible. The other ten are in a dangerous condition.

Whistling, Dance and Divorce.

Media, Pa., June 18.—A master's report filed here recommends that absolute divorce be granted to Mrs. Mae D. Dannaker from her husband, George W., both of Chester. The evidence showed that Dannaker whistled, sang and danced at the foot of her bed to annoy her.

New Princess in Spain.

Madrid, June 22.—A baby girl was today born to the Queen of Spain. The queen has been staying at La Granja, and the royal physicians' bulletin caused great rejoicing throughout the kingdom.

Comparisons.

First Boy—"Your father must be an awfully mean man. Him a shoemaker and making you wear those old boots."
Second Boy—"He's nothing to your father. Him a dentist and your baby's got only one tooth."—The Housekeeper.

LOOKED IN NEGLECTED BOOK.

Finds Nice Fortune in Bible Which He had Failed to Read in 35 Years.

New York, June 17.—Steve Marsh, who for many years has been living on a pension of \$12 a month, took down the old family Bible left him thirty-five years ago by his aunt, Sarah Marsh. The Bible was in a good state of preservation, save for the fact that the dust of thirty-five years was on its bindings. Steve Marsh had not in his 70th year suddenly become a Bible student. He did not intend to delve into the scriptures. He was merely endeavoring to ascertain whether it were better to give the volume to the next door neighbor or leave it for the next person who occupied his hall room.

For Marsh was going to Denver to spend his last years with his son, and he reasoned there would be plenty of Bibles in the Colorado city if he desired to read one.

Carelessly his fingers scraped the leaves of the book. Suddenly the digits stopped. There was something in this bible of which he had not been informed. He opened the book. A dollar bill was between its pages. No longer did he hesitate. He examined every leaf from Genesis to Revelations with a care as great and as eager as that displayed by the most famous theologian.

When he had completed the task \$4,867 laid before him. He looked at it and sighed. For thirty-five years this money had been in the Bible and he had been living on \$12 a month.

He went to a pay telephone and called the railroad station. "Hello!" he said. "Can you change a second-class ticket to a first-class? and, by the way reserve me a drawing-room to Denver. Dining car all the way? Good. Wait a minute, mister, I'll give you a tip. It pays to read the Bible."—Chicago Blade.

MOTORMAN'S FATAL NEGLIGENCE.

It Caused a Dismal Head-on Collision, 10 Killed and 40 Injured.

South Bend, Ind., June 20.—Ten persons were killed and 40 injured in a wreck on the Chicago, Lake Shore and South Bend Railroad, in Porter county, Ind., last night, two of the big electric cars colliding head on. According to General Manager H. U. Wallace, the wreck was due to a disobedience of orders by Motorman George A. Reed, of the eastbound car, who was killed.

Reed received instructions at Gary to wait at Wilson, a short distance west of Balletown, the point at which the disaster occurred, for the westbound car to pass. The impact of the cars was so great that they were reduced to a mass of wreckage.

Trolley Car Smashes Auto.

Anderson, S. C., June 20.—In a collision between an interurban car of the Anderson Traction Company and an automobile at Breazeales Crossing, nine miles east of Anderson, at noon today, one person was killed and one fatally and two seriously injured.

Some defect in the mechanism of the automobile caused it to come to a standstill on the car tracks and the electric car smashed into it while going at a high rate of speed down grade.

That Balloon Honeymoon.

Holbrook, Mass., June 20.—The balloon Pittsfield which ascended from Pittsfield early this morning, carrying Mr. and Mrs. Roger Noble Burnham on their aerial honeymoon voyage, was brought down about a mile from the center of this town at 4:20 A. M., after a pleasant and uneventful trip.

The distance covered was about 120 miles as the crow flies.

The balloon, piloted by William Van Sleet, ascended at 12:45 this morning from Aero Park before the largest crowd which has witnessed a balloon ascension from Pittsfield.

The Argentine Republic has more horses in proportion to the population than any other country in the world. There are about 112 horses to every 100 inhabitants.

STEPHENSON, OLDEST SENATOR.

Has a Fortune of \$10,000,000 Made in The Lumber Business.

Washington, D. C., June 18.—Senator Isaac Stephenson, of Wisconsin, was eighty years old today, though he might easily be mistaken for a man of sixty. He is as vigorous as many of his younger colleagues in the Senate and few have taken a more prominent part than he in the recent tariff debates.

The Wisconsin senator has the distinction of being the oldest member of the upper house. He is five months the senior of Senator Cullom, of Illinois, who will reach his eightieth milestone next November.

Mr. Stephenson is not only the oldest member of the Senate, but it is likely also that he is the wealthiest member of that body. He has a fortune estimated at from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000, the bulk of it made in the lumber business in Wisconsin. When he went to the Badger State he was only sixteen years old and he was one of the first to plow its soil.

The first year he was in Wisconsin Mr. Stephenson broke 130 acres of land near Janesville and helped put in 400 acres of wheat. During the summers he sailed vessels on the lakes, carrying freight between Chicago and Escanaba. In the winters he worked in the lumber camps, and, being a good judge of the value of timber, was able to locate for himself and associates hundreds of thousands of acres in northern Wisconsin and Michigan, which in a comparatively short time made them all millionaires.

Senator Stephenson has led a strenuous life, but he still has had leisure to engage in politics and has been a sturdy Republican since 1856, when he peddled Fremont and Dayton tickets on the court house steps in Chicago. Few men have had a more intimate acquaintance with public affairs or have enjoyed the confidence of more public men than he.

IN HOT WEATHER GARB.

Weird Effects in Congress in Effort to Look Cool.

Washington, D. C., June 21.—It was hot today and not enough air stirring to flutter the flags. At 4 P. M. the Senate chamber looked like a wand drill with palm leaf fans by 92 corpulent members of a turnverein. An attentive gallery of about 37 enthusiastic folks heard the statesmen talk about hides.

Over on the House side the gallery was conspicuous by its absence. On the floor some 200 representatives of the people wrestled for political plums and perspired. It was field day for summer clothes, and the negative turnouts were something grand to behold.

Gussie Gardner wore the cutest pair of white duck trunks with the broadest cuffs ever. Mr. Adamson, of Georgia, wore a gray chinchilla effect. Representative Phil Campbell, of Texas, wore a barber's uniform of pure white, trimmed with starch. Mr. Garner, of Texas, had a dainty creation in elephant's breath crepe de chine. Speaker Cannon's ice cream suit and the spotless flannels of Representatives Hayes, Huff, Butler, Gillette and others gave the place a garden party appearance.—Philadelphia Record.

Secretary Wilson Will Leave Cabinet.

Washington, June 22.—Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, of Iowa, will leave the president's cabinet in December and Representative Chas. Frederick Scott, of the second district of Kansas, will be named as his successor, according to reliable information given out today.

Mr. Scott is chairman of the house committee on agriculture.

Secretary Wilson has broken the record for length of continuous cabinet service: He will have served 13 years when he retires in the winter.

Five Die in Fire.

Duluth, Minn., June 19.—Five men and 68 horses were burned to death late this afternoon in a fire which partly destroyed the board of trade livery stables.

The building was damaged to its extent of \$30,000.

HIDES ARE TO BE PROTECTED.

Aldrich Wins Fight in Senate For 15 Per Cent Only.

Washington, June 22.—Late today the Senate reached the voting stage on the hide schedule and after several amendments had been defeated, the amendment of the finance committee fixing a duty of 15 per cent. ad valorem on hides was agreed to, 46 to 30. This is the rate of the present law, but under the ruling of the Treasury Department is applicable only to hides weighing more than 25 pounds. The House placed all hides on the free list but the committee restored the Dingley policy by adding them to the nondutiable list. The Senate sustained its committee.

Senator Dolliver offered an amendment which was accepted by Chairman Aldrich, placing a duty of 15 per cent. ad valorem in addition to the rate provided for the leather in them, on leather cut into shoe uppers or vamps or other forms suitable for conversion into manufactured articles.

An amendment by Mr. McLaurin, of Mississippi, extending the duty on hides to skins of all sizes was rejected by 31 to 48. The following Republicans voting with the Democrats for the amendment: Borah, Bradley, Clay, Crawford, Dick, Jones, McCumber and Nelson; and the following Democrats against it: Daniel, McEnery and Owen.

By a vote of 26 to 48 the amendment offered by Senator Stone placing hides, leather, harness, shoes and belting on the free list, was rejected, only four of five Republicans voting with the Democrats on this amendment.

COLISEUM TO SEAT 50,000.

Greatest Convention Hall in the World Planned for Chicago.

Chicago, June 18.—The greatest convention hall in the world, to cost with the land, over \$3,000,000, seating nearly 50,000 people, with 200,000 square feet of floor space available for exhibits, in a building almost identical with the great Coliseum of ancient Rome, is to be built in the block bounded by Michigan avenue, Wabash avenue, Thirty-ninth and Fortieth streets of this city.

Science Scintillations.

The Swiss watchmaking industry has shrunk to half of its one-time size.

Germany has spent more for aviation than any other Government.

The smokers of England consume 3,000,000,000 cigarettes every month.

A record of 412 miles in four days has been made by an Alaskan dog team.

A Paris blind man has saved four persons from drowning.

There are organizations in England to fight rats and sparrows.

England is rapidly becoming the commercial language of China.

The Salvation Army of Europe has an anti-tobacco league of 55,000 persons.

Submarine cables cost \$41,000 per mile to lay, and the length of their life is between 30 and 40 years.

Last year's output of coal in England showed a decrease of over six million tons.

The world's stock of gold has increased about one-half in the last decade, and doubled in the last quarter of a century.

The Rock of Moses.

The "Rock of Moses" lies in the wild valley at the base of Jebel Musa, the Mount of the Law, in the Peninsula of Sinai. The rock is 18' or 20' feet high, slightly inclined, a rough indentation running over each side, which is intersected here and there with slits, and the stone is worn away in places as if from the effects of running water.

It is beyond doubt the oldest known legendary object in the vicinity. The Koran refers to this rock more than once, and from these allusions arose the reverence of the Bedouins, who hold it sacred. From the middle ages onward it has been visited by Christian pilgrims, who have carved rude crosses in its side. Of all the objects in the desert it is most closely bound up with the simple faith of its wild inhabitants and of its early visitants.—Ex.

MINISTER'S WIFE SKIPS.

Wife of Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, of Newbern, Disappears With Another Man During Her Husband's Absence.

Newbern, June 21.—The congregation of Centenary Methodist Episcopal church was greatly startled Sunday morning when the pastor, Rev. R. C. Beaman, D. D., announced to them that his wife had disappeared and could not be located. The pastor's words were pronounced in as fine oratory as has ever been heard in that pulpit and no word of censure or bitter feeling escaped his lips. It was a very pathetic scene.

On Saturday, June 5, Dr. Beaman went to Durham to attend Trinity College commencement. Three or four days later Mrs. Beaman left Newbern, it is said, ostensibly for Rocky Mount, but nothing has been heard from her since. Notes found in different places indicate that she has left with a man named Grant, who has been in town for a few days. The matter was known to but very few prior to the Sunday morning services.

The Methodist church is the largest and most influential in the city, and one of the largest in the State and Dr. Beaman's charge over it has been marked with a period of prosperity.—Charlotte Observer.

Bradstreet Trade Report.

Richmond, Va., June 24.—Bradstreet's Saturday will say for Richmond and vicinity.

The gradual improvement in business heretofore noted is well maintained. In some lines a more active demand was noted during the week, but in others there was no change in conditions. Manufacturers of paper and pulp report some increase in orders and in inquiries, but at prices that are not entirely satisfactory. Receipts of fruit and vegetables are of fair quantity and the demand is moderate but prices are low. In the trunk and bag industry there is some improvement, and conditions are becoming encouraging. Building is active, confined mainly to residential property, resulting in a satisfactory demand for material and supplies. The weather during the week was favorable to the growing crops. Retail trade is at the period of end season dullness. Collections are fair and in some lines slightly better than reported for several weeks past.

A Near Hero.

There is something about the fellow that keeps everlastingly at it that everyone must admire, although the object of our admiration does not always know of it. The plodder, whether he is that by nature or makes himself one, possesses an element that makes him a near-hero. Imagine an old man who day after day for forty years wades through long columns of figures at the same desk for the same firm. Always at his desk by eight o'clock year after year, no vacations and only an occasional holiday. A dull, monotonous routine until we sometimes think he must possess some secret of life that enables him to do it, and which we know nothing about. Such an example is to say the least inspiring. We take off our hats to the fellow that can stick to the disagreeable job, and there are many who are doing it every day.—Elli Merchant.

Not Just The Right Place.

A bashful young couple who were evidently very much in love, entered a crowded street car.

"Do you suppose we can squeeze in here?" he asked, looking doubtfully at her blushing face.

"Don't you think, dear, we had better wait until we get home?" was the low, embarrassed reply.—Ex.

No Two Ways About It.

A colored preacher, who had only a small share of this world's goods, and whose salary was not forthcoming on several occasions, became exasperated. At his morning service he spoke to his church members thusly:

"Bredern and sistern, things is not as dey should be. You must not 'spects I can preach on 'u'n an' board in Heben."—Ex.