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JOHNSTON COUNTY FARMERS DAY, SMITHFIELD, N. C., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 1910.

BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION

ORGANIZATION EFFECTED LAST WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Interesting Talks Made By Profs. Vermont and Burlington and Rev. Mr. Spence. A Large Number of Ladies Present Evidencing Their Interest in the Movement.

For some time there has been a disposition on the part of some of the ladies of our town to form an Association for the improvement of our Graded School and its surroundings.

On Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in response to an invitation from Mr. A. Vermont, Principal of Burlington Graded School, sixty-one ladies assembled themselves together in the school auditorium for the purpose of effecting an organization. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Vermont. Rev. Mr. Spence, of the Presbyterian church, read a Scripture lesson and led in a short prayer.

After these devotional exercises, Mr. Vermont in a very interesting and inspiring talk, told the object of the meeting. He dwelt briefly upon the past success of the school and upon the possibilities of the future, clearly defining the advantages to both pupils and parents, of an organization for the improvement of the facilities of the school. He dwelt on the influence that more comfortable and attractive surroundings for our children would exert on their lives; he showed how much encouragement to the students in their school work a society of this kind would be; he proved the helpfulness of a spirit of sociability fostered by a Betterment Association.

At the conclusion of Mr. Vermont's address, Prof. Burlington and Rev. Mr. Spence made a few remarks heartily endorsing the movement, after which, officers were elected. Mrs. T. J. Lassiter was made president; Mrs. R. M. Nowell, vice-president; and Mrs. L. T. Royall, secretary and treasurer.

Plans for immediate work were made, an announcement of which will be made later. We understand that a "Book Social" is to be held soon to which all will be expected to carry some book to be added to the school library. There is, perhaps in almost every home, some good book, that could be given to the school library, and thus add much to the work and pleasure of the pupils and teachers.

We bespeak for the ladies who have thus banded themselves together for the uplift of our community, the sympathy and co-operation of the entire town. May their efforts be crowned with unbounded success.

SEVEN PASTORS SINCE 1785.

Remarkable Record of Baltimore Church Now Celebrating.

Baltimore, Nov. 26.—The First Baptist Church of this city will tomorrow begin a week's celebration of its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary, with some distinguished speaker each night. During the 125 years of its life this church has had only seven pastors, a record that is thought is hardly equaled by any other church in the country. The church has followed the policy of supporting its pastors who have had to retire on account of age.

Though the organization of this church took place in 1785, it was really the outgrowth of a congregation of Baptists who had been meeting together since 1773. Even in 1773 land must have been valuable, for the records show that the congregation paid £150 for a half-acre on which to erect its building.

The first pastor of the church occupied that position for 33 years, the next for 3 years, the third for 13 years, the fourth for 16 years, the fifth for 43 years and the sixth for 15 years, the present incumbent, Rev. O. C. S. Wallace, having entered upon his pastorate in 1908.

In the 125 years of its history the congregation has had three church edifices, the one now occupied having been built in 1877, at a cost of about \$85,000, and enlarged a few years ago, at an additional cost of about \$65,000.—The Record.

Play At Princeton.

On the night of December 9th, there will be a play at the Princeton school house—"The Old Maids' Convention." Admission fee, ten and fifteen cents.

BENSON'S BUDGET OF NEWS.

Many Items of Interest Reported by The Herald's Regular Correspondent.

Father Irwin, of Newton Grove, preached an able sermon at the Catholic church Sunday night.

There was a Thanksgiving service conducted at the Baptist church last Thursday night by the pastor, Rev. T. B. Justice.

Miss Fannie Richardson, one of the teachers in the Benson High School, was called to her home near Selma, last week on account of the death of her father. Mr. R. E. Parker is teaching her classes in her absence.

Miss Mary Justice went to Four Oaks Monday to teach in the Four Oaks school while the regular teacher, Miss Nellie Richardson, is home on account of the death of her father.

Of those who have visited in town recently, we note Mr. U. F. Wallace, of Fayetteville; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Graves, of Smithfield, and Misses Mamie and Callie Stewart, of Coats.

Quite a large crowd left from near town Saturday and Monday morning to attend the Federal court at Raleigh. We are gratified to know that the number who go as defendants from near Benson has greatly decreased within the last few months.

Up to November 26 there had been weighed on the Benson market 3352 bales of cotton this year. This is quite a drop from the number weighed to the same date last year. Quite a number of the farmers in this section are holding their cotton for 15 cents, and we see no reason why they should not get it.

On Thursday night, December 8th, at the Central Hotel, the Baracas of the Baptist church will give an oyster supper to the Philathea class. Brother Baracas, let these entertainments come oftener, as we like to meet the Philatheas—especially on such occasions as this.

Of those visiting away from town recently we note: Mayor N. T. Ryals, at Raleigh; Miss Kattie Eldridge, in Meadow; Misses Leela and Mattie Smith and Mr. Eusbee Pope at Dunn; Mr. E. F. Moore at Four Oaks; Mrs. E. H. Turlington and family at Mr. Lonie Lassiter's, near Rehoboth; Miss Louise Carroll and Mrs. J. R. McLamb at Newton Grove; Miss Ruth Jones, Smithfield; Mr. A. W. Hodges at Selma, and Mr. S. C. Smith at Fayetteville.

Our chief, Mr. P. A. Putnam, had quite a Thanksgiving race last Thursday. It seems that he had received a message by wire that an escaped convict was heading our way. Going near the railroad he saw a negro who fitted the description passing on a bicycle; jumping on his wheel, he quickly gave chase, overtaking the negro near Dunn, to find that he had followed the wrong man, and that the man whom he was looking was gone the other way. Chief says his Thanksgiving dinner eat mighty good that day.

Karl Jansen, the Swedish humorist and entertainer, was the attraction at the School Auditorium last night. Every one present enjoyed himself immensely as the entertainment was very instructing and highly entertaining. This was the third of the series of amusements to be given for the benefit of the school. Quite a good crowd was present. Benson, November 30, 1910.

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TO TEACH CONDEMNED MEN.

Miss Fields Gets Permit to Extend Sing Sing Bible Class Work.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Nov. 27.—By an order issued by Justice Morschauser here, Protestant prisoners in Sing Sing prison awaiting execution will hereafter be allowed to become members of the Bible class conducted by Miss Virginia Hammersley Fields, of New York, and her associates. In the past the Bible class was open only to the regular prisoners, the condemned prisoners being barred.

Among the condemned prisoners whom Miss Fields named in her petition to the court was Albert Wolter, awaiting execution for the murder of a girl whom he lured to his apartments in New York by means of a post card to a school of stenography, and Frank Schermerhorn, who choked to death Sarah Bryner, a nurse, at Millbrook last January.—The Washington Post.

Marriage in Ingrams Township.

On Thursday, November 24th, Mr. Addison Lee and Miss Mary Adams, a daughter of Mr. Fet Adams, were married by Justice L. W. Hockaday.

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NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE MEETS

THIS IS SEVENTY-FOUR ANNUAL SESSION.

Meeting With First Methodist Church in Elizabeth City. Bishop Hendrix to Preside. Interesting Statistics.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Nov. 29.—Ministers and lay delegates are arriving on every train in order to be present at the opening session of the North Carolina Conference, M. E. Church, South, which will convene here tomorrow morning. This will be the 74th annual session of the Conference and the third time it has met in Elizabeth City, it having met here in 1895 and 1898.

Everything is in readiness for the conference and the entertainment of delegates and visitors as well as many details of the conference which will add to the comfort and pleasure of the body. This is the result of the faithful work of Rev. J. D. Bundy, pastor of the First Methodist church and his committee on entertainment. The hospitality of Eastern North Carolina is well and widely known and it will be tested well upon this occasion.

The sessions of the conference will be held in the First Methodist Church and Bishop Eugene R. Hendrix will preside.

The conference is composed of nine districts and five of the presiding elders who direct the work of these districts will be appointed to new fields of labor at this session because they have served the four years time limit on their present districts. Some of these will be appointed presiding elders of other districts, probably, while others may go back into the pastorate. There are only 12 other members of the conference whose four years on their present charges have expired, but this is no indication that only 12 other changes in the appointments will be made. It is not infrequently occurs that a dozen or more preachers are moved from one appointment to another, when their time had not expired and when there was no cause for their removal except to NO. 16.

The Bishop and his cabinet in getting the right man for some one appointment. Among the larger churches which must be given new pastors at this session of the conference are Trinity and Carr churches, Durham; Grace and Fifth street churches, Wilmington, and First Church, Henderson. Already there is much speculation and guess work being indulged in as to who will be appointed to these churches for the next year. The "kitchen cabinet" are busy on every hand, and it often occurs that the guesses they make regarding the appointments tally with those which the presiding bishop announces at the concluding session.

Last year the conference contributed to all causes the sum of \$433,142.33. Of this amount, \$17,533 was paid on salaries of presiding elders; \$143,122.60 in salaries of preachers in charge; \$2,821.11 on Bishops fund; \$6,487.34 to Conference claimants; \$16,661.27 to Foreign Missions; \$12,450.73 to domestic missions; \$6,000.75 to church extensions; \$9,335.49 to education; \$17,128.26 to Methodist orphanage; \$2,285.85 to special missions; \$839.05 to the American Bible Society; \$267.63 to the superannuate endowment fund; \$192,462.33 to other causes not named.

The woman's societies of the conference contributed to Foreign Missions, \$10,642.93 and \$3,705.45 to Home Missions.

During the last year there were added to the church on profession of faith, 3,661 and on certificate, 3,052. It is anticipated that these figures will be increased when the reports of the preachers are submitted for the year just closed. There are 200 pastoral charges in the conference; 187 of these are filled by active members of the conference and local preachers supply 13 charges. The total church membership of the conference last year was 76,479 and 94 local preachers were also reported.—Miss Mamie Bays, in Wilmington Star.

Congress Meets Monday.

Congressman E. W. Pou left Tuesday to be present at the opening of Congress next week. This will be the concluding session of the present Congress. This session will end next March 4th, but the Congress elected on the 8th of last November will not convene till next December, unless it should be called together in extra session by the President.

TO PRISON FOR PEONAGE

FOUR ALABAMIANS MUST SERVE SENTENCES.

Men Who Arrested Others and Forced Them to Work Must Pay Heavy Fines and Work for Uncle Sam.

Washington, D. C., November 28.—Cases arising from nearly all sections of the United States were passed upon in twenty-five decisions announced to-day by the Supreme Court of the United States.

One of the decisions had the effect of sending to prison four Alabama men for alleged peonage practices. Sentences of imprisonment imposed upon W. S. Harlan, Robert Gallagher, C. C. Hilton and H. E. Huggins, of Alabama, on peonage conspiracy charges, were allowed to stand as legal by the court. These were the first convictions under the recent crusade of the Federal government against peonage.

W. S. Harlan, general manager of the Jackson Lumber Company, with mills near Lockhart, Ala., was arrested in 1906, together with C. C. Hilton and S. E. Huggins, employees of the mills, on a charge of conspiracy to commit the statutory offense of "peonage." They were accused specifically of having conspired to arrest and to return to the lumber camp of the company a Hungarian named Rudolph Lanniger, to work out an indebtedness alleged to be due to the company.

Harlan was sentenced to serve eighteen months at hard labor in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta and to pay a fine of \$5,000; Hilton and Huggins each to serve thirteen months and to pay a fine of \$1,000.

The Supreme Court declined to review the trial upon application of the convicted men, but the cases were brought to the court on an appeal from the refusal of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Northern District of Florida to release them on writs of habeas corpus. They demanded their release on the ground that the sentence included hard labor and because the grand jury was not organized in accordance with the law.

In a second case, Robert Gallagher, logging superintendent of the Jackson Lumber Company, was convicted on a similar charge and sentenced to fifteen months in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$1,000. He, too, vainly sought release on habeas corpus.

ILLINOIS HAS 5,638,591 FOLKS.

An Increase of 817,041—Still Third State in Union.

Washington, Nov. 28.—The population of the State of Illinois is 5,638,591, according to the statistics in the Thirteenth Census was made public to-day. This is an increase of 817,041, or 16.9 per cent, over 4,821,550 in 1900. The increase from 1890 to 1900 was 995,199, or 26 per cent.

By the figures of the Census Bureau Illinois is assured continuance as the third state of the Union. Only New York and Pennsylvania outrank her, while Ohio, which occupies fourth place, falls almost a million below.

The details of the census for Illinois emphasize the fact that the greatest gains are in the cities. Of the 817,041 additions to the population of that state, 486,708 were in Chicago alone, and a study of the map of the state shows that the principal counties in which increase was indicated were those containing cities of 10,000 and upward. Chicago is shown to possess about two-fifths of the state population.

Fifty-nine of the 102 counties of the state showed decreases in population during the last ten years, while twenty other counties showed gains of less than 2,000 during the decade. The loss in no instance exceeded 3,000.

This state should gain at least four Congressmen if the proposed reapportionment law should be based as is the present.

A Seizure of Liquor.

About the middle of October the town authorities seized at the depot in Four Oaks twelve and a half gallons of rye whiskey which had been shipped from a Richmond, Va., house to Mr. N. L. Lee, who lives in the southern end of Ingrams township. This whiskey has been held since that time. It is all in pint bottles and the supposition is that it was ordered for retailing.

SELMA NEWS NOTES.

Death of Mr. Clem Richardson, One Of Selma's Leading Citizens.

Selma, Dec. 1.—Miss Helen Newbold, teacher of the first grade, and Miss Norma Page, teacher of the second grade, of the Selma Graded Schools, are in Raleigh, attending the meeting of the State Primary Teachers' Association.

Mr. Hugh L. Mitcheber has opened a 10c store in the building formerly occupied by Mr. John Liles as a market.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Clement Richardson, which occurred last Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock. Mr. Richardson had been in poor health for about a year; but, was up and around town late as Wednesday, November 23rd, when he was taken sick and continued to grow worse until his death.

Mr. Richardson was about 64 years of age and left a wife and four children, Rodger F., Paul A., and Misses Nellie and Fannie—two brothers, Wm. Richardson, of Selma, and Launsford Richardson, of Greensboro, N. C., and two sisters, Mrs. Thos. H. Atkinson, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. J. W. Vick, of Selma, all of whom were with him when he died except Mrs. Atkinson. He was buried in the Selma cemetery on Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large crowd of friends and relatives—among whom were Dr. Rodger A. Smith and daughter, Miss Rosalie; and Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Hall, of Goldsboro, and Messrs. Thomas J., and John Hadley, of Wilson.

POLENTA NEWS.

Mr. Lewis Coats has a sick child, said to be suffering with sore throat. We hope it will not develop into diphtheria, and yet we are apprehensive.

Since our last notes to The Herald, Mr. and Mrs. Ruffin Barber have had to mourn the death of their youngest child. The little one suffered intensely, and finally succumbed to that dreaded disease, diphtheria, after a short illness. The remains were interred in Oakland cemetery.

On last Monday the public school of this district opened its fall session with a fair attendance.

Miss Eva Yelvington, of Peace Institute, came down and spent Thanksgiving with her parents. We hope to have a large representation of our people at Smithfield on Farmers' Day. Let us by all means have a creditable exhibit on hand, and next year let us have a good sized County Fair. Why not?

Mr. Jesse Ellis and Mr. Wilkes Barnes, of Clayton, spent Tuesday in this section bird hunting. On last Sunday morning at the close of the sermon Messrs. E. S. Edmundson and C. C. Young were elected Elders and Dr. McLemore, Messrs. J. E. Jones, James Myatt and S. W. Booker, deacons. Oakland is in good condition, and under the guidance of such officers is destined to accomplish great results in the future.

The ginney of the Farming and Mercantile Co., narrowly escaped destruction by fire last Thursday evening. But for the heroic work of those present when the fire broke out the plant would have been burned. By hard work the flames were extinguished with slight damage.

Mr. R. E. Massengill, blacksmith for the Farming and Mercantile Co., was kicked by a mule Friday and consequently has been incapacitated for work this week. He was kicked on the thumb which made an ugly gash of an inch and which caused him much pain for a while. However it will not be long before he will be at his post again.

Cotton is about all picked, ginned and sold. The crop is a remarkably short one. The corn crop will also be short of what was expected.

Miss Mina Johnson is in charge of the public school at Myatt's School House. The committee is to be congratulated on securing her services as teacher.

On election day Mr. Robert Johnson, an ardent Republican, presented Typo with two six-pound sweet potatoes of the Marion Butler variety, saying he did so because he recognized in Typo the best Democrat in the township, and as such, wished to present him with two large potatoes. We thanked him, not only for the potatoes, but for the compliment of being pronounced the best Democrat in the township, assuring Mr. Johnson we would take them home, fry all the Butlerism out of them and convert them into luscious potato pies. Mrs. C. T. Young gave an enjoyable sociable to a few invited guests on Thanksgiving night. Those who attended pronounce it a grand success.

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SHERIFF NOWELL FIRST AGAIN

JOHNSTON BEATEN ONLY TWICE IN TWENTY YEARS.

Sheriff Robert Millard Nowell Settled His State Taxes Yesterday for 1910. The Amount County Pays To State Treasurer is \$23,517.86.

Johnston county again scores first in the paying of its tax account with the State, for Sheriff R. M. Nowell was in the city yesterday afternoon, arranging his tax account with the State Auditor, so as to be the first to pay up his tax account as sheriff to-day.

The amount which Sheriff Nowell pays to the State is \$23,517.86, and the full amount was turned over to the State Treasurer last night, so that the first receipt for the payment of State taxes will be issued to Sheriff Nowell this morning.

In being the first to pay up taxes to the State, Johnston county holds a fine record, for in the last twenty years it has been beaten in this respect only a few times. Last year Sheriff Lanier by coming to Raleigh a day in advance, as did Sheriff Nowell yesterday, made Harnett county the first in the list to pay taxes. Some years ago Sheriff Powell, of Vance county, was the first; but this year Johnston county comes to the first place again, and Sheriff Nowell scores as the first to pay up the State taxes for his county. And that means that he is a speedy sheriff.—News and Observer, Dec. 1.

FOR RURAL PARCELS POST.

Hitchcock to Urge It as Step Toward General System.

Washington, Nov. 24.—A limited parcels post for the rural free delivery routes will be recommended by Postmaster General Hitchcock in his annual report. In announcing this to-night the Postmaster General foresees the establishment of a general parcels post throughout the country as soon as the postal savings system is thoroughly organized.

As a preliminary step in the development of this service Mr. Hitchcock will ask Congress to authorize the delivery on rural routes of parcels weighing as much as eleven pounds, which is the limit for the international parcels post. This form of service, it is maintained, can be conducted with little if any additional expense to the government. It will not require the appointment of more carriers, for those already employed have the necessary equipment or horses and wagons to distribute the parcels as well as the ordinary mail.

A rural parcels post, if successfully conducted, would probably lead the department to establish a more general system. Mr. Hitchcock believes, however, that before the service is extended to the whole country definite information should be obtained as to the nature and volume of the business to be handled. He accordingly will urge that in connection with the experiment on rural routes a further inquiry be authorized by Congress in order that the department may be in a better position to develop the system on conservative lines. He will recommend that an appropriation for the inquiry be granted at the coming session.

IS 82 AND HAS NEVER SHAVED.

Boston, Nov. 28.—Elnathan Sherman, an eighty-two year old farmer of Rock, Mass., who has never been shaved by a barber, and has never shaved himself, points out the tremendous differences between his own life and that of other men of his age. By not shaving he has saved years of time, he says. He feels he has actually lengthened his span of life.

"I have never shaved in my life, nor have I ever allowed any one else to shave me. No razor has ever touched my face," declares Mr. Sherman. "I attribute my length of life in part to my not shaving. Just suppose everybody would give it up. Think what a difference it would make. The canal could be built from Taunton to Boston in a single year by the barbers in Massachusetts alone. Think of it. And all because people prefer to have hair off their faces rather than on them."

"I believe that this universal habit of shaving is a sign of degeneracy in our race. It is not natural. We were intended to go around with hair on our faces, and as a matter of fact we look better that way."