

Negroes Open Banking House

Wilson, April 1.—April 1 will always remain a red letter day in the lives of the colored people of Wilson town and county—the occasion being the throwing wide open the doors of the Commercial Bank of Wilson—an institution chartered by leading colored men of the county.

The Excelsior brass band of Norfolk Va., enlivened the occasion and from every section of the county came old men and young men and women and even little pickaninnies—all bringing their mites to help in establishing the bank on a solid foundation.

S. H. Vick, president of the institution says that on the opening day there were 258 depositors and that the amount banked was \$14,000; that very little has been withdrawn from other banks and that much of the money that passed through the hands of the cashier is money that has been hidden away in the country which has been at the mercy of thieves.—News and Observer.

Kitchen's Health Improves

Washington, April 1.—It will be good news to North Carolinians to learn that Congressman Claude Kitchin continues to steadily improve in health, and that he proposes to do active duty in the forthcoming extra session.

Talking tonight with the correspondent of the News and Observer he said that as the majority of Democrats had expressed the desire that he remain on the ways and means committee and hold the minority leadership he would do so. In especial it was urged upon him that as some of the Democrats on the committee had departed from Democratic doctrines on the tariff, and had given their support to the Fordney emergency tariff bill, that he continue on the ways and means committee and aid in holding straight the Democratic position on the tariff. It was represented to him that he could do more to harmonize and hold in line any divergent factors and he has consented to go on with the work because of the desire of the Democrats that he do so.—News and Observer.

All Snakes Venomous

Harmless snakes are like the far-famed snakes of Iceland—there are none. At least, this is the conclusion of Dr. and Madame Phisalix, perhaps the greatest modern authorities on snake venom. In an article summing up their recent researches and appearing in Larousse Mensuel Illustré (Paris) their conclusions are summed up. The most remarkable is doubtless the discovery just noted—namely, that all serpents are venomous, and not only those supplied with poison-fangs. They find that both the blood and the saliva of all ophidians are more or less venomous, so that when their dentition is complete the saliva at once penetrates the minute wounds made by the teeth hence so-called harmless species are really as dangerous as the fanged serpents.—Literary Digest.

Linked Arm With Convict Son

While listening to a male chorus composed of convicts, from the Ohio penitentiary in Columbus, Ohio, Lemuel Gary was attracted by a young man in the chorus. The youth proved to be his son, William Gary, whom he had not seen for 14 years.

Young Gary was called from the stage. There was instant recognition. Rising to his feet the father introduced the convict to his friends.

As a closing number, young Gary, with arm linked in that of his father, sang, "Dear Old Daddy," and there was not a dry eye in the audience.

"This is the happiest day of my life," said the father, despite the fact that his son was a convict and criminal.

Young Gary was sentenced for automobile theft and will be released in a few weeks.—Chatham Record.

Man Dies of Blood Poison

Shelby, April 1.—An abrasion of the finger by a cross cut saw caused the death of Belton Green, of Lattimore, this week. A short time ago Green was sawing wood and when a tree fell, the saw cut the skin on his finger with the result that blood poison developed. He was taken to a hospital and the hand was amputated. Later the arm was amputated and he died following the second operation.

Bound to Been Sick

Johnny—"Did Moses have dyspepsia what you've got?"

Dad—"How on earth do I know? Why do you ask such a question?"

Johnny—"Well, our Sabbath lesson says the Lord gave Moses two tablets."—London Mail.

Poultry Industry Facts

Dr. B. F. Kaupp, professor of poultry husbandry at State College, offers the following pertinent facts about the poultry industry.

The poultry industry is one of America's most important agricultural enterprises, producing \$1,250,000 in wealth annually. The industry supports many industries entirely and contributes largely to the support of others. It is estimated that over \$600,000,000 worth of grain and grain products are consumed annually by poultry.

The American farmer can produce eggs at a profit at 25 cents a dozen, but when eggs sell below this price paid to the farmer, he loses money. To protect this enormous industry, large poultry centers like the section around Petaluma, California, are insisting on a protective tariff on eggs this to be based on the tariff rates based on the difference in cost of production at home and abroad. They insist that the tariff shall be enough to make the cost of Chinese and other foreign eggs at least 25 cents a dozen in the United States.

Poultry is one of the most profitable departments of the farm, and if properly handled will net a nice balance, besides furnishing eggs and fried and roast chicken for the table, and eggs to trade at the store for groceries and clothes for the children. Mr. Farmer, what department has eased the strain on your pocket book more than a small flock of chickens?—State College News Service.

April

April loves to bring surprise, Has both dark and sunny skies, In her bag of weather. First she gives us blue, then gray, Tries to make for us each day Different altogether.

She changes, changes for our sake, Thinks it tiresome to make Every day the same. She works sometimes from morn till night

For she wants to make us quite Happy that she came. —Christian Science Monitor.

Wilson County Cuts 60 Per Cent

In Wilson County, the County Commissioners in response to requests, ordered a reduction in the revaluation of farm property of 60 per cent, and in city of Wilson a reduction of thirty-three and a third per cent.

Gorilla Pines in Lonliness

John Ringling, head of the circus which bears the Ringling name, had to find a new companion for his gorilla, John Daniel, in order to prolong his life. Dr. Hornaday, who knows more about gorilla than anybody in America, told his owner that the gorilla was pining away with loneliness and unless he could find some one to pet and humor him, he would die. Young Ray Clark, wise in the ways of the monkey people undertook to provide the affectionate human companionship.

Meeting of Mountain Teachers

The "mountain teachers' meeting held in the city hall, Smithfield, Saturday, April 2, was attended by a large number of teachers.

The purpose of this meeting was to organize a Mountain Teachers' Club. The following officers were elected: President, W. S. Burselon of Barnardsville, N. C.; Secretary, Katy James Hyatt, of Burnsville, N. C.; Treasurer, Ethel Blackstock, of Weaversville, N. C.

After the election of officers and other business, plans were made for a banquet at the Smithfield Hotel, Friday evening, April 15.

Cardinal's Estate \$100,000

Baltimore, April 4.—The will of Cardinal Gibbons was filed in the Orphans' court today, disposing of a personal estate of about \$100,000.

To Bishop O. B. Corrigan, administrator of the Baltimore Diocese, Rev. Louis R. Stickney, rector of the cathedral, and Rev. Eugene J. Connelly, chancellor of the Diocese is left the bulk of the estate. Under a codicil drawn in November 1919, all the property owned by the cardinal in Virginia and West Virginia is bequeathed to Bishop Denis J. O'Connell, of Richmond, Va.

In a private memorandum left for the guidance of his executors, he designates the disposition of certain funds for Catholic educational purposes in the arch-diocese. Personal legacies ranging from \$3,000 to Bishop Corrigan, down to \$100 for the servants of his household also were specified in the memorandum.—News and Observer.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER.

Dr. Thel Hooks, County Quarantine Officer Gives Cases of Contagious Diseases.

During the month of March seventy one cases of measles in Johnston county were reported to the County Quarantine officer. Other contagious diseases were one case of scarlet fever, one case of pneumonia, two cases of chicken-pox, one case of small pox, one case of meningitis, four cases of whooping cough, three cases diphtheria, two cases typhoid fever, and two cases of mumps. The report of Dr. Hooks follows:

MEASLES

- Carl Austin, Clayton, Route. Lillian Woodard, Selma 3 children Andrew Phillips, Selma Route 3. Family Elijah Hamilton, Selma 3. Rachel Peterson, Smithfield. Margaret Edmundson, Smithfield. 3 children W. R. Smith, Wilson's Mills. Chas. Blackley, Selma. Child, (Clifford Uzzell) Wilson's Mills. Herman Barber, Wilson's Mills, 1. 6 children W. T. Batten, Selma, 2. Hubert Snead, Smithfield. Elizabeth Kasey, Smithfield. John Kennedy and son, Wilson's Mills. Virginia Crumpler, Smithfield. 3 children E. S. Edmundson, Smithfield.

- Boy (J. F. Davis) Smithfield No. 1. Troy Parrish, Smithfield. Herman Corbett, Selma. Gladys Hatcher, Selma. Family (Fred Starling) Selma. Child (P. H. Kasey) Smithfield. Annie Pollard, Smithfield. Theodore Boyett, Smithfield. J. E. Austin, Clayton. 2 children (J. A. Adams, Smithfield. Minnie Pollard, Smithfield, No. 1. Lilly and Elbert Johnson, Smdf. 1. Mrs. June Wallace Wilson's Mills 1. Martha Sutton, Smithfield. Charles Parrish, Smithfield. J. W. Underwood, Wilson's Mills. Joseph Beasley, Smithfield. Mrs. J. B. Davis, Wilson's Mills 1. Lester Cook, Selma. Annie Garner, Selma. Erma Johnson, Smithfield. Leah Alley, Smithfield. Mary Brown, Smithfield. Guy Abell, Smithfield. 2 children R. R. Talton, Smithfield. Nellie Gordon, Smithfield. Elsie Penny, Smithfield. Oscar Rose, Selma. Elbert Jones, Wilson's Mills, RFD. Baby (E. C. Narron) Smithfield. Rosa Lee Johnson, Wilson's Mills. Lucrea Baker, Smithfield. Floyd Williams, Smithfield. 3 children (Joel Arnold) Smithfield. 3 children (W. J. Benson) Smdf. Wilbur Hall, Smithfield. Wade Stephenson, Smithfield.

SCARLET FEVER

Ruby Ellen, Clayton.

PNEUMONIA

Alexander Rich, Benson.

CHICKEN-POX

Carlton Edgerton, Bagley. Russell Talton, Smithfield.

SMALL-POX

Primes Stanley, Benson, No. 1.

CEREBROSPINAL MENINGITIS

Gladys McLamb, Benson, No. 1.

WHOOPING COUGH

3 children (H. M. Barefoot) Dunn, Route Number 2. Baby (W. B. Coats) Benson.

DIPHTHERIA

Mrs. Jesse Mitchell, Selma. Bertie Byrd, Four Oaks, No. 4. Child (Neona Nobles, col.) Princeton.

TYPHOID FEVER

Chas. Wilkins, Princeton, No. 2. Thos. Wilkins, Jr., Princeton No. 2.

MUMPS

William Gauldin, Selma. Leslie Williford, Princeon.

Youth Impetuous

Athens, April 3.—William B. Leeds, son of Princess Anastasia of Greece, who arrived here a few days ago by airplane to visit his mother, who is ill, has become engaged to Princess Xenia the 17-year-old second daughter of Grand Duchess Marie and niece of King Constantine, it was learned today. The marriage will take place in June, probably in Athens, but the young couple plan to reside in America.

Young Leeds proposed the day after his arrival, it is understood and was immediately accepted. Princess Anastasia, who is still seriously ill, was upset by the news and opposed the union at first on account of her son's youth, but finally gave her consent. Leeds, who is 19, is proceeding to London to obtain a new wardrobe, and will return to Athens in a fortnight.

HOW TO KILL A PREACHER

Few people, if arraigned in court would plead guilty to the charge of killing their preachers. Yet many a pulpit is red with the blood of a murdered minister.

Multitudes of church members not only kill the ministers' influence and ambition, but also kill him mentally, morally and physically. It is from this point of view that some one has written the following rules, guaranteeing that if carefully followed they will kill any preacher on earth. Read them carefully and see if you are killing your preacher:

- 1—Stay away from church, especially on bad days, when you think the crowd will be small.
 - 2—Stay away from the Wednesday night service because you know there will be only a handful present.
 - 3—When the service is over, leave the church in a hurry, without speaking to the preacher a word of encouragement.
 - 4—When you get sick, don't let him know it, and then abuse him for not coming to see you.
 - 5—Never invite him or his family out to dine in your home. They never enjoy a social hour.
 - 6—Pay just as little as you can on his salary, and then grumble about that. It makes him feel good.
 - 7—Never give him anything except what you promised. This makes you think you appreciate him.
 - 8—Always have some fool excuse when he wants you to do a little work. That's what you pay him for.
 - 9—Never offer to take him out in your auto or lend him your horse and buggy. This would be too kind.
 - 10—Never call at his home, but be sure to raise old "Billy Cain" because he doesn't visit you once or twice a month.
 - 11—Don't ever offer to help him in any way for he might think you were butting in.
 - 12—Act as cold and indifferent toward him as you can and he will think you are dignified.
- If these twelve doses fail to kill him they will undoubtedly break him from preaching and force him to leave.—Piedmont Press.

Christian Education

The Southern Methodist church has undertaken this year an extensive movement in the interest of its high schools, colleges and universities—the Christian Education Movement, the every member canvass of which is set for the week of May 29 to June 5.

The five special objects in view are as follows: To develop in the mind of the church an adequate conception of the place of Christian education in the life of the church, the nation, and the world; to promote the cause of Christian education by tying the home, the Sunday school, and the Christian college more closely together; to lead at least 5,000 young men and women to pledge themselves for wholtime religious service; to deepen the moral and spiritual life of Methodists and promote the spirit of Christian liberality; to raise for Methodist schools, colleges and universities 33 million dollars.

The North Carolina Conference has set out to raise \$1,322,500, and the Western conference, \$1,607,000, a total for North Carolina Methodism of \$2,929,500.

Rev. H. M. North, Raleigh, is educational secretary of the North Carolina conference and Wade Marr, director; and Rev. T. F. Marr, is secretary of the Western Conference and Mr. Norwood, director.

Always Come Back

Editors have been called most every thing; now it is an editor himself who has discovered that the editor is a worm—that seldom turns. For, "you can criticize his paper, call it the village joke, send your job work out of town, pan him whenever you wish, but he always comes right back, if he is the right sort, with a boost for the town."—Piedmont Press.

Maine Salom Goes to Harding

The first Penobscot River salmon was taken from the Bangor pool last Saturday. It weighed sixteen pounds and sold for \$2 a pound. The mayor of Bangor bought the salmon and sent it to President Harding. It should have arrived in time for his dinner Tuesday.

Jimmy Asks Grace

Elsie had often been reprimanded by her mother for her eagerness to begin her dinner before grace had been said. But it came as a shock to all present when Jimmy, her brother, who had to ask grace, took upon himself to administer a gentle reproof. "For what we are about to receive", he said gravely, "and for what Elsie has already eaten, make us truly thankful."

Filipinos Would Welcome Investigation by Congress

By JAIME C. DE VEYRA Resident Commissioner from the Philippines to the United States.

FROM various newspaper clippings, I learn that there is an intention of sending an investigating body to the Philippines. It is welcome; the sooner it is done, the better.

Let there be light! The Filipino people are not afraid of light and would not run away from it. On the contrary, they want the flashlight of this Nation's investigators focussed upon them. The Philippine Legislature, which has repeatedly petitioned the United States for independence, has been persistent in its invitation to the members of the Committee of the Senate and the House, in charge of Philippine affairs, to visit that distant country so that they may see for themselves and render judgment upon actual conditions in the Islands. It was in 1917 when the first petition was made. They did not insist then, because the United States was busy in her war activities, and the members of the Congress were entirely absorbed therein. In the spring of 1918, a Philippine Mission came and renewed the invitation.

Securely entrenched in our position and fortified with incontrovertible facts of our claim, we do not fear the arrival of any body of investigators. We want it; we request it; we urge it.

For what purposes are various malevolent and suspicious spirits working? A portion of the public alleges maladministration, negligence in service, and perhaps inefficiency of some Bureaus, not to say absolute demoralization of the service. In view of these allegations it would seem in the mind of the new President there has settled a doubt; and it is said that he please some and satisfy others. Mr. Harding entertains the idea of sending



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a Commission of investigation to the Philippines. I repeat: we are not afraid of the proposed investigation. As in all human institutions, defects or inefficiency may be found in the administration of Philippine affairs; but we deny that they are such as to invalidate our claim of being able to maintain a good government.

Interested as we are in the good name of the Filipino people, of the government of whose management we are participants and in the truth itself, we cannot but anxiously await the realization of this plan.



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