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## FARMVILLE WELCOMES THE WASHINGTON DISTRICT CON- FERENCE OF M. E. CHURCH.

Large Delegation of Preachers, Laymen, Delegates of the Various Circuits Present.

**PRESIDING ELDER  
C. L. READ IN  
CHARGE.**

Conference Opened Wednesday Evening With Able Sermon by Rev. R. R. Grant, of Swan Quarter—Sunrise Service at 6 O'clock Special Feature—Public Services Held at Eleven A. M. and 8:30 P. M.

The Washington District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church met Wednesday evening at eight o'clock in the Methodist church here with Presiding Elder C. L. Read in charge.

There are a large number of preachers, laymen, delegates and visitors present from the various charges in the district and sessions are being held in the morning afternoon and evening.

At the opening service Wednesday evening at 8:30 Rev. R. R. Grant, of Swan Quarter, one of the ablest preachers in the district, spoke to a large audience on the personalities of God the Father, Christ the Son and the Holy Ghost, bringing forcefully to his hearers the importance of the inner working of the Holy Spirit, rather than the outward appearances. It was indeed a message wrought from the inner walls of Christianity, beautifully illustrated.

At the conclusion of Mr. Grant's remarks, Presiding Elder C. L. Read announced a Sunrise service to be held at six o'clock Thursday morning, at which time Rev. J. P. Bross of Fairfield delivered an able address. It is expected that these sunrise services will be especially profitable to all who attend.

At nine o'clock the business session of the Conference was called to order and reports from many of the pastors of the various charges in regard to their work were read.

Rev. M. T. Plyler, of the Jenkins Memorial church at Raleigh and Prof. F. S. Aldridge, of Trinity Park School at Durham, each made short talks before the conference, and at eleven o'clock, Dr. S. B. Turentine, president of the Greensboro College for Women, addressed the Conference, delivering a message that will long remain in the hearts and minds of all present.

The afternoon session, which convened at 2:30, was devoted to business of the Conference, round table discussions, etc.

At 8:30 o'clock this (Thursday) evening, Rev. R. C. Craven, of the First Methodist church of Rocky Mount, will preach.

Among the pastors, lay-leaders and delegates from the various charges of the district attending the Conference we note the following:

Aurora: Rev. W. E. Trotman, A. G. Austin, W. C. Bowen, J. W. Mayo.  
Ayden: Rev. Daniel Lane, A. W. Hardee.  
Bath: Rev. J. J. Lewis, W. W. Mason, T. H. Brooks and wife, W. N. Stocks.  
Bethel: Rev. H. E. Tripp and wife, W. H. Atkins.  
Elm City: Rev. J. M. Ashby.  
Fairfield: Rev. J. P. Bross, J. Mason.

Fremont: Rev. J. L. Rumley; G. A. Yelverton, J. E. Condon, Greenville: Rev. J. M. Daniel; S. B. Underwood, D. D. Haskel and Prof. R. H. Wright, of the East Carolina Teachers Training School.

Mt. Pleasant: Rev. C. E. Durham.  
Nashville: Rev. J. W. Autry.  
Rocky Mount: Rev. R. C. Craven, 1st church; E. W. Smith.  
Stantonsburg: Rev. D. A. Futrell; C. S. Whitley, J. L. Yelverton, A. S. Wooten.

Swan Quarter: Rev. R. R. Grant.  
Tabor: Rev. H. I. Glass.  
Vanceboro: Rev. J. W. Covington.

Washington: Presiding Elder, C. L. Read; C. F. Bland, W. K. Jacobson.  
Wilson: Rev. M. Bradshaw; J. N. Leathe.

Visitors: Rev. M. T. Plyler, Presiding Elder of Raleigh District; Dr. S. B. Turentine, President Greensboro College for Women; Rev. C. B. Calbreth, of Elizabeth City; Rev. J. V. Williams, Evangelist, of New York; F. S. Albridge, of Trinity Park School at Durham, and many others whose name we have not been able to get.

**JOYNER-BARRETT.**

The swift darts of cupid have again been busy at their merry sport of playing with glad hearts in Farmville, and as usual the little elf, by his sly adroitness, caused a sensational breeze to follow in his wake.

On Thursday afternoon, June 10th at the home of the bride, Mr. Aquilla Joyner and Miss Lucy Barrett stood at the shrine of Hymen, and united their lives in the love-forged links of sweetest bondage. Loving hands had beautifully decorated the parlor with cut flowers, which added beauty and elegance to the happy occasion. Promptly at 5 o'clock to the enchanting strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, beautifully rendered by Miss

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## OUR PUBLIC FORUM

### I.—Introductory

Through the Press Service of Agriculture and Commerce, the master minds of this nation will be invited to the public forum and asked to deliver a message to civilization. Men who achieve seldom talk, and men who talk seldom achieve. There is no such thing as a noisy thinker, and brevity is always a close companion to truth.

It will be a great privilege to stand by the side of men who can roll in place the cornerstone of industry; to associate with men who can look at the world and see to the bottom of it; to commune with men who can hear the roar of civilization a few centuries away.

Too often we listen to the rabble element of our day that cries out against every man who achieves, "Crucify him." Mankind never has and probably never will produce a generation that appreciates the genius of its day. There never will be a crown without a cross, progress without sacrifice or an achievement without a challenge.

This is an age of service, and that man is greatest who serves the largest number. The present generation has done more to improve the condition of mankind than any civilization since human motives began their upward flight. The Greeks gave human life inspiration, but while her orators were speaking with the tongues of angels, her farmers were plowing with forked sticks; while her philosophers were emancipating human thought from bondage, her traffic

moved on two-wheeled carts driven, and oftentimes drawn, by slaves; while her artists were painting divine dreams on canvas, the streets of proud Athens were lighted by fire-brands dipped in tallow.

The genius of past ages sought to arouse the intellect and stir the soul but the master minds of today are seeking to serve. Civilization has assigned to America the greatest task of the greatest age, and the greatest men that ever trod the greatest planet are solving it. Their achievements have astounded the whole world and we challenge every age and nation to name men or products that can approach in creative genius or masterly skill in organization, the marvelous achievements of the tremendous men of the present day. Edison can press a button and turn a light on multiplied millions of homes; Vail can take down the receiver and talk with fifty millions of people; McCormick's reaper can harvest the world's crop, and Fulton's steam engine moves the commerce of land and sea.

The greatest thing a human being can do is to serve his fellow men; Christ did it; Kings decree it, and wise men teach it. It is the glory of this practical age that Edison could find no higher calling than to become the lantern to civilization; Vail the messenger to mankind; McCormick the hired hand to agriculture, and Fulton the teamster to industry, and blessed is the age that has such masters for its servants.

Alice Herring, of Rocky Mount, the happy couple entered the parlor, preceded by the maid of honor, Miss Helen Barrett, and the best man, Mr. Richard Joyner. And there in the midst of a large number of friends and relatives, Rev. N. M. Wright, of the Methodist church spoke the words that made them man and wife, while the sweet strains of music floated from the Piano. They were the recipients of

many beautiful and useful presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Joyner left immediately for Asheville where they will spend their honeymoon. May the little bark that has just been launched on the broad, beautiful sea of life, freighted with two glad and trustful hearts, encounter no gales, and at the end of a long, happy voyage may they safely anchor in the haven of rest.

## SUPPLEMENTAL ORDINANCES

Passed by Board of Town Commissioners in Special Session, and Which Go Into Effect July 1st, 1915.

Be it ordained that chapter 12, section one, of ordinances shall be amended as follows: Druggists may keep their doors open on Sunday from October the first to May first, from eight o'clock a. m. to ten a. m. and from four to six o'clock p. m. instead of from seven to nine a. m. and five to seven o'clock p. m.

Be it ordained that chapter 12, section 2, shall be amended by inserting the words "or drug store or cold-drink stand" between the words "pool room and snail."

Be it ordained that restaurants or cafes, where operated separate from drug store, cold drink stands, and independent of any other business, may be kept open until eleven o'clock p. m., including Sunday.

Be it ordained that ordinance relating to market license for markets operated outside of the regular town market, be changed so as to grant license for six months, payable in advance; said license to date either from November 1st, or May 1st, and no license shall be issued for less than six months.

Be it ordained that license for operating Pool Tables, Billiard Tables, Bowling Alleys, or alleys of any kind for public use, shall not be granted outside of the following district: On Main Street from Church to Betcher Streets, and on Wilson Street from Conlinton to Walnut Streets.

Be it ordained that fees for tapping the city mains shall be as follows: three-quarter inch \$10.00; one inch \$20.00.

Be it ordained that no person shall be permitted to run an Automobile with cut-out open on the following streets: Main, Conlinton, Church, Wilson, and Pine. Any person violating this ordinance shall pay a fine of \$5.00 for each offense.

Be it ordained that Opera Houses pay a tax of \$25.00.

Be it ordained that Pool and Billiard Tables and Bowling Alleys, etc., for public use, pay a tax of \$30.00 each.

Be it ordained that chapter 6, section 1, of the dog law be amended as follows: All dogs running at large are hereby required to be securely muzzled with a wire muzzle, and any owner or keeper who shall fail to so muzzle his or her dog shall be deemed to have violated this ordinance and fined One Dollar for each and every offense; and each day such dog is seen without the required muzzle shall constitute a separate offense. All dogs found running at large without being so muzzled shall be taken up by the Chief of Police and impounded, and after two days' notice to the keeper or owner of such dog, or in case no owner or keeper can be found, or the owner or keeper, refuse to pay the cost of impounding, the dog shall be delivered to any person who shall pay the cost of impounding, otherwise the dog shall be killed by the impounder.

## THE ESTIMATED WEALTH OF UNITED STATES GIVEN IN RE- PORT—\$187,739,000,000.00

Washington, D. C.—Director of the census, Sam L. Rogers, recently reported the wealth of the United States to be \$187,739,000,000. This means \$1,965 for every man, woman and child in the country. The estimate is made for the year 1912.

In less than two-thirds of a century—from 1850 to 1912—the total wealth of the nation, excluding tax except real estate, increased from \$7,136,000,000, or \$308 per capita, to \$187,739,000,000, or \$1,836 per capita, the percentages of increase being 2,358 for the total and 496 for the per capita amounts.

In other words the wealth of the nation as a whole is nearly twenty-five times as great as it was in 1850, while that of the individual is about six times as great.

The tax exempt real estate was estimated at \$12,314,000,000, or \$129 per capita, in 1912.

The total and per capita amounts of the national wealth for the several census are as follows:

| Year | Total (exclusive of exempt real property) | Per Capita |
|------|---|------------|
| 1912 | \$175,426,000,000                         | \$1,836    |
| 1904 | 100,273,000,000                           | 1,284      |
| 1900 | 82,305,000,000                            | 1,083      |
| 1890 | 61,204,000,000                            | 975        |
| 1880 | 41,642,000,000                            | 830        |
| 1870 | 24,055,000,000                            | 624        |
| 1860 | 16,160,000,000                            | 514        |
| 1850 | 7,136,000,000                             | 308        |

The value of exempt real property is not included in the foregoing comparison for the reason that at the censuses of 1850 to 1870 no data relating to this item were collected. Beginning with 1880, however, the inquiries have covered both taxed and exempt property. The following table shows the estimated value of all classes of wealth combined for the census years 1880 to 1912:

| Year | Total (taxable and exempt) | Per Capita |
|------|----------------------------|------------|
| 1912 | \$187,739,000,000          | \$1,965    |
| 1904 | 107,004,000,000            | 1,318      |
| 1900 | 88,517,000,000             | 1,165      |
| 1890 | 65,037,000,000             | 1,036      |
| 1880 | 43,642,000,000             | 870        |

Some of the items which make up the 1912 total are following:

- Taxed real property and improvements, \$98,363,000,000.
- Exempt real property and improvements \$12,314,000,000.
- Railroad and their equipment, \$16,149,000,000.
- Manufactured products (other than clothing and personal adornments, furniture, vehicles and winched property) \$14,694,000,000.
- Furniture, vehicles and kindred property, \$8,463,000,000.
- Live stock, \$6,238,000,000.
- Manufacturing machinery, tools and implements, \$6,091,000,000.
- Agricultural products, \$5,230,000,000.
- Street railways, \$4,597,000,000.
- Clothing and personal adornments, \$4,295,000,000.
- Gold and silver coin and bullion, \$2,617,000,000.
- Privately owned central electric light and power stations, \$2,099,000.

Shipping and canals, \$1,491,000,000.  
Farm implements and machinery, \$1,368,000,000.  
Telephone systems, \$1,081,000,000.

It will be seen that real estate, taxed and exempt, represents nearly 60 per cent of the estimated value of all property.

The total wealth of New York, \$25,011,000,000, is the greatest shown for any state, while Illinois and Pennsylvania, with \$15,484,000,000 and \$15,458,000,000, respectively, are close rivals for second place. Other states which rank high in total wealth, are Ohio, with \$8,808,000,000; California, \$8,464,000,000; Iowa, \$7,868,000,000; Texas, 6,860,000,000; Massachusetts, 6,303,000,000; Missouri, \$5,842,000,000; New Jersey, \$5,743,000,000; Minnesota, \$5,547,000,000; Michigan, \$5,427,000,000; Indiana, \$5,195,000,000. No other state is credited with as much as \$5,000,000,000.

When the comparisons are applied on a per capita basis, however, a very different showing is made. The highest per capita figure for wealth in the hands of individuals and commercial organizations—that is, exclusive of the non taxable property owned by governmental, educational, charitable and religious institutions—is given for Nevada, \$4,865. Next in order comes Iowa, with \$3,345; North Dakota, \$3,210; California, \$3,113; Nebraska, \$2,954; Montana, \$2,743; Colorado, \$2,668; Kansas, \$2,525; Oregon, \$2,523; and Illinois, \$2,507.

The latest published estimates of the wealth of foreign countries show \$108,280,000,000 for the British empire in 1903, of which amount \$72,997,000,000 was credited to the United Kingdom. The estimate for the United States in 1904 was \$107,104,000,000. The wealth for Germany in 1903 was estimated at \$77,864,000,000.

### Mrs. Humphrey Entertains.

Mrs. H. L. Humphrey entertained Tuesday evening at a porch party in honor of Miss Maggie Hodges, who for the past season has been acting in the capacity of milliner for Mr. E. L. Barrett, and who has been boarding with Mrs. Humphrey.

Progressive Rook was enjoyed by those present for some time, Miss Annie Laira Lang and Mr. R. A. Bynum winning the prize—a box of handsome correspondence cards—which they presented to the guest of honor. The refreshments of the evening consisted of delicious Punch and Ice Cream.

Among those present were Misses Maggie Hodges, Annie Laura Lang, Mae Barrett, Mamie Ruth Pollard, Alice Tankard, Irene Deal and Messrs. R. A. Bynum, Hubert Joyner, M. V. Horton and J. W. Moye.

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