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Dramatic Response of Dowie's People to Overseer's Plea.

HEAPS OF GIFTS CONTRIBUTED

Call For Sacrifice to Restore Sion City to a Sound Financial Basis Causes Rings, Watches, Bank Books. Pledges of Money and Checks to Be Promytly Placed on Taberancie Tablee-Even Children Gave Trinkets.

The first public address of Denuty General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva to the people of Zion City, made the other morning, was a dramatic appeal for a general act of solf sacrifice to restore the city founded by Dr. John Alexander Dowle and its institutions to a sound financial basis, says the Chicago

For an hour Zion's new leader preached, taking as his text Paul's letter to the Philippians and urging the stern duty of a complete renunciation of this world's goods. .

Then two tables were placed at the front of the platform in the big tabornacle, and the congregation, coming forward in sectious, plicd them high with the most valuable of their possess sions. Women tore off rings and brace lets and threw them on the tables. Men brought watches, diamonds and bank books representing the savings of a lifetime and added them to the heap. Even the children contributed their

cherished trinkets. In the short time that Overseer Volive has been at Zion City he has won the confidence of most of the people and has given indications of being an able leader. When he arose to speak every face was turned toward him in breathless interest. He began quietly, telling of the sacrifices in the days of the apostles and dwelling upon Paul's exhortation to them to complete self abnegation. Then, driving his points home degree by degree, he ma application. The duties of God's chil-dren, he said, are the same today as they were in the time of Puul. Zion is in need. Its people must rally to its support, and gifts must not be made with a gradging hand.

As he sat down there was dead stlence, Then Overseer J. E. Excell

"The overseer is right," he said "Zion needs your help. And Overseer Vellva has been a sbining example. He gave all he had to Zion, even the family belriooms he treasured. He has worked without compensation heus from Australia a poor man."

A prayer and vocal solo followed, and then Overseer Voliva came forward again.

"I want nothing done on impulse, he said. "Whatever you are about to do think it over carefully first. This must be n gift of the head as well as of the heart,"

Then two enormous tables were brought forward and pinced to front of the platform. First the officials of Ziou City, whom Overseer Volira had told of what he was about to do at a meeting a few nights age, brought gifts of sliverware, cut glass and jewelry and laid them on the tables. Overseer Voliva himself gave his watch, a gift from his mother when a boy. After-ward the congregation was divided into sections, and one by one the groups

were led forward. It was impossible to make any estimate of the wealth contributed. Twenty-five watches of materials ranging from inexpensive gum metal to solid gold were counted. There were skrip rings, many of them sot with dia-monds. Earthers, bracelets, brooches and jewelry of every description were thrown upon the piles without an in-

stant's heeltation. From the men came gifts of bouses and lots, pledges of money gifts and checks. B. J. Simmons of Kenosha, Wis., gave \$200. There was one check for \$3,300 and another for \$560. A score gave \$100 and \$300 checks. One man gave an expensive for overcoat and cap. There were fifty bank books, representing the entire fortunes of as many men. Among the gifts were a violis and an autopurp. (iverseer Vellva's wife contributed

every article of jewelry in her posses-atos, some of those gifts of great senti-mental value as well as costly from a

monetary view.

A considerable proportion of the contributions was made in the coupon books with which the employees of Zien City formerly were paid. Up to the lat of Pebruary all employees in the factories or schools were paid not in cash, but in books of coupons, which constituted claims for merchandise or cash. The use of these was discontin-ued as part of the plan to place the community on a sound financial basis. and at the same time the stores and banks refused to honor them further.

Coapons to the value of \$20,000 or \$50,000 are still outstanding, and it is chiefly for the purpose of redeeming these that the appeal was made. A brief cuble message from Dowle

HIGHWAY FOR AUTOS.

John Brisbon Walker's Plan of Rend From New York to Philudelphia. John Brisben Walker advanced son novel and interesting ideas regarding future roads for automobiling the other night before the members of the Auto noble Club of America in New York. Mr. Walker was one of the ploneer members of the club. He has devoted much attention to the subject of special motor highways, and his partieu lar interest in the possibility of obtain-ing an automobile highway from New York to Philadelphia led the officers of the club to request a detailed exposi-tion of his views before the members says the New York Times.

Mr. Wulker's plan for the New York Philadelphia automobile highway provides for a road from eighty to a hun-dred feet wide, so divided that each half of the road would contain three separate automobile tracks, upon which different speeds would be maintained.
There would thus be six tracks in all and with cars moving 300 feet apart and carrying an average of eight pas ngers spiece. He advised making a toll road, charging 50 cents per pas-senger. Upon a large map of New Jersey three possible routes were mapped out, avoiding large settlements. One starting from the foot of West Fortysecond street, would begin at Weehaw ten, poss between Hackensack and Passale, run through the Oranges and hen extend in as straight a line as possible to Philadelphia, passing south of Bound Brook and north of Trenton. The other routes would lead across Pennsylvania railroad, the more southerly of the two giving access to Philadelphia through Camden.

"Naturally you want to know the probable cost of such an undertaking," said Mr. Walker. "I believe the construction of the road could be bro within \$6,000 a mile, provided the rights of way could be obtained without cost. That would mean for the sincty miles between New York and Philadelphia \$540,000. The yearly sum for maintenance ought not to be more than \$10,000. Fifty toll keepers at \$500 each would be \$25,000 and, figuring interest at 6 per cent on the cost of the road, would bring the annual charges to \$07,400. At loss than 400 passengors a day the road would bring in un income of \$73,000 a year, a comfortable

profit on the investment. "With a proper road, dustless and having the slightest possible grades, it would insure the maximum of safety. Personally I would much profer to travel to Philadelphia on such a road than in a raisroad train. The middle track of the read would permit a speed of fifty miles an hour, so that an auto-mobilist could reach Philadelphia from New York just as quickly by the highway as he now does over the ralls."

A SWIMMING SCHOOL.

thogenra's Plan to Tough Atlantic

Charles Clark, a reterna lifeand at Atlantic City, intends having mique writeming academy, says the hindelphia Public Ledger, He said ecourts that he has entered late a contruet with sifty or more members of the barflux colony along Gardner's meta, where on my Philadelphians have summer frame. to lastruct them to rwim as such as the weather permits. Captain Charles liles in to stretch a cable access the deep busin from the Atlantie v.... Vaciat club to the oppofuel long enough to permit a man attached to one of them to middle about in the water without feur of sinking. The Bioguard in a small bont will sta-tion binnelf among his students and in-

struct from.

"Any one can swim," said Clark,
"who has confidence enough to try good
and hard,"

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WATCH CASE WILL NOT SHUT UP.

The Greenville Reflector Comes to Time and Declares That The Watch Did Run-Not Cartain About the Fifty Years-Further Particulars of a Strange Find.

Our good Brother Marshall may think he has pinioned us down, and stands ready to chain and consign us to the ring of crystalized yarn spinners, but the case is too open-faced to be shut up so easily. The Re-flector has the main spring of truth to draw upon (read its motto) and with such a balance wheel is not afraid its movement along the dial will be far enough behind time to be picked up by a slow hand or caught run down. Like the watch we don't strike, and indeed there is no need to, for a good regulator of public opinion like the GAZETTE will see that it was not keeping time and hasten to apologize for even creating the suspicion in the mind of its constituents that the watch scoop of The Reflector was a yarn of the snake and fish class. No, sir, there was no yarn in that watch case, but it was gold, genuine and jeweled. Now to be serious, the finding

of the watch and its condition was indeed remarkable, and how it came to its biding place is as much a mystery as ever. The only statement made in The Reflector at the time not based entirely on fact was that the watch had probably been in its biding place fifty years or more. Of course this was only a sup-position based on the circum-stances, the watch being im-bedded in the clay two feet beneath the surface and there being no signs to indicate that there had been any recent digging of the earth near where it was found. Another thing to indicate that it had been lost for many years was a name and date engraved on the inside, the latter being 1838. The name. which was told The Reflector in confidence that it would not be divulged, is entirely unfamiliar in this section, and a search of county records for years back fails to disclose any such name. The Reflector has an idea that the watch may have been lost by a soldier of either the Confederate or Federal armies when the soldiers were in this section during the civil war, but this, too, is only a supposition.

How the watch is so well preserved cannot be explained and really seems fabulous. It is a fact, however, that it went to work as soon as wound, and we have been informed that it has been working regularly ever since. It is an old style key winding watch, open face, and of very handsome design. The only cleaning given the watch with soap and water by which the accumulations of clay were removed from the lines of engraving on the case and the beauty of the exterior disclosed.

Mr. Joe McLawhorn, who was in charge of the convicts when one of them found the watch, now has it and will deliver it to its rightful owner if positive title can be established.

Lived for Those Around Her.

Writing of the death of Mrs. G. L. Riddle, the editor of the Yorkville Enquirer pays the fol-lowing to this good woman whose death we chronicled last

Mrs. Riddle lived for those around her. She never considered personal comfort so long as it was possible to minister to the comfort of others. Self was forgotten in her efforts to add to the pleasures and lighten the burdens of her husband and children, her grandchildren, and her neighbors. She was always ready to undergo any discomfort to berself to comfort and assist those who were in distress, no matter whether the needy one was white or colored—their need was her only guide. To turn a deaf ear to an appeal for aid was an impossible thing for her. She was a woman who was universally loved by all who came within her sphere. Her presence will be sadly missed but her influence for good will be felt in Bethel congregation for years to come. She was a member of Bethel Presbyterian church for nearly twenty-seven years, and daily lived the Christian life she professed. The hymns sung at her funeral were in accordance with a request previously made of her pastor.

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YORK AND YORKVILLE.

What's Doing Among our Neigh bers Just Across the Line.

Tavora Cotton mill has put in a big bell with which to give signals to the operatives.

Mr. John R. Carroll and other gentlemen of Yorkville are considering the idea of organizing a brass band. Prof. Herndon will give them all the assistance in his power.

The local business people are looking forward with pleasure to the putting on of the new pas-senger train on the Carolina and North-Western on April 1.

Mr. W. H. Hand, superintendent of the Chester Graded schools, has been elected to a position in the department of pedagogy in the South Carolina university.

Mr. James F. Thomson and Miss Gussie Beatty, of the Thomson Company, returned yesterday from the northern markets, where they have been during the past ten days buying spring and summer goods.

There has been a good deal of cotton moving through the streets of Yorkville during the past few days; but inquiry develops that very little of it has been going to sale. Most of it has gone to the warehouse, where the owners seem to be intending to let it remain until the price gets better.

Miss E. B. French, who has been 'engaged in missionary work at Hangchow, China, for the past eighteen or twenty twenty years, made quite an in-teresting talk to a large and ap-preciative congregation at the Presbyterian church last night and another to the children of the graded school this morning. Last night she wore the costume of the native Chinese and during her talk this morning two of the girl pupils of the graded school wore Chinese pative costumes of different classes as an illustration to the other

Fred Wallace, the negro who a few years ago found a num-ber of gold pieces of the eighteenth century in a pig pen, at the root of a fallen giant poplar, had his house burned recently together with all its contents. He saved practically nothing. He lives on Mr. R. M. Wallace's place, in the Piedmont Springs neighborhood.

Matthews Gets 20 Years. Charlotte Chronick

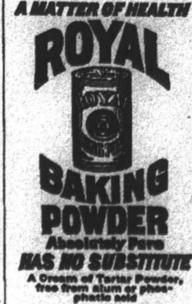
Greensboro, March 9 .-Guilty of murder in the second degree," is the verdict of the jury on the case charging Dr. J. B. Matthews with murdering his wife by poisoning her. The verdict was returned at 9:30 o'clock this morning in the Guilford Superior Court, before a court room full of people. ge Ferguson sentenced Dr. Matthews to twenty years at hard labor in the State peniten-

The attorneys for Dr. Matthews filed notice of an appeal.

The client was placed under a strive until sometime in May, but Mr. Lewis will be here by bond and was committed to jail.

Naturally the family will not may, but Mr. Lewis will be here by the last of this mouth and he will at once be looking for Commenting on the case the Chronicle says: "The result of the trial of Dr. Matthews in Greensboro, will no doubt be received by the people with surprise. The jury evidently concluded that if insane, his insanity "To-morrow I'll get out of bed at all of clock and sait things done was due to the use of drugs. We had feared that he would be sent to one of the State hos-pitals for the insane. Twenty years' residence in a State institution of another character will no doubt cure him of the dope habit."

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BOYAL BAIDIS POWDER CO., HEW YORK.

William H. Lewis, a Lawyer Castonia, Buyes Property in Greensboro and Will de There to Live.

William H. Lewis, of Gas-tonia, came to Greensboro about a week ago to see what he could see. As a result R. C. Bernau, the jeweler, yesterday received a check from him to pay for a lot at 417 North Edgeworth street to which he tool a liking when here. Mr. Lewis has also instructed Mr. Bernay to carry out an engagement he made with Alonzo K. Loftin, a constructor and builder.

R. C. Bernau has been a friend of long standing to Mr. Lewis. They have during the last two months carried on a correspondence regarding the advisability of Mr. Lewis coming to Greensboro to live and practice his profession, that of an attorney at law. Mr. Bernau suggested that Mr. Lewis come and look the town over. He did so with the result above stated.

Mr. Lewis was born and edu-cated in this state. He took up the study of law and later settled in Gastonia. There he has becitizens and some years ago he was elected to the office of mayor. Mr. Lewis has given his main attention to his profession and has for many years en-joyed a decidedly lucrative prac-

But Gastonia has proved too small and fails to show the signs of advancement a rising lawyer would naturally wish as the field of his work. Greensboto attracted from the distance and a visit of one day sufficed to con-vince him that the Gate City possessed in great abundance all that could be wished for a place of residence and as a city in which to prosecute the busi-ness of law. He found it enter-prising and pushing and with better than a fair prospect of growing in population, in wealth and importance of any city of the state. Mr. Lewis is coming bere to live and to pit his legal abilities against as brilliant an array of talent as can be found

in any city in the Union.

During the short time he was bere he selected the lot spoken of and for which he has sent his check. He bought it for cash and the price paid is to be \$25 per front foot. He arranged with Mr. Loftin for plans and has sent that gentleman instructions to proceed at once to structions to proceed at once to to draw them. Mr. Bernan wrote him last evening enclosing the papers which estitle Mr. Lewis to the property and giving him the information that Mr. Loftin would get to work at once on the plans and as soon as approved begin the erection of the dwelling. This is to be handsome structure, modern in every particular, and will con-tain eight rooms. The cost will

be about \$3,000. Naturally the family will not

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1/ves there a man who has not said:
"To-morrow I'll get out of bed
At six o'clock and get things done
B-fore the setting of the sun?"

Lives there a man who has not said At 6 a. m.; "How good this bed Does feel," and snores till after 8, Then wonders how he slept so late.

ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

A Privilege That Has Been Taken Away from the Roral Delivery Carriers-Can Do a Free Trade, However.

Charlotte Chronicle.

Charlotte Chrontels.

Washington, March 9.—The postmaster General yesterday reaffirmed his position with respect to rural free delivery carriers that cannot be used as the medium for taking subscriptions for newspapers. At one time they were allowed to do so, but a recent act of Congress prohibited rural carriers from soliciting business or receiving orders of any kind from any person, firm or corporation, or from carrying merchandise for hire during their booms of employment. According to an official statement given out to-day, however, rural carriers are not proever, rural carriers are not pro-hibited from carrying outside of the mails, namallable matter on the request and at the expense of patrons of their routes.

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equipment in our manufacturing department gives us talloring facilities to serve every need of our trade at a cost no higher that the quality of the goods and work call for. Put us to the test has and be convinced. Our lines of white goods, dress goods, was goods, trimmings, ribbous, laces, were never fuller or more exquisitely beautiful. Here you will find our preparedness abundantly demonstrated in every line. In millinery the most elegant models of style are followed, and to every detail of fashion, tast and beauty the attention of our skilled millinery artists is devoted. These are now in the fashion centers surpassing all our forms showings in millinery preparedness.

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