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HON. W. P. G. HARDING

GOVERNOR OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK SYSTEM, WHO IS TO ADDRESS THE BANKERS OF NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA HERE NEXT MONDAY.

With the coming of Governor W. P. G. Harding of the Federal Reserve Board, President Fairfax Harrison of the Southern Railway Co., and other prominent men from Chicago, Baltimore, Washington, Atlanta, Birmingham, Columbia, Florida and other distant cities, Gastonia is to be the center of attraction for the Southeastern States the week of February 5th.

W. P. G. Harding was at one time a forty-dollar-a-month clerk in the Berney National Bank of Birmingham, Ala. He studied banking, loved work and after serving for years as president of the greatest bank in that section, became chairman of the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, the highest pinnacle of honor a banker can reach in America. He won it upon merit, for he had not even the faintest political pull, and Gastonia is to entertain this gentleman.



MISS MARIE TORRENCE, TALENTED YOUNG DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. FROST TORRENCE, WHO HAS BEEN PUPIL OF RALPH BEECH STERNER AT NEW YORK SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND ARTS, AND WHO APPEARS HERE IN CONCERT FEBRUARY 7 WITH SORRENTINO ITALIAN TENOR.

A charity concert has been given at Lynn, Mass., to buy for the third time an artificial leg for Miss Annie Earle, a finicky old maiden who lives on the city farm. Twice before they raised money to get her a limb and both times the style of the manufactured product didn't suit her and she declined to wear either one. Now they hope to get one that will please her, and will send the other two to France where legs are in such demand that nobody cares how they look.

Marguerite Clark in her very latest picture, "SNOW WHITE," Ideal Friday.

Not content with having captured the Lieutenant-governorship, Shelby now has gone and taken the former home at Louisburg of Governor T. W. Bickett, a Shelby man. Harry McBrayer, having rented it.

Mrs. Harriet Fliviger, of Bellefontaine, O., 82 summers young, and worth several thousand dollars, has eloped, run away, cleared out and married a man 62 years old. Her daughter wants to be appointed guardian for her so she can save the old lady's property.

Don't forget "The Little Girl Next Door" Broadway, Wednesday.

WORK OF LEGISLATURE

MANY NEW BILLS ARE INTRODUCED

Would Put Revision of State Taxing System in Hands of Special Commission—Act Regulating Sale of Patent Medicines to be Fought Out on Floor—Another Bill on Election of Boards of Education.

Since our last issue the General Assembly has been busy with many bills. Following is a summary of the proceedings for Thursday, Friday and Saturday:

THURSDAY.

In the Senate, Senator Warren put in the hopper a revised bill for a special commission to investigate and recommend as to revision of the State taxing system. It would have the Governor, the chairman of the State Tax Commission and two laymen constitute this commission to report to the next Legislature.

Bills by Harding in the Senate and Pearson in the House would increase the annual appropriation for the State Geological Survey from \$10,000 to \$20,000. Senator Justice put in a bill to authorize special contracts for the payment of 8 per cent interest but leaving 6 per cent the legal rate. Senator Oates offered a bill to appropriate \$50,000 for a woman's building at the A. & M. College for women and girls taking special courses and taking advantage of extension work.

The Senate passed the bill by Senator Jones, of Buncombe, to raise the age of consent from 14 to 16 years after much discussion and rejection of a number of amendments. The House spent much time discussing a bill by Clarke, of Pitt, to amend the law as to appeals, being a change proposed by the special commission on judicial reform, the vote being 71 to 23 against the measure.

There was a long and spirited discussion of an amendment to the State law against killing calves, certain counties wanting to be exempted and others wanting amendments that would allow the killing of bull calves for veal.

A bill was introduced by Winston, of Forsyth, to co-ordinate the judicial system of the State.

Both houses passed numbers of local bills. The Senate made the bill providing for examination of books of county officers by the Corporation Commission a special order for next Friday and Senator Brezner's bill for sanitary inspection of hotels and restaurants and for protection against fire special order for Monday.

The Senate committee on appropriations heard pleas for a \$15,000 appropriation to the Confederate Woman's Home at Fayetteville this afternoon and left the matter open for action later.

There was a special committee hearing this afternoon on the bill by Ray, of Macon, to abolish the State board of internal improvements with the result that there was unanimous decision to report unfavorably. E. T. Cansler, of Charlotte, addressed the committee in opposition to the bill, insisting that the board of internal improvements has accomplished much and that if anything was done it should be the extension of the powers of the board.

There will be introduced tomorrow in both houses the garnishment bill for the North Carolina Merchants' Association, which proposes amendments to the State Constitution that will provide reasonable garnishment against wages for debts and that will make possible recovery of property sold and not paid for, such being exempted from sale under execution.

FRIDAY.

The joint committee on Health, having voted for an unfavorable report on the State Board of Health bill for "open formula" on the labels of proprietary medicines, for which there was a most strenuous hearing some days ago, and then decided to return it in the House "without prejudice." Representative Page today seized notice on the House that he would claim the right to submit a minority report in support of the measure, preferring to bring up the fight on the floor in this way. No dates have been set for the argument and vote on passage.

Representative Perry Stubbs, who has offered a "constitutional convention" bill in at least three sessions past, turned in such a measure for this legislature today. It would have delegates elected at the next State election and he would bar all discussion of prohibition from the convention if called. Representative Roberts, of Buncombe, procured the setting of his bill to give municipalities woman suffrage when so voted by the majority of the qualified voters as a special order for February 6.

The joint committee on pensions has decided to adopt the pension bill of Senator Cramer as the basis for the pension legislation that the joint committee will recommend. This bill provides for increased pensions on the basis of advancing the fourth-class from \$32 to \$45 with the other classes increased in proportion.

Both houses have now duplicate bills through Senator Scales and Representative Dalton for creating a board of three examiners to examine applicants for law licenses, the examiners to pass on the examination papers and the Supreme Court to issue the licenses as at present. President Brooks, of the bar association, said tonight that he feels sure the bill will pass. No committee hearing is yet set.

The Senate voted down the Pender

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A CONCERT BY ARTISTS

GREAT MUSICAL EVENT IS ANTICIPATED

Miss Marie Torrence, Gastonia Artist, Will Appear in Concert Here February 7—Will Be Assisted by Umberto Sorrentino, Tenor.

A musical event of very special interest to Gastonia people is to take place in the Central school auditorium on Wednesday evening, February 7, beginning at 8:30 o'clock, when the William Gaston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will present Miss Marie Torrence, coloratura soprano, a Gastonia artist who made her debut in New York this week, and in whose success her many friends take especial pride. Miss Torrence will be assisted by Signor Umberto Sorrentino, the famous Italian tenor, whom many Gastonia music-lovers heard with great delight in concert here a year or more ago. Mr. George Roberts, pianist and accompanist to these two vocal artists, is also an artist, and his numbers on the program will doubtless be greatly enjoyed.

Following is the complete program of the concert, which gives promise of being one of the most enjoyable and brilliant musical events ever enjoyed by any North Carolina city:

PART ONE.

- (a) Gavotte, Brahms; (b) Scherzo, Mendelssohn, Mr. Roberts
- (a) Spring's Awakening, Sanderson; (b) Staccato Polka, Mudrer, Miss Torrence.
- (a) Ideale, Tosti; (b) Occhi di Fata, Denza, Sig. Sorrentino.
- Aria, De puis le jour (Louise), Charpentier, Miss Torrence.
- Aria, I Pagliacci, Leoncavallo, Sig. Sorrentino.
- Duet, "O That We Two Were Maying," Nevin, Miss Torrence and Sig. Sorrentino.

PART TWO.

- (a) Nocturne, Schumann, (b) Polonaise, Chopin, Mr. Roberts.
- (a) Songs My Mother Taught me, Dvorak; (b) The Sandman, Brahms; (c) Impatience, Schubert, Miss Torrence.
- (a) Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes, Old English; (b) Mother Machree, Ernest R. Ball; (c) Love's Majesty (Dedicated to Signor Sorrentino), R. H. Prutting, Sig. Sorrentino.
- Lo! Hear the Gentle Lark, Bishop, Miss Torrence.
- (a) Santa Lucia; (b) O. Sole Mio, Neapolitan Airs, Capua, Sig. Sorrentino.
- Duet, La Boheme, Miss Torrence and Sig. Sorrentino.

Tickets for the concert will go on sale next Monday at all of the local drug stores. Reservations may be made at Kennedy's.

"Around the World in 80 Days," Broadway, Friday.

"Langwater Dairymaid" is the name of the champion Guernsey milk cow. She is owned by C. L. A. Whitney of Albany, who paid \$6,150 to the Ames Langwater farm North Easton, Mass. In 235 days she measured out 12,109.80 pounds of milk which produced 380.90 pounds of class A butter fat.

Marguerite Clark in her very latest picture, "SNOW WHITE," Ideal Friday.

Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bane Cozy Wednesday.

Gastonia Cotton

Good middling 17c
Cotton seed 75c



SIGNOR UMBERTO SORRENTINO, FAMOUS ITALIAN TENOR, WHO APPEARS IN CONCERT AT CENTRAL SCHOOL AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY NIGHT, FEB. 7TH, WITH MISS MARIE TORRENCE, COLORATURA SOPRANO.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

STUDY CLASSES MET YESTERDAY.

The two classes of the Mission Study Club of the First Presbyterian Church, held their regular weekly meetings yesterday afternoon, one with Mrs. E. C. Wilson, with Mrs. S. A. Kindley as leader, and the other with Mrs. J. H. Workman, with Mrs. D. R. LaFar as leader. These classes are studying the same book, namely "The Living Christ in Latin America."

BETTERMENT MEETING FRIDAY.

The Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association will meet Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Central school auditorium. After a business session, the exercises will be in charge of the sanitation department of which Mrs. D. R. LaFar is chairman. Following is the program for the meeting: "Some Things We Have Done," Mrs. A. A. McLean; "Some Things We Hope to Do," Mrs. A. F. Whitesides; "How Things Can be Done," by Mrs. D. A. Garrison.

REPORT ON THE SALE OF RED CROSS SEALS.

The sanitation committee of the Woman's Betterment Association wishes to thank every one who aided in any way in the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals this year. The sales here amounted to \$110.57. One-fourth of this, \$27.65, was sent to headquarters at Sanatorium, N. C., and the remainder, \$82.92, was kept at home for the relief and protection of tubercular patients. This year's sales exceeded the highest previous record by \$10.36. This increase in the sales, it is felt, was due to the increased efforts of those who were engaged in their sale and the increased interest of the public in the purchase and use of the seals as a means of combatting the spread of tuberculosis.

TRAIN WILL BE HELD FOR CONCERT FEBRUARY 7.

Through the kindness of Mr. E. O. Jennings, of the P. & N. management, arrangements have been made for the last train on Wednesday night, February seventh, to leave Gastonia as late as 10:45 if necessary, in order to accommodate people from Lowell, Belmont, Mount Holly and Charlotte who attend the Torrence-Sorrentino concert and wish to return home that night. The concert is to be given at the Central school auditorium by Miss Marie Torrence, coloratura soprano, assisted by Signor Umberto Sorrentino, celebrated Italian tenor, and will be under the auspices of the William Gaston Chapter, D. A. R. Miss Torrence will arrive in the city Monday, February 5th. Sig. Sorrentino will pass through Gastonia tomorrow en route to Atlanta, where he has engagements between this date and the date of his Gastonia concert.

THE STUDY CLUB WITH MRS. McCONNELL.

Mrs. D. E. McConnell was hostess to the Study Club on Tuesday afternoon, January 23rd. The program was one of several intensely interesting ones of which London is the theme and, after current events, was rendered in the following order: A paper by Mrs. J. F. Thomson on "The London of Dickens"; Mrs. J. P. Reid read "The Death of Sydney Caston" from "Dickens' Tale of Two Cities." In the absence of Mrs. H. B. Moore the round table was conducted by Mrs. W. C. Barrett, the subject being "London of Today."

The club colors, yellow and white, prevailed in the dining room both in the menu and in the decorations. The effect of the crystal baskets tied with yellow and white ribbon, one at each place with a larger one filled



W. S. BLAKENEY.

President of the North Carolina Bankers Association, who will be of the speakers at the banquet to be given to the bankers of North and South Carolina here next week. Mr. Blakeney is president of the bank of Union, Monroe. Mr. W. A. Hunt, of Henderson, cashier of the Citizens National Bank of that place, will also be present at the banquet and will probably deliver an address.

CLEVELAND MAKES MOVE

HAS INTRODUCED BILL IN LEGISLATURE

Cleveland's Representative Introduced Bill Asking the General Assembly to Certify the Result of the County Line Election—His Evidence of Their Knowledge That Fraud Occurred at the Polls, Gastonia's Politicians Think—Bill Will Be Fought by Gaston County.

It was authoritatively learned at 1 o'clock this afternoon that a bill has been drawn asking the Legislature to repeal the act of 1915 calling for the change in the Cleveland-Gastonia county boundary line. This bill will be taken to Raleigh Thursday by a delegation of Gaston county men and argued before the committee on cities and towns. At the same time a score of petitions signed by a thousand or so voters will be presented to the committee, asking for the repeal of the act and the setting aside of the election.

The announcement made here this morning that a bill had yesterday been introduced in the Legislature by a representative of Cleveland county asking that body to certify the Cleveland-Gastonia county boundary line election of 1915, caused quite a surprise in legal circles.

This action on the part of Cleveland's representative marks the first definite action that Cleveland county has taken since the suit was started some time ago and breaks the silent attitude that has been displayed by the people of that county in regard to the matter. It now appears that though they have outwardly manifested an indifference as to the outcome of the suit, they have not been inactive but have been busy to a marked degree.

It is the opinion of several prominent Gaston county politicians that the action of Cleveland in introducing its bill is an unmistakable sign of the knowledge that the people of that county have of fraud being practiced in the 1915 election, and of an attempt by them to secure the approval of the General Assembly which might add some weight to their side of the suit when it comes to trial.

That Gaston county will oppose the bill as introduced is a certainty. And it is rumored that a counter bill will be introduced by Gaston's representatives requesting the repeal of the act which made possible the election.

Further developments of the case will be eagerly watched by the people of Gastonia and Gaston county.

"Around the World in 80 Days," Broadway, Friday.

Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bane Cozy Wednesday.

Longest & Tessier, Greensboro contractors, have the contract for building Asheville's new high school building and it is specified in the contract that they shall employ Asheville union labor. Now the contractors ask Asheville labor unions to give them a \$50,000 bond that they will furnish sufficient labor to complete the job in contract time, since the builders are under penalty to finish it in a given period.

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with ferns and flowers for the center was lovely and the refreshments were delightful.



FRED N. TATE.

Mr. Tate is president of the Continental Furniture Company, of High Point, and one of that city's most prominent business men. He is known over the State as a successful business man. Mr. Tate will attend the big meeting here next week and will introduce a plan for the organization of a State Chamber of Commerce.