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BRYAN SPEAKS IN ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Mr. Frank Stronach Appointed Chief Marshal for the Occasion

RECEPTION COMMITTEE STARTS FOR RICHMOND

Ways and Means Committee Met Today—Present Plan is for Col. Bryan to Speak at 4 p. m. and 8 p. m. in the Academy of Music.

All arrangements are now complete for the reception of Col. William Jennings Bryan and for the delivering of his address before the people of this city.

Letters from many towns in this section of the State, and long-distance telephone messages received in Raleigh indicate that a large crowd will be here from a distance tomorrow afternoon.

Telegraph messages were received at all stations on the Southern Railway and Seaboard Air Line Systems announcing a reduced rate to slightly above one fare for round trip to Raleigh on the occasion of Col. Bryan's visit. This announcement caused a number to determine on a visit to Raleigh tomorrow.

Mr. E. M. Simmons, Chairman State Democratic Executive Committee, Mr. Joseph Daniels, National Executive Committee from North Carolina, Capt. S. A. Ashe, and Mr. H. S. Leard, of the reception committee appointed to meet Col. Bryan in Richmond, left via the Seaboard this morning.

Mayor Powell and Captain N. W. West will leave for Richmond tonight on the Atlanta Special, and Mr. John C. Drewry, another member of the committee, is already in Weldon. A telegram has been received here from Ex-Governor Thomas J. Jarvis stating that he will either meet Col. Bryan in Richmond tonight or will be at Weldon to accompany him to Raleigh with the full committee.

The committee appointed to meet Col. Bryan at Henderson is as follows: F. L. Merritt, of the News and Observer; Thomas Peace, of the Morning Post; John W. Thompson, E. B. Barlow, R. H. Lacy, M. W. Page, R. P. Gray, W. H. Bagley, of the Times-Visitor; R. M. Broman, E. C. Smith, O. D. Green, N. B. Broughton, J. E. Pogue, A. Jones, D. M. King, M. T. Leach, W. B. Snow, W. H. Cole, Graham Haywood, Alex. Stronach, W. W. Parish, J. Wm. Bailey, T. N. Ivey, J. M. Norwood, W. G. Nottingham.

This committee is expected to leave here tomorrow morning at 11:38 and return on the train with Col. Bryan at 3:30. A majority of the members have already signified their desire to attend.

The Weather Bureau makes no promises for good weather. Rain tonight and Tuesday, without predicting whether of any special description for the night. However, it was practically determined this morning that the address will be delivered in the Academy of Music. There are expected to be two addresses, one at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and the other at 8 o'clock at night.

Such was the program this morning, though it is subject to change and may be changed. Col. Bryan will of course be consulted before it is definitely settled that this will be the program and the elements will also have something to say about where, when and how the speaking will take place.

The Ways and Means Committee and Reception Committee met this morning and appointed the following Marshals: Frank Stronach, Chief Marshal; Assistants: Dr. J. M. Ayer, L. B. Pegram, W. H. King, John W. Cross, William Green, J. W. Cross, Dr. J. R. Rogers, T. B. Mosely, Capt. J. J. Bernard, W. H. Bernard, W. H. Bagley, Frank Stronach, Jr., Charles Sparks, C. F. Lunsford, W. W. Green, W. R. Crawford, Jr., J. K. Marshall.

The Marshals will meet at Mr. Frank Stronach's establishment tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, mounted. Mr. Stronach has provided badges for all of them.

The Bryan party will leave Richmond tomorrow morning at 9:05 o'clock, arriving at 4:00 about noon. There a large party of citizens will join the Bryan train.

The train will arrive at Henderson at 2 o'clock and at almost the same hour the reception committee from Raleigh will arrive.

Col. Bryan will occupy the private car of Mr. E. M. John, Vice-President and General Manager of the Seaboard Air Line, the use of which was rendered on Saturday at the suggestion of Mr. Chas. B. Johnson of this city.

The committee on music, of which Mr. W. B. Wright is chairman, have arranged for the occasion in excellent manner. All of the committee have done excellent work and the arrangements are about complete.

The final arrangements for the night will be announced tomorrow afternoon in the Times-Visitor, the afternoon's programme will be definitely announced in tomorrow morning's papers.

Mr. Bryan will go from Raleigh to the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, where he will speak Wednesday night.

A letter from President E. A. Alderman to a friend in this city says that Hon. William Jennings Bryan will lecture in the University Wednesday at noon on "Pending Problems" in the University chapel.

An admission fee is to be charged at Mr. Bryan's request. Two hundred and fifty dollars of proceeds to establish an annual prize for the best essay on the science of Government, the balance to be given to literary societies.

It is to be distinctively a lecture and the admission fee is charged at Col. Bryan's suggestion. It is hoped that a large number of people from a distance will be at Chapel Hill on Wednesday.

ELECTRIC PLANT WAS DESTROYED

Five Men Seriously Injured in Durham

BOILER EXPLOSION DID GREAT DAMAGE

Building Completely Destroyed—J. A. Lumley, Formerly of Raleigh, One of the Men Injured in the Accident—The City in Darkness.

The Times-Visitor received a telephone message from the Durham Sun this morning telling of a most horrible accident that occurred in that city at a late hour yesterday afternoon, and which at the time caused the whole city to be started.

Shortly after five o'clock a loud explosion awakened Durham and from all sections of the city people, aroused by the great noise, left their homes to learn the cause of the disturbance. Upon investigation it was found that the Durham Electric Light Company's plant had been blown up.

Hundreds of people gathered at the scene immediately to render whatever assistance might be necessary. The building was the scene of a great cloud of smoke rising in thick volume, and in the neighborhood there was great excitement. The crowd found at the site of the former power house a mass of debris, broken brick and timber, twisted machinery and wires scattered all over the neighborhood.

Five men were injured as follows: H. T. BROWN, Superintendent; MYATT DIXON, Engineer; J. A. LUMLEY, Lineman; WILLIAM BURNETT, colored, fireman; ALEX. LYON, a passer-by.

None were killed, and all are doing well except Lumley, who seems to be the worst hurt, but who, it is thought, will recover. Lumley is a brother of Mr. George Lumley of this city, and Mr. Sam Lumley of Wilmington. He formerly lived here and was employed as a lineman by the Western Union Telegraph Company.

The destruction of the building is apparently complete. A large piece of the boiler, which was inside the building, was blown across the Southern Railroad track into the vicinity where more or less damaged by explosion, numerous windows being broken by the concussion or by broken fragments of machinery that went flying through the air.

The rear of the Durham Court House was peppered by fragments and nearly every one of the windows broken.

A cow standing in the back lot of the Central Hotel was killed, it is believed, by some piece of machinery striking her when on its way hurrying through the air.

Just what caused the explosion is not known. Several theories have been advanced as to the probable cause, but there is nothing but conjecture upon which to base the theories.

The building was the property of Col. Julian S. Carr, and was insured against fire. Col. Carr is out of the city, and it is impossible to get at the facts or at the correct valuation of the structure, which was of brick. The insurance against fire did not include accident or explosion, and nothing can be recovered in this instance.

The boiler was insured against accident to the amount of \$10,000, and had been examined by experts of the Insurance Company.

The amount of damage done is now estimated at \$15,000, and it is believed that \$12,000 insurance will be recovered.

For the present, it is stated, Durham will necessarily remain in darkness for weeks to come unless some arrangement can be made with one of the larger factories, and this is thought impracticable. It would necessitate the removal of a great amount of material, switch boards, etc.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT. Mr. Joseph E. Pogue, of this city, this afternoon received the following letter from Mr. Samuel Kramer, of Durham, giving particulars of the explosion in that city:

"About 5 o'clock this afternoon we had a terrific explosion, which shook up plants lively in town. The Electric Light Plant boiler exploded, completely leveling the brick house to the ground. Three white and one colored man employed in the plant are injured and scalded, and one man who was passing the building was hurt. How badly cannot be learned as yet, as they were hurried to Watauga Hospital by the doctors. It was a miracle that they were not all killed outright. Our Court House, one block off, had nearly all the windows shattered by the concussion, and several buildings in the vicinity of the plant were damaged.

"The railroad cattle pen, alongside of the tracks, and a large telegraph pole, were moved down by the boiler as it shot out from the side of the building, as clean as if so many cannon balls had swept it. The train from Raleigh had passed that point not over thirty minutes, and had it occurred when it was passing, the damage would have been awful as well as loss of life, for the boiler shot on a line that would have torn right through the car. The town is in complete darkness, and will be until a new plant is built. I went to the wreck, and it is terrible to see.

"How fortunate no one was killed, as that portion of the track of the N. C. Railroad passing J. Y. Wetters and Lyons Tobacco factories generally Sunday afternoon is used largely by people here, but as good luck very few were passing at the time of the accident.

The International Grand Opera Company left this morning for Durham, where they appear tonight. Tomorrow night they appear at Roanoke, and will be at Richmond next Monday night.

GEN. PILAR DEAD

Philippine Army Broken into Small Bands in the Mountains

Manila, Feb. 12.—A number of ex-servicemen of the Philippine army, who have arrived here, report that General Pilar Pio del Pilar died of fever in the Morong mountains. After his death the leaders had a meeting, at which it was recognized as futile to offer further resistance to the Americans, and therefore disbanded the forces, which are now wandering in small gangs among the hills.

MARRIAGE TESTIMONY.

The following invitations have been issued: Mr. and Mrs. Egbert H. Love invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Emma Estelle,

Mr. James Matthew Edwards, on Tuesday afternoon, February the 20th, at three o'clock,

Raleigh, North Carolina. Miss Love is a charming young lady of this city and has a host of friends. Mr. Edwards is an excellent young man, holding a position of trust with Messrs. Whitling Brothers, of this city.

DIVIDEND MONEY. State Treasurer W. H. Worth today received the \$105,000, the semi-annual three per cent dividend on the North Carolina Railroad.

ALEX. CURTIS DEAD.

Alexander Curtis, a respected colored carpenter, aged sixty years, living at 821 South Blount street, died this morning, and will be buried Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He has three sons in Washington, D. C., who are here. The wife of Scott Brown, formerly a barber of this city but now of Cleveland, Ohio, is also his daughter.

ODD FELLOW WRITES

He Objects to the Initiation Being Termed "the Goat"

To the Editors: In your local column of Saturday's issue was a local item which is somewhat distasteful to many of the Odd Fellows. Personally I have no better friends than the two local editors of your valued paper, and I am sure that these gentlemen are very friendly to the Order. The article reads: "Last night the goat was introduced to a large number of candidates by Seaton Gales Lodge, I. O. F., and among the number was Col. John S. Cunningham. The lodge is to be congratulated upon the acquisition of such a distinguished member and a probable winner in the gubernatorial race." In the first place I feel that it is improper and unjust to our Order to allude in public print to a beautiful, solemn and impressive initiation as "the goat." I dare say that the gentlemen who were inducted into the mysteries of that degree did not feel that they had encountered a "goat," but felt that they had really been benefited by its beautiful ceremonies and its moral lessons. For there is no doubt that such an initiation is elevating and instructive to any gentleman. As to the Lodge being congratulated upon "such acquisition," we know that these gentlemen in the candidate list felt that they were the proper ones to be congratulated. What all good men who are willing to extend a helping hand to humanity, and assist in the elevation of human character are at all times welcomed by our Order, still there has always been upon the roster of this great Order men of high position and influence along by the side of the mechanic and the laboring man. This same Lodge, Seaton Gales, has numbered among its members such men as the lamented Wm. H. Bagley and Thomas J. Jarvis, the latter of whom held his membership and contributed regularly to his Lodge all the time he was in Brazil, and today is a Past Grand Odd Fellow, Rutherford B. Hayes thought it an honor to be elected noble grand of his lodge after he had served this great Republic as its President. Seaton Gales was a honored Odd Fellow, and wrote the beautiful Rebekah degree, General Lavton, who met death upon foreign soil at the post of duty, was also an ideal Odd Fellow. And while I am a member of another Lodge in the city, I considered it an honor to be invited to participate in this meeting, and act as noble grand during the initiation. While I feel sure it was a magnificent act upon the local editor's part, please spare the noble Order such terms as "the goat" in future.

I am, very truly yours,

CHARLES E. LUMSDEN.

SI PLUNKARD

The Comedy That is to be Presented Wednesday Night

The Rural Comedies, which is to appear at the Academy of Music on Wednesday night, entitled "Si Plunkard" is a graphic and amusing picture of rural life and characterization. Mr. Lewis, in the title role of the Yankee pebbler, and drum major in the Fairview Band, brings plenty of humor to this part and creates a deal of amusement. The inventor, the bogus stock speculator, the old farmer and the pretty sweet heart are all well sustained characters.

There is a deal that is novel in the play. The farm scene with its thrashing machine at work captures the audience. Clever specialties are introduced by a big company of comedians which goes to make up an evening's entertainment of fun from start to finish. The comedy having been entirely rewritten this season presents new dialogues, new situations, new scenic and mechanical effects, making it one of the strongest farces comedies now before the public, and the superb orchestra carried by this company will entertain the patrons during the acts with their musical selections. Reserve seats now on sale, prices 25, 50 and 75 cents.

Mr. John C. Drewry will return from Richmond tomorrow.

EINE WATER POWER

Plans on Foot for Chatham County's Prosperity

Mr. J. C. Ellington has returned from a surveying trip in Chatham. He made a survey of four water powers of Haw River in Chatham county. One of these powers is especially fine. Mr. Ellington says it has a fall of over 25 feet, and has a natural canal cut off by an island. Parties are now said to have options on all of these powers, and they will be utilized. The surveying party began work about thirty miles from Pittsboro on Haw River.

A report is current that a railroad will soon be built almost paralleling Haw River and touching these sites, which are so admirably adapted to manufacturing, thus furnishing abundant natural facilities.

30,500,000 INCREASE IN ASSESSMENT OF 1898

Durham County Leads With an Increase of 2,000, over 1898

ASSESSMENT, 1898, 1899, 1900. Imp. 1244. The reports from the register of deeds in the few inland counties were received at the State Auditor's office today, thus permitting a compilation of the statistics of the taxation in North Carolina in 1898, and a comparison of the assessment of 1899 with the assessment in 1898.

From these statistics it is shown that the valuation of real and personal property (which, of course, does not include railroad, bank stock, telegraphs, telephone and steamboat companies), for the year 1899 exceeds 1898 by \$30,500,000, the largest increase in the history of the State.

The increase of 1898 over 1897 was only \$1,000,000, while the increase of 1899 over 1898 was \$20,500,000.

The valuation of real and personal property for 1899 was \$225,891,827, against \$232,000,000 in 1898.

Several of the counties show very large increases in the real and personal property assessed.

Among these counties Durham county leads, the increase in Durham being \$2,000,000.

Morvenburg comes next to Durham with an increase of \$1,200,000.

Wake shows an increase of \$1,000,000, which is not so great as several others.

Buncombe has an increase of \$800,000, while little Currituck shows an increase of \$200,000.

A PUFF FOR DR. ED. BROWN.

J. W. Stanley, writing in "The Tackler," published at Rochester, New York, says: "Ed. Brown, nephew and active financial director for the Hon. John W. Brown, is one of the best all-around financial directors that I know. He is an authority on embalming. He can make a very slight coffin or casket, and conducts a funeral as it should be, with care and precision, always looking after the comfort of the family, a thing that many get overlooked, or fail to attend to. Ed. Brown also is a free-hand sketch artist of no small ability, and is a man that one likes to meet, and is always made to feel at home."

A LITTLE GIRL. PREACHER

Colored Girl Preaches Before Raleigh People at Rock Church

Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, in the afternoon at 3 o'clock and last night at 7:30 o'clock in the Zion Baptist Church (colored), better known as the Little Rock Church, preaching took place from the pulpit and the one addressing the colored population was a little girl said to be fourteen years of age.

Her texts were taken from the Old Testament in the morning and afternoon, and at night she attempted to show her powers by a text from St. John. The sermon was very excellent. They were thoroughly beautiful and here representative to those that have been published under the title "Sermons and Talks" by Henry Beecher. The girl has evidently memorized her sermons, but she speaks them well and has drawn great crowds to the Little Rock Church to hear her at each service.

At the three services of yesterday, as at the week day services last week, great throngs went to hear her. The church would not on any occasion hold all that came. For some time before each service there would be formed at the church entrance a line of would-be-hearers, who would patiently await the coming of the little girl that was to deliver the sermon of the hour.

Several years ago this same little colored girl came here from Boston and preached before the colored people of this city. She was then said to be twelve years of age. She is reported to have been born and raised near Elizabeth City, and was taken to Boston several years ago to be educated and sent back to the South as a Missionary among her own people. How long she is to be in Raleigh has not been stated. It is said by members of the Rock Church that she is doing great good here, and that the crowds that go to hear her are not composed of curiosity seekers.

NEW FILM.

A New System of Cooking and Heating of Interest to Housekeepers.

The North State Plumbing, Lighting and Heating Company in the Academy of Music building, is now ready to serve the public. They are prepared to do all classes of work promptly in their line.

This company is introducing a new system of cooking and heating with gas generated from kerosene oil. The system has been brought to the height of perfection and will produce more heat, give better results with less labor and expense than any other fuel.

The burner can be attached to any old stove or range. The expense is only about 2 cents per hour for oil. If you will call at the office and showroom Mr. M. Bowers or Mr. A. T. Kuester, who compose the firm of the North State Plumbing, Heating and Lighting Company, will take pleasure in showing you this new system of cooking. Every housekeeper should examine this new system.

CULMINATION NOW AT HAND

Taylor's Chances Depend Upon Judge Taft's Decision

IF TAFT REFUSES, REVOLUTION TAYLOR'S ONLY COURSE

Legislature Must Ratify Action of Democrats Done in Secret Session Before Beekham is Governor

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 12.—Governor Taylor has sent almost all the militia home, but has retained a sufficient force to quell all disorder.

Today he will decide for himself the policy which he will pursue in presenting his right to retain the gubernatorial seat.

Judge Taft on this afternoon will hear the application of Republican counsel, for an injunction in the minor State courts, and that is through revolution. It is expected by the Democrats that Mr. Beekham's title to the Governorship will not stand unless the legislature, in joint and in separate session, at the State House, ratify the action of the Democratic members at the secret session in the hotel. They do not assent that Goddard, before his death, was legally Governor.

Governor Taylor has called the Legislature together at Frankfort. If the Democrats meet there they will try to impeach Governor Taylor as the Governor. This is another question they and themselves confronted with.

The situation seems no clearer than it was a week ago. Governor Taylor is undoubtedly backed by his party to a man.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

New York, Feb. 12. Lincoln's birthday was observed by closing the banks and exchanges and a partial closing of the stores. The latter respect was not general, but more were closed than on previous years.

A GREAT MUSICAL TREAT

The Misses Carroll Sang Last Night at the Presbyterian Church

In the Session Room at the First Presbyterian church last night, after the evening service congregation had been dismissed, a few gentlemen and ladies remained to hear several sacred selections rendered by Miss Clara Douglas Carroll and Miss Grace Lee Carroll, two sisters who so thoroughly captivated the music lovers in this city on Friday evening at the performance of the International Grand Opera Company, in their rendition of portions of the Grand Operas "Roméo and Juliet," "H Trovatore" and "Cavalleria Rusticana."

Last night in response to a request from those present and from members of the Presbyterian Church, Mr. H. H. Clark, Clara Douglas Carroll sang "The Holy City," and Miss Grace Lee Carroll, "I Will Exalt Thee, Lord," each being so thoroughly appreciated by the few friends present that the Misses Carroll kindly yielded to the requests for other selections.

Miss Grace Lee Carroll, in her rendition of "I Will Exalt Thee, Lord," displayed the great power and range of her voice to the greatest advantage. Her voice, with its wonderful strength, has that unusual sweetness and richness that gives the listener an insight into the spiritual soul, which ever enters into the spirit of the selection rendered. Miss Carroll's voice is in complete control and the ease with which she reaches the highest notes shows the most careful training of her great talent.

Seldom had those present been given such a delightful impromptu concert. Miss Clara Douglas Carroll, who on Friday evening had won a permanent place in the hearts of Raleigh people by her rendition of the "Trovatore" from "Cavalleria Rusticana," last night charmed those present in the Session Room. The depth of feeling in her voice displayed in her singing of "The Holy City," the sweetness, tenderness and compassion in the various parts of that great selection being excellently interpreted by this young woman in the loveliest manner.

This musical treat was one that will not soon be forgotten. The Misses Carroll, and their mother, who accompanied them, received the most cordial thanks of those who were so fortunate to be present, every one of whom had been captivated by the rare gifts of these two accomplished young women.

This is the first year that the Misses Carroll have been on the stage. They have so far won the approval of the musical world through which they have traveled, and their first success has been in Raleigh. Next year they will make a Southern tour with their own company, presenting Grand Opera Manager Rivers, of the Academy of Music, has suggested to them that they make a week's stand in Raleigh, and this news will be welcomed by lovers of music and Grand Opera in this city, who will look forward to that event of the next theatrical season.

Mr. James H. Fox left this afternoon for Pittsboro, where he will open the campaign in Chatham county tomorrow. He will speak on the Amendment, and will be replied to by some anti-Amendment man, not yet selected.

THE EVE OF A GREAT BATTLE

Boers Showing the Greatest Activity Now

BRITISH HAVE DEFINITE PLANS

Gen. Buller and Gen. Kitchner Expect to Deliver an Effective Blow to the Boer Forces, Starting at Modder River.

London, Feb. 12.—Not a line of news from South Africa has been received since yesterday, at any rate, more has been published. The feeling is more hopeful in consequence of the widespread belief that General Roberts and General Buller have now a firm grip at the helm, and that whatever happens, the campaign will be waged on careful and comprehensive plans, in which all the forces will cooperate.

Both sides seem to be collecting themselves for an attack.

The left horn of the Boer army is creeping through Zuluand, threatening the British right at Chieveley. General Buller is reported, with six thousand men, as endeavoring to attack General Buller. Boer aggressiveness has been developed, and has been repulsed at Rensberg, while from the most important points of the campaign at Modder River, news is received of ceaseless activity and renewed vigor.

These reports create a hopefulness in Great Britain rather than anxiety, for the impression prevails that the Boer aggressiveness will give the British troops their long-earned opportunity, and tend to greatly assist the broad plan campaign, which General Roberts may be expected to set in motion soon at Modder River.

EVE OF A GREAT BATTLE.

Modder River, Feb. 11.—Delayed—less all indications are deceptive, one of the greatest battles of the war is about to be fought near here. The British are gathering here in force under the personal command of General Roberts. The force includes the army of General Methuen and large reinforcements from the Cape Colony. The British plan seems to be to make a descent upon Bloemfontein. The Boers are sending every available man in the direction of Kimberley.

DUTCH DESTROY PROPERTY.

Modder River, Feb. 12.—Twenty hundred whites, who are loyal to the British, have left Barklywest, owing to the destruction of their property by the Colonial Dutch residents. The Boers had made no attack upon them.

Lord Roberts has promised the press correspondents that they will be allowed complete freedom of action in sending reports.

PRINTERS TO CELEBRATE

Fortieth Anniversary of Raleigh Typographical Union will be Observed

Raleigh Typographical Union No. 54 has appointed the following committee looking to the proper celebration of its fortieth anniversary: W. L. Fabson, S. J. Triplett, T. O. Fawcett, second, Bassett, E. S. Clark, W. A. Fawcett, and the serving charter members.

The Union was chartered October 1, 1860, and of the charter members only seven are now living. Hon. John Nichols, John W. Marston, James H. Alford, Josiah Jones, William H. Ferrall, William M. Brown and John N. Bunting, of these three are still actively engaged in the "trade." John W. Marston, James H. Alford and Josiah Jones.

The committee will report from time to time to the Union plans and resolve modifications, and it is intended to make this celebration not only of local interest but of special significance to organized labor in the State.

DESERTER JUMPED FROM SADDLE

Trenton, Feb. 12.—Henry D. Snyder, a recruit in the regular army, under arrest for desertion, jumped through the rear window of a rapidly moving train this morning near here, and was unhurt. He made a dash for freedom, but was captured after a long chase and taken to New York.

RAIN TOMORROW

The Weather Bureau Does not so State—But Fair Tuesday Night.

The weather forecast for Raleigh and vicinity says: Rain tonight and Tuesday.

The forecast for North Carolina issued at Washington, D. C., says: Rain tonight and Tuesday; fresh east winds.

The weather condition is: A considerable barometric depression exists over northern and western Texas, and apparently a secondary one near the middle Gulf coast. The weather is threatening over almost the entire country east of the Rocky Mountains, with rain at a large number of stations, with rain at a number of stations.

The river forecast states: A considerable rise will occur in the rivers of Eastern North Carolina during the next 24 hours.

Mr. R. H. Merritt, of Charlotte, spent Sunday in the city on legal business. Miss H. Montgomery left this morning for Seaboard, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Vick.

Miss Janet Dorth, who has been a charming guest at the residence of Dr. T. D. Hogg, left this afternoon for her home in Goldsboro.

In the ball room of the Capital Club the February German will be given tonight.