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COMMENCEMENT AT G. F. C. CLOSES WITH A RECITAL

Despite Rain of the Morning Representative Audience Assembled.

GREENSBORO GIRL GETS HIGHEST HONOR

Miss Myrtle Ham, of This City, Leads Graduating Class—Concert By Department of Music Brings the Exercises To a Close.

Yesterday morning, despite the fact that it rained steadily for an hour or so, a large and representative audience assembled in the college auditorium for the purpose of attending the graduating exercises of the class of 1908. Seventeen young ladies received their diplomas, of whom Miss Myrtle Ham, of this city, graduated with the highest honors.

Mrs. Sallie Southall Cotten, of Pitt county, a graduate of the class of '03, delivered the address to the graduates and Mrs. Laura Crump Patrick, of Danville, Va., the only surviving member of the class of '48, presented them with their Bibles.

Dr. Detwiler, pastor of the West Market Street Methodist church, opened the exercises with a short prayer, and then the president, Mrs. Lucy Robertson, presented Miss Mabel Augusta Evans, whose thesis, "The Work of the United States Life-Saving Service," showed much research and care.

Miss Annie Laurie Anderson next read her thesis, which was on the sub-

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PRESBYTERIANS PLAN WORK FOR BROTHERHOODS

Wednesday's Session Taken Up Largely With Speeches—Need for Prayer, for Bible Study, Work of Brotherhoods and Men's Work in Sunday School Among Topics Discussed.

Last night the first convention of the Men's Brotherhood of the Southern Presbyterian church came to an end, and today the general assembly of the southern branch of that church will convene in annual session in the First Presbyterian church.

The exercise last night was composed of addresses by Dr. Henry Lewis Smith, president of Davidson College, and Fletcher S. Brockman, a missionary in China. The theme of last night's meeting was a continuation of the discussion Tuesday night—the state of unrest and the great upheaval that is threatening in all the countries of the world.

Dr. Smith was presented by President Eaton, who referred to him as a native of Greensboro, whose livelihood was spent here, and who is a leader of men wherever he may be found.

Dr. Smith gave as the subject of his discourse "The South in Transition and the Call This State of Affairs Makes to the Christian Church." He began his address by saying that all work of the church, whether at home or in foreign fields, has the same object in view, that of subjugation to Christ. He discussed the decadence of the country church since the rush of the people to the cities and pointed out the danger that might result if this rural population is not properly dealt with in the towns, cities and tenement villages. He also referred

to the transition period in the Orient and said that as great transition is going on in the south.

"With the completion of the Panama canal the south will be made the commercial and industrial center of the world. Foreign immigrants will flock to this country to be Americanized and converted by our churches." The speaker went on to say that intermittent growth seems to be the law of development. The most careless student of nature cannot fail to see these long periods of rest burst forth into revolutions—old customs, old landmarks are wiped out and new and modern things take their place. These are the turning points in the history of nations.

Dr. Smith spoke of the passing of the old southern neighborhoods, the old homesteads that have given place to tenement villages, the old agricultural pursuits that have been lost to manufacturing industries, the old rural churches and the academies from which came the ministers. "What shall we do to re-educate the country church, or what shall we take its place? What shall we do with our tenement villages? Our educational system is changing before our eyes," Dr. Smith said that he had no criticism to make of the great educational awakening. He only warns against the

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PLATT, ON STAND, DENIES STORIES OF MAE WOOD

Aged Senator Appears in Own Behalf in the Sensational Divorce Case.

SO FEEBLE HE HAS TO BE CARRIED TO COURTROOM

Categorically Makes Answer to Every Charge Made by Woman in the Case, Denying Her Statements at Every Turn—Marriage Certificate False.

New York, May 20. Physically so feeble that practically he had to be carried in and out of the courtroom, United States Senator Thomas C. Platt was at times a spirited witness today when he appeared to testify in his own behalf in Mae C. Wood's suit for absolute divorce from him. His denial of all the charges brought by Miss Wood in her suit was emphatic.

While the defendant was in the courtroom much of the day, Miss Wood, the plaintiff, did not attend the trial today. The presentation of the case for the defense was marked by a sharp attack on the authenticity of the marriage certificate which Miss Wood offered in evidence to support her contention of a matrimonial contract with the senator. This was followed by an effort to show that a letter, in which Senator Platt is alleged to have admitted his marriage to Miss Wood, was written over his signature on a blank sheet of paper, to which he previously affixed his autograph on requests of two women applicants for it while he was stopping at the Arlington hotel in this city in 1906.

Senator Platt himself in his testimony categorically denied that he ever married or promised to marry the plaintiff, repudiated the signature purporting to be his on the marriage certificate and the genuineness of several letters which Miss Wood testified came to her from him.

Justice O'Gorman announced that the trial must conclude with tomorrow's session.

The senator said he was nearly seventy-five years old. His wife died in 1901. "Do you remember asking her in the month of August, 1901, at the Oriental hotel, to become your wife?" "I never asked her. It's false," "Did you, on November 9, 1901, ask her to marry you?" "I did not," replied the senator. "The senator denied emphatically that he had given Miss Wood a photograph of himself, on which he had written: 'To my dear wife.'"

Mr. Le Baridie, Miss Wood's counsel, asked Senator Platt if he ever addressed Miss Wood in endearing terms. Platt said: "I may have foolishly done so sometimes." "Did you call her Katy?" "I called her Cathy in my letters. I liked her very much." "Did you ever give the plaintiff a wedding ring?" "I never gave the plaintiff a wedding ring in my life."

The lawyer handed the senator the alleged marriage certificate, and the senator said he never saw the paper before.

A number of letters alleged to have been written by the senator to Miss Wood were read and he denied that he had written any of them.

The senator declared positively that he had never maintained improper relations with the plaintiff. "The senator said he could not remember whether he kept the engagement to take dinner with Miss Wood on November 9, but was certain Miss Wood did not stay with him in the suite that night. He could not recall whether his secretary (Mr. Howe) was at the hotel on the night of November 9, 1901, nor

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Made First Speech in Senate Tuesday



—Photo copyright, by Harris-Ewing. SENATOR ROBERT L. TAYLOR, Fiddling Orator from Tennessee, Who Made His Maiden Speech in the Senate Tuesday.

PUBLISHERS DECLARE FOREST RESERVES AND REVISING PULP TARIFF

Annual Meeting of Southern Association Comes to an End.

MEET NEXT IN BIRMINGHAM

Charlotte, N. C., May 20.—The annual meeting of the Southern Newspaper Publishers' Association came to an end this evening with the annual banquet at the Hotel Selwyn, Birmingham, Ala., was chosen as the next place of meeting, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, J. P. Caldwell, Charlotte Observer; vice-president, Col. Rufus N. Rhodes, Birmingham News; secretary-treasurer, Victor M. Hanson, Montgomery Advertiser; executive committee, J. W. Brown, Louisville Courier-Journal; J. C. Hemphill, Charleston News and Courier; F. W. Hinman, Jacksonville Times-Union; C. B. Johnson, Knoxville Sentinel; E. M. Peator, Nashville Banner; F. L. Sovey, Atlanta Georgian.

Birmingham, Ala., was chosen as the next meeting place over Roma, Ga., Augusta, Ga., and Greensboro, N. C., which extended invitations.

At the morning session resolutions were adopted instructing the secretary to wire Speaker Cannon demanding the passage of the wood pulp and print paper bill, and at the afternoon session resolutions were adopted favoring the Appalachian and White mountain forest reserve bill.

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RAYNER AGAIN MAKES APPEAL TO SENATE IN COL. STEWART'S CASE

Maryland Senator Urges Vote on His Resolution for Court of Inquiry.

PLEA FOR ACTION REFUSED

Washington, May 20.—Senator Rayner again today made an appeal to the Senate for a vote on a resolution "authorizing and requesting" the President to appoint a court of inquiry to investigate charges against Col. William F. Stewart, Coast artillery, stationed at Fort Grant, Ariz.

Mr. Rayner declared his belief that the committee on military affairs would not report his resolution during the present session of Congress and asked that a modified resolution be had prepared to be acted upon by the Senate without the intervention of the committee. Objection being made, the further consideration of the resolution was postponed.

The omnibus public buildings bill was passed by the Senate today. It carries appropriations aggregating about \$35,000,000. A bill to prevent the desecration of the flag of the United States was passed. The conference report on the fortifications appropriation bill was adopted and partial agreement on the sundry civil bill was reported by conferees and approved by the Senate.

Salisbury Children Parade. Salisbury, N. C., May 20.—Under the direction of the leaders of the prohibition fight here a band of 150 children marched through the principal streets of Salisbury yesterday afternoon bearing banners with inscriptions favorable to prohibition and singing prohibition songs. The children marched through the school district, and were then marshaled on Main street, between Council and Innis, where they sang for ten minutes or more.

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LILLEY CHARGES NOT WARRANTED, DECLARES HOUSE

Special Investigating Committee's Findings Adopted by the House as Whole.

WILLIAMS DENOUNCES LILLEY AS A TRAITOR

Declares That He Should Be Expelled From House—Committee Declares That He Was Used by Lake Torpedo-boat Company.

Washington, May 20.—The conclusion of the special committee which has been investigating the charges of Representative Lilley, of Connecticut, that members of the House had been improperly influenced in connection with submarine torpedo-boat legislation, that Mr. Lilley had violated his obligations as a member and had acted in bad faith with the committee in contempt of the House, were sustained today by the House by a vote of 257 to 82. Five hours of the session were devoted to the case, four of which were consumed in reading the report.

The Connecticut members joined in voting against the resolution by which the House adopted the conclusions of the committee as its own.

Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, denounced Mr. Lilley as being guilty of treason, for which he said he should be expelled. He presumed that the reasons the committee did not carry its report to a recommendation to that end were because Mr. Lilley was at his home ill and unable to be present to defend himself in such a proceeding.

It was a noticeable fact that the five members of the committee, Messrs. Boutell, Olmsted, Stevens, Broussard and Howard, sat together throughout the entire proceedings, and that none of them submitted any remarks in connection with the report. The partial conference report on the sundry civil appropriation bill occasioned a lively debate. It was adopted, and the conferees will continue their efforts to arrive at a complete agreement.

That Mr. Lilley was not warranted in bringing his charges is the conclusion reached by the special committee. In an exhaustive report submitted to the House, Chairman Boutell and his colleagues review the testimony brought out before the committee in hearings extending over several weeks, and declare with entire unanimity that no member of the House and no representatives of the press have been induced by officers

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SENATE PASSES THE PUBLIC BUILDING BILL CARRYING \$35,000,000

Any Old Amendment Tacked On and Adopted, Including One for Paris Embassy.

\$70,000 FOR WILMINGTON, N. C.

Washington, D. C., May 20.—The Senate today considered and passed the omnibus public building bill, inserting not only the numerous amendments suggested by the Senate committee on public buildings and grounds, but also a few proposed on the floor of the Senate by individual senators. As passed the bill carries a total of about \$35,000,000, of which \$6,000,000 is for continuing contracts.

The latest appropriations for new buildings added by the Senate includes the following: Miami, Fla., \$175,000; Abbeville, S. C., \$50,000; Dyersburg, Tenn., \$50,000. An increase of \$70,000 was made in behalf of the proposed building at Wilmington, N. C., bringing the limit up to \$350,000.

The Senate amendment providing for a new office building for the department of state and justice to be used jointly was retained, the ultimate cost of which is limited to \$2,500,000, and it is hinted that if this item is not retained the bill may be allowed to fail. The amendment appropriating \$200,000 for the purchase of an embassy building in Paris, to be used as an office and residence, also was accepted by the Senate.

Senator Culberson, of Texas; Clay, of Georgia, and Overman, of North Carolina, opposed the Paris appropriation. A point of order against the amendment being held by the Vice-President not to be in order, Mr. Culberson moved to reduce the amount for the Paris building from \$400,000 to \$200,000, but the motion was defeated by a vote of 37 to 18.

Broward Leads for Senate. Tallahassee, Fla., May 20.—Returns from yesterday's Democratic primary election received here tonight show that Governor Broward has a decided lead for United States senator over the other three candidates.

FINDS PARESIS CURE; GERM DISEASE YIELDS UNDER INOCULATION

A Massillon, Ohio, Physician Discovers Bacillus That Paralyzes Motion.

USES A SERUM TREATMENT

Massillon, Ohio, May 20.—In the laboratory of the Massillon State hospital, Dr. John D. O'Brien today reiterated the statement made by him before the American Medico-Psychological Association's convention at Cincinnati, that he had discovered the germ of paresis, which is a partial paralysis affecting motion but not sensation, and that the disease is curable. He summed up the result of his experiments in these two declarations:

"That paresis undoubtedly is a germ disease and that the germ has been discovered; that while in the experimental stage, sufficient tests have been made to show that paresis is curable, and that he has specific cases to point to as definite results.

Dr. O'Brien gives the specific cases of a newspaper man of Washington, who was treated for paresis, cured and again is at work; a civil engineer of prominence in Nashville, Tenn., who is cured and at work, besides a number of persons in Ohio, who were brought to the hospital with severe forms of the disease and cured. Others who are now at the hospital still under treatment are showing marked progress toward recovery.

Acting on the theory that the disease was similar to that of tuberculosis or diphtheria—that a germ might be found which would yield to serum treatment—Dr. O'Brien began his experiments by taking serum from the spinal columns of living patients. With this he treated dogs, rabbits and rats with results which proved to him that the animals inoculated developed paresis. In turn he used the treatment of human patients.

Dr. O'Brien was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1903. He has passed four and a half years at Massillon State hospital in hospital and laboratory work.

"I know," said Dr. O'Brien, "that it is a bold statement to make that the germ of paresis has been discovered. We feel that from the work done we have found the bacillus. We have cured patients, are helping many now, and expect to go forward with the work."

Dr. O'Brien has confined his work to living subjects; no pathological investigation has been done on post-mortem subjects. He now has germs in "cultures."

Girl Tries Suicide in Cell In Effort to Escape Prison

Faced a Three-Year Term, After Conviction for Shooting Lawyer.

New York, May 20.—Jennie Blunt, who was to have gone to Auburn prison for three years yesterday, for shooting Charles M. Sanford, the rich Brooklyn lawyer, probably will succumb to the effects of gas, inhaled in her cell in the Raymond street jail in an attempt to kill herself.

Though the young woman went into violent hysterics and finally fell fainting when sentenced in the Brooklyn county court, she seemed comparatively cheerful at the time Matron McCormick passed her cell toward morning.

About six o'clock, however, the matron noticed the odor of gas, and, on investigating, found her ward unconscious, but still gripping between her teeth a rubber gas tube connected with the jet in the cell.

Dr. Morgenthaler partially revived her, and had her removed to the Brooklyn hospital, where her chance for recovery is considered slender. There will be an investigation to learn how she secured the tube through which she inhaled the gas.

Miss Blunt accused Sanford of abandoning her after a long association, visited him in his office in the Garfield building, Brooklyn, February 26, and shot him. The lawyer recovered after a critical illness of many weeks, though he still carried the bullet in his head. She would have been taken to the penitentiary yesterday but for the violent



JENNIE BLUNT, Whose Attempt to Die by Inhaling Gas Probably Will Be Successful.

state of excitement into which her sentence threw her. She has been heard to declare repeatedly that she would kill herself before she would serve a prison term.

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ABEL, SHOT BY BOYD, DIES OF INJURIES

ABEL'S DYING REQUEST WAS THAT BOYD BE NOT PROSECUTED.

Asheville, N. C., May 20.—Former Chief of Police Henry Abel, of Waynesville, died last night at one o'clock, the result of injuries inflicted Saturday night by David L. Boyd, Haywood county's representative in the legislature, during a street fight. Abel's dying request was that Boyd be not prosecuted.

Missouri Bankers Meet. Joplin, Mo., May 20.—One thousand Missouri bankers held the eighteenth annual convention of their state association today. Col. J. D. Powers, of Louisville, president of the American Bankers' Association, reviewed the "general banking interests."

Jr. Nationals Defeat Eugene. The Little Nationals defeated the Eugene street baseball team yesterday by a score of 8 to 7. The game was played at the ball field in Cedar street.

SOUTH CAROLINA SENDS ITS DELEGATES FOR BRYAN

Resolutions Instructing for the Nebraskan Adopted by an Overwhelming Vote—Warm Fight in State.

Columbia, S. C., May 20.—The South Carolina state Democratic convention today instructed the state's delegates to the national convention for the nomination of William J. Bryan for the presidency.

For the past few months a hot fight has been waged in this state by the newspapers for and against Bryan's candidacy, the Columbia State being the foremost in advocacy of the Nebraskan, while the News and Courier, of Charleston, has led the opposition. There was slight trace of this contest, however, in the convention today, the resolution instructing delegates for Bryan being passed by an almost overwhelming majority.

The convention met today at noon and organized by the election of Hon. M. L. Smith, of Camden, a former speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives, as permanent chairman.

The committees on platform and resolutions and constitution were then appointed, being directed to report at the evening session. The convention then,

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