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ELKS HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL CONVENTION

New Bern Ablaze With Light And Color In Honor of The Occasion. Visitors Began to Arrive Yesterday Morning. Open Session Held at Elks Temple Last Night.

Visiting Lodges Will Parade This Afternoon. Will Take a Trip Down Neuse River Tomorrow and Have an Oyster Roast. Business Session Will be Held Today.

Hello Bill! Are you an Elk? The annual State Convention of the North Carolina Elks convened in this city yesterday. For weeks this event has been looked forward to by every Elk in the State, and when at last the day arrived on which these members of the Altered Tribe from all over the Old North State could assemble together and exchange salutations, they did not fail to take advantage of the opportunity.

Quite a large delegation from Durham, Winston Salem and Goldsboro arrived on the morning trains, and on the evening trains a still larger number came over from Wilmington, Kinston, Beaufort, Morehead City, Washington and Elizabeth City.

As can well be imagined, the scene in the reception room of the beautiful Elks temple when these brethren met and gave the "huh sign" was one that will long be remembered by all who participated. The visitors, after partaking of refreshments were assigned to the homes secured for them while in the city.

At 8 o'clock an open session was held. President of the State Association, W. G. Bramham, presided. Mayor C. J. McCarthy, in a well-timed speech welcomed the visitors on behalf of the city of New Bern. He was followed by Exalted Ruler William Dunn, Jr., who welcomed the visitors on behalf of the local lodge of Elks. The response on behalf of the State Association was made by president W. G. Bramham. Mr. Bramham was followed by Messrs T. A. Apple, of Winston-Salem, J. F. Taylor, of Washington, C. A. Gribble, of Durham, H. E. Langley, of Wilmington, C. R. Montgomery, of Concord, and Jos. P. Ferrall of Raleigh, all made short speeches in response on the part of their lodges.

Exalted Ruler, William Dunn, Jr., then presented a beautiful loving cup to the State Association. This was accepted by President Bramham in a very appropriate and eloquent speech.

At the conclusion of this session a social session was held a dinner and generally again prevailed. Brothers of the lodge who had not seen each other for years met and clasped hands beneath the shadow of the emblem which guides them through life.

Among those attending the Convention are President of the State Association, W. G. Bramham, L. B. Markham, secretary of the State Association, A. L. Wisburg, John W. Umstead, Fred Roll, F. B. Still, R. E. Piper, C. A. Gubler, J. R. Pendergrass, L. C. Richardson, Maynard Mangum, J. M. Cagle, W. A. Mabry, J. S. Massey, W. J. Louger, and W. A. Pugh, of Durham; F. A. Garrell, T. A. Apple, F. G. Crutchfield, and W. B. Martin, of Winston-Salem; M. H. Allen and John D. Langston, Goldsboro, First Vice President L. J. Brandt, of Greensboro, Second Vice President, J. F. Ferrall, of Raleigh; W. H. Ellison, H. M. Williams, J. F. Taylor, E. L. Arrendell, Morehead City; H. G. Griffin, of Goldsboro; A. C. Morris, Greensboro; G. W. Midgett, of Oriental; E. A. Jones, of G. Crutchfield, of R. R. and W. G. Newton, of Winston-Salem; W. C. Ayers, Washington; T. A. Walker, Greensboro.

The following program has been arranged for today:

10 am Business session, State Association, Elks Hall.

11 am Parade, Dr. W. M. Gibbs, Chief Marshal.

12 pm Session of New Bern Lodge—Class Initiation.

Anniversary Address—U. S. Senator F. M. Simmons.

Presentation of Loving Cup in visiting lodge.

Social Session.

NEWS FROM STATE CAPITAL

Governor Kitchin Pardons Thomas B. Whitson. Ex-Gov. Aycock's Health Improving.

Raleigh, N. C., March 13.—Editor Josephus Daniels, of the Raleigh News and Observer and democratic national committeeman active in the preparations for the approaching democratic national convention, is improving rather slowly than was hoped for from the rather complicated operation he underwent in R. x hospital here two weeks ago. However, the attending physicians say there is no occasion for anxiety as to his condition and that the fevers that have developed repeatedly are due to overexertion through reading and undue effort to keep in touch with events and accumulated business during the time he is shut in. They hope to have him out in about two weeks in better health than for years.

The news from ex-Governor Chas. B. Aycock is that he is rapidly gaining in health and strength in preparation for getting into an aggressive campaign for the United States senate to succeed United States Senator Simmons. The ex-governor is in University hospital, Philadelphia, taking special treatment for a persistent case of indigestion with complications that has hampered him for several years. So much that his friends have been very anxious about him. He expects to return to Raleigh within a month ready for the campaign and will make his opening campaign speech in Raleigh soon thereafter. It is understood that his campaigning will be primarily for the success of the party with incidental effort in his own behalf in seeking to get from the people an endorsement that will assure his election to the senate by the next legislature.

Thomas B. Whitson, whose sentence to death for murder in Mitchell county many years ago, subsequent commutation to 30 years together with his escape from the penitentiary shortly after beginning his sentence, has formed a rather romantic chapter in North Carolina's criminal annals, need no longer fear a criminal or business rival. He has been granted a conditional pardon by Governor Kitchin and he may now return to his home in Kentucky without danger of being surrendered to the officers.

Mr. Whitson was convicted in the spring of 1892 of murder—there being a second degree murder at that time—and his sentence was commuted to 30 years. Shortly after being sentenced he escaped from prison and went to Kentucky, where he lived well and became a good citizen. A business or church rival betrayed him.

The governor of Kentucky was among the hundreds of people in the two states asking that the pardon be granted. A cousin of the slain man does not believe Mr. Whitson did the killing.

Wire Tree Guards as requested by City Beautiful Club, 75c. each. J. S. Basinight Hdw. Co.

TEXAS MUST BE NEUTRAL

Federal Authorities Insist That The Lone Star State Shall Not Aid Mexicans.

Washington, March 13th.—President Taft had a conference today upon the situation in Mexico with secretary Stimson, senator Culberson and the Texas congressional delegation. It is understood that the president and secretary of war wish to impress upon the Texas authorities that the neutrality must be strictly enforced and that no aid to the Mexican insurgents must go from Texas.

It has been intimated that after the conference president Taft might issue a statement defining the attitude of the United States toward Mexico in the present crisis. It is understood that such a statement, if one is issued, would contain assurances to Mexicans that the United States now has no intention of intervening. The president told his callers today that he would not consider intervention unless Congress authorized him to take such a step.

Dispatches to the state department today from Ambassador Wilson at Mexico City, were partly reassuring and partly disconcerting. Mr. Wilson said that the recent proclamation of president Taft was now apparently understood in Mexico and any fear that it meant the recognition of the belligerents had died out. Mr. Taft's attitude the ambassador said, was now understood and has had a beneficial effect.

The most alarming report made by Mr. Wilson was to the effect that many Americans in the western part of Mexico were so destitute that they needed help to get out of the country. Consideration will probably be given by the state department to the best means to get them out by way of the western ports.

Consular reports today indicated that Japotalan in Jalisco has revolted; that Tapachula in Chiapas is isolated; that the Yuchitecos Indians have been checked and that the Tampico district is quiet.

The Willis Musical Comedy Company appear again to-night in a change of program—Introducing Fighting Indians, also "The Statin." A special set of scenery will be used for this show. At The Athens

To All Concerned.

In order to facilitate the handling of the returned transportation of the delegates to the State Convention of Elks it has been decided that all delegates holding certificates will kindly present them to Mr. L. B. Markham, secretary of the Convention at the earliest possible moment, who will retain same and turn them over to the ticket agent. This will enable the ticket agent to have your transportation ready when you call at the window, giving him your name. It is understood that no reduced rates will be allowed unless there are 200 Elks (visiting) in attendance. For further information apply at ticket office, or the undersigned who can be found at the Club room.

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SOUND V. E. W. ITEMS.

Cartersville, Ga., March 13th.—The war here is somewhat warmer than it has been, we hope it will continue so.

Our farmers are busy getting ready to plant their crops.

Miss D. H. Garner filed her regular application at Will Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. J. A. Mills was the guest of R. C. Bell Sunday.

Mrs. Rebecca Hall and Mrs. Nettie Taylor were the guests of Mrs. Alysia Garner Sunday afternoon.

Messrs D. J. Hall, E. J. Garner and F. W. Garner went over to the Bluffs today and caught a nice lot of sea scallops.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Sanders visited at R. H. Garner's Sunday.

Miss Cattie Hall, of Galois Creek, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Mary Lewis Sunday.

Mr. Harlow Pitt, of Delahoy, passed through our neighborhood Sunday on his way to Wilmington to attend a conference.

T. W. MOORE.

Moving Pictures and Vaudeville, afternoon and night, at The Athens.

The government's fight to split the merger of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railway systems opened in the Supreme Court yesterday.

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