

MISSING GIRL STILL MISSING

And Charley Dempsey May Be Asked to Find Her.

A telephone message from Clyde this morning said that nothing had been seen or heard of Miss Sallie Ray, the 17-year old daughter of John Ray, residing near Ferguson, on Pigeon river, since her sudden and mysterious disappearance last Tuesday evening.

While the remainder of the family were at supper Tuesday evening Miss Ray left her home. When her absence was discovered it was thought that she had eloped with a young man of that neighborhood named Charley Dempsey. Later a note was found in the young woman's room in which she said she intended to commit suicide by drowning. The woman was tracked to the banks of the river and there all trace of her was lost.

The day following Miss Ray's disappearance the river was dragged in the hope of recovering the body if she had committed suicide, but, although the search covered several miles of the river, it was futile.

In connection with the disappearance of Miss Ray several occurrences prior to her leaving home smack of the sensational. It is said that some time ago Charlie Dempsey made some slanderous remarks about Miss Ray, and that John Ray, her father, sued the young man for slander, and the case is now pending in the superior court. It is also said that the young woman sided with Dempsey at the hearing, and a number of people of the Pigeon river section are of the opinion that the note and the threat to commit suicide were simply a ruse on the part of Miss Ray and that she eloped with Mr. Dempsey.

It is said, however, that Mr. Dempsey has been seen several times since the girl disappeared and says he knows nothing of her whereabouts.

The people of the Pigeon river section are stirred up over the affair and have so far failed to arrive at any explanation of the strange occurrence. —Gazette-News, December 12.

TIT AND TAT IN THE HOUSE

Between Factions on the Panama Canal Policy.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The birth of the Republic of Panama and its recognition by this government was the subject of a spirited debate in the house today. Mr. Dismore (Dem., Ark.) during the consideration of the pensions appropriation bill, severely criticized the administration in connection with the canal, and Mr. Hitt (Rep., Ills.) chairman of the committee on foreign affairs replied in a vigorous defense of the President and his Central American policy.

Mr. Williams (Dem., Miss.) the minority leader, replied to Mr. Hitt, declaring that the minority did not condone that part taken by this government in connection with Panama affairs.

Nearly the whole of the four hours session was taken up in a discussion of the Isthmian question. No conclusion was reached on the pension bill.

Mr. Van Vorhis (Rep., Ohio) of the appropriations committee, made a statement concerning the provisions of the bill before the debate digressed to Panama.

The house adjourned over until Monday.

Hoke vs. Henderson Reversed

Raleigh cor. Charlotte News. The famous case of Hoke vs. Henderson, decided by the Supreme Court of this State in 1883, and holding that an officer appointed for a definite term to a legislative office has a vested property interest in such office, was overruled Wednesday by the Supreme Court in the decision rendered by it in the case of Mall vs. Ellington.

The opinion was delivered by Justice Connor and concurred in by all the justices except Justice Montgomery and Douglas. Chief Justice Clark filed a concurring opinion and Justice Montgomery a vigorous dissenting opinion.

NO APPEAL FOR DR. JAY

Will Begin His Sentence at Once in Penitentiary.

It is practically decided that the appeal taken by Dr. Jay, the child-slaughterer, will not be prosecuted.

While W. J. Cooke and Judge H. B. Carter, the attorneys who defended Jay were not prepared yesterday to definitely make this announcement it is likely that they will do so today. Upon being notified of this Jay will be taken to the penitentiary by the sheriff.

In speaking of the matter yesterday Mr. Cooke said that if the appeal was withdrawn it would not be because the remaining indictments against Jay for killing his other two children, were still pending. He said this fact would not influence Judge Carter and himself at all.

The attorneys were complimented by Judge Jones for their able defense when he sentenced Jay and they are convinced that they have done their duty. —Citizen.

A Washington Excursion And Quill-Pushers.

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ting and space, as there were upward of 150 of the most prominent places passed enroute.

A theatre party was given Thursday evening by the various North Carolina Congressmen, to the visitors from their respective districts and "we" were, of course, under the watchful care of Congressman Gudger, who escorted us to witness the rendition of A Proud Prince at the magnificent Metropolitan theatre.

The excursion to Mt. Vernon and the trip around Washington on the trolley cars were graciously provided by The Southern Printers Supply Co., The Maurice-Joyce Engraving Co., and The R. P. Andrews Paper Co., of Washington, to whom the visiting "Tar Heels" are deeply grateful. No little enjoyment was experienced upon each of these trips.

Another very interesting feature of our stay at the National capital was a carriage driver over the city on Friday, provided by the North Carolina delegation in Congress. Among the places of interest taken in on this trip were: The Treasury Department, Bureau of Printing and Engraving, National Museum, Washington Monument and the White House, later, The Bureau of Labor and Pruting is where United currency, postage and revenue stamps are made, and everything is done by hand. It is interesting to watch the process. In the National Museum are many things novel and interesting.

From this we were directed to the capitol to witness the opening of Congress, being admitted on the first floor. Our party passed over the Speaker's stand and many sat for a moment in the Speaker's chair. The session of Congress that day lasted only about minutes, and furnished conclusive evidence of how a Republican House can meet and adjourn without doing anything. After the brief session had adjourned our party was introduced to Speaker Cannon and Congressman William Randolph Hearst, of New York, who is also editor of the American, the largest newspaper in America. Mr. Hearst is a tall, handsome young man and the picture of perfect health. He possesses a large amount of natural ability and is destined to be a great power in American politics. He is a Democrat of unquestionable courage and convictions. Mr. Hearst had, previous to meeting the editors, ordered that a box of American Beauty roses be sent to each lady member of the party, which they found in their rooms upon returning to the hotel.

IN BALTIMORE.

On Friday evening the writer and his companion boarded a "high flyer" over the Pennsylvania railroad for Baltimore, arriving after an hour's ride at the hospitable home of Rev. and Mrs. B. P. Robertson, at 1116 North Fulton avenue, where a cordial welcome and an old-time Southern hospitality awaited us. After spending a pleasant night we were shown over the city by Mr. Robertson, his charming wife and Miss Corrie Osborne, who has been visiting there for several months.

Baltimore is quite different from Washington and not nearly so beautiful, yet much larger and more flourishing. Surely man has never conceived a more beautiful city than Washington, with its broad avenues and streets, parks, public buildings, and handsome residences, but Baltimore is a far in the lead as a commercial center and money making here seems to be the order of the day. The great department stores are a revelation and here, too, are magnificent public buildings, elegant church edifices, splendid hotels, sky-scraping commercial houses and about everything to be found in an up-to-date progressive city. Baltimore is three times the size of Washington and a very interesting city. We enjoyed the stay there very much.

BACK IN WASHINGTON.

On Saturday afternoon the writer returned to the Capital city and remained there until Tuesday evening. About all of this time was spent with Mr. B. H. Kirkpatrick the efficient and energetic secretary to Congressman Gudger. Together we took in the sights of Washington and attended the sessions of Congress. There is not a more competent clerk to any representative of the entire country than is Mr. Kirkpatrick, nor one who does more work. He is busy all the time and the people of the 10th North Carolina district are getting every thing they are entitled to under the rules of the various departments—even more.

Congressman Gudger, although handicapped by the unwarranted contest of the client attorneys of the late lamented, J. M. Moody, seems entirely home and spared no efforts to make our stay pleasant and profitable.

The entire trip was replete with features of enjoyment and along with the genial hosts in Washington we wish to thank President H. B. Varner and Secretary J. B. Sherrill for their efforts and attending successes in perfecting arrangements for this most delightful outing.

The next meeting of the Association will be held in St. Louis next May and later invitations to go to Baltimore will doubtless be considered favorably.

M. L. S.

The New York papers are 'discussing whether to send a fashion expert or a musical critic to report the grand opera.

73 Annual Meeting of the Baptist State Convention.

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with a song on its lips, rubbed the debt off the slate.

The scene was interesting if not inspiring. Rocky Mount led off with a \$100 subscription, and quickly other churches followed. Whenever there was a brief pause in the announcement of contributions some speaker, with fervid oratory, would arise and ask, or command, further gifts from the audience. At the end of giving, enthusiasm was so manifest that a spectator might easily have been led to believe that if Dr. Vann had asked for \$10,000 or \$20,000 either it would have been forthcoming.

During the day other important matters were considered or acted upon.

The contributions for home missions for next year was increased from \$7,700 to \$12,000.

The greatness and the needs of Wake Forest College were discussed at length; and the trustees have stated that \$50,000 are needed for necessary improvement. The affairs of the college will be considered again this morning.

Dr. Calley, of Chicago, delivered a forceful address on the young people's work.

The work of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board was endorsed. It was reported that the Historical Society of the State Baptist Church had engaged the services of Rev. Dr. J. D. Huffman.

It is understood that a properly authorized committee will recommend that the State convention be held at Elizabeth City next year.

SATURDAY

Interesting topics again came up for discussion in the three sessions held yesterday.

At the morning session it was decided to elect a Sunday School field worker, who will be under the supervision of the State Sunday School Board, and \$1,000 will be appropriated for this work. The State Board of Missions was authorized to secure more than 50 ministerial students for colporteur's work in destitute sections. The students will be engaged in this service during their vacation. For this purpose the board was authorized to use \$1,200 from the general fund.

Dangers that confront the Baptist churches were mentioned in a report on the spiritual condition of the State churches, and a recommendation for special time for prayer was made.

The report of the committee on publications provoked a spirited debate in which Rev. J. C. Massee, of Raleigh, expressed the fear that there are serious dangers in the license of the secular press, and thought that the day was not far distant, when the government would lay the strong arm of the law on the press.

The mid-summer meeting at Jackson Springs will be continued.

The resolution promising to stand by the trustees of Wake Forest College in their efforts to enlarge the usefulness of the college was adopted.

At the afternoon session the convention adopted a resolution condemning the running of trains on Sunday; and pledging itself to the cause of education as the best safe-guard of government.

At the night session strong temperance speeches were made by Dr. E. E. Folk, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Tennessee, and by J. W. Bailey, editor of the Biblical Recorder and chairman of the Anti-Saloon League of North Carolina.

PLACE OF MEETING.

The committee on place for next meeting reported in favor of Elizabeth City, Rev. J. W. Lynch, of Wake Forest, to preach the sermon, with Rev. C. H. Durham alternate, and the date be changed to third Wednesday in November.

Bennett Will Again.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 11.—Counsel for Mrs. Bennett, widow of Philo S. Bennett, today filed a long statement of the reason for the appeal recently taken from the decision of Probate Judge Cleveland in relation to Mrs. Bennett's will. The document filed today, after repeating the clauses of the will to which objection if taken says in effect that Mr. and Mrs. Bryan "induced and persuaded" Mr. Bennett to sign a paper addressed to William J. Bryan and to copy a considerable portion of another paper, the said copy to be addressed to Mrs. Bennett. The papers referred to are the sealed letter by which Mr. Bryan and family were to be given \$50,000 by consent of Mrs. Bennett, and a letter similar in report which Mr. Bryan produced in court.

Dr. Bryan's Address.

Charlotte, Dec. 11.—Rev. Dr. A. R. Bryan, the returned missionary from China, delivered a very interesting address at the meeting of the Baptist women, in Tryon Street Methodist church, in the morning. He made an earnest appeal for assistance in building a school for boys in China, and asked the Baptist women of North Carolina to contribute \$500 during the coming year for this object.

Several pledges were made by representatives of the different societies, and the entire amount will be raised during the year.

The financial report was read, showing that over \$11,000 was contributed by the women to home, State and foreign missions during the past year. It was determined to raise \$13,000 for these purposes during the coming year, exclusive of the \$500 pledged for Mr. Bryan's school.

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Most women take too much medicine and some men don't take enough.

A soft answer turneth away wrath, but it seldom works on book agents.

It might be just as well to remember that fast men are usually slow pay.

Women don't think much of a doctor unless he has a dozen different shapes of pills in stock.

A sack of flour and a barrel of potatoes will convert a poor family quicker than a carload of gospel tracts.

A young man can't expect to keep his trousers creased when he is courting.

Virtue that has never been put to the test isn't the kind that takes people to heaven.

The people who contend that diamonds are vulgar are usually those who haven't any.

TREASURY IN FINE SHAPE.

Literary Fund \$30,107 to the Good.

The total receipts and disbursements of the State for the fiscal year ending November 30th, 1903, were given out yesterday from the office of the State Auditor, who has just completed his work of balancing the books.

The net receipts for the year just closed were \$2,269,638.86. Adding to this balance on hand December 31st, 1902, makes a total of \$2,322,042.50. The disbursements have amounted to \$2,291,934.31. This leaves a balance on hand, now of \$120,438.19, a fine showing considering what has been accomplished during the year, as well as the fact that the \$220,000 borrowed last year has been paid back in full.

As for the literary fund of the State Board of Education, which is of course not included in the above figures, the receipts during the year amounted to \$101,997.74, and the balance on hand December 1st, 1903, was \$48,909.18, making altogether \$150,906.92. Out of this was paid for the public school \$120,799.83. Accordingly there is a balance on hand to the credit of the State Board of Education of \$30,107.09. A considerable portion of these disbursements consisted in loans to different counties for the building of new school houses and the improvement of old ones.—News and Observer Dec. 4.

Special Rates.

Centennial Celebration of Transfer of the Louisiana Purchase from France to the United States, on account of the above occasion the Southern Railway will sell tickets New Orleans La., and return on Dec. 16th and 17th, 1903, with final limit Dec. 22nd, 1903. Rate one first class fare plus 25c for the round trip.

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