

CLANS GATHERING

Our Democratic Brethren Meet To-Night.

IMPORTANT MEETING

TO SOUND THE KEY-NOTE FOR THE NEXT CAMPAIGN.

Chairman Manly Already Here--A Full Attendance--Col. Means Has Arrived--Meet at the Yarbrough.

The brethren are gathering and the hotels and private houses are beginning to fill up with guests who have arrived to attend either Conference or the meeting of the State Democratic Executive committee.

The Democratic brethren who, it is said, will to-night sound the key-note for the next campaign, are principally stopping at the Yarbrough. Chairman Manly arrived on the afternoon train and it has been definitely decided that the meeting will be held to-night at 8 o'clock in Room 44, Yarbrough House.

Several members of the committee arrived yesterday, but nothing can be learned as to the probable result of the meeting farther than has already been published in this paper.

Editor H. A. London, of the Chatham Record, and Hon. Solomon Gallert, of Rutherfordton, were the first to arrive, and they have eagerly awaited the arrival of members.

Messrs. Heriot Clarkson and R. J. Brevard, of Charlotte, were among the next to arrive. There has been little discussion among the members, though the meeting is an important one.

Among those who have arrived by the morning train were Messrs. D. M. Luther, of Asheville; J. J. Laughinghouse, of Grimesland; E. C. Beddingfield, of Millbrook; A. E. Walters, of Reidsville; Paul B. Means, of Concord; R. N. Hackett, of Wilkesboro; W. C. Newland, of Lenoir; R. L. Durham, of Gaston, and J. R. Young, of Henderson.

TO MEET IN RALEIGH.

The Association of Academics of North Carolina will hold a meeting in Raleigh beginning Tuesday, December 28th. This Association now embraces in its membership the leading academies and high schools of the State, and the coming meeting promises to be well attended and very helpful and interesting. An attractive programme has been arranged. The principals and teachers of private schools for secondary instruction in North Carolina may become members of this Association.

Reduced hotel and railroad rates have been secured for those who attend. A full programme may be had by addressing the Secretary, W. T. Whitsett, Whitsett, N. C.

SUPREME COURT.

The cases from the Tenth Judicial district were entered upon yesterday morning and the following disposed of:

State vs. Austin and State vs. Wilson, argued by Attorney General and J. T. Perkins for the State; and E. J. Justice for defendant.

State vs. Cain and State vs. Dickson, dismissed on motion of Attorney General.

State vs. Gregg, argued by Attorney General and W. C. Newland for State; W. H. Bower and Edmund Jones for defendant.

State vs. Hagaman, argued by Attorney General and W. C. Newland for State; W. H. Bower for defendant.

THE UNIVERSITY FARM.

The executive committee of the University of North Carolina met in the Governor's office yesterday afternoon to take into consideration the lease of the Mason farm, which was given to the University by the late Rev. J. P. Mason and wife as a memorial to their children. The committee decided to leave the matter in the hands of President Alderman and Prof. Gore. Maj. James W. Wilson presided at the meeting and the following other members were present: Col. Thomas S. Kenan, Mr. R. H. Battle, and Dr. B. H. Lewis.

WILL BE ILLUSTRATED.

The report of the Labor Commissioner is now in the hands of the printer, and will be a very beautiful and useful book. Of course it was given to Barnes to print--no lowest-bidder-business is ever heard of when Barnes wants a job--and he wants all the fat ones like this. The report will be handsomely illustrated with pictures of cotton mills and the fruit and fish industries. These cuts are from special editions of the News and Observer published last year.

MAYOR'S COURT.

Will Sanderford, (col.), was brought before the Mayor this morning for an assault on another negro named Woods. Sanderford was fined \$10 and dismissed.

VESTRY ELECTED LAST NIGHT.

But They Will Not Go on Duty Until Easter, 1898.

At a meeting held last evening, called for the purpose of choosing a vestry for the parish of Christ church, the following gentlemen were elected: Dr. R. H. Lewis, Dr. V. E. Turner, Dr. P. E. Hines, Mr. J. I. Johnson, Mr. J. C. Drewry, Mr. C. M. Hawkins, Mr. Chas. Root, Mr. Chas. McKimmon, Mr. C. M. Busbee, Mr. William Grimes, Mr. John Ward, Mr. F. P. Haywood, Jr.

At the meeting of the congregation of the Church of the Good Shepherd, a vestry was chosen as follows: Mr. R. H. Battle, Mr. Hugh Morson, Mr. B. S. Skinner, Hon. J. B. Batcherlor, Mr. F. T. Ward, Mr. C. G. Latta, Mr. C. C. McDonald, Mr. W. E. Foster, Mr. Wm. Woolcott, Dr. K. P. Battle, Mr. H. F. Smith and Dr. A. W. Knox.

Owing to a change in the canons of the Diocese at the last convention, the term of the vestry will go in effect on Easter Monday, 1898.

THE COLORED CONFERENCE.

A Big Educational Meeting Last Night--\$3,000 Raised.

At the educational meeting last night, Prof. John R. Hawkins, of Kittrell, commissioner of education, addressed the colored Methodist conference on the subject of education. "It was a very fine speech," said parson Leak last night, "the effort of his life." The collection amounted to \$237.00.

The woman's meeting will be held today at 2 o'clock, and will be addressed by Mrs. Mary F. Mandy, wife of the Bishop.

It was over \$3,000 paid into the conference for all claims and not \$300, as printed heretofore.

The conference will adjourn to-night or to-morrow morning.

FUNERAL OF MRS. LITTLE.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Craven (Haywood) Little was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Christ church. The Rev. Dr. Marshall and his assistant, Rev. Mr. Weston, read the service.

The large number of people present indicated the high esteem in which this saintly woman was held. The floral offerings were very beautiful.

The interment was in the city cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. J. B. Hill, John C. Drewry, John T. Pullen, Charles McKimmon, James I. Johnson, Graham Haywood, R. H. Battle and Edgar Haywood.

Mrs. Little was a daughter of the late Stephen Haywood, of this city. She was born on March 16th, 1812. On February 1, 1832, she was married to the late Colonel George Little, of Halifax county, who afterwards removed to Raleigh. Though several children were born to this union, only one daughter, Miss Lucinda Little survives, Dr. William Little, of Raleigh; George Little, Esq., of Hertford county, and Mrs. James P. Moore, of Halifax county, all deceased, were her children.

THE EUCHRE CLUB.

The members of the Euchre Club were delightfully entertained last night by Miss Sophy Busbee, in honor of her friend, Miss Eliza Bellamy, of Wilmington.

Miss Dortch, of Mississippi, who is the guest of Mrs. Thomas Kenan, won the ladies' prize, a beautiful pair of embroidery scissors, and Dr. Ayer, the champion euchre player, won the gentleman's prize, a pair of cuff buttons.

THE MONDAY EVENING CLUB.

The Monday Evening Club met last night at 8 o'clock, at the residence of Judge Walter A. Montgomery, on North Person street. The subject considered was the "Victorian Age of Literature."

The following persons read papers or gave readings upon appropriate subjects: Mr. W. G. Randall, Mr. W. J. Peale, Mrs. W. A. Montgomery, Miss Emmie McVea and Miss Lucy Battle.

Musical selections, with conversation, completed the evening's entertainment.

MUSICALES AT THE YARBORO.

On account of interference with other entertainments, the musicale that was to have been in the Yarboro House dining room, next Friday evening has been postponed till the following Friday, December 10th. There will be recitations, and both vocal and instrumental music rendered by Mrs. Chas. McKimmon, Miss Holden, Miss Bettie Dinwiddie, Prof. Howell, Miss Bush, Miss Boylan, Dr. Royster, Miss Lemon, Miss Hughes, Miss Mary Dinwiddie, Miss Caspari, Miss Norris, Miss Tucker, Little Agnes Lacy, Mayor Russ, Mr. W. C. Stronach and Mr. B. R. Lacy.

COTTON GROWERS' CONVENTION.

Gov. Russell to-day appointed Ham. T. Jones and W. P. Batchelor, of Wake; and J. P. Sossamon, of Mecklenburg, as delegates from the State-at-large to the Cotton Growers' Convention in Atlanta, December 14.

IS INSANITY INCREASING?

A crazy colored woman, Lucinda Pointer, of this city, was yesterday sent down to Goldsboro to the insane asylum. A white man, H. M. Marcon, of Holly Springs, was put in jail to await till room can be made for him in the insane asylum here.

TO-NIGHT

Will Speak on Life of Late Wm. Closs.

PREACHERS ARE HERE

THEY RECEIVE WARM GREETINGS FROM THEIR HOSTS.

The Conference Opens Regularly To-morrow Morning With the Celebration of the Lord's Supper.

The shouters are here. That is what Mr. Christian would have said if he had been at the depot to-day when the Methodist preachers came in by the car load.

A well-dressed, fine looking body of men they are, and I felt glad to see so many of them in Raleigh. They will do good and let us hope we will do them good!

Many of the preachers called at the home of Mr. Jos. G. Brown to see Bishop Hargrove.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Methodist Conference meets to-morrow morning at Edenton Street Methodist church. To-night at 8 o'clock Rev. E. A. Yates, D. D., will lecture on the life of William Closs.

\$300,000 FOR IMPROVEMENT.

Has Been Appropriated to Connect the Raleigh Exchange With the Outside World.

Mr. Geo. H. Glass, manager of the Raleigh Telephone Exchange, was happy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. W. J. Crews, of the Bell Telephone Company, visited the Raleigh Exchange yesterday and made diagrams of trunk lines running out from Raleigh to Henderson, Goldsboro and Greensboro. He stated that the company had appropriated and would spend for this work \$300,000 during the next eight months.

"That's a big thing for Raleigh," said Mr. Glass.

MASS MEETING TO-NIGHT.

Evangelist Lee Will Speak on Temperance at the Academy.

There will be a Temperance mass meeting at the Academy of Music to-night at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. J. W. Lee, the Irish evangelist, will speak. All are invited. The ladies will be welcomed.

Mr. Lee leaves to-morrow for Plymouth, Washington county, where he will stump the county for ten days. From there he will go to Florida.

DEATH OF MR. GASTON WILDER.

Mr. Gaston Wilder, railroad agent at Auburn, died of rheumatism Sunday night and was buried Monday afternoon at Mt. Moriah church. The deceased was about 35 years old, and had been agent at Auburn about 15 years. He leaves a wife and two children. His wife is a daughter of W. W. H. Hampton, a blind Confederate soldier well known in this city. Mr. Wilder was a man of high character and highly esteemed by all who knew him.

A FINE LECTURE.

A very large audience heard Mr. C. M. Busbee's talk at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon. The Charlotte Old Fellows attended in force, and all remarked upon the lecture as a fine one. Charlotte Observer.

NEW CORPORATION.

The Sanford Water and Light Company, of Sanford, N. C., was incorporated to-day with a capital stock of \$25,000. The company will be authorized to commence business when \$1,000 has been subscribed to the stock. The following are subscribers to the capital stock: W. A. Monroe, W. J. Edwards, Sanford Saah and Blind Co., B. Cole and Moffitt Bros.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

The Ocala Banner Nominates Justice Walter Clark as Bryan's Running Mate.

The Ocala Banner of last week says: In the next National campaign Bryan's running mate should be a southern man. The Banner nominates Judge Walter Clark of North Carolina.

BAPTIST CONVENTION.

An unusually large number of Raleigh people are preparing to attend the Baptist State convention which meets in Oxford, December 9th. There are four white Baptist churches and several missions in this city, with a membership of some 2,000. Raleigh is therefore always well represented in the council of the denomination. Special rates have been given on all the railroads.

WAIFS CARED FOR.

Two Little Country Beauties Leave Their Drunken Father.

Martha Ganey, aged 13, and her sister, Ida, aged 16, arrived here yesterday morning in the care of a Pythian and were carried to the home of Mrs. Welsh, on Martin street.

These two little ones wandered from their mother who had given her consent for them to seek shelter elsewhere and that good man, Stanhope Wynne, has given each of the little women a position in the Raleigh Cotton Mills.

The children's lives were most miserable at their home at Gully's Mill, as their father continually under the influence of liquors would be cross and cruel to them.

Good Mrs. Welsh looked tenderly after the little ones and this afternoon when Officer Rogers called to take them to their new home, little Martha bade her farewell but almost cried to part with the good lady whom she had learned to love in a day's time.

They were sent here from Goldsboro by kind gentlemen and letters to Pythians here assured them of the most tender treatment.

BIG CONCERT COMING.

The Veteran Corps Band Will Give an Entertainment at the Academy December 14th.

The Veteran Corps Band of Baltimore, with a female cornetist and soloist, will give a performance at the Academy of Music on the night of December 14th. The proceeds will be divided with the Daughters of the Confederacy and the veterans of the Soldier's Home.

This magnificent band was organized in 1892, under the leadership of Prof. Wm. H. Pindell as the 5th Regiment Veteran Corps Band, and under that name it went to Richmond, in which city it was said to have been the finest band ever heard there. In '93 it again appeared in Richmond at the funeral of Ex-President Jefferson Davis, of the Confederate States, when its superb rendition of "Nearer My God to Thee" was published through the South as the most magnificent piece of music ever heard.

In 1894 it was determined to put the band in a stock company, and it was then incorporated as a stock company under the name of "The Veteran Corps Band of Baltimore City," with the above named officers. This band then procured a uniform which is one of the handsomest in America. The band has been picked from the musicians of Baltimore, being the best in the State of Maryland, and ranks to-day one of the finest bands in the United States, having just returned from a trip through Virginia where the critics place them as the equal of any band in the country.

NEWS IN CHINA.

Pekin, Nov. 30.--Inquiries made here in Chinese official circles confirm the statements contained in dispatches from Shanghai, giving the substance of the demands made by Baron Von Heyking, the German Minister to China, as a result of the murder recently of German missionaries and the destruction of German mission property. Germany, through her minister, asks for the discovery and execution of the murderers of the missionaries, Nies, and Henle; the punishment of the implicated officials, including the Governor of the Shan-Tung province, in which part of China the mission was situated; the reconstruction of the missionary buildings, the payment of indemnity of 600,000 taels to the relative of the victims, the payment of a heavy indemnity to cover the expenses of the German naval expedition and the maintenance of the German force at Kiao-Chu Bay, the railroad monopoly of the Shan-Tung province and the occupation of Kiao-Chou Bay as a German coaling station.

China will refuse the demands of Germany but will express willingness to make ample reparation for the murder of the missionaries and for the damage done to the mission property.

Russion, it is understood, is not yet helping China, but the latter country has decided not to provoke hostilities, and to trust to diplomacy for a settlement of the difficulties which have arisen in connection with the mission outrages.

A \$300,000 FIRE.

Escanaba, Mich., Nov. 30.--Fire started in the steamer Nahant, loading ore at No. 4 dock, got such a firm headway that it communicated to the dock. At this writing it is certain that both boat and dock will be utterly destroyed. The fire department is hopeless. It is reported as almost certain that if the crew of the Nahant remained on the boat they had no chance of escape and have been cremated. Their names are not known. The total loss will be fully \$300,000.

NEW FIRM.

The Acme Wine Company, located in Raleigh, N. C., is putting in tab-

WORST OF STORMS

It Was Cyclonic In Its Violence.

GALE IS SOUTHWARD

ROUGH WEATHER IS PREDICTED ALONG THE COAST OF FRANCE.

Immense Damage Done Everywhere in the Wake of the Storm--Gas Works Are Flooded.

London, Nov. 30.--The latest reports from various points along the coast show that the gale which swept English waters yesterday and last night and which had not abated its fury up to noon to-day, was one of the worst storms of recent years.

In many places it was almost cyclonic in its violence and the long list of disasters includes a large loss of life, many wrecks of large vessels and the loss of scores, if not hundreds of smaller craft, with serious damage to property ashore at many important towns. In the north the wind was accompanied by blinding snow and hail that hid the lights and immensely increased the difficulties of navigation. Many ships are known to have foundered, in most cases, it is feared, with all on board.

Scarcely a town on the coast has escaped without more or less injury, falling walls and flying debris adding to the loss of life.

There have been rocket and life boat rescues almost without number. Stories of thrilling escapes come from all points. On the Norfolk coast, between Bacton and Happisburg, five vessels, as yet unidentified, went down, and the crews of all perished. A number of bodies have been washed ashore near Yarmouth. The brig lugger was wrecked off Hemsby. The coast guard service made desperate efforts to save the crew, and succeeded in getting a line on board. A dying woman was "rocketed" in safety; and then the brig capsized, all three of the ship's company perishing.

A large steam collier dashed upon Flamborough Head, the famous promontory on the north sea coast, floated on and then foundered with all on board. A steamer not yet identified was wrecked on Bridlington Sands, with her entire company.

Last evening the ship Rose of Devon, Captain Davis, went on the rocks near Ledruth, Cornwall, where she pounded all night, her crew of twelve perishing. This morning the bodies of the captain and five seamen, all wearing life belts, were washed ashore. The British ship Larnica, Captain Burgess, was driven ashore near Fleetwood, at the entrance of Moretown Bay, about 18 miles northwest of Preston. The crew were saved, but the position of the vessel is dangerous. She left St. John, N. B., November 1st, for Fleetwood. Phenomenally high tides are reported in many localities. The district near the mouth of the Thames has suffered severely, several townships being partly submerged. The Sheerness Dock Yard, and the Woolwich Arsenal were inundated. At Scarborough, the fashionable watering place, the sea wall was washed away. At Yarmouth, Lowestoft and other coast towns of Norfolk, the Espanades were flooded.

At Liverpool the squalls blew off the roofs of several houses, threw down chimneys and tore up trees. The Mersey flooded its banks on the Chester side and deluged the shore for miles.

Similar disasters occurred at Holy head, where a number of valuable yachts were sunk at their moorings. Scarcely a vestige remains in sight of the wreck of Lord Nelson's old flag ship, the Foudroyant, long fast in the sands of Blackpool. There is a great deal of wreckage near the Godwin Sands.

The scenes at such popular resorts as Yarmouth and Margate were of great grandeur, but the damage done was enormous. Tremendous seas still invade the gardens of the hotels and residences, wrecking the parades and buildings, while much debris is floating about.

Immense damage has been done to the government property at the Sheerness Dock Yard and the Woolwich Arsenal. Seven thousand troops were hurriedly ordered to-day to remove thousands of pounds worth of ammunition and stores from the wharves and sheds to places of safety.

The tide continued to rise and invade almost all the warships, quenched the engine fires and stopped the electric lights. The workmen were obliged to go home, wading knee deep. Despite all the precautions, damage to the amount of many thousands of pounds has been lost. At Sheerness and Queensboro, two miles away, hundreds of acres of land have

been submerged, scores of cellars flooded and 200 yards of Sheerness pier have been swept away.

The boom of distress from Goodwin Sands has been almost continuous. Below London the low flying houses and cellars are flooded and all work is temporarily suspended along the Thames even as high as Charing Cross. The continual rising of the river is looked upon as ominous, though yet no damage has been done above London Bridge.

Six vessels were wrecked between Yarmouth and Bacton, only a few miles apart on the Norfolk coast, and twenty five lives lost. The brig Vedra stranded at Bacton. The storm tore out her masts, and when the rocket line dragged them into the surf, and three out of seven were drowned.

Rochester and Strood, on the Medway, about 30 miles southeast of London, have suffered severely. At Rochester the gas works are flooded and the town is in darkness.

The gale is now traveling southward and traversing various parts of the continent. Very rough weather is reported along the north coast of France.

FINE YOUNG MAN.

High Praise of a Popular Young Citizen of Raleigh.

The Biblical Recorder pays the following deserved compliment to a young man of this city who goes to Greensboro to live:

"Raleigh Baptists are greatly the losers and Greensboro gains greatly in the departure of Brother Joseph F. Watson for that city. As a church-worker there was never a young man in Raleigh that could surpass him. In the Sunday School, the prayer-meeting, the Young People's meeting and the Conference he never failed to do his part; and not stopping with this, he has given himself freely to work in the mission chapels, etc. Although young, making his own living and having to work hard, not a college man, nor of robust physical powers, he has wielded an imperishable influence here in Raleigh. He has shown us all what a young man can do in Christ's name. We congratulate Greensboro and the Odell Hardware Co. upon securing him. He is as faithful in business as in religion; and wherever he may go we commend him to all Christian people. He will retain the Secretaryship of our State organization of Young People until his term expires, and letters may hereafter be directed to him at Greensboro, N. C."

THE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Wake County Teachers Urged to Attend the Next Meeting.

On account of the small attendance upon the meeting of the Wake County Teachers' Association Saturday, the work of organization was not completed, as had been intended.

A constitution and by-laws were adopted, but no officers were chosen. This will be done at the next meeting, the second Saturday in January. Supervisor Norris declined, for several reasons, to become president of the association, and in this action State Superintendent Mebane, who was present endorsed him.

It is desired to make it in truth a teachers'--and not an officers'--association, the objects of which, as set forth in the constitution, are "improvement of its members in the science of teaching and in the most improved methods and practices; the diffusion of information upon the system of common-school education among the people; promoting harmony of feeling and action between teachers, school officers and people; the greatest possible advancement in general information; the cultivation of social virtues, and the great principle of the brotherhood of the human race among its members."

An effort will be made to get all the leading teachers in the county interested in the association and secure their attendance at the next meeting. It is very important that they do this and select the most energetic and wide-awake teachers in the county as officers of the association, in order to make it a success.

"Wake county," said Superintendent Mebane yesterday, "ought to have a large association. Now is the time for the teachers to act. This is not to be an association of the Supervisor or the State Superintendent, but an association of the teachers in the county who will come and join will have a voice in the selection of its officers. A teacher who has not this much interest in the profession ought to quit teaching and do something else."

RALEIGH AHEAD.

Ships Spokes From the Factory Here to England.

Yesterday a lot of spokes were shipped from the Wagon Works to Liverpool England. They were shaped at the Mills Manufacturing Company, and left yesterday for their far away home.

OLD PAPERS.

The Durham Sun tells of two copies of the Raleigh News brought to that office, bearing the dates August 11 and 12, 1875. Col. John D. Cameron, of Asheville, was then editor of the News, and Jordan Stone was associate editor.

Editor Henry B. Varner, editor of the Davidson Dispatch, Lexington, N. C., is here to attend the meeting of the Executive committee to-night. Mr. Varner occupies the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. M. H. Pimix.