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OVER SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS RAISED AT PIEDMONT IN THIRTY MINUTES

Supreme Moment in History of This Institution—Major Schenck Gives Liberally and Calls For Subscriptions—Mr. Bickett Speaks.

The happiest moment in the history of Piedmont High School was Wednesday morning immediately following the magnificent address of Attorney General Thomas W. Bickett when \$6,187 was raised in less than 30 minutes by Major H. F. Schenck for the purpose of paying off the indebtedness of the school, painting and finishing the building and installing a system of water works. Starting out to raise only \$5,000, the people gave so liberally that before Major Schenck took his seat, nearly \$2,000 more than the amount set out to be raised was readily subscribed. Prof. W. D. Burns, his teachers and the friends and patrons are jubilant, for it tides the institution over the reverse occasioned by the fire last year and enables them to finish and equip the buildings so more students can be accommodated and better work can be done.

MAJOR GIVES \$1,200

It was Major Schenck who steered the campaign on to success. After Mr. Bickett had delivered a masterful address on education and man's duty to get it and foster schools for young people which paved the way for the campaign, Major Schenck that captain of industry friend of education, promoter of Piedmont, rose to his feet before that magnificent audience and started to call for contributions by giving \$1,200 himself. Realizing the great blessing that Piedmont is to this county and State and with hope for its great future, the people responded liberally. It was a supreme moment and when the goal was reached, a feeling of gladness arose in the heart of every man, woman and child there.

MEDALS AWARDED

Commencement exercises began Sunday with the annual sermon by Rev. Dr. Joseph L. Murphy, president of Claremont College. It was a masterful discourse and a great crowd heard him. Monday night was a debate in which C. J. Pruett and D. H. Peeler represented the affirmative, while D. E. Grigg and W. E. White upheld the negative. The affirmative won and Mr. R. E. Grigg was awarded the medal for the best speech of the four contestants.

The scholarship medal was awarded to Miss Bessie Mull, while Miss Louise Wallace won the medal for the best recitation.

In the contest in declamations Tuesday afternoon Mr. L. R. Tate was awarded a medal. At night a breezy little play was produced by members of the student body. At the graduating exercises Wednesday afternoon diplomas were awarded to Amie Clippard, Posie E. Downs, H. Rowland English, Lou Bessie Mull and W. Farel Warlick of the class of 1911. On account of the fire last year the diplomas were not awarded, so the following members of the class

OIL TRUST MUST BE DISSOLVED

SUPREME COURT SUSTAINS THE GOVERNMENT

Epoch Making Decision Of The Supreme Court Of The United States Given After Months Of Mature Thought—Must Dissolve In Six Months—Tobacco Case Decision Comes Next.

Washington, May 15.—The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and its nineteen subsidiary corporations were declared today by the Supreme Court of the United States to be a conspiracy and combination in restraint of trade. It also was held to be monopolizing interstate commerce in violation of the Sherman antitrust law. The dissolution of the combination was ordered to take place within six months.

Thus ended the tremendous struggle of years on the part of the government to put down by authority of law a combination which it claimed was a menace to the industrial and economic advancement of the entire country.

HARLAN DISSENTS

At the same time the court interpreted the Sherman anti-trust law so as to limit its application to acts of "undue" restraint of trade and not "every" restraint of trade. It was on this point that the only discordant note was heard in the court. Justice Harlan dissented claiming that cases already decided by the court had determined once for all that the word "undue" or "unreasonable" or similar words were not in the statute. He declared that the reasoning of the court in arriving at its findings was in effect legislation which belonged in every instance to Congress and not to the courts.

A PRAYER ANSWERED

Ever since the decree in this case in the lower court, the United States circuit court for the eastern district of Missouri, was announced, hope was expressed by the "business world" that the law would be modified so as not to interfere with what was designated as honest business. Tonight that section of the opinion calling for the use of the "rule of reason" in applying the law is regarded in many quarters as an answer to the prayers of the "business world".

NOTABLES HEAR OPINION

The opinion of the court was announced by Chief Justice White. In printed form it contained more than twenty thousand words. For nearly an hour the Chief Justice discussed the case from the bench, going over most of the points in the printed opinion, but not conferring to it in order to refresh his memory. Before him sat a distinguished audience of the famous men of the country. Senators and Representatives left their respective chambers in the Capitol to listen to the epoch making decision of the court. Most eager to hear were Attorney General Wickersham and Frank B. Kellogg, special counsel of the government, who had conducted the great fight against the Standard Oil. None of the brilliant array of counsel, corporations or individual defendants was present in court during the reading of the opinion. Rival broker agents with messengers in line to the various telephone and telegraph instruments throughout the Capitol were on hand, but to their dismay the announcement

B. H. S. CLOSED WEDNESDAY

REV. BAYLUS CADE DELIVERS ADDRESS

Most Successful Year in School's History Comes to a Close—Total Enrollment 258—Five Receive Certificates of Graduation—Great Crowds Attend Each Day's Exercises.

Perhaps never in the history of the school has Boiling Springs had such elaborate and enjoyable exercises. As an evidence of the large number of friends the school has, the auditorium was packed with people each day from Monday at 11 o'clock when Rev. L. R. Pruett of Charlotte preached the annual sermon till Wednesday afternoon when the graduating exercises were carried out. Mr. Pruett's sermon was a great effort, inspiring the young people to higher and nobler things in life. The winners of the medals will be announced later. An account of the illness of State Senator O. M. Gardner's wife, Mr. Gardner was not in a frame of mind to deliver the literary address Wednesday and in his stead, Rev. Baylus Cade who has been long connected with Boiling Springs filled his place, speaking on "Character." Mr. Cade is without a doubt one of the State's brainiest men and his address was magnificent.

The total enrollment this year was 258 and the following were graduated in the literary department, Messrs. O. N. Lovelace, M. A. Stroupe, Paul Hamrick and Miss Bettie Lee Cade, while Mrs. Clarence Hamrick received a certificate in music. Rev. J. M. Hamrick and his corps of teachers are gratified with the good accomplished this year and though the school is comparatively young, it has grown in scope and influence until it is now one of the leading high schools in the State.

Special mention should be made of the music department taught by Misses Myrtle Dodson and Helen Dover. They are accomplished teachers and have developed the splendid talent of the young people of that community. The annual concert Tuesday night was one of the highest class entertainments ever given and it was so pronounced by the many people that attended.

Election Carries

Kings Mountain, May 16.—As a result of election held here today Kings Mountain precinct will have good roads. A bond issue for \$25,000 carried by a vote of 214 to 32. Roads of sand-clay construction will be built for four or five miles in each direction leading into town.

Peace negotiations, unofficial, but auspicious, have been resumed between the Mexican government and the insurgents and the prospect is that a definite understanding will be reached.

of the decision was not begun until an hour after the closing of the stock markets.

TOBACCO DECISION EXPECTED.

Many expected that the decision of the court in the dissolution suit against the tobacco corporations would be handed down immediately after the decision in the Standard Oil case. This was not done however, but the decision is expected on May 20, the last decision day of the court until next October.

GENERAL NEWS OF INTEREST

IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS CONDENSED

General News of the Entire Country Boiled Down in Brief Paragraphs For Busy Readers—Most Important Events of the Entire Country Summarized From Great Daily Papers And Served Fresh to Star Readers.

Mrs. William Howard Taft who has been ill in a New York hospital is very much improved and returns to Washington this week.

The Dutchland, Count Zepelin's dirigible air ship, carrying eight passengers with a crew was totally wrecked Tuesday at Dusseldorf, Prussia. It was leaving its shed when a stiff breeze broke its back against the shed. The people were unhurt.

The decision of the Supreme Court dissolving the Standard Oil Company had surprisingly little effects on the markets of the world. The solicitor general of the company says the court's decree will be followed and the company will be dissolved.

Indictments have been returned against 18 citizens of McLean county, Ill., for lynching a negro.

Ben Brazzell shot and killed his brother-in-law, William Vaughn, at Pleasant Hill, S. C., Thursday afternoon. Result of an old grudge.

Three women and a man were drowned in the Mississippi river at Natchez Saturday night and a fourth person narrowly escaped the same fate, when their disabled motor boat struck a barge and sank.

SERIES WILL MATURE

Stockholders of the Shelby Building and Loan Association Meet—Same Officers Re-elected.

Last week the sixth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Shelby Building and Loan Association was held in the court house and it was found that the institution is on a fine footing, having issued 2,750 shares of stock. The same officers were re-elected, Messrs. C. C. Blanton, president; E. Y. Webb, vice-president; J. F. Roberts, secretary and treasurer; and Ryburn & Hoey, attorneys. The company will have its first series to mature September next when half of the \$44,000 will be paid back to the share holders in cash. The net rate earning for the year has been 6.54 per cent which is far above the average for a building and loan association. This shows the skilful management and sound business way in which the affairs have been carried on. The thirteenth series opened May 6 and in the six years the association has been running, it has not lost a cent. The by-laws were so amended that a new series can be opened every three months if the directors deem it wise. This association has been a great factor on Shelby's growth and its success is glad news to those who have the interest of their town and county at heart.

Col. Oliver N. P. Cornell, chief engineer of the Winston-Salem southbound railroad is the inventor of a cotton picker which he and his associates are certain will do efficient labor and time-saving work. He has been working at the picker for forty years.

ALL NEWS OF THE CAROLINAS

NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS IN BRIEF

Happenings in the Two States Boiled Down in Brief Paragraphs For Busy Readers of The Star—The Most Important Things of the Week Summed Up.

Encampments by regiments of the North Carolina National Guard will be held at Camp Glenn, Morehead from July 10 to August 10. The first regiment of which Shelby is a member will encamp from Aug. 3 to 10.

Prof. Irving G. McKay who has been connected for the past eight years with Rutherford College has resigned to accept a tutorship at Trinity College, Durham where he will pursue advanced studies in connection with his teaching duties.

Under a special law dogs are taxed in Rowan and the county assessor tells the Salisbury Post that he believes the county will receive about \$2,500 from the dog tax.

The Herald says that Horace Moses, whose skull was fractured by Grover Pruett during a scrap at Morganton, and who was expected to die, is now expected to recover. Pruett escaped.

The Talcum Puff Company, which has been manufacturing its products in Asheville for six years, has moved its factory to Brooklyn, N. Y. The move is made to get nearer certain materials used in the business.

In the municipal election at Maiden, Catawba county, the vote was a tie between the candidates for town constable, R. D. Taylor and Geo. West. By agreement it was settled by drawing and West won.

Commencement exercises of the A. and M. College for the colored race, at Greensboro, embrace May 21-25. Baccalaureate sermon Sunday 21st, by Rev. E. K. McLarty, pastor West Market Street church, Greensboro. Annual address Thursday, 25th, by Prof. L. B. Moore, Ph. D., dean of Teachers' College, Howard University, Washington.

Shaw University, the negro college in Raleigh, last week granted diplomas to 78 graduates in the various departments of training, including medicine, pharmacy, theology, bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, normal department, art.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Ella Lewis, Colored, Drinks one Third Ounce of Laudanum in Effort to End Her Life.

Because her mother would not permit her lover to call, Ella Lewis, colored, who lives in Freedman, the negro section of Shelby tried to end her life Tuesday night by drinking one third ounce of laudanum. She went to Dr. Lord, a colored physician and told him that she had the toothache and wanted laudanum and lard to rub on her face. The colored doctor procured an ounce for her and after going to bed she drank a quantity and fell into a sleep. During the night her mother discovered her condition and summoned Dr. Ellis who put forth every means known to medical science in order to resuscitate her and after working for an hour or more he got her out of danger. Had it not been for the immediate attention of a physician, she would have been dead in a short while.