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Proceedings of Presbytery.

The Interesting Meeting of the First Presbytery of the A. R. P. Church at Shiloh this Week--Report of the Work Done--The Meeting Next Year to be at Statesville, N. C.

Something over fifty delegates attended the meeting of the First Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church at Shiloh this week, and the meeting altogether was one of the most successful within the history of the body. As stated in Wednesday's issue of The News, Presbytery convened Tuesday morning. It adjourned Wednesday afternoon about 1:30 o'clock.

The moderator's sermon was preached by Dr. Miller, of Sardis, N. C., the Rev. J. S. Grier, of Sharon, to whom had been assigned the task, not being present. The work of Presbytery was largely routine.

Calls from Union and Edgmore churches, of Chester county, addressed to the Rev. R. A. Lemmons, of Second Presbytery, asking for his whole time and pledging a salary of \$900., were referred to that Presbytery.

A new office was created in Presbytery, that of Presbyterial Secretary of Sabbath Schools, and the Rev. A. T. Lindsay, President of Linwood College, was elected to the position for one year.

The Rev. L. T. Pressly was granted leave of absence for six months, to be spent in Allegheny Theological Seminary, Pa.

The Rev. Wm. Duncan, pastor of First church of Charlotte, was elected by acclamation moderator for next meeting, and Statesville, N. C., was selected as the place of meeting and May the first, of next year, the time.

The Rev. A. S. Rogers, of Rock Hill, was elected for a third term of two years as Superintendent of Missions, with Rev. J. S. Grier, of Sharon, and Rev. P. A. Pressly, of Lancaster, as committee of missions.

The office of committee on railroad rates was abolished.

The Rev. J. L. Oates was chosen as alternate to preach the sermon for the moderator at the next meeting.

The Rev. J. P. Snipes, of Memphis Presbytery, who has been stated supply at Steele Creek, N. C., attended this meeting.

The Hon. D. E. Finley was the lay delegate from Yorkville. Many present think that he read the best report on Congregational Reports that was ever heard in Presbytery.

The Rev. J. S. Moffatt, D. D., of Chester, conducted the Communion service Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. This very helpful service was parti-

cipated in by a large body of christians.

The Rev. J. L. Oates resigned as Presbyterial Secretary of Young People's Work, and the Rev. J. M. Bigham was elected as his successor.

The statistical reports were highly satisfactory. The financial showing was unusually good. All churches reported salaries of pastors paid or arranged to be paid.

The hospitality of the Shiloh community was unbounded, nothing being left undone to make the stay of the visitors pleasant.

Bible and Flag.

Junior Order to Present them to the Kershaw Graded School.

The Junior Order of United American Mechanics will present a bible and a national flag to the Kershaw graded school on the 16th instant. All members of the Order are earnestly requested to be present and participate in the impressive ceremonies.

State Superintendent of Education Martin will deliver an address, and there will be other speakers.

Burglars Frightened Away After Breaking Into the House.

Burglars entered the cook room of Mrs. Lizzie Huey's home about three miles South of the city Monday night, but they evidently were frightened away by the barking of a dog or some noise in the house, as nothing was taken from the room. The family knew nothing of the occurrence until the next morning. An entrance was forced through a window by prizing a blind open and raising the sash, and the burglars unlocked a door from the inside and made their exit through it. The door and window were both left open.—Rock Hill Herald.

Much Ado About Nothing.

Washington, October 31, 1905.—The incident growing out of the attack on Admiral Train and his son by a Chinese mob near Nanking has been satisfactorily adjusted. The state department today received a dispatch which said: "Admiral Train has just arrived at Shanghai. The incident occurred near Nanking October 24. Admiral Train and his party were shooting when a woman was accidentally shot by Admiral Train's son. Her injuries were slight. The son was detained by a mob, but an amicable settlement was made. Sailors took no part in the affair. The governor of Nanking apologized to the officers and restored their guns. The incident is regarded as closed.

The McDowell Murder.

Negro Arrested on Suspicion of being the Murderer, but it is not Thought that He is the Right Man--Had Dead Man's Keys--McMurray, the Colored Ex-Congressman, Convicted of Forgery, has Disappeared.

Columbia special to Charlotte Observer, Nov. 2:

When the information first reached here today that a negro had been arrested with R. A. McDowell's keys in his possession, and that there were various other corroborating facts and circumstances to indicate that the prisoner was the assassin of the Camden merchant who was struck down along with Juror R. W. Porter during the Gallis murder trial there, it was feared a lynching would result in Camden before nightfall. But not only was the Governor received no request for assistance in dealing with a probable mob, but information reaches the city this afternoon to show that there is but little evidence to warrant holding the negro, and that, unless other and more important facts are brought out, he will likely be released tomorrow. It appears that the keys found in his possession are undoubtedly Mr. McDowell's, the key ring bearing his name and supporting his postoffice key, but these were lost a month before the murder. The negro, under excitement, told several contradictory stories about the keys.

The negro is a saw mill hand named Walter Pough and has been working at the Wilson saw mill at Bethune, some 20 miles from Camden, and the books of that company show that he was released on the day of the assassination in order to allow him to attend court in Columbia. He was brought from Bethune to Camden this morning. He made several contradictory statements about how he came into possession of the keys and about his whereabouts on the day of the murder.

Persons arriving here from Sumter today assert that the belief is general there that ex-Congressman George Washington Murray, colored, who the Supreme Court this week said must spend three years on the Sumter county chain gang for forgery, has skipped, and it is thought he has gone to Canada. The Sumter county records show that Murray had, only a few days ago, transferred all of his property to his attorney, Marion Moise. His bond will, of course, be forfeited to the State, and many Sumter people feel that his flight is the most satisfactory disposition of the case, as this permanently rids the community of his presence. As it is the known policy of the Governor not to grant pardons conditioned upon the prisoners leaving the State it was thought best not to risk an appeal of this kind.

A Farmer's Heavy Loss by Fire.

A large double crib on Mr. T. L. Johnston's plantation at Smith's Turnout was destroyed by fire last Friday night. Ten bales of seed cotton also went up in the flames. The origin of the fire is not known but it is supposed to have started from a match that had been dropped in the building by some of the hands while weighing cotton Friday night. Mr. Johnston's loss is complete, as he had no insurance on the building or the contents.—Rock Hill Herald.

Crop Conditions.

Summary by Agricultural Department for Week.

The following is the government crop report for the week ending October 30th:

In districts where the proportion of ungathered cotton is greatest, the weather conditions of the week ending October 30th were not favorable.

Wet weather over a large part of the central and western districts of the cotton belt during the latter part of the week delayed cotton picking and caused injury to open cotton in northern Texas, Oklahoma and Indian territories, Arkansas, the northern portion of Mississippi and Alabama, and western Tennessee. As a whole the week was cool. Frost occurred in the central and western districts, causing considerable damage in Tennessee, northern Mississippi, and Oklahoma and Indian territories, but practically none in Texas. In the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida the weather conditions were favorable. Picking is from one-half to two-thirds completed in Oklahoma and Indian territories, Arkansas and northwestern Mississippi; a much larger proportion of the crop has been gathered in other sections, picking being practically completed in the more southern districts.

Death Across the Line in Kershaw.

Mr. W. M. Trusedell, of the Flat Rock neighborhood, died Saturday evening at 6 o'clock and was buried at Hickory Head Baptist church, near Westville, on Sunday afternoon. He was 73 years old last May. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. O. A. Jefferson, of Kershaw.—Kershaw Era.

Whole Family Exterminated by Fall of Soapstone.

Bellaire, Ohio.—Sylvester Kendall, aged 52, his wife and seven children were caught by a fall of soapstone in Maley in the Johnson mine here today and instantly killed.

Fighting Liquor in Marion.

Complaint Made to the Governor that Whiskey Drummers are all Over the County.

Columbia Record.

The people of Marion county have written to the governor in regard to the selling of whiskey in that county after the dispensary has been voted out. The letter was received from G. P. Penny, who says that the people are trying to enforce the Brice law, but the whiskey agents, representing foreign houses, are all over the country and are doing a big business.

The governor could do nothing under the circumstances as the law gives an agent, representing a foreign whiskey house, the right to take orders.

The following opinion given by Assistant Attorney General Townsend some time ago was sent Mr. Penny:

September 4, 1905.

Mr. Geo. T. Fant, Whitmire, S. C.

Dear Sir: Answering your letter of the 28th I beg to say that the State law cannot prohibit drummers or salesmen from soliciting orders in this state for the sale of liquor by non residents in another state to be shipped into this state for delivery, as such transaction is purely one of interstate commerce, over which this state has no control. The sale in such case is not complete until the delivery of the goods and the state has no right to seize intoxicating liquors so sold until after their arrival in the state and delivery to the consignee or purchaser, at which time only they may become to the state law; and are then liable to seizure if held by the consignee for other than his personal use.

Yours respectfully,

W. H. Townsend,

Assistant Attorney General.

Murder of Missionaries.

Five Americans Reported to Have Been Killed in China.

London, Nov. 1.—A dispatch from Hong Kong, China, states that it is reported that five American missionaries have been murdered at Lian-Choo. No details of the affair have been received. Lian-Choo is situated in the province of Kwang-Tung, 245 miles southwest of Canton and has a population of about 12,000.

William Kingsley, who was born in Ireland in 1783 and fought with Nelson at Trafalgar, is now living at the age of 122, near Bloomfield, Mo. He fought in the Crimean war, assisted in the taking of Sebastopol and in this country fought in the Mexican and civil wars.