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The Revival Meetings

The Christian Crusaders Continue to do Good Work in Lancaster--Report of Recent Meetings.

Reported for The News.

The undenominational revival meetings, which are being conducted by the Christian Crusaders, in their large Tabernacle, are continuing nightly, and the outlook is encouraging.

As the people become better acquainted with the work, they are getting more interested. Some of the more skeptically minded ones, who have been studying the Crusade movement, are now convinced that the work is of God, and that these workers are earnest ambassadors of Christ, whose sole mission to Lancaster is to rescue the perishing and to assist the nominal professors in getting upon a higher plane of Christian living.

The Home missionary work, which is an important feature of the work of the Crusaders, was entered upon this week. Eighty-eight families have been visited and prayer has been offered in seventy-seven homes. The workers were very cordially received in most of the homes visited. Jesus was presented in His beauty and loveliness to the inmates of these homes, their spiritual condition was looked into and they were instructed according to the requirements of the oracles of God. In one of the homes, a sister, who had discovered that she was in a backslidden condition, renewed her vows to God, and was blessedly reclaimed. Others who were weak and discouraged were helped on their heavenward journey.

There was a large attendance out to the meeting on Saturday night. An instructive and beneficial gospel sermon was preached by Lieut. Marden, descriptive of the "Parable of Ten Virgins," from Matt. 25. All present were exhorted to keep their lamps filled, trimmed and burning, and in so doing, make the proper preparation to meet the Bridegroom, and go in to the wedding supper of the Lamb, lest they have the sad experience of the five foolish virgins, who delayed making preparations to meet the Bridegroom, and finally found the door shut against them. God poured out His Spirit during the aftermeeting, and 10 penitent souls came to the altar, 9 of whom professed to be saved.

On Sunday afternoon, a large, intelligent, attentive and appreciative audience filled the Tabernacle. General Light preached more especially to the professed Christians, from Rev. 2: 1-5, on "The Heart Backslider." He spoke of the possibility and liability of those who do not continually walk in the light of God's countenance, getting into a heart backslidden state, and

later, unless they truly repent of their backslidings, have their candlestick removed, and be in gross darkness. Four seekers knelt at the altar during the aftermeeting.

The Sunday night meeting was one of power. Some of the principal Brethren of the Church, heartily co-operated in the altar service, personally dealing with penitents at the altar.

Much more could be written, but space will not permit.

False Marriage Notice.

Last week The New Era published a notice of the marriage of Mr. Filo Lucas and Miss Minnie Patterson by Rev. Mr. Gillespie. The reported marriage seems to have been the work of a practical joker. Mr. J. H. Lucas, father of Mr. Lucas came over from Rock Hill Tuesday to see Mr. Gillespie in regard to the matter. Mr. Gillespie says he did not perform the ceremony.—Yorkville New Era.

Serious Fire in Jefferson--Mr. Gay's Heavy Loss.

Jefferson special in Sunday's State: At noon yesterday fire was discovered in Mr. S. L. Gay's barn. The alarm was given at once and every man in town turned out with every available bucket, or other vessel suitable for carrying water. Every body fought the fire faithfully, but the barn and adjacent buildings being filled with dry feed stuffs, the flames spread rapidly and soon enveloped his residence which stood nearby, and in less time than it would take to write it every building on the lot was razed to the ground.

Besides feed stuffs, nine bales of lint cotton were destroyed along with the houses, and considerable cured meat was also burned. In fact, everything on the place except the furniture in his residence, which was damaged to half its value. The origin is supposed to be from some children playing nearby. The loss is \$2,500 with no insurance.

The Caldwell Claim Paid by Seaboard.

Mr. J. H. Caldwell, the popular postmaster at Catawba Junction, who it will be remembered, was so unfortunate last February a year ago as to have one of his legs cut off by a train on the Seaboard Air Line Railway at Monroe, N. C., and whose case came up at the last term of court at Yorkville, has received a check from the railroad company for \$5,344 for damages received on the road. At the time of the unfortunate affair Mr. Caldwell was car inspector of the Seaboard at Monroe.—Rock Hill Herald

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The Liquor Question.

A Correspondent who Thinks it Should be the "Paramount Issue."

Mr. Editor: Some are interested in good roads; some are interested in good schools. I am glad of all this, but our paramount issue should be the whiskey issue at present. They say you can't pass a law which will keep a man from drinking. Agreed: neither can you pass a law which will keep men from committing murder, but that is no sign that licenses to commit murder should be issued in South Carolina. I would feel as innocent to offer an official, say \$1000. for licenses to slay my neighbor as I would to offer \$1000. for licenses to sell beverages for the use and purpose of intoxicating him and in an indirect way spill blood.—Will alcohol dissolve sugar? It will. It will dissolve real estate, personal property, gold, silver, National currency, happiness, love, families, relatives and human lives.—There is nothing better to make widows, orphans, paupers, poverty, police positions etc., than a Dispensary, or bad, licensed or otherwise. Since the convictions at the March court, the blind-tigers are opening their eyes and beginning to see that law is law.

We need a little national legislation to prohibit the shipment of whiskey in a dry county or state. That would be easily done if the right men were to take the right notion.

I like to see a progressive people progress. I would rather take two steps forward than one backward. Never undo a good thing. Let us hold to prohibition.

Let us vote for men that will give us prohibition and vote for a man for Governor that will sign the act gladly. "The root of all evil" should receive no consideration in this matter.

"Hold fast to that which is good." Abstain from all appearance of evil" 1st Thessalonians 5: 21-22.

W. F. Estridge.

Kershaw S. C., R. F. D. 3.

Rate Bill Passed Senate by Vote 71 to 3.

Washington, May 18.—After 70 days of almost continuous deliberation the senate today at 4.53 p. m. passed the railroad bill by the practically unanimous vote of 71 to 3. The three negative votes were cast by Senator Foraker, Republican, of Ohio and Senators Morgan and Pettus, Democrats, of Alabama. There was a somewhat larger attendance of senators than usual, but the attendance in the galleries was by no means abnormal, and there was no manifestation of any kind when the result was announced. There was, however, an almost general sigh of relief among senators.

The bill has received more attention from the senate and from the country at large than any measure that has been before congress since the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman act in 1893.

Closing Exercises of Pine Grove School.

Reported for The News.

The Pine Grove School, which has been in session since January under the wise supervision of Miss Marion Logan, a bright, efficient, and beautiful young lady from Yorkville, closed on Friday, after a most prosperous term. The pupils, numbering about thirty five, teacher, and a few invited friends spent a most pleasant evening at the home of Mrs. S. R. Caskey on Thursday, where delicious refreshments were served. The thoughtful teacher had the grove beautifully lighted with Chinese lanterns, which presented a happy scene as the gay young pupils played their innocent games beneath their effulgent rays. It is conceded by trustees and patrons that this has proven one of the most successful terms in the history of the school. Miss Logan returned to Yorkville on Saturday, carrying with her the best wishes of her fond pupils and a host of friends.

Commencement at Jefferson.

Jefferson special in Sunday's State: The Jefferson high school commencement exercises came to a close Wednesday night. The programme given by the pupils of the school was exceedingly well rendered and quite varied. Every pupil taking part reflected much credit on himself and on the school and especially are the teachers to be congratulated on the marked success they have achieved.

On both Monday and Tuesday nights the magnificent new school auditorium was crowded to overflowing, many coming from a distance to attend the exercises. On Tuesday night it became necessary to lock the doors, as it was impossible to accommodate the crowd. This was very much regretted by the faculty, pupils and friends of the school. The literary address on Monday night by Hon. W. P. Pollock was a masterly effort and elicited much applause. On Tuesday night Editor John T. Meehan of the Carolina Citizen and G. W. Vaughan in a graceful and appropriate manner presented prizes to Miss Mollie Raley for the highest average grade during the session, and to Misses Ruth Miller, Attie Gregory and Mollie Raley for regularity in attendance, neither having missed a day during the entire session. Miss Mammie Sanders won the recitation medal, which was a very handsome medal indeed.

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—The Southern Cotton Association reports that there is an increase of 2.75 per cent in the cotton average this year as compared with last.

The Vanwyck School.

The Closing Exercises Next Monday and Tuesday--Programme of the Occasion.

We republished in last Saturday's issue of The News a notice taken from the Waxhaw Enterprise in relation to the closing exercises of the Vanwyck school according to which notice these exercises were to have been held Monday and Tuesday of this week. We have since learned that our esteemed contemporary was in error as to the commencement dates. The exercises proper do not come off until Monday and Tuesday, 28th and 29th instant. The annual session, however, will be delivered Saturday 27th, at 8.30 p. m.

The following interesting programme has been arranged for Monday and Tuesday:

- MONDAY, MAY 28TH 8.30 P. M.
- Song: "Welcome to all."
- Recitation: "Welcome"—Reynolds Crenshaw.
- Dialogue: "Baby land."
- Dialogue: "Boys' Rights"
- Dialogue: "Uncomfortable Predicament."
- Dialogue: "What Are You Good For?"
- Dialogue: "Knowing the Circumstances."
- Dialogue: "The first meeting of the Cucumber Hill Debating Club (colored)."
- Recitation: "Curfew Must Not Ring Tonight"—Edna Hyatt.
- Dialogue: "The Choice."
- Dialogue: "The Little Philosopher."
- Tableaux: "The Union Forever"
- Dialogue: "Can and Can't"
- Dialogue: "A Heavy Sinner."
- Dialogue: "After School What?"
- Comedy in Two Acts: "Hang Andy."
- Dialogue: "Assisting Herakleus."
- Closing Song: "Blest Be the Tie."

TUESDAY, MAY 29TH, 10.00 A. M.

- Address by Prof. W. H. Ham, Superintendent of the Chester graded schools, Chester, S. C.
- Presentation of Flag and Bible by Jr. O. U. A. M.
- Song: "The Star Spangled Banner"
- Speech of Formal Presentation by W. M. Moore, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Lancaster, S. C.
- Song: "Red, White and Blue"
- Speech of Acceptance.
- Song: "America"
- Committee of Arrangements—Edna Hyatt, John Crenshaw, Beulah Tyler, Willie Hyatt, Fern E. Padden, Kim Yoder.
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