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Indications Point to Unusually Large Attendance of Members.



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Seldom does the conference hold its annual session in the extreme Eastern part of its territory, and when it does the hospitality of the Eastern part of the State, which is so widely and so favorably known, is taxed. Only twice before has the conference been held in Elizabeth City—in 1855 and in 1883.

Bishop A. W. Wilson presided over the conference in 1895, and Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald in 1898. This year Bishop Eugene B. Hendrix is to preside, and this fact gives additional interest to the conference. Bishop Hendrix has held this conference only once, that having been in 1899, when the annual session was held in Washington, but his presidency at that time gave such decided satisfaction to the conference that he will receive a very cordial welcome upon his return.

That which adds still more to the welcome Bishop Hendrix will receive is the fact that two weeks ago he presided over the Western North Carolina Conference in Winston-Salem, and it is conceded that never has a more satisfactory session of that conference been held.

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Thousands Now Use This Recipe for Cough Syrup

Easily Made at Home. Costs Nothing if It Fails.

The speed with which this simple home mixture takes hold of a cough and conquers it will surprise you. The recipe given below makes more and better cough syrup than you can buy ready-made for \$2.50.

Mix one pint of granulated sugar with 1/2 pint of warm water, and stir for 2 minutes. Put 2 1/2 ounces of Pinex (fifty cents' worth) in a pint bottle; then add the sugar syrup. It keeps perfectly. Take a teaspoonful every one, two or three hours.

This gives almost instant relief, and usually stops a deep-seated cough inside of 24 hours. Splendid, too, for whooping cough, chest pains, bronchitis, croup, etc. The taste is pleasant, and it is just laxative enough to help cure a cough. Its tonic properties restore the appetite which a cough tends to destroy.

This recipe is now used by thousands of homes in the United States and Canada. Its popularity has resulted in many imitations—none of them as good as the old successful formula. It will not work unless you use the pure, genuine pinex, which is the most valuable concentrated compound of Norwegian white pine extract, and contains the necessary quantity of gaulthol and other healing ingredients.

A guarantee of absolute satisfaction, or money promptly refunded, goes with this recipe. Your druggist has pinex or will get it for you. If not, send to The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind., for the history of this section in the past.

The address of Mr. Smith contained much information of value, and we handled his subject in an able and thorough manner. A resolution was adopted providing for the publication of the paper in the Raleigh Christian Advocate.

The officers of the society for the coming year were elected as follows: President, W. W. Rose; First Vice-President, R. B. John; Second Vice-President, C. P. Jerome; Third Vice-President, J. D. Bundy; Secretary, M. T. Plyler; Treasurer, T. A. Sikes; Historian, S. S. Massey.

Several articles of historical value were presented to the society. The singing of the conference quartet added much to the interest of the program of the evening.

WORTHEN REACHES HIGH POSITION

Reared in Orphan Asylum, Now in Important Place With Western Union.

Atlanta, Ga., November 28.—Announcement was received here this afternoon that H. C. Worthen, of New York, has been appointed general superintendent of the Southern Division of the Western Union Telegraph Company, to succeed the late B. F. Dillon. The appointment is effective December 1.

Mr. Worthen has been general inspector in the office of Belvidere Brooks, general manager of the Western Union.

His Rise Rapid. New York, November 28.—H. C. Worthen, the new general superintendent of the Southern Division of the Western Union Telegraph Company, is a Southerner by birth, and at the age of thirty-four has reached one of the high positions in the telegraph service. He was born in Shelby, N. C., and being left alone by the death of his parents, was reared in the Oxford Orphan Asylum, where he learned telegraphy.

His rise was rapid, and in the recent organization of the company he assumed an important position in the traffic department at New York headquarters.

GUN MECHANISM FOUND FAULTY

It Is Held to Blame for Fatal Accident at Proving Grounds.

Washington, D. C., November 29.—An investigation of the fatal accident at Indian Head, Md., on November 19, resulting from a proving test of a new five-inch gun, which cost the lives of four men, has established the fact that the design of the breech mechanism of the gun is faulty. The pattern is now being changed at the Washington Navy Yard.

The accident was investigated by a board appointed by the Secretary of the Navy. The premature discharge of the cartridge case which blew out the breech plug, the board finds, was due to a projecting firing pin. It is this projecting firing pin which the board considers imperfect, and before the five-inch guns are issued to the service the firing pin will be held in a safe position so that a similar accident cannot possibly happen.

The board reported the gun crew of all suspicion, and expressed the opinion that all due precautions were taken in loading the gun and in handling the ammunition.

ELMER DANIEL SENTENCED Gets Two Years Imprisonment for Trying to Shoot A. V. Sturgess. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Danville, Va., November 29.—Elmer Daniel, at the first term of City Court to-day, was given two years for seeking to shoot A. V. Sturgess, and his brother, Oscar, was held for sending Elmer poison after the latter's imprisonment, in pursuance of an alleged stipulation. Elmer called on Sturgess from the jail, and shot a shotgun, and the latter, to save himself, kept behind a team of horses until the police came. The prisoner then swallowed a bottle of poison concealed in his stocking.

Inskeep-Yovell. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Richmond, Va., November 29.—Bernard Inskeep and Miss Heilian Yovell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Yovell, of Culpeper county, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. Mr. Shenton, of Stevensburg, performing the ceremony.

Lynchburg Grocer Assigns. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., November 29.—J. L. Hicks, a small Ninth Street grocer, failed to-day, assigning to S. A. Harris, trustee, the stock, valued at \$400. The liabilities aggregate \$500.

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BATTLESHIPS TO GO A-VISITING

People of Gulf States Will Have Chance to Inspect the Dreadnoughts.

Washington, D. C., November 29.—People of the Southern States bordering the Gulf of Mexico and the Mississippi River, having displayed a jealous interest in the United States Navy, and claiming that a visitation of the great Dreadnoughts of the sea was due them, Secretary Meyer has outlined a tentative itinerary for the third division of the Atlantic fleet next May and June. This division consists of four first-class battleships—the Minnesota, flagship of Rear-Admiral Murray; the Idaho, Vermont and Mississippi. The division will arrive at Pensacola on May 7.

The Idaho will make a trip up the Mississippi River as far as Natchez, and possibly farther, if the condition of the river at that time renders it advisable. According to the present arrangement, the Idaho will arrive at New Orleans on May 10 and leave on the 16th, reaching Donaldsonville, La., on the same day. It will leave the latter port on May 16 for Plaquemine, La., where it will be stationed from May 16 to 17. Baton Rouge, La., will be visited from May 17 to 20, Bayou Sara, La., on the 20th, and Natchez, Miss., on the 22d, departing three days later.

The other three vessels of the division will operate in the vicinity of Pensacola and Key West for drills and exercises until June 1, when they will be joined by the Idaho from New Orleans. During June the division will have divisional maneuvers and exercises, returning North to the Atlantic fleet rendezvous about July 1.

COLD-BLOODED MURDER COMMITTED BY NEGRO

Enters Woman's House and Deliberately Kills Her. Arrested by Police.

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After the shooting, the murderer fled, and the police were immediately notified. He had a two-room house two blocks away, and going here the door was locked and barred. They forced their way into the house and located the fugitive in the attic, hiding between the chimney and the weatherboarding. He followed the officers down without trouble, and was placed in jail, awaiting the verdict of the coroner's jury.

The negro did not hesitate to admit the killing. The police have the bullet that went through the woman's body. It was picked up on the hearth where it had hit a brick and fallen into the empty shell found in Fred's house exactly. Only the handle of the missile, longer and nearly as large as an old-fashioned mini-bull, is battered.

Several negroes in the neighborhood say that Fred told Bertha yesterday he was going to kill her, just before she got her stationery. The murder seems to have been about as deliberately planned and openly done as was possible. Fred Gilmer is about thirty-five years of age, and is nearly completely deaf. He has a wife and two children, who left him some time ago, for non-support.

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Prisoner From Far-Away Washington Doesn't Want to Go Back.

Governor Mann is holding up a requisition issued on him for Joseph Gardner, alias M. Cohen, by Governor Samuel C. Cowley, of the State of Washington. Gardner is in jail in Norfolk.

The charges against the prisoner are for grand larceny and forgery in Kings county, Washington. Deputy Sheriff James S. Senger is in Richmond looking for the papers.

William McK. Woodhouse, an attorney of Norfolk, has written the Governor on behalf of Gardner, asking to be heard before the requisition is granted. He has filed a letter, saying that he can show that the proceeding is rather for the collection of a debt than for a felony prosecution.

December 7 has been fixed upon as the date for the hearing to be given in the matter. Gardner is held in Norfolk in the meantime.

WHI Help Campaign. "Come over and help us," say the good roads people of Scott county to Assistant Highway Commissioner George P. Coleman. Accordingly he will go next week to Gate City to assist in the campaign for a \$500,000 bond issue, which will be held on December 14. The campaign is understood to be progressing favorably.

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Mr. Mundy Here. George P. Mundy, private secretary to Senator Claude A. Swanson, was at the Capitol yesterday morning. He looks and feels well after his months of labor at Chatham, and is looking forward with pleasure to a winter in Washington, where he will go in a few days.

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One of the prime movers in this connection is Dr. D. W. Starbuck, who lives in the Chickahominy section three miles from Richmond. He moved to Virginia only about a year ago, and has become much interested in the project of reclaiming the land. He has had much experience in the West where he formerly lived, in the matter of irrigation.

"When I think of the large sums