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Local Happenings.

Rev. Dr. Rowe will preach the annual sermon at Belmont Institute, in Cleveland county, on Thursday of this week.

Mr. J. C. Helms of Jackson was in town on Wednesday and said that as he came along he saw ex-Coroner W. S. Belk out in his field with a big fire going, his overcoat on, and planting cotton! How's that for mixing things up?

Mr. W. C. Hardison of Wadesboro, chairman of the congressional executive committee for this district, gives notice that the convention will be held at Jackson Springs on June 10th to nominate a candidate for congress. So far as is known there will be no opposition to Mr. Page's re-nomination.

The snow and sleet which fell here on the 20th seemed to remind a good many people that there was a shoe-mouth-deep snow in April 1880 or 1881. Some say one year and some the other, and some say the 8th, some the 9th, some the 10th, and still others the 20th. Which was it?

The barn of Mr. Henry Chapman, who lives a short distance north of Waxhaw, was burned at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning, feed, a one-horse wagon and a two-horse wagon were also burned. The two mules had been turned into the pasture the evening before, for the first time this season, and were therefore saved.

The railroad bridge over Richardson creek, two miles east of here, was partially destroyed by fire last Wednesday afternoon. The wood work on this end of the bridge was burned for some forty feet. The bridge being a large steel one, not a great deal of damage was done, but traffic was delayed 24 hours until repairs could make.

Mr. Robt. Walden of Buford township died on the 14th inst. of consumption. He was but 26 years of age and leaves a wife and four small children. Though sick for a long time with what he knew to be a fatal illness, he did not complain, and though anxious to live for those he loved, he was not afraid to die.

Endorses Mr. Glenn.

To the Editor of the Journal:

I want to say a word to the people of my native county in behalf of Robt. Glenn. It is not necessary to speak of his public service; the whole State knows how in every contest for the last twenty years his voice has rung out like a trumpet, and no voice has rallied more men under the flag of Democracy. The people have learned to listen to that voice, and when the fight is hard and close it is a necessity in North Carolina.

I lived for two years in the same town with Mr. Glenn, and for one year was his next door neighbor. In his private life he is every inch a man—strong, good, true. In his own city he is the stalwart champion of every good cause, and no arm is so much dreaded as his by the forces of evil.

I sincerely hope that Union county will unanimously present him as her choice for governor of North Carolina.

Very truly yours,

T. W. BICKETT.

Louisburg, N. C., April 20, 1904.

Chestfield News.

Chestfield Advertiser.

Ruby did the right thing last week in voting a three mill tax for school purposes. Such acts are calculated to inspire confidence in the coming prosperity of the town. Where a community looks well after its educational facilities, attractions are held out to the very best citizens who are looking for investments. The day is upon us when education counts far more than ever in the history of our country. The boy that is not educated has to make a very unequal struggle in life with those who are educated, and the inevitable result is that they are left behind in the race of life.

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Butler Out of Politics and Watson to Run for President.

Washington Correspondent of the Charlotte Observer.

Hon. Marion Butler, who not such a great while ago represented North Carolina in the United States Senate, has eschewed politics, more especially Populist politics. Mr. Butler had a talk with President Roosevelt today, and on leaving the White House informed the assembled newspapermen that he would not again serve as chairman of the national Populist executive committee, and moreover that he could henceforth be counted out of politics. "It is pretty well established," said The Star this afternoon, that Mr. Butler is not as fully committed to Populism as he was a good many years ago. In his own State, North Carolina, where the Populist bug deposited bacteria a number of years ago, Populism is dead, and the only two parties are the Republican and the Democratic."

Mr. Butler has for some time affiliated, in a personal way at least, with the Republicans of that State. He has called at the White House a number of times in the last few months in connection with North Carolina appointments, and has made some recommendations. Personally Mr. Butler is an admirer of President Roosevelt.

Thomas Watson of Georgia, who was a vice presidential nominee of the Populist party when Bryan headed the ticket of that party eight years ago, is talked of for first place this year in case the Populists put up a national ticket. Mr. Butler said he did not know how many other men were candidates.

Considerable significance may be legitimately be attached to a decision of Mr. Butler to keep out of politics. It means that, in the opinion of Mr. Butler, there is not only no place for a Populist organization in the nation, but that even his acute vision fails to reveal any promising sign of an early growth in the Republican organization in North Carolina. Mr. Butler attended the State convention at Greensboro and was generally accredited with the authorship of a good portion of the platform adopted. Moreover, Republicans were doubtless willing to give Mr. Butler a fixed place in their councils, for they credit him with wonderful familiarity with the art of politics, but his better judgment must have been stronger than this natural bent, and he kept out of it. It would surprise most people to know just how many times Mr. Butler has conferred with the president during the past winter. He wanted the president to encourage that once very active but now all but extinct school in the Republican household classified as lily whites, but the chief executive could never see it that way. Apparently Mr. Butler has given the whole thing up, both at home and abroad, as a bad job.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF TABLE MANNERS.

A Person's Breeding is More Quickly Noticed at the Table Than Anywhere Else.

The wife of one of the professors in a college town has the habit of inviting one of the undergraduates to her house to meals. One girl, a member of the senior class, was invited. After she had quitted the house the feminine head of the family said to her daughter:

"Whenever I ask here after this, our guest of the evening shall not be one of the company. Did you see that she left her knife and fork trailing from her plate at the table?"

Nothing indicates the well-bred person more than table manners. There is a correct manner of doing everything, no matter how trivial, even to helping one's self to salt or butter.

The rows of knives and forks on each side of the plate are a thing of the past, together with oddly shaped knives and forks; many smart hostesses do not even use a special fork for oysters. Only the knife and fork are placed for each person, and are changed for fresh ones with each course. They are placed exactly one inch from the edge of the plate.

The salt cellars, one at each corner, are also placed very near the edge of the table. In helping to salt take some on one side of the plate; don't put it on the tablecloth; don't sprinkle it over the viands, but take a little as needed. It is considered a reflection on the cook to make too lavish use of condiments. The Frenchman will tell you that Americans do their cooking at table—such an elaborate ceremony do they make of salting and peppering every bit of food.

Bread is always broken into small pieces, never cut and never crumbled into soup or sauce. Oysters and clams are eaten without bread. Don't butter an entire slice of bread, but a small piece as you eat it.

Soup is taken from the side of the spoon, which is filled by drawing it up from the side of the soup plate opposite. Don't fill the spoon with the movement toward you.

Wield knife, fork and spoon as quietly as possible. Don't fork or spoon jangle upon the dish.

In using the knife and fork, a movement of the wrist, not of the elbow, is the proper thing. Some people seem to think that vigorous exercise with the elbows aids mastication. The handle of the knife should rest in the center of the hand, and no part of the hand should touch the knife above the handle. In using the fork, only half of the handle—and that half farthest from the prongs—is covered by the hands.

Don't leave the knife and fork at sixes and sevens on the plate at the end of a meal. Place the fork a little to the left of the plate's center with the ends of the prongs down, and the knife to the right of the fork and parallel with it. Let the edge of the blade be turned to the fork.

There may be people who take soup or fish twice, just as there are persons who believe in the regeneration of Turkey. This is a bad breach of table etiquette. By so doing you delay the appearance of the second course, to the great inconvenience of your fellow guests, and to the chagrin of your hostess.

In serving soup, one ladle full to each plate is sufficient.

A knife, if of silver, is used for fish in conjunction with a fork. The old fashion was a fork aided by a piece of bread. If the knife is steel, don't touch it to the fish. The King of England takes his fish with two forks. All vegetables are eaten with a fork, and asparagus with knife and fork, although it may be taken up with the fingers, if one prefers to do so. A safe rule at table, however, is never to touch any bit of food with the fingers, olives and hors d'oeuvres generally excepted.

All pies are eaten with a fork only, and also most puddings, except custards, which require a spoon. Cheese is eaten with a fork. Peaches and pears are peeled, cut in half, then broken by the fork, and thus eaten. An orange may be cut in half and eaten with a spoon.

Ice cream is eaten with a fork in America; in England a spoon is used. With all deference to English customs, a very safe rule is, eat nothing with a spoon that can be taken with a fork.

A hostess does not press a guest to eat more, nor assure her that there is an abundant supply; it were invitations for her to doubt it. Where considerations of health do not forbid it, it is courteous to partake a little of every course.

No guest passes a plate, or offers to serve anything, unless requested to do so.

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THE SMOOT CASE AGAIN.

Ex-Congressman Roberts of Utah Tells of His Three Wives and the Church in Politics.

(Washington Dispatch, 25th.)

With the re-opening of the investigation in the Reed Smoot case, before the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, the prosecution devoted considerable time to drawing from Brigham H. Roberts the character of the oaths which are said to be necessary for a Mormon official to take in order to have the support of the church for political office. Members of the committee showed an equal interest in the obligations which are said to be taken by Mormons who go through "the endowment house."

Along both lines much evidence was brought out which is expected to have considerable bearing on the fitness of a Mormon church official to hold a seat in Congress.

It was shown by Mr. Roberts' testimony that without the consent of the Mormon church he failed of election to a seat in Congress and later with church recognition of his candidacy he was elected. In relation to the endowment house obligation Mr. Roberts was extremely reticent. Mr. Roberts said he has three wives, one married in 1877, the second in 1886 and third in 1890. He said he has had children by all of the wives and by the first plural wife since his election to Congress.

Senator Overman inquired of Mr. Roberts whether his first wife and his second wife had consented to his third wife.

"No, sir," said Mr. Roberts. "They did not learn of the marriage for three or four years."

"How was that?" asked Senator Beveridge. "Do you mean to say that the marriage was not known to any one?"

"It was known to some of my friends but not to my wives," was the answer.

"Why was this marriage concealed from them?" asked Chairman Burrows.

"Because I did not want to embarrass them."

"How embarrassed them?"

"Well, we knew the marriage was illegal and it might be embarrassing to them if they should for any reason be called on to testify."

Mr. Taylor asked Mr. Roberts why he thought it incumbent upon him to take plural wives.

"From boyhood," replied the witness, "I had been taught the rightfulness of plural marriages, and I believed this practice to be the law of God. I knew that this practice was contrary to the mandates of Congress, but believed that the law of God was the highest rule and I felt impelled to obey it."

Chairman Burrows asked a number of pointed questions which brought out the confession from Mr. Roberts that he still believes in and is practicing polygamy. He said that he believes that the Woodruff manifesto was divinely inspired and that now in practicing polygamy he knows he is disobeying both the laws of the land and the laws of God. He was asked why he continued to disobey the laws of God, and if he believed them to be the highest laws, and with a resigned air he added:

"Well, the manifesto left me in the midst of obligations to these wives. I am trying to do the best I can to live within the laws but these obligations I cannot shirk."

At the afternoon session Mr. Roberts said no action had ever been taken by the church in respect to his living with more than one wife.

Questions were asked respecting Mr. Roberts' views regarding the manifesto of 1890 against plural marriages and living in polygamous cohabitation, and the witness said he regarded the manifesto as an administrative act of the church and of binding force upon all members. He admitted that to disobey any of those laws would subject the member to liability to church discipline. The witness was asked then in regard to polygamous cohabitation and said that he and many others were living in polygamy at the time the rule was made against such cohabitation, but they considered themselves under moral obligation to live with the wives they had married.

"Do you think you are morally bound to cohabit with all of your wives?" Chairman Burrows asked.

"I do."

"How many children have you?"

"Thirteen living."

"How many not living?"

"Two."

"When was the last one born?"

"About two or two and a half years ago."

Mr. VanCott in cross-examination asked in regard to the rule which permits officials of the church to enter politics, and the witness said he regarded it as merely a "leave of absence from church official duties during incumbency of political office."

He said he did not regard it as an endorsement by the Mormon church. It was brought out that in his first canvass for office when he had not the consent of leave of absence he was defeated.

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Closing Exercises of Bethel School.

Correspondence of The Journal.

The closing exercises of Bethel School, in No. 10 township, Calhoun county, will be on Saturday, May 7th. The forenoon exercises will consist of declamations and recitations by the students.

In the afternoon there will be educational addresses by Prof. Roger, county superintendent, and Prof. Thompson, superintendent of Concord graded schools. There will also be a flag and Bible presentation by the Mt. Pleasant Junior Order of American Mechanics.

The Mt. Pleasant cornet band will furnish music. There will be concert exercises at night.

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Little Brother—Do you know, Ma-

bel, I believe if I weren't here, Captain Spooner would kiss you. "Leave the room this minute, you impertinent little boy!"—Punch.

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The engagement is announced of

Miss Emma Jenkins Haisey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Haisey of Newark, O., to Lieutenant Oliver H. Dockery, Jr., Third Infantry, U. S. Army. The wedding will take place in May. Lieutenant Dockery is well known in North Carolina. He was admitted to the bar, but left the profession to accept a commission in the army. The bridal tour will be to Alaska, where the groom's regiment has been ordered. The post is Fort Egbert, in the Klondike gold fields.

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