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ITEMS OF NEWS.

A bank has been organized at Marshville, Union county.

J. H. Mills and others are organizing a knitting mill at High Point.

Wm. Patridge, a prominent business man of High Point, has decided to move to Baltimore.

Dr. Baker, of Tarboro, was acquitted last week of the killing of Dr. Bass several months ago.

Mr. J. R. McCrary, a Lexington lawyer, was married last week to Miss Mary L. Tatum, of Stuart, Patrick county, Virginia.

Ex-Sheriff J. J. Wicker, of Moore county, died recently of paralysis while sitting in the yard of D. S. Ray at Carthage.

Jack Hairston, a negro desperado, was shot and killed while resisting arrest in Rockingham county last Saturday.

Newt Reid, Jim Setzer's slayer in Statesville, has surrendered and will set up a plea of self-defense as an excuse for the killing.

Thirteen-year-old Edward Spengle shot and killed his sixteen-year-old brother as a result of a quarrel in Burke county last week.

In a drunken row, a young man named Walls cut and slashed his pal, named Haynes, near Elkin one night last week. Walls has escaped.

Will Phillips, a section hand boss, was shot and seriously wounded John Peat, colored, in Anson county last week. Phillips is said to have been drinking.

The Atlantic & North Carolina Railway trouble line at last been settled, as the attorneys on both sides have signed an agreement withdrawing the appeal to the Circuit Court at Richmond. The road has been leased to the Howland Syndicate.

While returning from a social call last Friday night C. A. Henry, a prominent merchant of Asheville, was attacked by highwaymen. The miscreants threw some kind of chemicals in his face and then stabbed him in the chest.

Will Hardin and Arthur Walker, two negro convicts serving sentences on Rowan roads have been lodged in jail charged with robbing the store of P. H. Henley. The negroes were "trusting" and slipped away from the camp at night and robbed the store.

The Lexington Co-operative Store Company, which has several hundred stockholders, is in the hands of a temporary receiver, and the company was to show cause before Judge Cooke at Troy yesterday why the temporary receivership should not be made permanent.

Prof Thos. A. Sharpe has resigned as superintendent of public schools of Guilford county to engage in other business. Prof Thos. B. Foust, of Goldsboro, has been chosen as Prof Sharpe's successor.

The Telegram of the 15th says that S. J. Craven, a postal clerk between Greensboro and Wilkesboro, was injured Saturday morning by a shifting engine running against his car, throwing him to the floor and wrenching his back. He was carried to Winston to a hospital.

John Horne, a machinist, is said to have patented a valuable invention recently. The new invention is a combination car door for freight cars. He claims for it that time is saved in opening and closing cars and that it makes the door more secure, and eliminates accidents by reason of car doors falling to the ground.

A most fendish crime was committed at the Falls of Neuse Cotton Mills, in Wake county, last week. George Tilley, a young farmer, shot and seriously wounded his wife, who at the time was sick in bed and had in her arms a two-weeks-old baby. He also at the same time shot and killed his mother-in-law. The shooting was done while Tilley was in a rage because his wife would not consent to move from one farm to another one.

Boiler Explosion Kills Four Men.

A boiler explosion killed Henry C. Fowler, a well known cotton mill superintendent, at Duke, in Harnett county, this State, one day last week. Mr. Fowler formerly was superintendent of the Elmira Cotton Mill at Burlington. Lee Hoast, ireman, and H. G. Braswell and a colored man named Geo. McLean were also killed. Several others were seriously injured. The dead men were so mangled they could scarcely be recognized.

62 KILLED IN A WRECK.

Passenger No. 12 from Chattanooga to Salisbury and Local Passenger No. 15 from Bristol to Knoxville collide near Knoxville. Over a Hundred People Injured.

Knoxville, Tenn., September 24.—The most disastrous railroad wreck known in this section occurred this morning at 10:18 o'clock on the Southern Railway, about one and one-half miles west of Hodges Station and eighteen and a half miles east of Knoxville. The result of the collision of the two passenger trains is that about fifty people are dead and over one hundred and twenty-five are injured.

The colliding trains were eastbound through passenger train No. 12 from Chattanooga to Salisbury, N. C., leaving Knoxville at 9:35 a. m. and westbound local passenger train No. 15, from Bristol to Knoxville, due to arrive here at 11 a. m. According to the best information, the wreck was due to a failure of the crew of the westbound train to carry out its orders to meet the eastbound passenger at Hodges Station. Instead of taking the siding at Hodges it proceeded toward Knoxville, with the result that a frightful collision occurred. Both trains were running on time and at a speed of about thirty miles an hour. The locomotives were demolished and the major portions of both trains were completely wrecked with the exception of the Pullman sleepers, none of which left the track. The pile of wreckage was ghastly and the suffering terrible in the extreme. The wrecked coaches were filled with dead and injured and the rescue work was accomplished with great difficulty.

A wrecking and special relief train left this city as soon as possible after the news of the disaster had been received here.

The removal of the dead and wounded commenced immediately upon the arrival of this train. Hundreds of people had been attracted from Hodges Station, New Market and the many farm houses in the vicinity of the wreck. The people thereabouts rendered every possible assistance and nearby homes were thrown open to the dead and suffering. The corpses of physicians on the special train administered to the wounded, who, with the dead were placed on the special train and brought to Knoxville, arrived here about five o'clock. About five of the injured died while enroute to this city. Some were taken to the Knoxville general hospital and others to their homes or homes of friends. A local undertaker had received orders to have 150 cots in readiness, and these were at the Mun Street crossing, where the dead were removed from the train. Fully 200 people had gathered about the Southern passenger station, expecting the train to unload at that place. One of the passengers states that the wreck occurred without the least warning, and that the trains were telescoped.

Knoxville, Tenn., September 25.—The death list as a result of the fearful wreck on the Southern Railway near New Market Saturday has grown tonight to 62, and it will probably exceed 70 before Tuesday, as many of the injured are in serious condition and more deaths will occur at the hospital.

A force of 150 men toiled all day long at the scene of the wreck. Before 2 o'clock Sunday morning the track was clear for through trains, but it required many hours to clear the debris. Engineers Parrott and Kane were found beneath their engines, but their bodies were not crushed badly. Small fragments of bodies were found in many places today, but it is thought that they belong to bodies already found and brought to this city. One little baby was found by the wreckers.

LOSS OF LIFE EXPLAINED.

The cause of the terrible loss of life in the heavy east-bound train was explained today. It seems that the second coach ploughed its way into a bank in which other cars were jammed, and pushed in by the weight of heavy Pullmans were crushed like egg shells.

The complete list of injured, as given out by the railroad officials show a total of 162, but this includes all persons who were only slightly hurt or scratched.

The following North Carolinians are among the number of dead:
W. T. Ellis, Ore Hill.
M. P. Gant, Shelby.
Mrs. Green, Sylva.
J. R. Plummer, Jones Mine.

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RANDOLPH REPUBLICANS REFUSE JOINT CANVASS.

County Chairman Hendricks Declines and Evades the Challenge of Chairman Scarborough.

ADVISES SHERIFF TO GO AHEAD AND MAKE APPOINTMENTS.

After Appointments are Made Names a Few Dates and Places for Joint Canvass, all of which Conflict with Dates and Places Fixed by Sheriff.

For more than a quarter of a century it has been a custom for the candidates for the general assembly and for the various county offices to accompany the sheriff on his first round collecting the taxes and unite in a joint discussion of the political issues.

The next day after Mr. Hendricks returned from the St. Louis Fair Chairman Scarborough of the democratic executive committee addressed to him the following letter and sent it to him by hand in order that it might reach him without any delay:

Mr. G. G. Hendricks, Chrm. Co. Ex. Com., Asheboro, N. C.

Dear Sir: By request of the Dem. Co. Ex. Com. and the candidates for the general assembly and for the various Co. offices, I hereby request you to meet me and arrange a joint canvass between the Dem. and Rep. parties in Randolph Co. Please send your reply by bearer and oblige.

Yours respectfully,
W. J. Scarborough,
Chairman Dem. Co. Ex. Com.

On the morning of the 22nd, Mr. Scarborough received the following reply dated Sept. 20th, and post-marked at Asheboro Sept. 21st, at 10 o'clock a. m.:

September 20, 1904.
Mr. W. J. Scarborough, Chrm. Dem. Co. Ex. Com., City.

Dear Sir: Replying to yours of this date relative to a meeting between ourselves, to arrange for a joint canvass between the Democratic and Republican candidates, I will say that the law requires the Sheriff of the county to have his books at each township in the county some time during the month of October; and it is a well established custom in our county for him to go abroad and make his appointments to suit his own convenience, and such candidates as choose to do so make the round with him.

I am willing to let the matter stand, as heretofore.

Yours truly,
G. G. HENDRICKS,
Chrm. Rep. Co. Ex. Com.

Mr. Scarborough replied to this letter promptly and sent it by hand, again requesting an answer by bearer.

Asheboro, N. C., Sept. 22, 1904.
Mr. G. G. Hendricks, Chrm. Rep. Co. Ex. Com., Asheboro, N. C.

Dear Sir: Yours stating that you are willing for such candidates as choose to make the round with the sheriff at his appointments for collecting taxes received. It has been the custom in this county for the county Chrm. of the Democratic Ex. Com. and the county Chrm. of the Republican Ex. Com. to meet and arrange for joint discussions of the candidates for the General Assembly and the various county offices to accompany the sheriff at his appointments on the first round for the collection of taxes, and the sheriff has been in the habit of stating in his notices of his appointments for the collection of taxes that the candidates for the legislature and for the various county offices will be with him at his appointments, and the people are invited to come out and hear the joint discussion.

I have just learned that you and other prominent Republicans in this county have stated that there would be no joint canvass with the Democrats this year. In my letter of challenge to you for the discussions, I stated in substance that I did so in obedience to a request of the Democratic Executive Com. and the nominees for the General Assembly and the various county offices. I am entitled to a direct and positive answer whether you will accept the challenge for the nominees of your party.

For more than a quarter of a century the nominees for the General Assembly and the nominees for Sheriff, Register of Deeds and County Treasurer have made joint canvasses of the county with the sheriff at his appointments in every township on his first round for collection of taxes.

I suggest that you meet me at 12 o'clock today in the public library and reading room over the bank to the end that we come to some definite agreement or understanding. The sheriff is pressing me far and away so that he can notify the people what they may expect.

Please send me a written answer by bearer. Yours very truly,
W. J. SCARBORO,
Chrm. Co. Dem. Ex. Com.

At a later hour on the same day Mr. Hendricks made another evasive and indefinite and unsatisfactory reply as follows:

September 23, 1904.
Mr. W. J. Scarborough, Chrm. Co. Ex. Com. (Dem.) City.

Dear Sir: Replying to your second letter, in regard to a meeting between ourselves to arrange for a joint canvass between the County candidates, will say that I served as

any 18th; Kemp's Mills 19th; Seagrave 20th; Gray's Roads 21st.
G. G. HENDRICKS,
Chrm. Rep. Co. Ex. Com.
Sept. 23rd, 1904.

In the forenoon of the next day Chairman Scarborough sent Mr. Hendricks the following letter:

Asheboro, N. C., Sept. 24, 1904.
Mr. G. G. Hendricks, Chrm. Rep. Co. Ex. Com., Asheboro, N. C.

Dear Sir: Replying to yours received late yesterday afternoon, I beg to enclose herewith tax notice of the Sheriff of Randolph Co. The Sheriff wrote you and wrote me, requesting a joint discussion with him on his first round, insisting that he both meet him before he made his appointments, so that times and place might be made satisfactory to each of us. I also wrote you asking for this meeting. You replied to each of us, stating in substance that there would be a joint canvass or not. You did state, however, that you saw no reason for changing our former habits. The Sheriff has made his appointments. The Democratic nominees for the General Assembly and the various county offices will be with him on this canvass, and the nominees of your party have been invited to meet the nominees of the Democratic party at the various appointments of the Sheriff on his first round of collection of taxes.

Yours very truly,
W. J. SCARBORO,
Chrm. Dem. Co. Ex. Com.

Mr. Hendricks has, no doubt, forgotten two years ago when Mr. Elijah Moffitt, the secretary of the Democratic county executive committee, carried to him in person in order that he might know it was delivered, a challenge from Chairman Scarborough requesting that there be a joint discussion between the two political parties. Mr. Hendricks at a later date replied to the challenge through the mails stating certainly that he accepted the challenge and that he had no other idea than to have a joint canvass. The sheriff then made his appointments for the convenience of the candidates. It has been rumored since the county convention that the Republicans would not unite with the Democrats in a joint discussion this year.

The Democrats have been in charge of the county for four years. Their record is before the public and they challenge an investigation. The Republican county officials were turned out of office by the people on their record. The people are entitled to a joint canvass and place the records of the two parties in county, State and nation.

Mr. Hendricks gave the following evasive answer, repeating the misrepresentation that he had made to Chairman Scarborough:

September 23, 1904.
Mr. T. J. Finch, Sheriff, City.

Dear Sir: Replying to yours of this date in regard to an arrangement, relative to a joint canvass between the Democratic and Republican candidates, will say that I have been away from home almost ever since our county convention and have seen none of our candidates to get their wishes, in regard to a joint canvass.

Besides, it has never been a custom in our county for the chairman to arrange these matters. The sheriff always makes his appointments, and the candidates go if they wish to.

I do not wish to be discourteous, or in any way delay you in getting out your notices, but positively I cannot pledge that our candidates will, or will not go.

Yours very truly,
G. G. HENDRICKS.

Sheriff Finch also addressed a similar letter to Chairman Scarborough to the one he sent Chairman Hendricks. Mr. Scarborough answered promptly and without delay, saying that the Democratic nominees for the General Assembly and various county offices would be with the sheriff at all his appointments on his first round for the collection of taxes, but could get no assurances from any source that the Republican nominees would be present at these appointments, although he had invited them in the hope that a joint discussion could be had.

Late in the afternoon of September 23rd, at about the hour of six o'clock, some three hours after Federal Office-holder J. M. Millikan had arrived in town (in response, no doubt, to a summons to come post-haste), and in his capacity as advisor and Grand Mogul of the party, to give advice and consult about the trouble into which the Republican party had gotten by nominating the ticket it did at its late county convention, Mr. Hendricks went to the office of Mr. Scarborough to talk to him about a joint discussion. At Mr. Scarborough's request Mr. Hendricks submitted the following in writing:

Mr. W. J. Scarborough, Chrm. Dem. Co. Ex. Com.

We will make joint canvass at following places:
Farmer Oct. 10th; Mt Pleasant Church 11th; New Market 12th; Gray's Chapel 13th; Liberty 14th; Ramsour 17th; Pleasant Grove Acad-

ABOUT POLITICS.

Billingsgate, N. C., Sept. 24, 1904.
My Dear Pat—I've got off and joined the Annanias club at last. I had to move over to Randolph to do it. I'm a postmaster now. Rusevelt had a new postoffice made for our old colored brother Jerry Billingsgate, and Jerry wouldn't have it because it didn't pay but two dollars a week; so I got the job. My postoffice is named Billingsgate after the good old brother who was much beloved by our politeness. Campaign time is a hard time for a unexperienced man to take charge of a postoffice and learn the business as I want to learn it. I've got to learn how to tell what democratic literature is even when it's sealed up so I can delay it or send it by the long route; and if I can do none of them things, so I can get it out of the way somehow. That's one way of campaigning you hadn't thought of, and if any democrat literature or notices of democrat speakers of democrat news papers don't turn up at the right time and place you can just take the hint. A word to the wise is sufficient. We're a going to carry this county by at least 900 majority.

Since I've got settled down and no the run of things I like my change awful well; I tell you its time. The way our fellers run things is a caution. The big boss comes down from Greensboro occasionally and gives the little boss his orders how to run things. The little boss is command-in-chief of the republican forces in this county, but he has to do what the big boss from Greensboro tells him or he'll be turned off. But all the little township overseers have to do what the little boss says. If he says, "Golieth, go for dave," Golieth goes; and if he says, "Tige, stand on your head," Tige sticks his feet up in the air and grins without showin his teeth. Tige barks at every democrat he sees; the little boss makes him do it. Tige goes where his head comes from.

The democrats had their convention on the 17th of this month, inst., and there was so many democrats in Asheboro that it'd like to a scared our fellers to death. They actually had political spasms. When I got in town not one of em could be found. After while they found out the crowd was possible and climb out of their dens. They said they wasn't scared, but was a playin the new game of "hide and seek." Toward night the little boss stuck his head out of a window of a back shed, and said there was more democrat voters in town than used to be voted when our fellers counted the votes in his offis. I didn't no he ever got scared. He lets on like he's awful brave when the big boss from Greensboro comes down to bring orders and a campaign money, and you can just hear him a wishin he had as many dollars as he can whip democrats.

The big son-in-law boss found out the other day that it wouldn't do to kick too hard at the Watts Law, and he's a sendin out new platforms that don't say much about the Watts Law. It don't make any difference; our fellers don't go by platforms. Our bosses can make a new one any time in ten minits.

Our fellers didn't nominate their best timber for the General Assembly. They just nominated such fellers as they could get to take the chances. They nominated an excellent doctor to take care of the people that'll get sick on the campaign speeches the other two fellers is a goin to make. He'll have a job on his hands. One of our fellers was prohibitionist but he seed licker was a gettin akaw, and now he's a given the Watts Law the devil. The other'n use to be a store keeper and gauger, but he's a representin the temperance wing of the republican party in this campaign. One of em is a runnin for two offices. When the democrats get after him about the way he use to howl for prohibition he'll say he'll say he's not a feller the Watts Law, he's a runnin for presidential elector; and when they get after him about Rusevelt eatin with niggers he'll say its all right with him, he's a runnin for the State Senat. How're yore fellers a goin to whip a man when you dont know where he's at? You just as well shut blank cotridges at a bred wagon. The little boss has worked a trick on yore fellers this time.

One of the fellers thate a runnin for the House speaks with a vengeance. He memorizes his speech and then lorns his jishers from the little boss. The little boss cant make jishers, but he nos how it ought to be did. This feller has been to Rally one time, and if the democrats give him jusst he'll go agin, and if they cant make room for him there he must have a place in the General Assembly at Morgintin. He'll give the Watts Law zip at either place. He use to stay where they made licker, and he got two dollars a day for it and all the good cool water he cool drink free of charge.

As for the other fellers thate a runnin for the House, I've nothin to say about his record. He's all right, and he's left no mistakes where people can see em. They're all a layin under about four foot of dirt, you no people aint a goin to move that much dirt just to see a man's mistakes.

Well I've got to close and go down to Randolphin to study postoffice affairs.

Yours against the democrats,
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