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GLENN ACCEPTS JOB; NOT RUN FOR SENATE

Under No Circumstances, the Winston-Salem Man Announces, Will He Contest for the Seat of Senator Lee S. Overman.

Former Governor Robert B. Glenn announces that he will under no circumstances contest for the seat in Senate now filled by Lee Overman. He states that he is well satisfied with the place tendered by President Wilson on the Boundary Commission, and that he will accept it. This action of Mr. Glenn causes no surprise since it has been felt for some time that the ex-Governor would land a good job without having to scuffle for it. The place on the Boundary Commission is expected to be ready for him between now and March 1, the date until which the incumbent desires to hold it.

Charged With Burning House to Get Insurance.

W. G. Jones, a well known young man was arrested last Wednesday evening in Winston on a warrant sworn out by Deputy Insurance Commissioner Scott, alleging that on December 24 Jones set fire to a dwelling in which he had furniture stored. It is alleged that he insured goods of little value in two companies, the policies aggregating \$1,750, claiming he was living in the house, and a few days later the dwelling rented by him and valued at \$4,000 was with its contents destroyed by fire.

Commissioner Scott claims a clear case of fraud. Jones was formerly in the mercantile business. He is now in jail.

WEDDING AT TRINITY

Miss Melita Parkin of Trinity the Bride of Edgar Fletcher Pepper of Thomasville.

A wedding of unusual interest was solemnized at Trinity January 21, at 8 o'clock, when Miss Melita Parkin became the bride of Edgar Fletcher Pepper of Thomasville. The ceremony was a very quiet and simple one, there being present only the near relatives of the bride and groom and a few intimate friends. It took place at the home of the bride's parents, Capt. and Mrs. Joseph Parkin, at Trinity. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. S. Raper, of the Methodist church at Trinity. The bride was attended by her three attractive sisters, Misses Bess, Nell and Jewell Parkin and the groom was attended by Mr. D. C. McRae of Thomasville. To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Bain Henderson, the bride entered with her sister, Miss Bess Parkin, after which followed Misses Nell and Jewell Parkin, followed by the groom and his best man. The impressive ceremony of the Methodist church was used. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom went by automobile to Thomasville where they will reside.

The bride is the popular and attractive daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Joseph Parkin of Trinity. She is well known here and in other parts of the State, having taught school in both Gibsonville and Asheboro. She goes to Thomasville with a warm welcome from a number of admiring friends.

The groom is a native of Trinity, and now occupies a responsible position with the Standard Chair Co., of Thomasville, where he has made good and his numerous friends wish him well in his new venture.

A Trust Company for Aberdeen.

The Pages are, it is said, to organize the Aberdeen Bank and Trust Company at Aberdeen. All the stock it is claimed is to be subscribed and owned by Henry A. Page, J. R. Page, Robert N. Page and Frank Page and their two sisters and the capital stock is to be one and one quarter million dollars. This will be one of the largest and richest bank and trust companies in the State. It is said that one of the Page brothers and probably others are stockholders in the American Trust Company at Charlotte and one of them is a director in that large financial institution.

It is reported that all the Page brothers are to move to Aberdeen where they will in a large measure control their great wealth.

Prominent Winston Man Dies. Alderman A. Dowdy, a resident of Winston for thirty years, died last Friday night after a lingering illness. Mr. Dowdy was one of the popular citizens of Winston and his death is mourned by many friends.

JOHN REECE BLAIR, OF TROY, DEAD



While in service of his fellow man, and in line of duty "with his armor on," John Reece Blair was stricken with apoplexy in the court room at Troy, and died at his home on Monday night at 8 o'clock.

"Reece" Blair, as he was known not only to his friends but the public of the State, was born in South Carolina in 1861, but removed, with his father, to Monroe, N. C., where he spent his early boyhood.

He moved to Troy in 1898 and soon became, by force of his intellect and personality, a leader, not only at the bar of his county, but became identified with all the industrial, educational, uplifting and political interests of his adopted county. He was the first man, in many years, to secure the election, as a Democrat, in Montgomery

county, to the Legislature of North Carolina, in which he served, both as Representative and Senator, in successive years. His marked ability there gained him the distinction of being the first Democratic member of the State Executive Committee from his county, upon which he served for many years, being also representative and delegate to State and National Conventions, notably the last Baltimore Convention, but aside from all the worldly honors, so justly bestowed upon him, it should be given upon his tomb that: "Herein lies a man, just and forgiving to his enemies, merciful to the erring, loving his friends."

Mr. Blair was prominent not only locally, but State-wide, for in the convention that named Hon. Robert N. Page for Congress in this District when Mr. Page was first nominated, Mr. Blair came within forty-six one-hundredths of one vote of securing the nomination.

Mr. Blair was well-known, respected and loved by the people of our town and county. He was a frequent visitor here, and was popular and esteemed by all who knew him, and his death will be widely regretted. He was known as one of the most enthusiastic patrons of all charitable deeds and institutions, notably, by reason of his appointment as the Governor, as Trustee of the Montrose Sanitarium for the cure of Tuberculosis, upon which board he served, with devoted interest, to the day of his death.

His geniality, his love of his fellow man, is well-known, he was a rare man and we bend to the bow of fate, in questioning his taking off, but find much comfort in knowing that "his deeds will reward him."

Mr. Blair was married in 1904 to Miss Ada Allen, daughter of Mr. G. W. Allen, of Troy, a prominent family of the county, and leaves brothers and sisters in both Charlotte and Monroe, Mr. R. K. Blair, of Charlotte, Dr. John M. Blair, Mrs. Joseph A. Stewart, Mrs. B. C. Ashcroft of Monroe, being among his surviving relatives.

A mighty oak in the forest of industry, progress, education, has mysteriously been uprooted, and has fallen. May God give us one to take his place.

Graded School and M. E. Church at Troy Burned.

The old Troy academy building at Troy, in recent years used by the graded school of Troy, was burned on Thursday night of last week. On several different occasions recently the building has caught on fire and had been extinguished. The building had caught on fire on last Thursday morning and it was thought the fire was all put out when the fire was discovered it was too late to control or put it out. The big engines and pumps at the Smithman Cotton Mills only some two hundred yards away were put in action throwing water on the buildings and cotton bales in the yard between the mill and school house. Several times the trash and cotton were ignited, but the water soon put it under control. The fire was so hot, however, that the brick Methodist Episcopal church near the school building had caught on fire notwithstanding the fact that roof of the church was of metal. The window frames and blinds were of wood. The church was a wreck, the wooden floors, rafters and ceilings being an easy prey to the consuming flames. When the hose turned the water from the cotton mill after the cotton mill was saved and out of danger it was too late.

A large new modern brick graded school building at Troy is nearing completion. It will be necessary for the school to suspend until the new building is completed and that will be two months or more.

Norfolk Southern to be Extended

There is talk of building the Norfolk Southern from Asheboro to Deep River near Central Falls and thence up the river to High Point and thence to Winston-Salem or Greensboro. The business men of High Point are much interested in this undertaking and it may be that in the near future the Norfolk Southern may be extended from Asheboro to the north going up the river and progressive valley of Deep River in this and Guilford counties.

W. G. Jones, a well known young man of Winston-Salem, was arrested last week for alleged burning of his stock of merchandise on December 24th last. The stock was insured for \$1750, valued at \$4000.

C. C. McAllister of Fayetteville Seriously Injured.

C. C. McAllister, treasurer and general manager of the Southern Timber and Lumber Company, and one of the most prominent lumbermen in North Carolina, was run down and seriously injured last Friday morning in Fayetteville, where he now lives when attempting to avoid a bicycle on Hay Street, he stepped before the motor car of Malcolm McNeill of Raeford.

When Mr. McAllister was knocked down Mr. McNeill lost control of his machine, and the car lunging to one side, followed Mr. McAllister, passed over his body, and crashed with its four passengers into the show window of W. E. Kinley's store. Mr. McAllister was taken up unconscious from scalp wounds and carried to the hospital where he later recovered consciousness.

The accident is said to have been caused by poor regulation of traffic while Mr. McNeill who came from Hoke county had no license number. Mr. McAllister is recovering his many friends in this county will be glad to learn.

John Maynor Killed by Train at Thomasville.

John Maynor, of Thomasville was instantly killed when a freight train struck his automobile in that town last Friday morning.

Maynor, it is said, had had the machine only about a week. On the morning of the tragedy he took several friends for a ride, and attempted to cross the railroad tracks at the crossing just south of the passenger station. The track at that point is clear for 200 yards to the north, and it is inexplicable why he failed to see a southbound freight, which was bearing down upon him. At any rate he drove directly up on the track, and there the machine stopped; the others jumped and escaped without injury, but the driver stuck to his seat. The train was running at a rapid rate, and when it hit the machine the auto was instantly demolished. Maynor's neck was broken and he must have died almost instantaneously.

The dead man was in the employ of D. P. Connell, a merchant of Thomasville.

Chas. E. McCullers of Raleigh Dead

Mrs. C. E. Stedman of Farmer received news Saturday of the sudden death of her brother, Mr. Chas. McCullers of Raleigh. He was 70 years of age and went to the country to visit his farm and next day was found dead by the roadside. He had died suddenly while walking from his farm to the railroad station to take the train back to the city.

Mrs. Stedman did not get the news of her brother's death in time to get to Raleigh for the funeral.

FIRE AT MT. GILEAD.

More Than Two Hundred Bales Cotton Threatened on Sunday.

Shortly after noon Sunday fire was discovered in the Mt. Gilead Store Company's cotton yard, near the Norfolk-Southern station at Mt. Gilead, where more than 200 bales of cotton had been placed in readiness for shipping. In the absence of a sufficient force to separate the few burning bales from the remainder of the cotton about 40 bales caught before the flames could be checked, some of which were badly damaged. The loss is estimated at about \$1,000, with no insurance. The origin of the fire is not known. It is thought, however, that it is the result of some careless boys who may have gone there to smoke.

Organized Gamblers at Work.

It is claimed that a gang of gamblers are working in this State and Virginia.

The Greensboro News hears about this and tells in substance the plan as understood to be going on.

Their routes said to be included between Lynchburg, Roanoke, Danville, Greensboro and Charlotte, and possibly up the Asheville line, and along the coast to Wilmington.

It seems that in the towns they operate in they have members, and that these members keep posted and they find some one who is ready for a game, take him off with them and through divers means get his money at a "little" game of poker.

These gamblers are said to follow their routes for some one who has been spotted. Occasionally a man from one town consents to make a trip to another town with an ostensible friend—the two find their way into the hospitable graces of some fellows, or maybe there is a two-handed game going on, and two more will make it four handed—the more the merrier,—and the process of extraction after a possible indulgence in whiskey that has been doctored with chloral or something else as effective, is then begun until a reasonable quantity of the coin is extracted.

An experience said to have been undergone gives information bearing out this scheme and relates the depth of the methods which are sometimes employed by the organization.

As the story goes a man who was worth considerable money was approached by one whom he thought he knew. During their conversation it developed that this well off man is in one of his moods, and an invitation is extended to take a trip to a certain town—Lynchburg for instance—where the alleged friend says he knows several fellows. It is ascertained that twenty-five or thirty dollars will be enough for the trip and back and board and a few drinks.

They arrive at their destination and take a stroll down the street. The friend issues an invitation to go to the club.

Within, seated at a table, they find a couple of men in a quiet game of cards. The friend decides to join and the well off man instead prefers a drink. At the buffet he is served, and when a feeling of unusual grogginess comes, a slightly tired feeling, he takes a hand in the game and invests some of the traveling money, which eventually goes higher.

He is informed by his friend that across the street a check can be cashed with the friend's recommendation and a few hundred are secured. These, too, go the way of the smaller amount and the mind is still somewhat heavy. Another check for a few more hundred is cashed and the total amount goes toward the \$1,000 mark, all of which somehow finds its way out of the hands of the well off man.

To cut short what might be made a longer story it is later learned that before the well off man and the alleged friend started on the trip the latter evidently had wired someone to the effect that he had a good one, that they would arrive at a certain time, and that everything should be ready.

A still further light on the scheme is declared to be the fact that most of the packs of playing cards have been marked in some definite way by the manufacturer, and that for a sum of something like fifty dollars it is possible to get the key to these cards which makes easy the effective carrying out of any such plans as the one illustratively given.



DR. WILLIAM A. BROWN

Who will deliver an address in Asheboro Tuesday, February 3rd, at the Graded School Auditorium, at 2:30 p. m.

Farmer's son, messenger boy, printer's devil, worker at 7 trades, student, leader in reform, city pastor, missionary to Pampangan, field secretary of the missionary education movement, and a friend forever—this, in short, is the biography of Dr. William A. Brown, missionary superintendent of the International Sunday School Association, with headquarters at Chicago. While the Filipinos were causing the United States army considerable trouble by their guerrilla warfare, Dr. Brown served in the Philippines as a soldier of Christ. He had enlisted in foreign missionary service for life, but was mustered out with an honorable discharge after three years of faithful service. Through being poisoned he was forced from the islands, and can never again live continuously in the tropics.

Dr. Brown is enthusiastically missionary. Because of his personal experiences on the foreign field, foreign missions has become the passion of his life. He finds great joy in the work to which he has dedicated his life, and is seeking to enlist men and women in active missionary work at home and abroad.

Dr. Brown belongs to the church militant. As pastor in St. Louis in 1900, he fought in the campaign for law enforcement, which developed the sentiment that later enabled Joseph E. Folk to carry through his program of reform. As a pastor in Kansas City, Kansas, he led in the fight for the closing of the liquor joints and helped in the campaign which freed the city from lawbreakers. As missionary in Manila he participated in moral reform movements and aided in passing the Two-mile Limit Law, which made effective the anti-canteen legislation of Congress.

Dr. Brown is a rapid-fire speaker and convinces his audience that he knows what he is talking about. He is cheerfully optimistic, and is possessed of a pleasing personality, is chock full of sunshine and good nature. While ushering as a youth in a big city church, it was said of him, "Just as Jeremiah the prophet had gone to Grand Avenue church and shaken hands with the head usher in the gallery, he would have gone away to write 'Canticles' instead of 'Lamentations.'"

Dr. Brown is an alumnus of Baker University, class of 1897, and of Drew Theological Seminary, class of 1900.

The International Sunday School Association, of which Dr. Brown is the missionary superintendent, comprises nearly 16,000 state, provincial, county, township and city associations, covering the entire continent of North America. These associations hold about 20,000 conventions every year, and are offered by more than 180,000 volunteer workers. In the 173,000 Sunday Schools served in the International field, there are 1,800,000 officers and teachers, and nearly 16,000,000 scholars.

The program for Mr. Brown's visit is as follows: conference for Sunday School workers 1:30 to 2:30 in tenth grade room graded school building. Ten minutes intermission 2:40 to 3:30 Mr. Brown will deliver an address in the auditorium of the graded school building to the public. It is especially urged that all officers and teachers attend the conference.

For further information telephone or write any of the undersigned.

Col. A. C. McAllister, C. G. Frazier, W. L. Ward, D. M. Sharpe, Cephas Bowman, L. E. Ross, Committee.

George H. Russell, a native of New Hope township, Randolph county has been confirmed as postmaster at Laurinburg, N. C. Mr. Russell was formerly Register of Deeds of Scotland County and is now County Superintendent of Public Instruction and a practicing attorney. He was for several years editor of the Laurinburg Exchange. Mr. Russell has been most successful and is reputed to be wealthy.

A. M. and G. M. Pressnell's Store Robbed.

On last Monday night the store of Messrs. A. M. and G. M. Pressnell on Salisbury Street was entered and flour, canned goods, snuff and tobacco was taken out. Mr. Geo. Pressnell took out a search warrant for one Floyd York and his two brothers, of whom he was suspicious and searched Floyd York's house and found part of the goods that Mr. Pressnell had missed, also snuff and tobacco that Mr. Pressnell does not claim. Owner can get same by applying to J. S. Ridge, J. P.

Old Chatham County Home Burned

The home of Joe W. Womble, 5 miles south of Pittsboro, was totally destroyed by fire, together with practically all the household goods. The fire was caused by a defective stove flue from the cook stove and when discovered had made such headway that it was impossible to save anything. Womble sustained painful burns about the head and face. The loss is estimated at several hundred dollars with no insurance. The house that was burned was known as the Sam Womble home and was probably one of the oldest houses in the county.

The Ramblers Book Club.

The Ramblers Book Club had a most delightful meeting Friday afternoon with Mrs. Ferree Ross at her home on Walnut Avenue.

As the guests arrived they were served with hot coffee, margarites and wafers. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. D. B. McCrary. Two very interesting papers on S. America were read by Miss Marion Moring and Mrs. L. L. Whitaker.

Roll called with current events. At the conclusion of the program delicious fruit salad and cake was served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Esther Ross.

Mrs. Milton Hill Passes Away.

Mrs. Milton Hill died at her home near Science Hill on Monday. Mrs. Hill had been in poor health for some time. She was a daughter of the late Nathan Winslow. She is survived by a husband and several children, also a brother, Wm. Winslow. Mrs. Hill was a consecrated christian woman having been a member of the Friends church at Science Hill.

Miss Margaret Wilson for Social Center Movement.

Washington, Jan. 19.—A plea to have the school houses of the country opened to the public as "social centers" was made tonight by Margaret Woodrow Wilson at the civic improvement meeting. "The social center movement in its final analysis," she said, "is the fundamental principle of democratic government."

Following alleged pranks in which a new student at Bingham, Asheville, had his head shaved and was whipped by other students, three Bingham cadets were fined for assault and four were expelled. The name of the victim of the alleged hazing is Louis Reed of Horse Cove, Ky.

The Coggins Mine.

The Coggins Mine in Montgomery county, three miles from Burney's mill and one mile below the Russell Mine is one of the richest gold mines in this State.

It is owned by Mr. J. P. Richardson, of Reidsville, N. C. Mr. Richardson purchased the mine something like a year ago paying twenty-five thousand dollars for it. He has expended in equipment and development something like fifty thousand dollars.

A shaft 250 or more feet deep has been sunk and cross cuts have been made and "winds" made. "Winds" are new shafts sunk at the ends of cross cuts or tunnels. In one of these "winds" a rich vein eight feet wide has been struck recently it is claimed which is worth more than \$200 a ton. This more than 250 feet below the surface.

It is claimed that this mine is richer than the Iola or any other mine that is now or ever has been operated in this State.

Intends to Regulate Agents

Insurance Commissioner Young of North Carolina has called attention to the action of the Legislature which requires him to pass upon the qualifications of general and local agents, and which those who know him believe he will enforce with that firmness and fairness which has always characterized his conduct of his office. Recently two agents from different parts of the State were called before the Commissioner for bad practices and rebuked, by complaint of some of their associates with the result that one prominent firm in the State has been practically put on probation.