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HAMMER APPOINTED DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Senate Promptly Confirms Appointment Made By President Last Week

The President sent the name of William C. Hammer, of Asheboro, to the Senate on Friday of last week for District Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina. The Senate Judiciary Committee met on Monday of this week and eleven members were present, an unusually large number. Senator Overman, Chairman, read the protests filed by Mr. H. A. Hammett, after which the committee reported unanimously in favor of Mr. Hammer. The matter came up at the next executive session of the Senate on Tuesday afternoon of this week when Mr. Hammer's appointment was confirmed without a single objection, to use the language of the Washington dispatches.

Earthquake Scare

Several prominent persons in and around Steeds were very much disturbed Monday night over what they thought a slight earthquake. The following taken from the Montgomeryian explains:

A heavy blast at the Southern Aluminum Co. works at the Narrows on the Yadkin Tuesday night shook up Troy, Hamlet, Rockingham, Wadesboro and other points. There was between \$50 and \$1000 worth of dynamite fired off in one blast that "blowed out" and did not do the work it was intended to do. The shock was so severe that it set off a number of smaller charges that were placed to be fired later. Fortunately no one was hurt. It is said that it will cost the company \$1,500 to clear away the debris thrown into the tunnel by the blowout.

Stanton-Jackson.

Mr. Menese Stanton and Miss Nona Jackson, well known young people of High Point, were quietly married last night at Greensboro, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Dr. Gilbert Rowe. After the ceremony they came to High Point through the country and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gray.

The groom is the son of Dr. D. A. Stanton of High Point, and has many friends who will congratulate him.

Capt. Henderson of Salisbury Dead

Capt. Richardson Henderson, one of the best known citizens of Salisbury died Tuesday morning. He was 58 years old, and is survived by a wife and two sons. He served in the United States Navy for 33 years. The remains were interred in the cemetery from St. Luke's Episcopal church by the rector, Rev. F. J. Mallett, D. D.

Mr. W. G. Kinney's Home Burned.

Mr. W. G. Kinney of rural route three, in Cedar Grove township, had the misfortune to lose his dwelling and contents by fire on the 17th. He had the small amount of insurance of \$150.00 in the Farmers' Mutual, but his actual loss is \$350.00. A contribution will greatly help Mr. Kinney in this supreme hour of need.

Freeman-Allen.

Married Feb 22 by S. A. Cox, J. P., Mr. E. H. Freeman and Miss Minnie Allen. The bride is an accomplished young lady and for several years a teacher in the public schools of Montgomery county. Mr. Freeman is a merchant of Ulah and is to be congratulated on winning so fair a bride.

Regional Banks

Smith Morris, employed as driver for L. C. Hard at Kings Mountain fell dead in the stable last Saturday morning. Enlarged heart was the cause of death.

Spencer Shops and Yards Will Receive Three-Quarters of a Million

The Southern will spend three-quarters of a million dollars on shops and terminals at Spencer. A power house is to be built and a 40-stall round house with all modern equipments will be erected during the year.

BRILLIANT RECEPTION

At the Home of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ross in Honor of Mr. and Mrs. George Romulus Ross.

One of the most elaborate receptions in many years was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ross, at their home on Waimon avenue last night. While the snow fell thick and fast many automobiles went hither and thither carrying the many guests to the Ross home, which was a scene of beauty and loveliness in its beautiful decorations of carnations, ferns, amilax and long leaf pine. In the reception hall Miss Esther Ross was assisted in receiving the guests by Misses Pearl McCulloch, Greensboro, Annie Moring, Lillie Fentress and Nannie Bulla. In the rear hall the ladies were ushered up stairs to the dressing room by Misses Hallie and Julia Ross, Martha Evelyn and Lucile Morris.

The men were met by Mr. Frank Bird. In the receiving line in the parlor were Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. George Ross, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ross, Lillington, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ross. Misses Gieses Burgess and Nellie Spoon with Mr. Robert Cockran, West End, served punch in the living room, which was most attractive in long leaf pine decorations. Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Ross presided over the dining room with Misses Mary Moffitt, Lucile Scarborough and Eugenia McCain serving cream and cake. In one corner of the reception hall groups of the guests gathered around the piano and sang songs old and new. The bridal choir, which was sung by a number of the young ladies of the town was particularly beautiful. There were several solos among them. "Because," by Miss Lucile Ruhl. "To Have or Hold to Love," Miss Jeanette Dickena. Miss Marion Moring accompanied the piano with her violin. There was a large crowd of guests to greet the bride and groom and extend congratulations and best wishes as they start on the voyage of life. The bride is the charming and attractive daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Goley, of Graham. The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross of Asheboro. Both of the young people number their friends by the score and are followed by many good wishes over the matrimonial sea.

The out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ross and family of Lillington, Misses Lamar Ross and Pearl McCulloch, of Greensboro, Messrs. June Page, R. A. Derby, of Jackson Springs, Robert Cochran, of West End.

Lets Contract of 240 Dwellings.

It is not generally known that the greatest activity to be found anywhere in North Carolina is now being taken by the Southern Aluminum Co. at Whitney, Stanly county. The concern is building a new town of 240 dwellings, besides several million dollars worth of work incidental to the development of a big electric power plant, located at Baden, formerly known as Palmerville, five miles from Whitney. At this place three large tunnels are being constructed through which the Yadkin river is to be turned while a mammoth dam is constructed across the noted Narrows. A large force of men are at work both day and night in an endeavor to complete the work in a specified time.

MRS HILL OF PITTSBORO BENEFICIARY.

Will of Uncle-in-Law in New Jersey Sets Aside \$19,000 for Pittsboro Lady.

The late William Runkle of Orange, N. J., who died on January 31, left in his will \$10,000 to Mrs. N. M. Hill of Pittsboro. Mr. Runkle was an uncle-in-law of Mrs. Hill.

Cornerstone Laid for New Church for Methodist Protestants at Asheboro.

Impressive ceremonies following out the ritual of the Church featured the laying of the cornerstone of the building in the course of construction at the corner of Hillside street and Merrimon avenue which is to be the church of the Asheville Methodist Protestants. The principal address of the occasion was delivered by Rev. T. M. Johnson, D. D., of Greensboro, one of the leading members of the denomination in this State. Excellent music added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Copies of the local papers, Church papers, a membership roll and a Bible were placed in the cornerstone at this afternoon's services which were largely attended.

A Big Saving.

A saving of \$75,000,000 a year to the cotton growers of the South, it is estimated by Senator Smith of South Carolina would result if the amendment he proposed to offer to the agricultural appropriation bill is adopted.

He would appropriate about \$1,000,000 to furnish each shipping point in the South a set of government standard grades of cotton together with a set of samples showing the spinning value of each grade, so that hereafter producers of cotton might not be deceived by buyers and by cotton exchanges.

SYNOPSIS CURRENCY LAW

Admirable Brief Resume of Epoch-Making Legislation—Something of the Law That is Destined to Effect a Revolution in Banking Circles.

Headquarters at Washington, Secretary of the Treasury, Comptroller of the Currency, and five other members. Two of these shall be expert bankers, but none shall have banking affiliations or own bank stock during their service. This board will exercise general control over the entire system.

Officers Regional Reserve Banks.

Nine Directors. Six will be elected by the banks; three appointed by the Federal Reserve Board.

Regional Reserve Banks.

Eight to 12. Cities to be selected. All National Banks in a district will be required to subscribe for the stock of the Regional Reserve Bank in their district, and to keep a portion of their reserves there. Each member bank will be required to take capital stock equal to six per cent of the member bank's capital and surplus. State banks may join.

Member Banks.

Will be compelled to put up in cash only one-half of the subscription to capital of new banks, the rest can be called for if needed by the regional bank.

Dividends of six per cent will be paid on the stock to the member banks.

Funds.

Member banks together with Government money will make up the deposits of the Regional Reserve Banks.

What Regional Reserve Banks May Do

May do business only with their reserve member banks, except certain operations in open market, such as purchasing gold coin and bullion at home and abroad and making loans thereon. Invest in United States bonds. Invest in short time obligations of United States, of any State, of any foreign government, and certain forms of bills of exchange are permitted.

Discounts.

The regional bank may re-discount from its member banks, upon the endorsement of any of its member banks, with a waiver of demand notice and protest by such bank. Discount notes, drafts and bills of exchange arising out of actual commercial transactions, that is, notes, drafts and bills of exchange issued or drawn for agricultural, industrial or commercial purposes, or the proceeds of which have been used or are to be used for such purposes.

Maturities.

Maturity at the time of discount based on live stock and having a maturity, drafts and bills drawn or issued for agricultural purposes or not more than 90 days, provided that maturity not exceeding six months, may be discounted in an amount to be limited to a percentage of the capital of Federal (regional) reserve bank to be ascertained and fixed by Federal Reserve Board.

Reserve Regional Banks.

Each regional bank under the act must keep a reserve of 35 per cent of the deposits it has received besides the 40 per cent gold reserves behind the treasury notes it issues. If the gold reserve behind the notes falls below 40 per cent, a heavy tax is imposed on the bank which in turn adds the tax to the rate it charges member banks for re-discounts.

Central Reserve City Banks.

New York, Chicago and St. Louis Total reserve required 15 per cent of demand and five per cent of time deposits. Seven-eighths in the regional reserve banks and the remaining five-eighths in either place the bank may choose.

Reserve City Banks.

Fifteen per cent of demand deposits; five per cent of time deposits; six-fifteenths must be kept in the bank's vaults for the first two years, and five-fifteenths after that time; three-fifteenths must be kept in the regional bank, increasing 1-12 each year, including one-fifteenth, every six months thereafter until it reaches six-fifteenths.

Country Banks' Reserves.

Twelve per cent of demand deposits; five per cent time deposits; must be held in bank's own vaults for two years and 4-12 after that; first year 2-12 5-12 must be held in the regional bank, increasing 1-12 each 6 months thereafter until it reaches 5-12 of the total reserves.

Notes of Regional Banks.

One regional bank cannot again pay out the notes of another except under a heavy tax. Notes are to return to regional banks and be the need for their use passes.

The notes will be printed by the Government with a distinctive style for each regional reserve bank. For each note that is put into circulation the regional reserve bank must set aside in gold 40 per cent of the value of the note as a guarantee for its redemption. This

INCOME TAX

Collector A. D. Watts Gives Special Ruling

The matter of rendering income tax returns by individuals, becoming the subject of live and general discussion interesting as it does many men of many minds and many purses, Mr. F. D. Alexander—who is ever direct—wrote Collector Watts asking him to give the special ruling on the subject. Below is Collector Watts' reply:

Watts' Reply.
Statesville, Jan. 23, 1914.
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear sir:
On my inquiry and request the commissioner of internal revenue has made the following ruling as to rendering income tax returns by individuals. He says: "The provisions of the law will be observed, namely, that individuals not having a net income of \$3,000 or more for the calendar year, or of \$2,500 or more for the taxable period of 1913, will not be required to make the returns. It is not necessary that persons whose names are carried on your tentative lists or persons to whom blank forms have been sent shall make returns of annual net income, unless their income is in excess of the amounts indicated above."

Thanking you to give this information to others, I am,
Respectfully,
(Signed) A. D. WATTS,
Collector.

Milton Kearns Dead.

Milton Kearns, the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Kearns of Farmer, died of pneumonia Monday afternoon and was buried at Salem church Wednesday.

His Literary Gem.

A certain young novelist had a pretty hard time of it at first, and so had his young wife. Money was scarce and the stories he wrote did not sell. The wife had but little respect for his talent and kept endeavoring to coax him to try something else whereby he could make enough money for their support, says Lippincott's Magazine. One day, however, his luck changed and he began to make money. The time soon arrived when he was able to write a check for \$100 and present it to his wife as a gift.

She looked at it and her eyes filled with tears.
"What is the trouble?" the husband asked in surprise.
"Darling," she said, as she hastened around the table and put her arms around his neck, "I'll take back all the mean things I ever said about your writing. This is the best thing you ever wrote."

Thompson-Kearns

The Courier is in receipt of the following:
Mr. Thomas Hampton Thompson and Miss Annie Clarke Kearns announce their marriage Wednesday, February the eighteenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, Thomasville, North Carolina.

At home after March the second, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Mrs. E. H. Dorsett Dead.

Mrs. E. H. Dorsett died at his home in Thomasville last Wednesday morning of pneumonia. She was 53 years of age and leaves a husband and three living children. Mrs. Bertha Ellington of Charlotte, Mrs. Lula Jennings of Thomasville and Miss Ella Dorsett. The deceased was a sister of Messrs. Frank and James Lambeth of Thomasville.

The funeral was conducted yesterday at 10 o'clock from the Methodist church. Rev. R. M. Courtney, her former pastor conducting the funeral. Mrs. Dorsett has many relatives in this county and Davidson, being connected with the Arnold family. She was the third sister of a family of eleven.

David Allen Dead.

Mr. David Allen, 87 years of age, and father of ex-registrar of deeds, W. D. Allen, of Montgomery county, died at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. W. C. Wallace, five miles north of Troy Sunday and was buried Tuesday. Mr. Allen was a gentleman of the old type, well-to-do and prominently connected throughout the county. He fell Saturday from a swimming in his death. The interment was at Forks Little River church Tuesday afternoon with which church he held his membership for many years.

gold with the commercial paper held by the Federal reserve agent is the protection behind the new money. These notes will also be guaranteed by the Government, and may be redeemed in gold at the United States Treasury.

Present National Banks.

The present National Bank notes will not be disturbed by the new law. The United States bonds now used to secure the issue of National Bank notes are to be taken up at the rate of \$25,000,000 a year, by the regional reserve banks, and new treasury notes or short term three per cent bonds will take their place. Thus gradually retiring National Bank currency.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

Interesting Items From Here and There Briefly Told For Busy Readers

Albert Smith, a Duplin farmer, near Kinston, drank a swallow from a bottle of carbolic acid, probably mistaking it for whiskey, and died in about 20 minutes. He was 35 years of age and a successful planter. A widow and four children survive.

Denson Dorsett, a man of about 40 years, was seriously cut by young Mack Andrews in a quarrel in a cafe in Lexington Sunday. Andrews escaped and has not yet been captured.

Henry Moore Teller, secretary of the Interior under President Arthur, and United States Senator from Colorado for more than thirty years, prior to 1907, died at Denver, Colorado, Monday morning. He was born in Granger, N. Y.

Mrs. Bessie Capps of Asheville, who was shot by her husband, Jim Capps, January 25, died last week in an Asheville hospital as a result of her wounds. When he shot his wife Capps attempted suicide by shooting himself but he has about recovered.

Mr. Rupert Freeman, who was appointed postmaster at Ulah, is the son of Wiley Freeman of Union township, from below Pisgah. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Bartlett Shipp died at his home in Hendersonville on Thursday morning, Feb. 19. The deceased was the son of the late Judge W. M. Shipp and a brother of Miss Kate Shipp, principal of Fassifern School at Lincoln-ton.

The death of John Pelopides Leach removes from the State a well-known citizen, aged 59 years. The Chatham Record says he was born and reared at this place, and after the war moved to Raleigh where he was in the mercantile business for several years with his brothers, George and M. T. Leach, and afterwards moved to Littleton.

During the war he was a gallant Confederate soldier and followed the fortunes of the army of Northern Virginia to the surrender at Appomattox Court House. He was one of the sharpshooters that led the assault and capture of Fort Stedman on the morning of the 25th of March, 1865, and acted with much gallantry. His remains were interred in the cemetery at Raleigh.

Col. A. W. Spencer of Salisbury and manager of the Empire Hotel at that place, has been elected to manage the Green Park Hotel at Blowing Rock this summer. Col. Spencer's ability as a successful hotel man is known far and wide and since taking charge of the Empire in Salisbury some years ago, he has made it one of the best and finest hotels in the South and in selecting him to manage of the Green Park Hotel at Blowing Rock the directors have shown exceedingly good judgment. Col. Spencer's management of the Green Park will not effect his connection with the Empire.

Ben A. Craven, a negro farmer, of Chatham county, was swindled out of his pigs and was paid a worthless check for \$62.50 by a white man who gave him the name of J. S. Hoffman. The county authorities are baffled as Caviness is unable to give a description of the swindler and nobody seems to know anything about it.

The body of a new born infant was found in Caroleen Pond, six miles east of Forest City, Saturday afternoon. The body was found submerged in mud, and a heavy weight was tied to the child to hold it on the bottom of the river. The child is perfectly formed. No trace has been found of the identity of the guilty parties.

Lola Jenkins, the nine-year-old daughter of Mrs. Ella Jenkins was burned to death at her home in Statesville Saturday. The mother is a widow and worked in the cotton mill, and was away from home at time of accident.

Jarvis Kinnon, digging a posthole on a farm in the vicinity of Sidney, in Beaufort county, encountered a box buried at a depth of several feet which is said to have contained a small fortune. One report says that Kinnon's newly-acquired wealth is about \$3,000. Two years ago, a box of coins, silver, nickels and pennies was dug up in the same locality. Some of the coins were of issue as recent as 1906. No claimant for the money has appeared and something of a mystery has been occasioned in the vicinity of the find.

Mr. John R. Ryan, who has been closely identified with the Alabama coal industry since 1884, died at his home in Birmingham, Ala., on last Sunday. He was 70 years of age. He was buried at Richmond, Va.

Another cold wave is coming soon, predicts the weather bureau.

Small Cabarrus Child Shot by Five-Year-Old Brother.

A distressing tragedy occurred at the home of Dick Maberry on the Jonas Cook place in No. 8 township, near Concord, when Mr. and Mrs. Maberry's youngest child, a daughter about 18 months old, was shot and instantly killed by her five-year-old brother.

The children were alone in the house when the little boy tried to pull a loaded shot gun from under the bed. The gun was discharged, the load of shot striking the little girl and killing her instantly.

Mr. Maberry had gone to Kannapolis and Mrs. Maberry was with the children. Neighbors went to the home and rendered whatever assistance possible.

TURNER'S ROMANCE

NO. 4.

(Continued from last week.)
We elected our officers: J. M. Odell, captain; Laban Odell, first lieutenant; J. M. Pounds, second lieutenant, L. F. McMasters, third lieutenant, Henry Alfred Fourth Lieutenant. The non-commissioned officers were appointed by the captains. We remained at this camp about three weeks, then we moved to Middleton Academy, half way between Franklinville and Cedar Falls. It was a good thing that we did not know what was before us.

After the company had been uniformed, a day was set for us to go to Raleigh. It was a sad time for us, as many of our friends and kindred had come to bid us good bye. We marched to High Point next day. We reached Raleigh safely, and went into camp Crabtree, a military of instruction. In a few days we were sworn in and paid a bounty of \$10, which was the first ten dollars of Confederate money that I ever seen. From that day we were Confederate soldiers.

One of the first things that we had to learn was that our liberty to do as we pleased had ceased and the we could not do anything outside of camp without a pass. We began to learn what was required of a soldier and very soon found that we had no use for repeaters and bowie knives of which we had many.

We were soon formed in regiments with the following companies: J. L. and M. from Randolph, A from Caldwell county, B from McDowell, E from Guilford county, G from Caswell, F from Alleghany and two other companies made up from the Western counties.

Our regiment was the 12th volunteers and went by that number until the first Conscription Act passed. Our first Colonel was J. J. Pettigrew, of Johnson county. We remained in camp until September and was then ordered to Garrysburg. Upon arrival there we were told that there were enough soldiers stationed there and our Colonel to report his regiment at headquarters at Richmond, Va. We had been riding in cattle cars so new we were put on flat cars, some having coaches to ride in.

Upon arrival at Richmond we fell into line and stacked our arms. Our Colonel gave us command "rest at ease." He rode off for orders, and when he gave the command: "Twelfth Regiment, fall in line! Take arms! Forward march! Keep step with life and drum."

We marched toward the capital and struck Main street and filed down the part called Rockett. The sidewalks on each side were lined with old and young men and women and girls. The Colonel put us through the manual of arms in the march. Some of the on-lookers said, "Where are you all from?" Another said "Look at the flag" for it said, "Twelfth North Carolina Regiment." Another said, "They are fine looking young men. Wonder if they left any more back home." I thought myself that we were nice looking, for we were uniformed and our new guns and bowie knives hanging by our sides, made us look dangerous and I thought that the Yankees would run at first sight of us. We went into camp near the city, on the James river upon a high hill on a level higher than the city. We raised our tents and the guards were strung around us so that no man could pass out without a pass signed by his captain.

We had a fair view of the river with the city facing us. When night came on and the lights at Richmond were lit, some of the boys said that the world was upside down, that the stars at home were above us, but here they were below us. In a few days there was a heavy mail set to our homes telling our friends what we had seen, for many of us had not been so far from home before.

Our regiment was next ordered to Evansport on the Potomac river. We broke camp and took the Fredricksburg and Potomac railroad and went to Brooks station, the last stop before you get to the river and went into camp.

JOHN T. TURNER.
(To be Continued.)

Jetton Acquitted

A jury in Mecklenburg Superior Court Saturday night returned a verdict of acquittal in the case charging Robert Monroe Jetton, the young druggist of Davidson, with the murder of Dr. W. H. Wooten on the night of February 10, and the press reports say the announcement of the verdict was received with a demonstration of approval of the crowd in the court room at that late hour of the night. Jetton was acquitted because his wife, a bride of a few months, went on the stand and swore that the deceased physician was guilty of the crime charged against him by her husband. The "unwritten law" was brought to bear in this case with good effect.

Dr. S. B. Turrentine to be Inaugurated President of Woman's College at Greensboro.

The inauguration of Dr. S. B. Turrentine as president of Greensboro College for Women will occur March 18. The morning exercises will be held in the college chapel. In addition to the inaugural address of the new president, addresses will be made by Hon. Locke Craig, Governor of North Carolina, and Dr. Bruce R. Payne, president of Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn.