

HEADACHE TABLETS CAUSE SUDDEN DEATH

Winston-Salem, May 5.—Mr. E. R. Watkins, treasurer and manager of the Winston Investment Company, died suddenly in his office in the basement of the Masonic Temple Wednesday. He was sick only about 15 minutes. He was sitting in a chair when he died.

Mr. Watkins had been in bad health for several months, and was complaining of having an acute headache shortly before his death. It is thought that his death was due to heart depression, caused by taking two headache tablets containing several grains of acetanilide. The dose was very small for one with a strong heart, but Mr. Watkins' heart was said to have been in a weak condition. He was conscious up to within five minutes of his death and he stated that the tablets was the cause of his illness.

He called for help when first stricken by illness, which came in the form of a spasm, and a number of gentlemen in the adjoining offices rushed to his aid. A physician was summoned, but was unable to tell what caused the trouble until he found what medicine Mr. Watkins had taken and death came before the physician could return.

CONCORD POSTOFFICE WILL BE POSTAL SAVINGS BANK

Washington, May 8.—Postmaster General Hitchcock today designated thirty-six additional post offices as postal savings depositories, which including those previously selected, will make a total of one hundred and twenty-nine depositories established since January 1. The work of furnishing the necessary equipment to the offices and having the postmasters and their assistants thoroughly instructed in the operation of the system will be rushed so as to permit receiving deposits on June 1. Mr. Hitchcock is well pleased with reports received from the offices that have been established, and expects to extend the system as rapidly as possible until has a postal savings bank in every money order office in the United States. The offices in Southern States designated today follow:

Ensley, Ala.; Miami, Fla.; Hopkinsville, Ky.; Natchez, Miss.; Concord, N. C.; Dartslettsville, Okla.; Sumter, S. C.; Jellico, Tenn.; and Staunton, Va.

Appoint New Officers.

The New Mayor and Board of Aldermen met Monday night at the Mayor's Hall and elected and re-elected the officers for the City of Burlington for the two ensuing years. Mr. Carl Heritage was elected Chief of Police, other applicants being our present police, Mr. J. L. Patillo, Messrs. Geo. Hobbs, A. A. Russell, Chas. H. Walker, A. A. Russell was also elected police giving our town an additional officer, he will also have charge of collecting the taxes. Mr. J. A. Zachary was re-elected night police, there being no opposition, no one else having made application. Messrs. W. H. Carroll and E. S. W. Dameron were applicants for the city attorneyship, Mr. Dameron being elected. Mr. L. P. Shepard was elected Cemetery Keeper, other applicants were Messrs. Jake Huffines and Bob Askew, Jerry Sellars was elected Cemetery Keeper for the Colored Cemetery. Mr. Snell was elected Fire Inspector. Mr. W. P. Ireland was elected Mayor Pro Tem. Election of the other officers was deferred. Before electing these officers it was moved, seconded and carried by the Board that all officers be elected to serve, not two years unless they gave satisfactory service.

The new officers will take oath of office and begin service at once.

Misses Eugenia and Espie Clapp of near Brick Church were the guest of Misses Lizzie and Julia Fogleman the past week.

WATKINS SENTENCED TO SERVE 18 MONTHS, APPEALS

Asheville, May 6.—"Fleet Watkins charged with the murder of John Hill Bunting, of Wilmington, at the Gladstone hotel, Black Mountain, on the night of August 6, 1909, and convicted this week of manslaughter, was this afternoon sentenced by Judge Webb to eighteen months in the state prison. The defendant gave notice of appeal and bond was fixed.

Practically the entire morning was taken up with argument by counsel on the motion of counsel for the defendant to set aside the verdict on the ground that the juror, J. W. L. Arthur, went into the jury box prejudiced against the defendant and that when challenged by the counsel for the defendant as to whether or not he had formed and expressed the opinion that the defendant was guilty of the crime, retained his seat.

KILLS HER HUSBAND TO SAVE HIS SOUL

New York, May 6.—"I killed my husband to save his soul and I am ready to take whatever punishment man may mete out to me. I know God does not blame me," said Mrs. Francis O'Shaughnessy, wife of a year, when Coroner Holshausen held her this afternoon without bail on a murder charge. She shot and killed her husband, George O'Shaughnessy, last night because he told her he was going to leave her for another woman.

As she was being led to the tombs Mrs. O'Shaughnessy paused and penciled an order that small savings of a year, money that she had planned should be used for a trip to Ireland, so that their child might be born there, be paid over to a priest for masses for the soul of the man she killed.

Quinn—McKeel.

Mr. Edward Mack Quinn and Miss Iola McKeel were happily united in marriage Saturday night in the Register of Deeds Office, Graham.

It came as a sudden surprise to their many friends, and was not made known to the public until Monday. Mr. Quinn came here some months ago from Alabama and is connected with the Southern Bell Telephone.

Miss McKeel is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McKeel and is Chief operator of the Southern Bell Telephone at this place. The State Dispatch joins their many friends in extending congratulations.

Farmers Union Rally and Picnic.

Farmers Union Rally and Picnic will be held at Snow Camp on May 30th a cordial invitation extended to every local Union in the County to participate with us. Dr. Alexander State President and State Organizer Green have accepted the invitation given them and will both be with us. So do not fail to come bring your baskets well filled and let us spend a day of profit, and pleasure together. Good music, free lemonade Base ball something to interest every one. State Veteran Chrisman has been invited to be present to show us the good and bad points in our stock.

J. C. Griffin Sec.

The County meeting will be held in Graham on Saturday the 27th.

GLASSES.

An optician of professional standing is bound to refrain from self-praise. I do not claim to be the "best on earth." But I do insist that I am a good Optometrist—that I know my business, and that you can safely intrust your eyesight to my care. I shall be pleased to fit glasses for you. I will be at Burlington, Tuesday and Wednesday May the 16th and 17th, stopping at the Burlington Drug Co., for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses.

Dr. N. Rosenstein, of Durham, N. C.

A NEW RAILROAD FROM GREENSBORO TO OXFORD AND HENDERSON

That the city of Greensboro is going after a new railroad in earnest is at once patent from the fact that subscriptions amounting to several thousand dollars have been made by Greensboro men to defray the necessary expenses incident to a preliminary survey. The proposed road is contemplated being built from this city via Burlington to Roxboro and thence to Oxford and Henderson, connecting with the Norfolk and Western at Roxboro and the Seaboard Air Line at Henderson.

Several weeks ago the chamber of commerce through a committee of which J. W. Fry is chairman, made some investigations, securing data to be used in promoting the building of the route. Citizens along the proposed line are very enthusiastic over the project. The citizens of Roxboro, who are greatly interested, have stated that they will cooperate and raise their part of the money.

On Tuesday, May 16, a large delegation from the chamber of commerce expects to leave here in automobiles for Roxboro, Oxford and Henderson, and ten or fifteen cars leaving Greensboro, carrying 30 or 40 of the city's best business men will, it is believed, arouse a great deal of enthusiasm along the line, and, it is believed further, that with the proper interest and cooperation the road can be built in the year

1911. It is believed the building may be done at a very reasonable expense, because the route runs along a ridge.

The building of the Greensboro to Roxboro to Henderson railroad will mean much to Greensboro, as the territory through which the road will run is one great farming district. The best tobacco in the state is raised in Caswell and Person counties, through which this line passes, and in the section are considerable timber lands. The opening of the territory will mean thousands of dollars additional trade to the merchants of Greensboro.

Another advantage and not the least by any means, is that the distance from Greensboro to Norfolk will be shortened about 25 miles.

In view of the situation regarding the railroad, while it is yet in its beginning, the following is given by a gentleman connected with the chamber of commerce.

"The citizens of Greensboro are today more united than they have been for several years, and the building of this railroad is something in which they should feel interested in. They should cooperate with the chamber of commerce for the line because it will put more life into our city than any other one thing that can be done."—Greensboro Daily News.

With the City Fathers.

Burlington, N. C., May 1st, 1911. The Board of Aldermen of Burlington met in regular session this night—Mayor Love presiding.

The Street Committee submitted the following report:—"We herewith hand you report of the Street Committee showing the total work done on Sidewalks by I. F. Grantham, one half the cost of said work to be paid by the City as per former order, to wit:—

Sampson Allen,	\$22.67
Smith & Qualls,	25.77
C. R. Love,	28.11
Sam G. Moore,	136.67
S. Thomas & Sons,	25.00
C. F. Neese,	79.10

\$316.32. Itemized bills for cost of said work is hereto attached and the respective parties have advanced the money and paid for said work as per orders.

Attached to this report is bill of J. H. Holt, \$40.00 damage to hedge by reason of the grading of West Davis Street, and is accepted in lieu of the replacing of said hedge by the City.

We beg to further report that the extension of Worth Street is well worked up for travel and we recommend that said street be accepted by the City.

On motion by Sellers duly seconded the foregoing report was accepted and the bill of J. H. Holt \$40.00 ordered paid.

R. M. Morrow Chairman of the Water-Light & Power Commission made verbal statement with reference to the City's Water Supply.

Upon request of Apple, Alderman, the Commission was asked to reduce their suggestions and recommendations to writing in order that same may be made a matter of record—whereupon the Commission submitted the following:—

"We recommend as the quicker and more feasible way in which to secure an immediate and adequate water supply for our City is to connect our system with the deep well at Bellevue Mills, this can be done at an approximate cost of \$700.00 and we estimate connection can be made within about three days after pipe necessary for the work is received. Mr. Browning, Manager of the Mills agrees to allow the use of the well and agrees that in case satisfactory remuneration can not be agreed on by the Committee, he is willing to allow same arbitrated by disinterested parties.

Motion by Albright seconded

by Freeland that the matter be continued for consideration by the incoming Board—amended by Apple, that the Commission be authorized to proceed with the work as per their recommendations and as they deem proper:—on ballot Apple, Ireland and Sellers Vote AYE. Albright, Freeland Cates and Atwater vote NO. Request of B. M. Walker—Chief of the Fire Company, to remove the Hose Scaffold across Worth Street to a point near the Fire House, was on motion of Sellers granted provided same does not obstruct the street.

No report from Finance Committee.

Reports of the Tax Collector, Police, Cemetery Keeper, Health Officer and Scavenger all read and accepted.

Upon motion by Sellers, the Secretary and Treasurer, is here by ordered to draw checks for salary of Aldermen and also for the Committee Meetings as per memorandum to be submitted to the respective Aldermen.

Upon motion by Albright, seconded by Freeland, the Annual Report of the Secretary & Treasurer was referred to the Finance Committee.

Bills approved, was on motion ordered paid, as follows:—

W. H. Carroll 4-20-11	\$400.00
H. F. Moore 5-1-11	16.30
H. M. Love & Son 5-1-11	32.56
Frederick Disinfectant Co. 1-17-	11 6.27
Burlington Gro. Co. 3-6-11	5.00
L. A. Walker 5-1-11	16.00
Edwards & Broughton Co. 4-1-11	4.50
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R. J. Hall 4-6-11	105.00
S. G. Moore 3-8-11	10.00
Parker & Parker	150.00
Cates Machine & Bridge Co. 23.50	
G. W. Anthony Co. 5-1-11	45.32
	\$818.30

No other business for attention on motion the meeting adjourned.

JAS. P. MONTGOMERY Secretary & Treasurer City of Burlington North Carolina.

Fire Saturday Evening.

Saturday evening about three o'clock the home of Mr. T. B. Fowler caught from a flue in the kitchen and before the firemen could reach the scene the entire roof was in a flame, which destroyed the building. Part of the property being saved. It took nice work on the part of the firemen to save the two homes next to Mr. Fowlers. The building was partly covered by insurance.

TWO IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS SHOW THE RAVAGES OF TIME

Washington, May 6.—The sacred relics of enduring popular government, the original declaration of independence and constitution of the United States, which for nearly a decade have been locked up in the archives of the State Department were personally inspected today by Secretary Knox, who during his tenure of office is charged with their preservation for posterity. Their exposure forcibly revealed to the Secretary that the safe in which they are kept is neither water nor fire proof. Although without available funds, he immediately issued instructions that an estimate be made of the cost of a receptacle which would make the historic instruments absolutely secure against destruction.

Both documents have been obscured from public gaze since 1802 in order to save them from the spoilation of sunlight, from accident or vandalism. When uncovered today the immortal declaration displayed the ravages of time and the disastrous effects of press copying to which it was submitted in 1852, and from which all fac-similes have been made. Nearly all the signatures have faded away, even the famous scroll of John Hancock being only vaguely and incompletely visible. The dimmed text, however, is readable in its entirety. The condition of the declaration is ascribed by officials more to the press copying than the wear of years. The constitution, which has never been press-copied, is in almost perfect shape.

A rearrangement of the department's library afforded the Secretary an opportunity to view the relics. They were returned to the safe and Mr. Knox announced that for the sake of their preservation, there would be no change in the policy of locking them up from public exhibition.

ACCIDENT DUE TO DEFECTIVE ROADBED

Easton, Pa., May 4.—"By the evidence before us we conclude that the accident was caused by a defective roadbed," was the finding of the coroner's jury in Phillipsburg, N. J., following the inquest of the victims of the wreck on the Pennsylvania railroad at Marrin's Creek last Saturday. This finding was made in connection with the death of Eleanor Rutherford, the Utica school teacher, who died from her injuries in the Easton hospital.

Prosecutor Striker, who assisted Coroner Kinney in his investigation said that he would like to have had a more explicit verdict. "The case is now up to the grand jury for further investigation if they care to take it," he said. "No one being charged with neglect, there is no one against whom a charge can be made. There was no evidence to show any person charged with the care of the roadbed had any knowledge of a defect, if any there was."

Million Dollar Company.

The Secretary of State chartered Friday the Piedmont Railway & Electric Co. of this city. The capital authorized is \$1,000,000 and the special purpose mentioned in the charter is the construction and operation of a system of electric lines that will connect Burlington, Graham, Haw River, Hopedale, Carolina and Glenco with local service also for these and any other points within 50 miles of Burlington in Guilford and Alamance counties. The company also specifies power to generate electric and other power, maintain parks and theaters and other pleasure resorts and general work of development. The incorporators are J. M. Cook, E. S. Parker Jr., A. L. Davis.

The Bellevue well has been tested and is recommended to the Board of Aldermen for our water supply. This was left open Monday night for the new Board.

SALISBURY ALDERMAN IS A BLIND TIGER

Mooresville, May 6.—John E. Ludwig of Salisbury, who was elected alderman from the South ward in his town last Monday, was arrested near here this afternoon about 5:30 o'clock on a charge of retailing. He was riding in a four-passenger 1911 Cadillac automobile, and under the seat, in the side pockets of the machine and in a sack were found seventy-three pint bottles of whiskey. His machine carried no number and a warrant was also issued for him on that charge.

Following his arrest, he was placed under a \$200 bond on the retailing charge and \$100 bond for the charge of operating an automobile without a number, for his appearance for trial before Squire C. V. Volis Tuesday morning. He put up cash bonds and was released from custody. The whiskey and automobile however are held by the authorities here until after the trial.

John F. Ludwig is a son of the late Benjamin Ludwig of Salisbury and is a well-known business man and successful farmer. It is understood here that he is well fixed financially.

The officers here were put on the lookout for Ludwig by a message received from Salisbury yesterday, stating that he would be here today with one hundred pints of whiskey. He was seen to pass through town and Chief of Police Brown, Deputy McKnight and Officer Broom mounted their vehicles and went in pursuit. The officers caught up with the automobile about a half-mile, from town, at the McPherson mill, and there made the arrest of the man, booze and machine.

HORSE-RACING IN FLORIDA GETS A KNOCK-OUT BLOW

Tallahassee, Fla., May 3.—Horse racing in this state received a death blow this afternoon when the anti-racetrack betting bill passed by the lower house of the legislature by a vote of 61 to 1. It is claimed by many that the measure probably will be found unconstitutional in that it violates another statute specifying that each law enacted shall embrace but one subject. The measure already has passed the senate and now awaits the governor's action.

Sweet Sixteen Surprise Party.

A large number of her friends were present at the home of her grand-mother Mrs. J. F. Thompson Tuesday night to assist in giving Miss Margie Loy a Sweet Sixteen Surprise Birthday Party. The home was tastefully decorated with coronations, roses, and ferns. Progressive Hearts in which Miss Mary Teague and Mr. Butler Loy won the prize, and Geo. Sharpe the Booby, was the chief amusement of the evening. Refreshments consisting of punch, ambrosia and cake were served. The punch bowl being presided over by Miss Henrietta Love.

Thus an evening among the sweet sixteens was very much enjoyed.

Rah For Alamance.

We have just seen a letter from Mr. Frank Melville, manager of the American Vaudeville Circuit, 251 West 42nd St., New York, to Mr. Junius H. Harden, manager of the Alamance Fair Association, making Mr. Harden the agent for Mr. Melville and his company in the territory from Lynchburg to Atlanta.

The American Vaudeville Circuit is the largest concern in the world booking out-door and circus attractions.

Alamance opens the circuit between Lynchburg and Augusta, Ga., and this means that Mr. Harden will have at the Alamance Fair this fall, Oct. 3-6, attractions of a class never before booked at a County Fair in the South.

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