

A Desperate Battle---Between the Ground hog and the weather Man Watch Results.

THE TWICE-A-WEEK DISPATCH

A PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE UPBUILDING OF AMERICAN HOME AND AMERICAN INDUSTRIES.

BURLINGTON, ALAMANCE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1915.

THE DEMOCRATS AGAIN HOLD WHIP HAND IN THE SENATE

Republicans Now Talking Against Time, With Prospect of No Adjournment Until Vote Is Taken on Motion to Recommit Ship Purchase Bill—Struggle May Mean Extra Session—Democrats Say They Will Keep the Measure Before the Senate and That the Appropriation Bills Will Be Ignored.

FULL VALUATION OF PROPERTY IN NORTH CAROLINA IS SOUGHT

Committee Would Reach This End in Two Years—Work Out Real Worth—Plans to Have Men in All Parts of the State to Ascertain True Values.

PLANS PROGRESS FOR CAPTURE OF WARSAW THE GERMANS CLAIM

Russians Claim Several Minor Successes in East—Austrians Gain Ground—At One Point a Severe Snowstorm is Said to Have Materially Aided Austrians—No Change in the West—Army Casualties Discussed in House of Commons and Britain's Total Losses During the War Are Placed at 104,000.

DEATH OF MR. THOMPSON.

Early last Sunday morning Mr. J. Bedford Thompson died at his home in East Burlington, after several months' illness with cancer.

Mr. Thompson was born in Alamance County, educated at Bingham and the University. Early in life he taught school, later becoming connected with the George W. Anthony Lumber Company.

Twenty-three years ago he married Miss Byrde Holt, who survives him. Mr. Thompson was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The funeral services were held at Front Street M. E. Church at 2:00 o'clock Monday by Revs. D. H. Tuttle and J. H. Shore, of Dunn, and burial followed at Pine Hill Cemetery. The floral offerings were many.

The active pall-bearers were Messrs. W. E. Sharpe, E. S. W. Dameron, Jos. A. Isley, J. M. Cook, W. W. Brown, R. A. Lutterloh; Honorary pall-bearers: Messrs. J. M. Atwater, J. M. Turner, A. L. Davis, O. F. Crowson, A. A. Apple and J. W. Cates.

DEATH OF MRS. J. P. HUFFMAN.

Mrs. J. P. Huffman died at Elon College on the morning of February 5, 1915, after a brief illness of asthma and heart failure.

She was the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Low, of Guilford County, who together with two sons, Messrs. J. H. and W. F., merchants at Greensboro, and two daughters, Mrs. B. B. Greeson, of Alamance, and Mrs. D. W. Ramseur, of Guilford County, husband and son, and three daughters survive her.

The funeral services were held in the college chapel at Elon on Saturday conducted by Rev. D. C. Cox, assisted by Revs. J. D. Andrew, of Newton, and J. O. Atkinson, of Elon.

A very large floral offering together with the extremely large congregation points to the high esteem in which she was held.

Mrs. Huffman's unexpected death has brought sorrow to the whole community. She was identified with every measure in her town that was for its betterment morally. She was a member of the Reformed Church, in Burlington, also a member of its L. S. Missionary Society and was always in the front rank. Mrs. Huffman was a woman of strong faith in her Savior, a firm believer in His readiness and willingness to answer prayer, never forgetting to ask her friends to unite with her in prayer in times of affliction and sorrow.

While she was so greatly interested in the welfare of others she did not forget her loved ones at home. She

was perfectly devoted to them, having the highest ideals for her children.

CITY UNION AT REFORMED CHURCH.

The Baraca Philathea City Union met in the Reformed Church Sunday at 3 o'clock with the best attendance since the organization of the Union. The first feature on the program was a solo by Miss Alene Amick, followed by an address by Supt. W. E. Sharpe of the Methodist Sunday School on Sterling Quality of Persistence. Mr. W. C. Douglass tendered his resignation as president of the Union and Mr. J. G. Rogers was unanimously elected to succeed him. Rev. J. D. Andrew made a short talk expressing his pleasure in seeing the Sunday Schools doing so well. The Philathea banner for attendance was awarded to the Philathea class of The Reformed Church, having 85 per cent. present. The M. P. Baracas won the Baraca banner having 27 per cent. present.

"PEG O' MY HEART."

A Dramatic Recital by Miss Florence Davis at Graded School Auditorium Saturday Night.

Miss Florence Davis will appear at the Graded School Auditorium Saturday night, Feb. 13, at 8:00 o'clock in "Peg O' My Heart."

DRAMATIC PERSONEL.

Mrs. Chichester
Ethel, her Daughter,
Alaric, her Son,
Christian Brent, a social lounge.
Montgomery Hawkes, a Solicitor.
Jarvis, the Butler,
The Maid.
Sir Gerald Adir, familiarly known as "Jerry."
Peg, Mrs. Chichester's Niece.

BART GATLING NOMINATED BY PRESIDENT YESTERDAY.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Bartholomew M. Gatling was selected today by President Wilson for postmaster at Raleigh.

The President's decision ends an appointment contest which aroused much interest in the South. Strong efforts were made to secure the position for Mrs. Charles B. Aycock, widow of former Governor Aycock.

VALENTINE PARTY.

There will be a Valentine Party Saturday night in the vacant house formerly occupied by George Crawford on Anthony Street, for the benefit of the Webb Avenue M. E. Church. The Public Cordially Invited.

WIN A PREMIUM.

The Twice-A-Week Dispatch appreciates the patronage of our many subscribers and in order to show our appreciation in a substantial way, for every dollar that you send us between now and April 1st, upon subscription, we will send you free of charge, postage prepaid, One Hundred Frost Proof Cabbage Plants. This offer applies to new subscriptions as well as old. All you have to do is to send along your money and say when you want your plants.

A Hundred Plants for every dollar—Two Hundred Plants for Two Dollars, and so on up. Five Dollars will get you Five Hundred Plants. You owe the money anyway, why not send it and get the plants?

This offer positively expires March 31st, 1915.

Do not delay, but send NOW. This is the chance of your life-time to get Cabbage Plants absolutely free.

Who will be the first to send?

Be sure to state when you want the plants.

THE STATE DISPATCH PUB. CO., BURLINGTON, N. C.

The paper costs Two Each Week and only costs you A DOLLAR PER YEAR, with a Hundred Frost Proof Cabbage Plants FREE. Who said nobody wouldn't give you nothing?

PART OF MONEY STOLEN IS RECOVERED.

Winston-Salem, Feb. 5.—The Bank of Stokes County has recovered \$1,435 of the \$3,000 alleged to have been stolen by "General" A. Hill, route mail carrier last Tuesday. The money was turned over to Sheriff W. C. Slate by J. H. Keaton, of Vade Mecum, who stated that the money was given him Tuesday night by Hill, with the request that \$1,000 of it be given to Mrs. Hill and the remaining \$435 be used in settling Hill's debts in the neighborhood.

Mr. Keaton states that he had no idea that the money was stolen when it was given him and that he had no idea of the present whereabouts of Hill.

NEW RESIDENT FOR BURLINGTON.

Mr. E. R. Hill, who has been in our town for the past month, has moved his family here from Fayetteville, and will occupy the Hay house just below the post office. Mr. Hill finds business much better in our town than in much larger cities and we are glad to have him and his family become permanent residents.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

A memorial service in view of the death of the late Mr. J. W. Murray, who lost his life off the Carolina coast when the explosion occurred on the yacht Julia, will be held at the Lutheran Church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

While the body has not been recovered this memorial is intended to take the place of a regular funeral service.

Floral offerings can be sent to the church; after the service they will be presented to the family of the deceased. The public generally are cordially invited.

DR. LONG VISITS RALEIGH.

Dr. Daniel Albright Long, president of Union Christian College, Meron, Indiana, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon on his way to Florida. He will spend a few days here with his daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Belvin. He will also spend a few days in Burlington with Mrs. G. A. Kernodle before going on to Florida. Dr. Long has many friends in the city who are giving him a cordial greeting.—News and Observer, Feb. 7.

CONFESES BIGAMY.

Concord, Feb. 6.—W. R. Blackwelder, former mail carrier here, who was arrested in Charlotte yesterday afternoon on a warrant charging him with bigamy, was given a hearing this morning before Police Justice McConnell.

Blackwelder entered a plea of guilty, and only three witnesses—Mrs. Blackwelder No. 2, who was with him in Charlotte when the arrest was made, Mr. Warden, her brother-in-law, and Chief of Police Mabery—testified. Mrs. Blackwelder told of her marriage to Blackwelder at Winston-Salem Tuesday afternoon and of their visit to Charlotte, Rock Hill, Yorkville and Gastonia. Mr. Warden told of the marriage also and Chief Mabery of the arrest.

Police Justice McConnell bound Blackwelder over to court under a bond of \$3,000, which he was unable to give and was remanded to jail.

Blackwelder appears to be indifferent as to the outcome of the case against him. When he arrived with the officers from Charlotte last evening a great crowd gathered at the Union street corner and at the city hall to see him come in. Gazing over the crowd he laughingly remarked to the officers: "I didn't know I could draw such a congregation."

He voluntarily told of his marriage and trips to various towns mentioned above. When asked, however, why he returned he declined to state, saying that he could not give the reason on account of private matters. "I could have given the officers a lot of trouble, however, but the matter had to be settled some time. I decided to face the issue and would have returned here on No. 12 if the officers had not arrested me in Charlotte. I am going to plead guilty and if they give me 10 years I am going to be perfectly submissive to the penalty."

Mrs. Blackwelder, her brother-in-law, Mr. Warden and brother, Mr. Sink, who have been here since yesterday, returned this morning. Mr. Sink engaged Mr. T. D. Maness of the local bar to have the marriage of his sister and Blackwelder declared void.

POSES AS MINISTER.

Charlotte, Feb. 6.—The arrest of W. R. Blackwelder, of Concord, alias Edward Black, alias "Rev. Edward Black, field evangelist, Methodist Church" at the Southern station here yesterday on the charge of bigamy nipped in the bud a brazen attempt to fleece the good people of several North Carolina towns and also brought to light one of the strangest affairs that has occurred in this section of the State in a long while.

Blackwelder, who, under the name of Black, was wedded last Monday night to Miss Sadie Sink, of Winston-Salem, after having courted her under that nom de plume for 13 months, came to Charlotte Wednesday where his name became Rev. Edward Black, field evangelist, Methodist Church; went to Rock Hill, and Yorkville, S. C., Thursday and returned to Charlotte yesterday where he was promptly nabbed by the police. He has a wife and five children in Concord, his wife being now critically ill.

Blackwelder had had personal cards printed either here or in Rock Hill which read as follows:

REV. EDWARD BLACK
Field Evangelist,
Methodist Church.

Of these cards, he had several hundred in his possession when arrested. In Yorkville he wrote a letter to the postmaster at Concord saying that he had bought a ticket through to Kansas and that his friends should not worry or grieve over "spilt milk." He also had written cards in the form continued on Page 6.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE BILL PUT TO SLEEP.

Consideration of Measure by House Indefinitely Postponed by Vote of 63 to 39—Members Go on Record—

Mr. Kobers, of Buncombe, Championed the Measure and Went Down With Colors Flying—Mr. King Believes It Would Be Better to Correct Industrial Conditions.

The opposition to woman suffrage in North Carolina was given a considerable jolt yesterday and the forces that have been fighting for the measure were correspondingly elated over the showing made in the House when, what was considered a test vote on the proposition, came before that body.

The motion was made by Mr. Doughton to postpone indefinitely, action on the bill and on this motion there were 68 ayes, 39 noes, 13 absent and not voting.

The debate on the question proceeding the vote was spicy and a good sprinkling of ladies were in the galleries to listen to the oratory although the absence of approval either way in the applause was noticeable.

BUNCOMBE MAN CHAMPIONS MEASURE.

Mr. Roberts, of Buncombe, opened the discussion by saying that he knew that three-fourths of the members had already made up their minds how they expected to vote on the question and that their minds were made up on the wrong side. "The whole history of woman suffrage in the United States points that you are wrong" said Mr. Roberts, "and all of you will live to see the day when women will be voting in every nook and corner of North Carolina." The Buncombe man wanted to know of the House if they were afraid of their constituents. Tennessee, he declared had passed a bill giving the voters a right to express themselves on the subject and they were not afraid. West Virginia he declared had done the same thing and they were unafraid. Mr. Roberts said he was always ready and willing to let the people pass in judgment on the great questions of the day and he was willing to let them have an expression on this question. He told a circumstance of a man in Buncombe who employed his time sitting around on goods boxes all day whittling and chewing tobacco, while his good wife was at home at work and teaching the children how to read. Do you tell me said the Buncombe man that that woman hasn't the right to vote while her sorry husband goes off and exercises the privilege. Mr. Bowie wanted to know in what way woman suffrage would help the case and Mr. Roberts replied to the member from Ashe by saying that he always asked that question when a measure was proposed and that he was like an owl, the more light you pour on him the blinder he gets.

WOULD FAVOR UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Mr. Page said that all his life he had been using his energies to get what women wanted and if he could be shown that the women wanted the right of suffrage he would favor it even if it were against his judgment. He said that he knew something like five hundred women and out of the entire lot only one wanted the suffrage and she was the most incapable one of the lot when it came to the matter of voting. He hoped the agitation would be settled for several years at least and he believed the matter was already settled as far as North Carolina was concerned.

HOME PLACE FOR WOMEN.

Mr. Benton opposed the measure in a vigorous manner, the only trouble about his remarks being, some of the members complained, that they

THE THOMAS BILL.

Proposed Law to Require Second Sale of Real Estate by Mortgagees, Trustees and Those Making Sale By Virtue of the Power contained in Wills.

Interviewed in the House by Representative J. F. Thomas, of Anson.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That in the foreclosure of mortgages or deeds in trust on real estate, or in case of the public sale of real estate by an executor, executrix or any person by virtue of the power contained in a will, in all such cases the sale shall not be deemed to be closed under 10 days.

Sec. 2. That if in 10 days from the date of the first sale, the sale price shall be increased 10 per cent. where the first price does not exceed \$500, and five per cent where the first price exceeds \$500 and provided the same shall be paid to the clerk of the court, it shall be the duty of the mortgagee, trustee, executor, executrix or person offering said real estate for sale to re-open the sale of said property and advertise the same in the same manner as in the first instance: Provided, that the clerk of the Superior Court may in his discretion, also require the person making such advance bid, to execute a good and sufficient bond in a sufficient amount to guarantee compliance with the terms of sale should the person offering the advance bid be declared the purchaser at said second sale.

Sec. 3. That in all cases where the bid shall be raised as prescribed in Section 2 of this act, said amount shall be paid to the clerk of the court, whereupon said clerk shall issue an order to the mortgagee, or other person, and require him to advertise and re-sell said real estate: Provided, it shall only be required to give 15 days notice of said second sale.

Sec. 3. That not more than one sale shall be required under this act.

Sec. 5. That upon the final sale of said real estate, the clerk of the Superior Court shall issue his order to the mortgagee, or other person, and require him to make title to the purchaser, and the clerk shall make all such orders as may be just and necessary to safeguard the interest of all parties.

Sec. 6. That the clerk of the court shall keep a record which shall show in detail the amount of each bid, the purchase price and the final settlement between the parties.

Sec. 7. That this act shall not apply to the foreclosure of mortgages or deeds of trust executed prior to April 1, 1915.

Sec. 8. That this act shall be in force from and after the first day of April, 1915.

"What that guy doing with that camera? He's been standing on that corner all day."

"He's taking a motion picture of that Messenger Boy."—Buffalo Express.

could not hear him and asked that he speak a little louder. He declared that the place for women was in the home and not at the polls.

THE GOLDEN AGE.

Mr. Brummitt said the human race was going onward, that this was the golden age and he wanted to see old things change and give place to the new, hence he was in favor of allowing the amendment to be submitted to the voters of the State. They have a right to vote on the question, he declared, and he was not afraid to submit any question to the people. The women he declared will be back of the men to correct all evil.—News and Observer.

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