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Civil War in Germany

It is fearful to contemplate what is taking place in Germany these days. Naturally the truth is not reaching us for the Germans would hardly let the truth be given out in full as to what is being done in their country. This much is known. A few days ago a general marched on Berlin at the head of an army and declared the present government overthrown and set up a new government with another president at its head. Then the officials of the overthrown government moved to another city and opened offices there. They at once called upon the people to resent the move made by the army and to do this by making a general strike over the whole country. This they did and business was thus practically stopped in the whole country. The new government backed by the army declared martial law and made it a death penalty for any man to join the strikers, but the workmen have not heeded that order and the strike is on in full force. Thus the country seems to be not backing the effort to set up a new power with the army back of it, but rather to stand by the officials who were elected by the people some months ago.

In the meantime bloodshed has been in many places. Often the soldiers have fired with machine guns into gatherings of workmen, and at one town a war ship fired into the section of the town where the striking workmen live, killing many hundreds of them.

Just whether the civil war, for such it is, will be stopped in a short time no man can say. There are those who think that the bottom of the whole trouble is that this country failed to back up the European countries by ratifying the peace treaty. We are yet at war with Germany and if the civil war in their country progresses we may yet be drawn into it. Now we have a large force of our regular army on the German border doing service there until peace is declared by our country.

Mount Airy Postmaster Resigns

Mr. J. H. Carter, postmaster at this town, resigned his position last week to take effect June 30th of this year. Mr. Carter gives his reason for resigning that he intends to complete his law course and begin the practice of the profession, possibly in Greensboro.

For almost seven years, now, Mr. Carter has held the position of postmaster here in a most acceptable way, to the patrons of the office. His resignation is a most interesting event for many here, for it is understood that there are several citizens who will try to get the appointment.

It will be remembered that Mr. Carter secured the place at a time when it was not under civil service and that he had the endorsement of Congressman Stedman. At that time Mr. C. H. Haynes made a strong fight for the office and had a very large per cent of the citizens here as his endorsers, but Mr. W. F. Carter had been one of Major Stedman's local backers and so the office went to Mr. J. H. Carter as a political reward, as was the custom in all the years before the civil service was made effective.

In the years past it has been understood that Mr. W. F. Carter was the one man in the county who could be counted on to land positions higher up, for he was the one man locally who had the most influence with the Congressman. But now they tell how all this has changed and how the civil service gets at the merits of a case and how political pull and influence is at very low ebb.

Street talk has it that Mr. Carter has endorsed for Mr. C. H. Haynes and that Mr. Haynes may enter the race for the office here even if it does not pay anything like the salary that he is now drawing for his services. The inducement is to be here where his home and family is, rather than the salary.

Street talk has it that Mr. Marvin Ellis will apply for the place and that he has been in the post office for several years as clerk and knows the business as well as most any man and has shown himself to be so thorough and efficient that he will stand a fine chance to land the position. He gets credit also of being a very popular man among the people as an official. It is currently rumored that there will be several other citizens who will apply before the award is made.

Mr. George Snow, son of Rev. Joe Snow, is here and will ask for the place. He has not been about here for several years but little, but this has been his home since childhood. He

went away to school and was almost through college studying for the profession of law when the war came on. He went to France along with his brother Roy. It will be remembered that Roy was killed in battle in France and George was promoted to the rank of Captain before the war was over. Once back home he married and went into business securing the management of a large store at a big mill in Haywood county where he was making good. Last week the big mill burned down and made his position with the store undesirable. Now he would like to be postmaster and his father and friends will urge his claim to the place.

Now all the folks who are thinking of trying for the office may just as well understand that the first thing to do is to brush up on "book learnin'." They are going to give each applicant some examples in arithmetic to work, including some sums in percentages. They will want a composition written on some subject, say a horse, or a kite, or an airplane. They will put you through something like a test required of a free school teacher, though it will hardly be so long. They will then make diligent inquiry as to your ability to manage men and keep a working force together and do the work that is required at the local office. They will also make close inquiry as to whether or not you are acceptable to the people who will patronize the office, for your Uncle Sam is not disposed to place a man in office who is not favorably known to the people who must endure his presence in positions of importance.

And again, the office is open to any man who lives either in Mount Airy or on one of the rural routes served from here. By no means is the place closed to those who live out in the country districts. And it is not a political proposition any longer remember that. Republicans are just as welcome to enter the contest as Democrats, and it may be well to remember that in the awarding of offices during the recent months many Republicans have been securing offices.

How A New Postmaster Is Appointed

The resignation of Postmaster J. H. Carter, effective June 30th., will necessitate the appointment of a new postmaster within the next few months. Two years ago the President of the United States issued an executive order providing for the appointment of all first, second and third class postmasters by civil service rules. The vacancy that will occur in the Mount Airy postoffice will, therefore, be filled only after an examination conducted by the Civil Service Commission. The date has not yet been announced, but it might be of interest to candidates for this office and the public generally to know something of the nature of this examination. Persons between the ages of twenty-one and sixty-five years of age who are bona fide patrons of this office will be permitted to take the examination which includes the following subjects: 1. Arithmetic and accounts (this test will consist of problems of average difficulty, embracing a knowledge of the four fundamental rules, common and decimal fractions, ordinary weights and measures, elemental arithmetical analysis, and percentage, together with a simple statement of a postmaster's monthly money order account in a prepared form. This subject counts thirty points on the total rating. 2. Penmanship (the legibility, rapidity, neatness, general appearance, etc. of the competitor's handwriting in the subject of letter writing). This counts ten points. 3. Letter writing (letter of not less than 150 words; competitors may select either of two subjects). This subject counts twenty-five. 4. Business training and experience. This subject counts thirty-five points, and the competitors are graded on this subject after two representatives from the civil service commission and the post office department have visited the town, made a careful investigation of each candidate's record through the banks, merchants and general business interests of the community. This investigation covers the candidate's moral character and also the applicant's experience in the administration of business enterprises.

Upon the completion of the examination the applicant making the highest rating is recommended by the postmaster general to the president who sends the nomination to the senate for confirmation. The term of Postmaster Carter does not expire for a year and a half yet and it has not been announced whether the examination to be held is to fill this unexpired term or for an indefinite period.

Young Matron's Club Meets.

Mrs. H. B. Rowe was hostess of the Young Matron's club Tuesday afternoon at her home on North Main St. Rook was played at four tables, beautiful Easter score cards and favors being used. Mrs. Graham Harrison won the prize. Mesdames Winston Fulton and P. A. George assisted the hostess in serving a delicious salad course followed by coffee with whipped cream.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

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THE PUBLISHERS.

Two Negroes in Trouble

A ham of meat was the complete undoing of two negroes in this city this week.

The two came along by the store of Mr. Luther Martin on North Main street and right there before their eyes lay a big side of bacon and the temptation was too great. They simply fell for it. John Allred aged 30 is the responsible party in the mix up and a negro boy not over 10 years of age is the other. John was able to play safe, as he thought, by having the boy go in the store and carry out the meat. Then he shouldered it and away they went to get rid of their treasure as soon as they could. Their undoing came about in a most natural way. The boy was to inquire for a purchaser as part of the game and he had to make several inquiries before he found a man who wanted a whole side of bacon all at one time. They did offer some inducement to make a sale and agreed to take \$7 for the meat, it weighing they say, 42 pounds.

Now all this effort on the part of the big negro and the little negro got to the ears of Policeman Jones and he had almost no trouble to work out the case against them and find the buyer of the meat. And so the two must languish in jail until they get a hearing in court.

Mr. S. C. Franklin Sells Farm

Ex-Senator Shade Franklin after spending a life time here in this section sold his farm and home last Saturday and will move to the state of Virginia, possibly to Amelia county. Mr. Franklin goes there no doubt for the reason that his son Charles has settled there and likes so well that his father has decided to follow him.

Mr. Franklin sold a farm of 182 acres receiving for it the sum of \$29,564.00 It is his intention to close up his business in this section and move to Virginia as soon as he conveniently can which may be in a few weeks and it may be fall of this year before he moves.

Mr. Franklin has long been one of the first citizens of this part of the country and his leaving is a distinct loss to this section.

The farm was sold at auction by Linville-Ball-Hutchens Land Co. and was bought by Mr. Jesse Dunbar who is said to have bought it intending to divide the place and keep part himself and let Mr. John White and Mr. Chas Creed have the remainder.

Democratic Convention

The democrats of Surry County will meet at the courthouse in Dobson on Saturday, April 3rd, at 1 P. M., to hold a county convention for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention which is to be held at Raleigh, Saturday April 8th. The convention will transact other necessary business.

On Saturday, March 27th the democrats in the various townships of the County will meet at the various voting places for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention.

All democrats are urged to attend these meetings.

A. D. FOLGER, Chairman,
 Democratic Ex. Com. of Surry Co.

Serious Street Accident.

About seven o'clock Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ashburn and child were returning to their home in the country after spending the day with relatives in town when their buggy was struck by an automobile driven by Roy Smith, the front wheel of the car and that of the buggy hanging together, tearing off the buggy wheel and throwing the occupants out. The child escaped injury and Mr. Ashburn's injuries were not serious, but Mrs. Ashburn was badly hurt. The accident occurred at the corner of Granite and South streets and Mrs. Ashburn was carried to a home on Hadley street where she remains in a critical condition. The young man who was driving the car was placed under bond to await the result of Mrs. Ashburn's injuries.

Will Take Post Graduate Course

Dr. H. B. Rowe, of this city, will leave about the first of next month for the city of Chicago where he will spend six months taking a special course in medicine, making a specialty of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. The Doctor will leave his wife and child here and return the first of October to again take up his work here where he expects to make his permanent home.

The El-Rees-So Cigar Company Here

E. L. Johnson, General Superintendent of the El-Rees-So Cigar Company, has been very busy during the last ten days getting the preliminary work done for their Mt. Airy branch. Contracts have been let and all the machinery needed is now on the way from Cincinnati.

According to Mr. Johnson the actual manufacturing of cigars will begin about April 5th, unless unforeseen difficulties arise. In the meanwhile Mr. Johnson will accept applications for work either by mail addressed to P. O. Box 555, Mt. Airy, or personally at the building, and it would be well for all the young ladies who some time ago applied to the Merchants Association for an opportunity to learn this trade, to send their names at once to the El-Rees-So Company's Mount Airy office. At first the cigar plant prefers employing young people, between 16 and 20 years of age, who are now living in Mt. Airy.

In charge of the actual factory will be Mr. S. J. Kimbro, a superintendent of many years' practical experience in training young men and young ladies the art of making cigars. At the same time the El-Rees-So Cigar company will employ a well-known lady well-fare worker, who will be constantly in attendance to look after the young ladies while at work. The plant is now being modernly equipped with every known improvement of sanitation to make working conditions congenial and healthful as possible.

The El-Rees-So Cigar Company pays beginners a weekly salary of nine dollars until they become proficient enough to be placed on the piece basis. The average apprentice term is about three months.

Miss Louise Bright Dies in Boston

Postmaster and Mrs. J. H. Carter and children left Friday afternoon for Washington, N. C. called there by the death of Mrs. Carter's sister Miss Louise Bright. Miss Bright died in Boston, Mass. where she had gone some time ago accompanied by her mother, she had been in bad health and went to Boston to consult specialists.

Miss Bright had visited here and won many friends among our people by her charming personality and winsome manners.

The remains were cremated in Boston.



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Dr. D. C. Absher Goes To Kinston

Dr. D. C. Absher who recently returned from army hospital work in Siberia has accepted the position of public health officer of Lenoir county, and left Tuesday morning for Kinston where he will make his headquarters. Dr. Absher succeeds Dr. T. F. Wickliffe who has accepted work in Alabama. Mrs. Absher and children will join Dr. Absher just as soon as they can secure accommodations, housing conditions being crowded in Kinston as indeed they are everywhere.

False Charges Balanced By the Payment of \$5,000.00

Jackson, Miss. March 16—The state treasury was today authorized to pay to Will Purvis, of Lamar County, \$5,000 for twice facing the gallows and serving two years in the state penitentiary as a result of a false conviction. Governor Russell yesterday signed the bill recently passed by both houses of the legislature authorizing the payment. Purvis was exonerated by a death bed confession of a Marion county farmer.



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