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MR. J. B. SHERRILL

WINS A MEDAL.

The Mendacity Medal Presented to the Editor of The Times at Wrightsville—Congratulations in Order.

The Wrightsville correspondent of Friday morning's Charlotte Observer has the following which will be of interest to Mr. Sherrill's legion of friends here:

"One of the features of the banquet tonight was the presentation to Mr. John B. Sherrill, editor of the Concord Times, of the North Carolina Press Association Mendacity Medal. The Charlotte Chronicle, a few months ago was attracted by a story in the Times of a farmer boy in Cabarrus county who stood in a branch and with a pitchfork tossed out fifty pounds of fish, some of the fish weighing six and ten pounds. This story was the basis for the founding of the mendacity medal. For ten years to come competition to it is to be open to the press of the State, for the encouragement of a more entertaining character of literature. In offering the medal the editor of the Chronicle cited instances in which the proposition was already bearing fruit. The medal is of sterling silver and was designed and 'Made in Charlotte.' On the two top bars are the inscriptions 'North Carolina Press Association Mendacity Medal' and 'Founded by The Charlotte Evening Chronicle.' Below that is a design of a silver lyre. In a panel, is an intaglio of the Chronicle's three deck Hoe Press. Below the press is a bar, bearing the name of the first winner, John B. Sherrill, editor of The Concord Times. Each year a bar will be added for the winner to be named by a committee appointed for the purpose. The medal is a work of art. It was turned out by the designing and engraving department of Garibaldi, Bruns & Dixon, in Charlotte."

The force extends congratulations to Mr. Sherrill.

Fined for Aiding in Securing a Marriage License.

One of the most interesting trials which has yet come before the Rowan county court was up before Judge B. B. Miller Thursday and consumed a full half day. Dr. J. V. Madaras, a well-known citizen of Landis, was on trial charged with aiding in securing a marriage license under false pretense and the prosecutor was Mr. E. Fleming, of Landis. About a month ago his daughter, Miss Constance Fleming, a pretty and attractive 16-year-old girl, was married to Mr. Archie Walker, the license being secured at Statesville and the ceremony being performed at Mooresville. It was this marriage which resulted in Dr. Madaras being prosecuted. An able array of legal talent appeared in the case, the defendant being represented by Messrs. A. H. Price, J. H. Horah, Hayden Clement and Klutz & Klutz, while Solicitor Craig was assisted in the prosecution by Messrs. T. J. Jerome and P. S. Carlton. Among those here to witness the trial were the young bride and groom. Judge Miller adjudged the defendant guilty and imposed a fine of \$10 and costs.

Officers of the North Carolina Press Association.

The following named officers were elected Thursday by the North Carolina Press Association at Wrightsville:

President—M. L. Shipman, of Hendersonville.

First Vice President—J. J. Farris, of High Point.

Second Vice President—James H. Caine, of Asheville.

Third Vice President—T. G. Cobb, of Morganton.

Secretary and Treasurer—John B. Sherrill, of Concord.

Historian—G. B. Wiehard, of Greenville.

Orator—J. H. Cowan.

Alternate—J. P. Cook, of Concord.

Rev. J. Walter Simpson Receives a Call to Texas.

When Rev. J. Walter Simpson reaches Concord from Corsicana, Tex., it is very probable that a call will be in waiting for him to the church at that place. Mr. Simpson is now on his way home from holding a meeting at Corsicana and so completely did he please the members of the church there, that a call has been given him. We get this information from a private letter received here from a friend in Corsicana. Concord people would be sorry indeed to see Mr. Simpson leave, and especially would the members of his church reluctantly give him up, as he has done a good work here as pastor of the A. R. P. church.

Dr. F. J. Bates, a chiropractic, of Charlotte, who has been making weekly visits to Concord for some time was here yesterday looking for a suitable building in which to open a branch office. Mr. Bates is remembered here as manager of the York Furniture Co., having left Concord about seven years ago, and his many friends will be interested in the above.

AUTOMOBILES STRIKE BOYS.

Two Small Boys Hit by Automobiles in the Atlanta Journal-New York Herald Caravan at Salisbury and Lexington.

The Salisbury Post of Thursday says that Little Robert James, son of Engineer Robert L. James, of the Western division of the Southern who was struck by one of the big cars of the Atlanta Journal-New York Herald good roads caravan, is confined to his home. The X-ray was used upon the lad and while it was found that no bones were broken the ligaments in one arm may be broken and it is feared the limb may be left stiff.

Mr. James this morning received a telegram from Mr. T. A. Middlebrook, sent from Martinsville, Va., making inquiry as to the boy's condition and asking for daily information. He will stop over in Salisbury on his return by rail to see the little fellow.

A similar accident occurred at the autoists were whirling through Lexington. A small son of Mr. C. A. Leonard being hit by car 47, driven by Stewart of Washington. The car was moving at a rapid rate when the lad attempted to cross the street and fell. The driver, who had already decreased his speed, swerved aside sharply and thereby saved the boy's life. The car stopped and stayed until it was ascertained that while his leg was badly injured and a foot mashed severely, the hurts were not fatal.

Another accident happened at Lexington in which one of the auto party was painfully hurt. A young woman threw a bouquet of flowers with a little stone attached, toward a car which was going about thirty miles an hour and the stone struck a tourist and gashed his forehead severely. The speed of the car made the force of the missile injure the automobilist painfully.

Opposition to Reynolds.

A determined fight against the confirmation of Henry Reynolds for collector of the western North Carolina district is being made by Democrats and Republicans in the Senate and before the departments. It is said here, and in the State, that a reign of lawlessness would follow Reynolds' confirmation. District Attorney Holton, it is understood, has intimated as much in a report to the Department of Justice. A recent charge made by Judge Boyd at Greensboro will be filed with Secretary McVeigh. The fight is bitter and determined.

A story to the effect that Governor Kitchin is preparing to remove certain sheriffs who are not enforcing the State prohibition laws, which gives him the right, has reached Washington. Most of these sheriffs, it is alleged are Republicans and reside in western counties. It will be recalled that Governor Kitchin had one sheriff before him on this charge and let him go with the understanding that he would do better.

Reynolds' friends say that he is all right. They point to editorials in his paper to disclaim the sensational stories about moonshining being on the inside because of his official merit. It looks now as if he would not be confirmed this session.

Whiskey and Drug Business.

Referring to the whiskey question, President G. Y. Watson, of the State Pharmaceutical Association, in an address at Charlotte this week, said the following:

"The only lawful channel now through which whiskey may be purchased is upon the prescription of a regularly licensed physician, which prescription is filed at the drug stores. I regret to say that in some places of the State the law has been freely violated. I want to say that the drug business has been the butt of ridicule too long on account of the liquor question. I have shown the people of my town that the drug business is as honorable as any and not allied with the liquor interests. Let the druggists of the State drop the sale of liquor and show that they mean it."

The address refers to other matters—Sunday closing, State legislation as to hours for druggists, etc., and many valuable suggestions on which the committee will make definite report later on. The address was especially able and those present gave it the closest attention.

Merchants Meet in Salisbury June 23.

The North Carolina Merchants' Association meets in Salisbury on June 21st for a three-days session and the business men of the city are making extensive preparations to welcome the delegates. Well-known business men from all sections of the State will attend the convention which will be given to a discussion of matters relating to retail and wholesale trade, legislation affecting the merchants and other matters of vital interest. Committees on arrangements, finance, reception and advertising are at work making plans to entertain the visitors who will attend the State meeting.

HOLDS NEGRO SOLDIERS.

President Refuses to Withdraw Them From Lawton.

The President has flatly refused to accede to a demand from the citizens of Seattle, Wash., transmitted through Senator Jones, for the removal of the Twenty-fifth Infantry (colored), because a negro soldier is accused of assaulting a white woman.

The reason which influenced the President in this action is contained in the following statement issued by Secretary Dickinson:

"Senator Jones, of Washington, presented to the President a telegram from S. S. Steiner, chairman of a mass meeting near Fort Lawton, stating that a member of the negro regiment stationed here had committed an outrage and demanding the immediate transfer of the Twenty-fifth Regiment. The President stated that the request could not be complied with; that if any members of the regiment had violated the law, they should be apprehended and turned over to the local authorities for punishment; that necessary discipline and the interests of the community required thorough and prompt investigation; the United States troops are to be stationed in the United States, and it was the business of the War Department to see that they made as little disturbance as possible; but to remove them on unproved charges would be merely to impose them on another community and might probably arouse a protest from such community, and that until there is a thorough investigation of the charges made in the neighborhood where the troops are and witnesses are present and complete proof can be taken, the removal of the troops might not only withdraw witnesses, but possibly the guilty parties from the courts having jurisdiction over the alleged crime.

"The Secretary of War sent an order to the commanding officer at Fort Lawton directing prompt and complete investigation, confinement of offenders and detention of witnesses if belonging to his command, and that in view of the state of feeling reported, his command should be confined strictly to the reservation pending complete investigation. An immediate report was ordered."

When the soldiers of the Twenty-fifth shot up Brownsville, Texas, August 1906, they were immediately taken from that post to posts in Oklahoma. This was recommended by the authorities there, on the ground that the anti-negro feeling was so strong that a further clash was imminent. President Taft, who was Secretary of War at the time of the Brownsville trouble, announced that he did not propose to remove a command of men from any post because a crime may have been committed by any one soldier. Since the crime apparently was committed outside the military reservation, he holds that the civil authorities would have jurisdiction, and that every effort shall be made by the military officers to find the guilty man for trial.

Social Club Fined.

The Business Men's Club, an organization formed for social and moral purposes, pleaded guilty to selling liquor in the Superior Court at Charlotte Tuesday afternoon and was fined \$400. At the instance of Solicitor Clarkson, Judge Pell ordered the sheriff to at once issue execution papers on the property of the club. Mr. Plummer Stewart, who represented the club, said that the sentence would not be opposed but wanted permission for the members of the club to get their beer, which was stored away in the common ice box. "Let them issue claim and delivery papers against the sheriff," said Judge Pell, "and get their stuff."

A Plea for Howell.

Messrs. J. F. Newell of Charlotte, and Warren Vines Hall, of North Charlotte, have filed answers to the charges against William A. Howell, of Davidson, with the Senate committee on postoffices and post-roads. They virtually admit the serious allegations made by Davidson people, but ask that owing to the fact that the acts he is charged with were committed more than thirty years ago, that they be overlooked. However, the indications are that the Senators from the State will not permit the confirmation.

Dr. Weaver Cannot Accept.

A Cleveland, Tenn., dispatch of June 8th says that Dr. Charles C. Weaver, of North Carolina, who was elected president of Emory and Henry College, Virginia, and recently elected vice-president of Centenary Female College here, will not be released by the trustees of Centenary. A meeting of the board was held at noon and by unanimous vote it was decided to refuse to release Dr. Weaver. This action leaves the presidency of Emory and Henry College still open.

Mr. Smith Barrier will arrive today from Trinity College.

JESS FAGGART IN LIMBO.

Accused of Storebreaking and Receiving Stolen Goods.

Jess Faggart, a negro of this city, who has served a number of sentences on the roads, was tried in the Recorder's court this morning charged with breaking into the store of D. P. Dayvaunt & Bro. Wednesday night, and also on the charge of receiving goods knowing them to be stolen. Faggart drives a wagon for Mr. Corzine and is thoroughly familiar with the different stores of the city and it is supposed that he entered the store Wednesday evening before closing time and was locked up in the store for the night, as the clerks at the store are positive that the basement door was closed at the time they locked the store for the night. On opening the store next morning the basement door was found open. The matter was reported to the police who kept the facts to themselves while working on the case. Yesterday afternoon Officers Benfield and Braswell arrested Faggart at a boarding house at Silver Hill. He had several pairs of shoes, two pair of trousers and a number of shirts in his room at the time he was arrested. A coat was found near the foundry on Corbin street. At the trial this morning Mr. Lloyd Dayvaunt identified the goods as belonging to their stock. Faggart did not deny having them but said that he purchased the goods from another negro. He was adjudged guilty and bound over to court under a \$100 bond. He was later committed to jail in default of bond.

From the Stanly Enterprise.

Rev. R. N. Richardson and daughter, Miss Merrie, of Mt. Pleasant, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Horton, and incidentally are in the hands of Albemarle friends.

Mrs. L. J. Caldwell and Misses Nell Hearne and Willie Pemberton boarded the northbound train Tuesday afternoon on a visit of days to relatives and friends in New York City. Miss Pemberton will return by Fredericksburg, Va., to spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. W. A. Moncre.

Rev. C. B. Heller, pastor of the Reformed church at Faith and Rev. J. Leidy Yearick, of Rockwell, were here Tuesday and Wednesday greeting members and with a view to organizing a church at this place.

The case of Howell A. Lowder vs. W. B. Moose came up for a hearing before Esq. Kron Littleton Friday morning, and was decided in favor of Mr. Moose. Mr. Lowder took an appeal. Mr. Moose is charged in two cases with issuing license to marry minors. Both cases go to the Superior Court—one upon Mr. Moose's appeal and the other upon appeal of plaintiff.

Wild Men Can Come in Now.

The Department of Commerce and Labor Thursday came to the aid of the wild men from Borneo whom the immigration authorities at New York concluded had better not remain here because of the danger of their becoming public charges. The men will be allowed to remain here for a period of six months, then they will be required to return to their native country. Meantime the showmen who have brought them here will be held in \$10,000 bond as a guarantee that the savages will not be a charge on the public. The ruling announced is in line with that adopted by the department in permitting the entry of the prohibited classes under certain conditions for show purposes.

Greensboro Record: This is the day when the second great run of the National highway crowd did not pass by Greensboro, for which accept our thanks. Our roads were not built to be torn up by these heavy machines.

A Good Prohibition

essay.

Albemarle Enterprise.

Monroe has a strong moral force backing the prohibition sentiment. Every attempt to run a blind tiger or near-beer joint in that town has resulted in failure to the fellow who attempted it. The Journal says: "A near-beer saloon can't sell unlawful drinks here and there is no money in straight goods." When officials and citizens combine as they do in Monroe, then prohibition really prohibits, and the town stands for real good.

In the closing exercises of Trinity College, Dr. Kigo announced that he had decided to make his permanent home in Durham.

See The Times for Job Printing.

In the Eighth District.

Mild interest was aroused recently in the eighth district by a statement that one of the democratic candidates for the congressional nomination voted for Cowles, the republican incumbent, two years ago, and the Statesville Landmark says there is a report that one of them voted for E. Spencer Blackburn. Now there are just four men out for the democratic nomination: Murphy, of Salisbury, Gwaltney, of Alexander, Doughton, of Alleghany, and Caldwell, of Iredell. Which one of these voted for Cowles two years ago, and which one—or was it the same one?—voted for Blackburn before that? A democrat who will scratch his ticket in a district like the eighth will hardly fare well at the hands of the stalwart democrats of the district.

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