

Directory.

Madison County.

Established by the Legislature Session 1880-'81.
Population, 20,132.
County Seat, Marshall.
1844 feet above sea level.
New and modern Court House, cost \$13,000.00.
New and modern jail, cost \$15,000.00.
New and modern County Home, cost \$10,000.00.

Officers.
Hon. Jas. L. Hyatt, Senator, 33 District, Burnsville, N. C.
Hon. J. C. Ramsey, Representative, Marshall, N. C.
W. H. Henderson, Clerk Superior Court, Marshall, N. C.
W. M. Buckner, Sheriff, Marshall, N. C.

James Smart, Register of Deeds, Marshall, N. C.
C. F. Runyon, Treasurer, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.
R. L. Tweed, Surveyor, White Rock, N. C.

Dr. J. H. Baird, Coroner, Mars Hill, N. C.
Mrs. Eliza Henderson, Jailor, Marshall, N. C.

John Honeycutt, Janitor, Marshall, N. C.
Dr. C. N. Sprinkle, County Physician, Marshall, N. C.

James Haynie, Supt. County Home, Marshall, N. C.

Home located about two miles south-west of Marshall.

Courts.

Criminal and Civil, First Monday before First Monday in March, commencing Feb. 26th, 1912.

Civil 11th Monday after First Monday in March, commences May 20, 1912.

Criminal and Civil, First Monday after First Monday in Sept. Commences Sept. 24th, 1912.

Civil 6th Monday after First Monday in September, commences October 14, 1912.

BOARDS.

County Commissioners.

W. C. Sprinkle, Chairman, Marshall, N. C.

C. F. Cassada, Member, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.

Reuben A. Tweed, Member, Big Laurel, N. C.

C. B. Macburn, Atty., Marshall, N. C.

Board meets first Monday in every month.

Road Commissioners.

A. E. Bryan, Chairman, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. 2.

J. A. Ramsey, Secretary, Mars Hill, N. C., R. F. D. 2.

Sam Cox, Member, Mars Hill, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.

G. W. Wild, Big Pine, N. C.

Dudley Chipley, Road Engineer, Marshall, N. C.

George M. Pritchard, Atty., Marshall, N. C.

Board meets first Monday in January, April, July and October each year.

Board of Education.

Jasper Ebbs, Chairman, Spring Creek, N. C.

Thor J. Murray, Member, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3.

W. R. Sams, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.

Prof. M. C. Buckner, Supt. of Schools, Mars Hill, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.

Board meets first Monday in January, April, July and October each year.

Colleges and High Schools.

Mars Hill College, Prof. R. L. Moore, President, Mars Hill, N. C. Fall Term begins August 17, 1911. Spring Term begins January 2, 1912.

Spring Creek High School, Prof. G. C. Brown, Principal, Spring Creek, N. C. 8 Mo. School opened August 1, 1911.

Madison Seminary High School, Prof. J. M. Weatherly, Principal, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2. 7 Mo. School began October 2, 1911.

Ball Institute, Miss Margaret E. Griffith, Principal, Walnut, N. C. 8 Mo. School began September 9, 1911.

Marshall Academy, Prof. R. G. Anders, Principal, Marshall, N. C.

Mo. School began Sept. 4, 1911.

Notary Publics.

C. Ramsey, Marshall, N. C. Term expires Jan. 11, 1912.

A. J. Roberts, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 5, Term expires May 30, 1912.

Jasper Ebbs, Spring Creek, N. C. Term expires August 10, 1912.

C. C. Brown, Bluff, N. C. Term expires December 6, 1912.

J. A. Leak, Revere, N. C. Term expires January 10, 1913.

W. T. Davis, Hot Springs, N. C. Term expires January 10, 1913.

J. H. Southworth, Stockhouse, N. C. Term expires January 15, 1913.

N. W. Anderson, Palatka, N. C. Term expires February 6, 1913.

J. H. Hunter, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3. Term expires April 1, 1912.

J. F. Tilson, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2. Term expires April 3, 1912.

C. J. Ebbs, Marshall, N. C. Term expires April 21, 1913.

J. W. Nelson, Marshall, N. C. Term expires April 25, 1913.

Roy L. Godger, Marshall, N. C. Term expires May 3, 1913.

Geo. M. Pritchard, Marshall, N. C. Term expires May 25, 1913.

Dudley Chipley, Marshall, N. C. Term expires July 29, 1913.

W. G. Conner, Mars Hill, N. C. Term expires November 17, 1913.

POST.

George W. Gahagan, Post, No. 28 G. A. R.

S. M. Davis, Commander.

J. H. Ballard, Adjutant.

Meets at the Court House Saturday before the second Sunday in each month at 11 A. M.

FEW ILLITERATES IN DURHAM COUNTY

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT MAKES A FINE SHOWING.

DOES NOT INCLUDE THE CITY

The Report is a Very Optimistic Document—"Vocational Education" is the Name of a Special Subject Taken Up in Annual Report.

Raleigh.—A special from Durham says the report of Supt. C. V. Massey to the Durham county school board shows that there are only 41 white illiterates in the county districts of Durham. The report further shows 147 negroes who can neither read nor write. This report does not include the city, as there are no definite statistics on this, but the county superintendent was of the opinion that there were not over 300 illiterates in the city.

Mr. Massey considers this a remarkably fine record, considering the fact that Durham is the home of many cotton industries, and is essentially an industrial town. And when it is considered that out of a population of about 25,000 people the county of Durham has about five hundred illiterates, it will be seen that the percentage of illiteracy in this county is a very small fraction.

The report is a very optimistic document, and the statistics of the progress made during the past eight years gives ample grounds for this optimism. Out of a census of 3,892 the county schools have an enrollment of 2,891. There are 255 families in the county not sending children to school and the value of the buildings and equipment of the county schools is very nearly \$70,000.

"Vocational Education" is the name of a special subject taken up in the annual report, and has to do with the education of the children in the country districts in some of the rudiments of agriculture. The superintendent is establishing this new branch of study in the schools as they open up after the holidays. Durham county sometime ago failed to vote a farm life school, but a careful analysis of the plan that is to be put into operation will show that the children in the country districts will be given a pretty thorough and practical course in agriculture.

Seaboard Flagman is Injured.

Mr. Walter Elks, flagman of the Seaboard Air Line, was probably fatally injured when he was thrown from the top of a northbound freight which was shifting on the Wake Forest yards. Elks is a resident of Raleigh and is 22 years of age. He was standing on the end of a box-car when the engine ran into the car with such force that he was thrown headlong to the ground between the two cars. He probably received a fractured skull, his left leg was broken in two places below the knee and he also suffered internal injuries.

War Plans Highly Complimented.

The war plans adopted by the adjutant general for use in North Carolina are being highly complimented by the United States army officials. These plans for the state military were presented by Capt. A. J. Dougherty, United States Army, now on duty with the North Carolina National Guard. They have been recommended and highly complimented by the United States Division of Military Affairs' office and by the War College authorities. In doing this, they express the desire that all the other states should follow this lead.

Drawing Net Around John Ross.

Shelby.—The threads of evidence are drawing tighter around John Ross, who, with Will and Hack Ross, is in jail at Gastonia, awaiting the special terms of court, with Judge V. L. Webb presiding, when they will be tried for the brutal murder of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon near Paltan December 13.

North Carolina New Enterprises.

Charters were issued for the United Mills Company, of High Point, capital \$300,000 authorized and \$3,000 subscribed by J. R. Myers, C. F. Lambreth and others, for chair and general furniture manufacturing; the Central Banking & Trust Co., of Asheville, capital \$50,000, authorized and \$25,000 subscribed by W. B. McEwen, W. B. Davis, Charles W. Brown and others; and the Brown Hardware Company, of Asheville, capital \$15,000, by H. C. Brown, M. Weaver, Owen Gudgeon and others.

Have Granted A Franchise.

The Durham county commissioners granted to the Southern Power Company a franchise to construct a telephone line from Durham to the Wake county line on the way to Raleigh along the public roads. The line will be used solely by the company in the work of maintaining the power transmission line which has been completed from Durham to Raleigh, and in communicating with the supplementary station near Raleigh with which the Durham sub-station has been connected.

THE SCHOOL FUND INCREASES

The Total Fund For 1911-12 Reaches \$92,233.54, As Opposed to \$70,751.22 During Year 1910-11.

Charlotte.—The apportionment list which has just been completed by County Superintendent of Education R. J. Cochran, shows that exactly \$21,472.32 more will be available for Mecklenburg school expenses during 1911-12 than was at the disposal of the county board of education in 1910-11. After deducting the amount of \$3,875.30, which was lost through releases and insolvents and the sum of \$3,895, the expenses of the board of education, a total of \$74,371 remains for distribution amongst the various institutions of learning throughout the city and county. Of this \$74,371, the apportionment to schools within the city of Charlotte will reach a total of \$33,006.60. To the schools in the county there will be given \$36,375. The remaining \$4,989.40 goes to the building fund. Of the county apportionment, \$28,695 will be distributed among the white grammar schools and \$1,555 to white high schools. The remaining \$6,095 will further the cause of colored education in the county.

The total fund at the disposal of the county board of education this year amounted to \$92,233.54, before the deduction of releases and insolvents and the expenses incident to the maintenance of the board itself. Of the sum total of this school fund, \$68,086.83 came through the channel of general school taxation. The apportionment from the state reached the sum of \$3,256.31. The remaining \$10,528.67 was obtained through fines, etc.

Will Be Settled Amicably.

It developed that there is considerable prospect for a satisfactory adjustment of the middle that has existed at Fayetteville for some time in the matter of her military organizations and their relation to the North Carolina National Guard and which of the two is the Fayetteville Light Infantry, which has an historic ancestry running back to around 1799. Major Vann is the captain of the old line organization that retains the gray uniform and has assets in revenue from the sale of a part of the armory property to the government for public building purposes. Captain Watson commands the latter day aggregation, regularly enlisted in the North Carolina National Guard as regimental company F. The military officials and the business men of the city are understood to be getting together in a settlement of the trouble that promises to assure Fayetteville one of the strongest companies of the National Guard.

Get \$16,000 From County School Fund

The city schools of Winston will get \$16,000 this year from the county school fund. The county school board met in regular session at the court house and made an apportionment. The apportionment for other schools will not be made out for several days. The county school fund this year will run between \$65,000 and \$68,000. It comes from taxes, fines and forfeitures and the balance left on hand from last year. The per capita apportionment for each child of school age will be approximately \$3 this year.

Carried Mail by Aeroplanes.

Walter R. Brookins made four flights in his Wright aeroplane at Highwood Park, Wilmington, before 1,500 spectators. A feature of the afternoon was the carrying of a United States mail pouch filled with post cards and letters and delivered to a representative of the postoffice at a designated spot. This was the first carrying of mail by aeroplane in the state. No passengers were carried up on account of the condition of the track where the starts were made.

Destroy An Illicit Distillery.

Special Employee Lee Sams and Deputy Collector Robert Henry destroyed an illicit distillery in Polk county near the South Carolina line. It is on the site of another plant destroyed only a few days before when William Raven was arrested and bound to Federal court. It must have been immediately put up.

To Make An Advance Payment.

At a meeting of the board of county commissioners at Charlotte County Treasurer J. W. Stinson was instructed to pay to the Requaugh Construction Company, the sum of \$9,000 as an advance payment upon the concrete bridge which is at present in course of construction over the Catawba river at Sloan's Ferry. This is the first payment which has been made by Mecklenburg. Gaston county, which is bearing an equal portion pro rata, according to population, of the expense recently placed \$4,000.

Intelligent Crop Cultivation.

At a meeting of the board of county commissioners held at Wilson, Mr. Hudson, of the state agricultural department appeared before that body and stated that if the county would donate a like sum for the purpose of stimulating our farmers to cultivate crops more intelligently, viz: to have "patches" of corn, wheat and other products in different parts of the county to be cultivated according to direction of the superintendent who will have the matter in charge.

CHINESE REPUBLIC APPEALS TO POWERS

SUN YAT SEN, PRESIDENT, NOW PROMISES OPEN DOOR TO ALL NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

PROTECTION FOR FOREIGNERS

All Restrictions of Trade Will Be Abolished and All Laws Revised.

Shanghai.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, provisional president of the Chinese republic, issued a manifesto to the foreign powers in which he explains the public aims and policies of the republicans in China. In it he says that the present situation has been forced on China by Manchu misrule, which was incapable of remedy without a revolution.

"We now proclaim," he says, "the resultant overthrow of despotic sway and the establishment of a republic." The manifesto is a lengthy document. It sets forth the wrongs of the Chinese people and promises strict adherence to all treaties, obligations and concessions undertaken by the Chinese government.

It gives an assurance of the safety of the persons and property of foreigners in China, and pledges equal treatment of the Manchu and the establishment of a stable government. It declares that it will abolish all restrictions on trade, and that it will undertake the revision of all laws and will insure religious toleration. The manifesto then asks the aid of foreign nations "for the consummation of the plans which they have so long been valuing upon the people of our country," and concludes:

"With this message of peace and good will, the republic of China cherishes the hope of its admission to the family of nations, and its future operation in the great and noble task of building up the civilization of the world."

The manifesto is signed "Sun Yat Sen, President." Although Minister Calhoun at Peking has made some "suggestions" and asked some questions about the sending of American troops to China for the protection of the railroads from Peking to the sea, it was stated emphatically at the state department that this government would not dispatch any soldiers there until the six powers immediately concerned in Chinese affairs had been thoroughly consulted and the department had more information from the trouble scene.

BLUE IS SURGEON GENERAL

Win Honor From Dr. J. A. White, a Former Georgian.

Washington.—President Taft sent to the senate the nomination of Dr. Rupert Blue of South Carolina, surgeon general of the public health and marine hospital service, succeeding the late Walter Wyman. Doctor Blue had been connected with the marine hospital service for years, and is accredited with driving the plague out of San Francisco.

In announcing the appointment of Doctor Blue, President Taft also gave notice that hereafter the term of service of the surgeon general of the public health service shall be limited to four years. An amendment to the regulation to this effect will be made. Formerly a surgeon general had an unlimited term of office.

Doctor Blue's appointment was made after several weeks' consideration by the president of the Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh. Dr. J. A. White of New Orleans, also a surgeon general in the service, was a close competitor in the race. Both men had records of distinguished service, but the work which Doctor Blue did in ridding San Francisco of the bubonic plague helped to decide the matter in his favor.

Jackson's Chief Scout Dead.

Richmond, Va.—Capt. John Cusons is dead at his home, Glen Allen, in Henrico county. Captain Cusons was chief of scouts under Stonewall Jackson and General Lee and gained fame in the West as an Indian fighter immediately after the Civil war.

Whitaker of New Orleans Dead.

New Orleans, La.—Edward S. Whitaker, former inspector of police, convicted some months ago of unnatural crimes against several little girls, died in a local hospital of a complication of diseases. Whitaker was transferred to the hospital two days ago from the parish prison, where he was held awaiting the outcome of his appeal to the Supreme court. For many years he was prominent in Louisiana politics and police affairs. A wife and daughter survive him.

Columbia, S. C., Fire-Swept.

Columbia, S. C.—Fire, which cleaned out a block in West Gervais street, the wholesale district of Columbia, inflicted damage variously estimated at between \$25,000 and \$45,000. It was the most disastrous blaze in this city since the town was laid in ashes during the last year of the war between sections. Starting in the repair department of the Gibbs Machinery company, probably from an overheated boiler, the flames were driven by a powerful breeze to adjacent structures.

ON THE GRIDIRON



TRUST QUESTION UNSOLVED

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND LABOR NAGEL MAKES HIS ANNUAL REPORT.

Mere Breaking Up of Large Combinations Does Not Suffice, According to Secretary.

Washington.—"The mere breaking up of large combinations into a number of separate parts by no means meets the whole trust question," says Secretary Nagel of the department of commerce and labor, in his annual report transmitted to President Taft.

Secretary Nagel declares that the Sherman law has been proved to be an effective statute beyond all doubt, and that a degree of combination of capital is quite necessary; but he adds that the Supreme court decisions in the Standard Oil and Tobacco cases have demonstrated that the next step in the control of great industrial corporations will be the creation of a permanent Federal agency.

How much control shall be exercised, whether by commission, Federal incorporation or other means, which have been advocated recently by Judge Elbert H. Gary, George W. Perkins and other financiers before the senate committee which has been conducting hearings to determine what changes would be desirable in the anti-trust laws, Secretary Nagel does not definitely say.

"A certain degree of combination of capital is admittedly essential to the enterprises," says Secretary Nagel, carrying on of our great business enterprises," says Secretary Nagel. "To control properly such necessary combinations we must have some administrative Federal office or commission which shall make this work its business."

Secretary Nagel refers in passing to recent criticism of the immigration service. He says the bureau has endeavored to obey the general mandate of the law and relieve the individual of hardship wherever the statute allows it.

ROOSEVELT WILL NOT TALK

Ex-President Refuses to Affirm or Deny Any Rumors.

New York.—With a general refusal to "confirm or deny any rumor," Col. Theodore Roosevelt declined to discuss a report that a movement was afoot in New Jersey to place his name on the presidential primary ballots. The former president was asked if he had been approached by any one of consequence or authority in New Jersey politics with a view to having his name placed on the ballots.

"That necessarily involves a definition of the phrase 'any one of consequence or authority,'" he replied. "I must decline to confirm or deny any report or rumors of this sort."

"Have you taken any steps, colonel, to have your name removed from the primary ballots in Nebraska?" he was asked.

"I have taken no steps one way or the other."

Taft Pardons Two Negroes.

Washington.—President Taft commuted to expire at once the life sentence of Arthur Adams and Robert Sawyer, two negro British subjects, convicted at Wilmington, N. C., in 1906, of murder on the high seas. In a confession before his execution, Henry Scott, another negro convicted and hanged for the same crime, completely exonerated Adams and Sawyer. Originally Adams and Sawyer were sentenced to death, but this was commuted by President Roosevelt to life imprisonment.

Osborn Hammers LaFollette.

Lansing, Mich.—Gov. Chase Osborn took charge of a meeting of Progressive Republicans that had gathered to hear Senator Robert H. LaFollette, who failed to appear and delivered an address. Some of the audience objected to the governor's remarks in referring to Senator LaFollette. The governor asked both Taft and LaFollette to withdraw from the race and join in nominating former Senator A. J. Beveridge of Indiana, or former President Roosevelt.

FIGHTING BOB EVANS STRIKES HIS FLAG

ADMIRAL ROBBEY D. EVANS, NOTED SEA FIGHTER, DIES SUDDENLY.

WAS PICTURESQUE FIGURE

Admiral Evans Started Battleship Fleet on Its Memorable Cruise Around the World.

Washington.—Rear Admiral Robbey D. Evans, "Fighting Bob" to an admiring nation, died suddenly at his home in this city. Acute indigestion ended the career of one of the most popular officers in the navy. He was 63 years of age.

Admiral Evans, born sixty-five years ago in Floyd county, Virginia, arose apparently in better health and spirits than he had enjoyed in some time. For years a sufferer from old wounds sustained in the Civil war and from recurrent attacks of rheumatism, the aged fighter seemed to have shaken off the burden of his advancing years. He displayed high spirits at breakfast and ate a hearty luncheon at noon.

While in his library the admiral was stricken. Instantly his family sent for Dr. S. S. Adams, who on his arrival found the patient in great pain. After treatment, Admiral Evans fell into a restless sleep and it was thought that the danger had passed. Shortly after four o'clock, however, he awakened and, raising himself with difficulty, announced that he was choking.

"I cannot get my breath," he said, and sank back. At 4:45 o'clock he died, conscious to the end.

One of the iron links that bound the old navy to the new, a commanding figure in each, was Robbey D. Evans. He did not take kindly to the sobriquet of "Fighting Bob," for although of gruff exterior, he was a man of the kindest impulses. Thus it never was used in his presence by his friends. By the dauntless courage in times of great emergency, the grim determined odds and the stoicism with which he bore his wounds and gazed unflinchingly in the face of death made the title so appropriate that as "Fighting Bob" he was known wherever the English language is spoken.

Taft, Is in the Race

President Says Nothing, But Death Can Keep Him from Running.

Washington.—"Nothing, but death can keep me out of the fight now," President Taft is reported to have made this statement to white house callers and to have added that he had no objection to the statement being made public.

"It undoubtedly was intended to set at rest all reports that Mr. Taft might withdraw from the race for the Republican nomination for president in favor of Col. Theodore Roosevelt."

The president is said to be thoroughly aroused to the gravity of the situation in the Republican party and determined to let his attitude be generally understood.

Tariff Reform Paramount Issue.

New York.—The National Democratic club launched to make a tariff reform the paramount issue of the coming presidential campaign at a large dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria. Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey was the principal speaker. Governor Wilson stated that the tariff had come for the country to set itself free from the burdens of the protective tariff. The tariff has appointed a committee to lead a systematic and progressive campaign tariff reform.

Bryan Not a Candidate.

Temple, Pa.—A campaign committee which would make it possible for the Democratic party to nominate a presidential nominee for the Democratic nomination in the Democratic primary election, said W. J. Bryan, who arrived here, asked an agent to inquire if the movement to elect Bryan as president was still being pushed. He said he had no intention of running for president and he would not be asked to do so.

\$8,000 Tax to Sell Below.

Griffin, Ga.—One of the biggest taxes ever paid in this state, by the United States was paid by J. H. Bassett & Co., who turned \$800,000 to the U. S. for the sale of a large tract of land during the year 1911. In addition to this amount the firm pays a license of \$500 and a revenue tax of \$25 on the same business. This tax is supposed to be a prohibitory tax and no one suspected that anybody would attempt to take out a license at such a high figure.