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Directory.

Madison County.

Established by the Legislature Session 1880-81.
Population, 20,132.
County Seat, Marshall.
1646 feet above sea level.
New and modern Court House, cost \$33,000.00.
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. 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 southwest 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.
Reubin A. Tweed, Member, Big Laurel, N. C.
C. B. Mashburn, 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.
Thos. 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.
Bell 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. 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.

Notary Publics.
J. 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.

POST.
George W. Gahagan Post, No. 28 G. A. R.
E. M. Davis, Commander.
J. H. Ballard, Adjutant.
Meets at the Court House Saturday before the second Sunday in each month at 11 A. M.

PECAN CULTURE IN THIS STATE

GOOD ADVICE GIVEN BY STATE HORTICULTURIST HUTT AS TO LOCATION.

JUST GET FIT CONDITIONS

Mr. Holloway Who is Planting a Twenty-Five Acre Farm in Pecan Trees Sends an Address That Was Made by a Pecan Authority.

Raleigh.—"It is to be noted that the reports show that North Carolina produces the largest and best kind of pecans. The soil and climate suit the growth of the pecan and the wise thing for men with lands in the state to do is to set out pecan groves. They will pay handsomely."

Referring to this item a letter was received from a prominent nurseryman of this state who said in part: "The above statement might cause a great loss to people in the state who have land and locations not adapted to growing pecans. In fact in our state conditions and soil are so varied that we can grow almost anything, yet some things can only be grown successfully in certain locations and the pecan is one of these, the area being limited on which it will make a commercial success any one contemplating planting should take up the matter of location with Prof. Hutt, state horticulturist, and submit a full description of location, etc., and get his advice."

This view of the matter is exactly the right one and of course it is meant only, of course, that pecan groves should be attempted where the lands and other conditions were suitable just as a farmer who plants tobacco should know whether or not the land he proposes to use is suitable. A matter of location affects the growth of almost everything that can be mentioned, and in pecan planting, as in other things, the condition and adaptability of the land should be first known.

An Improvement of Business.
A statement of interest has been given out by the local postoffice officials. This statement is to the effect that the January business of the Asheville office, including the sale of stamps, box rent and newspaper postage, for this year shows an increase over the business for the same month of last year of \$923.83. The figures for the two months compared are: January, 1911, \$6,083.18; January, 1912, \$7,016.01. This makes a percentage increase for this month over that of last year of over 15 per cent. It is also stated that this vast increase is attributable only to general improvement of business.

Will Be Given Another Chance.

The Forsyth Commissioners ordered another election in Broadway township, to be held March 11, for the purpose of voting on the township issuing bonds in the sum of \$30,000 to aid in the construction of the Randolph and Cumberland Railroad. The former election was declared void on account of two ballot boxes being used. A. E. Tate, of High Point, one of the leading promoters of the new road, stated that the road would be built if Randolph county and Broadway township vote the bonds submitted to them.

Begin The Survey of Railroad.

The survey of the Durham and Danville Railroad has been begun, the organization made permanent and the work of laying out a route between these two great business towns started in earnest. Maj. W. A. Graham, of Durham, who was in Raleigh, told of the election of a president and a secretary-treasurer, the head of the organization being Mr. Gilbert C. White, an engineer of large reputation, and the secretary-treasurer Mr. John F. Wily, former cashier of the Fidelity bank and one of the city's most splendid business.

Portrait of James E. Shepherd.

A splendid oil painting of the lamented former Chief Justice James E. Shepherd was presented to the North Carolina Supreme Court, the address a fine tribute to the personality and official and professional career of Judge Shepherd, being delivered by former Gov. Charles B. Aycock. The court room was crowded with people representing state officialdom and the social life of the city. Judge Shepherd was a member of the Supreme Court bench from July 1, 1889 to January 1, 1906.

Was A Disgrace To The State.

Declaring that the verdict rendered was totally at variance with the evidence presented, Judge B. Long of the superior court of Asheville in the case of the State against P. H. Thrash, charged with violation of the "search and seizure law," discharged the jury which, he said, was "a disgrace to the state." Thrash was convicted in the local police court some months ago, having been in his possession than the law allows. He appealed and the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

WILL PURSUE A NEW POLICY

Mecklenburg County Fathers Beginning to Realize Importance of Preserving Macadam.

Charlotte.—There are 230 miles of macadam roads in Mecklenburg county. The county board of commissioners has almost decided that there is enough and want to devote all of the time of the convict laborers to repairing and rebuilding these roads, instead of macadamizing others.

In almost every section of the county there are macadam roads and nearly all of these are in bad condition, such condition that they need reworking and repairs. During the past year, the county commissioners have been rebuilding roads. They have laid much dustless and permanent county road and have kept the gangs at work filling in gaps of un-macadamized strips connecting the roads.

One of the officials said the other day: "Mecklenburg county is gradually losing out on its reputation for the best roads in the South. That is because we devoted all of our time to building new roads instead of keeping the ones we have in repair and keeping abreast with the times in road building."

"Other counties have profited by our experience of years in road building and are now putting down county roads with a permanent top dressing of asphalt all at one time. We must go over every road in the county and put it in good condition before we can go up to our old standard and maintain our reputation of past years, making all our roads the very best with asphalt top."

Home Seekers Ask Information.

There are coming into the state department of agriculture every day inquiries from many parts of the country as to the conditions in western North Carolina for apple and other fruit growing and in central and eastern Carolina for trucking, these inquiries being from prospective settlers and from agricultural and horticultural journals gathering information for patrons of theirs the country over. It is stated at the department at Raleigh that there were probably never in the history of the state so many evidently really interested inquirers and the indications are for some really considerable acquisition in the way of desirable home-owning settlers in the near future. It is thought that the "fine showing that the state has made in winning prizes at the national horticultural congresses the past two years is having a very considerable effect in catching and holding the attention of the people the country over."

Mystery in Death of Juice.

The coroner's jury which inquired into the sudden death of Bessie Guice, divorced husband of Bessie Clark Guice, mentioned in connection with the Myrtle Hawkins mystery, returned the following verdict: "We find that the deceased came to his death possibly from a gumma at the base of the brain, but we recommend a chemical examination of the stomach and its contents." Guice, who was superintendent of the Oakdale cemetery, died suddenly. At the coroner's inquest it was testified that he and his wife were on bad terms and that she had threatened to get rid of him.

To Hold Track Meet in Greensboro.

It is practically assured that the second annual track meet and declamation contest between the fifty-two high schools in the eastern district of North Carolina will be held in Greensboro on April 5. In order to secure this contest it was asked that Greensboro raise \$75 toward defraying the expenses of the contestants. A conference was held between Superintendent Foust of the county schools and Secretary Burgin of the chamber of commerce.

This State Sends Many Delegates.

It is probable that no state in the South will send a larger delegation of laymen to the Chattanooga Convention than will North Carolina, for in no state is the work of the Laymen's Movement more active than in this.

There is Mystery About This Case.

The coroner's jury completed for the present its inquest into the deaths of the three young men from Benson, who were found dead in the Wilson apartments, and took a recess to await the analysis of the stomachs of the men. One of the jurors said the police and detectives must do a great deal of work. There is mystery about this case. He referred to how there could have been a deadly accumulation of gas in room No. 4 without pervading other portions of the building.

Resignation Tendered and Accepted.

It was learned that at a meeting of Guilford county commissioners several days ago the resignation of county auditor J. Leslie Abbott was tendered and immediately accepted, the action of Mr. Abbott being at the request of the board. Former chairman of the board of commissioners J. A. Davidson was chosen as successor through a consolidation of the office of road superintendent and auditor, Mr. Davidson having held the position of road superintendent formerly.

LORIMER PROBE FINALLY ENDED

SECOND SENATORIAL INVESTIGATION INTO ELECTION OF ILLINOIS SENATOR CLOSED.

HEARING TOOK 8 MONTHS

10,000 Pages of Testimony Were Taken by Committee in Most Exhaustive Probe on Record.

Washington.—Public hearings in the second senatorial investigation into the election of Senator Lorimer were declared closed by Chairman Dillingham of the senate Lorimer committee. Attorney Haney, representing Senator Lorimer, was given permission to file a brief to the effect that the senator's election had been adjudicated before the present investigation began and therefore that it could not be the subject of a second investigation.

The inquiry has proved to be one of the most exhaustive ever made by



WILLIAM E. LORIMER, Senator from Illinois.

a congressional committee. In the eight months' hearing about 10,000 pages of printed testimony were taken, constituting about 5,000,000 words. It is estimated that the stenographers' fees alone reached \$15,000. Edward Hines was the last witness called. He denied he had attempted to bribe Miss Helen Seavers, a local telegraph operator, to send a message a private detective in the case had just sent.

Members of the committee declined to predict when they would be prepared to submit a report to the senate.

TROUBLE ON MEXIC BORDER

Mexican Troops Ask Permission to Cross Through El Paso, Texas.

Washington.—Diplomatic complications arose between the state of Texas and the United States government on the one hand and the Mexican government on the other, which, temporarily at least, will not allow Mexico to move any troops over American territory in connection with her revolutionary disturbances.

Secretary of State Knox made further inquiry from Mexico through the American embassy at Mexico City asking the specific purpose of the military expedition for which permission was sought to travel from Eagle Pass, Texas, to El Paso, Texas, in order that points in northern Mexico may be reached to which the rebels have cut internal railroad communication.

Governor Colquhoun of Texas pointed out to the state department in his messages that residents of El Paso were apprehensive that rebels at Juarez, Mexico, might resist the entry of Mexican troops from American territory and precipitate a battle endangering American lives and property. Secretary Knox assured Governor Colquhoun that no permission would be granted until the matter had been carefully studied.

U. S. Interferes in Honduran Row.

Puerto Cortez, Hon.—Considerable excitement prevails here, as the result of a serious clash between the United States and Honduran authorities over the enforcement of a decree of President Bonilla directing the representatives of W. S. Valentine forthwith to turn over to government authorities the railroad, wharf and other properties which the Valentine syndicate holds under lease. The commander of the United States gunboat Petrel landed 75 marines and took charge of the railroad and wharf.

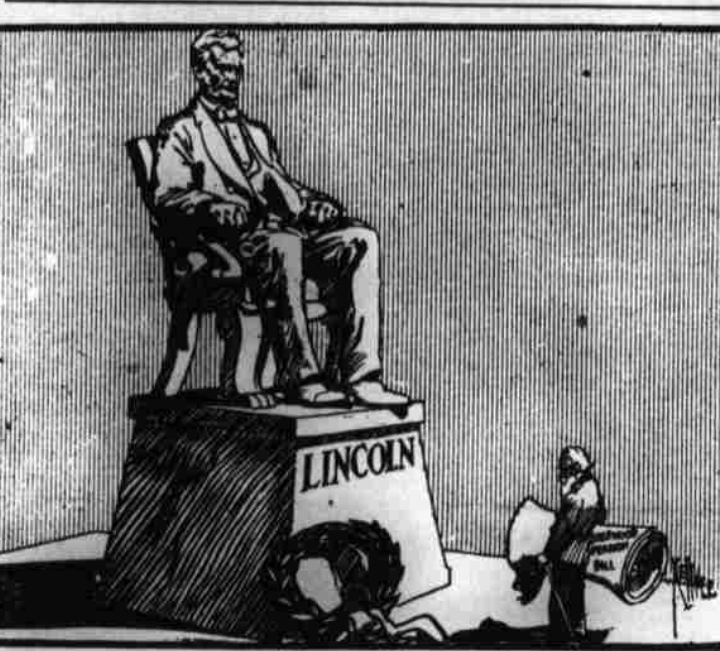
Morse Believed to Have Millions.

New York.—Charles W. Morse is poor only in comparison, some of his friends say. Of the ex-banker's original \$22,000, it is rumored he still has a million or more. One solitary batch of \$11,000,000 in cash or gilt-edged securities has never been accounted for publicly. Talk of some prospective new legal action was heard. Harry Morse stated in the most emphatic term that his father had no plans to re-engage in Wall street operations.

Colored Mob Lynches Negro.

Vidalia, Ga.—Homer Stewart, a negro, who had killed another negro and wounded two others so that they are not expected to live, was taken from the officers and lynched. It is reported, by members of his own race, the blacks, incensed at the killing, are said to have formed a mob which overtook the bailiff and captured Stewart. The black was then led a short distance into the woods, hanged to a tree, and his body riddled with bullets.

WHAT WOULD LINCOLN DO?



G. O. P. CONVENTION SPLITS

G. O. P. CONVENTION IN FLORIDA TO SELECT DELEGATES WAS STORMY GATHERING.

Friends of Roosevelt Organize Convention of Their Own and Name Delegates.

Palatka, Fla.—The Republican state convention met here, but split to pieces before it got down to business. The office holders wanted a delegation instructed for Taft, while the greater number of delegates favored Roosevelt. Over half of the delegates walked from the hall after filing notice with the convention, proceeded to another part of the city, met, organized and with great enthusiasm elected delegates to the national convention, instructed for Theodore Roosevelt as the standard-bearer of the G. O. P. for 1912.

Both factions will send instructed delegates to the convention, and both have nominated a state ticket. Theodore Roosevelt was notified of the action of the insurgent delegates by a committee appointed at the convention.

The regular administration faction of the convention, after the departure of the insurgent delegates from the hall, organized and elected delegates to the Chicago convention, whom they instructed to vote for the nomination of President Taft.

Joseph Lee, collector of internal revenue in Jacksonville, the leading negro politician of the state, was the chairman of the regular convention, and led the Taft forces.

There is a strong Roosevelt feeling among some of the negro Republicans and they are causing the trouble. George Chubb, the national committeeman from Florida, was present, and watched the proceedings for the national committee.

30 UNION MEN INDICTED

Labor Leaders Accused of Being Responsible for Explosions.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Union labor officials and agents said to number between thirty and forty, whom the government holds criminally responsible with the McNamara and Ortie E. McManigal for perpetrating more than one hundred explosions which occurred in cities from Massachusetts to California in the last six years, and in which the wrecking of the Los Angeles Times building was an incident, were indicted.

Thirty-two indictments were returned. Caplases for arrests have been issued and all the men indicted are to be taken in custody on a day secretly fixed by the government, but known to be within a week.

March 12 has been set for arraignment before Federal Judge B. Anderson in Indianapolis. The papers for the arrests designate the amount of bond which the defendants may give in the federal districts in which they reside for their appearance here. The amounts of the bonds in the individual cases were not made known, but it was said in the aggregate they would total \$300,000.

Army Mobilized for Mexico Border.

Washington.—President Taft and his cabinet turned a scrutinizing eye toward Mexico. Official dispatches, placed before the president, seriously questioned the loyalty of Gen. Pascual Orozco to the Mexican Federal government and intimated that the present conditions in the state of Chihuahua, bordering on Texas, might develop a movement of secession. The war department has sent additional orders to army posts throughout the country to be ready for a possible mobilization.

Harmon Controls Colorado.

Denver, Colo.—Supporters of Governor Harmon of Ohio for the presidential nomination controlled the meeting of the Colorado Democratic state central committee which chose Colorado Springs and April 29 as the time and place for the state convention, which will name twelve delegates to the national convention. The Harmon supporters, who are politically aligned with Mayor Speer of Denver were opposed by friends of Governor Shafer of Colorado, who favor Woodrow Wilson.

Hearst Buys Atlanta Georgian.

Atlanta.—William Randolph Hearst announced the purchase of the Atlanta Georgian and took active charge of its publication immediately. In the announcement of the purchase, the New York newspaper proprietor announced that there would be no radical changes in policy or in management of The Georgian, as the paper had been operated largely according to his ideas since the beginning of its publication six years ago. F. L. Seely of St. Louis was the former owner.

EVERGLADES WORK TO BE INVESTIGATED

SPECULATORS ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE SUPPRESSED GOVERNMENT REPORTS.

WARING CIRCULAR WITHHELD

Thorough Investigation of the United States Agricultural Department's Connection With Everglades.

Washington.—Thorough investigation of the charges that government reports on Florida Everglade lands were suppressed by officials of the department of agriculture at the instance of land speculators and that department engineers were dismissed because of controversies in this connection was determined upon by the Democratic members of the house committee on expenditures in the department of agriculture.

After a conference Representative Moss of Indiana, chairman of the committee, declared that the formal order for the inquiry would be executed. "The committee has determined that there are circumstances in connection with this case which need thorough investigation," said Chairman Moss, "and we already have decided to subpoena as one of the first witnesses J. O. Wright, the chief drainage engineer of the state of Florida, formerly an engineer in the drainage division of the department of agriculture, who made charges against his former associate engineers in the department, which resulted in their dismissal by order of Secretary Wilson."

A statement issued by Solicitor McCabe of the department of agriculture with the approval of Secretary Wilson declares that the charges against the department are untrue, and that "the effort to besmirch the secretary of agriculture will fail."

The charge against the dismissed men is that they misapplied an appropriation. Congress appropriates a lump sum for the drainage and irrigation divisions of the department of agriculture. The heads of these divisions divide it equally. In 1909, the drainage division lent to the irrigation division some of its unexpended appropriation and Engineer Elliott discovered soon afterward that he was some \$900 short for completion of work under way in North Carolina and other states.

Rather than have the work stopped, citizens in the section interested in the completion of the projects advanced the money and later were carried on the payroll as employees under the appropriation for the next year.

With the money thus secured the men who advanced the money were reimbursed.

UNDERWOOD BESTS BRYAN

Democratic Caucus Rejects Bryan's "Money Trust" Probe Plan.

Washington.—Representative Oscar Underwood was sustained by a vote of 115 to 66 in defying Mr. Bryan and his lash and in providing that the regular committees of the house should undertake the investigation into the "money trust" of the country.

The house caucus on the resolution which has been a bone of contention for many weeks lasted for three hours, and finally adopted the Underwood substitute for the Henry resolution by a vote of 115 to 66.

Through editorials in The Commonwealth, and by means of telegrams to Washington, William J. Bryan has urged a special committee to probe financial conditions with especial reference to the control of the money market. Those who opposed his plan were said to be in the control of the money trust. But his appeals were powerless. The house Democrats refused to follow his advice, but chose instead to let the regularly organized committees of the house do the work.

The caucus then instructed the standing committees of the house on banking and currency, judiciary, interstate commerce and elections to proceed with the inquiry.

Steel Trust Flogged Convicts.

Washington.—Convict labor in the operation of subsidiary companies of the United States Steel Corporation, particularly in Alabama, were taken up by the Stanley investigating committee. Shelby M. Harrison of New York, a magazine writer, testified that he had made an investigation of the conditions. He told of the large number of state and county convicts in the camps in Alabama and of the minor offenses for which some of the men had been convicted and put at work in the mines.

Hooper is Out for Re-Election.

Nashville, Tenn.—In a statement reciting the forward steps, notably in the department of agriculture and in the penal system, which he claims for his administration and severely arraigning elements that have, he says, sought to discredit his efforts, Gov. Ben. W. Hooper, the first Republican inaugurated governor of Tennessee in thirty years, announced for re-election. He declares he has faithfully kept his promise to lead his influence to the enforcement of the liquor laws.