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THE CHANGE AGAINST CONGRESSMAN BLACKBURN.

A special to 'The Observer' from Asheville, printed in yesterday's paper, said District Attorney Holton had sent a bill before the grand jury of the special term of United States District Court, charging Congressman Blackburn with perjury before the Department in Washington taking depositions as an attorney for his influence in bringing about certain things while a member of Congress, and later news is that two indictments have been returned. An interesting statement in this connection is that in 'The New York Herald' to the effect that it was understood that the Department of Justice was moving with the consent and approval of the President. This charge against Blackburn is not new, and 'The Statesville Landmark' says it was brought up by Hon. R. Z. Lindsey when he was contesting with Blackburn for the congressional nomination two years ago. The Landmark adds that while it does not share Blackburn's confidence and has its concern in his troubles, it feels pretty sure that if Blackburn is indicted the matter will not end there.

In a statement which he gives out, Blackburn denies that he has in any way violated the law and attributes the whole trouble to his political enemies and to his opposition to the confirmation of District Attorney Holton's re-nomination. However this may be, it seems unlikely that the district attorney is acting entirely on his own responsibility, and if he is carrying out the instructions of the Department of Justice and the President, as is asserted, the matter becomes more interesting. It seems certain that the North Carolina Republicans will continue to attract attention from a large section of the country for some time to come, and no matter how the complications finally terminate, the party in this State will not have added anything to its reputation for decency.

Because it has been found that there are fifty-five cotton gins in the United States, several of which are located in North Carolina, whose collection do not pay for their maintenance, it is proposed that there be established a school of printing in connection with the institution. The press of South Carolina has also largely endorsed the idea and it would seem to be a matter for the trustees to consider. The plan is evidently a good one and should be given a trial.

It is now said that Wm. R. Hearst will back the new afternoon paper to be started by Col. John Temple Graves at Atlanta. The report was probably given up by the agents of the railroads to figure the colonel's chances for the senate, for it is about the worst yet out.

Prospectus to be issued shortly. Rev. J. R. Howerton, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and chairman of the committee having charge of the requirement of the Montreal estate, announces that the prospectus will be issued shortly, giving a full description of the estate, outlining the plans of the committee and showing exactly how and by whom the lots are to be obtained. He states that no difficulty is anticipated in disposing of as many of the lots as the committee deems it wise to offer.

JOHN A. McCALL'S CAREER.

The New York Evening Post is of the opinion that the death of John A. McCall, late president of the New York Life Insurance Company, was hastened by the insurance scandal, and has the following to say of his rather notable career: "Rising from poverty and obscurity to the presidency of one of the most powerful corporations in the world, he was proud both of the skill which had won such success and of the great life insurance company which owed so much to his brilliant management. His resort to legislative corruption to compass ends which he regarded as desirable was not so much an expression of his personal character as of the school of finance and politics in which he was bred. Born and brought up in Albany, familiar with the corridors and lobbies of the capitol, a clerk in the Insurance Department, he naturally came to look upon the bribery of a Legislature or the purchase of a political machine as the only direct, efficient and legitimate means of promoting good laws and killing bad. Probably he never considered the activities of Andrew Hamilton in their wider relations. Convinced that he had done nothing wrong, and that the administration of the New York Life had been above reproach, he really had no fear of the investigation. At first he was surprised, then prostrated by the wrath of the public. He had really felt that his dabbling in legislation in the supposed interest of policyholders was to be commended rather than condemned. When he fully realized the extent to which his reputation had been smirched, he made large sacrifices of his personal fortune in order to reimburse the company for the damages to Hamilton. In doing this he showed a far higher sense of personal honor than either James W. Alexander, James Hazen Hyde, or Richard A. McCurdy. His fatal error was not that he worked for his own pocket, but that he sacrificed principle for the aggrandizement of his company."

It is stated that among the last things he said before the unceremonious proceeding death overtook him was that he did not believe that Judge Hamilton had done anything to bring his name into reproach. If what the Post says of his career be true, it has been considered necessary to bribe New York legislators for many years, and therefore the action of McCall and Hamilton were not at all unusual. This of course does not justify his manner of lobbying, but it is something in McCall's favor that he was working for his company and not in the interest of his own pocket. He gave up a large part of his individual property to reimburse his company for money advanced to Hamilton. Taken at its worst, McCall's course is not near so bad as some other of the insurance officials who have lost nothing more than their reputations—and in some cases even that did not amount to much. McCall, it might be said, lost both his property and his life.

The following is from the Chicago Tribune: "A newspaper which is to be a moral power must print news of useful things. It must provide such varied food for the mind that the reader shall not be gradually permeated with the belief that all men are corrupt, that force alone rules, and that notoriety is the highest attainment of life. The hypnotic effect of exclusive attention to degrading thoughts is the cause of many a crime. No newspaper which is worthy a place in the home will fail to furnish food for noble wholesome thoughts. The daily paper is the greatest power in the world for progress in all good things."

In this era of property for those journals which cater to that which is degrading and give much of their attention to proving that most men are corrupt, the above declaration is indeed timely. But the age of sensational journalism will in time pass; it cannot endure for any great length of time.

Dr. Meil, president of Clemson College, is quoted as heartily endorsing the suggestion of The Charleston News and Courier that there be established a school of printing in connection with the institution. The press of South Carolina has also largely endorsed the idea and it would seem to be a matter for the trustees to consider. The plan is evidently a good one and should be given a trial.

His enemies, it seems, are never idle. Here, for instance, we have The Washington Post and the Petersburg, Va., Index-Appal speaking of Mr. Bryan's letters descriptive of his trip around the world, as "fourth-rate."

Deals in Dirt. Mr. G. A. Marsh has purchased from Mrs. C. A. Black a tract containing 22 acres of land, south of the city. The consideration in the deal was \$500.

Citizens of Texas are giving some strong evidence for Patrick in support of his motion for a new trial, but the prisoner probably wishes his witnesses could prove better characters.

IN SUPERIOR COURT.

Nearly 100 Cases Remain on the Docket. W. C. Correll, who has 873 cases on the docket, is expected to be on the roads for four months.

It begins to look as though quite a number more of the 300 cases on the docket for the present criminal term of the Superior Court will have to be postponed. Between 30 and 40 cases have already been continued. These with the convictions, submissions and not proceed reduce the number of live cases on the docket to about 100. There are still 20 prisoners in the jail awaiting trial.

A variety of cases were tried yesterday. J. W. Correll, the white man who was arrested a few weeks ago on the charge of stealing \$75 from Viola Fleming, pleaded guilty to the charge. In his confessions to the jury he acknowledged that he was a drunk and that he had lived with the woman, at her house of ill fame. He stated that he and Viola kept their money in common and that he did not consider it stealing when he took the cash. His sentence was four months in jail.

Yesterday night he termed "larceny day" in the court. Otis Evans, colored, for stealing bacon and lard from Cochran & McLaughlin, was sent to the roads for four months. Ewell Thomas, another ebony-hued citizen, had been unable to resist the temptation to steal from the store for four months on the roads for his offense. John Ballard, the negro who stole an overcoat from Mr. W. J. Donnelly, a clerk at the Central, was found guilty and was sentenced to spend nine months at the rock pile.

James O'Leary, colored, will doubtless be careful of his conduct around churches hereafter. He was sent to the roads yesterday for a term of four months for disturbing religious worship at Zion church, in Steele Creek. One blind tiger was arraigned yesterday. Her name is Agnes Wilson. There were two cases. He was sent out for 60 days.

ROSENBAUM AT IT AGAIN.

He is Held in Contempt of 'Squire Hilton's Court'—An Interesting Trial Promised for This Morning. The well-known Mr. Louis Rosenbaum is in court once more. 'Squire' S. H. Hilton heard a charge against him yesterday afternoon. The charge was rather interesting. Frank Stewart, colored, alleged that he went into Rosenbaum's store, on West Trade street, last Saturday, and purchased a pair of shoes for his little boy, for which he paid 85 cents. If the boy did not fit he was to take them back and exchange them or get back his money. The shoes did not fit and were returned. The second pair did not fit and they were taken back. But the store refused to take them back. Rosenbaum was ordered out of the store by Rosenbaum. The negro sued the merchant for the 85 cents. The colloquy that took place between the justice of the peace and Rosenbaum was something to be remembered. Rosenbaum ran at a high rate of speed, and his words were pitched in a high key. 'Squire' Hilton could hardly get in a word edgewise. He ordered Rosenbaum to hush, and the order was obeyed several times. Like the waters of the Niagara, the words ran on forever. For the time being the suit of the negro was forgotten and it was the court against Rosenbaum, who was placed under a \$500 bond in contempt. The case will be resumed at 9:30 this morning and the indications are that something will be doing. The 'squire's' patience has been put to the test.

ADVANCE IN REAL ESTATE.

An Incident Cited Which Demonstrates the Fact That Charlotte Real Estate Values Have Increased Wonderfully. Much has been said of late about the advance in value of Charlotte real estate. A prominent citizen stated to an Observer reporter yesterday that he had approached the owner of a certain piece of property in the city several months ago and had asked him what he would take for the lot in question. He replied \$40,000. Believing the price too high he went away and negotiated with the holders of other real estate for certain other properties. Several weeks ago, he decided to return to offer the lot in question. He called the next morning to close the deal. "No, I cannot accept \$40,000. I must now have \$50,000," was the calm answer that he received when he stated the purpose of his visit. The deal was not closed.

CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS.

General S. M. Field, Colored, Arrested for Systematic Theft of Clothes—His Scheme. During the last few weeks a negro, or more than one negro, has been doing a profitable business by a systematic method of stealing clothing. He would go to the clothing store, take a suit or a pair of trousers, and when he was working for a pressing club, ask for the clothes of the gentleman of the house, whose name he had previously learned. Several suits were stolen in this manner from members of the Queen City Pressing Club and Mrs. Hester, the proprietress, stopped sending her employees for clothing except by request and then with a card, and has made an effort to catch the thief. Yesterday afternoon she learned that a strange negro was calling for clothes at the room on South Tryon street and she notified the police station. Patrolman W. W. Irvine went out and corralled "General" Mayfield, colored, who will receive a hearing before Recorder Shannonhouse this morning.

MENELIS-MULWAIN NUPTIALS.

The Marriage Will Take Place at St. Peter's Catholic Church To-Night. Mr. Brady McNelis, son of Mr. C. McNelis of this city, will be united in marriage at 8 o'clock this evening, to Miss Mattie McIlwain. The ceremony will take place at St. Peter's Catholic church, at the residence of the bride-elect; Mrs. T. C. Green, Mrs. J. T. Green and Miss Bessie McDow, of Lancaster, and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. McIlwain and Miss Christine McIlwain, of Rock Hill.

BRIEFS.

A Few Minor Happenings in and About the City. Mr. E. M. Reed has been indisposed at his rooms on East Sixth street for the last few days.

"Euster Brown," a comedy that pleased a good house early in the season, is booked for a return engagement at the Academy of Music the second week in March.

The English sparrows have already taken possession of the new Hotel Selwyn. Evidently they came to stay for several weeks. It will be a battle between the heavy steel girders.

The street diggers are again at work on South Tryon street near the new Hotel. This is the fourth time that the street in this one block has been torn up within the past few months.

The fair weather is in regular spring showers. The rolling clouds and unusually blue sky, with the occasional bright sun, seem to make a day that was not at all unpleasant.

The series of religious services will begin at the First A. R. P. church this evening. Rev. J. Hanson, of Spartanburg, S. C., will assist. Rev. William Duncan, the pastor, in conducting the services.

A car of seed potatoes arrived in Charlotte yesterday which had been en route from Boston, Mass., but four days. The seed was consigned to Davidson & Wolfe and were handled over the Southern.

Register of Deeds A. M. McDonald yesterday issued license for the marriage of Mr. Homer Cashion and Miss Belle Clegg, of Long Creek township. The wedding was scheduled to take place last night.

To-day, Washington's birthday, is a national holiday. The schools and schools and cotton exchanges will be closed. The postoffice will be open for the day, but there will be no mail delivery.

The funeral of Mrs. J. O. Thomas was conducted at the home on North Davidson street yesterday morning by Rev. L. R. Pruitt. The interment was made at Arlington Cemetery in the Creek town.

The Charlotte Bonded Warehouse Company has purchased of Mr. J. C. Herndon several lots on North Graham street, between the two bridges. The deal was made through the Charlotte Realty Company and the consideration was \$10,000.

The receipts at the city cotton platform yesterday were seven bales and the highest price paid for the staple was 12 cents. The receipts for the corresponding date of last year were 18 bales, the best price at that time being 8 cents a pound.

Many improvements are to be made in the Burwell-Dunn retail drug store. Francis Taylor was the one in charge and he is now engaged in getting ready for the raising of the ceiling of the first floor. The plate glass front is to be put in later.

Patrolman W. W. Irvine went to Salisbury last evening for John Staton, a negro who was arrested by the police at the instance of the Charlotte police on the charge of embezzling \$50 from a woman. Staton will receive a hearing before the recorder this morning.

The Elba Manufacturing Company is to have their mill north of the city. Arrangements have already been made with the Southern and the bank to have the mill. In the future, the Elba Manufacturing Company will handle coal along with its other business.

Col. R. L. Abernethy of River Bend was in the city yesterday. Col. Abernethy is chairman of the Gaston County Cotton Growers' Association, and is enthusiastic over a meeting of cotton growers to be held at Dallas Monday. Mr. J. H. Glenn will address the farmers. Gaston Superior Court will also convene Monday.

Among the guests at the Central last night were Messrs. H. H. and M. H. Cox, of Wadesboro. Mr. R. H. Hester, of McAdenville, was a visitor in the city last evening, being a guest at the Buford.

Among the guests at the Central yesterday were Messrs. C. P. and B. M. McNeely, of Mooresville. Messrs. W. W. York and B. T. Matthews have returned to the city after a business trip to New York. Mr. Frank P. Milburn of Columbia, S. C., president of the new Southern passenger station, spent yesterday in the city.

Among the visitors in the city yesterday were Messrs. S. B. Miller, W. R. Mills, Z. R. Reid and L. W. MacKee, all of Stateville, who were guests at the Buford.

STATION OPENED YESTERDAY.

A Very Handsome Structure and Worthy of a Visit—The Arrangement of the Offices. The new Southern depot was thrown open for the first time to the traveling public yesterday. The afternoon previous, the roadmaster and supervisor moved into their offices on the second floor of the main building. The work of transferring the records and other necessary articles of the superintendent's office was begun yesterday afternoon. Superintendent P. L. McManus will be ready to occupy his handsome suite of rooms on the West Trade street side of the depot probably today. The other offices will be occupied in a few days.

The depot is a strictly handsome one. In order to gain a full idea of its architectural design and beauty one must climb the steps leading to the second floor and there get a glance down at the general waiting room and view the rest of the depot. The view is very interesting. The hall-way extends all around this closed court and the many offices open on it. The fixtures of the new depot are first class and up-to-date in every respect. The office trimmings are red, so toned as to harmonize with the other articles in a very pleasing way.

The new depot is a credit to the city and should be visited by every citizen.

TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY.

The American Bible Society and Its Great Work Will be Discussed. The anniversary of The American Bible Society will be observed here Sunday. The churches of Charlotte will unite and hold a service at the First Presbyterian church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Addresses will be made by the following named persons: Revs. J. R. Howerton and R. C. Holland, of Charlotte, and Thomas H. Laws, of Spartanburg, the Southern field agent of the society. Mr. C. W. Tillitt will preside over the meeting and a number of ministers will participate in the celebration. This, the 90th anniversary of the great and historic association, will be generally observed throughout the United States.

FRAUD EXPOSED.

A few counterfeiters have lately been making and trying to sell imitations of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, and other such ailments, thereby defrauding the public. This is to warn you to beware of such people, who seek to profit, through peddling the reputation of a medicine which have been successfully curing disease, for over 25 years. A sure protection is to buy only the genuine, all wrapped up for it, on Dr. King's or Bucklen's remedies, as all others are mere imitations. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, Ill., and Windsor, Canada. R. H. Jordan & Co.

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WANTED.

- WANTED—At once experienced stenographer, temporarily, apply Charlotte Hardware Co. WANTED—Printer for straight type, male or female; state terms when writing. Journal, Lincoln, N. C. WANTED—Young man, about 20, of good education, quick and accurate in reading manuscript. Address R. J. care Observer. WANTED—Position to do copying, etc., in office. Miss W., care Observer. WANTED—Position as shipping clerk or book-keeper with cotton mill; 3 years' experience with large mill; competent for any office work. Address "Shipping," care Observer. WANTED—Good reliable electrician to do wiring for new electric plant. Address Reliable, care Observer. WANTED—A good stenographer, state experience, speed and salary desired. Apply by letter in own handwriting. Quick, care Observer. WANTED—Young man stenographer, an assistant book-keeper; answer in handwriting. Manufacturer, care Observer. WANTED—1,000 live quail, 20 cents; 1,000 live rabbits, 20 cents; 60 live foxes, \$2.50. Delivered in Spray, N. C. J. W. Bethell. WANTED—Clean white rags for wiping machinery. Apply at Observer.

FOR RENT.

- FOR RENT—Six-room house, 502, 504 and 508 North Spruce. Two live-room, South Cedar. F. W. Ahrens, 4 E. 2nd street. FOR RENT—Three modern rooms with select family, best locality, on car line. Reasonable, including phone service, steam heat, lights, select, care Observer. FOR RENT—2 rooms with bath. Apply 8 West Sixth street. FOR RENT—No. 10 South Davidson, 7 rooms; gas and water. Apply to John F. Orr. FOR RENT—Two connecting furnished rooms over York Bros. & Roger store; hot and cold water; private bath and closet. Geo. Bryan. FOR RENT—The entire three-story brick building, 3x130, with cement basement at 20 South College street, now occupied by International Harvester Company of America. Apply at building or to W. R. Hurwell.

FOR SALE.

- FOR SALE—My residence in Dilworth on Boulevard, seven rooms, gas, water, wired throughout, lot 75x150. J. L. Spencer. FOR SALE—A complete set of harness-makers tools, including Landis machine, riveting machine and cramping machine; will be sold cheap for cash. Write at once to G. S. Fort, Wadesboro, N. C., P. O. Box 109. Reason for selling going out of business.

LOST.

- LOST—Black leather card case containing receipts and papers of value to no one except the owner. Reward for return to J. W. Atkins, care The Observer. LOST—Between hours 3:30 and 6 o'clock yesterday, between First Presbyterian church and Park avenue, Dilworth, a blue locket edged with gold, with a hand holding a pencil on it. Also a small bead. Liberal reward if returned to Observer Office.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- HOSIERY SALE Saturday; read our ad. THE TATE-BROWN CO. BETTER THAN EVER—For the merchant's car-loads to arrive, already here: Stone Mills, Dillards, Jars, Crocks, Flower Pts, Chambers. See us for prices. C. H. Flournoy Co., Wholesale and Retail. WE OFFER AT THE lowest market price a very large quantity of selected cow peas. We are headquarters for guano and fertilizers. Davidson & Wolfe, 58 East Trade street. WAKE-YOU-UP prices on Hosiery, 15c, three pairs for \$1.00 Saturday only; our ad. THE TATE-BROWN CO. FODD will sell at his barn, Wilmore, N. C., 27-28th of February, 100 head of horses and mules. Write for catalogue and come to this sale. A STATIONARY ENGINEER who holds licenses of New York and Washington and who now lives in Washington would like to get a place as engineer in a cotton mill or other large plant. Address Engineer, care Observer. EVERY MAN in Charlotte should buy a Rose on Saturday, 19c, 3 pairs for 50c. THE TATE-BROWN CO.

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