

## Burke Wants New Railroad

### Election on Bond Issue Ordered—Registrars and Judges Appointed—Surveys Being Made.

Interest in the proposed new railroad from Casar to Morganton (perhaps better state from Morganton to Casar) has run high in Morganton during the past week, and it looks now as if the time is not far distant when the long-talked of road will be a reality. The election on the bond issue has been ordered in Morganton, Upper and Lower Fork townships for Saturday, June 5th. The petitions for said election were presented to the board of county commissioners Monday, and the order made forthwith. Judging from the number of signers to the petitions the majority for bond issue will be overwhelming.

The following registrars and judges were appointed for the townships: Morganton, T. N. Hallyburton, registrar; J. M. Clark and H. C. Deaton, judges. Upper Fork township, G. C. Cook, registrar; C. H. Bradshaw and J. R. Carswell, judges. Lower Fork township: John Rhoney, registrar, and R. P. Cloud and M. A. Carswell, judges for No. 1; J. R. Chapman, registrar, and J. N. Gales and Amos Swink, judges for No. 2.

Another thing which has added to the interest in the railroad subject was the work of a surveying corps in and near Morganton during the week. Messrs. J. W. Weldon and Robey Claywell are the surveyors and have for their assistants a number of young men of Morganton. They spent the first part of the week surveying in Morganton—one survey being made through "Break Neck," another by the old fair ground. Last night they camped near Enola and are in that section to-day.

Every citizen interested in the growth and development of Morganton and Burke county is anxious to see the railroad proposition materialize speedily.

## RANKIN WINS IN ASHEVILLE.

### Municipal Election Most Bitterly Contested in Recent Years.

Asheville Dispatch, 4th. Casting 2,175 votes in the most bitterly contested election of recent records, the citizens of this city today elected J. E. Rankin, mayor; James G. Stikeleather, commissioner of public works; D. Hiden Ramsey, commissioner of public safety and J. Frazier Glenn, judge of the city police court.

Mayor Rankin led the ticket with a majority of 421 while the closest contest was waged for the position of judge, Mr. Glenn's majority being only forty-six. Mr. Ramsey won by 355 and Mr. Stikeleather's lead was 165.

## Jap Ultimatum Reaches Peking.

Peking Dispatch, 6th.

Japan's ultimatum to China reached the Japanese legation here today and will probably be presented to the Chinese foreign minister this afternoon.

Prepared for Seige. Hankow, China, Dispatch, 6th.

The Japanese barracks have been prepared for a seige. Following the consular advice, many Japanese have left the city, although the Chinese are apparently completely indifferent. Several prominent native residents were entertained last night at a dinner by some of the leading Japanese.

## Statesville Evidences Interest in Baseball.

Statesville Landmark, 4th.

Up to yesterday afternoon about \$700 in subscriptions of \$5 each had been subscribed to the stock of the Statesville Athletic Association for the promotion of baseball in Statesville. It is the purpose of the promoters to incorporate the association with a capital of \$1,500.

Next Sunday, the second in May, is Mother's Day.

## GERMANS CLAIM VICTORY IN BOTH EAST AND WEST.

### Conflicting Reports, However, Make Extent of Victories Uncertain.

London Dispatch, 5th.

The German official report to-day claims victorious both over the Russian in Western Galicia and over the British in Flanders. Field Marshal Sir John French, British commander-in-chief, admits he was compelled to re-adjust his lines in the region of Ypres, but the French communication far from confirming a German victory in Belgium, declares the German attacks were repulsed and that the Germans being taken on the flank by the French artillery suffered severely.

A late report from the British War Office also says that German attacks were repulsed although the Germans used asphyxiating gases and by the use of these fumes did get a footing of Hill No. 60, south-east of Ypres, which since the British captured it recently, has been attacked repeatedly.

There has been fighting all along the rest of the western front, in all of which the Germans claim successes. The French, however, insist that their advance continues both along the Yser Canal and in Flanders and in the Woivre, where battles have been continuous for weeks on end.

Conflicting reports from the East make it impossible to judge of the position there. The Austrians and Germans to-night say the Russians have been beaten badly in Western Galicia and have commenced to retire from the western Carpathians, whereas the latest Russian report while admitting that the Austro-Germans got across the Dunajec river declares they were checked there. The country around the East Prussian frontier also has been the scene of battles of more or less importance, while at the other end of the Russian line, in Eastern Galicia the Russians are attacking the Austro-Germans despite their reported defeat or check in the western part of the province.

## COMMENCEMENT AT GLEN ALPINE HIGH SCHOOL.

### Finals Will Take Place Wednesday and Thursday May 19th and 20th.

Commencement will take place at Glen Alpine High School Wednesday and Thursday May 19th and 20th, and an interesting program has been planned. Large crowds are expected to attend these exercises. Class of eleven, the first in the school's history, will graduate. Six boys and five girls will receive diplomas. The Hill string band of Connelly Springs will be present on Thursday and Thursday night to make music for the occasion.

Program. Wednesday, May 19, 1915—Commencement Sermon 11 a. m., by Rev. C. E. Gregory, of Morganton. Class Exercises 3 p. m. Primary and Grammar grades 8:30 p. m.

Thursday, May 20—Address, 11 a. m. Address by Prof. A. C. Reynolds, of Cullowhee Normal. Graduating Exercises 3 p. m. Presentation of diplomas. J. H. Giles, Pres. Board of Trustees. Annual High School play, drills and pantomimes, 8:30 p. m.

## 8,000 Men in Dardanelles.

Berlin Dispatch, April 29th.

Oversea Agency advises from Constantinople say the French and British, who attempted to land at the Dardanelles numbered about 8,000 men.

## President is Godfather to His Only Grandson.

Williamstown, Mass., Dispatch 2.

President Wilson became the godfather of his only grandson here today and added to his duties by promising to safeguard the religious welfare of the child, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre. The child was christened Francis Woodrow Sayre.

This winter The News-Herald installed a Babcock printing press. It may be of interest to some of our readers to know that there are 1040 Babcock presses in operation in the Southern States. Baltimore alone has 126 Babcocks and Richmond 77.

The closing exercises at South Fork institute were held yesterday and today.

## CABINET DISCUSSES CASE OF GULFLIGHT.

### In Absence of Detailed Report On the Incident No Policy is Formulated.

Washington Dispatch, 4th.

President Wilson discussed briefly with his cabinet to-day that torpedoing of the American steamer Gulfight off the Scilly islands, but in the absence of a detailed report on the incident no policy was formulated.

Messages from American Consul Stephens at Plymouth and Consul General Skinner at London added little to earlier information. Both were instructed to-day to get complete statements from the ship's crew and to gather such technical evidence as could be obtained by an examination of the vessel.

Officials want to establish beyond doubt whether the vessel was struck by a torpedo or a mine. Secretary Bryan declared that until these facts were known no speculations could be made as to the course of the United States. Thus far it is known definitely only that a submarine was sighted by an officer of the Gulfight shortly before the attack. There is no positive information available to show whether the Gulfight flew the American flag at the time or what colors were shown by the two British patrol boats said to have accompanied her.

To enable the German government to present any information it may have, Secretary Bryan explained that an inquiry had been directed to Ambassador Gerard. This, he said, should not be construed as implying that the United States assumed that a German submarine had attacked the Gulfight.

## Investigating Gulfight Case.

London Dispatch, 4th.

The American embassy began today an investigation of the torpedoing of the American steamer Gulfight. An examination of the ship as well as of the crew will be made. It is probable the inquiry will be carried on principally at Plymouth, where the crew landed. The investigation will be conducted as expeditiously as possible so no time may be lost in transmitting the report to Washington.

The London afternoon newspapers comment only in the briefest manner on the Gulfight incident. The Westminster Gazette asks whether President Wilson "will make good his words of February" and hold the German government to "a strict accountability."

## Capital Stock Home Canner Company Now \$125,000.

Hickory Special, 4th, to Charlotte Observer.

The Home Canner Manufacturing Company of this city has been reorganized and incorporated with an authorized capital stock of \$125,000, with E. L. Flowers, W. X. Reid, G. E. Crosby and others subscribing. The growth of this company under the direction of E. L. Flowers, inventor of the outfit manufactured, has been such that the quarters occupied for the past several years have become too small. For the past several years this concern has done a large business which has extended into several foreign countries. In a short time branch factories will be opened up in central portions of the United States in order to give prompt and complete service without the usual delay and transportation charges to meet with.

## Rural Mail Service for One Million More People.

Washington Dispatch, 2nd.

Plans for a general readjustment of the rural postal service through the country by July to provide mail facilities for a million persons not included in the present routing system were announced to-night by Postmaster General Burleson. Motor vehicles will be provided under the new plan where high ways will permit.

"Rural service will be extended to every farmer reasonably entitled to it," said Mr. Burleson, "as rapidly as the new adjustments can be made."

August Tompkins Graydon of Greenwood, S. C., a law student in the University of North Carolina, dropped dead from heart trouble Wednesday afternoon. He was participating in a light form of baseball practice for exercise when he suddenly sank to the ground. He was removed to a nearby fraternity hall and within five minutes was dead.

## ULTIMATUM WILL BE SENT TO CHINA.

### Critical Point in Far East Situation—Chinese Capital Prepares to Defend Itself Against Feared Invasion by Japanese Troops.

Tokio Dispatch, 4th.

The Yomiuri in an extra edition declares that the elder statesmen after listening to lengthy explanations from premier Okuma and Foreign Minister Kato have approved a project to send an ultimatum to China.

The information reaching Japan, this paper says, leads to the conviction that the nature of the last Chinese answer obligates Japan to resort to this logical diplomatic step.

The Yomiuri says the concessions by Japan, particularly the restoration of Kiao-Chow to China, had created the belief that China was satisfied and that the matter would be arranged peacefully. There is an impression now that Yuan Shi Kai, President of China, desires an ultimatum in order to justify China's eventual acceptance.

According to the Hochi Shimbun, martial law will be proclaimed in South Manchuria simultaneously with the issuance of the ultimatum.

It is explained in official circles that Japan has no desire to resort to force but that China "must be made to realize this country is determined on the acceptance of its program for solidifying the peace of the Orient."

The press considers the ultimatum a proper step. The Times believes that if China refused to yield Japan should occupy provinces like Shan-tung, "until China comes to her senses." This, the paper says, would not constitute a violation of China's integrity "since its sole aim would be to ensure the integrity of the country."

The belief is expressed in some circles that China may send word at the last minute that additional concessions are possible and in this way avert the ultimatum.

The Kokumin Shimbun today quotes Premier Okuma as expressing disappointment with China's course. In the beginning it is related Japan asked China to keep the proceedings secret, and China promised to do so. Nevertheless the proceedings were published broadcast.

The Kokumin Shimbun says it is in a position to declare with authority that whatever action Japan takes her course will not disturb the friendly relations with the United States and Great Britain.

## Peking Prepares for Defense.

Peking Dispatch, 4th.

Military preparations are being made for the defense of Peking.

According to Chinese officials, whose statements have been corroborated in other circles, the Government is making no preparations elsewhere than at the Capital for defense, considering that the Chinese will be unable to oppose the Japanese should they attack. It is asserted in high quarters that 100,000 troops have been concentrated in the environs of Peking, but with sufficient ammunition for only a brief resistance.

## Later.

London Dispatch, 5th.

"The Japanese ultimatum to China gants a delay of 48 hours," cables the Tokio correspondent of the Central News.

Tokio Dispatch, 5th.

All Japan has focused its attention on the Chinese situation which is believed to be full of historic possibilities. It is reported that the foreign office has sent telegrams to all the consuls in China instructing them to prepare their nationals for possible departure. The Japanese at Mukden have been asked to hold themselves in readiness to withdraw to places nearer the South Manchurian railway.

Lieutenant Count Terauchi, governor general of Korea, has held conferences with the general staff. The decision of the cabinet and elder statesmen is expected tomorrow. The press says that 48 hours will be the limit proposed in the ultimatum. Newspapers characterize as insulting the insistence of China that Japan's offer to restore Kia Chow be reduced to writing.

Baseball may have been designed to make town people worry about the weather.

## MONDAY'S ELECTION.

### Messrs. J. L. Nelson, J. E. Erwin, S. Huffman and J. M. Mull Chosen School Trustees.

The election held Monday for the purpose of selecting four graded school trustees was perhaps the warmest since establishment of the school. There were two tickets in the field, and the supporters of each were very loyal to their candidates. J. L. Nelson, whose name appeared on each ticket, received the highest number of votes cast for one candidate, his number being 405. Other candidates and the votes received were as follows: J. E. Erwin 386, S. Huffman 270, J. M. Mull 267, J. W. Garrison 210, J. M. McCalliard 192 and Dr. A. M. Dula 173. The total number of votes cast was 504. Messrs. Nelson, Erwin, Huffman and Mull, having received the highest number of votes were declared elected. The first two are Democrats, the last two are Republicans, it being a provision of the school charter that there shall not be more than two-thirds of the board from one political party.

## STATE HOSPITAL NEWS.

### Oak Forest Sunday School to Build Church—New Dormitory Opened This Week.

Correspondence of The News-Herald.

Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Gale are now visiting Dr. Gale's old home, Portsmouth, Va., on account of the illness of his uncle.

The Oak Forest Sunday school congregation have commenced laying the foundation for their church building on the hill near Mr. W. K. Houk's residence. The cornerstone will probably be laid in the very near future.

Part of the farm wagons and farm forces have been busy during the dry weather hauling over from the depot another coal supply for the Hospital. The dormitory or new colony building will be opened up and partly occupied during the present week. The structure will accommodate 75 men or more.

The electric light line has been constructed as far as the Caldwell colony. The line will be completed to the Sawyer colony as soon as the necessary poles are received and can be put in place.

The watermelon and cantaloupe patches have been planted and the recent showers will hasten the coming up of the seed.

Mr. W. D. Clarke, the affable manager of the dining room, has been confined to his room several days from sickness, but we are glad to state he is out again. Mr. Edison Mull supplied his place.

Miss Mabel Foister, of Asheville, has been visiting her aunt, Miss Ellen Grady.

Messrs. S. W. Hoyle and Harry Bowman visited at their homes in the county Sunday.

Miss Beulah Stroup has gone to her home in the county to recuperate after a recent illness.

## Change in Mail Service.

The change in mail services on the western division of the Southern went into effect Sunday. Hereafter trains Nos. 15 and 16, which now operate only between Hickory and Asheville, will not carry mail, and Nos. 21 and 22 become mail trains again. This arrangement will deprive the people all along the line between Asheville and Salisbury of getting the morning papers east of Asheville. As it is now the Asheville Citizen is the first daily paper to reach Morganton. Heretofore the Greensboro News and Charlotte Observer came in on No. 15 due at 7:35. Our people miss the early arrival of these papers and it is hoped that the Southern will soon feel justified in having the former arrangement resumed.

## War Will Cost England Over Five Billion Dollars.

London Dispatch, 4th.

Davied Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, to-day gave the British public further insight into what the war is costing the nation.

The expenditure now, Mr. Lloyd-George said, was \$10,500,000 daily, and he added that if the war continued for a year Great Britain's bill would be upward of \$5,000,000,000.

Great preparations are being made for the coming session of the State Medical Society. This year the meeting will be held in Greensboro, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 15-17.

## NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

### Brief Notes of Recent Happenings in North Carolina.

The 1916 convention of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in High Point.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the North Carolina Nurses association will be held in Wilmington from May 25 to 27.

The introduction of electricity for power in the South African gold mines has reduced the amount of tuberculosis among the miners.

General Julian S. Carr, of Durham, will deliver an address on the "Confederate Soldiers" at the Confederate reunion in Richmond in June.

A horrible death occurred near Troutman Saturday morning when Mrs. Mary Hartline, an aged lady, was caught against the blade of a woodsaw and so terribly mangled that she died forty-five minutes later.

At a municipal election at which six of the seven registered voters cast their ballots, the officers of Kenilworth, a suburb of Asheville, were chosen Monday. Of the six men who voted, four were elected to office.

The newly elected city officers of Hickory were sworn in Monday. Jones W. Shuford is now mayor of Hickory, with J. L. Abernethy and A. P. Whitener, aldermen. C. H. Geitner, the retiring mayor, has served two terms.

Pink Beck, a farmer living in the edge of Davie county, lost a barn during the rain storm which visited that section late Sunday night. The barn was fired by lightning and was completely destroyed with its contents, which included two mules.

The Supreme Court in an opinion delivered Wednesday afternoon held that there was no error in the trial of Charles Trull, of Mecklenburg, under death sentence for the murder and robbery of Sidney Swaine, a Charlotte merchant, Saturday night, April 16, 1914.

Everybody misses the early morning train more than any other that could have been taken off. It put the morning papers and Northern letters here at breakfast time. It is hoped that summer travel will soon become so heavy that this train will be put back.—Newton Enterprise.

In the town election in Warrenton Monday there were 75 votes cast, and the Democratic nominees received 75 votes. There was not a single ballot scratched. This is said to be a thing unheard of in North Carolina history. John W. Allen, mayor, is entering upon his sixth term of office.

Mrs. T. W. Kimball was instantly killed by a stroke of lightning while standing in the door of her home about one mile from Waxhaw, Monday afternoon. There had been a considerable storm and Mrs. Kimball had gone to the door of her home to see if the rain had stopped when the stroke of lightning came with fatal results.

George Lyons, a white man, was fatally injured, and Jim Carr, colored, also badly hurt, when a carbonator in a soda fountain in Wilmington exploded Tuesday morning. The cause of the explosion is thought by the proprietor to have been caused by the men turning the full force of carbony into the carbonator. (Later—Lyons died Wednesday night and the negro is expected to die.)

Reuben White, a negro who pleaded guilty of stealing a horse, was Wednesday given twenty years in prison in Rowan Superior Court, but Judge Long intimated that he would consider a change in the sentence if White would tell what he had done with the harness, which information he has refused to give. The horse was recovered by the owner in a few hours after it was stolen from a Salisbury back lot.

The county commissioners of Rutherford adopted a recommendation of the county board of health concerning a county campaign against typhoid fever. Working with the State Board of Health the county physician will direct a campaign of free vaccination against typhoid in every township in the county. Rutherford is the first county in the State to vote this campaign.