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WASHINGTON LETTER. Former Son of Randolph Who Grew Up with the West—Congress to Adjourn April 28th.

Washington, D. C., April 14th.—I notice that Mr. Samuel Hill, of Seattle, Washington, is to deliver the literary address at Guilford College this spring. Mr. Hill was just recently in this city, and while here he called attention to the fact that he was born in Randolph, near old "Union Factory," or the present town of Randolph.

Both of the North Carolina Senators were taking a rather prominent stand recently. Senator Overman has been pressing his resolution of inquiry regarding the recent executive legislation by which the president has increased the pension roll to the extent of \$10,000,000.

Senator Simmons was engaged in a rather lively controversy with one of the most brilliant Republicans in the Senate, Senator Beveridge, last Friday. Our North Carolina folks who heard it were well pleased with the way our senior Senator acquitted himself.

Mr. John Bray, undertook to cut the timber on the Reuben Cox place, has got about 2,000 logs cut. The mill is to be moved there shortly.

Mr. Walter Stanton is spending a master with his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Davis. Marlboro school closed April 1st with an exhibition enjoyed by all.

ITEMS OF NEWS. Interesting News Items Gathered from Various Sources.

Mr. J. A. Ballard, of Morrisville, N. C., was shot by John W. Metcalf, a man from West Va., town one day last week. Ballard was in the pistol from the hand of his assailant and shot him dead.

A destructive fire in Mount Vernon, New York last week five members of a family perished in the flames. The loss of property was \$20,000.

Royal Foster, a well-to-do farmer living near Milton, committed suicide one day last week by shooting himself through the temple.

The commissioners of Rowan county have fixed the salary of the county treasurer at \$8000.

There were on the docket of the recent term of Davie county Superior Court twenty-one cases for violating the Watis law, and not ninety as was given out by some newspaper correspondents.

WASHINGTON LETTER. Poultry Exhibit at World's Fair—The Trusts and Republicans.

An item of interest to the farmer and poultry raisers of the country, in connection with the World's Fair at St. Louis, is learned from the Eastern Press Bureau, in this city. The regular cash prizes offered for exhibits of poultry, pigeons and pet stock aggregate more than \$160,000, and this will be greatly increased by appropriations from state commissions for state exhibits.

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Continuing church is enjoying an interesting revival meeting in which the pastor, Rev. Ira Egan, is assisted by Rev. J. P. Rodgers, of Asheboro.—Centre Items.

MONTGOMERY NEWS. Items of Interest Clipped from the Troy Examiner.

Mr. A. J. Auman and Miss M. E. Martin were married last Sunday. Rev. A. L. Brown, officiated.—Star Item.

We extend sympathy to the bereaved family of Rev. T. M. Baldwin, who died of pneumonia on last Saturday night. Rev. James Richardson conducted the funeral services at Dover Monday.—Star Item.

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RALEIGH LETTER. The A. & N. C. R. Matter—Judge Peebles and the Lumbermen Bar—Col. W. A. Turk Dead—Clearing House for Raleigh, Etc.

Raleigh, N. C., April 14.—Gov. Aycock's committee, recently appointed by him to investigate and make a report on the conduct and condition of the A. & N. C. Railroad and its affairs, including the Atlantic hotel at Morehead, is now at work in earnest, and the report is awaited with much interest by the public.

There is a great deal of interest manifested in the future developments and final outcome of the controversy between Judge Peebles and the lawyers of the Lumbermen bar who recently refused to try any cases before him.

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SAM JONES' LETTER. Has a Word to Say About Politics—Parker in the Lead for President—Advices the Farmer.

Carterville, Ga., March 17, 1904. I arrived home last Monday and have been farming and mending for four days. I am an agriculturalist, not a farmer, for a farmer works his farm, and makes a living on it. I stick to many other things, and I make enough on the outside to keep up on my farm well. Some men enjoy fast horses, some enjoy owning and running great racing systems, some men enjoy politics, but I enjoy my farm. It is a luxury, but a necessary one, and it is a luxury, for instance, Chicago and Kansas City had and there is another luxury that costs something, that is, running for office.

By the way, this is a political year, and a political hot bed. I believe this is a year of candidates. You can shake a bush, and run a dozen of them out of any neck at the woods. I have gotten so I know candidates when I see them. They shake hands with a fellow, and talk as kindly as a syncope in a convulsion. Everybody ought to be a candidate once, just to learn how to be polite, neighborly and decent with a fellow. We have a big race on now in some of the Seventh congressional district, but Gordon Lee is so far ahead in the race that he could win out even if he took six years in his horse-shoe, and so on in his hand.

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Cleveland's Emphatic Denial. Recently Hon. E. V. Webb, member of Congress from the ninth district, has been famous because Grover Cleveland addressed to him the peppy letter denouncing the Kansas Congressmen's statement that the Cleveland had invited the negro Taylor to dine with him at the White House. After Mr. Webb's letter was widely printed, ex-Congressman Tom Watson came out in an interview charging that Mr. Cleveland had invited Douglass and signed a bill for mixed schools while Governor of New York. This paper was widely printed as much as Mr. Gordon.

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