

## FOR SUCCESSOR TO MR. BROWN

Liveliest Sort of Subject in High at Present Time

### EARLY ACTION NECESSARY

On Account of the Great Stress of Work Occasioned by the Reassessment of Corporations This Year the Governor Will Have to Make the Appointment Soon.

Raleigh, July 6.—The impending appointment by Governor Kitchin of a successor to the late Henry Clay Brown as corporation commissioner is the liveliest sort of a topic here just now, the expectation being that in view of the exceptionally large amount of work there is pending with the commission just now the appointment will not be long delayed. The fact is this being the quadrennial assessment year for all railroad and other public service corporation property, and the completely new tax assessments generally throughout the state, with the burden of it devolving on the commission in its capacity as a state tax commission as well as corporation commissioner, and this being the time for this assessment to be well under way, there seems to be imperative necessity for the speediest possible action by the governor in making the appointment.

Major H. A. London, of Pittsboro, is expected by his friends here to be a candidate also, and it is generally conceded that he would make an excellent commissioner. Also there are many advancing the suggestion that former Corporation Commissioner E. C. Beddingfield, who voluntarily retired from the commission four years ago, be commissioned as Mr. Brown's successor. They say he has the greatest familiarity with the work of the commission, and in this present stress of work in reassessing tax valuations is in position to render especially good service. The same would apply to S. L. Rogers, who voluntarily retired from the commission last January, giving place to Commissioner Lee. The re-commissioning of either of these at this time by Governor Kitchin would not be a surprise to many.

## WARNER WATKINS INJURED

YOUNG ACROBAT SLIGHTLY HURT AT BERLINGTON.

Young Warner Watkins, who has recently gone on the road with some acrobatic entertainments, was painfully though not seriously injured at Burlington Tuesday. While making "his slide for life" from the First National bank building something went wrong and he struck the ground harder than he had calculated. His face was cut and one shoulder was injured by the contact with the hard street. A telegram to his mother, Mrs. E. A. Watkins, this morning, announced that he was not seriously injured and would continue his performances.

A Blinding Scene. Beggar—Please, mister, a dime for a poor blind man. Old Gentleman—But you are only blind in one eye. Beggar—All right; make it a nickel, then.—Boston Transcript. No doubt ants and bugs have the time of their lives at a school picnic.—Chicago News.

## DURHAM ELKS READY FOR TRIP

All Arrangements to Go to Atlantic City Are Completed

All arrangements have now been completed for the trip of the Durham Elks and their wives and sweethearts to Atlantic City. The train will leave Durham at 7:45 o'clock Sunday evening. The trip will be made by way of the Southern instead of the Seaboard, as was at first planned. The following members of the lodge have had reservations made: A. N. Turner, J. H. Stone, E. H. Lawrence, Fred Moore, Gus Elliot, A. E. Shelburn, H. E. Murphy, T. D. Sasser, W. A. Mabry, J. W. Bright, William Lawse, W. E. Lipscomb, J. W. Bright, R. E. Piper, J. T. Broadway, W. L. Umstead, A. W. Grady, W. G. Bramham, J. T. McCracken, S. N. Slade, Robert Perry, Dr. S. Rapport, J. R. Turnage, B. L. Duke. There will also be a number of ladies to take the trip. A number of other reservations will be made before the train leaves and Durham will be perhaps, the most largely represented of any town in the state. Mr. L. B. Markham has charge of the Pullman reservations and Mr. W. G. Bramham of the hotel arrangements. Any one desiring to take the trip, whether members of the lodge or not, can have reservations made by communicating with these gentlemen.

## FOUR WAITRESSES DROWN

ONE FELL IN POND AND DRAGGED OTHERS AFTER.

Scranton, Pa., July 6.—Four waitresses at the Hotel Meador, side Mount Pleasant, were drowned yesterday in an ice pond near the hotel. Two other waitresses were rescued unconscious. The dead are: Annie Craig, aged 18; Mamie Craig, aged 22, her sister; Catherine M. Loughlin, aged 22; Mrs. Lizzie Scullen, a widow, aged 22. The six sat on the inner edge of the pond, where the water is 25 feet in depth, and removing shoes and stockings began to paddle in the water, which was within easy reach of their feet. Annie Craig slipped into the pond. Her sister grabbed her and was dragged in. The girls struggling in the water clutched at the girls on the bank, and the latter, or some of them, clutched at the drowning girls to rescue them, with the result that all six in a very few moments were fighting frantically to escape drowning. Their cries brought help from the hotel and two of the girls were rescued. The bodies have been recovered.

## General Carr Looking After Reunion Plans

General Julian S. Carr, who attended the funeral of Commissioner Henry C. Brown in Raleigh Wednesday, has gone to Wilmington to confer with the local committee there in regard to the Confederate Veterans' camp, which will be held early in August at Wilmington. General Carr, who is major-general commanding the North Carolina division, United Confederate Veterans, makes it a point to look out personally for the arrangements each year in order that his comrades in arms may be comfortably situated.

## Killed by a Train Trying to Save Dog

Danville, July 6.—George Clark last night gave up his life in a vain effort to save his dog from death beneath the wheels of a Southern railway train. Clark, who was clear of the track, discovered the animal's danger and rushed back, only to be struck by the engine. He died an hour later in a hospital. The dog was found beneath the wheels.

## Mr. Wharton Evans Died This Morning

Mr. Wharton Evans died this morning at 2:10 o'clock at his home on Markham street. Mr. Evans was 17 years of age and had been sick for quite a while with stomach trouble. The funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home on Markham street by Rev. T. M. Grant. The interment will take place in Maplewood cemetery. "His wife is a woman of one idea." "That so?" "Yes, whenever he starts to do anything she has the idea that he's doing it wrong.—Detroit Free Press. Strange Microbe to Passing Brother—Say, where are all you mikes going? The Other Microbe—Why, we are going up to our recreation park to ride on the public roller towel.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## TAFT CRITICISED AND DEFENDED

Senator Burton Replies to Criticism of Senator Cummins

Washington, July 6.—The right of President Taft to negotiate the Canadian reciprocity agreement, to send it in completed form to congress for enactment, and to defend and advocate it in "stump speeches" throughout the country, was asserted in the senate yesterday by Senator Burton, of Ohio, at the conclusion of an important speech in support and explanation of the reciprocity bill. The senate agreed at the conclusion of the session to sit daily at 11 o'clock, and it is expected that the sessions will continue until 6 o'clock. Chairman Penrose of the finance committee advocated daily sessions at 10 o'clock, but the democrats who favor the reciprocity bill feared this would be taken as a move to force hasty action, and would result in bitter feeling. Senator Burton's speech followed criticism by Senator Cummins, of Iowa, republican insurgent, earlier in the day, of the speech made by President Taft at Indianapolis. Senator Cummins said he believed it was better for the president to try to mould opinion by appealing to the people in speeches, than for him to use the power of the president's office to pass the bill through congress, but he criticized vigorously the Indianapolis speech, in which the president said the Canadian agreement would probably not reduce the cost of living. "Some degree of censure has been visited on the administration for sending in this agreement," said Senator Burton. "It is the clear right of the president under the constitution to make communications and recommendations to congress. It is his right also to express, on the stump, in whatever terms he may choose, his advocacy of a certain line of policy." Senator Burton urged that the agreement, notwithstanding the power of congress to change it, be passed without amendment. He said it undoubtedly did not please everybody; that it probably had satisfied neither President Taft nor the Canadian commissioners when it was completed.

## Lightning Kills Four People in Alabama

Birmingham, July 6.—Four deaths by lightning in North Alabama were reported yesterday. Bufe Lowry, a well-known farmer near Huntsville, was instantly killed. Mrs. H. M. Harmon and one-year-old baby were killed Tuesday night near Cullman, Ala. Mrs. Harmon was standing in the door holding the child in her arms.

## NEW PARK FOR RALEIGH

Street Car Company Announces Purchase of Land for This Purpose. Raleigh, July 6.—It is announced that the Carolina Power and Light company, operating the Raleigh street railway system, has purchased 160 acres of land five miles northwest of the city at Lassiter's mill, and will establish a big pleasure park there for Raleigh, the street railway to be extended out there by way of Glenwood, the Fairview road, the Grimes Copper place and the Raleigh Country club.

## WAGING WAR ON PINE BEETLE

Believed to be Responsible for Destruction of Trees in South Carolina. Spartanburg, July 6.—As the result of widespread destruction of pine trees in this section of the country, it was announced here last night that the government will establish a forest insect field station in this county. A. D. Hopkins, in charge of the forestry insect investigation, will arrive this morning to take up the fight against the pine beetle, which is believed to be responsible for the destruction.

## Going to School at 80.

Justice Logan Beckly, of Georgia, went back to his alma mater, the University of Georgia, when he was in his seventies, but his record has been beaten by Mrs. Winship, of Wisconsin, who is a pupil at the University of Wisconsin at the age of 80. She was a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, and knew many of the war time notables. She asserts that she is going to school in her old age because she enjoys learning more and more every day.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

## Two Children Sick.

The many friends of little Master Leyburn and little Miss Sadie McMannan, children of Mrs. J. A. McMannan, who live on Mangum street, will regret to hear that they are confined to their beds on account of a severe attack of malarial fever. Mrs. Gillet (over the phone)—I want to complain of a mistake in our order. Caterer—What was wrong? Mrs. Gillet—There was a little ice cream in that salt you sent us.—Life.

## COUNTY SOLONS ARE INSPECTING

End of Eventful Session—Jurors Drawn for August Court

The board of county commissioners are spending the afternoon on a tour of inspection of the convict camps of the county, the county home and other institutions. This inspection tour ends a three days' eventful session of the board. At this session the board has laid at rest the courthouse agitation for some time, called an election for farm-life school bonds and transacted other business of far-reaching importance, full accounts of which have appeared. The board decided that it could not take up the granting of a franchise to Mr. John Sprunt Hill and his associates at the special meeting Monday, and this matter will have to go over until the next regular meeting of the board. This morning the jurors for the August term of criminal court were drawn. The list is as follows: J. W. Cates, Charles Massey, W. L. Garrard, L. L. O'Neal, W. R. Brown, Luther Copley, J. Shipp, Alphonso Pickett, A. M. Parrish, W. T. Walker, A. D. Holland, A. L. Murray, W. B. Copley, H. M. Hagler, R. H. Herndon, W. H. Holder, K. P. Louis, J. E. McFarland, S. G. Flenton, J. F. Lynn, P. W. Elliot, Jesse P. Pickett, J. R. Penny, E. K. Powell, J. M. McNutt, C. J. Byrd, C. O. Peed, J. L. Lockhardt, Geo. M. Whitsell, T. S. Christian, A. L. Bowen, Crosby Crabtree, C. W. Pickett, J. H. Mahler, B. F. Kronheimer, J. A. St. Sing.

## CONDITION OF COTTON CROP

ON JUNE 25 WAS 88.2 PER CENT OF NORMAL.

Washington, July 4.—The condition of the cotton crop on June 25, was 88.2 per cent of a normal, compared with 87.8 per cent on May 25, 1911, 86.7 per cent on June 25, 1910, 74.6 per cent in 1909 and 89.0 per cent, the average condition on June 25, during the past ten years, according to the department of agriculture's estimate announced yesterday. Comparisons of conditions, by states, follows:

States.	June 25	10-year Average
Virginia	88	82
North Carolina	89	80
South Carolina	84	80
Georgia	94	80
Florida	96	85
Alabama	93	79
Mississippi	87	79
Louisiana	89	78
Texas	85	80
Arkansas	89	81
Tennessee	87	84
Missouri	90	84
Oklahoma	87	81
California	400	85

## AN AUTOMOBILE WRECK

SIX SOUTH CAROLINIANS INJURED NEAR LEXINGTON. Lexington, July 6.—Six prominent South Carolinians were badly hurt in an auto wreck near Lexington yesterday afternoon while driving down Long Hill, in a big six-passenger car. They encountered a traction engine, which they had not seen on account of the sharp curve, and in attempting to turn from the road the car was overturned and the entire party, including the negro chauffeur, were caught underneath the car. All were badly bruised and cut, but no bones were broken. The car was badly damaged, the rear wheel being smashed and the steering gear and wind-shield put out of commission. A member of the party admits that the car was going at the rate of thirty miles an hour, but the crew with the traction engine says the speed was at least fifty miles an hour. A collision was narrowly avoided. In the party were Captain Skipper, of Lancaster, S. C., owner of the car and a prominent cotton mill man; Ben Punderburg, Luther Still, Frank W. Hunter, of Lancaster, S. C., and Dr. Brown and a Mr. Moore, of Rock Hill. All the injured were attended by physicians promptly and were brought to the Hotel March by local autoists soon after the accident.

## State Acquires Title to Site for New Building

Raleigh, July 6.—Chairman Ashley Horns, of the state building commission, paid today to the Grimes Estate corporation the \$45,000 that the state pays for the site on Morgan street, between Fayetteville and Salisbury streets, fronting the capital square, for the state fireproof administration building. It is expected that the details of the plans for the building will be completed within ninety days for the reception of bids and awarding the contract for the building and that the construction can be gotten under way before the new year. The title to the site formally passed from the Grimes corporation to the state today.

## Stuffed Prunes.

A most delightful addition to the usual buffet "spread" served at card parties is the stuffed prune. We have had dates stuffed with nuts for years, and also the Weisbaden prunes filled with smaller prunes, but what I have reference to here is the home made variety. The time and your sticky hands will be well repaid by the toothsome nature of the delicacy. Soak a pound of the best quality large prunes you can procure, in sherry and water for about twenty minutes, then stone them carefully. Try not to break up the prunes any more than necessary. Have a pound of dates also stoned, and put a prepared date in the center of each prune and carefully press the opening together. Sprinkle again with sherry and roll with powdered sugar. Keep in a closely covered tin box until you are ready to serve them.

## GENERAL HIGHWAY ROUTED

ROADS SELECTED FROM RALEIGH TO GRAHAM. A message from Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt this morning announces that the central highway has been routed from Raleigh to Graham via Cary, Morrisville, Durham, Hillsboro and Mebane. The trip recently made by the members of the highway committee was for the purpose of going over the different roads and selecting a route for the highway. The committee is meeting in Raleigh to compare the notes taken on the trip and map out a route. The route from Raleigh to Graham was determined by the committee today.

## She (flattering with eyes and voice)—Arthur, dear, I find that you still need a few things to make our little household more serviceable.

He—What one thing, perhaps? She—Well, for instance, we need a new hat for me.—Harper's Bazaar. First Bridesmaid—They are well matched, don't you think? Second Bridesmaid—Rather; she's a grass widow and he's a vegetable.—London Opinion.

## OXFORD WANTS GRAHAM NAMED

Delegation Goes to Raleigh to See Governor Kitchin

Raleigh, July 6.—A delegation came here today from Oxford to urge upon Governor Kitchin the appointment of Judge A. W. Graham, former speaker of the house, as corporation commissioner to succeed the late Henry Clay Brown. They found Governor Kitchin out of the city. In the delegation were Gen. B. S. Royster, Mr. A. A. Hicks, Col. R. A. Gregory and Mr. W. A. Devin. They expect to come again with reinforcements. They are pressing the appointment of Judge Graham on the ground of special fitness and equipment for service as a commissioner, and also that he received third highest vote for corporation commissioner in the Charlotte convention when Brown and Lee were nominated last July.

## ABASING DIGNITY OF UNCLE SAM

Representative Henry Denounces Dollar Diplomacy

Washington, July 6.—Lavish display by American diplomats in foreign courts was described as abasing the dignity of this republic. "Dollar diplomacy" was denounced as a dangerous thing and American emissaries who have made international alliances were assailed in a speech in the house by Representative Henry, of Texas. The speech was on a motion to take from committee a resolution calling upon the secretary of state for information relative to the purchase of embassy sites abroad. "We may congratulate ourselves," said Mr. Henry, "that when very recently two proud and over-ambitious ambassadors entered into the ancient capital of England amid a veritable riot of vulgar display and extravagance of wealth, rushing headlong to the feet of royalty, no serious casualties actually occurred. "Such over-ambitious glom and show indicates a dangerous aspect of the new dollar diplomacy. Can any patriotic American who contemplates the rising tide of lavish and almost obscene extravagance, with its source springing from the coffers of the over-rich, fall in the perception that it is rapidly undermining the foundations of every cottage in the republic. "The most serious and corrupting aspect of the times is the tendency of our great millionaires, still professing admiration for our republican institutions, to shine in splendor as great noblemen in foreign courts. In their endeavor to pave the way for such royal status the world has been profoundly amused at the expense of this nation by the so-called system of international marriages, oft times secured by purchase in return for high-sounding titles accidentally held by thin-blooded noblemen. "The time has come when this humiliating spectacle should be brought to a close by a decree coming from the hearts and minds of the true American citizen."

## A Powder Explosion Caused by the Heat

Holladaysburg, Pa. July 6.—Intense heat it is believed produced an explosion at the Standard Powder works at Horrell station on the Petersburg branch of the Pennsylvania railroad yesterday, resulting in the death of four employees and the complete destruction of the works. The storage house containing tons of dynamite, nitro-glycerine and powder was the only building saved.

## THE STATE OFFICIALS HONORARY PALLBEARERS.

Raleigh, July 6.—The funeral of the late Henry Clay Brown, corporation commissioner, was held last afternoon at 5 o'clock from the Edenton Street Methodist church, of which he was a member, Dr. Harry M. North, the pastor, officiating. There was a very large audience and the floral tributes were especially beautiful and numerous. The interment was with Masonic honors. Mr. Brown having been a member of Hiram lodge, No. 40, the members of which attended in a body. The board of stewards of Edenton Street Methodist church also followed the deceased. The honorary pallbearers included Governor Kitchin, Col. J. Bryan Grimes, secretary of state; B. R. Lacy, state treasurer; Col. W. P. Wood, state auditor; J. R. Young, commissioner of insurance; M. L. Shipman, commissioner of labor; T. W. Bickett, attorney-general; Franklin McNeill, of the corporation commission; Secretary A. J. Maxwell, of the corporation commission; Adjutant-General R. L. Linstner, W. T. Lee, corporation commissioner; Major W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture; Prof. Hugh Morson and J. W. Bailley. The active pallbearers were Joseph G. Brown, C. J. Hunter, B. S. Jerman, Robert C. Strong, Chas. E. Johnson, Brown Shepherd, W. A. Latham, J. S. Griggs.

## Relief Is Promised From the Hot Wave

Washington, July 6.—The hot wave is breaking. Although temperatures in some localities are hovering above the 100 mark, yet the torridity, which has leveled such a heavy toll of death and a greater one of suffering, is about to be dissipated, if the weather bureau experts are correct in their forecast. Weather bureau officials took an optimistic view of the general situation late last night and held out promise for relief within the next day or so.

## A National Highway Niagara—New Orleans

Washington, July 6.—The construction of a "Clay-Jackson National Memorial Highway" from Niagara Falls, N. Y., to New Orleans and the authorization of a centennial celebration of the battle of New Orleans to begin January 8, 1915, are proposed in a bill introduced yesterday by Representative Hobson, of Alabama. An appropriation of \$250,000 is proposed for a preliminary survey of the highway. Pope Pius X, in an autograph letter received by the apostolic delegate to Washington, applauds the lead taken by the United States in the world-wide campaign for international peace. Although the pontiff does not mention President Taft specifically by name, a copy of the letter was forwarded last night to the white house. It is expected the president, because of his well-known peace views, will reply to the cordial sentiments of the ruler of the church,

## GOOD ROADS BY PICTURE FILMS

Southern Railway to Give Free Moving Picture Show

### TO ILLUSTRATE LECTURE

In Connection With the Visit of Its "Good Roads Train" the Southern Has Arranged for an Illustrated Lecture in the Arcade Theater on August 2d. The people of Durham will be treated to a free moving picture show at the Arcade theater on the morning of August 2d, about 10 o'clock. The pictures will be extremely interesting as well as instructive and it is hoped that a large audience will turn out to enjoy them. The exhibition will be given at the expense of the Southern Railway company, the occasion being the arrival of the good roads train that the Southern is operating throughout the southern states. The full details of the matter is given in a letter from Mr. Joseph Hyde Pratt to Mr. W. J. Griswold, Mr. W. J. Griswold, Durham, N. C. Dear Sir:—The Southern Railway company is operating a "Good Roads Train" in a number of the southern states for the purpose of instructing communities along their lines in improved methods of road building and exhibiting road machinery, tools, etc. The lectures are illustrated, where possible, and are given in the moving picture halls, if there is such a hall in the town where the train stops. If the loan of these halls can be procured, a larger number of people can attend the lecture than the car can accommodate. At the close of the lecture the people are invited to visit the train and examine the machinery, etc. The Southern railway has been able to make such an arrangement in the towns passed through in other states with the owners of moving picture shows, and they have met with the heartiest cooperation from the people of these towns. You can readily see that the lecture can be made much more effective and interesting by the use of the moving pictures. I have arranged for this "Good Roads Train" to visit your town August 2d, at 3:30 a. m., and I would appreciate it if you would see the manager of the moving picture hall (if there is one) in your town and negotiate the loan of this hall for the purpose mentioned above. The lecture will probably last an hour. I will be glad to hear from you as early as possible regarding this matter. Thanking you for your consideration of the above, and trusting that this project will be of great benefit to your town and county, I am, Yours very truly, JOSEPH HYDE PRATT, State Geologist.

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## A YOUTHFUL NEGRO THIEF

RALEIGH COON PURLOINED A COAT AND IS CAUGHT.

Two youthful Africans who came to Durham from the city of Raleigh this morning undertook a rather bold adventure which landed one of them, James McNeil by name, in the city lockup. Immediately after leaving the train the boys went to the store of the Burch-Gorman company with the intention of purchasing a pair of shoes. While the purchase was being made McNeil spied the coat of one of the proprietors of the store. The coat had been laid aside in a sheltered corner of the store and while the clerks were busy McNeil's hands cramped around the coat and he made a quiet getaway through the back door. The loss was discovered directly and the officers were put on the trail of the capital city thief. He was overtaken on Peabody street with the coat under his arm. Friday he will have to answer to Judge Sykes.

## Pope Endorses United States' Work for Peace

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