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Local thunder showers to-night and Friday.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MET IN SPECIAL SESSION MONDAY.

Pass Order to Require all Delinquent Tax Listers to Pay Double Tax—Small Meeting.

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session on Monday in accordance with their adjournment, with all members present. After reading and approving the minutes of the previous meeting the following business was transacted.

It was ordered that the several list takers be required to return list of taxable property and polls for taxation, and further ordered that all such delinquent property and polls shall be added to the lists of the several townships and that such property and polls shall be charged with double tax for 1914.

It was ordered that the Board meet on Monday, July 20th, 1914, to receive the several tax lists that have been completed as to delinquents.

It was ordered that the tax list of Cold Mine township be received and paid for.

The tax list for Hayesville township was received.

The tax list of Dunn's township was received.

The Cypress Creek township tax list was received.

The Board adjourned to meet again on Monday, July 20th, 1914.

BANKERS DESIRE CROPS MOVING FUND

Secretary McAdoo Sends Out Several Thousand Letters.

Washington, D. C., July 14.—Thousands of national bankers already have replied to Secretary McAdoo's letter asking the opinion of bankers throughout the country as to the advisability of lending government funds to move crops. Many bankers urged the lending of government funds, as was done last year, when about \$37,000,000 was loaned to banks by the Treasury Department.

Mr. McAdoo also asked a number of other questions in his general letter: He sought advice as to the best centers for distribution of the money and the localities where it would be most needed. Clerks now are busy tabulating the replies.

It now seems unlikely that the Federal Reserve Board will be organized immediately and Secretary McAdoo will not have its advice in arranging for a crop movement money. While the three members of the board already confirmed will be sworn in before July 21, it is probable the board will not be called to meet as a body until after confirmation of the other two members.

It is generally believed that Milton C. Elliott, Secretary to the organization committee, will be retained by the board as legal adviser. Mr. Elliott had also been mentioned as successor to Charles A. Hamlin as assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Interviewing Mr. Morgan:

A well known life insurance officer claims to be the only life insurance solicitor who ever confronted the late J. P. Morgan face to face, and gives the interesting account of his success:

"It was years ago when I was soliciting life insurance, and I managed to get into Morgan's private office. I quickly had his attention and hurriedly urged his need of increased insurance on his valuable life and hurried at him the arguments I had carefully prepared. I lucidly and forcefully presented facts and statistics, which seemed to influence him. He listened in silence until I stopped, when he said: 'Young man, how did you get in here?' 'I walked right in,' I replied. 'Well,' he sternly said, 'walk right out,' and I walked."

To Be in Louisburg Saturday:

We are just in receipt of a change of advertisement for Dr. M. C. Horton and owing to its lateness of receipt we have failed to make the change this week. However we will call attention to the fact that he is going to give another whole day service to Louisburg, and will be at Dr. E. M. Perry's office on the third Saturday of each month. Therefore he will be in Louisburg tomorrow.

Wanted—Boy about 15 years old to learn printing. Only those who are willing to learn need apply. Franklin Times.

A CLOUD BURST BRINGS A VAST DESTRUCTION

In One Hour Raleigh Experiences Greatest Hour's Rainfall of Twenty-Six Years—Drainage is Obstructed and Basements Are Six Feet Under Water Which Races Over Sidewalks and Into Stores.

A cloudburst that made rivers in every street, caught a luckless black boy in its swirling waters and drowned him, wrought above \$200,000 in damage, almost wrecked the Bell telephone system and made a darkened city for an hour, emptied itself upon Raleigh yesterday afternoon.

The memory of the oldest of men and women will be requested vainly for more than one storm-match to the torrential fall of yesterday. That day was July 30, 1888, nearly 28 years ago, when 3.70 inches of rain fell in a single downpour in this city. It is to be doubted then if such a storm was witnessed as that between four o'clock and five yesterday afternoon. The first thirty minutes found the city darkened as though the sun had turned cold. The solid sheets of water, aided by a brisk wind, blinded the outside utterly to those who stood nervously and watched the lightning dance upon wires and fall in fire from metal posts.

It had been a wonderful electrical show but for the furious fall of water. The storm seemed to have come tripping up until it found itself directly over Raleigh's head. The thunder of clouds as they met and struck, sending dazzling flames throughout the city, sounded like heavy artillery and the fire flew as from a thousand guns. The spectacle in mid-afternoon lost the brilliancy that assuredly would have followed it had the rain not made almost opaque the whole outdoors. Though the lightning played all over the city, but one permanent mark will remain. It smote the city market roof and cracked it badly.

Nearly All in 30 Minutes: The weight of the waters fell with in the first half hour. Two and a half inches came down in that time. Raleigh was under the very spigot of the cloud. So far as can be learned, neither north nor south, neither east nor west saw any such rains as those which sweep through the city's streets. The trains coming in from the north and the east were moderately sprinkled until they backed into the Union Station which was in the heart of the storm, and stood deep in the gathered waters. Their rainfall in an hour was 3.04 inches. It was as much as many a month has brought forth. Reports of the damage come in slowly. The Bell telephone system is crippled so badly that its men must turn their whole attention to the service, which is temporarily wrecked. Last night at 7:30 more than 1,000 instruments were known to be dead and later in the evening the estimate was increased to 1,200. It is hoped to straighten out the bulk of these today and tomorrow. Few lines were broken as no trees fell upon the lines. There was damage also to the Raleigh Telephone Company and much to the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies.

How the Boy Was Drowned:

Washed two hundred yards through the storm drain and dashed out lifeless at the outlet was the fate of Willie Williamson, a thirteen year old negro boy, yesterday afternoon in the midst of this most terrific rainstorm in this city's history.

While the storm was raging at its worst water began to back up in the basement of Jones Bottling Works on McDowell street between Davis and Cabarrus. A rapid survey of the situation by Mr. Harry Jones, the proprietor, disclosed the fact that the storm drains in the street just a few feet to the south from his building were not taking in the water. This had happened before, and he called to those in his shop to go with him into the street to clean a collection of gravel and trash from the grating above the drain. Willie Williamson, a thirteen year old negro boy who was employed by Mr. Jones was the first one to respond. Seizing a shovel he sprang into the water, which was a foot or more deep in the street and rapidly raising, and waded toward the drains.

They soon reached the drain and began scraping the litter from the grating when those looking on saw him suddenly drop into what appeared to be a sink hole and disappeared. He came to the surface whirling round and round and waving his arms frantically, but made no effort to catch the sides of the grating. Everett Jones, young brother of Mr.

Harry Jones, ran to the negro boy's rescue and sprang in the hole. The boy had disappeared and young Jones himself was going down when Mr. Harry Jones rushed up, and seizing him firmly, threw him clear of the hole into the street. He himself barely escaped by the use of a plank thrown across the crevice. Mr. Frank Jones, another brother, was also in the water in the work of rescue.

Others Had Close Call.

Just as soon as they could extricate themselves the Jones brothers rushed to the gas plant behind which the drain empties into a branch. In exactly twenty-six minutes after entering the drain the body of the young negro was washed out entirely nude with the exceptions of a shirt. The boy was very little bruised. J. B. Watson was summoned but was extinct. The body was carried to Brown's undertaking establishment and the father of the boy, Walter Williamson, of Idlewild, was notified.

When the water cleared from the streets a yawning crevice, four feet in diameter, was disclosed by the side of the storm drain. This, according to Mr. Harry Jones, had been there for a number of days. It had been pointed out by him as a dangerous spot. The grating of the storm drain was uninjured. It was through the crevice that the boy having stepped and was carried into the drain to sudden death. The crevice could not be distinguished while the water covered the street.

Woman's Missionary Society:

The study circle of the Woman's Missionary Society met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. F. B. McKinnis. On account of a heavy electrical storm only a few members were present the program being carried out. The subject for the afternoon was the educational awakening of Mexico. Each one present took part in the discussion, and an interesting lesson followed.

After the program refreshments, mints were served, and it was decided to have another study circle on next Monday. This meeting will be held in the church and the first half of Chap. V in "Mexico of today" will be the afternoon's topic.

"HENPECK SINGIN' SKEWL'S"

Ye Lads and Lasses, Ye Young Menne and Maidens, Ye Lords and Ladys,

Take Notice; Ye Grand Exhibition Concerte of Ye Henpeck Singin' Skewl at Ye Mapleville Academy Friday Evening, July 17th, at early candle lighting.

Ye Leader of Ye Singin' Skewl; Squire Heskiah Jenkinson, will raise ye tunes.

Nota Bene—No live stock will be tuk as barter for benches, as the Squire can't be pested with them.

N. B.—Ye Young Menne and Maidens who doth sett together, will refrain from levitte and sparkin'.

N. B.—Ye Squire doth gratefully desire that Ye Young Menne will not bring spy glasses to Ye Singin' Skewl Concerte.

Admission 15 and 25 cents Every-body invited.

Clawson On The Job.

The Wilmington Star understands that Ford, the automobile man, is casting about in the South "for a location for the largest automobile factory in the world," and that he has been favorably attracted by the possibilities at Wilmington. Its pretty hard to separate Ford from the idea of advertising, and this may be another of his unique schemes to give himself and his factory talked of. If he is in earnest and really wants to find a good location in the South for a plant he could strike it no better than at Wilmington. That city has fine shipping facilities by both water and rail, there is plenty of land available and North Carolina can supply him with the finest wood that ever went into hub, wheel or body. Colonel Clawson is laying up all this and more too, for Ford, and if Wilmington does not get the largest automobile factory in the world it will not be for lack of eloquence on part of The Star.—Charlotte Observer.

A Just Promotion:

It will be of interest to many of our town to learn that Mr. Eugene Barrow, who has been connected with the Bradstreet Commercial Agency of Greensboro, has been promoted to the superintendency of the home office.

REBELS SWEEP ON TO CAPITAL CITY

A Few Carranza Officials Believe the Wily Dictator is Preparing to Rally His Force for Desperate Sortie—Powers Working to Stop Further Bloodshed.

Washington, D. C., July 14.—Although Washington confidently expects the resignation of General Huerta as provisional president of Mexico at any moment, the Mexican Constitutionalists, unaffected by the news, are pressing hard their military campaign on Mexico City. Official dispatches today revealed that General Villa, with 15,000 men, was ready for a rapid advance on the Mexican capital and that General Obregon's forces at Guadalupe were prepared to sweep onward within a few days. Officials here firmly believe the Constitutionalists would be in Mexico City in two or three weeks regardless of what the Huerta government may do.

Diplomats are working hard to prevent fighting in the capital and still hope the transfer of power may be effected without further bloodshed. Huerta's resignation, it is realized, would not compose the situation immediately but it would make possible parleys which a charge could be accomplished peacefully.

Not Sure He'll Quit.

Numerous officials advise saying Huerta would resign in a day or two, have raised the expectations of official Washington that his exit from power also would mean his flight from the country. Some Constitutionalists here think he will go by way of Salina Cruz, a Pacific coast town. Others, among them Fernando Iglesias Calderon, are not convinced Huerta is ready to abdicate. They declare the departure of his family means only that he is preparing for desperate measures, such a big rally of Federal forces which he himself would command.

Rafel Zubaran, Carranza's confidential agent here, has received instructions on which to draft a formal reply to the mediators' note proposing informal conferences between Constitutionalists and Huerta delegates. The instructions, it is understood, are to reject the invitation.

Mondell Empties Gall Again:

Another attack on the administration's Mexican policy was made in the House today by Representative Mondell, of Wyoming. He denounced particularly the Niagara Falls mediation negotiations and the attitude toward the negotiations. Discussing the provision of the protocol negotiated at Niagara Falls, which waives on the part of the United States, all claims for war indemnity, Mr. Mondell said: "What an abject surrender on the part of the administration from its stiff-necked demand for a salute of twenty-one guns, and an abject apology, is this agreement to demand no satisfaction or indemnity whatever for incidents on account of which the administration rushed a mighty fleet over the seas, sacrificed American lives and now maintains a huge fighting force amid the dangers and discomforts of the tropics."

Rebels Sweep Pacific Coast.

On board U. S. California, Mazatlan, July 13.—(By Wireless to San Diego, Cal., July 14.)—The Constitutionalists are sweeping the Pacific Coast of Mexico. Many evacuations, occupations, armistices and the exchange of prisoners are reported to Rear Admiral Howard, commanding the American Pacific fleet, and the indications are that within a week the Federals will be in possession of only Mazatlan and Salina Cruz.

At Santa Rosalia, a mining port on the outer coast of Lower California, the Federals and Constitutionalists held a conference yesterday, at which it was decided to make joint cause with General Carranza. The same procedure is expected to take place at La Paz, another Lower California port. At Guaymas, an armistice has

Lightning Strikes Church:

Quite heavy storms visited Spring Hope on Monday and Tuesday evenings of this week and lightning did much damage. On Monday night the home of Mr. J. P. Fulford was struck by lightning and right much damage was done to the house. No one was hurt however.

On Tuesday night lightning struck the Baptist church and did considerable damage to the slate roof about the belfry.

It is stated that the heavy winds accompanying the storms did considerable damage to crops.

been agreed upon to expire at midnight July 20.

Four large merchant vessels of the Naviera line are loading rapidly, and it is expected all Federal troops will be out of Guaymas within a few days. Negotiations for exchange of prisoners began with the signing of the armistice.

Both Federal and Constitutionalists generals at Guaymas expressed profuse thanks to the American commander there for his assistance in negotiating the armistice.

Admiral Howard's policy of strict neutrality won the confidence of both parties.

Huerta's Family Leaves For Vera Cruz: He To Follow

Mexico City July 14.—At 10 o'clock tonight the family of President Huerta and other relatives and close friends left the capital for Vera Cruz aboard a special train. The train was composed of three sleepers and a baggage car. Running ahead of it were two military trains carrying 800 men. Following came another military train with 500 troops aboard.

The family of General Blanquet, Minister of War, also left on the special.

It is believed that President Huerta, General Blanquet and other high officials will leave the capital tomorrow morning.

The party boarded the train at Villa de Guadalupe, a railroad station five miles from Mexico City. Only a few persons were aware of their departure.

A Pleasure Governor Blease Declares To Governor Craig:

Columbia, S. C., July 14.—In reply to the request of Governor Craig of North Carolina, for permission for the troops of that State to pass through South Carolina en route to the joint encampment to be held at Augusta, Ga., Governor Blease today replied that the permission requested was unnecessary as the troops did not intend to enter the State for military duty.

"However," Governor Blease wrote "if you prefer permission from me for your troops to pass through, as a courtesy to you, it is a pleasure for me to, and I hereby grant such permission."

Shingle Roof:

An ordinance has been introduced in Atlanta to eliminate shingle roofs in that city, and will no doubt be adopted.

As indicating the spirit of progressiveness that has animated other Southern cities with respect to shingle roofs, the following quotation from a recent issue of the Hartford Agent will be of interest:

The cities and towns in this territory which have passed ordinances for the elimination of shingle roofs are as follows:

Virginia—Norfolk, Richmond; South Carolina—Andrews, Charleston, Columbia; Georgia—Augusta, Columbus, Savannah.

Alabama—Birmingham; Louisiana—New Orleans.

The fire marshals of many States have united in the following recommendation:

"We advocate the general adoption of an ordinance prohibiting combustible roofs within the fire limits or districts of all cities and towns, and of buildings situated within 100 feet of other structures."

Linotype Troubles:

During the past week, our Linotype decided to play a few pranks and cause a little trouble. After several hours of overhauling however our operator finally got it in shape to do its work with one exception: It flatly refused to cast a period, but instead to give us Colons. Therefore if any of our readers should notice the exchange of these two characters they may understand what the trouble was.

We have looked over all the type in search for them to make the change, but feel sure there are some we overlooked.

Miss Julia Barrow to Wed:

Mrs. J. S. Barrow and son Jordan leave on Monday for Montreal N. C. where they will attend the wedding of Miss Julia Barrow. Miss Barrow is a daughter of Mr. Hubert Barrow, a well loved son of Louisburg and the marriage will be of interest here.

The marriage will take place Wednesday, July 22. The groom is Mr. Lewis Wardlow Smith of Spartanburg, S. C.

EMOCRATS IN FINE SHAPE

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ten Members Are Announced—Only Party Officials Known In State Democratic Party But Only Two Members of Each County Boards To Be Requested:

Giving report of the excellent condition of the Democratic party in all parts of North Carolina there was in the city yesterday Hon. Thomas D. Warren, of New Bern, chairman of the Democratic State executive committee. Here on business connected with the committee Chairman Warren made announcement of the names of the ten members of the advisory committee of the State committee, these being:

Thomas J. Jarvis, Greenville, First District; S. A. Woodward, Wilson, Second District; W. T. Dortch, Goldsboro, Third District; Edward E. Britton, Raleigh, Fourth District; Julius S. Carr, Durham, Fifth District; J. O. Carr, Wilmington, Sixth District; Lee D. Robinson, Wadesboro, Seventh District; J. H. Burke, Taylorville, Eighth District; Clyde R. Hoey, Shelby, Ninth District; James E. Carraway, Waynesville, Tenth District.

Chairman Warren while here took steps in the preliminary work of getting out the Democratic Hand-Book for the coming campaign. He looked over the matter of the location of office for State headquarters in Raleigh, but has not yet selected a location. He has already sent out a number of blanks so as to obtain information as to party nominations and party organization in the various counties of the State.

"The Democratic party is in fine shape in all parts of the State," said Chairman Warren, in discussing affairs: "I am in communication with party leaders and the reports are that the party is in a most excellent condition. State headquarters will be opened in Raleigh about the first of September and until that time I expect to come to Raleigh each week. A matter to which attention is soon to be given will be the recommendation to the State Board of Elections of members of county boards. I will send up names of three Democrats for each county with the view that two Democrats be selected, and with one member of the opposition the third member. There is officially only one party in North Carolina, the Democratic party, as neither the Republican or the Progressive party cast as much as 50,000 votes, this number being necessary to have standing as a political party in North Carolina under the law. Despite this my view is that on each board there be one member of an opposition party. The appointment of the County Boards of Elections is to be made the first Monday in August and I suppose that Chairman Waiser, of the Progressives, and Chairman Morehead, of the Republicans, will send in lists of names for membership."

GREENSBORO THE FLYLESS:

The Gate City Sets the Pace and Challenges the State Board of Health to Make a Fly Inspection:

That Greensboro is to be an absolutely flyless town by the end of this week is the determined aim of that town's progressive and wide awake citizens. Not one thing is left undone in that town this week to drive out and destroy those pesky filth and disease carriers—flies—and to better the health conditions of all its people.

The State Board of Health is invited to inspect the work of the anti-fly crusade, and to make such suggestions as will render this town absolutely flyless, therefore safe and healthful if any fly breeding material can be found by the Board inspectors. Their standard is a flyless town: What Greensboro has done and is doing, other towns can do. As citizens make a town, not flies, it is in the hands of the citizens to have a flyless town. If you want a flyless town, Greensboro proves to you, you can have one. It's up to you.

Wanted—Boy about 15 years old to learn printing:

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Take off - Photo two or three on name of person