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COLLIE TO HEAD STATE PRISON.

Rumors Says Bickett Will Appoint Present Clerk to Committee on

Claims to Responsible Position. Parker R. Anderson writes the following from Washington which was published in Monday's Greensbore News:

"Visitors to Washington during the past week say that one of the certain appointments which Governor Bickett will make soon after his inauguration next month will be that of James Redmond Collie, of Louisburg, as superintendent of the State Prison at Ra!eigh, succeeding Jules R. Mann Santford Martin, of Winston-Salem, according to information received from equally as reliable a source, will be named secretary to Governor Bick-

"Collie is one of the best known North Carolinians in Washington. For the past four years he has held the responsible position of chif clerk to the house claims committe, of which Representative Edward W. Pou, of Smithfield, is chairman, and for two successive terms has served as secretary of the Democrotic State Commit tee.

"Collie made an almost house-to house campaign for his fellow townsman in the gubernatorial campaign He and Governor Bickett have been personal friends for years and the pointment of Collie to the responsi-

position as head of the State's coal institution will meet with the ap -- val of a large majority of Democrais in North Carolina."

Big Hogs.

The killing of the followingbig hogs during the past week has been reported to us:

W. A. Robbins, of Harris township five at 11 months old weighing 1476.

H. Frazier, of Harris township

ship, three weighing 500, 452, 409. Mr. M. D. Smith, of Stoney Creek township, Nash county, reports killing one weighing 472, and seven weighing 2,000.

A. C. Carter, Harris township, four weighing-301, 284, 184, 181.

Jim Foster, Hayesville township, five weighing 252, 312, 326, 361, 366. W. D. Foster, Hayesville township. four weighing 303, 297, 297, 198.

A. A. Fuller, Hayesville township, two weighing 400, 314.

J. B. Privett. Dunns township, three weighing 415, 420, 450, each 13 months old.

J. R. Wheeler, Harris township, three weighing 435, 195, 165,

C. H. Plummer, Hayesville township, four weighing 175, 280, 200, 3.50. Sam Crudup, Harris township, four weighing 160, 240, 207, 354.

C. B. Hart, Youngsville oownship. four weighing 312, 287, 215, 205.

B. G. Hart, Youngsville township, four making a total weight of 1.382. W. W. Hart, of Youngsville township, three weighing a total of 1,120. before him.

Mr. W. L. Tharrington, of Sandy Creek township, killed seven weigh-

In Louisburg Society.

Mrs. W. E. Uzzell was hostess of the Tuesday Afternoon Book Club the past week at her home on Main the most interesting and delightful meetings of the club season. "South America." Current events were given by Mrs. E. S. Ford. Mrs. Jas. A. Turner gave a "Survey of Mission Work in South America." All of these papers struck a high note, as did the piano selection by Miss Nellie Clapp and the voice selection by Mrz. A. H. Fleming. Mrs. M. S. Clifton, president of the club, presided over the meeting. Most delicious refreshments in three courses were served. The following visitors were present besides the club members: Misses Clapp and Frey, from the college; the three new brides, Mrs. E. H. Malone, Mrs. Dr. R. F. Yarborough, and Mrs. Fisher Beasley, Misses Mary Yarborough and Lulia Jarman. The spirit of Christmas was carried out in the

ressive tableau represent-

will move to Mapleville next week.

hem. This performance, which was under the supervision of Miss Mabel Davis, was a highly creditable one.

The Epworth League of the Metho. dist church gave a party to the Y. W. C. A. girls Wednesday night at the college, which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

The following young ladtes have reurned home from school for the holidays: Miss Mary Stuart Egerton, from Columbia University; Miss Susie Meadows, from Greensboro Female College; Miss Louise Cooke, from Salem College; Misses Roxie Harris and Lillie May Aycock, from Meredita College, Raleigh; Miss Jessie Taylor Harris, from Bocky Mount, where she has been teaching.

Announcement Party.

Miss Mabel Davis entertained the Younger Set Book Club at the college on Friday afternoon at one of the most attractive parties of the season. Quite a surprise was sprung when Miss Davis announced the engagement of her neice, Miss Mary Stuart Egerton, who has just returned from Columbia University, where she has been studying for several months, to Mr. Clarence Myrick, formerly of Littleton, now of Panama, the wedding to be January 1st, at high noon, at the college.

The spacious parlors, which were eautifully decorated with Christmas evergreens, were thrown together. The club was dalled to order by the president, Mrs. Ben T. Holden, and a Christmas program was rendered as follows: A piano selection, "Polinichelle"—Rachmaninoff, by Miss Sallie T. Williams; A Christmas story, "The Mansion"-Van Dyke, was read by Mrs. Holden; Voice selections, "Silvia," and "When June Days Come Again," was rendered by Mrs. A. H. Fleming.

After a three course lunchess wa

of the bride-elect, as a mintature baggage-man, arrived with his 'express wagon" loaded with tiny suftcases, filled with mints and bon

Each guest was presented with holly-bedecked suitcase bearing on one end the initials, "C. M., Panama" and on the other end, "M. S. E Underneath the sprig of holly one dis covered the date, "Jan. 1, 1917."

The bride-elect, who is one of Louisburg's most accomplished and attractive young ladies, was attired in a Parisian gown of white and rose erepe. She is a daughter of Mrs. R. Z. Egerton, and a granddaughter of the late Prof. Matthew S. Davis. so long and prominently connected wild the educational life of Franklin county. Miss Egerton is a graduate of Louisburg College, and was taking special work at Columbia, fitting herself for 's teacher

Mr. Myrick, who is the Assistant Superintendent of Locks in the Panama Canal, is a young man of fine character and has a very promising future

After the marriage, they will leave at once for New York, where they will all for their far away tropical home Pedro, Miguer, Panama, January 3.

Child Dies Suddenly.

The 3-months old infant of Mr. and Mrs. James Spencer, who is a promstreet, and this proved to be one of inent planter living just out of town. was found dead in its crib Saturday morning when the parents awoke at America" is the general theme being their usual time. The child was used this year. Mrs. W. E. White healthy and strong, and when the read a paper on "Christmas in South | mother last noticed it there were not the slightest signs of anything unusual. A doctor was summoned but though the little body was still warm, there was no life in it. There were evidences that the child had a convulsion.

The interment was made in Oaklawn cemetery Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives of the family, who deeply sympathize with the bereaved parents.

Miscellaneous Shower.

On Saturday afternoon Mr. Garland Ricks and Mrs. Arthur H. Fleming gave a miscellaneous shower" in the home of the latter, in honor of Misa Margaret Hicks, whose marriage to decorations as well as in everything Mr. Cary M. Howard, of Danville, Va. else. Her many Louisburg friends will be solemnized early in January, are deeply regretting that Mrs. Uzzell | Mrs. Fleming's home was beautifully decorated. The stairway in the Tuesday night at the college the Y. hall, adorned with smilax festoons, W. C. A. gave a most beautiful and steps covered with many handsome gifts done up in packages resembling

beauty. This scheme gave the hostesses a good opportunity of express ing for the bride the desire that her pathway henceforth might not be as rugged and rocky as the present tairway suggested.

Delicious refreshments in two cour ses were served. Twenty guests vere present.

Gill-Jones.

Quite a pleasant surprise was sprung on this community Sunday afternoon when the news spread that Miss Ora Lee Jones had become the bride of Mr. Lewis D. Gill in the parsonage of the Methodist phurch of this place, Rev. N. Hi D. Wilson, the new pastor, officiating. This was Mr. Wilson's first official function arter taking charge of the congregation Sunday morning.

Mrs. Gill is the popuar and accompished daughter of Mr. Adkin Jones, three mies north of this city. After completing her course in the graded schools of this place, she took a course at the Greensboro Normal, after which she taught the second grade in the schools here for two years. For the past two years she has been teaching n the Forestville school.

Mr. Gill, who lives near Wake Forest, is a fine young man with a bright future before him.

A Cotton Legend.

Cotton was the tneme of one of the most fabulous nature stories on its first introduction into Europe. Travelers related that in Tartary there grew a shrub that when its ripe fruit was cut open within was "a lyttle Beaste in flesche, in hone and holde as though it were a lyttle Lamb with outer wolle." The flesh of this "veretable lamb" was eaten, ran the story, and the wool made into cloth. The basis of the legend is the way in w the cotton pod ripens and has showing the swifts fluty your co-tonial closery reasonables

cotton is still called "cotton woo.I"

Watch Night Services.

We are requested to announce that Rev. J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder for this district will preach at the Methodist Church in Louisburg on Sunday night. The congregation wili also observe Watch night services with a special program. Rev. Mr. Underwood's sermon and the watch night services will be in special rererence to the proposed union of the two great branches of Methodism The public is invited to attend.

Letter Stamping Machine.

That the business of the Louisburg postoffice is increasing by leaps and bounds is evidenced by the fact that Postmaster R. H. Davis has just installed one of the latest modeled letter stamping or stamp cancellation machines. It is a Columbia Junior and is equipped with the necessary automatic feed and stacking arrangement. It will be a great help to the clerks in dispatching heavy mails and is quite an addition to the office.

Mr. D. T. Fuller Undergoes Operation

The many friends in Franklin County of Mr. D. T. Fuller, who on last Sunday successfully underwent an operation at the Memorial hospital in Richmond, for some stomach trouble, will learn with much satisfaction that the last reports from him say he is resting well and doing nicely. We join his many friends in the hope that he may soon return fully recovered and in good health.

Measure Increasing Salaries Passed.

The House of Representatives has passed the legislative, executive and judiciary appropriation bill. The measure provides for an increase of \$500 per year for private secretary to Representatives. It also provides for an increase of 5 to 10 per cent to about 16,000 government employes receiving less than \$1,800 per year. The section providing for a stenographer for each Representative at \$75 per month failed to pass.

He Preached a Sermon.

I don't know who the brains belonged to, but they certainly were hitting on all six cylinders when he wrote, "The chains of habit are too weak to be felt until they are strong to be broken.'

-Remember the subscription price of the FRANKLIN TIMES changes to \$1.50 per year January 1st-next Monday. You still have a rew days ing the birth of the Babe in Bethle- stones, presented a scene of unusual to buy it at the old price of \$1,00.

Gives His Qualified Approval to ange in Military Policy. Obliga-nto Serve is Universal, Secretary

agitation for some form of commilitary service in the United received qualified support from Baker today before the military committee, encourage ents of the present volunvstem to expect that legislation change might be framed which be sanctioned by Mr. Baker sibly by President Wilson him-The president has said he would and alternet to reach a decision on the author until a definite plan was placed store him. ipt to reach a decision on the

bying to a direct question as to retary Baker said:

e obligation to serve the coun a universal one. The question to bring about preparation for defense is one of policy rathan theory. Whether univerdiltary service or a selective con. know. The theory of a common est in a common country would atisfied by a method of selecting ers that was not voluntary in seter."

e secretary told the committee since congress had rejected the neutal army plan infavor of the onal Guard system he believed mard should be given a fair trial. did not amplify his suggestion in to the selective conscription; nown that he has been studying ion of the proper basis of service. It is understood the consideration contemplatmaking of an inventory of men untry and devising a means every citizen would be made war emergency for the k for which ha is best

From Camp Stewart. Lieut. Edwards writes again about the boys in camp:

Camp Stewart, El Paso, Texas. Dec. 15th, 1916,

Dear Asher: As I have a few minutes to spare will write you a few lines. First 1 want to call your attention to a clipping I am enclosing from the El Paso Morning Times Herald, "The Seventa Division Camp is Sanitary." I thought this might interest North Corolinians. Then'the piece right by it headed, "Mgn' is Found Dead With Rifle in Hand", will give you some idea of how bad it is here. These pieces appear every day and this is as large headline is ohey ever get. But our health record is what I wish to speak of. We had the first death in our Regiment from natural causes yesterday, from Co. A. I witnessed the funeral procession headed by our band yesterday in El Paso. This is the second in our Regiment since we were mobilized the other man committing suicide in Morehead City and this was the fifth from N. C., one was run over b train and one fell from a boat while drunk at night and was drowned and one was shot here by a comrade last week in the second. How is this for a health record for about 3500 troops Last week Sgts. D. B. Kearney and H. C. Kearney and Corp'l. T. Blaire

Davis were walking down the street when hearing something crack overhead stepped forward and looked around when a scaffold on which three men were working fell at their feet killing instantly two men on the pavement, the third holding by the tips of his fingers to the ornimental front of the house until help could reach him. Lieut. Whitfield's friends are teas-

ing him some about a fight he was reported to have had in a bar room in El Paso last night. It was Lieut. Whitfield of C. H. Second Regiment but quite a good many of "Whits" friends were very much surprised to hear he had been drunk and fighting but were very glad to learn it was not "Our Lieut. Whit". We have a big Theatre in camp at which trouble occurs every night. Last week some one poured oil all over the front and set it on fire. It was discovered in time to save it but it was a close call. It is just in rear of my teno and I guess it would have been "moving day" for me if it had burned. were "paid off" yesterday. All three regiments were paid at the same place and day. Have you ever seen \$75,000.00 in gold on a table at one

ES COMPULSORY SERVICE time? I haven't seen \$1,000.00 in paper money since I've been here. Well I must close for this time. Co. F. 3rd wishes every one a "Merry Christ msa."

uors truly,

E. M. EDWARDS. The two clippings referred to fol Seventh Division Camp is Sanitary

The camp of the Seventh provision al division, composed of Pennsylvania and North Carolina troops, and commanded by Major General Clements of Pennsylvania, is not only one of the best arranged army camps of its size that was ever created since the organization of the United States army, but it is one of the cleanest. It is doubtful if there was ever a cleaner healthier or better arranged camp in the military history of the United Sta-

tes. The same applies to all of the smaller camps at El Paso, but because of its size and the cohesiveness of the force assembled the camp of the Seventh division is particularly worthy of special mention.

General Clements recently caused to be published a set of instructions relative to the situation of the divis-

Each regiment and separate organization will be responsible for the police of its camp, and organization on the flanks of the division will be responsible for the policing of their flanks

Kitchens and mess halls all will be made flyproof and flies in the screen area will be killed at least once daily Tables and shelves will be scrubbed thoroughly after each meal, special attention being given to the cracks and other irregularities. Ice boxes will be scrubbed daily with soap and

Man is Found Dead With Rifle in Hand The body of William F. Sheffield, about 50 years old, was found with the top of his head blown of, at the one of the Santa Fe stockyards yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. A rifle was

found in his hands with its muzzle in Coroner J. M. Deaver and Sergeant of Police Dan Thompson investigated the case. Deaver's verdict was that

the man had taken his own life. A note written in a book read: "I am getting tired of living". I want to die. I think I will be better off and so will my family. I suffer so much with rheumatism that I want to die. Do not blame any one if I should die Do not quantity very suddenly.

"W. F. SHEFFIELD."

Another noe was: "If I should die call Justice J. M. Deaver."

Sheffield had been employed for many years as a deputy sheriff and was stationed at the Smelter. He is survived by a son and three daughters, and resided at 705 Mesa avenue. Bruno Owens, watchman at the stockyards left the office yesterday afternoon at 12:15 o'clock and discovered the body when he returned. The old man had asked him to get some fresh oysters and had given him 25 cents.

The funeral probably will be held Kind friends won't you of us think riday from the chapel of the Peak Undertaking company.

List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Post Office at Louis burg, N. C., not called for Dec. 29th. 1916.

Mrs. Ann Brown, Mr. J. S. Camingten, Mr. Dartie Cooks, Mr. Jordan Holemen, Mrs. Ronnie May Jones, Mrs. Cora Jones, Mrs. Eliza Parrish. Miss Virginia Perry, Mr. John L Rainor, Miss Hattie Sommet, Mrs. John Tenny.

Persons calling for any of the above lefters will please state that they saw them advertised.

R. H. DAVIS, P. M.

And Now, Here's Something Else to Worry About.

Investigations by the geological sur vey have disclosed the fact that the surface of the United States is being worn away at the rate of about one inch in every seven hundred and six-

Louisburg Baptist Church.

Divine worship Sunday 11 A. M. and 7:15 P. M., conducted by the pastor. The theme of the night sermor will be appropriate to the death of the year 1916. "If I could Live my Life Over Again."

Mr. W. D. Jackson visited Greensboro during the holidays.

COTTON GINNER'S REPORT.

Number of Bales Ginned to December 13 Reaches 10,845,989.

Cotton ginned prior to December 3th amounted to 10,845,989 running bales, including 183,403 round bales Census Burecu announced Wednes-

Last year to December 13th, ginnings amounted to 10,306,309 bales, or 93.10 per cent of the entire crop, and in 1914 they were 13,972,229 bales, or 87.8 per cent of the crop.

Ginnings by States follows: Alabama, 531,076; Arkansas, 1,045,-582; California, 23,671; Florida, 49,-343; Georgia, 1,780,499; Louisiana, 432,822; Mississippi, 763,283; Missouri, 54,276; North Carolina, 618,946; Oklahema, 782,813; South Carolina, 894,090; Tennessee, 348,656; Texas, 3,485,526; Virginia, 25,333. All other

States, 10.073. Sea Island ginning by States: Florida, 34,728; Georgia, 73,395; South Carolina, 2,325.

A Message From The Border.

We are Co. F, 3rd N. C. that good old State

Where when duty calls they are newer late.

We answered the call of our beloved president And to the Mexican border we gladly

went. Some few there were who raised a cry

we gathered them together and bid they good-bye.

Some had to go to fight for our nation And to uphold our states fair reputa

tion Now we are liero in the dirt and

We're in a country with very few wells Hiking on a desert worse than two hells.

Where the doctors punch us full of holes Until from disease we're exempt as telephone poles.

Where at night we freeze and at noon we bake

But we're always ready and our duty never shake. We long to go home to our loved ones

and friends But here we must stay until our en. listment ends.

We long to spend our Christmas at home And over the streets of our home town roam

For we remember that it might be worse.

But never-the-less we do not curse

And when eating Christmas dinners our good healths drink.

E. M. EDWARDS.

EDITORIAL WRITER IS DEAD.

Robert E. Gonzales, Serving With South Carolina Troops on Border, Victim of Pnuemonia.

El Paso, Dec. 20. - Sergeant Robert E. Gonzales, of the machine gun company, second South Carolina infantry, son of W. E. Gonzales. United States minister to Cuba, died at the base hospital last night of pneumonia after an illness of four days.

Minister Gonzales is en route from Havana to El Paso. A military funeral will be held. Sergeant Gonzales* death was the eighth from pneumonia to be reported here among the guard and the regular army during the past eight days.

Fable-Once upon a time a young man betook himself into ye restaurant shoppe and ordered a dish of ye oyster stew, ond it had some oyesters

It were easier for the camel to pass through the eye of a needle than to induce a college boy to smoke a pipe with a straight stem.

Both the quince and the pessimist have found it slow work beating into popular favor.