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ALLEN BROS. CO., Inc.

TO DO GENERAL MERCANTILE AND SUPPLY BUSINESS.

To Be Incorporated For \$100,000, And Will Occupy The Hill Live Stock Co. Store on Nash Street.

Possibly one of the biggest business deals that has ever been consummated in Louisburg became a reality the past week when Messrs. J. M. and W. H. Allen announced that they had organized a business to be known as Allen Bros. Co. incorporated, with an authorized capital stock of \$100,000 and would do a general mercantile and supply business in the building on Nash street formerly occupied by the Hill Live Stock Co. These gentlemen are well known to the people of Franklin and adjoining counties as they have been connected with Louisburg's business career for the past twenty years or more, and were actively engaged in the mercantile and supply business in Louisburg until they sold out to McKinnis Bros. Co. ten years ago, since which time they have been active only in a small business at the old mill site to accommodate, mainly, their tenants. With the exception of five years, while Mr. W. H. Allen was Sheriff of Franklin County, both of these gentlemen have given their entire time to the former Allen Bros. Co., and will devote all their energies to the present firm. They inform us that in the future they will have associated with them in the new firm more of Franklin's most prominent and influential men. They purchased the stock of the Hill Live Stock Co., at the Receivers sale on Monday of last week, and will move the stock of the old firm to the new location within the next few days. They have also purchased the stock of hardware of The Hardware Co., and as soon as the inventory can be completed this stock will also be moved to the new location. We understand that Mr. N. B. Allsbrook, who has been associated with Mr. J. M. Allen, in the Hardware Co., will have charge of the hardware department of the new firm, and Messrs. W. N. Fuller and H. M. Stovall will be the bookkeepers, the remainder of the force not having been selected yet, we are unable to give the names. In speaking of the stock they expect to carry Mr. Allen says they will have "everything for everybody," including horses, mules, wagons, harness, farm machinery etc. They are now making the purchases to fill up their several lines and although they opened for business Wednesday morning, they expect to have their stock complete within the next few days.

This will be one of the strongest firms in this section of the State and will enjoy a liberal share of the public patronage. Watch these columns for their announcements later.

FRANKLIN SUPERIOR COURT.

Convened on Monday—Civil Term Only—Good Number of Cases—Only Few Tried So Far.

The regular February term of Franklin Superior Court for the trial of Civil cases convened here on Monday morning, with His Honor Judge W. A. Devin presiding. Only a few cases have been tried so far as providential hindrances have interfered with the progress of the work. On Monday morning after calling over the Docket for the day it was found that there were no cases that could be tried and adjournment was taken to Tuesday morning at 9:30.

At the opening of court Tuesday morning it was stated that a death had occurred the evening before in the family of Attorney Ben T. Holden, and as he was interested in most of the cases for Tuesday and Wednesday adjournment was taken until 9:30 Thursday morning. Court opened on Thursday morning according to adjournment and proceeded with the work, which was in progress as we went to press.

This being a two week's term and as the calendar has been set for practically all of next week Court will in all probability last through next week.

Mrs. Rebecca Pearce Dead.
The announcement was received in Louisburg Monday by relatives and friends of the death of Mrs. Rebecca Pearce, of near Franklinton. Mrs. Pearce was in her 95th year and was the mother of Mrs. W. W. Staley, whose death occurred about a month ago. She was a woman of a

fine personality and possessed a disposition that won the confidence of her many friends and acquaintances, and was greatly loved and esteemed in her community. She was a member of Oak Level Christian church, and her remains were laid to rest in the beautiful little cemetery adjoining the church on Wednesday, in the presence of a large number of sorrowing friends and relatives.

Mrs. Pearce was the grandmother of Mrs. Ben T. Holden, of Louisburg.

GEN. FUNSTON DIES SUDDENLY.



San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 19.—Major-General Frederick Funston, commander of the southern department, dropped dead following a dinner at the St. Anthony hotel tonight. A companion of the general stated that he ate very sparingly and declined rich foods. When offered a lobster cocktail, he declined saying: "You will have to excuse me as I have had several attacks of acute indigestion lately."

Shortly after the dinner General Funston, accompanied by friends, proceeded to the lobby where his companion suggested that they sit and listen to the music. Seated just across from him was a little girl. General Funston motioned for her to come over. At this moment his companion remarked:

"Isn't that the blue Danube waltz?" General Funston replied: "No I don't think it is." He listened for a few moments and remarked:

"Yes, I believe it is. It is the old tunes that sound good." His companion noticed that one of General Funston's feet which was resting against a post slid from its position. General Funston closed his eyes and his companion supposed that as is the custom with many people, General Funston had relaxed his position and closed his eyes in meditation. The general began to breathe heavily and acted as if he were trying to sneeze, says his companion who noticed the general's heavy breathing and asked if he was ill.

General Funston did not reply and his companion called a doctor. When he arrived General Funston was dead. Colonel Barnum, chief of staff of the southern department stated at the St. Anthony tonight that the body would be taken to Fort Sam Houston at 10 o'clock in the morning. It is assumed that the body will be accompanied by heavy military guard.

Colonel Barnum also stated that he was notified of General Funston's death tonight by Captain Fitzhugh Lee, General Funston's aide when Captain Lee said that General Funston had dropped dead in the lobby of the St. Anthony hotel. Colonel Barnum could hardly believe the report and Captain Lee was obliged to repeat the message three times.

Colonel Barnum then wired the adjutant general at Washington that General Funston had dropped dead shortly after a dinner held at a local hotel tonight. He also wired General Pershing and other army officers of the general's division.

There are two theories regarding the death of General Funston. One is that death was caused by heart failure and the other and most probable theory is that acute indigestion was the cause.

General Funston had been suffering from acute indigestion for the past few weeks and had been unable to see newspaper men on several occasions on account of this illness, but as the general would be absent one day on account of illness and then appear the next day, in good spirits and apparently good health, it was assumed that

his condition was not serious.

General Funston was very popular with the army as well as the citizens of San Antonio.

Shortly after his death the lobby of the hotel was crowded with officers and citizens alike. Men stood about discussing his death with tears in their eyes.

Valentine Party.

On the evening of Feb. 14th, Miss Minna Wilder entertained in honor of the young people of Perry's Chapel neighborhood.

Promptly at nine o'clock Mr. Owen Wilder opened up the mail, in a improvised post office, in a corner of the hall; and for quite a little while the efficient P. M. was kept busy supplying the demands of eager inquirers.

When valentines had been compared, etc., attention was called to two domestic trees of fortune, erected in the octagon front of the room. Each lady and gentleman being allowed one chance at the separate trees, and much merriment was occasioned by the concealed fortunes, in the red, crepe paper bags, which were clipped from the trees. One bachelor of uncertain age being so fortunate as to learn, "You're born to know a bachelor woe, and cook your own sweet potatoes." His sack containing a raw potato. While one winsome lady was all smiles when her fortune proved to be a sack of rice with this inscription, "Your wedding bells will ring out soon. Then heigho! for the honeymoon." Each couple was invited into the hall to a heart target contest, with bow and arrow.

Then the gentlemen were each presented a card-board heart, and told to search for the lady who held the key to his heart. After which they were invited into the dining room where refreshments were served. The decorations there and elsewhere being heart designs, in color scheme of red and green.

Those present were Misses Mary and Ella Sherrod, Lucy and Evelyn Nicholson, Laura Mitchner, Mary and Pearl Wilder, Messrs. Ed Nicholson, Charlie Sherrod, Avery Cox, Matthew, Bob, Lawrence and Owen Wilder, and M. V. B. Williams, of Louisburg.

Wants Fixed Delivery Days For Intoxicants.

A gentleman who has been giving a good deal of thought to the matter of liquor legislation and who does not believe the time is yet ripe for a bone-dry plan, suggests the plan of having certain days for the delivery of liquor. His idea in detail is:

"Let the law remain in part as it is, allowing the people to purchase one quart every two weeks, but have a certain delivery day all over the State the same day so that all express companies must make their whiskey deliveries on the same day; for instance, say the first Monday and third Monday in each month. This would relieve to a very large extent what is now going on—that is, many people have whiskey shipped to Kinston, Goldsboro, Raleigh or any other points and instead of getting one quart every two weeks they get one every two days. By this suggestion there would be only two delivery days in the month. My idea for making them on Monday is that the persons who are in the habit of excessive drinking would have consumed their quart before the following Sunday, and to a certain extent break up the Sabbath drinking and the annoyances that it causes many people."

Open For Business.

In another column will be found the announcement of the McBrayer Clothing Co., who have now received a large portion of their spring stock and are open for business. They have equipped a neat and attractive store and inform us they expect to carry on only the best merchandise obtainable. The business will be under the direct management of Mr. H. G. McBrayer, a young man of ability, who will be assisted by Mr. Joe Nash, one of Louisburg's most popular young men. Read their advertisement and pay them a visit when in town.

Resumes Their Advertising.

Messrs. P. S. & K. K. Allen, proprietors of one of the largest and most up-to-date department stores in this section, have, with this issue, resumed their advertising, and inform us that they are in a position to dispense exceptional bargains, which they will keep the public well posted upon in the future. Read their advertisement in another column.

SITUATION REMAINS AS SERIOUS AS POSSIBLE SHORT OF ACTUAL WAR.

Assumed That He Will Seek Authority to Deal With Any Situation That May Arise as a Result of Submarine Campaign Which Goes Ruthlessly Ahead.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Another Cabinet meeting passed today without an announcement concerning the crisis with Germany.

High officials said after the meeting, that there had been no development of importance, and indicated that the President had not made known his decision as to when his next step would be taken.

Members of the Senate who talked with administration officials during the day gained the impression that arrangements for the President's appearance before Congress probably would be made early next week. Apparently only the President knows just what he will ask of Congress, but it is generally assumed that with the session about to end he will seek authority to deal with any situation which may arise as a result of the unrestricted submarine campaign.

At the State Department it was said that the situation continued to be as serious as it could be short of war. The department received after the cabinet meeting a dispatch from Consul Frost at Queenstown, announcing the sinking by shell fire of the Norwegian steamer Dalbeattie, with 20 native Americans in her crew. The Consul said the Dalbeattie stopped at the first shot, but that the submarine continued sailing while the ship was being abandoned and offered no assistance to the crew. After being on the sea in their boats for about eighteen hours, the men were rescued.

This is one of a number of instances in which reports to the department tell of violations of neutral rights and endangering or taking of neutral life. All available information about such cases is being assembled for the President.

Secretary Lansing would not discuss the situation with Austria either before or after the cabinet meeting. He would not comment on the aide memoire handed to the Vienna government by Ambassador Penfield asking specifically whether Austria had repudiated her pledges given the United States after the sinking of the Ancona and the Persia.

2nd Regiment Soon Will Start For Home.

Camp Stewart, El Paso Tex. Feb. 20.—Regular army medical officers today began the work of physical examination of the enlisted men of the Second Regiment, preparatory to muster out. Captain Stoll, of the regular army, is assisting in preparation of papers and the general belief is that the Second will be ready to move March first.

General Young, Major Smith and Colonel Metts today accompanied General Morton, division commander, on an inspection tour of the border patrol.

Captain D. C. Knibbs, Co. G, Second Regiment, Raeford, was today discharged from the service by verdict of an efficiency board. This leaves this company without a single officer, Lieutenant Whitley having been discharged by the same route yesterday and Lieutenant Cantwell having been promoted to battalion adjutant several days ago.

Prohibition Rally at Methodist Church.

Rev. R. L. Gay, Field Secretary, of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, will speak to the combined congregations of the city Sunday night, 7:30, at the Methodist church.

Mr. Gay is said to be a "terror to evil doers." His facts, figures and humor convince the people that the liquor traffic must go. Before going into the Anti-Saloon League work, Mr. Gay was pastor of one of the leading churches of the State.

Everybody, including men, women and children, are cordially invited to hear him here Sunday night.

Rev. Mr. Gay will address a union congregation at Franklinton Sunday morning.

B. F. Stainback.

Epsom, N. C., Feb. 20th.—This community suffered a severe loss by the death of B. F. Stainback which sad event occurred at his home at 9 A. M. Feb. 15th, 1917. The news which told of his death was news which carried regret and sorrow into the home of every man and woman

who knew him. He was sick only ten days but from the first his physician and family feared his sickness was of a character from which he could never recover.

The deceased was born Jan. 18th, 1831, in half a mile where he died. He received what educational training he had from the public schools of that day which had little to offer to the ambitious boy or girl. However, he studied what books he could secure and gathered a rich store of information from observation, and no better citizen, no braver soldier, no more obliging friend and neighbor, no more loyal and faithful member of the church of his choice than he.

He was married to Miss Virginia Edwards, a saintly soul, in February 1855. Side by side, hand in hand they began life together. Success crowned their efforts in a material way until a pretty home had succeeded the rude cottage in which they began life together, and ten bright happy children prattled around their knee.

When the war came in the 60's he was one of the first to go and for four long years he took the chances of war, and came out of many of the hottest battles of that fearful war without one scratch. After the war ended he came back to his State to help build it up.

The deceased was a man of noble impulses, by the bedside of the sick and dying he always had a place, to the relief of the poor, the needy and the distressed he always went, and in his seat at the church he was always found unless prevented by sickness or some other unavoidable circumstances and took great interest in all of the business which made for the advancement of the State's cause. His influences for good were a great factor in the community, his faith in God never waned but was loyal and faithful to the very last. It is men like B. F. Stainback who make life worth living, and when the light of such a life goes out there is darkness. He was a man who did his part in making life the better. Would that there were more like him.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. S. W. Duke, of Epsom, seven sons, W. T. Stainback, of Atlanta, J. N. Stainback, of North Side; J. O. Stainback, of Nashville; E. E. Stainback, of Greenville, A. R., P. J. and J. P. Stainback, of Epsom, forty-five grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren. All of his children were at his bedside when he died except Mr. W. T. Stainback, of Atlanta.

The funeral was conducted from New Bethel Baptist church Friday afternoon at 2:30 by Rev. John Mitchner. The choice songs of the deceased were sung, the floral offering was bountiful and beautiful. The following grand-sons were active pall bearers: Wm. Stainback, Ransom Duke, Theo. Stainback, Jack Stainback, Adkin Stainback, Thos. Stainback, Ashley Stainback and Roger Duke. Interment was in New Bethel Baptist church cemetery beside his wife.

Maj. B. F. Bullock Dead.

It was with much regret that the people of Louisburg received the information on Monday of the death of Maj. B. F. Bullock at his home in Franklinton on Sunday evening. Maj. Bullock was 76 years old, and had lived a life that had made friends of all acquaintances. For many years he was Mayor of Franklinton and for the past several years had been a prominent figure in North Carolina Masonry, and was a member of Henderson Commandery.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters and one son: Mrs. Eugene Moss, of Oxford; Mrs. Robertson, of Emporia, Va., and Dr. Battle Bullock, of Hester, N. C. The funeral was held in Franklinton Monday afternoon and interment was in Fairview cemetery there.

Makes Assignment.

Mr. J. L. Harrison, proprietor of the Franklin Hotel made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors to Attorney G. M. Beam on last Friday afternoon and left on Saturday for Charlotte. Mr. Beam states that the indebtedness is considerably above the assets. Mr. Harrison had been running this hotel for about one and a half years and until a few months ago was enjoying a pretty fair business.

The hotel will continue to run, until it is again leased, under the management of Mr. G. M. Beam, for Mr. G. W. Ford, the owner, and from a public standpoint there will be no change except possibly better accommodations.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

SOME YOU KNOW, SOME YOU-DO NOT KNOW.

Many on Business, Many on Pleasure, Others to be Going, But All Going or Coming.

Mr. J. A. Turner left Tuesday to visit Raleigh.

Mr. K. P. Hill left Wednesday for business visit to Norfolk.

Representative S. A. Newell spent Sunday with his family here.

Mr. O. B. Moss, of Spring Hope, was a visitor to Louisburg Monday.

Mr. L. Kline left Sunday for Raleigh to enter a hospital for treatment.

Mr. T. B. Wilder, of Aberdeen, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Mr. C. C. Hudson left Wednesday for Baltimore to purchase his spring stock of goods.

Mrs. A. W. Person left one day this week for Richmond, to enter a hospital for treatment.

Mr. Stapleton Cooke, of Fayetteville, is visiting friends and relatives in and near Louisburg.

Mr. Will X. Coley, of the News-Observer, Raleigh, was a visitor to Louisburg Monday.

Mrs. Frank Roth and little daughter, Dorothy, left Monday to visit her people at Philadelphia.

Chairman T. D. Warren and Senator A. D. Ward, of New Bern, are attending court here this week.

Miss Lillian High, who spent the week-end in Raleigh, visiting Miss Jessica Smith, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Ford left Tuesday for Baltimore where Mrs. Ford will enter a hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bunn left Friday for Raleigh to visit his son, Grady Bunn, who is quite sick.

Wilson Supporting President Menocal in Cuban Revolution.

Havana, Feb. 19.—The outstanding feature of today's developments in the revolutionary movement in Cuba was a note delivered at the Presidential Palace this forenoon by William E. Gonzales, the American Minister, in which President Wilson unqualifiedly declared his intention of supporting the legally constituted government of General Menocal.

The note fell like a bomb among the sympathizers with the revolt and was a source of great jubilation and satisfaction to government officials and their supporters.

Burned To Death.

One of the saddest accidents happened in this community last Saturday, Feb. 10th, that was ever known, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Nelms' oldest child and only girl, age 6 years, caught from a fire in the yard and was burned so seriously before anyone could get to her that she could not live but a few hours. The family physician and friends did all that was possible but could not save her when there was such a good home waiting for her above.

List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the post office at Louisburg, N. C., not called for Feb. 23rd, 1917:

Mr. W. D. Annis, Mrs. Fannie Allen, Mr. Ellis Alston, Mr. J. B. Bassley, Miss Lucy Mitchell, Mrs. Louella Maness, Mr. Dick Person, R. H. Sunday, Mr. Albert Walker (2), Mrs. Annie White, Mr. Joe Wyche. Persons calling for any of the above letters will please state that they saw them advertised.

R. H. DAVIS, P. M.

New Insurance Firm.

Mr. J. A. Turner informs us he has formed a co-partnership with Mr. F. J. Beasley, Cashier of the Farmers National Bank, to do a general fire insurance business in Louisburg. Mr. Turner has been doing quite a nice business in this line and the connection of Mr. Beasley with his business will add strength. This however will not interfere with Mr. Beasley's duties at the bank.

Farmers Union Meets.

There will be a meeting of the Franklin County Organization of the Farmers Union in Louisburg in the court house, Thursday, March 1st, at 10 o'clock A. M. Officers for 1917 will be elected at this meeting.

T. J. HARRIS, Pres. J. C. JONES, Secy.