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FAR AND NEAR.

Reverend.—Rev. J. W. Black, formerly of Scotland Neck, N. C., is expected to come to Greensboro to become pastor of the Episcopal church in this city.

Funeral Service.—The Presbyterian church of this city united last night for the New Year's union conference at the first Presbyterian church.

John Harris Dead.—Mrs. John Harris has been in ill health for some time and yesterday morning she passed away at her home in Greensboro. The funeral and interment will take place this afternoon.

Board of Education.—The county board of education held a regular meeting last night and transacted routine business. The board is holding a meeting today to go over the school account and the disbursement of funds.

Funeral Service.—Rev. J. E. H. H. of the First Lutheran church recently received a call to the pastorate of the First Lutheran church of Lynchburg, Va., and will leave for that place tomorrow.

Bank Checks.—The American National Bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of 5 percent on its capital stock and 4 percent on its undivided profits for an amount of \$16,000 have been paid to the 415 stockholders.

Mr. Klapp Married.—Rev. S. Klapp of this city, a well known member of the Christian church, and Miss Gillie, of Ruffin, were married last Wednesday at the home of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. T. Klapp, of Elon.

Inventory Season.—The annual inventory season among the merchants has arrived and many Greensboro houses are now busy with their inventories. Some of the merchants have finished the work and most of the others will do so within the next week or two.

Sunday a Good Day.—Saturday was a busy day in Greensboro. The streets were filled with people, the town being especially large for the season after the holidays. The new houses, especially those that have been built, attracted the patronage of people and enjoyed a good trade.

Dead Yesterday.—Mrs. J. N. Graves died of pneumonia yesterday morning at her home at White Oak. She was 62 years old and is survived by her husband and two children. The funeral will be held from the home at 2 o'clock and interment made in Greene Hill cemetery.

Guest Right.—The annual banquet Friday night to the members of the local police and sheriff's departments was what is described as a banquet. The banquet was spread over a table on the third floor of the hotel and consisted of almost everything imaginable that is good to eat.

College Girl Dies.—Miss Mary, a member of the senior class of Greensboro College for Women, died Friday night at her home in Greensboro. Miss Brown was called home shortly before the holidays. The death of an uncle and another of pneumonia soon after her arrival.

Girl Captured.—During the month of December the officers under Rev. J. E. H. H. of this city, territory embraces North Carolina and parts of South Carolina and captured 67 illicit distillers. The captured stills 44 were in North Carolina, 22 in South Carolina and 1 in Virginia.

Unfortunate Death.—Saturday Corbin, Sheriff Stafford and Physician Jones were called to the summit to investigate the death of a colored baby concerning which were reports of foul play. It was found that the child had died of natural causes, aggravated by neglect and negligence.

Births and Deaths.—The report in the office of Mr. J. E. H. H., commissioner of public health, shows that during the year 1914 22 deaths occurred in the city, 10 being negroes and 12 being whites. During December 26 were born, 19 being negroes and 7 whites. During the year 422 were born, 301 whites and 121 negroes.

Candidate For President.—Col. F. P. Hobgood Jr., who will again represent Guilford in the state senate during the session of the legislature to convene Wednesday, is a candidate for election to the office of president pro tem. of the senate. He is opposed by Senator G. Max Gardner, of Shelby. The election will take place at the Democratic caucus tomorrow night.

New Revenue Men.—Mr. J. P. Stell, formerly chief field deputy in the internal revenue service in the fourth district, has been transferred from Raleigh to Greensboro and becomes a member of Revenue Agent Vanderford's force. Mr. J. H. Allen, formerly of Greenville, S. C., is another new member of Mr. Vanderford's force. He is connected with the income tax division of the service.

Shot in the Foot.—Mr. Ernest Thornton, of Burlington, is a patient at St. Leo's hospital receiving treatment for a painful wound inflicted in one of his feet by the accidental discharge of a shotgun. Mr. Thornton had returned to his home Thursday evening from a hunting trip and was handling his gun when the weapon was discharged in some manner, the entire load taking effect in his foot.

Aged Woman's Death.—Mrs. Julia Edwards died yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock at the home of her son, Mr. G. N. Edwards, of Pomona. She had been in feeble health for some time and her death was not unexpected. Mrs. Edwards was 79 years of age and is survived by two sons and three daughters. The funeral and interment takes place today at Muir's chapel, the services to be conducted by Rev. W. L. Dawson.

Complaint of Roads.—There is a good deal of complaint as to the bad condition of many of the roads in the county. The continued rains and the freezing weather have combined to put the roads, especially those that were graded or worked during the fall, in bad shape. However, the roads are passable and one can travel anywhere in the county, and this is a great improvement over conditions that existed before Guilford built good roads.

City Water Pure.—A recent analysis by the state board of health shows Greensboro water to be absolutely pure. Every day for a period of 30 days there was sent to the state board of health a half gallon of water before it went into the filters and half a gallon after it had been through the filters. The examination of the filtered water showed no sediment, and all traces of colon bacilli and acid producing bacteria were removed by filtration.

Saved Over \$18,000.—Under the operation of what is known as the Gordon act, the law placing the officers of Guilford county on salaries instead of fees, the county saved during the year 1914 the neat sum of \$18,186.89, this being an increase of \$4,050.32 over the saving for 1913. The balance for the past year would have been even larger but for increased clerical expenses, this being made necessary by the increased volume of business handled in the court house.

Injured by Train.—A young white man giving his name as S. P. Cobb and his home as Danville, Va., was found late Friday night lying by a railroad track on the Pomona yards with several bruises about his head and body. He refused to tell how the accident occurred, but it is thought that he fell from a train on which he was beating his way. He was seen at the station in this city shortly before the departure of south-bound train No. 29. The young man was carried to St. Leo's hospital and given medical treatment, but his injuries were of such a slight nature that he was able to leave the hospital Saturday and return home.

C. F. & Y. V. Matter.—It is expected that Hon. A. L. Brooks and Attorney General Bickett will go to Washington within the next week or ten days to take up with the attorney general of the United States the matter of bringing suit against the Southern Railway and the Atlantic Coast Line in connection with the ownership by those roads of the dismembered Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad. The review of the facts of this ownership, prepared by Mr. Brooks, together with Attorney General Bickett's opinion of the case, are now at the department of justice, where officials have the matter under advisement. Mr. Brooks was in Washington Saturday, but did not make any definite engagement with officials of the department of justice.

Occupy New Offices.—The Southern Life and Trust Company and the "original four" Greensboro fire insurance companies now occupy offices on the fifth floor of the Southern Life and Trust Company building. The entire floor is occupied by the clerical forces and executive officers of the five companies, the offices being as handsome and modern as are to be found anywhere in the South. The offices are reached by a new electric elevator that has just been installed in the building.

George Whitesell Dead.—Mr. George G. Whitesell, an aged citizen of the county, died Thursday morning at 3 o'clock at his home about six miles east of Greensboro. The funeral and interment took place Friday afternoon at Midway Presbyterian church, the services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. Frank Lee, and Rev. C. E. Hodgkin, of this city. Mr. Whitesell was 78 years of age and is survived by three brothers—T. G. and J. A. Whitesell, of Elon College, and Alphonso Whitesell, of Randleman.

Advertising Greensboro.—The Greensboro Chamber of Commerce has just issued and is mailing out a booklet entitled "Greetings from Greensboro." The first cover contains the title and the poem of Kipling, "The cities are full of pride, etc." The inside pages are full of information about Greensboro, its resources and advantages. On the last cover is the following: "A city is as progressive as its average citizen—no more, no less. No man can avoid his responsibility. He is either helping or hindering. They are not accountable for conditions. The praise or blame is yours or mine."

Stamps For Deeds.—Since the special war stamp act went into effect the first of December there has been some difference of opinion as to whether or not stamps should be attached to deeds written prior to December 1 but recorded after that date. Register of Deeds Rankin has been notified that a ruling by the treasury department in Washington holds that stamps are not necessary on deeds written before the stamp act became operative. A number of such deeds were recorded in this county last month, and until he received the notice from Washington the register of deeds had been requiring stamps to be attached to them.

Our Clubbing Offer.—The clubbing proposition whereby we offer The Patriot, the Atlanta Constitution and the Progressive Farmer all one year for \$2 will be continued for a while, though we can't say for how long. This is decidedly the best clubbing offer we have ever made or heard of, and we advise those of our friends who wish to take advantage of it to do so at once. The Patriot twice a week, the Atlanta Constitution three times a week and the Progressive Farmer once a week will provide your family with instructive, entertaining and helpful reading matter—and all for only \$2 a year.

Died Suddenly.—Mrs. Ella Jane Langston died suddenly Saturday evening at 6 o'clock at her home on Arlington street, following a stroke of apoplexy she suffered during the afternoon. The funeral was held from the residence yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock and was conducted by Rev. R. M. Andrews and Rev. R. D. Sherrill. Interment was made in Greene Hill cemetery. Mrs. Langston was the widow of the late Alpheus W. Langston and in the sixty-second year of her age. She was a native of Randolph county and had made her home in Greensboro for the past 15 years. She is survived by four children—Mrs. J. W. Thompson, Mrs. R. J. Schooner, Mrs. Charles W. Edwards and Mr. Charles C. Langston, all of this city.

Didn't Need Any Fire.—Mr. M. W. Gant, who returned Friday from a pleasant visit to Manatee and other points in Florida, says the people of that state have no idea of cold weather. When the thermometer drops a few degrees and it gets the least bit chilly, the people whose houses have chimneys build fires and begin to speculate on how long the "cold snap" will last. When Mr. Gant reached St. Petersburg one of these slightly chilly spells of weather was on and the hotel at which he stopped had fires going. But it wasn't cold to Mr. Gant. He had discarded his vest and put on a light coat, and when the hotel clerk asked him if he would like a fire in his room, he said: "Fire? Thunder, no! But if you have a palm leaf fan handy, I'd like to borrow it."

BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE STATE NORMAL COLLEGE.

Dr. J. I. Foust, president of the State Normal and Industrial College, submitted a report of the work of the institution for the past two years at a meeting of the directors held Friday. The report showed that the college is in splendid condition and that additional facilities have been provided to care for the constantly increasing patronage. Two dormitories, accommodating 120 students, have been built since the last report was made.

The report shows that the enrollment in the scholastic year 1912-1913 was as follows: Regular session, 615; summer session, 318; and in the training school, 285. Omitting those counted twice, this is a total of 1,149. The enrollment during the scholastic year 1913-1914 was as follows: Regular session, 633; summer session, 749; training school, 328. Omitting those counted twice, the total was 1,343.

In the 22 years that the college has been in operation 6,031 students have matriculated and 717 have graduated. All but 33 of the graduates have served the state as teachers. The report showed that the percentage of students at the college who were prepared in the public schools of North Carolina is exceedingly high. In 1912-1913, 597 out of 615 were thus prepared for college and in 1913-1914, 619 out of 633 received their training in the public schools of the state.

During the past two years the entrance requirements have been raised to 12 1-2 high school units. It is proposed to raise the enrollment to 14 units in the near future, making the Normal a standard college.

Reports of the work being done by the extension department of the college were made. This department hopes to come in contact with a large percentage of the inhabitants of the state and to render them valuable service. The department has been doing good work by lectures from the faculty, correspondence and bulletins.

Prof. W. C. Jackson was made dean of the college to succeed Prof. J. A. Matheson, resigned.

The directors decided to ask the legislature for an increased appropriation for the support of the institution. The college is now receiving from the state \$90,000 annually for maintenance.

BOY ABLE TO WALK AFTER HIS NECK WAS BROKEN.

Aubrey Casper, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Casper died at the home of his parents in this city Saturday evening as the result of injuries sustained in a fall from a horse early in the day. Notwithstanding the fact that the fall fractured his skull and broke his neck, the boy was able to walk for an hour or more and lived about ten hours after the accident.

The boy and a playmate were riding a gentle horse early Saturday morning when the saddle girth slipped and both were thrown to the ground violently. The accident occurred on North Davis street, in front of the residence of Rev. Dr. Melton Clark. Several people ran to the assistance of the boys, but young Casper walked off alone and did not return home for about an hour.

When the boy reached home a physician was called and the extent of his injuries ascertained. He grew weaker gradually during the day, although he got up several times. The funeral was held from the home yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock and interment made in Greene Hill cemetery. Rev. Dr. Melton Clark conducted the services.

T. P. A. Banquet.—The annual banquet of Post A of the Travelers' Protective Association of America was held in the dining room of the Y. M. C. A. building Saturday night and proved to be a most enjoyable occasion. Mr. Eugene McNairy served as toastmaster and toasts were responded to by Mr. A. L. Byrd, the state president; Mr. C. F. Tomlinson, of High Point; Mr. Walter R. Leak, of Winston-Salem; Messrs. E. E. Mendenhall, C. C. McLean, Ceasar Cone and Mayor Murphy.

War Prisoners in Need.—American relief for 70,000 German and Austrian prisoners of war, scattered through Siberia in prison camps and said to be in need of clothing and medical supplies, is being sought by the Red Cross.

ANOTHER ENGLISH SHIP DESTROYED FRIDAY.

The destruction of the British battleship Formidable in the British channel Friday by a mine or a submarine boat, although one of those events Englishmen now realize must be expected so long as the British navy is compelled to keep the seas, has caused widespread grief.

This is due not so much to the loss of the ship, which was 15 years old and cost about \$5,000,000, as it is for the men—about 600 in number—who went down with her. So far as known only 141 of the Formidable's crew of 750 were rescued. The British admiralty has not given the locality where the disaster occurred and declares it is unable to say whether the ship struck a mine or was torpedoed, but as the British fleet again has been active in shelling German positions on the Belgian coast and as German submarines have been more and more using Zebrugge as a base, the inclination is to believe that a submarine again has been successful in an attack.

Artillery Engagement.

Fighting in Flanders and northern France has been confined largely to artillery engagements, except Bethune, where the Germans claim they have taken a British trench. They admit, however, the loss of Saint Georges, near the Belgian coast, which the Berlin official report says it was decided not to attempt to retake owing to high water.

In the Argonne region where the battle has been almost continuous for weeks past, the Germans have made a little progress as an offset to which, however, the French declare they have continued their advance in upper Alsace.

On the whole the situation seems virtually to have reached a position of stalemate. Neither side has made great impression on its opponent's line and both being very strongly entrenched, it is considered unlikely that either the Germans or allies will attempt another general offensive until superiority in numbers is attained by reinforcements.

Much the same situation prevails in northern Poland, where the Germans are reported to have failed to cross the Bzura and Rawka rivers and to have been unsuccessful in advancing along the Pilica river. They are said to be digging themselves in, preparatory to remaining until the hardening of the ground by the frost make troop movements less difficult. The growth of the British army is shown by an army order issued constituting six armies of three corps each. The several generals who commanded army corps at the beginning of the war now found themselves at the heads of the armies.

Pardon For Stripling Urged.

A press dispatch from Atlanta says: "Governor Slaton has reserved his decision after hearing the application for the pardon for Thomas Edgar Stripling, serving a life sentence at the state prison farm for murder. Stripling's relatives and attorney presented the application. The prisoner's poor health was urged."

In 1897 Stripling killed W. J. Cornett, in Harris county, Georgia. He was sentenced to life imprisonment, but escaped jail before he began serving the sentence. Fourteen years later he was accidentally found by a former acquaintance in Danville, Va., where, under the name of R. A. Morris, he was police chief. He was brought to Georgia and sent to jail. (Before going to Danville Stripling lived in Greensboro and Reidsville. He was engaged in the insurance business in this city.—The Patriot.)

New Corporation.—The first charter issued by the secretary of state this year comes to a Greensboro concern—the Tomlinson-Tatum Coal and Transfer Company, which is organized with a paid in capital of \$8,000. The incorporators are Tatum & Dalton, J. E. Tomlinson and W. H. Matthews. The company will take over the transfer business of Tatum & Dalton and will engage in the coal business at the Cunningham coal yard, which was recently purchased by the incorporators.

To Vote on Suffrage.—The proposed constitutional amendment providing for woman suffrage will come up in the house of representatives on the 14th inst. for a vote. Representative Henry, chairman of the house rules committee, predicts that the amendment will be defeated by more than a two-thirds vote.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS NOTES

A BRIEF SURVEY OF WHAT IS TRANSPILING IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

Legislature to Meet.—The legislature will meet in biennial session in Raleigh Wednesday.

Died of Burns.—Thelma Gibbs, 11 years old, died in a hospital in Asheville Saturday as the result of burns received a few days previously at the home of her parents at Black Mountain.

Bryan in Asheville.—Secretary of State Bryan arrived in Asheville New Year's day for a short rest. He has been exercising himself by cutting down trees on the ten-acre tract of land he recently purchased on Sunset mountain.

Woman Suicides.—Mrs. Kirby Simmons took her life Saturday afternoon by jumping into a well at her home about five miles from Hickory. Her health is given as the cause. She was 21 years old and had been married about a year.

Found Dead.—John Couble, for many years a citizen of Mocksville, was found dead in bed at his home a few mornings ago. He awoke during the night and asked his wife to prepare him some medicine, and while she was getting the medicine he expired.

Prevented a Wreck.—A. R. West stood in the cold and rain for two hours on Christmas eve to flag a train on the Murphy branch of the Southern Railway and prevent it running into a big boulder that had fallen on the track. His service probably prevented a disastrous wreck.

Accidentally Killed.—Samuel Bridgers, a well known young man of Goldsboro, accidentally shot himself while hunting Thursday and died in a few minutes. He was climbing a wire fence when the hammers of the gun caught on a wire and the contents of both barrels entered his left breast.

Killed Her Husband.—Mrs. Minnie Evans, who killed her husband, Bud Evans, in Haywood county last week, was discharged by the coroner's jury. It was in evidence that Evans, who was a bad man and had previously attacked the woman with a knife, was after her with a club when she shot him.

Suffragettes in Action.—It is stated that woman suffrage headquarters will be kept open in Raleigh during the session of the legislature. It is expected that a constitutional amendment providing for woman suffrage will be introduced, but of course the legislature will not pass it. North Carolina is too conservative a state to countenance such a fad.

Rev. Dr. Cole Dead.—Rev. Dr. John N. Cole, superintendent of the Methodist orphanage in Raleigh and one of the most prominent Methodist ministers in the state, died Friday morning in a hospital in Charlotte, where he had been under treatment for six weeks. He was 62 years old and for years had been a leading member of the North Carolina Conference. The funeral was held in Durham Saturday afternoon.

Liquor Killed Boy.—John Moose and Ben Snipes, white men, are in jail at Statesville charged with having given Henry Bailey, a 13-year-old colored boy, a sufficient quantity of liquor to cause his death. After drinking the liquor the boy was found in an unconscious condition in a field and died soon after being carried home. A post mortem examination confirmed the attending physician's diagnosis that death was caused by drinking too much whiskey. It is doubtful if Moose and Snipes can be held on a more serious charge than giving liquor to a minor.

Archbishop of Casterbury in Pastoral Letter Urges Enlistment.

London, Dec. 30.—The archbishop of Casterbury, in a New Year's letter to the laity and clergy, seeks to give impetus to recruiting by a fervent appeal to all men qualified to bear arms.

"The very life of the empire," says the letter, "may depend upon the response given to the call for men. I think we can say deliberately that no household or home will be acting worthily if in timidity or self-love it keeps back any of those who can loyally bear a man's part in behalf of the land we love."

Mr. P. W. Iseley, of McLeansville, was a New Year's day caller at The Patriot office.