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## LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

### MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE READERS OF THE PATRIOT FAR AND NEAR.

**Doctors to Meet.**—A meeting of the Guilford County Medical Society will be held in the court house annex this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

**Boyles-Glenn.**—Mr. Fred Boyles, of this city, and Miss Pearl Glenn, of Richmond, Va., were married Monday night at the home of Rev. Shurtz Peeler, who performed the ceremony. The bride was in the city on a visit to relatives.

**Death of Infant.**—Beulah, the 22-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Spencer, died Tuesday evening at the home of her parents on Railroad avenue. The funeral and interment will take place this forenoon at Springfield church, near High Point.

**Another Corporation.**—The secretary of state has chartered the Southern Ice and Coal Company, of Greensboro, with an authorized capital of \$100,000 and a paid in capital of \$500. The incorporators are A. Sherrod, W. A. Sherrod and C. C. Walker, of High Point.

**Mrs. W. F. Alfred Dead.**—Mrs. W. F. Alfred died yesterday at her home near Randleman from the effects of a stroke of paralysis she suffered a week ago. She was 77 years of age and is survived by her husband and two children—Mr. M. H. Alfred, of Asheboro, and Mrs. E. E. Mendenhall, of Greensboro.

**No Cotton Show.**—On account of the improved condition of the cotton market and the lack of time in which to make proper preparations for the event, it has been decided by those having the matter in charge to call off the cotton show that was scheduled to be held in Greensboro the last week in January.

**Many Warrants.**—During the month of December 116 warrants were issued by the city police department, an average of almost four a day. The alleged offenses included nearly every crime on the calendar except murder. By far the largest number of warrants issued had to do with selling liquor and drunkenness.

**Boy Breaks Leg.**—Houston Rankin, aged 11 years, a student at the Pleasant Garden high school, suffered a broken leg Tuesday afternoon when he was thrown or fell from a mule he was riding home from school. The accident was caused by the stumbling of the mule, the boy being thrown over the animal's head. His left leg was broken above the ankle.

**Mrs. Mary Branson Dead.**—Mrs. Mary Branson, an aged and beloved woman of southern Guilford, died Tuesday afternoon at the residence of her brother, Mr. John Tucker, where she had made her home for some time. The funeral took place at the Pleasant Garden Methodist church yesterday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. P. L. Terrell.

**Greensboro Commended.**—In a bulletin just issued by the state board of health Greensboro is commended as a striking example for other North Carolina towns for its achievements in the reduction of the death rate from tuberculosis to a marked degree. The death rate from tuberculosis in this city was 226 in 1911, 127 in 1912 and 105 in 1913. The figures for 1914 are not yet available.

**School Affairs.**—The county board of education held a meeting Monday and went over the school account of the county treasurer. Owing to the fact that a report had not been received as to the amount of money the county will receive from the state this year, the apportionment of the funds to the various schools was deferred. It will be made as soon as the report is received from the state.

**Real Estate Deal.**—Mrs. G. W. Ward yesterday sold her home place on Spring Garden street to Messrs. John T. Hunt and R. G. Stockton. The property has a frontage of 300 feet on Spring Garden and runs back to Walker avenue, a distance of 500 feet. The consideration is understood to have been \$10,000. The purchasers will cut up the property into residence lots and put it on the market.

**Locates in Greensboro.**—Mr. A. J. Barbour, who has been engaged in the lumber business at Cerro Gordo, Columbus county, for several years, has located in Greensboro and will make this city headquarters as Southern representative of Mixer & Co., of Buffalo, N. Y., one of the biggest wholesale lumber concerns in the country. Mr. Barbour has been here for several days and his family arrived last night.

**Back After 22 Years.**—Mr. J. W. Lewis, who moved with his parents from Guilford county to Utah 22 years ago, is visiting relatives and friends of the family in the county. Mr. Lewis is engaged in the jewelry business at Garland, Utah, and is convinced that he is located in one of the most favored spots on the earth. Mr. Lewis and his people moved from the Hilltop neighborhood, between Greensboro and Jamestown.

**Made Deputy Clerk.**—Mr. Andrew Joyner, Jr., who has been employed in the office of the clerk of the Superior court for nearly two years, yesterday was sworn in as a full fledged deputy. He had not been made a deputy earlier for the reason that the law does not permit one to take acknowledgements and perform other official duties of the clerk until he is 21 years old. Mr. Joyner attained his majority yesterday.

**Young Man Killed.**—Mr. Charles Pope, a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Pope, of Kernersville, was instantly killed in New Orleans a few days ago when he came in contact with a live electric wire. He was at work as a lineman when the tragedy occurred. Mr. Pope was about 30 years old and had resided in New Orleans for some time. The body was shipped to the home of his parents and the burial took place at Abbott's Creek Monday.

**Outlook Favorable.**—In an advertisement on another page of today's Patriot the Center Brick warehouse calls the attention of tobacco farmers to the fact that the Greensboro market has opened after the holidays under favorable conditions and that the outlook is encouraging. Mr. J. L. Thomason, a well known and expert auctioneer, who is known to many readers of The Patriot, is now employed exclusively by the Center Brick.

**Court Next Week.**—A two-weeks term of Guilford Superior court will convene Monday morning, with Judge C. C. Lyon, of Elizabethtown, on the bench. There are 86 cases on the calendar for trial, but of course many of them will not come up for a hearing. The civil term will be followed by a week's criminal term. Already there are more cases on the docket than can possibly be disposed of in a week's time. The defendants in nearly 100 cases are out on bond and the jail is filling up rapidly.

**Appropriation Recalled.**—The county commissioners have rescinded an order recently made appropriating \$40 a month for four months to the Social Welfare League of Greensboro for charitable work, the commissioners deciding that the county will look after its own charity work in connection with such co-operation as may be received from the city officials of Greensboro and High Point. In this way all the money expended will go to charity, none of it being consumed in administrative and other expenses.

**Increased Receipts.**—The reports of the total receipts of the Greensboro postoffice for the month of December and the quarter ending December 31 show substantial gains over the same periods for 1913. In December, 1913, the total receipts were \$12,075.76 and in December, 1914, they were \$12,334.69. For the quarter ending December 31, 1913, the receipts were \$38,080.63 and for the same quarter of 1914 they were \$34,049.04. The total receipts for the year 1914 were \$10,457.12 over the receipts for 1913.

**Better Marriage Laws.**—The Greensboro Ministerial Association has adopted and forwarded to Governor Craig, to be transmitted to the legislature, resolutions asking that more restrictions be thrown around the marriage laws of this state. Among other things the preachers want the license to show the condition of those to be married, whether single, widow, widower or divorced, and in case of a divorced person the license to contain a statement giving the ground on which the divorce was procured and the name of the place at which it was procured.

**Asheboro Libel Case.**—A dispatch from Asheboro says that Editor Mendenhall, of the Randolph Bulletin, and Clyde Ellison had a hearing Monday afternoon before Justice W. D. Spoon, on a warrant sworn out by James Wood, a prominent Democrat of Asheboro, charging the writing by Ellison and the publication by Mendenhall of an article in the Bulletin of an alleged false and defamatory character.

The two defendants made only a perfunctory defense and were held for the Superior court under bonds of \$250.

## COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION

### MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNTY BOARD.

The monthly meeting of the county commissioners Monday and Tuesday was taken up with the usual amount of routine business and special matters. Petitions were received asking for the opening of two new public roads, two new roads were granted and jurors were drawn for two terms of Superior court. The meeting was attended by all the members of the board.

S. H. Goodman was granted the privilege of peddling in the county without a license, on account of physical infirmity, the license to extend until May 31, 1915, and to be revocable at the discretion of the board.

John R. Edwards, who was elected county surveyor at the November election, presented his bond in the sum of \$1,000, with the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, as surety. The bond was approved by the board and Mr. Edwards took the oath of office.

Dr. A. T. Millis, the newly elected standard keeper for the county, presented his bond in the sum of \$200, with H. M. Crutchfield as surety. The bond was approved and Dr. Millis was sworn into office.

A committee appeared before the board and asked the commissioners to take into consideration the matter of making an appropriation to the Carnegie library, in this city, with the understanding that the privileges of the library be extended to all the white people in the county. The board took the matter under consideration.

A rebate was granted to the estate of the late R. C. Yow for 1914 taxes.

The board granted the petition filed at the December meeting asking for the widening of Spring Garden street extended from the intersection of Forest avenue to Lindley park. A strip of land ten feet wide on the north side of the street car tracks will be added to the road, making a highway 40 feet wide. It is doubtful if any stretch of road in the county is traveled more than this one and the need of a wider road has been felt for a good while.

A petition previously filed asking for the opening of a new public road in Morehead and Center Grove townships was granted. The new road is to connect the road leading from Pisgah church to Lee's chapel with the road running north from the old hillsdale road to John Wharton's.

Citizens of Rock Creek and Jefferson townships filed a petition asking for a public road to begin at the McConnell road, on Walter Clark's land, and running thence over the lands of J. C. Foust, Salem Tesh, D. L. Burnside, Ed. Andrew, Mrs. Dora Greeson, Miss Maggie Greeson and Mrs. Mary Foust to the creek and thence over the lands of John Geringer, Daniel Iseley, James Friddle, Daniel Albright, J. P. Phillippe, Sophia Iseley and Sarah Low and opening into the Whitsett and Brick church road at Kivett Shepherd's store.

A petition was filed asking for the opening of a public road in High Point township, beginning where Kearns street intersects the southeastern boundary line of the city and running in a southeastern direction along and over the trail of the old road for a distance of 300 feet over the land of E. A. Bencini and thence over the lands of Mrs. J. Allen Austin, H. C. Kearns, Jr., and Eli Jones to the point where the old Carter road emerges into the public road leading from Joe Worth's to Springfield church.

Jurors for the two-weeks civil term of Superior court to convene February 8 were drawn as follows: William R. Michael, C. M. Zimmerman, J. L. Whitsett, D. W. Brown, W. A. Staley, T. M. Troxler, A. J. Deringer, J. F. Doggett, C. E. Starr, J. T. Shaw, David S. Coble, J. E. Haner, W. H. Miles, S. R. Troxler, J. A. Starr, L. M. Lowdermilk, J. A. Way, R. A. Gilmer, C. M. McLean, W. H. Dailey, Jr., H. N. Hackett, Eli C. Royal, J. R. Painter, A. J. Hooper, Will E. Caudle, P. J. Waynick, W. P. Bennett, T. C. Bray, J. P. Scott, W. R. Pleasants, J. S. Davis, R. L. Ramsey, Arthur Nelson, C. W. Gamble, C. C. York, E. H. Copeland, Albert Farrington, T. Lee Modlin, J. E. Charles, J. W. Powell, J. W. Gray, Sr., G. A. Hubbard, Charles L. Leonard, W. A. Livengood, R. L. Smith, B. W. Marshall, S. M. Hines and W. P. Jester.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS

### BOTH BRANCHES ORGANIZED YESTERDAY—GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE TODAY.

The 1915 session of the North Carolina legislature met in Raleigh yesterday at noon and both houses were organized by the election of the officers nominated by the Democratic caucuses Tuesday night. The only legislation enacted was the adoption of a resolution by both houses providing for the appointment of a joint committee of five to represent the state at the centennial celebration of the battle of New Orleans. It was explained that the members of the committee would defray their own expenses.

Governor Craig's message will be presented to both houses today.

### Officers of Senate and House.

At the caucus of the Democratic members of the house of representatives Tuesday night Representative E. R. Wooten, of Kinston, was nominated by acclamation for speaker. This came about through a conference early in the evening between the three gentlemen opposing him—T. C. Bowie, of Ashe; A. F. Seawall, of Lee, and L. H. Alfred, of Johnston, in which the situation was canvassed and an agreement reached for all three to withdraw in favor of Wooten.

Other officers of the house were elected as follows: D. P. Dellinger, of Gastonia, reading clerk; J. H. Morning, of Granville, assistant sergeant at arms. (Col. I. J. Brittain, of Guilford, was a candidate for sergeant at arms.)

The senate caucus selected Senator O. Max Gardner, of Cleveland county, for president pro tem. Senator Hobgood, of Guilford, had been a candidate, but after reaching Raleigh decided to withdraw. He seconded the nomination of Senator Gardner and asked that he be chosen by acclamation, which was done.

The election of other officers of the senate resulted as follows: R. O. Self, of Macon county, principal clerk; W. G. Aycock, of Wayne, a nephew of the late Governor Aycock, enrolling clerk; J. H. Burnett, of Montgomery county, reading clerk; W. D. Gaster, of Cumberland county, sergeant at arms, with B. F. Perry, of Perquimans county, as assistant.

### WESTERN GUILFORD WOMAN MEETS HORRIBLE DEATH.

Mrs. Alex. Inman, who resided with her husband about four miles west of Guilford College, died at her home about 5 o'clock as the result of burns she received Tuesday morning, when her clothing became ignited while she was standing in front of an open fire.

Mrs. Inman had just returned to the house after milking and was alone at the time. She was standing close to the fire and suddenly the flames leaped over her head, having caught her clothing and flashed up. She ran from the house screaming and a negro man who was passing by rushed to her assistance and finally succeeded in extinguishing the flames, but only after Mrs. Inman had been terribly burned.

Medical aid was called and everything possible done for the unfortunate woman.

Mr. Inman was in Greensboro at the time and it was several hours after the accident before he could be located. He was found at the mills north of the city, where he had succeeded in obtaining employment only a few minutes before the sad news reached him.

The funeral and interment will take place today at Guilford College.

### Slides in Canal Giving Trouble.

Governor Goethals, of the Panama canal zone, told a house appropriation sub-committee Tuesday that the slides in the big waterway had proved much more extensive than was at first thought. At the point where they occurred, he said, there is a channel 100 feet wide and 27 feet deep, but shoaling has complicated the situation. He did not discuss the probable effect on plans for sending the American fleet through the canal in March, but said the zone government was working the dredges 20 hours a day to clear the channel. At first it was thought 1,000,000 cubic yards of earth would have to be removed, but 1,500,000 already have been taken out and a great quantity remains.

With several war department bureau chiefs, Governor Goethals went over, behind closed doors, plans for public works and fortifications in the zone to cost \$18,000,000. He said that so far as military information indicated, the fortifications now built and authorized were satisfactory. Brigadier General Crozier, of the ordnance bureau, expressed the same view.

## RUSSIAN FORCES TAKE TWO TURKISH COLUMNS.

### Dispatches from the field of war in Europe convey the information that two of the three Turkish columns which last week invaded the Russian Caucasus have met with disaster and the troops not killed or captured are in disorderly retreat.

The column which took Ardahan two days has been driven out of that town, according to Petrograd official dispatches, and is almost surrounded by the Russians, who hold the main roads. Another column which crossed the frontier near Sari-Kamysb, on the road to Kars, has suffered even worse defeat, one of the two army corps which composed it being captured in its entirety.

The Russians also report another victory over the Austrians in the Uzsook pass of the Carpathians. Emperor Francis Joseph's army in this region is declared to be in full retreat in a mountain pass deep in snow, with Russian cavalry attacking its flank and rear.

By forcing this pass, the Russians gain control of some of the most valuable oil fields in Austria, and thus shut off another source of fuel supplies, which the Austro-German armies are said to so much need.

In north Poland, where Russia is confronted with the most serious task, the weather is proving a useful ally. The Germans, according to their accounts, are making only slow progress with their offensive operations.

### Little Fighting in the West.

Except at the two extreme wings on the Belgian coast and in upper Alsace, where the allies have gained some ground, fighting on the western front has been done by sappers, miners and artillery. Only at isolated points has the infantry been given its opportunity. A few hundred yards have been gained by the allies among the dunes of Flanders.

Great interest attaches to French operations in upper Alsace. The capture of Steinbach was accomplished after almost superhuman efforts. Now the French are attempting to force their way through to Cernay, the possession of which would open the door to Muelhausen.

### Lay Beside Dead Wife Two Days.

B. W. Coffman, an aged Confederate veteran, was found last week scantily clad, clinging to the body of his wife, who had been dead nearly two days in their home near Edinburg, Va. Coffman was suffering from hunger and exposure. The wife is believed to have suffered an attack of heart disease, and her husband, who is a helpless invalid, rolled to the bedside in an effort to help her. The fire went out and he lay, cold and hungry, nearly two days.

### Wheat Highest in 40 Years.

Cash wheat sold in Chicago Tuesday for \$1.36 1-4 cents a bushel, the highest January price in more than 40 years. In consequence, top grades of flour were advanced 55 cents a barrel and quoted at \$7.15. The abnormal European demand for breadstuffs was held responsible for the rise.

Second quality flour that sold for \$5.60 last week was quoted at \$6.50 a barrel. Flour that commanded \$7.15 sold in August for \$5.30.

### Depression Passing Away.

Reports of mills reopening, railroads handling more freight and ordering equipment, a revival in the steel trade, retail business improvement and easier credit coming from many cities in the East and middle West indicate that the depression that settled upon the country with the spread of the European war is passing away and that the new year is full of golden promise.

### Eminently Correct.

The Charlotte Observer says: "Some of the state officials and members of the legislature are represented as being pleased with the suggestion of the Observer that the safe and proper disposition of the proposed state-wide primary would be to submit it to the people for adoption or rejection. It is a sound proposition that if the people of North Carolina want a measure of this kind they will vote it upon themselves if given the opportunity. If sentiment in the state runs so strongly in favor of the bill as its advocates would have it appear, then these advocates should be the last to oppose submitting a state-bill to the people for their approval."

### Will Not Waive Right to Search Vessels.

Although the British foreign office regards with high favor the American government's plan of certifying cargoes destined for Europe, it was said in London Tuesday that England cannot accept such certification as an absolute guaranty of the nature of the cargo in case cause for suspicion arises after a vessel leaves America. In other words, the right of search cannot be waived because of the possibility of shifting cargoes at sea.

The waiving of the right of search, in the opinion of prominent British officials, would be an invitation for smugglers to carry contraband to sea in small boats and retransfer it to a ship of certified cargo.

### Exchange of Prisoners.

In reply to the request of the pope of Rome, the emperor of Germany has agreed to an exchange of such war prisoners as are unfit for further service in the army. It is expected the exchange will take place this month.