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## LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

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

**On a Fox Hunt.**—A number of local sportsmen will go to Manchester, near Fayetteville, this afternoon to spend several days on a fox hunt.

**Changes Name.**—The name of the Telair sanitarium has been changed to the Glenwood Park sanitarium. Dr. W. C. Ashworth is the medical director of the institution.

**Y. W. C. A. Campaign.**—A campaign to raise \$3,000 for the Young Women's Christian Association is being conducted this week. About 25 ladies are making a canvass of the city for subscriptions to the fund and are meeting with fair success.

**Club Meeting.**—At the annual meeting of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Club last night the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: L. J. Brandt, president; Dr. John A. Williams and Judge W. C. Cone, vice presidents; W. B. Merrimon, secretary and treasurer.

**Operation For Cancer.**—Miss Rebecca Phoenix, the oldest daughter of Mr. John J. Phoenix, is a patient at St. Leo's hospital, where she underwent an operation a few days ago for cancer. While her condition is naturally serious the attending physicians are hopeful of an early recovery.

**Baseball Schedule.**—The schedule committee of the Carolina Baseball League held a meeting here Tuesday afternoon and arranged a schedule for the coming season to be submitted to a meeting of the league directors to be held on Friday of next week.

**Aged Man's Death.**—Mr. Robert L. Moore, the aged father of Mrs. J. J. Waynick, of this city, died Sunday at his home near Reidsville at the ripe old age of 90 years. The funeral and interment took place Monday afternoon at Speedwell Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Moore had been an elder for more than 30 years.

**Memorial Service.**—Immediately after the adjournment of court Monday the members of the bar held a memorial service for the late David P. Stern, who died suddenly a few weeks ago. Appropriate resolutions were presented and adopted and remarks were made by Judge W. P. Bynum, Col. James T. Morehead and Mr. John N. Wilson.

**Jobs For Lawyers.**—A civil service examination of applicants who may desire positions as title attorneys under the United States department of agriculture will be held in Greensboro on Wednesday, February 3. The examination will be open to lawyers between the ages of 25 and 55 years. The places to be filled pay from \$1,500 to \$2,000 a year.

**Road Work Discussed.**—At their adjourned meeting yesterday the county commissioners spent some time in discussing the matter of improving the principal roads leading into Greensboro and High Point, but no definite conclusion was reached beyond the fact that the work will be begun in the spring. The methods and materials to be employed in the work will be decided upon later.

**Rare Coins Sold.**—A number of rare gold and silver coins that had been deposited with one of the local banks as collateral were sold at auction at the court house door Monday and brought good prices. Mr. A. B. Kimball was the purchaser of 67 \$1 pieces at \$200, a premium of \$133. Mr. Kimball also purchased \$45 worth of rare silver coins for \$52. Clerk of the Court Gant bid in 46 \$2.50 gold coins, with a face value of \$115, for \$120. Mr. W. F. Bogart paid \$7.75 for 650 old-fashioned large pennies, sometimes referred to as "cart wheel" pennies.

**A Business Change.**—A business change of interest to the public will take place February 1, when the firm of C. Scott & Co., grocers and seedsmen, will be succeeded by the Scott Mercantile Company and the store moved from the present location in the McAdoo hotel building to the three-story granite front building recently vacated by the M. G. Newell Company, on South Elm street. Mr. Clarence Scott, who has built up the business to its present proportions, will be at the head of the new firm, and associated with him as stockholders will be Messrs. W. C. McLean and John P. Scott. The business will be enlarged and conducted on a more extensive scale. The new store will provide ample room for carrying heavier stocks of goods.

**Stockholders' Meeting.**—The stockholders of the Greensboro National Bank held their annual meeting yesterday and received reports of the business for the past year. The reports showed an increased business for the year. The directors were re-elected, and upon the adjournment of the stockholders they met and re-elected the officers as follows: Neil Ellington, president; R. R. King, vice president; A. H. Alderman, cashier.

**To Invite President.**—A delegation of Greensboro citizens will call on President Wilson on the 28th inst. to invite the chief executive to make an address at the Guilford Battle Ground celebration July 4, when the monument to Nathaniel Greene will be unveiled. The delegation will be accompanied to the White House by Congressman Stedman and Senators Simmons and Overman. The personnel of the delegation will be made known later.

**To Train Teachers.**—A school for the training of Sunday school teachers of the city will be started February 4. The school will be under the direction of Prof. W. C. Jackson, of the State Normal and Industrial College, who will be assisted by a faculty of able and experienced teachers. It will be a night school of religious education, and the curriculum will include lectures on Bible studies, child psychology, pedagogy, story telling, boy trainings, organization, grading, management, etc.

**Bank Had Good Year.**—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the American Exchange National Bank was held Tuesday afternoon, when very gratifying reports were received of the past year's business. The profits for the year amounted to over \$48,000, out of which two semi-annual dividends of 4 per cent were paid on the capital of \$400,000, leaving something over \$16,000 to be added to the surplus fund. The stockholders re-elected the directors and the directors in turn re-elected the officers of the bank, who are: R. G. Vaughn, president; J. W. Scott, vice president; F. C. Boyles, cashier; F. H. Nicholson, assistant cashier; A. M. Seales, attorney; W. P. Hutton, cashier of the South Greensboro branch.

**Stolen Purse Found.**—Miss Flossie Stone, of Burlington, who, while on a visit in this city several weeks ago, had a purse containing \$50 snatched from her hand by a highwayman, was made happy this week by the return of the purse and all but \$2 of the money it contained at the time of the theft. Miss Stone stopped off in Greensboro to spend the night with the family of Mr. M. M. Wilson and was on her way to the Wilson residence when a strange man who had followed her and her companion for some distance grabbed the purse from her hand near the corner of Bellemead and Cedar streets. The robbery occurred after dark and it was impossible to give the police officers a good description of the thief. The little son of Mr. Wilson found the purse in a vacant lot near the scene of the robbery. It is believed that the thief became frightened and threw the purse away after taking out the missing \$2.

**Local Firm Sued.**—Miss Loula M. Riley, of Sanford, who was formerly employed as a clerk in the store of Ellis, Stone & Co., in this city, has instituted a suit for \$15,000 damages against W. H. Stone, Jr., the head of the firm; Thomas Hicks, an employe, and W. T. McCuiston, a member of the police force. In her complaint Miss Riley alleges that on the evening of December 4, 1914, she was detained in the store by Hicks, and after being locked in a room on the third floor of the building, was charged with the theft of goods from the store. She alleges that she was kept in the locked room about three hours and was then carried to her boarding house by the defendants, who made an unsuccessful search of her room for stolen goods. The suit is brought in the Superior court of Lee county. Ellis, Stone & Co. have caused a warrant to be issued charging Miss Riley with larceny, and it is understood that the case will come up in Municipal court in a few days. Miss Riley is represented by Col. John A. Barringer.

**Want 10,000 Members.**—"Ten thousand members" is the slogan which the corn club men are adopting for the work in North Carolina this year. Last year there were between 6,000 and 7,000 members in the state, which was a creditable showing, when the record of this state is compared with that of other states.

## TO BUILD NEW COURT HOUSE

PRESENT STRUCTURE WILL BE REPLACED BY SPLENDID NEW BUILDING.

Guilford county is to have a new, modern and thoroughly up-to-date court house, a structure that is expected to eclipse any building of the kind in the state. It will be erected on the site of the present court house and work will be begun as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made. This was decided upon definitely at an adjourned meeting of the board of county commissioners yesterday.

The new building will be eight or ten stories high and will cost from \$150,000 to \$200,000. The money will be procured from the proceeds of a bond issue to be authorized by the present legislature, and it is estimated that rents from offices in the building will create a sinking fund that will retire the bonds in 15 or 20 years.

Mr. W. C. Boren, chairman of the board of commissioners, makes the following statement concerning the plans for the new court house:

"The county commissioners have done everything they possibly could to clear up the court house litigation, but have failed to do that. The property owners and others interested have failed to make any proposition of any kind.

"The county has on the corner unencumbered about 80x140 feet, property that is too valuable to erect simply a two-story building now, and property that will not sell for what it ought on account of encumbered lots around it. The commissioners have decided that the best thing for the county to do is to put up what is known as a commercial building not less than eight or ten stories high, to be used for offices, court building and the like.

"It is estimated that a building of this kind, outside of the offices used by the county and court room, will rent for from \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year, and the amount will gradually increase from year to year as the property grows more valuable.

"The proposition is to have a bill passed in the legislature authorizing the commissioners to put up a building of this kind and issue necessary bonds for the purpose, all the income in the way of rents to be applied to a sinking fund until the bonds can be paid. It is conservatively estimated that the rents from this building will pay all bonds issued for the same in 15 or 20 years. The only cost to the county will be the interest on these bonds during the time."

## County Teachers to Meet Saturday.

The regular time for the meeting of the Guilford County Teachers' Association was last Saturday, but County Superintendent Foust, after consulting with quite a number of teachers, decided to postpone the meeting until next Saturday, the 16th. As the schools did not open until January 4, there was only one week's work until the regular time for the meeting on January 9 and it was thought best to have at least two weeks' school before the meeting of the association.

Dr. Chase, professor of the philosophy of education at Chapel Hill, will address the teachers next Saturday at 10.30. This address will be free to all the teachers of the county. After this address Dr. Chase will meet with the high school teachers and discuss problems with them.

On Friday night Dr. Chase will speak to the people of Summerfield at the high school building. This is a rare opportunity for the people of that section to hear one of the foremost educators in the state.

## Negro Preacher Held.

John Thompson, a colored preacher, is in jail awaiting the next criminal term of Superior court, when he will be tried on a charge of criminal assault. His alleged victim is Emma Rankin, a 14-year-old colored girl, who resides with her mother near Guilford Battle Ground. The preliminary hearing was held before Justice of the Peace Collins and the prosecuting witnesses were the girl and her mother, Jennie Rankin. Thompson's home is near Rudd.

## Prohibition in Alabama.

A bill providing for state-wide prohibition has been introduced in the Alabama legislature. It is similar to the prohibition law that was repealed by the legislature of 1911.

## LITTLE FIGHTING GOING ON

WINTRY WEATHER AND MUD INTERFERE WITH MOVEMENT OF THE ARMIES.

Late reports from the European war says the French attacks north of Soissons, east of Rheims, are developing into a serious offensive. The gains the French have made at these points, if followed up, would have two-fold importance. They threaten the railways which the Germans are using to supply their troops in the fighting line and are a serious menace to German forces which hold positions to the north of Rheims. The French have found it impossible to take by frontal attacks positions from which the Germans are bombarding Rheims, but advance on either side would envelop them and force a retirement, thus giving the cathedral city relief from the German shells.

In the Argonne and on the heights of the Meuse the Germans claim to have made further progress. It is understood that the Germans have sent heavy reinforcements to this district to prevent the French from breaking their lines, which are close to their own border and not far from Metz.

Fresh German troops despatched to Alsace, combined with the wintry weather, have stopped the French advance in that region. Along the rest of the front artillery is doing most of the work. Only isolated attacks are being attempted, bad weather and mud making movements of large bodies of troops out of the question.

Similar conditions prevail in the East, and while they have not completely stopped the fighting, they have called a halt of operations. In the restricted areas, along the River Rawka, near Bolimow, there has been fierce fighting, but according to Petrograd correspondents the Germans have not made material advances. Several attempts have been made on the Nida river, where the Austrians oppose Russian attempts to penetrate to Cracow.

The Germans are keeping the Masurian lakes open with ice-breakers to block the Russian advance in east Prussia. Russian troops hold positions around the lakes and have been waiting for them to freeze over before resuming their offensive.

The Turks deny they have been defeated by the Russians in the Caucasus. To offset this denial, Petrograd has a report that Noury Bey, chief of the general staff of the third Ottoman army corps, who was sent by the sultan to investigate the report of the defeat, has been captured by Cossacks.

The Turks have been offering stubborn resistance to the Russians at Kara-Urgan, where a battle has been in progress for five days. The position at this place is more favorable for the Turks, who have not the deep snow of the mountains to contend with and are in closer touch with their base. It is a death struggle for them, for so long as the Russian fleet commands the Black sea the Turks cannot get reinforcements from Europe, the overland route being a long and difficult one. They have an army corps at Bagdad, but this is needed to oppose the advance of the British Indian army from the East.

## Believe British Note a "Feeler."

Sir Edward Grey's answer to the protest made by this government against British interference with American shipping has been accepted in official circles in Washington as the handwork of a keen diplomat, who prepared the note as a feeler, and whose final answer will depend to a great extent upon the manner in which it is received in this country. The administration purposes to indulge in a little "watchful waiting" at the expense of the British foreign secretary. The president and Secretary Bryan will not comment upon the note.

Pending the arrival of the second note, the state department will redouble its efforts in the interest of American shippers. The department is expected to make an immediate protest in the case of every ship which is held up hereafter.

**Sudden Death.**—Mr. Shep Durham, an aged citizen living near Stoneville, was found dead sitting in his chair one day the past week. He was alone in the house and had probably been dead about three hours when found. The cause of his death is unknown, but he had been in bad health for some time.

## REPUBLICAN MEETING HELD IN RALEIGH TUESDAY

About 200 Republicans were in Raleigh Tuesday for a conference of the state executive committee the Republican members of the legislature and party leaders generally.

The conference directed Chairman Linney to name two committees, he to be chairman of both, one to draft a platform to suggest to the state convention for the 1916 campaign and the other to prepare bills in line with the state Republican platform for the last campaign to have introduced by Republican leaders in the legislature and pressed as party measures. Chairman Linney named as the committee on platform in 1916: Frank A. Linney, C. A. Reynolds, J. J. Britt, I. B. Tucker, and George E. Butler. The committee on legislation is to be announced later.

The conference praised the undertaking of Secretary Gilliam Grissom in publishing a quarterly newspaper known as The Protectionist and declared itself favorable to procuring as many county weekly newspapers as possible to advocate and promulgate Republican principles.

In the conference and in talk preliminary and subsequent thereto the leaders refrained from special talk as to possible candidates for governor and other offices, declaring when questioned that any one of a half dozen party leaders might be the candidate.

Chairman Linney stated to the conference that he had received letters from numbers of Republicans, mostly followers of Roosevelt, to the effect that they would attend this meeting but for some objection to one or another of the members of the state committee.

## Republican Senators Open War on President.

Washington, Jan. 13.—One of the liveliest debates of the present Congress stirred the senate today, when Republican leaders launched a vigorous attack on President Wilson's Indianapolis speech, the administration's Mexican policy and Democratic legislation. Democrats met the attack with praise for the president and a prediction of his re-election.

The debate was precipitated over Senator Cummins' resolution asking the president to indicate what the government proposed to do with Mexican customs collected during the occupation of Vera Cruz. Action on the resolution was postponed until tomorrow.

Senator John Sharp Williams, one of those who replied to Republican criticism of the administration, declared with emphasis that President Wilson would be "renominate" and re-elected for the presidency because the American people have found him not only able to take the place of men about whom they were quarrelling, but good enough to stand in his own stead."

Senator Cummins voiced a wish that President Wilson could be confined more closely to "the exercise of his constitutional powers."

Senator Borah made a general broadside attack on the administration.

## Anti-Saloon League Meeting in Raleigh.

Raleigh, Jan. 13.—The eighth biennial convention of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League convened in the First Baptist church this afternoon at 3 o'clock for a two-days session, with Superintendent R. L. Davis presiding with President J. A. Hartness. There were about 75 present for the initial session, including about a dozen ladies. The address of welcome was by Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman and the response by Rev. C. E. McWhorter.

There was a stirring address on the cause of temperance, especially from the viewpoint of the medical profession, by Dr. J. M. Parrott, of Kinston, who has pronounced views in favor of the complete elimination of liquors, even for medical purposes.

Sessions of the convention continue through tomorrow, the closing feature being the address by Richmond Pearson Hobson and the banquet complimentary to the members of the general assembly.

The league heard tonight with a much larger attendance a stirring address by Rev. A. J. Barton, of Waco, Texas, on prohibition both as a state and national factor.

Mr. T. C. Fentress, of Pleasant Garden gave The Patriot a call yesterday.

## 12,000 PEOPLE ARE KILLED

EARTHQUAKE WORKS HAVOC IN ITALY—ONE CITY WIPE OUT.

Rome, Jan. 13.—A terrific earthquake, the strongest ever felt in Rome, occurred early today. It lasted several seconds and caused a serious panic, people everywhere rushing from their houses in terror. Many buildings were damaged by the shock.

The town of Avezzano was virtually destroyed by the earthquake. The dead are estimated at 12,000 and it is believed that 20,000 people are injured. One thousand persons escaped from the ruins, but most of them were injured.

As details began to arrive it was apparent the disturbance in the province of Rome and the Abruzzia had been greater than at first believed and that it also had been felt severely around Naples.

At Monterotondo three persons were killed and two wounded; at Zagarolo the dome of a church fell; at Galiano part of the cathedral was wrecked; at Veroli two persons were killed and two injured. At Tivoli one person was killed; at Pereto five houses collapsed and at Poggio Nativo one person was killed and several were injured. There is no communication with the ancient fortified city of Acquila in the Abruzzia, owing to interruption of telegraph service. It is reported, however, that several villages were destroyed in that vicinity.

At Torre Cajetani, 37 miles east of Rome, almost the entire village was destroyed; at Arnara the municipal building collapsed.

From numerous places calls for physicians are reaching Rome.

When the shock was first felt frightened people rushed in the churches, but the police ordered them out of those which were in danger of collapsing. In all the churches after the shock had subsided, special prayers were offered for deliverance from disaster.

It is announced officially that the center of the earthquake was between Campobasso and Sarno and that it was felt strongly at Perugia and slightly as far north as Ferrara.

In the country places the people are camping in the open.

The town of Pofi is reported to have been half destroyed. At Guigliano two persons were killed.

At the Meteorological Institute it is said that the duration of the earthquake altogether was about one minute. It was stated it was not believed the disturbance extended to Sicily.

## Eighty Plead Guilty of Political Corruption.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 12.—Eighty of the 114 men arrested recently on federal indictments charging conspiracy to corrupt the election of November 3, last, in Terre Haute, Ind., pleaded guilty in the United States district court here today. Eight plead not guilty and demurrers were filed for the remaining 26, including Mayor Donn M. Roberts, Circuit Judge Elihu Redman, City Judge Thomas Smith, Sheriff Dennis Slea and other Terre Haute officials. Argument on the demurrers was set for January 20.

Eight of the eighty who pleaded guilty were employes or former employes of the Terre Haute city administration and included J. Edward Holler, within the last week deposed as chief of police; John F. Nugent, former night chief of police; Eno Harms, custodian city hall, and two policemen and two city hall employes. The others were bar tenders, alleged gamblers and persons without an occupation.

All the defendants were allowed to return to their homes.

Those who admitted their guilt did so without being promised immunity. They are expected to testify for the government in the cases to be tried.

## Makes Miscegenation a Crime.

The house of representatives, by an overwhelming majority of 236 to 60, has passed the Clark bill, which makes the intermarriage of whites and blacks a crime in the District of Columbia, for years a haven for miscegenation. The penalty provided is a fine from \$1,000 to \$5,000, or from one to five years in prison at hard labor, or both.

The bill will go to the senate and efforts will be made to secure its passage at this session in order to break up the practice of mixed marriages at the capital of the nation.