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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

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

Guilford Won.—In a game of basket ball at Guilford College Saturday night the Quakers defeated the A. & M. College team, of Raleigh, by a score of 26 to 24.

To Make Address.—Rev. Joseph H. Peele, of Guilford College, will attend a quarterly meeting to be held in the Friends church at Goldsboro Friday and Saturday and make an address on education.

Money For Y. M. C. A.—The campaign conducted last week to raise money for the Young Women's Christian Association resulted in securing subscriptions amounting to \$2,786. It had been hoped to raise \$3,000.

Appointed Clerk.—Mr. Robert R. King, Jr., one of the younger members of the Greensboro bar, has been appointed clerk to the judiciary committee of the state senate, one of the most desirable positions in the legislature.

New Ice Company.—The Southern Ice Company, which was chartered by the secretary of state a few weeks ago, has purchased from the Arctic Ice and Coal Company the ice manufacturing plant on West Lee street and is expected to operate it during the coming season.

Lee and Jackson Day.—The Guilford chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will celebrate Lee and Jackson day tomorrow. The exercises will be held in the Y. W. C. A. rooms at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon and an appropriate program has been prepared for the occasion.

In Bankruptcy.—Mr. Charles B. Kendall, who has been engaged in the job printing business on South Elm street, Friday afternoon filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States court. Judge Boyd signed the decree in bankruptcy and referred the matter to Mr. G. S. Ferguson, Jr., referee in bankruptcy. The liabilities are scheduled at \$4,375.62, with assets amounting to \$3,235.01. Mr. Charles A. Hines is attorney for the bankrupt.

Officers Elected.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of Dick's Laundry Company Thursday night the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: John M. Dick, president; C. M. Vanstort, vice president; George W. Foushee, secretary and treasurer; Thomas O. Ayres, manager. The president of the company, Mr. Dick, whose health broke down two or three years ago, is residing near San Antonio, Tex., and is said to be getting along very nicely.

Red Men's Minstrel.—The Red Men of the city, assisted by Richardson Brothers' concert band and a quartette from Atlanta, will give a minstrel show at the Grand opera house Wednesday night, January 27. An announcement of the show says: "This is the kind of a minstrel you would have seen 40 years ago," from which it is to be inferred there will be no lack of amusing features. The admission will be 50 cents and tickets are on sale at the Fariss-Kutz Drug Company's store. The proceeds will be devoted to charity.

Dies on Train.—Alphonso Acevedo, a seven-year-old boy, who was accompanying his young sister and an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Patterson, of New York, on a trip to San Antonio, Tex., died yesterday morning on southbound train No. 37 a short time before the train reached Greensboro. Soon after the train left Danville the boy was taken ill and complained of severe pains in his stomach, but his condition was not considered serious. The boy was taken off the train here, and after being prepared for burial, was carried back to New York.

Going to Exposition.—It is probable that Greensboro and Guilford county will furnish quite a number of visitors to the Panama-Pacific exposition, at San Francisco, which will open March 1 and continue until November 30. Most of the people from this section who will visit the exposition will do so during the summer, and already inquiries are being made as to rates, routes of travel, etc. A passenger agent of one of the transcontinental railroads spent two or three days here last week and booked several people over his line. The round-trip fare from Greensboro will be \$81. The meals and Pullman fare for the trip will be almost if not quite as much.

Mrs. C. E. Crutchfield Dead.—Mrs. C. E. Crutchfield, wife of a well known Southern Railway conductor, died Saturday night in Lakeland, Fla., to which place she had gone a few weeks ago to spend the remainder of the winter. It was not known here that she was ill and the message announcing her death came as a great shock to her friends. In addition to her husband, she is survived by three young children and her parents, who reside near Liberty. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Crutchfield was a Miss Teague and for some years was agent of the Southern Railway at Liberty.

Dalton-Lassiter Marriage.—Mr. J. A. Dalton, of this city, and Miss Margaret Lassiter, of Randolph county, were married Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Pugh, on Church street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Melton Clark, of the First Presbyterian church, in the presence of a few friends. Mr. Dalton is a well known business man of the city, being a member of the firm of Tatum & Dalton. His bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Griffin Lassiter, of Bombay, Randolph county, and has resided in Greensboro for the past year.

Have Reached Sweden.—Mr. J. E. Latham has received a cablegram from Messrs. M. Schwab and Edward Latham, who left Greensboro recently to represent the cotton firm of J. E. Latham & Co. in Sweden, announcing their safe arrival in Copenhagen. They will establish an office in Gottenberg and endeavor to build up trade in Sweden and other countries in northern Europe. This is the second Greensboro concern to send representatives to foreign lands since the first of the year, Mr. Sol N. Cone having gone to South America to represent the Cone Export and Commission Company.

Burning City Trash.—The trash, garbage and other refuse gathered up from all quarters of the city is now burned instead of being dumped in huge and unsightly piles outside the city limits, an incinerator having been purchased by the city for this purpose. The incinerator is located north of the city and is attending to its job in a very satisfactory manner. The operation of the incinerator requires the work of only one man, whose duty it is to keep the fire burning under the furnace into which the trash is dumped by the city carts. The incinerator will convert into ashes anything from a paper box to a dead horse.

City Election Next.—The next move on Greensboro's political chessboard will be the campaign preceding the city election on the first Monday in May, but the present indications are that the people here who thrive on political excitement will find little to stimulate them this spring. Practically no city politics is being talked, and from appearances the average voter doesn't know or care that an election is to be held in three and a half months. It is presumed that the elective officials will seek re-election—at least, nothing has been heard to the contrary. The officers to be elected and the incumbents are: Mayor and commissioner of finance, T. J. Murphy; commissioner of public works, J. Giles Foushee; commissioner of public safety, R. M. Rees; judge of the Municipal court, S. Glenn Brown. All the other officers connected with the city government are elected by the commissioners.

Mexico Has Another President.—Mexico City, Jan. 17.—Gen. Roque Gonzales Garza last night was named provisional president of Mexico by the convention in session here over which he has presided. The former provisional president, Gen. Eulalio Gutierrez, who had been elected by the convention a few days ago, together with Generals Blanco, Robles and Jose Vasconcelos left Mexico City this morning at 4 o'clock for Pachuco.

Martial Law has been declared by General Garza and the city is being patrolled by mounted police. In electing Garza the convention declared itself to be supreme and until a new president is elected has assumed the legislative, executive and judicial powers.

President to Speak.—President Wilson has accepted invitations to speak at a convention of the American Electric Railway Association, in Washington, on January 29, and at a banquet of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States on February 4.

GUILFORD TEACHERS MEET

HEAR INSPIRING ADDRESS BY DR. CHASE ON PROGRESS OF EDUCATION.

The Guilford County Teachers' Association met at the city library Saturday morning at 10 o'clock with a large attendance present. Superintendent Foust presided and mentioned that a number of years ago, when the association was first organized, the attendance was not made compulsory but voluntary, and the plan has worked so well that it has been kept on that basis ever since. Mr. Foust said he believed that every teacher in the county that could do so attended these meetings regularly.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. V. R. Stickley, Dr. H. W. Chase, of the department of education of the University of North Carolina, addressed the teachers. His address was forceful and very inspiring. He touched on the progress made by people and nations during two or three centuries and the different needs of the people educationally as they progressed; that the needs of the present day were not the needs of even ten years ago; that the schools were having to change their methods to suit the needs of the present, and he complimented Guilford county that she was trying to meet this need.

Dr. Chase spoke of what was expected of the teachers by the public and quoted from a letter he had received from a city superintendent, written in answer to a letter asking him what he considered the qualifications for a good teacher. He said that his answer contained nineteen things that he considered necessary and a number of others that it would be well to have, and said at the close of the letter that he seemed to have been making out a blank for St. Peter.

Dr. Chase especially emphasized the fact that the education a child should get is one that meets his needs, and mentioned the instance of a school in a mill village discarding the study of the metric system as something unnecessary; but it was not long until there was complaint from the parents because this system was used by the mills and they desired that their children be taught the things they needed. "This mistake," said Dr. Chase, "could have been avoided if the teachers had studied the needs of the community and tried to meet them. Many of us could find plenty of opportunities to find the kind of work that should be done in the school room.

"This is a new life, a new sort of education and we must not expect that we are going to solve all our problems in a year or five years or ten years or in a lifetime." China thought she had a perfect system of education, and as a consequence, China stopped growing, but when China awakened she threw away her system of years and built up a new system. As long as we are changing, as long as our civilization is growing we are obliged to have change in our school systems. Education in this age and generation is more democratic than it has ever been before; that is, it is suited to all people.

"Education has always been more or less for the aristocracy, for a few people who were to be educated to rule the rest of the people. There has never been an educational system that attempted to educate everybody alike and give every one equal opportunity. Germany doesn't have it, France doesn't have it, England doesn't have it. In those countries it is almost impossible for a child of poor parents to get himself set on the path that leads to higher education. The public school system of England is still looked upon with scorn and the public schools are supposed to be patronized by children who haven't money to go somewhere else.

"We are making an effort to be democratic. Guilford county is trying to give an equal opportunity to all. Our high schools have been fitting boys and girls for college and not fitting for life that great majority of children whose education will cease when they leave the high school. It should do both of these things. Our cities are building up industrial schools and trade schools by which boys spend half their time in school and half at a factory learning a trade. Some schools go so far as to say, 'Don't teach anything to a child that is not in direct touch with the life that the child is living.'

"The country school too long has copied the city school. When people began to have schools in the country they made them what they were because the cities had schools first. We do not need the same subjects taught in the same way, but we need to study the needs of the communities. It should be the teacher's greatest task to study the needs of the community in which the children live."

Dr. Chase mentioned the fact that the department of education of the university is doing extension work and invited the teachers to ask the department for help.

Dr. Chase is a fine speaker, being broad-minded and a man of high ideals. He could have held his audience for hours without tiring them. After the general meeting he met with the high school teachers for a general discussion of school problems.

The primary teachers met with Miss Land for a discussion of the reading circle work. The grammar grade teachers discussed the work of the reading circle with Miss Margaret Brooks, of the Pomona school, and "seat work in the third, fourth and fifth grades," was discussed by Miss Cora Donnell, of the Bessemer school.

The teachers will hold their next regular meeting on the second Saturday in March, when plans for the county commencement will be discussed. Superintendent Foust requested the teachers to be collecting some of their best work now to be used at the Central Carolina Fair next fall.

FEW CIVIL CASES HEARD AND NUMBER CONTINUED.

So far the present civil term of Guilford Superior court has not been productive of any considerable amount of work. A few cases have been tried and quite a number continued. The term will come to an end Saturday, if it is not adjourned earlier, and a week's criminal term will convene next Monday morning, January 25.

The jury returned a verdict of \$1,000 for the plaintiff in a suit brought against the city of Greensboro by J. R. Bell for \$5,000 damages for the death of his seven-year-old child by drowning. During the severe rainstorm that visited the city in the spring of 1912 the child was drowned while returning from school at a point near the city pumping station.

At this point the city had done some street work. The water overflowed the street and covered it to a depth of several inches. It is alleged that the child was swept from the street by the water, through which she was wading, on her way home, and she was carried into deeper water below the street and drowned.

In the case of Roy Shaw vs. the North Carolina Public Service Company the plaintiff was given \$4,000 damages for injuries received when he came in contact with a live wire in the foundry of the Cook-Lewis Company. An appeal to the Supreme court was taken.

A judgment was given E. F. Allred for \$215 against Longest and Eessier for work.

G. S. Bradshaw was given a verdict for \$41 against the Pullman Company for a lost overcoat.

Mrs. Irene Moore was given a judgment for \$80 against the Pullman Company for lost goods.

The jury gave the plaintiff a verdict for \$35 in a suit brought by Monroe Morton, colored, against the Southern Railway for damages for the killing of a horse.

President Wilson a Grandfather.

A son was born at the White House yesterday afternoon to Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre, President Wilson's daughter. The boy weighed six and a half pounds and both the baby and mother are doing well. President Wilson made no effort to conceal his joy when informed that the child was a boy and that Mrs. Sayre was doing well. His face was wreathed in smiles. The baby is his first grandchild and the first boy in his direct family.

Mrs. James Woodrow, an aunt of President Wilson, who makes her home in Greensboro with her son-in-law, Rev. Dr. Melton Clark, received a telegram last night from her nephew announcing the birth.

Mr. J. H. Summers, of Greensboro Route 5, paid The Patriot a welcome visit Friday.

FIVE PERSONS ARE DROWNED

PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN OF BURLINGTON ONE OF THE UNFORTUNATES.

James W. Murray, president of the Piedmont Trust Company, of Burlington; Mrs. W. E. Porch, wife of the manager of Ye Olde Colony inn at Beaufort; C. P. Dodson, of Norfolk, Va., and two members of the crew of the yacht Julia were drowned when the gasoline tank of the yacht exploded early Friday morning near Long Shore river at a point about twenty miles from Engelhard, Hyde county, and the vessel sank before any assistance could reach her or its occupants. Mrs. J. W. Murray, who was on board the vessel with her husband, succeeded in swimming to shore, two miles distant.

The catastrophe is one of the most appalling to occur in the waters of eastern North Carolina in years. Mr. Murray, who is one of the owners of Ye Olde Colony inn at Beaufort, had gone to Norfolk early in the week, accompanied by his wife and Mrs. Porch, wife of the manager of the inn, to purchase the yacht Julia from G. P. Dodson, of that city.

The purchase was made and the party, accompanied by Mr. Dodson, started back to Beaufort on board the vessel. The start was made on Wednesday afternoon. So far as is known the trip was uneventful until early Friday morning, when the explosion of the gasoline tank occurred.

Mrs. Murray, the only survivor, was blown out of the boat by the force of the explosion, but was not injured enough to prevent her swimming, and she succeeded in reaching shore and told of the tragedy.

The yacht Julia was forty-two feet in length and was handsomely fitted in quartered oak. She had sleeping accommodations for eight and a carrying capacity of thirty-five persons. She was equipped with gasoline engines and the tanks supplying these held thirty to forty gallons of fuel.

Mr. Murray was about 40 years old and one of the leading citizens and most prominent business men of Burlington and Alamance county. He organized and was president of the Piedmont Trust Company. It was through his efforts that the electric railway from Burlington to Graham and Haw River was built. He was a son of the late Lucian Murray, who died a few years ago.

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Guilford county board of health was held Thursday afternoon in the court house annex. Dr. William M. Jones, the county health officer, submitted an exhaustive report of his work for the past year, which was received with approval by the members of the board.

In considering plans for the future it was decided to extend the scope of the work that has been done with such gratifying results. During the summer of 1913 the county health officer devoted considerable time and labor to examinations for hookworm and last summer he paid special attention to anti-typhoid vaccination. Both of these lines of work will be continued this year, and in addition special attention will be paid to the sanitary and health conditions of the school buildings, grounds and general surroundings.

The board unanimously re-elected Dr. Jones county health officer for the ensuing term of two years, and this action will meet with the hearty approval of the people generally. Dr. Jones is admirably equipped for the duties of his position and has developed the work of the health department to a high state of proficiency.

Guilford stands in the forefront of North Carolina counties in the matter of public health and sanitation. The people of the county have learned to appreciate the value and importance of the work being done, and the vast majority of them are glad to give their sympathy and cooperation.

Oppose Annulment.—Citizens of Sanford, in a mass meeting held Thursday night, adopted resolutions opposing the efforts being made to annul the sale of the C. F. & Y. V. railroad to the Southern and the Atlantic Coast Line.

NO NEWS OF IMPORTANCE FROM EUROPEAN WAR.

No news of particular interest is being received from the European war these days. The main wing of the Russian army is being kept busy in efforts to prevent the Germans from breaking their way through to Warsaw. Other Russian forces have stormed and taken Kiliababa pass, on the borders of Transylvania, and have made further progress in their advance along the right bank of the Vistula toward the German frontier.

The Germans in force have delivered seven successive attacks, which developed desperate bayonet fighting on the Russian lines on the left bank of the Vistula and have succeeded in taking one of the Russian advance trenches.

Further south there have been similar attacks, in each case preceded by heavy artillery engagements. The Russians have succeeded in silencing the heavy Austrian guns, which from the banks of the Dunajec have been bombarding the town of Tarnow.

In the west there has been brisk fighting at many points. The French claim further progress along the coast of Flanders, but not to the extent indicated by unofficial reports. Attacks and counter attacks have prevailed in the region of Arras and in the Aisne valley, south of Laon, but apparently without either side making any important gains.

The French progress east of Rheims and in the Vosges, however, continues, despite a heavy snowstorm, according to official claims. In the Argonne the Germans claim to have improved their position.

An official German statement estimates the allies losses since they commenced their offensive four weeks ago at 150,000, including 20,000 killed and more than 17,000 prisoners.

COLE BLEASE RESIGNS OFFICE OF GOVERNOR.

Cole L. Blease Thursday retired as South Carolina's governor five days before his second term of two years would have ended. His resignation, sent to Secretary of State McCown, was supplemented by a brief message to the general assembly informing the members that it also was tendered to them.

Some members of the house of representatives and senate cheered the announcement of the governor's resignation, and by direction of the presiding officers in the two houses the message was received only as information.

Lieutenant Governor Charles A. Smith was immediately sworn in as the state's chief executive to serve out the unexpired term.

No previous intimation of the governor's action had been given and no reason for it was assigned. The present legislature is chiefly composed of men who are his political opponents, and it was said that proposals to institute impeachment proceedings against him were made at a meeting of legislators Tuesday night, but that no action was taken.

Governor-elect Richard I. Manning will be inaugurated tomorrow. He has been a political opponent of Mr. Blease and defeated Lieutenant Governor Smith, endorsed by Governor Blease, for the Democratic nomination last August. Mr. Blease, at that time, was defeated for the Democratic nomination for United States senator by Ellison D. Smith, the incumbent.

Government Decrees Standard Barrel.

For the first time in history the federal government will exercise its constitutional control of the weights and measures of the country under a bill agreed to by the house, which already has passed the senate, establishing a standard barrel for fruits, vegetables and other dry commodities.

The standard barrel bill provides for a barrel with 21 1-2-inch staves and 17 1-2-inch heads, made of material not thicker than four-tenths of an inch. However, any barrel having a capacity of 7,056 cubic inches will be considered standard.

Under the law it would be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$500, or imprisonment for six months, to sell or offer for sale in the United States a barrel containing fruits, vegetables or other dry commodities of less capacity than a standard barrel or its legal subdivisions.