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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

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

Baseball Schedule.—The directors of the North Carolina Baseball League held a meeting here yesterday afternoon and adopted a schedule for the approaching season, which will open April 26.

Hall-Ross.—Mr. L. H. Hall, of Dunn, and Miss Martha E. Ross, of this city, were married last evening at 6.30 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. F. L. Ross, on Guilford avenue. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. M. Andrews, pastor of Grace M. P. church.

Approaching Marriage.—Mrs. G. H. Poske, of Washington, D. C., formerly Mrs. John G. Brodnax, Jr., of Greensboro, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Margaret Brodnax, to Mr. John Hewson Dickson, Jr., of Lewiston, Maine. The marriage will take place at the home of Mrs. Poske, 1606 Hobart street, Washington, Thursday evening, February 11, at 8 o'clock.

Price of Stealing Liquor.—Walter McCorkle and Walter Thompson, both colored, were given a hearing before Judge Brown, in Municipal court, Tuesday on the charge of the larceny of whiskey from the Southern Express Company's station in this city. They were found guilty and sent to the city streets for terms of eight months each, this being the penalty that appears to have been established for stealing liquor.

First Visit in 13 Years.—Mr. John T. Welker, a native of Guilford county, but for the past 13 years a resident of Cambridge, Idaho, is visiting friends and relatives in the county. He was called to Guilford by the death of his step-mother, Mrs. Emily Jane Welker, of the Mt. Hope neighborhood. For a number of years Mr. Welker was engaged in the internal revenue service in this section and at present he is postmaster of his home town of Cambridge.

On Inspection Trip.—Messrs. W. C. Boren and W. C. Tucker, of the county board of commissioners, left Tuesday for Atlanta to spend several days inspecting a new material that is being used in improving the roads of Fulton county, Ga., with a view to the possible use of the same or a similar material in rebuilding some of the roads of Guilford county. The material is of a cement composition and is said to be giving satisfaction where it has been employed.

Had Good Year.—Reports made to the annual meeting of the Southern Life and Trust Company, which was held at the home office Tuesday, showed the company had broken all previous records in the production of business. Officers were re-elected as follows: A. W. McAllister, president; R. G. Vaughn, first vice president; A. M. Scales, second vice president; R. J. Mebane, third vice president; Arthur Watt, secretary; A. S. Kerr, assistant secretary.

Heard Bob Glenn Lecture.—Mr. S. T. Pidgeon, of Jamestown, Ohio, one of the many exiled North Carolinians who keep informed as to affairs back home through the columns of The Patriot, writes us that he "was not a little delighted to hear the lecture of Governor Glenn at our opera house recently and shake his hand. Such experiences make us glad we are North Carolinians," adds Mr. Pidgeon. Ex-Governor Glenn recently made several prohibition speeches in Ohio, and we presume it was on the occasion of one of these addresses that The Patriot's esteemed friend and subscriber had the pleasure of hearing North Carolina's silver-tongued and leather-lunged apostle of prohibition.

To Invite President.—A committee consisting of the following gentlemen left Greensboro last night for Washington to call on President Wilson today and invite him to make the principal address at the Fourth of July celebration at Guilford Battle Ground: Paul W. Schenck, president of the Guilford Battle Ground Association; A. M. Scales, C. M. Vanstony, L. J. Brandt, R. G. Vaughn, Rev. Dr. Melton Clark, Julian Price and Capt. J. W. Fry, representing the Chamber of Commerce and citizenship of Greensboro; President E. K. Graham and Prof. George Howe, of the University of North Carolina. The delegation has an appointment to call on the president this morning at 11 o'clock and will be accompanied to the White House by Congressman Stedman and Senators Simmons and Overman.

Arrested.—L. Buckwald and J. I. Buckwald, merchants of High Point, were arrested and brought here Tuesday evening by federal authorities on the charge of violating the bankruptcy laws of the government. The warrant charges that the two men improperly withheld goods valued at from \$2,000 to \$5,000. The bankruptcy decree was signed during the past month. Bonds of \$2,000 each were required of the defendants by United States Commissioner Collins, before whom a preliminary hearing will be held February 6.

H. A. Garves Dead.—Mr. H. A. Garves, for many years a highly esteemed citizen of Guilford county, died Tuesday night at the home of a daughter in Oxford, where he had made his home for the past few years. Mr. Garves was in the eighty-seventh year of his age and a native of Germany. He came to this country when a young man and for a number of years resided on a farm near Pomona. The body was brought to Greensboro last evening and carried to the home of the son-in-law of the deceased, Mr. John L. Hooper, on Tate street. The funeral and interment will take place today at Muir's chapel, of which Mr. Garves was a faithful member before he moved his residence from this county. Mr. Garves is survived by his aged widow and three daughters.

Adjudged Not Guilty.—In the Municipal court Monday afternoon Judge S. Glenn Brown rendered a verdict of not guilty in the case charging Miss Loula Riley with the larceny of goods from the store of Ellis, Stone & Co., the defendant having formerly been employed as a clerk in the store. That the verdict met with popular approval was shown by the applause that greeted its announcement. An article in Monday's Patriot related the circumstances leading up to the trial. Miss Riley, who had been employed for some time as a saleslady in the store of Ellis, Stone & Co., was charged on the evening of December 4 with the theft of a number of articles from the store, and following an inquisition in the private office of the manager of the store, her room was searched. Later Miss Riley returned to her home in Sanford and instituted suit in the Superior court of Lee county against Ellis, Stone & Co. for \$15,000 damages.

Valuable Real Estate Sold. The 900-acre farm known as the King-Armfield place that was subdivided into small tracts, was sold Tuesday at auction by Penny Brothers and Thomas Brothers, representing the American Realty and Auction Company, of this city. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, this was one of the most successful land sales ever held in this section. About 500 acres of the land were offered, and sold for approximately \$55,000 to business men, who are expected to make improvements on the land.

This farm is located near the fair grounds on the High Point turnpike, and has been lying practically idle for the past 10 years. Judges who attended the sale stated that Penny Brothers and Thomas Brothers with their live-wire band of music and male quartet, understand their business evidently when it comes to subdividing land and turning it into money quick.

The balance of the land, consisting of about 400 acres, will be placed on the market in the early spring. The auctioneers will continue to build roads and thoroughfares and make other improvements on this farm from now until the day of the next sale.

Bereft of Their First Born. Floyd Elmore, the four-year-old son and first born of Mr. and Mrs. A. Wayland Cooke, died yesterday afternoon at the home of his parents on North Elm street, following an illness of pneumonia. He had been critically ill for several days, and while his life had been despaired of, loving ones who watched beside his bedside hoped against hope for a turn in the tide that would restore the lovable boy to health and strength. The heart-broken father and mother and grief-stricken grandparents have the sympathy of a multitude of friends in the sore bereavement that has come upon them.

The funeral will take place from the home tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock and the service will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Melton Clark and Rev. J. Clyde Turner. Interment will follow in Greene Hill cemetery.

SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION

TRUE BILL FOR MURDER FOUND AGAINST ED. WALKER AND JESSE DORSETT.

The criminal term of Superior court that convened Monday is making good progress in disposing of an unusually heavy docket. A large number of cases have been tried, none of them being of any special importance.

Yesterday afternoon the grand jury returned a true bill for murder against Ed. Walker and Jesse Dorsett, both colored, the alleged slayers of Mr. John Swaim. On motion of counsel for the defendants, the trial of the case was continued until the April term of court.

A case charging June Willard, who resides near High Point and is a well known character, with keeping liquor for sale resulted in a mistrial.

T. R. Turner, white, charged with an assault on his son, was found not guilty.

George File, negro, was found guilty of larceny and sent to the roads for 12 months.

J. G. Russell, white, was found guilty of operating an automobile without lights and was fined \$10 and the costs.

Not a true bill was returned in the John Thompson case, in which he was charged with criminal assault.

Curtis Turner was found guilty of exceeding the speed limit and fined \$10 and the costs.

Sharp Curry, colored, charged with committing an assault on Charles M. Glass, keeper of the house of correction, was found guilty and sentenced to the roads for six months. The assault was committed while the prisoner was being carried to the work house several months ago. Mr. Glass being on the seat in the front part of the wagon and the negro being behind. Curry used a shovel that was in the wagon for carrying out his purpose and dealt Glass a terrific blow over the head, then running to the woods. He was a fugitive several days before finally found.

John Boyd, negro, charged with reckless driving, was found guilty. No sentence was passed.

Rush Donnell, negro, for an assault with a deadly weapon, was sent to the road three months.

Jack Galloway, a negro, for carrying a concealed weapon, was sent to the roads four months.

Mose Mitchell, negro, was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon.

Ed Meeks, white, was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly and judgment was suspended on payment of the costs.

Clay Stanley, white, was found guilty of an affray and judgment was suspended on payment of the costs.

Babe Atwater, negro, was found guilty of carrying concealed weapon, and was sent to the roads four months.

Martha Day, a negress, was found guilty of retailing and sent to the workhouse four months.

Grady Rankin, negro, was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon and retailing and was given 16 months on the roads.

Mattie Scales, negress, was found guilty of retailing and sent to the work house four months.

Charles Black, a negro, was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon.

Frank Sims, a negro, was found guilty of retailing and sent to the roads eight months.

W. A. Young, a negro, pleaded guilty of forcible trespass, and was taxed with the costs.

John Whitt, white, charged with larceny, entered a plea of nolo contendere, and was sent to the roads 10 months.

John Fisher, a negro, was sentenced to 30 days on the roads when convicted of being a vagrant.

Shepherd Brooks, a negro, was acquitted of the charge of larceny.

Frank Stewart, a negro, pleaded guilty to being an escaped convict and was given a 30-day sentence.

Alfred Wiley, a negro, was found not guilty of beating a board bill.

Charlie Holt, a young white man, was found guilty of larceny and sent to the county roads eight months.

Hattie Jeter, a negress, was given a sentence of eight months in the work house for retailing.

"Date" Shaw, colored, was convicted in four cases of retailing, selling

cocaine and immoral conduct. He was given a total of two years on the roads.

Rush Donnell, a negro, pleaded guilty to an assault with a deadly weapon.

Bud Charles, a young white man, pleaded guilty of having liquor for sale. He was fined \$250 and the costs. Charles is the man who was driving the automobile north of High Point, giving Sheriff Stafford and deputies a long chase several months ago. When they caught up with him they discovered a cargo of liquor. Since that time he has been seriously ill, and therefore Judge Lyon agreed for him to pay a fine.

APPROPRIATION URGED FOR RESCUE HOME.

An appeal is being made to the representatives of North Carolina in the legislature for an appropriation of \$3,000 annually to be used to assist in the maintenance and support of the Greensboro Rest Cottage, a rescue home maintained by certain citizens for the rescue of fallen women from all parts of the state. The following detailed statement shows the nature of the work that is being undertaken by the cottage:

The number of girls in the home January 1, 1914, 7; number of babies in the home January 1, 1914, 4; number of girls received during the year 1914, 27; number of babies received during the year 1914, 19; number of professions of religion, 18; number placed in homes, 11; number returned to their own people, 15; number married, 2; number girls in home January 1, 1915, 5; number babies in home January 1, 1915, 2; total number helped during 1914, 57.

It has been stated that on account of the funds of the home being so limited the work has been limited. Twice as much could have been accomplished if the funds had been sufficient, says the management.

The following is included in the statement to the state representatives:

"The home is strictly non-sectarian and has for the past 10 years kept an open door for the poor, wayward girl who has stepped aside from the path of virtue and fallen into a life of sin and shame.

"During this time there have been about 600 girls and children helped as inmates who have come to us from all parts of the state and we receive more than five times as many calls for girls to do home work in our own city than we can supply. On account of our resources not being more extensive we have not been able to accept but about half of the applications for admission.

"We are appealing to you to help us in this work, believing that you are in hearty sympathy with any movement that is beneficial to this grand old state."

The board of trustees of this home consists of E. P. Wharton, M. L. Holladay, Joseph Armfield, C. H. Ireland, James L. Crouse, Samuel Thompson and W. R. Cox.

Stedman Speaks For Filipinos.

In the house of representatives a few days ago Congressman Stedman made a speech in advocacy of the administration bill for independence for the Philippines for which he is being warmly congratulated. The Washington correspondent of the Raleigh News and Observer has this to say of the speech:

"Representative Stedman made a masterly plea for Philippine independence in the house yesterday, speaking for an hour to an interested audience of both Democrats and Republicans. Though he criticized both former President Taft and Minority Leader Mann for their attitude on the Philippine question, he was heartily congratulated by both Republicans and Democrats on his speech. Major Stedman contended that the Filipinos are capable of self-government, that they have declared themselves in favor of independence and that every consideration of right and justice demands that they be given their freedom.

He quoted from President Wilson's book on constitutional government to show that nothing in that book, which President Taft declared to be an excellent definition, is at variance with Philippine independence."

Bryan in State.—Secretary of State Bryan will address the North Carolina conference for social service, in Raleigh, Saturday and Sunday night will deliver an address in Durham.

ALLEGED MURDERERS HELD

ED. WALKER AND JESSE DORSETT CHARGED WITH KILLING JOHN SWAIM.

Ed. Walker and Jesse Dorsett, both colored, charged with the murder of John Swaim, of Pleasant Garden, who died at St. Leo's hospital Saturday night as the result of an assault committed upon him on the previous Wednesday evening, were given a preliminary hearing in the Municipal court Tuesday and held without bond for their appearance before the grand jury of the present criminal term of Guilford Superior court. The defendants were without counsel and Judge Brown appointed Messrs. C. A. Hines and Leonidas Herbin to represent them.

The first witness examined was Dr. W. M. Jones, the county health officer, who testified as to the nature of the wound that resulted in the death of Mr. Swaim.

The next witness called was Mr. A. Plunkett, who had passed Mr. Swaim a few moments before he was shot. The witness said he was returning to his farm, four and a half miles from town Wednesday evening, and passed two men a few yards beyond the Buffalo creek concrete bridge, between the concrete bridge and the wooden bridge, a hundred yards further south. He spoke to the men, making a commonplace remark about the weather or the condition of the roads, and one of them answered in kind. He was struck with suspicion as the two men turned away toward the roadside, keeping him from seeing their faces. He was unable to say whether they were white. Both were medium size and one was slightly taller than his companion.

Mr. Swaim was coming along close behind Mr. Plunkett, driving a horse to a buggy. Mr. Plunkett looked back from his wagon and saw the two men run forward after Mr. Swaim had passed them a little way.

One reached for the bridle rein of the horse of the deceased and the other approached the right hand side of the buggy. A short interval occurred, the shot rang out and Mr. Swaim jumped away from his assailant, crying that he was shot. The wounded man advanced toward Mr. Plunkett and the man at his horse's head seized him and held him to the side of the road, while the other assailant joined him.

They searched Mr. Swaim's pockets then, the witness thought, but was not sure. The two men released Mr. Swaim and the latter got in his buggy and drove forward, passing Mr. Plunkett. The witness did not see which direction the assailants of the deceased took in leaving the spot.

The wounded man drove forward until a party of hunters was met, then stopped and stumbled from his buggy again and told the story of the crime. Mr. Plunkett helped him to the home on the hill and later saw him carried toward the hospital in an automobile.

John Newell, a white youth, was a member of the party which had been hunting in the Pleasant Garden section. They were approaching the city and were at the top of the hill leading to the bridge when they heard the shouts of Mr. Swaim. They approached and were met by the victim of the hold-up. They heard his story and came on to the city, notifying officers of the crime by telephone from the first store they reached.

Sheriff D. B. Stafford was a material witness for the connection of the men on trial with the crime. He stated that he found an overshoe on the south side of the concrete bridge near the scene of the shooting and later its mate on the north side of the bridge. He traced tracks of two men from the scene through the meadow for a long distance to the cornfield back of Mr. Todd's where the pocket notebook and insurance certificate of Ed. Walker's were found.

The day after the crime the ground had frozen where it was soft before, and the tracks of the men, an inch or more deep, were examined. The shoes of Walker fitted the impressions of one of the two perfectly and the overshoes found fitted his shoes with the same exactness. Dorsett's shoes did not fit the other tracks.

Chief of Police Iseley and Policeman Glenn corroborated the sheriff. The officers were aided in following the tracks by Mr. John Norwood.

Although the men on trial had told the police that they were not together on the day of the crime, witnesses testified to seeing them in company both before and after the time of the shooting. Nat Trice, a negro, said that he saw the pair together near the Cape Fear Manufacturing Company's plant about 5.30 in the afternoon, going toward the place where the shooting occurred. Other witnesses testified to their presence on East street, Gilmer street and Clinton street, at 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening.

Fatal Bullet Intended For Another.

The officers have come into possession of evidence which leads them to believe that Walker and Dorsett thought they were assaulting Mat Rogers when they waylaid John Swaim late in the evening of January 20. Mr. Rogers, who is in the employ of the Southern Railway in this city, formerly resided on the hill a short distance beyond the South Buffalo bridge, but moved a few weeks ago. It was his custom to go home between 6 and 7 o'clock in the evening and he traveled in a buggy similar to the one Mr. Swaim was driving.

January 20 was payday with the Southern and Mr. Rogers recalls that Ed Walker, with whom he was acquainted, was watching him when he drew his check. He noticed the negro again when he got the check cashed, but thought nothing of it at the time.

It is believed that Walker and Dorsett intended to waylay and rob Mr. Rogers and that the assault on Mr. Swaim was the result of a case of mistaken identity.

Rockefeller to Meet "Mother" Jones.

New York, Jan. 26.—John Rockefeller, Jr., today told the commission on industrial relations, which is investigating great philanthropic foundations and the cause of industrial unrest, that he felt justified in placing the amount of money his father had devoted to philanthropy at a quarter of a billion dollars. Most of this, he said, went to the Rockefeller foundation, the University of Chicago, the general education board, and the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research.

The witness possessed no data which would show "how much more the world would have benefited, if this \$250,000,000 had been given to labor in increased wages."

Mr. Rockefeller announced today he would confer with "Mother" Jones, the aged labor organizer, regarding conditions among workers in Colorado. Mr. Rockefeller and "Mother" Jones shook hands and talked over the coming conference in the room in the city hall in which the commission is conducting the inquiry.

Villa Organizing New Armies.

Washington, Jan. 27.—General Villa telegraphed the Mexico City convention agency here today that he was organizing two new and powerful columns for a campaign to establish the supremacy of the convention government. He also announced that he had acquired a fleet of aeroplanes to locate enemy positions, and that the first of the machine already had arrived at his headquarters in Aguas Calientes.

Other advices, according to Enrique C. Llorente, of the agency, said Gen. Carrera Torres' troops, in the service of the convention, were engaged by forces under General Caballero in the vicinity of Ciudad Victoria, capital of the state of Tamaulipas.

Another Mexican Ruler Flees.

Mexico City, Jan. 27.—Provisional President Garza and his government left the capital early today for Cuernavaca, where a new seat of government will be established.

This afternoon the last contingents of the army of evacuation is hurrying through the streets. The army of occupation lingers on the outskirts of the city, but is expected to enter soon.

All the commercial houses and banks and even private dwellings are barred and shuttered, although no disorder has attended the fleeing of the Zapata and Villa forces.

Elected Secretary.—The board of education of the State Baptist Convention has elected Dr. Richard Tillman Vann, president of Meredith College, Raleigh, general secretary of the board. He will begin his work as secretary at the expiration of his term of office at Meredith College.