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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

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

January Permits.—Mr. Marvin Boyles, the city building inspector, reports that during the month of January he issued seven permits for new buildings to be erected at an estimated cost of \$16,800.

Civil Service.—A civil service examination was held here yesterday for positions as title attorneys and was taken by the following: Bruce Green of Trinity; Leonidas Herbin, W. J. Sherrard, Cooper Hall, of Greensboro, and Messrs. Hall and Johnson, of the Winston-Salem bar. The positions pay \$1,500 to \$2,000 annually.

To Enlarge Creamery.—Mr. W. J. Shuford, of Hickory, has purchased an interest in the Guilford Creamery company and will be associated with Mr. J. A. Hornaday in the management of the business. Mr. Shuford was formerly manager of the Catawba creamery, at Hickory, and is conversant with all the details of the business.

The Story Teller.—Mr. Richard T. Wyche, a brother of Dr. J. E. Wyche of this city, is to deliver a lecture tomorrow evening at the Greensboro College for Women. Mr. Wyche is a favorite in Greensboro, as he is wherever he is known, and it goes without saying that he will be heard by a large and appreciative audience of Greensboro's most cultured people.

Railroad Men Here.—Mr. Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway, and Mr. E. H. Coapman, general manager of the system, were visitors in Greensboro yesterday. They spent several hours in looking over their company's property and later conferred with a number of leading business men of the city relative to the proposed erection of a new passenger station.

New Undertaking Company.—An advertisement on another page of The Patriot calls attention to the fact that the Southside Undertaking Company has been organized and is ready for business at 609 South Elm street, the stand formerly occupied by the Wilson Undertaking company. Messrs. John A. and N. Rush Hodgson are the proprietors and Mr. W. A. Wilson the manager of the new business.

To Meet in Greensboro.—The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Conference adjourned in Charlotte Tuesday night to meet next year in Greensboro. Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, of this city, was re-elected president of the society, which numbers among its membership many of the leading missionary workers in the Methodist church in western North Carolina.

Congratulations.—Dr. W. M. Jones, Guilford's efficient county health officer, is in receipt of a letter from Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the state board of health, regarding the registration in Guilford county. Dr. Rankin offers congratulations for the accuracy of the registration work in the county during the past year. "The figures from Guilford county," says he, "are among the most accurate of any of the counties of the state."

A Busy Month.—The report of the police department for the month of January shows that 105 warrants were issued during the month. This number of warrants called for the arrest of 143 persons, as many as 12 being arrested on a single warrant. Eighty-five of this number were convicted, 13 were acquitted and the remainder not prosessed. Of the 143 persons arrested, 126 were males and 17 females. A large majority of this number were negroes.

Burglars at Large.—Two Greensboro homes, both located in thickly populated residential sections, were entered by unknown parties Monday night. At each home, so far as can be learned, the burglars got nothing for their trouble. One of the homes was entered while the family was in the house, the burglar passing by an open side window, within a few feet of where two members of the family were sitting and going to a rear window, through which he entered. The family of the other residence entered are absent from the city and after rambling all over the house, the burglar or burglars departed. Nothing but an empty box is missed from this home. The residences entered are those of Messrs. Andrew Joyner and Frank Leak.

Real Estate Deal.—The Irving Park Company, a corporation formed for the development of a large tract of suburban property near the Country club, north of the city, has purchased from the company owning the club property a tract of land at the price of \$14,000. This leaves the club all the land it needs, and the club realizes about \$3,000 more for the part it sells than it paid originally for its entire holdings.

Called Him Names.—Walter S. Royal, a High Point attorney, has sued N. P. Farlow, secretary-treasurer of the Deep River Chair Company, of Randleman, for \$5,000 alleged damages because in a letter to a coal company, it is said, Mr. Farlow referred to Mr. Royal as a "thimble-headed simpleton" and "an insulting little idiot." Mr. Royal had a claim from a coal company against Mr. Farlow's company's, and it appears that the suit is a result of efforts to collect the account.

Hospital Addition.—An addition to St. Leo's hospital, at a cost of \$10,000 for building and equipment, is about completed and will probably be ready for use during this month. This makes the hospital plant worth \$150,000 and one of the best equipped institutions in the South. On the first floor of the annex will be three new operating rooms, and on the second floor are several new bed rooms and toilets. On the top will be a roof garden for the use of the third floor of the main building.

"Chic" Doak For Coach.—A press dispatch from Chapel Hill says: "Chic" Doak, of Guilford, was chosen as coach for the University of North Carolina baseball team for the 1915 season, at the meeting of the athletic council last night. Doak is now coaching the university basketball team and came to Chapel Hill from Guilford College, where as baseball and basketball coach his work was of the highest order. His excellent coaching at Guilford enabled him to put out in the past few years some of the fastest college teams in the state.

Sunday School Workers.—The executive committee of the North Carolina Sunday School Association was in session here Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was held in the state headquarters in the Banner building and was attended by J. A. Brown, of Chadbourne, president of the state association; President W. A. Harper, of Elon College, chairman of the executive committee; Secretary J. W. Long, of this city, and a number of other leading Sunday school workers. Plans were considered for a general extension of the work throughout the state.

In New Quarters.—The undertaking firm of L. M. Ammen & Co. is now located in new quarters, having moved from 600 South Elm street across the street to 607 South Elm street, next to Lowe's grocery store. Mr. Ammen, the head of the firm, has been successfully engaged in the undertaking business in Greensboro for the past five years and is well and favorably known to the public. For several years he was associated with the Wilson Undertaking Company, which went into bankruptcy some time ago. The firm has added picture framing as a branch of its business.

New Corporation.—The Windlass Wagon Brake Company has been organized here and will manufacture and distribute from Greensboro a newly invented wagon brake. The patent is owned by George P. Crutchfield, who until recently was in the internal revenue service. The capacity of the plant will be 200 wagon brakes a day. The incorporators are G. P. Crutchfield and H. C. Marley, of this city, and Z. V. Crutchfield, of Thomasville. The device is one which appears to have real merit back of it, and the new company starts out with most encouraging prospects.

Patient Runs Amuck.—Labrigne under the delusion that some one was trying to kill him, Dr. Lancaster, of Dobson, a patient at St. Leo's hospital, yesterday seized his revolver and fired through the transom over his room door. He then jumped through a window and ran down Summit avenue several blocks and entered the home of Judge S. Glenn Brown. Mrs. Brown was alone, with the exception of a colored servant woman, and both ran from the house upon the approach of the intruder. Officers who responded to a telephone call had no difficulty in conveying Dr. Lancaster back to the hospital.

THE COMMISSIONERS MEET

TRANSACTION MUCH BUSINESS OF INTEREST TO PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY.

The February meeting of the board of county commissioners, which was held Monday and Tuesday, was marked by the transaction of a good deal of business of public interest. Perhaps the two most important matters that came before the board related to the court house proposition and a change in the county road law.

The commissioners approved a bill that will be presented to the legislature authorizing the board to issue bonds in the sum of \$250,000 for the erection of the new court house upon the approval of the people of the county as expressed in an election. The bill probably will be introduced and passed by the legislature within the next few days, and the election can be held in 30 days after its ratification.

It was decided to ask the legislature to amend the present road law of the county so as to abolish the office of township road commissioner, leaving all the road work of the county to be directed from the office of the county superintendent of roads.

The commissioners were called upon to handle several road matters. Citizens of Morehead township petitioned for several changes and a discontinuance in public roads near Pomona, the particulars of which will be found in an advertisement elsewhere in The Patriot.

A petition was filed asking that the road leading from Dr. Williams' place, on the road from High Point to Mechanicsville to the macadam road, be improved with gravel. The board agreed to comply with this request if the property owners shall raise \$1,000 to be expended on the work. The petition was accompanied by a subscription list amounting to \$700.

A petition was filed asking that the road leading from Deep River church, by way of Stafford's mill to the macadam road west of Jamestown, be improved and made a sand-clay road. The board agreed to do this work if the property owners would pay \$1,000 in cash and work of the cost. The subscription list presented to the commissioners was for \$485 in cash and \$395 in work, a total of \$875.

The board granted the petition previously filed asking for the opening of a public road in Jefferson and Rock Creek township, beginning at a point on the McConnell road, on Walter Clark's land, and running for a distance of four or five miles to a point on the Whitsett and Brick church road, at Kivett Shepherd's store, was granted and the road ordered opened according to law.

The matter of extending the use and benefits of the Greensboro public library to all the people of the county was brought before the commissioners again by a committee consisting of Mr. E. P. Wharton and Dr. W. P. Beall. It was proposed that, in return for opening the library to all the people of the county, the commissioners make an appropriation of two and a half cents per capita, which, it was estimated, would amount to about \$1,500 annually. The commissioners again took the matter under advisement.

The monthly report of Dr. W. M. Jones, county health officer, showed health and sanitation conditions in the county to be of a satisfactory nature.

Mr. J. A. Davidson, county auditor and superintendent of roads, was appointed to represent Guilford county at the good roads institute to be held at the University of North Carolina for four days beginning February 23.

Jurors for the three civil terms of Superior court to be held in March were drawn as follows:

March 8—Rufus W. Low, Joe W. Clapp, George W. Lednum, T. J. Rumley, J. C. Browning, George Coble, C. R. Beville, W. A. Jobe, J. A. Kirkman, R. M. Spoon, J. P. Weatherly, W. D. Moore, George J. Harry, E. F. Pate, C. L. Harbour, C. H. Groome, W. D. Sutton, C. L. Ward, W. L. Hanner, J. E. Benbow, H. C. Cude, J. P. Horney, W. A. Meyers and J. W. Allen.

March 15—Y. W. Brann, E. M. Boone, Sam Garrett, Walter Wagoner, M. A. Lineberry, John D. Shaw, J. B. Robinson, C. S. Maness, A. H. Nance, J. F. Scurlock, John Hardin, A. B. Lee, M. H. Edmondson, A. D.

Mangum, M. H. Brannon, Will T. Osborn, A. C. Case, J. A. Walker, Oliver Armfield, J. R. Rumley, J. A. Gordun, C. L. Gray, E. A. Zackary and W. L. Smith.

March 22—Isaac M. Thomas, H. S. Lewey, W. T. Bowman, W. H. Faucett, F. W. Cobb, Jacob Coble, J. R. Schoolfield, James D. Donnell, J. Rank Thomas, A. J. Jennings, J. W. Elliott, Allie Highfill, R. A. Sills, I. F. Bennett, E. E. Bain, Z. Lee Groome, J. C. Strader, S. E. Coltrane, D. W. Moore, O. S. Medearis, Z. P. Campbell, M. P. Sechrest, A. H. Idol and R. O. Lindsay.

Bankruptcy Matters.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed Tuesday in the United States District court by E. Lyman Scott and John A. Goodwin, as individuals and as partners, trading as the Greensboro Furniture Company. The debts are scheduled at \$1,766.17 and assets at \$1,929.20. The matter was referred to G. S. Ferguson, Jr., referee in bankruptcy. T. C. Hovle represents the bankrupts.

In the matter of Robert Harris & Bro. bankrupts, the receiver, Ira R. Humphries, was allowed the sum of \$1,289.15 in full of balance of compensation as receiver, and also the sum of \$310 as receiver for the individual assets of Robert Harris and W. C. Harris.

In the matter of J. H. Walker & Co. bankrupts, Ira R. Humphries, receiver, was allowed a balance of \$631.79 in full of compensation as receiver and also the sum of \$51.79 as receiver for the individual assets of J. H. Walker and Alvis L. Walker.

W. I. Underwood, trustee, has advertised for sealed bids for the purchase of the printing business of C. B. Keddall, bankrupt, the bids to be opened in the office of G. S. Ferguson, Jr., referee in bankruptcy, on February 15.

To Make Sunday Schools More Efficient.

President Harper, of Elon College, addressed a mass meeting in West Marker Street Methodist church Tuesday evening on the subject of Sunday school work. The meeting was held in the interest of the development of greater efficiency in the Bible training of the Sunday schools of Greensboro and there was good attendance. Dr. Harper made an able speech. Prof. W. C. Jackson, of the State Normal College; Mr. A. W. McAlister and others made talks.

Professor Jackson declared that the teaching of the Bible is the hope of the survival of the Christian church under the stress of modern conditions. He is dean of the Greensboro Training School and he stated "that he had found the work in the undertaking bigger than he had expected."

Mr. McAlister praised the accomplishments of Professor Jackson so far in the preliminary work undertaken in the Sunday schools of the city. He spoke of the investigation of the Sunday schools and of his own conviction that in the Sunday school is found the church barometer. The meeting was an enthusiastic one and others will be held.

Fighting the Blind Tigers.

The result of an earnest effort to wipe out the traffic in mean whiskey, which is said to have grown rather large, at the mill villages northeast of the city, was evident in the prosecutions in Municipal court yesterday. Three young white men were convicted of retailing whiskey in the Proximity and Revolution villages and were each sentenced to six months on the Guilford roads. Two of the three served notice of appeal to the Superior court.

The defendants were Bob McPherson, Harvey Brady and Lon Brady. The last named did not give notice of appeal and the other two were required to give \$200 bond each before being released, to guarantee their presence in the higher court for trial.

A peculiarly pitiable aspect was given one of the cases by the presence in court of the wife and three very young babies of the defendant. All of the men tried were young.

"Jim Crow" Law.—A bill by Representative Clark, of Florida, requiring District of Columbia transportation companies to provide separate accommodations for white and negro races has been favorably reported to the house of congress.

IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATE'S LAWMAKERS IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE.

An unfavorable report by a vote of 10 to 2 was the fate of the Weaver bill to amend the child labor law of the state so as to raise the age limit to 14 years and provide for inspectors to inspect factories under the direction of the commissioner of labor and printing. This was after a lengthy joint committee hearing in the senate chamber during which both sides were fully heard.

This is taken to mean that there will be no change in the child labor laws at this session.

There was a big delegation of cotton mill men in Raleigh for the hearing, and before the committee hearing they adopted a resolution urging that no changes be made and pledging that the individual members of the Cotton Manufacturers Association will, if the legislature will leave the law in force as passed two years ago, to give special attention to strict observance and report and proceed against any manufacturer who fails to observe the law.

The house committee on propositions and grievances and senate committee on railroads yesterday afternoon considered quite a while pending bills for requiring railroad companies to pay employees semi-monthly, the senate bill by Ward also including lumber companies and other corporations. In the end the bills were referred to a subcommittee for revision and consolidation. However, there was manifestly such hostility to the bills that neither of them nor any substitute, most likely, has any possible chance of getting favorable report.

The house committee on propositions reported favorably a substitute bill that empowers the county commissioners of any county to levy a tax on dogs from \$1 to \$2, the fund derived to be applied to county purposes at the discretion of the commissioners.

The house yesterday passed the Seawell bill for 12 1-2 per cent flat and 12 1-2 per cent contingent fee for fire insurance agent, contingent fee to be based on profits of the company. It was discussed for nearly two hours with vigorous speeches against it, but passed by a large majority. Representative Grier, in strenuous opposition, declared that he thought the recent insurance investigation was "to slay the great insurance octopus," but now he feared that the legislature was, on the advice of the investigation committee, simply strangling a little jelly fish. The bill was sent to the senate.

Among new bills introduced was one by Laughinghouse to provide increased pensions for Confederate veterans so that they can remain at home with wives, instead of being forced to "desert their wives," as he expresses it, "to come to the soldiers' home."

Representative Darden offered a bill to authorize county commissioners to pay \$10 rewards for information convicting violation of the prohibition law and making the minimum punishment three months on the roads.

Senator Gardner, of Cleveland, led a lively and successful fight in the senate Tuesday for the bill from the house to divide the state into two judicial circuits to take the place of the present statewide rotation of the 20 judges that keep them far away from their home districts during the greater part of their terms of office. Senator Gardner had charge of the bill and pitted against it were Senators Weaver, McMichael and McNider. Senator Ward joined Senator Gardner in the active argument for the bill and the vote was 34 to 6 for passage, the measure being ordered enrolled for ratification.

Long, of Union, offered a bill in the house to limit freight trains to 50 cars.

Representative Stacy offered a bill providing for formation of districts on the order of those for drainage purposes for the purpose of purchasing implements with which to clear lands, such as stump-pullers and the like.

A new bill by Long, of Halifax, would penalize clerks of courts for failure to transmit appeals to the Supreme court in proper style.

Unfavorable Reports on Woman Suffrage.

Unfavorable reports in both the

senate and the house is to be the fate of woman's suffrage bills now pending in the hands of legislative committees—the Hobgood bill in the senate and the Roberts bill in the house. This is the outcome of the joint hearing on these bills Tuesday afternoon when the hall of representatives crowded to its utmost with a brilliant assemblage of women that many anticipated would surely wrest from the joint committee at least favorable reports for the bill.

However, the committees heard Dr. Anna Shaw, head of the woman's suffrage movement for the nation; Mrs. Archibald Henderson, of Chapel Hill, head of the movement for North Carolina; Mrs. Eugene Reilly, of Charlotte, president of the Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Goodno, of Raleigh, president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and Mrs. Al Fairbrother, of Greensboro, in the most stirring appeals and arguments for their cause and then retired to the committee rooms and voted unfavorable reports for the bills. The senate committee on election laws voted 4 to 3 for unfavorable report and the house committee on constitutional amendments 6 to 3 for unfavorable report.

Notice was given on both committees that there would be minority favorable reports, to give the bills a footing for fights on the floors in both ends of the capitol.

DEFICIT OF \$8,116,427 FOR MONTH OF JANUARY.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Revenue collected by the government in January failed by \$8,116,427 to meet the month's disbursements. Receipts usually are low at this time of the year, but in January the excess of disbursements was only \$4,512,262.

Neither customs nor internal revenue brought in the expected returns. Customs receipts amounted to \$16,558,193, compared with \$23,528,080 in the same month last year, and \$14,390,982 in December, 1914.

Another feature was the fact that ordinary internal revenue receipts were \$27,096,155, or less by \$5,000,000 than in December, and only about \$2,500,000 more than the receipts from the same source in January, 1914, although revenue from the emergency tax was included.

It was pointed out tonight that the estimates of government revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30 next contemplated internal revenue receipts of \$25,000,000 per month and about \$7,500,000 per month from the emergency tax, a total almost \$5,500,000 in excess of that actually produced during the thirty-day period just finished.

Officials are not ready, however, to predict how much revenue the emergency tax will produce, and are hopeful that other internal revenue receipts will show an increase in the next few months.

The first seven months of the fiscal year show an excess of disbursements over receipts of \$70,855,270, compared with a corresponding excess for the same period last year of \$17,867,609.

At the close of the month the net balance in the treasury's general fund was \$57,020,589 and the total cash assets in the treasury \$1,991,153,159.

Flood Holds Man Prisoner in Tree.

Flemington, N. J., Feb. 2.—Alexander Pyatt, of Flemington, is marooned in a tree in the south branch of the Raritan river near Sunnyside tonight. In the inky darkness, with a steady cold rain falling, residents of Flemington and other places are endeavoring to rescue him from his perilous position. Pyatt endeavored to cross the river this afternoon, but the heavy downpour had turned the river into a raging torrent and, underestimating the depth of the water, he attempted to cross the river and was caught in the torrent.

Carried to one side of the road, he succeeded in freeing his horse, when the vehicle was overturned and reached a tree where he is held a prisoner, with the river still rising. Although equipped with boats and hand lines the work of rescue is a perilous one and may have to be abandoned until daylight. The horse has not yet been recovered.

Mr. T. M. Webb, of Brown Summit Route 1, one of The Patriot's good friends in northern Guilford, was a welcome caller at the office a few days ago.