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## LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

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

**Mr. Nicholson Ill.**—Mr. J. W. Nicholson suffered a stroke of paralysis a few days ago at his home on the corner of West Market and Cedar streets. His condition is not regarded as especially alarming.

**Fogelman-McCauston.**—Mr. Clarence Fogelman and Miss Elizabeth McCauston were married Saturday night at the ceremony taking place at 7 o'clock at the home of the bride's father, Mr. J. T. McCauston, on West Lee street, and being performed by Rev. Shuford Peeler.

**School Entertainment.**—A play entitled "Josiah's Courtship," will be given at Shady Grove School house in Jefferson township, five miles east of the city, next Saturday night, February 13, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. An admission of 10 cents will be charged and the proceeds will go to the benefit of the school.

**Held For Court.**—L. and I. Buckwald, of High Point, who were arrested recently on warrants charging them with violating the bankruptcy laws by withholding property, were given a hearing Saturday before United States Commissioner Collins and held for the June term of United States District court in this city under bonds of \$500 each.

**Little Boy's Death.**—Hardy, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy T. Gregory, died yesterday morning at the home of his parents on West Market street, following a short illness of acute indigestion. The funeral will be held from the home this afternoon at 4 o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. Dr. C. W. Boyd and Rev. Robert E. Roe.

**Adjudged Bankrupt.**—The Wayne-Wenick Paint and Oil Company, of this city, has filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in the United States court and an order of adjudication has been signed referring the matter to G. S. Ferguson, Jr., referee in bankruptcy. The liabilities are scheduled at \$2,538.97, with assets amounting to \$1,518.43.

**Court Met Today.**—A civil term of Guilford Superior court was convened by Judge C. C. Lyon at 9:30 o'clock this morning and will continue for two weeks. In addition to a heavy calendar to be tried, there are a number of important motions to be argued, and it is safe to assume that the court will have no trouble in consuming the time allotted to it.

**Adjudged Bankrupt.**—A. M. Hladley, a merchant of Graham, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States court here Friday afternoon and an order of adjudication was signed by Judge Boyd, the matter being referred to G. S. Ferguson, Jr., referee in bankruptcy. The liabilities were scheduled at \$19,910, with assets amounting to \$10,347.34.

**Returns to Greensboro.**—Mr. W. E. Heckett, a Guilford county boy, who has been engaged in the hotel business in Danville for some time, has returned to Greensboro to spend a few months pending the completion of a handsome and up-to-date hotel in Danville of which he is to be manager. It is expected that the new hotel will be thrown open to the public not later than early in the fall.

**Rescue Home.**—The rescue home for fallen women that has been conducted on Silver Run avenue for several years by Rev. W. R. Cox and his associates has been incorporated by the secretary of state under the name of the "Greensboro Rest Cottage." The incorporators are Rev. W. R. Cox and Messrs. Joseph H. Armfield, J. L. Crouse, M. L. Holliday, C. H. Ireland and E. P. Wharfeday.

**After the Tigers.**—Recently the officers of the law have been making strenuous efforts to break up the blind tiger industry in the mill villages north of the city, and as a result, it is said it is now much more difficult than formerly to buy intoxicants at Proximity, Revolution and White Oak. During the past few days six white men and two negroes have been convicted before Justice of the Peace Rogers, at Proximity, and held for the Superior court under bonds of \$50 each. The defendants are: Herbert Made, Reason Brown, L. N. Hinsley, L. H. Snow, Lester Jarvis, all white, and Joe Hooper and Jim Green, colored.

**To Change Courts.**—A bill has been drawn and will be introduced in the legislature within a few days providing for changing two terms of Superior court in Guilford county from civil to criminal terms. It is proposed to change the June and December civil terms to criminal terms. It is believed that such an arrangement would go far toward relieving the congestion of the criminal docket that exists at present.

**To Operate Box Factory.**—Roberson & Strader, of Belew's Creek, well known sawmill and lumbermen, have a force of laborers at work building a box factory they will operate on property they purchased some time ago between the eastern entrance of the Central Carolina fair grounds and the extension of West Lee street. The plant will be in operation soon and is expected to employ from 15 to 20 men regularly.

**Laymen's Meeting.**—Arrangements are being made to have Greensboro and Guilford county well represented at a big convention of Presbyterian laymen to be held in Charlotte February 16-18 under the auspices of the laymen's missionary movement. Some of the best known religious workers in the country are to attend and take part in the convention, which is to be one of the most important religious gatherings in the state this year.

**To Sell Bonds.**—The city commissioners have decided to open bids on Wednesday, March 3, for the sale of the issue of \$100,000 of bonds authorized by vote of the people of Greensboro last May for improving the streets of the city. The generally unsettled financial condition of the country, due to the European war, made the sale of the bonds last summer or fall appear inadvisable, but it is believed that they can be disposed of now to good advantage.

**Farm Brings Good Price.**—A public auction sale of the farm and much of the personal property of Mr. C. U. Hinshaw, in the Tabernacle section of Clay township, was held Friday, the sale being conducted by the Southern Real Estate Company, of this city. Mr. Harper M. Coble bid in the property for \$5,662.80. The farm consists of 125 acres and is in a good state of cultivation. It sold for a price close around \$45 an acre. Mr. Hinshaw is preparing to move to Hoke county, where he has bought a farm in the sandhills country.

**New Business Concern.**—Mr. Jesse Armfield, of Thomasville, cashier of the Bank of Thomasville, has rented quarters on the first floor of the Banner building and is preparing to embark in the stock, bond, and brokerage and insurance business under the name of the Gate City Trust Company. Mr. Armfield is a son of Mr. W. J. Armfield, of High Point, one of the best known business men and financiers in the county, and is himself a young business man of splendid ability. In engaging in business in Greensboro Mr. Armfield will not sever his connection with the Bank of Thomasville or give up his residence in that place.

**Golden Wedding.**—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Foust, who are among the oldest and most highly esteemed citizens of Alamance county, will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at the home near Graham tomorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Foust are the parents of Dr. Julius I. Foust, president of the State Normal and Industrial College; Prof. Thomas R. Foust, county superintendent of schools; Prof. Frank L. Foust, principal of the Pleasant Garden high school, and Mrs. A. L. Henley, of this city. Many friends will join in extending felicitations to this aged and well known couple in extending the half-century milestone in their married life.

**Mrs. J. P. Huffman Dead.**—Mrs. J. P. Huffman, who was well known to many readers of the Patriot, died about 1 o'clock Friday morning at her home at Elon College, following a short illness of a severe cold and pthema. The news of her death came as a great shock to her friends, few of whom knew of her illness. Mrs. Huffman spent the greater part of her life in Guilford and has a number of relatives and friends in this county. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Low, of this county, and a sister of Messrs. J. H. and W. F. Low, of Greensboro; Mrs. B. B. Greeson, of Alamance county, and Mrs. D. W. Ramseur, of Guilford. She was a faithful member of the German Reformed church.

**Told Good Stories.**—Mr. R. T. Wyche, the well known lecturer and story-teller, entertained an appreciative audience at the Greensboro College for Women Friday night. He gave a number of selections from "Uncle Remus" that stamped him as an impersonator and lecturer of no mean proportions. Mr. Wyche is a brother of Dr. J. E. Wyche, a leading dentist of Greensboro, and has made for himself quite a reputation as a lecturer and entertainer. He is always heard with pleasure in Greensboro.

**Robbed a Train.**—Irvin Holly, a young negro of this city, was given a hearing in Municipal court Saturday on the charge of robbing a Southern Railway freight train last November, and upon being found guilty, was sentenced to the county roads for 12 months. The defendant gave notice of an appeal and was held under a bond of \$300 for his appearance at the next criminal term of Guilford Superior court. Holly was arrested in Richmond a few days ago and brought back to Greensboro for trial.

**On Elopement Charge.**—J. P. Massey was given a hearing before Justice of the Peace Collins Saturday afternoon charged with eloping with Mrs. Rettle Garner, the wife of P. O. Garner, of this city. It was charged that Massey and Mrs. Garner left Greensboro the first of last August and only returned to the city a few days ago. During the time the couple were absent from the city they are said to have visited Danville, Va., Norfolk, Va., Baltimore Md., Washington, D. C., and Winston-Salem and High Point. Massey was held for the April criminal term of Superior court under a bond of \$200.

### Part of Missing Money Recovered.

Thursday's Patriot carried a news item to the effect that A. Hill, a mail carrier in Stokes county, was missing, together with \$3,000 in money. Hill carried the mail between Danbury and Walnut Cove and abstracted the money before delivering the pouch to the postmaster at Walnut Cove. The following dispatch from Winston-Salem tells how a portion of the money was recovered:

"The Bank of Stokes County has recovered \$1,435 of the \$3,000 alleged to have been stolen by A. Hill, route mail carrier last Tuesday. The money was turned over to Sheriff W. C. Slate by J. H. Keaton, of Vade Mecum, who stated that the money was given him Tuesday night by Hill, with the request that \$1,000 of it be given to Mrs. Hill and the remaining \$435 be used in settling Hill's debts in the neighborhood.

"Mr. Keaton states that he had no idea that the money was stolen when it was given him and that he had no idea of the present whereabouts of Hill."

### City Politics Looking Up.

The municipal political pot is beginning to simmer. Mayor T. J. Murphy, Commissioner of Public Safety R. M. Rees and Commissioner of Public Works J. G. Foushee, Jr., have announced their candidacy for re-election and will ask for the support of the voters on the four-years' record made by them under the commission plan of government. It is probable that all three will have opposition. Mr. Charles A. Hendrix is an avowed candidate for commissioner of public works, and among others mentioned as probable candidates for mayor and commissioner of public safety are Messrs. E. J. Stafford, J. Henry Phipps and B. E. Jones.

### Killed by Explosion.

Fred Myers, white and aged 37 years, was killed and several others were slightly injured in Winston-Salem Friday afternoon, when a gasoline tank located in the plant of the Crystal Ice Company exploded.

Mr. Myers, a machinist in the employ of the Salem Iron Works Company, together with several other men, was engaged in installing some machinery in the plant. The force had just returned to work after the noon hour when a loud report was heard and fire was thrown in all directions by the explosion of a gasoline tank.

Myers leaves a widow and one child.

**Women on School Boards.**—The Alabama legislature has passed a bill to allow women to be elected to county boards of education.

## IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

The joint finance committee of the legislature has put the finishing touches on the revenue bill and the measure will be introduced in the house today.

Decidedly the biggest change made in the revenue act by the committee is that section prescribing the inheritance taxes. In case of lineal issue or ancestor, the inheritance tax is changed from one per cent to \$25,000, four per cent to \$50,000 and five per cent on all in excess of \$50,000.

In case of inheritance by brother or sister or descendants of such instead of three per cent flat, it is three per cent to \$25,000, four per cent to \$100,000, five per cent to \$250,000, six per cent to \$500,000, and seven per cent in excess of \$500,000.

In more distant relationship and inheritances by strangers in blood the graduated scale starts with five per cent on \$25,000 or less, and increases on the same scale as the others, by graduation of respectively six, seven, eight and nine per cent, according to amount. Inheritances by religious, educational and charitable institutions are exempted and the provisions are specified to apply to all property passing since March 12, 1913.

The senate Friday killed the Muse bill designed to break up the state policy of airing the construction of railroads in undeveloped territory by working convicts in exchange for stock; and this, with the action of the house more than a week ago in defeating the Page bills to repeal the acts that authorized the convict work now in progress, is taken to mean that the 1915 legislature has now fixed this state aid policy at least to the extent of carrying out the provisions that the state has with railroad companies for this co-operative construction work.

Senator McAuley, in the senate and Representative Douglass in the house have introduced duplicate bills requiring examination of railroad employes and prohibiting the employment of anyone who cannot read and write.

The house committee on propositions and grievances Friday afternoon gave a lengthy hearing on a bill for the reduction of leaf tobacco warehouse charges from two and a half to one and a half per cent. The committee gave the bill unanimous unfavorable report, killing this issue for this session.

The senate committee on penal institutions has voted a favorable report for the Ward bill for providing sponsors for wayward children, a sort of juvenile court system for "big brother" supervision of wayward youths. House judiciary committee No. 2 voted a favorable report for a bill to allow \$15 per month for the families of convicts on the labor of prisoners working out sentences for county or state. Both these bills are being pressed by the North Carolina Prisoners' Aid Society.

The house has passed the Thomas bill to provide for resales of property under mortgage foreclosures where there are increased bids filed within ten days after the first sale.

The senate has passed the house bill for the repeal of the long and short haul clause of the Justice intra-state freight rate act and it is now ready for ratification. The Hobgood amendment was voted down 32 to 10 and then the original bill passed 35 to 7.

Senator Johnson, of Duplin, in arguing for the repeal, charged that the Justice act originated in Greensboro, and that "E. J. Justice has cost the state a great deal of money, and his theories have proven ruinous in practice." Senator Gilliam said that the Justice act has cost two firms in his town \$15,000. Senator Thompson, of Onslow, said others said they knew of very heavy losses the act had forced on great numbers of business men in addition to the ruin for short lines.

A bill has been introduced in the senate today by Senator McRae, of Mecklenburg county, to amend the laws as to building and loan associations so as to provide for "land and loan associations," this to be done without in any way affecting or changing the laws governing the operation of the regular building and loan associations in the cities and

towns.

Another chapter was added to the pending insurance legislation Saturday by the introduction of bills in the senate by Senators Weaver and Miller that are designed to authorize the state commissioner of insurance to hear complaints of excessive fire insurance rates and declare what should be the just and reasonable rates, making public record of the same, but not going as far as the pending Seawell bill in the house does in empowering the commissioner to actually lower the rate.

The senate bills are in line with the recommendation of Commissioner Young and meet the concessions of insurance companies, which insist that if the actual rate-making power is taken by the state, they will withdraw from North Carolina. The Weaver bill amends a number of other sections of the general insurance laws, specifies qualifications of agents and adjusters to be licensed, provides for school of instruction in fire prevention and for October 9 as "fire prevention day."

An indirect state-wide stock law bill came in the senate Saturday, introduced by Senator Cohoon, of Pasquotank, providing that livestock be prohibited from running at large except in such territory as the people therein shall specifically vote to allow such livestock at large.

The house defeated the Nash bill from the senate for the creation of arbitral courts composed of the clerk of the Superior court and two commissioners named by him to settle differences out of court.

### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE VISITS GREENSBORO.

The legislative committee appointed to visit the state educational institutions in Greensboro spent Saturday in the city and inspected the plants and investigated the work they are doing. The committee was composed of Senator D. F. Giles, of McDowell county; Senator R. D. Johnson, of Duplin, and Representative B. G. Kirtrell, of Vance.

The members of the committee were guests at the regular noonday meal at the State Normal and Industrial College. Informal and short speeches were made by each of the visitors. Chairman Giles complimented the institution upon the work it is doing and touched upon the relation of the college to his own county, McDowell. Ten students from that county are in the college now. Senator Johnston talked along the same line. Representative Kirtrell spoke of the work the college was doing and its influence upon the state.

The committee also paid a visit to the state Agricultural and Mechanical College for the colored race. There again short talks were made and a number of plantation melodies were sung for the delectation of the visitors.

The members of the committee expressed themselves as being much pleased with the trip. They will make a written report to the legislature on their findings at the institutions and make recommendations as to appropriations, new buildings, etc.

### America and Germany Join in Relief Measures.

America and Germany are joining hands in relief measures for the civil population in the war-devastated districts of Poland. Representatives of the American Red Cross and the Rockefeller Foundation, after investigation, found this work as essential as relief for Belgium.

While American representatives were negotiating what amounts to a formal treaty with the German and Austrian authorities, providing guarantees not only that imported food supplies shall not be requisitioned by the military authorities but that all remissions shall come in occupied regions, a German committee had begun raising funds to buy food for a people who officially are their enemies.

Berlin residents subscribed \$25,000 as their first contribution to the fund. Germans generally were invited to subscribe to an appeal issued Saturday.

**Dr. Broughton Resigns.**—Rev. Dr. Len G. Broughton, formerly of North Carolina and Atlanta, has resigned the pastorate of Christ Baptist church, London. Ill health is given as the cause of the resignation. He has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Knoxville, Tenn.

### GUILFORD BANQUET TO BE A NOTABLE EVENT.

Invitations are being sent out to the annual alumni banquet of Guilford College, which will be held in this city, at the Guilford hotel, Saturday night, February 20. It is to be a notable occasion and a general invitation is extended to all former students of Guilford to be present.

The chief speaker of the occasion will be Dr. Isaac Sharpless, president of Haverford College, Haverford, Pa. Dr. Sharpless has been president of Haverford for some twenty-five years is not only one of the greatest educators in the Society of Friends, but is one of the leading American educators. President Wilson said while he was the executive of Princeton University that his aim was to make of Princeton several Haverfords, thus paying glowing tribute to the work of Dr. Sharpless. As an after dinner speaker Dr. Sharpless is particularly good, possessing, as he does, a keen sense of humor and a fluent tongue.

The other speakers of the evening will be Dr. L. L. Hobbs, president of Guilford College, who will speak of the policy and ideals of Guilford; Mr. J. Elwood Cox, of High Point, who is president of the Guilford board of trustees, and Mr. George W. Wilson, '92, of Charlotte, who is now solicitor for the fourteenth judicial district.

There will be other entertaining features which will contribute to the general good spirit of the occasion. A real Guilford gathering and a thoroughly enjoyable evening is assured.

### Train Held Up and Passengers Robbed.

West Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 7.—The Palm Beach Limited train of the Florida East Coast Railroads, bound from Jacksonville to Miami, was boarded by four masked men at Stuart, Fla., early tonight and the male passengers on the observation platform robbed of their money and jewelry. The amount obtained has not been learned, but it is not believed to have been large.

No attempt was made to molest the women. They were forced, however, at the point of revolvers, to enter the car, where several of them fainted. After completing their search of the men, the robbers made their way through the observation car, but found that a brakeman, who had caught sight of them, had locked the door.

Revolvers were then leveled at him and he was ordered to pull the bell rope to stop the train. When it slowed down, the four men jumped to the ground and escaped. Posses are now searching for them.

### Japan Makes Threats Against China

Peking, China, Feb. 7.—Japan has threatened military action to force China to meet her recent demands, according to a cable message from the Chinese minister at Tokio. Officials say, however, the communication should not be taken too seriously.

Public men and newspapers are urging President Yuan Shi Kai to let Japan seize by force what she wishes, as China would be unable to oppose her, but refuse to grant humiliating concessions. It is reported that President Yuan Shi Kai intends to meet some of the demands, granting Japan such concessions as would be given to any other country, but stubbornly resisting any transgression of China's sovereign rights.

The government is observing Japan's requirement that secrecy be maintained in conducting negotiations as it is desired to give Japan every opportunity of moderating her demands without losing prestige.

### Must Go to Prize Court.

Great Britain had decided that if the American steamer *Wilhelmina*, now on her way with a food cargo for Germany, is intercepted, her cargo will be submitted to a prize court so that the new situation arising out of Germany's action in ordering that all grain and flour be placed under control of the government may be regularized.

**Foreigners Safe.**—A cablegram to the navy department from Captain Omar, commanding the cruiser *North Carolina* in Mediterranean waters, said that foreigners and their property in Syria were safe. Alarming reports concerning conditions at Beirut, the captain said, were without foundation and produced a wrong impression.