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

At Mt. Hope.—There will be a spelling match and pie supper at the Mt. Hope school house next Saturday night, February 27. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Young Boy Ill.—Master Marion Gant, a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Gant, has been quite ill for several days, but his condition is improved at the present time. His older brother, William, has just recovered from an illness.

Native of Guilford.—Mr. W. M. McNairy, a young lawyer of Marion and a native of Guilford county, has been elected engrossing clerk of the state senate to succeed Mr. William T. Aycock, who was killed in an automobile accident in Raleigh last week.

Reward For Arrest.—Police Officers McFarland, Wray and Branford are to divide among themselves a reward of \$100 to be paid them by the National Jewelers' Association for the arrest of Raymond Fair, who broke into Bernau's jewelry store Sunday night.

Want Street Paved.—Property owners have petitioned the city commissioners to pave South Elm street between Lee and Bragg streets. This section of South Elm has remained unpaved through all the process of street improvement in the city, and after every hard rain or continued wet spell it becomes practically impassable.

Aged Woman Dead.—Mrs. Alfred Troy, an aged and beloved woman, died last Friday at her home near Liberty at the advanced age of 86 years. She is survived by four daughters and five sons. Another son, Mr. C. T. Troy, died at his home in Concord a few weeks ago. Mrs. Troy was an aunt of Mrs. J. W. Long, of Greensboro.

Three Games.—The Greensboro baseball team will have at least three games before the season opens. Elon College will be the first to meet the locals in a practice game. This will be Saturday, April 3. Next comes the Boston National pennant winners, on April 6. On April 13 the Guilford College team will play a practice game with Manager Rowe's crowd.

Buy Another Hotel.—Mr. J. P. Sanders and his associates, who own hotels in Greensboro, Salisbury, Charlotte and Fayetteville, closed a deal this week for the purchase of Wright's hotel, in Raleigh. The hotel will be managed by Mr. W. E. Hockett, who has been associated with Mr. Sanders in the hotel business for some time and who recently retired from the management of the Dan Hotel, in Danville, Va.

Actor Died Here.—Mr. John Kimball Heath, of Detroit, Mich., died Monday at St. Leo's hospital, following an illness of pneumonia. He was a member of a grand opera company that appeared here about ten days prior to his death and was taken ill while the company was in Greensboro. He was a single man and is survived by his parents. His body was sent to his former home in Detroit for the funeral and interment.

Its Status Unknown.—There is a reasonable amount of excusable curiosity on the part of many people hereabouts as to the fate of the bill that was drawn and sent to the legislature about ten days ago to abolish the office of treasurer of Guilford county. The Patriot of last Thursday carried the news of the drawing of the bill, under the joint direction of the county commissioners and the county board of education, and stated that it was to be introduced in the legislature in a few days. If the bill has been introduced, it has escaped the attention of local readers of the legislative proceedings.

Annual Meeting Held.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Gate City Building and Loan Association was held Tuesday night, when very satisfactory reports of the past year's business were submitted. The following directors were elected for the ensuing year: T. J. Murphy, W. O. White, Jr., R. C. Hood, G. H. Royster, W. G. Balsley, H. S. Donnell, Dr. W. P. Beall, R. C. Bernau, R. M. Rees, A. H. Alderman, J. S. Michaux and L. J. Duffy. The directors re-elected the officers as follows: W. G. Balsley, president; J. S. Michaux, vice president; L. J. Duffy, secretary and treasurer; Charles A. Hines, attorney.

Held For Grand Jury.—Raymond Fair, a young white man, who was arrested at a late hour Sunday night a moment after he had broken a plate glass window in Bernau's jewelry store and stolen about \$150 worth of jewelry, was given a hearing Monday in Municipal court and held for the action of the grand jury under a bond of \$1,000, in default of which he was committed to jail.

Mrs. James Graham Dead.—The body of Mrs. James Graham, who was connected with one of North Carolina's most distinguished families, was carried through Greensboro yesterday from Elkins, W. Va., to Hillsboro, the old home of the Graham family, for the funeral and interment. Mrs. Graham was about 75 years old and the widow of the late Capt. James Graham, who was a son of the late Governor Graham, one of the state's most distinguished sons.

Woman Suffrage Speech.—Judge Walter Clark, chief justice of the North Carolina Supreme court, addressed a fair-sized audience in the court house Monday night on the subject of woman suffrage. He advanced no new argument and made no startling declaration concerning woman's claim to the ballot. Judge Clark was heard by a crowd of between 150 and 200 people, about half of whom were women. No great amount of enthusiasm was manifested for the cause espoused by the eminent jurist.

Smallpox in Town.—For the first time in many moons smallpox has made its appearance in Greensboro. Two of the patients are negroes, and both of them have the malady in a virulent form. Both of them are confined in a home on Sampson street, in the eastern part of the city. The third case is that of a white man residing on Mebane street, near the center of the city. He has the disease in a mild form. Care is being taken by the health authorities to prevent the spread of the contagion.

Last Call For Taxes.—Sheriff Stafford advertised that, beginning March 1, he will make his last call upon the people of the county for their 1914 taxes. His list of appointments is published on another page of The Patriot, and it might be advisable for delinquents to look it up and govern themselves accordingly. This is the last round the sheriff or any of his deputies will make for the collection of 1914 taxes. The next move will be to advertise for sale the property upon which the taxes have not been paid.

Mrs. F. R. McNinch Dead.—Mrs. F. R. McNinch, the wife of a well known Charlotte lawyer who is remembered by many readers of The Patriot as Miss Mary Groome, a daughter of Mrs. P. L. Groome, of this city, died Sunday night in a hospital in Charlotte, following an operation she had undergone a few days previously. She was 34 years of age, and in addition to her husband and three young children, is survived by her mother, three sisters and a brother. The funeral and interment took place in Charlotte Tuesday.

Held For Retailing.—Tom West, a well known white man of the city, was given a hearing in Municipal court Tuesday on the charge of retailing, and upon being found guilty was sentenced to the city streets for 12 months. The defendant gave notice of an appeal to the Superior court and was held under a bond of \$300. The conviction of West was secured upon the evidence of two young white boys in ad stificandum proceedings. The boys testified that they had been selling liquor and dividing the profits with West, who bought and paid for the whiskey.

Dr. Seth Low Here.—Greensboro entertained for a few hours yesterday a distinguished visitor in the person of Seth Low, formerly president of Columbia University and for one term mayor of New York. Accompanied by Mrs. Low and several friends, he was returning to New York from Tuskegee, Ala., where he had visited Booker Washington's famous school for the education of the negro youth, of which Dr. Low is a trustee. During their stay in Greensboro Dr. Low and the other members of his party made a visit to Palmer Memorial Institute, at Sedalia, making the trip in an automobile and being accompanied by Mr. C. A. Bray, one of the trustees of the school. The visitors expressed themselves as being well pleased with what they observed at this well known educational institution for the colored race.

For Better Fruit.—The advertisement of the Odell Hardware Company, which will be found on the second page of The Patriot, calls attention to the matter of spraying and sulphur will afford fruit trees. They retail it in any quantity and at a price lower than one can make it up for himself. The advertisement also shows a cut of the "Kan't Klog" spray pump, which is worth investigating.

Trade Boosting Trip.—A delegation of Greensboro business men visited Mt. Airy yesterday on a trade boosting and get acquainted trip. The party, which was composed of 36 men, was met at the station in Mt. Airy by a number of business men of that place and given a cordial welcome. The visitors were entertained at dinner at the Blue Ridge inn and later were tendered an informal reception at the Commercial club. The trip was a most enjoyable one in every respect.

BRIEF IN THE FRANK CASE PRESENTED BY GEORGIA.

Defending Georgia's reputation for proper administration of justice, Attorney General Warren Grice, of that state, Tuesday filed in the Supreme Court of the United States a brief arguing against Lee M. Frank's petition for reversal of the Georgia Federal court's ruling against his release on a habeas corpus writ.

The brief declares a writ of habeas corpus cannot be used "to overturn virtually" Frank's conviction in a state court without submitting important portions of the record upon which the conviction was based.

It points out that Frank's attorneys ask his release solely on allegations of mob violence during his trial and on his absence from the court when the verdict was returned.

"The Supreme court of Georgia is second to no state in according trials free from hostile demonstrations," the brief declares.

The attorney general defends the position taken by the Georgia state courts that Frank should have raised the points of mob violence and absence from court on his motion for a new trial, instead of waiting to incorporate them in a petition to set aside the verdict, and adds:

"We believe no case will be found in the books not in entire harmony with the position assumed by the state in this case, and on the other hand we do not believe that the contention of Frank could be entered without doing violence to well-established principles of law already definitely laid down. And we believe that, while it is essential to give every defendant all constitutional rights guaranteed him when they are not waived, still we also believe that for the good of society and in the interest of government and the due administration of the law, it is more important that there should always be timely presentation of such questions as here made."

The brief contends that Frank was bound by the action of his attorney in waiving his presence when the verdict was rendered.

"If the court must verify every move made by the attorney," it is argued, "the court would arouse a suspicion in the client that the court mistrusted the lawyer."

Federal Income Tax.

The following notice has been issued concerning the federal income tax law:

"All corporations must file their income tax returns on or before March 1, 1915, whether they made a profit, or did business, during 1914, or not.

"All individuals who had a net income of \$3,000 or more for the year 1914, whether they have a taxable income or not, must file their returns on or before March 1, 1915.

"All physicians, druggists, dentists and veterinarians, liable to registration under the anti-narcotic law, must register on or before March 1, 1915.

To accommodate tax payers this office will be kept open until 12 o'clock, midnight, Monday, March 1, 1915."

Polish Immigrants.—Making a total of 40 colonists to come to the territory contiguous to Wilmington, 25 natives of Poland arrived last week to make their homes in the colonies at Castle Haynes, Marathon and St. Helena. They came from Wilkesbarre, Pa., where they had temporarily settled.

IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

The house has cut the appropriation carried in the state highway commission bill from \$30,000 to \$10,000; and passed the bill by a vote of 69 to 31 and sent it to the senate. This was after a lengthy debate in which Minority Leader Williams, of Cabarrus, opposed any appropriation whatever, and after Representative Hutchison, of Mecklenburg, spoke strongly for the bill, insisting that it should be passed without the long-drawn-out discussion that would quickly pile up a legislative cost as great as the \$10,000 the bill was carrying.

Representative Carr, of Duplin, introduced two especially notable bills—one of them requiring that railroads shall furnish refrigerator cars within one day after application is made, and the other that it be unlawful for any girl under 18 years old to work in a factory at night, specifying 7 P. M. and 6 P. M.

Senator McNider introduced a bill to prevent railroads from issuing transportation to newspapers in exchange for advertising.

A bill by Senator Gilliam would provide expert cotton graders in this state.

Against 8 Per Cent Interest Bill.

The joint committees on finance and on banking met Tuesday afternoon and gave a hearing to a number of bankers, who urged that the bill authorizing eight per cent interest charges under special written contracts be passed, and thereafter voted for an unfavorable report for the bill. Those who made pleas for the bill were Charles E. Taylor and T. E. Cooper, Wilmington; L. S. Covington, Rockingham, and Mr. Simmons, an attorney of Washington. Mr. Taylor emphasized especially that if the legislature would grant this change in the interest law, it would mean the greatest power for bringing about commercial and general business development in 15 years, and would attract much capital to the state that now seeks investment elsewhere.

There were two votes for favorable report of the bill in the joint committee, and an effort will be made to have a minority favorable report to get the bill on the floor of the house.

Liquor Bill Without Prejudice.

The senate will get the Grier anti-liquor bill as it passed the house from the senate committee on propositions and grievances with a "without prejudice" report. An agreement to this effect was reached Tuesday afternoon after an hour's hearing. At the same time the committee voted to strike from the bill the preamble that set out as facts that alcohol is a narcotic poison and specifying other alleged evil effects of drink.

The committee had a week ago tentatively agreed to report a substitute for the pending bill, and when the committee met Tuesday afternoon, Senator Gilliam lodged a motion that the committee sustain that decision, but the committee voted 5 to 4 against the motion. Then Senator McNeely moved to strike out the preamble and this was carried. Then followed the motion to report the bill as amended without prejudice and this carried after the meaning of the term "without prejudice" was much discussed, and explanation made that it means that the committee prefers to take no action and simply leaves the whole matter up to the senate to act without expression from the committee.

The editor of the Charlotte Observer, writing from Raleigh, has this to say of the probable fate of the bill: "The prohibition bill will pass the senate and will be enacted into law, but it will have material modifications from the original Anti-Saloon League bill as introduced in the house by Mr. Grier. It will kill the blind tigers but will still permit 'liquor in the home' in possession, as it were. The reporting of the bill by the committee 'without prejudice' means that the committee has no suggestions to make as to what the senate may do with it. The striking out of the preamble simply robs the bill of its editorial features without affecting its legislative sections. The modifications to the bill will in effect permit a person to bring liquor into the state for his

own use. He may bring it in for a friend, but there must not be exchange of money or other consideration. He can give it to a friend, but he cannot sell it or receive money for any service in connection with its procurement. A man may have it in his house and dispense it at receptions, or in the entertainment of his friends. But the blind tigers will not be able to get liquor, because the clause prohibiting express companies or other carriers from bringing it into the state stands."

Increased Appropriations Asked.

The appropriations asked for by the institutions of the state and for special purposes this year are almost double those which met the general assembly two years ago. At that time \$2,497,050 was appropriated to the various institutions. This year already, according to the figures of Senator Gilliam, chairman of the senate committee on appropriations, the demands have exceeded \$3,075,530. Two years ago there was also a bond issue of \$387,000 which relieved the treasury directly of much of the weight of the appropriations. Already, without the bond issue, without counting the appropriation asked by the Mt. Mitchell project, the highway commission, the fish commission, the McRae measure for a rescue home for fallen women, the demands are about four million dollars, whereas the actual appropriations at the last general assembly were practically two million.

Primary Bill Up.

The senate last night took up Senator Hobgood's legalized primary bill and there was spirited argument for and against the measure.

Senator Hobgood opened the argument for the primary bill, which, he said, is based on the idea of party loyalty on the part of both Democrats and Republicans. He explained the bill at length, the votes required to declare party association, that one may scratch the party ticket but may not vote part of one ballot and part of another, penalty for against the nominee of the party is a fraudulent voting—that is, voting misdemeanor. In reply to a question of Senator Ward if there was objection to submitting the question to a vote of the people at the next general election, Senator Hobgood insisted that there should be no such delay in giving the people the primary, which he said they were demanding. The general assembly, he insisted, should act now without referendum.

Senator McNeely offered and advocated an amendment for the primaries to be held the first Tuesday in August instead of June, as more convenient for agricultural people.

The house had a lively debate yesterday afternoon over the nine pending bills for allowing the election of county board of education by vote of the people, that for Brunswick county being the first up that brought the discussion. The house voted by a large majority against this and the rest of the bills, carrying out the policy agreed upon in the Democratic caucus Monday night.

The house received yesterday through Representative Seawell, of Lee county, the report of the legislative committee from the special session on the question of the advisability of the state accepting the proposition of E. C. Duncan and interests he represents to sell the state's 12,666 shares of stock in the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad for \$949,950. The committee recommended that the price should not be accepted, the property being worth more than this; but that the governor and council of state or other individuals should be authorized to negotiate further with Mr. Duncan and be empowered to sell it if a satisfactory price can be agreed on, with a specification that within one year any counties, municipalities or private holders of stock have an option to sell their holdings at the same price the state receives.

Dr. Brewer Elected President.

Dr. Charles E. Brewer, professor of chemistry at Wake Forest College, was yesterday chosen to succeed Dr. R. T. Vann, as president of Meredith College, Dr. Vann having resigned to become secretary of the newly created Baptist state board of education. Dr. Brewer has the matter under serious consideration and it is believed that he will accept.

Meredith College is the Baptist educational institution for women in North Carolina and is located in Raleigh.

JUDGE CARTER CHARGED WITH IMMORALITY.

In the lower house of the legislature yesterday Representative Clark, of Craven county, filed an amended resolution calling for the proposed investigation of the conduct of Judge Frank Carter and Solicitor Abernethy, growing out of the judgment of contempt entered against Abernethy by Judge Carter at Newbern, three weeks ago, and specifying times and places in the charge of grossly immoral conduct of Judge Carter with women while holding courts in this state. Mr. Clark stated on the floor that it had been charged that his first resolution lacked specification and was a "submarine warfare;" that he was conducting no such campaign and that while his might be a dreadnaught advance, it was certainly "open and above board."

The amended resolution repeats the preliminary sections and then getting down to specifications, is as follows:

"Whereas, it has long been freely talked and discussed that the said Hon. Frank Carter had been guilty of grossly immoral conduct with women in the city of Raleigh, while holding courts in that district, in Clinton, while holding courts in that district, in Wilmington while holding courts in that district, in Lillington while holding courts in that district and Panacea Springs, Virginia Beach, Va., and at various other times and places while holding court of North Carolina, all of which assertions, discussions and rumors, if true are calculated to bring the high office of judge of the Superior court into disrespect and disrepute and which if not true, ought in justice to said judge to be set at rest, and,

"Whereas if said Charles L. Abernethy, solicitor, is guilty of the acts and things charged against him by the Hon. Frank Carter, from the bench, the said Abernethy ought not to hold the office of solicitor of the fifth judicial district of North Carolina and it appearing that said Abernethy has requested an investigation touching his conduct and fitness to hold said office, etc."

Then the resolution repeats the original provision for appointment of a legislative committee to investigate and report to the legislature or to the governor if the commission shall have adjourned.

The amended resolution goes to judiciary committee No. 1, which is to meet again Thursday for the purpose of considering further whether or not there shall be favorable report for legislative investigation.

INDIANS SEEM TO BE PUTTING UP GOOD FIGHT.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 24.—Fear that renegade Utes from the reservation in Colorado will join Old Polk's band of Piute Indians which has been battling United States officers near Bluff is expressed in a dispatch tonight to the Deseret News.

Reports from the Colorado reservation say the Indians believe the white men have killed 25 squaws and papooses and they are greatly incensed.

Marshal Nebeker has wired the United States district attorney at Salt Lake City and also the department of justice at Washington that he will use the 20 Navajo Indian police he has requested be sent him to assist in tracking the hostiles.

"My men will take care of all the fighting," he said.

A scouting party yesterday found that Old Posey, leading a small band of Indians had crossed the San Juan river to the Navajo reservation on the south side.

Another scouting party followed the trail of Old Polk and about 10 mounted warriors to recapture Wash, eight or ten miles east of Bluff, yesterday, but was unable to determine whether his movement indicated an attempt to escape or an effort to obtain reinforcements.

The fact that so few of the Indians were with the parties led by the two old chiefs suggests that their trips were preliminary to further resistance.

Farmer Disappears.—Charles S. Stowe, a Gaston county farmer, disappeared from his home on the 17th inst. and all efforts to locate him have proved unavailing. His wife thinks he has become mentally deranged from grieving over the recent death of a child. It is said that he had no financial difficulties.