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

Ill of Pneumonia.—Mrs. H. E. Tate is quite ill of pneumonia at her home on Bellemeade street, and her advanced age and weakened physical condition naturally give occasion for alarm.

Business Consolidation.—The business of the Southside Undertaking Company has been purchased by L. M. Ammen & Co. and moved across the street to the Ammen stand. Mr. L. M. Ammen, an experienced undertaker, will be in charge of the consolidated business.

Buyers Business Property.—Mr. L. Richardson has purchased from Mr. A. F. Brooks the three-story brick business building on the corner of South Elm and West Lee streets for a consideration of \$10,000. This is considered one of the best pieces of business property in South Greensboro.

Married Yesterday.—Mr. Foy O. Mangum, of Pilot Mountain, and Miss Clara Hodgins, who has been connected with the Maddox Drug Company, were married yesterday afternoon. The ceremony took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dick and was performed by Rev. R. G. Kendrick.

Died in Texas.—Mrs. John E. Wharton, who is remembered by many people in Guilford county as Miss Pattie Cole, died Monday afternoon at her home in Sherman, Tex. No particulars are known here further than the information conveyed in a telegram announcing her death. The bereaved husband is a brother of the late W. D. Wharton.

City Bonds Sold.—The city commissioners yesterday afternoon sold the \$100,000 of street improvement bonds authorized by a vote of the people last year to the Mercantile Trust and Deposit Company, of Baltimore, and the Wachovia Loan and Trust Company, of Winston-Salem. The purchasers were joint bidders, their bid being \$100,590 and accrued interest. The sale is considered a most satisfactory one.

Mr. Cook's Will.—The will of the late John W. Cook, who was found dead in the bath room of his home on Spring Garden street extended Sunday morning, was probated in the office of the clerk of the Superior court Tuesday. With the exception of a few minor bequests, the entire estate is left to Mrs. Cook, who is named as executrix. While no appraisal has been made, it is stated that ex-Sheriff Cook left property worth about \$20,000.

J. J. Phillips Dead.—Mr. J. J. Phillips died Monday night at his home at Pomona at the age of 68 years. The funeral was held from the home yesterday afternoon and interment was made in the new Pomona cemetery. Rev. Mr. Vestal conducted the services. Mr. Phillips is survived by the following children: Mr. L. O. Phillips, May, S. C.; Mr. H. C. Phillips, Burlington; Mr. W. A. Phillips, Alberta; Messrs. G. C. and J. L. Phillips, Pomona; Mrs. O. M. Osborne, Pomona; Mrs. J. H. Young, Jamestown, and Mrs. R. W. Melvin, Pomona.

Held on Larceny Charge.—Ross Low, white, was tried before Squire D. H. Collins yesterday afternoon on the charge of the larceny of \$40 from Jot Layton. The money belonged to Miss Sallie Amick, of Julian, by whom Layton was employed, and had been given to him to keep for a day or two. It appeared from the evidence that Low was instrumental in getting Layton drunk and stole the money while his victim was dazed and unconscious of his surroundings. Squire Collins held Low for the Superior court under a bond of \$300, which he was unable to give.

Building Record Good.—Mr. Marvin Boyles, the city building and plumbing inspector, says that, in spite of the rough weather of the winter, Greensboro made a good record in the number of new buildings erected and contracted for. During the month of February, which was very unfavorable for building operations, permits were issued for new buildings to be erected at a cost of \$22,800. With the approach of spring, there is a renewed activity in building operations that lends color to the belief that the carpenters, brick-masons and other laborers identified with the building trade will have no difficulty in procuring employment for months to come.

TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE THIS WEEK.

During the present week transfers of real estate have been recorded in the office of the register of deeds as follows:

The city of Greensboro to Mrs. Mary M. Armstrong, two small lots on East Washington street, Guilmer township, \$500.

J. A. Madin to C. A. Pugh, a tract consisting of 25 acres in Morehead township, \$10 and other valuable considerations.

The Guilford Insurance and Realty Company to J. W. Lasley, a small tract in Sumner township, \$10 and other valuable consideration.

C. E. Pugh to R. G. Kendrick, a tract consisting of 25 acres in Morehead township, \$1,850.

John H. Pegg to John C. Thompson, lot fronting on West Bragg street, in the city of Greensboro 50 by 150 feet, \$580.

Joseph A. Hoskins and wife to S. A. Price, three lots in the town of Summerfield, Bruce township, \$300.

R. H. Wheeler to Paul H. Hardy, a lot fronting on East Greene street, in the city of High Point, 56 by 171 feet, \$400.

David White to L. P. Ives, four lots in the town of Guilford College, Friendship township, \$300.

C. B. Clegg to W. M. Brooks, lot 3 in Melrose court in the city of Greensboro, Guilmer township, \$600.

Ida Rudy et al to J. H. Bishop, an undivided one-fifth interest in two tracts, the first 150 acres and 80 poles and the second 71 1-2 acres, township not mentioned, \$700.

C. B. Coble and Barbara Coble to P. N. Smith, a tract consisting of 33 1-3 acres in Fentress township, \$675.

Jacob Emery to J. H. Pegg, property on First street, for \$200.

Amos Tatum to Will Tatum, 14 acres in Bruce township, for \$290.

J. S. Moore & Co., to V. A. Royall, property in Morehead township, for \$600.

J. L. Chapel to Alton R. Stuart, property in High Point, for \$166.

Mrs. Effie Anderson, administratrix, to E. P. Wharton, property on East Washington street, 120 by 235, for \$7,500.

Commissioners Considering Road Matters.

The greater part of the time of the county commissioners at their monthly meeting Monday and Tuesday was consumed in a consideration of the road improvement work to be inaugurated this spring. The commissioners were in executive session nearly all of Tuesday, but arrived at no definite conclusion. They will hold another meeting tomorrow, when they hope to be able to reach a decision.

The question of what materials and methods could be used in the work to the best advantage is a knotty one, and the commissioners have determined to make the most thorough investigation possible before they arrive at a final conclusion.

Resolutions For Mr. Cook.

The board adopted the following resolutions concerning the late ex-Sheriff John W. Cook:

"Whereas, the board of commissioners have heard with regret and sorrow of the death of John W. Cook, a former sheriff and efficient officer of Guilford county; and,

"Whereas, as the members of the board desire to give expression to their estimate of him as a man and efficient officer and the sympathy for his family in their sorrow and bereavement,

"Resolved, that in life he was a true man and citizen of high type and as an officer of the county conscientious and fearless in the performance of duty.

"Resolved, that this board tender their sympathies to his wife and family in their affliction.

"Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the board and that a copy be furnished the family by the clerk of the board."

Germany Coining Silver.

The German government is coining all the silver it can readily get hold of. Silver is a half-way house where credit makes a transient stop on its way toward ultimate breakdown. Great wars soon eat up the whole substance of peaceful earning and accumulation. It will take a century of toil and thrift to retrieve the waste of the present conflict.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY'S BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL.

It is understood on the best authority that arrangements have been completed for taking over the property on East Washington street on which options were recently secured for the Southern Railway. In fact, the representative of the Southern in the big transaction, Mr. E. P. Wharton, has taken deeds to several pieces of the property, and the other property involved will be transferred within the next week or two.

Perhaps this is the biggest single real estate transaction ever made in the history of Greensboro. While no official statement has been made as to the prices to be paid for the several pieces of property, it can be stated as a fact that the investment of the Southern in the deal will aggregate about \$250,000.

Until the deal is finally closed no official announcement can be expected as to the use to which the property is to be put. Of course it is understood that the Southern will erect a big freight depot on the property, and some people would not be surprised if a new passenger station should be built there also. However, that is only conjecture, for it has been tacitly understood that the new passenger station was to be built on the lot extending along Depot street between South Elm and South Davie streets.

Pruning and Spraying Demonstration.

Mr. E. H. Anderson, the county farm agent, announces the following pruning and spraying demonstrations: Tomorrow, at 10 o'clock A. M., on Z. L. Groome's farm, in Groometown; tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, on W. M. Clark's farm, four miles south of town; Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, on Blair's dairy farm, two miles east of High Point.

A public meeting, under the auspices of the Farmers' Union, will be held at the Hallsville school house tomorrow night for a discussion of the subject of orchard improvement.

A special representative of the state department of agriculture will accompany Mr. Anderson at all these meetings.

County Treasurer Bill Dead.

The Patriot last Thursday stated that there was more or less curiosity as to the fate of the bill that was expected to be introduced in the legislature to abolish the office of treasurer of Guilford county. It develops that the bill was not introduced during the present session. The Guilford members of the legislature took the position that, inasmuch as the question was not an issue in the last campaign and had not been discussed to any considerable extent by the people of the county, they did not care to take upon themselves the responsibility of introducing the measure and putting it through the general assembly.

The county commissioners and the members of the board of education did not pursue the matter further, and thereupon it appears that the subject was dropped. However, it is not improbable that the matter will be introduced into the next campaign in this county.

The Judge Carter Investigation.

Former Supreme Court Justice J. S. Manning, of counsel for Judge Carter in the Carter-Solicitor Abernethy contempt case and attendant charges against the moral character of Judge Carter, has issued a lengthy statement summarizing the developments in this famous and sensational case, most especially as it has progressed before the house of representatives, the judiciary committee No. 1 and the special committee to investigate, which has now set the investigation to begin March 22.

Judge Manning calls attention to the provision of the revisal that in investigations before committees of the legislature appointed for the purpose witnesses are entitled to recover 10 cents the mile from the person at whose instance he comes and yet, he recites, in the face of this there has been special legislation for the state to bear this expense and per diem for witnesses that Solicitor Abernethy may bring before the committee. He charges that the investigating committee has refused to heed the plea of Judge Carter and his counsel for immediate hearing and settlement before the legislature adjourns.

THE COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR ON SATURDAY, APRIL 17—THE PROGRAM.

Preparations are being made for the county commencement of Guilford's public schools, which will be held this year at the Central Carolina fair ground on Saturday, April 17. The program will be similar to that of last year and contests will be held in recitation, declamation and athletics. County Superintendent Foust has sent the following letter to the teachers of the county calling their attention to the commencement and explaining some of the details in connection with the exercises:

"In order to select those who will take part in the recitation and declamation contests and the athletic events, it is necessary to hold a township preliminary meeting for the purpose of selecting these contestants. I am designating Saturday, March 20, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, as the time for holding the township contest. This contest will be held in each township at the same place as was designated for holding the contest last year. If you do not know where the meeting was held in your township, the children of the school can tell you the place.

"Those who win in the township preliminary in recitation and declamation will meet in Greensboro on Friday, April 16, for a second preliminary contest to select two boys and two girls to speak on Saturday, April 17.

"About the same prizes will be offered this year as were given last year. The county commencement last year was a decided success and we hope to make it a greater event this year."

The exercises will begin at 10 o'clock in the forenoon and the program will be about as follows:

1. Parade around the race track.
- The line-up in this parade will be as follows: Whittsett band, county board of education, school committeemen, seventh grade graduates, high school pupils, boys' corn club, girls' tomato club, schools by townships.
2. Song—"Carolina."
3. Invocation.
4. Recitation and declamation contest.
- There will be three contestants in recitation and three in declamation, selected by a preliminary contest held on Friday, April 16.
5. Presentation of certificates to seventh grade graduates.
6. Address to seventh grade graduates.
- Dinner.
- Immediately after dinner the crowd will assemble at the grand stand and the contests in athletics will be held on the race track immediately in front of the grand stand.
7. Athletic sports.
8. Awarding of prizes.
9. Civic parade.

Many Men Entombed by Mine Explosion.

Hinton, W. Va., March 2.—After nearly 12 hours work, rescuers early tonight had brought out alive only six of the 182 miners entombed today by an explosion in the Layland mines of the New River and Pocahontas Consolidated Coal Company near Quinnimoto.

The force of the explosion was terrific. The stone arch over the main entrance of the workings was destroyed; windows within a 300-yard radius were broken, and the shock was felt for miles around.

A. B. Cooper, who was delivering groceries to a house within 75 yards of the mine entrance, was blown against a telegraph pole and killed.

Guard lines have been established about the workings and only workers are permitted within them. Company officials refuse to give out any information.

Most of the entombed miners are of foreign birth, but many are Americans.

Election Officials.—The city commissioners have appointed the registrars and poll-holders for the municipal election to be held on the first Monday in May. J. W. Coppedge was appointed registrar and J. Ed. Albright and R. G. Hiatt poll-holders in the Morehead township precinct, while J. B. Minor was selected as registrar, with C. E. Pugh and R. A. Gilmer as poll-holders, in the Guilmer township precinct. These officers will officiate both at the primaries and the election.

RUSSIANS ARE PUSHING THE GERMANS BACK.

The Russian armies are engaged in battles along virtually the whole eastern front. In North Poland, they have resumed the offensive with large reinforcements and are slowly pushing the Germans back to the East Prussian frontier. In the Carpathians and in Eastern Galicia they are resisting fierce and repeated Austrian attacks.

Except in front of the fortress of Ossowetz, which they are still bombarding, the Germans, according to the Russian official reports, have turned their backs on the Russian railways—their first objective when they emerged from East Prussia on the heels of the retreating Russians a short time ago. In some places, however, they are fighting stubborn rear guard actions.

The Russian offensive extends across Poland to the lower Vistula, where Russian troops are holding back the Germans who threatened their lines south of the river. For the moment, however, the Carpathians is the scene of the heaviest fighting.

The Austrians, who, despite repeated defeats and heavy losses, seem to have a never ending source of supply, have returned to the offensive and with the aid of large artillery reinforcements have delivered vigorous attacks. Austrian headquarters say that in time these attacks will have their effect.

The battle continued all day Sunday and when it was ended the slopes of the mountains and the ravines were strewn with dead. At other points along the mountain ranges similar attacks were delivered and most desperate fighting occurred.

Still further to the east, near the town of Stanislaw, which once again is reported to be in Russian hands, the armies have met and the Russians declare the Austrians have been forced to retire.

Despite all this heavy fighting in the east, the Germans are reported to be sending strong reinforcements to the west in an attempt to break through the allies' lines in France and Flanders. People of the towns of Belgium have been warned to prepare to billet a large number of German soldiers.

ANARCHISTS FORM PLOT AGAINST WEALTHY MEN.

New York, March 2.—The discovery of an anarchistic plot aiming at the assassination of Andrew Carnegie, Cornelius Vanderbilt, John D. Rockefeller and his son, and other wealthy men, and the inauguration of a reign of terror and looting in New York city, was announced by the police today after they had arrested a man as he placed two bombs in St. Patrick's Cathedral where several hundred persons were worshipping.

Today's sensational development was the culmination of months of work by detectives in uncovering a conspiracy, which, they declare, projected a campaign of violence and bloodshed without precedent in New York city.

So carefully had the police worked that the anarchist was allowed to light the fuse of one of the bombs which he carried into the cathedral. Scarcely had the bomb ignited when one of a hundred detectives stationed in and about the church crushed the sputtering fuse under his heel and in another moment the plotter was taken into custody just as he was about to light the second destructive instrument.

Frank Abarno was the name given by the man. Later Charles Carbone, an 18-year-old boy, was arrested at his home as the actual manufacturer of the explosive. More arrests are expected.

Both Abarno and Carbone late today the police reported, admitted their part in the conspiracy. They assumed all responsibility, denying that any one else was involved. When arraigned late today they were held without bail.

Young Woman Pardoned.

Governor Craig Tuesday granted a pardon for Mrs. Janie Noell, the Salisbury woman who was sentenced to five years in the state's prison nearly four years ago for her part in a sensational abduction case in which the husband of the woman was sentenced to 15 years. The pardon is conditioned on good behavior.

IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

The senate Tuesday afternoon passed the anti-jug bill from the house by a vote of 43 to 5, but this was after amendments by Senators Stubbs and Gilliam had been adopted providing that before it comes operative it must be ratified at the polls by the people of the state at a special election to be held on the second Tuesday in August; and also with a further amendment by Senator Gardner that if the bill fails of ratification at the polls by the entire state, then certain specified counties, 32 in all, shall have the act applicable to them, anyway, provided the people of the county vote in favor of the ratification.

These counties are: Union, Cleveland, McDowell, Polk, Gaston, Henderson, Rowan, Hertford, Currituck, Camden, Transylvania, Person, Pasquotank, Gates, Tyrrell, Granville, Catawba, Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Columbus, Franklin, Halifax, Chowan, Haywood, Swain, Jackson, Cherokee, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Chatham and Perquimans.

The house yesterday refused to concur in the bill as amended by the senate and a conference committee has been appointed to undertake an adjustment of the differences between the two branches of the legislature. The opinion is pretty freely expressed now that the anti-jug bill will not be passed at this session of the legislature.

Other Matters.

The senate passed the joint resolution from the house extending the scope and authority of the house committee on investigation of the Carter-Abernethy contempt case and providing for the necessary expenses of the investigation.

The house Tuesday passed the bill from the senate to appropriate \$20,000 for the purchase of the top of Mount Mitchell and preserve this original forest and most valuable watershed as a public park for the people of the state. It is the Weaver bill that has already passed the senate.

The house reopened the matter of the passage of the Bynum bill for allowing absolute divorce after five-years separation where some one of the statutory cases is involved and killed the bill by a vote of 50 to 42. It had passed last Saturday by 44 to 43.

The calendars in both houses are terribly congested and committees are reporting great numbers of additional bills at the opening hour of every session in preparation for the final deluge that can but characterize the last hours of the session Saturday and Monday. General expectation is that the legislature will adjourn Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

Religion Grips British Army.

National religious regeneration is in progress in England and the Puritan spirit has seized the British army, according to F. Herbert Stead, of Browning Hall, London, who arrived in New York a few days ago. He is a brother of the late W. T. Stead, the noted British journalist, and came to this country as minister-in-residence at Auburn Theological Seminary at Auburn, N. Y.

"The result of this war, from a religious point of view," he said "promises to be a real national regeneration. The British army, particularly the new army being organized by Lord Kitchener, is now filled with the Puritan spirit as no army has ever been since Cromwell's time. A common expression, even of the old standing army, is that now even soldiers have become religious."

"Rarely do the men go into the trenches until they have offered prayer. I heard of several indifferent companies that would not go into battle until after prayer, the men even insisting on their colonel leading them in prayer."

Americans Sue Britons.

Philadelphia, March 2.—Led by Theodore Cuyler Patterson, of this city, 35 American passengers of the Hamburg-American liner Prince Adalbert have sued the British government for \$1,000 each because of their detention on that vessel in Falmouth harbor from August 4 to August 8, 1914.