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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

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

Move to Country.—Mrs. M. H. Alford and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ballance, have moved to their summer home east of the city, and will remain there until next fall.

Back Home.—Mr. R. O. Gamble, who was connected with the Leader warehouse in Reidsville, during the past season, has returned to his home at Summerfield and will resume his farming operations.

To Widen Street.—In order to widen Church street at a point just north of Hendrix street, the city has purchased from Mr. T. B. Ogburn a strip of land lying on the east side of the street for a consideration of \$200.

Special Sermon.—Rev. J. Clyde Taylor will preach the annual sermon before the members of the Greensboro council of the United Commercial Travelers at the First Baptist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

In Supreme Court.—Appeals from the judicial district, the twelfth, will be argued before the Supreme court this week, and a number of the Greensboro lawyers will be in Raleigh to look after cases in which they are interested.

Critically Ill.—Miss Rhoda Worth is critically ill at her home on South Cedar street, suffering from the effects of a stroke of paralysis. Little or no hope is entertained for her recovery. Miss Worth was 78 years old a few days ago.

Baptist Revival.—A revival meeting began yesterday at Forest Avenue Baptist church. Rev. C. E. Madson of Raleigh, who was the first pastor of the church, will arrive tomorrow to assist the pastor, Rev. R. G. Kestrick in the services through the week.

Easter Vacation.—Greensboro College for Women closed Thursday for the Easter holidays and will resume work tomorrow. Most of the students left for their homes for Easter. The state Normal and Industrial College did not give any Easter holiday this year.

Appointed Delegates.—Messrs. Oscar Cone, A. W. McAlister and W. H. Scott, of this city, are among the delegates appointed by Governor Frazier to represent North Carolina at the national conference of charities and corrections to be held in Baltimore May 12-15.

222 New Members.—The membership campaign in which the Greensboro Y. M. C. A. was engaged in rivalry with the Winston-Salem association last week resulted in victory for the Twin City. The Greensboro association added 222 new members during the campaign.

Hotel Company.—A corporation known as the Greensboro Hotel Company has been organized to conduct the Meadco hotel. The incorporators are: W. D. McAdoo, one of the owners of the property; J. L. Bennett, manager of the hotel, and W. H. Plummer, the chief clerk.

New Officers.—New officers of the Greensboro lodge of Elks were installed Friday night as follows: J. P. Jones, exalted ruler; Thomas J. Martin, esteemed leading knight; W. H. Morrison, esteemed loyal knight; C. M. Vanstory, esteemed noble knight; E. P. Ross, secretary; F. N. Taylor, treasurer.

Splendid Revival.—Rev. W. O. Jones, pastor of Spring Garden Methodist church, has returned from Morehead City, where he conducted revival services in the First Methodist church of that place for two weeks. The meeting was very successful, 300 or more professions of faith having been made.

Arrests in March.—During the month of March 106 warrants were issued by the city police department, the largest number issued for any month since 1911, being for drunkenness. Defendants were tried on charges of retailing whiskey. The defendants charged, affrays and the violation of the speed laws.

Death From Appendicitis.—Mr. J. Cook, of Pilot Mountain, died of appendicitis Thursday morning in the local hospital, where he had been a patient for four weeks. He was only 19 years old, but was considered one of the most energetic and progressive farmers in his section. He is survived by his widow and two young children, his mother and several brothers and sisters.

Grocers Indicted.—United States Commissioner Collins has issued a warrant for W. L. Hepler & Bro., who are engaged in the grocery business in this city, charging them with selling oleomargarine without paying the special license tax imposed by the federal government. They will be given a preliminary hearing on the 14th inst.

Fire This Morning.—Fire this morning about 10 o'clock at the residence of Mr. W. N. Barnes, on East Sycamore street, did considerable damage. The fire originated in a room in which a number of mattresses were stored and these were burned. The furniture and other household effects were badly damaged. The damage to the building is slight.

New Hotel Talk.—Talk of building a new and modern hotel in Greensboro has been revived. The promoters or backers of the enterprise propose to organize a company with a capital of \$200,000, one-half of which is to be subscribed by Greensboro people and the other half by outside capitalists. Subscriptions to the capital stock are being solicited.

Fire House on Fire.—The home of the Eagle Hose Company, on South Davis street, came near being destroyed by fire a few evenings ago. A quantity of hay stored in the loft of the building caught fire in some manner and burned fiercely for some time. The members of the company, with the assistance of other members of the department, extinguished the blaze after some hard work.

Fruit Crop Safe.—The experts agree that the fruit crop has not been damaged by the recent snows and frosts. Doubtless there would have been a different tale to tell had there been any considerable amount of warm weather in March. Fruit-growers are anticipating a fine crop this year. Mr. W. N. Hutt, the state horticulturist, says the outlook for a good fruit crop all over the state is encouraging.

John D. Hunt Dead.—Mr. John D. Hunt, a well known citizen of western Guilford, died last Wednesday night at his home at Friendship. He was 72 years of age and had been ill for some time. He is survived by his widow and one son, Mr. Charles Hunt, of Friendship, and a half-brother, Mr. W. M. Hunt, of Pomona. The funeral and interment took place at Guilford College Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

To Manufacture Cigars.—Mr. Samuel B. Kersey is preparing to open a cigar factory on the second floor of the Maddox Drug Company's building. He will operate under the name of the El Reno Cigar Works and will employ several cigar makers from the start. Mr. Kersey has had long experience in the cigar manufacturing business. When the new plant is in operation Greensboro will have six cigar factories.

Ernest Kime Guilty.—The trial of Ernest Kime, charged with the murder of Frank Garner, consumed the last three days of last week in Randolph Superior court at Asheboro. The case was given to the jury Saturday afternoon and at 10:30 o'clock Saturday night a verdict of guilty of second degree murder was returned. Judge Shaw sentenced Kime to 30 years at hard labor in the state penitentiary, this being the maximum sentence for second degree murder.

Address on Efficiency.—Mr. A. W. McAlister was the speaker at the general exercises of the Greensboro training school for Sunday school workers Thursday evening. His theme was "Sunday School Efficiency," and his address was based upon a very exhaustive investigation made by the Sunday school of the First Presbyterian church, of which Mr. McAlister is an active member. He is also president of the city training school. Mr. McAlister presented a carefully prepared lecture.

Held For Affray.—Roscoe Iddings and Oscar Holder, white men, were given a hearing before Justice of the Peace Collins Thursday afternoon for engaging in an affray with deadly weapons on March 18. The battle occurred west of the city, and it appeared that rocks, bottles and anything else that came handy were used as weapons. Iddings got the worst of the affair and for several days carried his head around swathed in bandages as visible evidence that he had been in a fight. After hearing the testimony of eye-witnesses, Squire Collins held both men for the April term of Superior court. Iddings gave a bond of \$50 for his appearance, but Holder was unable to raise the \$300 bond required of him.

Organize Apple Growers.—The Greensboro Chamber of Commerce is lending its assistance to the organization of an association of North Carolina apple growers, the principal object of the organization being to provide a distributing point at or near Greensboro for the large amount of apples grown in this section of the state. This movement has the endorsement and support of a large number of apple growers.

Killed Himself.—A colored man by the name of Seawell, who resided on Susman's alley, either committed suicide or killed himself accidentally at his home yesterday morning. He was sitting on the porch with a pistol in his hands when the weapon was discharged, the bullet entering his right eye and producing almost instant death. Eye-witnesses of the affair say Seawell was examining the pistol and was looking down the barrel when the weapon fired. The officers who made an investigation believe the revolver was fired accidentally.

For Beating Board Bill.—A young man giving his name as C. R. Cotter, with two or three aliases, was arrested at a local hotel Thursday charged with beating a board bill at a hotel in High Point. It is alleged that Cotter and his wife slipped out of a side entrance of the hotel in High Point and walked to Jamestown, where they caught a train for Greensboro. The young woman accompanied her husband with the officer back to High Point. Friday Cotter was given a hearing in the recorder's court and sentenced to jail for six months.

To Build Hospital.—Drs. W. P. and C. R. Reeves are preparing to build a modern and up-to-date hospital for the exclusive treatment of patients suffering from eye, ear, nose and throat troubles. The building, which will be three stories high and contain about 45 rooms, will be erected on the vacant lot on West Sycamore street between the Elks Club and the North Carolina Public Service Company's building. The structure will cost something over \$30,000, and it is understood that it is to be completed and ready for occupancy by fall.

Aged Woman Dead.—Mrs. M. E. Ledwell died yesterday morning at her home at White Oak, following an illness of pneumonia. She was 70 years old and is survived by one son, H. M. Ledwell, and five daughters—Mrs. Lee Wood, of Randleman; Mrs. L. D. Mendenhall, of Asheboro; Mrs. E. McLaughen, of Kings Mountain; Mrs. Della Ransom, of Greensboro, and Miss Lee Ledwell, of Greensboro. The body will be taken to Mrs. Ledwell's former home at Randleman, where the funeral and interment will take place tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

To Build Handsome Home.—Dr. J. L. Kernodle has purchased from the trustees of the West Market Street Methodist church the old parsonage property, on the corner of West Market and North Spring streets, the purchase price being in the neighborhood of \$6,500. Dr. Kernodle will remove the old parsonage building from the lot and erect a handsome residence during the spring and summer. The lot has a frontage of 75 feet on West Market and a depth of 150 feet and is one of the most desirable pieces of residence property in the city.

Held For Retailing.—Sanborn Roach, a young white man residing in the Hamburg community, was given a hearing before Squire B. E. Jones Friday afternoon on a charge of retailing. The prosecuting witness, N. McFarland, testified that he purchased whiskey from Roach near a church while religious services were being conducted, and on this showing the defendant was held for the April criminal term of Superior court under a bond of \$100, which was furnished by his father. Roach denies the allegation vehemently and says it is a frame-up on the part of his enemies.

More Blockading.—Mr. C. M. Justice, chief clerk in the internal revenue agent's office here, says the revenue men anticipate a considerable increase in the illicit manufacture of whiskey in North and South Carolina on account of the anti-jug laws passed by the legislatures of the two states. On the day the law went into effect in North Carolina the destruction of 16 blockade stills was reported to headquarters in this city. Every time the prohibition screws are tightened the price of blind tiger liquor goes up, and it is said that blockading is more profitable now than at any time in the past.

A Unique Donation.—Mr. F. E. Tipton, who recently opened a monument and tombstone business on the corner of North Elm and East Gaston streets, and who is doing a splendid business, has made a unique donation to the Elks charity fair to be held in Greensboro next week. He has made the Elks a present of a \$100 monument to be sold during the fair. In addition to donating the monument, Mr. Tipton will also letter it and erect it for the purchaser at any place in North Carolina. This is a very liberal donation on the part of Mr. Tipton and his gift is highly appreciated by the Elks.

Suspect Released.—After hearing the evidence against Thomas Burns, who was held as a suspect in connection with the postoffice robberies at West Durham, Hillsboro and Elon College, United States Commissioner D. H. Collins Thursday ordered his release. Burns was suspected by reason of the fact that he was in each of the three places about the times the robberies took place. He is a traveling umbrella mender and was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Postoffice Inspector R. W. Hodgson. Nothing was found in his possession that would seem to implicate him in the postoffice robberies in the slightest degree.

Back to the Roads.—Leslie Woods, a young white man better known to the Greensboro public as "Cricket," finished a term of eight months on the roads for larceny last Wednesday and was released from the camp near Colfax. A negro by the name of Rufus Williams was given his liberty at the same time and the two struck out together in search of adventure. They found it in the vicinity of Friendship in the shape of a bountiful supply of corn liquor.

Thursday "Cricket" and the negro "borrowed" Charlie Hunt's automobile and started for Greensboro, incidentally breaking all the speed laws ever enacted. A telephone message apprised Sheriff Stafford of their wild flight, and accompanied by Deputy Joe Phipps, the sheriff cranked his trusty Ford and went out to meet the ex-convicts. "Cricket" and his colored companion passed the officers at Muir's chapel and gave them the "high sign" as they went by at 40 or 50 miles an hour. When nearing the city they stopped at Fields' store, where the officers came upon them and placed them under arrest. They were placed in jail to sober up and Friday afternoon were given a hearing before Squire Collins for driving an automobile at a reckless speed while intoxicated. The squirrel fined "Cricket" \$10 and costs and the negro \$50 and costs. Of course neither had the price and both were sent back to the roads to work it out.

Converts Cost \$2.93 Each.

A dispatch from Philadelphia to the New York Sun says: With \$53,127.70 donated in a free-will offering to Billy Sunday by Philadelphia and \$62,650 collected to pay the expenses of conducting the campaign, what each trail hither cost, reduced to dollars and cents, is \$2.93. The converts gathered in the eleven weeks battle against sin by the baseball evangelist numbered 39,493, as shown by revised figures. Of the money contributed solely for the private purse of Sunday, \$5,312.77 will be deposited in a bank at Warsaw, Ind., for the fund known as God's tenth. Against this fund both Billy and Ma check for charitable purposes that they personally investigate.

This leaves Sunday's individual honorarium \$47,815.93. Based on eleven weeks' work it nets Billy a salary equal to \$4,346.81 a week. Sunday's yearly labors usually extend over a period of forty weeks. If he receives a sum in every city where he campaigns equal to what the Quaker city donated his yearly income would be \$173,870.40.

Dominicans Are Punished. Washington, April 2.—Difficulties over financial affairs of the Dominican republic were brought to a head today when the United States cut off the allowance of \$2,000 a day which the Dominican government has been permitted recently to draw from its customs reserve funds to meet a deficit in current expenditures.

Notice from the state department of this step brought prompt action by officials of the island republic. They cabled they would dispatch to Washington immediately a special commission to confer with Secretary Bryan in an effort to readjust the situation.

E. G. SHERRILL APPOINTED COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR.

Mr. E. G. Sherrill has been appointed by the state tax commission tax assessor for Guilford county and will enter upon the duties of the position May 1, when the work of assessing and listing property for taxation will begin. His term of office will continue during the assessment, listing and equalization of property for taxation, which will require 60 or 90 days. His compensation will be \$4 a day and expenses when away from home on business for the county.

It will be Mr. Sherrill's duty to see to it that all the real and personal property in the county gets on the tax books at a fair and equitable valuation. He will meet with the township list-takers and assessors at the court house in Greensboro the first Monday in May for a general discussion of the work, and he will also spend at least one day with the list-takers in each township.

This is reassessment year and it is expected that the property valuations in Guilford will show a healthy increase. A special effort will be made to get all the property on the books and to equalize the assessments—something that has not been done in the past. While it is not planned to raise the assessment on property that is taxed at what is considered a fair rate, property that is assessed too low will be raised. If this is done, and personal property that has been escaping taxation is put on the books, it is believed that the increase in Guilford's valuation will be the greatest ever known.

Heretofore the list-takers and assessors have been members of the board of equalization, but under the law passed by the legislature the county commissioners alone constitute the board. The board of equalization will meet in every county in the state on the second Monday in July.

The township list-takers and assessors will be appointed by the county commissioners at their meeting Monday. The law leaves the fixing of the compensation of the list-takers and assessors in the hands of the county commissioners, but stipulates that it shall not exceed \$3 a day.

Following are the assessors appointed for the adjoining counties: Alamance, S. H. Webb; Rockingham, William Young; Randolph, E. L. Moffitt; Forsyth, Z. T. Bynum; Davidson, J. W. Lambeth.

Preferred That Robbers Have Hip Money.

Newark, N. J., April 2.—When four masked men gathered \$1,000 in real money from the pockets of Joseph DiGanel, manager of a bakery at No. 918 Bergen street, early this morning he chuckled and said: "Well, my wife didn't get it."

DiGanel was busy at the bakery after the men under him had gone for the day, when there came a rap on the door. He paid no attention to the rap, and it was repeated with a call of "Joe." He opened the door, and the masked men rushed in. One rapped him on the head with the butt of his revolver. A coat was then thrust about his head and his clothing searched and the \$1,000 in cash was lifted. They then ran out and DiGanel managed to get the coat off his head and give an alarm, but the men disappeared.

When questioned by the police as to why he had such a sum of money on his person, DiGanel explained that he was under bonds to support his wife and was afraid to put the money in a bank lest she learn he had it and try to get a portion. The only satisfaction he seemed to get was that his wife would not get any of it now.

Camps Worse Than Hell.

"I would rather spend four years in hell than four years in a turpentine camp," declared Len F. Greer, associate member of the Alabama board of convict inspectors, in describing to the legislative investigating committee conditions in the turpentine camps of south Alabama. Greer said that he would recommend that all contracts for lease of state convicts to persons operating in south Alabama be canceled. He declared tasks were too heavy and hours too long.

Prof. Samuel H. Hodgkin, president of Wilmington College, Wilmington, O., is visiting relatives and friends in the city and county.

BIGGEST SNOW IN TEN YEARS

STORM RAGED THROUGH FRIDAY NIGHT AND UNTIL AFTER NOON SATURDAY.

The oldest inhabitant is not old enough to remember when such a snowstorm as that of Friday night and Saturday visited Greensboro and this section of country at this season in the past. The snow was not only the heaviest of the year, but it is said that such a fall of the "beautiful" has not been seen here for at least ten years.

The snow began falling shortly after 9 o'clock Friday night and continued almost without interruption until after noon Saturday. It was a full grown snowstorm from the start, and at times the flakes fell in almost blinding fury. Police officers and others who were out Friday night say they never saw it snow harder than it snowed for an hour or two after midnight.

Saturday morning the ground was covered to a depth of about eighth inches, and had it not been for the fact that the snow followed a rain of about six hours that had thoroughly soaked the ground, the depth would have been much greater. A prettier snow was never seen here.

There was practically no property damage and the absence of extreme temperature prevented any suffering on account of the storm. The lowest temperature recorded at the local station of the weather bureau was 36 degrees. The snow began to melt Saturday afternoon, and when the warm sun came out yesterday morning it went away in a hurry.

Storm Was General.

The snowstorm was general throughout North Carolina and along practically the whole Atlantic seaboard from Maine to Florida. Raleigh seems to have been the center of the worst of the storm in this state. Nearly two feet of snow fell there and it was accompanied by a wind that at times reached a velocity of 60 miles an hour. A number of houses were wrecked and the streets were filled with a tangle of poles, wires and trees. Miles of telephone, telegraph and power lines went down.

The plant of the Carolina Light and Power Company was put out of commission, and Saturday night Raleigh and a number of other towns were without electric lights or power.

No loss of life from the storm has been reported in the state, although a number of persons suffered injuries.

The storm was especially severe in Norfolk and vicinity and resulted in much property damage. In Richmond three men and six horses were killed by coming in contact with live electric wires borne down by the weight of the snow.

The snowfall in Philadelphia was 19 inches and in New York it was 9 inches.

No Wheat Trust Found.

Charles F. Clyde, United States district attorney at Chicago, who has been investigating the cause of increase in the price of wheat, conferred in Washington Friday with Attorney General Gregory and G. C. Todd, the assistant in charge of anti-trust prosecutions.

It was said after the conference that so far no evidence had been discovered to indicate the existence of any combination or corner arbitrarily to force up the price. The inquiry has tended to strengthen the belief of the attorney general that the great factor in the rise was the unusual demand for wheat abroad and the speculation to be expected as a consequence.

Secretary Garrison Not a Prohibitionist.

When Secretary of War Garrison was interviewed in Washington the other day on the subject of prohibition in the army, he said he was so busy planning a reorganization of the country's military defenders that he had not even considered what he would "prohibit" when he had brought the army up to what he thought its proper size. To introduce a dry order into the army regulations at present, Mr. Garrison said, "would be like taking a bottle from a baby."

Messrs. Word H. Wood, of Charlotte; C. H. Wood, of Norfolk, Va., and N. O. Wood, of Roanoke, Va., spent yesterday in the city with their parents, Maj. and Mrs. W. W. Wood.