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LOCAL NEWS

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

Open Today.—The registration books for the \$250,000 court house bond election to be held June 1 open today. So far very little interest has been shown in the approaching election.

Married Last Night.—Mr. Thomas Styers, of northern Guilford, and Miss Pearl Williams, a popular young woman of Rockingham county, were married last night at the home of the bride.

Address on China.—Dr. John N. Mills, of Washington, D. C., delivered a scholarly and interesting address at Greensboro College for Women Monday night on "The Progress and Prospects of China."

Lost Two Games.—The Greensboro baseball team lost the first two games played here with Raleigh this week and took yesterday's game by the score of 3 to 0. The Greensboro team will be in Asheville for the remainder of the week.

Purchase New Home.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Dorsett, who recently sold their home on East Washington street, have purchased the E. W. Lyon home, in Fisher park, adjoining the residence of Mr. John N. Wilson. It is a very attractive place.

Mrs. Christenberry Dead.—Mrs. G. H. Christenberry, wife of the pastor of the Methodist churches at Randleman and Naomi, died Tuesday evening, following a long illness. Mr. Christenberry was formerly pastor of the Methodist church at Proximity.

Rogers-Paschal.—Mr. Ernest Rogers, who is connected with the Western Union Telegraph Company in this city, and Mrs. Emily Paschal were married Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of the bride's father-in-law, Mr. E. F. Paschal, on West Lee street.

Good Price For Farm.—Mr. J. Rankin Thomas has sold to M. A. M. Seales a farm of 90 acres in Morehead township, north of the city, for \$13,459.50. This is a splendid price for Guilford county real estate and is a striking example of the great increase in values.

Married a Soldier.—Miss Lessie Skeenes, a daughter of Policeman Bob Skeenes, and Mr. A. C. Calhoun, of the United States army, were married Monday afternoon at the bride's home. Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun left Monday evening for Texas, where the groom's regiment is stationed on the Mexican border.

Her Brother Dead.—Mrs. Arthur B. Pearce received a message Tuesday informing her of the death of her brother, Mr. Joseph Newlin, of Springfield, Mo., as the result of a motorcycle accident. He was injured Monday morning and died that night. Mr. Newlin was a native of Burlington and had been in Missouri for some time.

Library Stations.—Three of the six sub-stations of the Greensboro public library to be established at different points in the county have been established and are ready to serve the public. They are at Pleasant Garden, in the postoffice; at McLeansville, in Boone's store, and at Friendship, in Beeson's store. By the end of the week the three other stations will be established at Jamestown, Summerfield and Brown Summit. The sub-station will be in the postoffice at each of these places.

Paving Material Here.—Several carloads of material and equipment to be used in the street paving work to be done in Greensboro during the next few months have arrived and the contractor, Mr. R. G. Lassiter, is making the preliminary preparations for the task that awaits him. A big asphalt plant is to be built near the railroad siding on East Washington street, where the material for the surface paving will be mixed. It is thought that all the paving planned for the present can be completed before next winter.

Certificates to Graduates.—The celebrating exercises of the Greensboro training school for Sunday school workers were held in West Market Street Methodist church Tuesday evening, when certificates were awarded to 117 teachers and 649 Sunday school workers who had completed the prescribed course. An address on the importance of the proper training of Sunday school workers was made by Dr. William A. Brown, of Chicago, one of the secretaries of the International Sunday School Association.

Pitchers' Battle.—In what is described as the prettiest game of baseball played at Guilford College this season the Guilford team Tuesday afternoon defeated the University of South Carolina by a score of 2 to 0. It was a pitchers' battle between Murchison, of Guilford, and Adams, of South Carolina. Guilford's pitcher allowed only three hits and struck out 15 men.

Negro Tramp Killed.—An unknown negro tramp died at St. Leo's hospital Monday evening as the result of injuries sustained earlier in the day, when he fell under a moving freight train in the Pomona yards of the Southern Railway. Both legs were severed above the knees. He was attended by the Southern's local surgeon, Dr. E. R. Michaux, and buried at the expense of the railroad.

Taken on New Line.—Mr. E. F. Craven, who has been engaged in the road machinery business in Greensboro for a number of years and is well known to many readers of the Patriot, has taken the agency in this territory for the John Deere line of farm machinery and is prepared to care for a large volume of business. Mr. John L. Phipps, a well known gentleman of the Mt. Hope church community, is associated with Mr. Craven in the capacity of salesman.

Pretty Church Wedding.—Mr. Oscar J. Daniel and Miss Lucy Coppedge were married Tuesday afternoon at 5.30 o'clock at the First Baptist church, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. Rev. J. Clyde Turner performed the ceremony in the presence of a large assemblage of friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel have gone on a wedding trip that will embrace visits to Los Angeles, San Francisco and Salt Lake City. Mr. Daniel is a native of Virginia and has resided in Greensboro for several years, being in the service of the Southern Railway. His bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Coppedge and a popular young woman.

Captured Whiskey.—Sheriff Stafford and Deputies Phipps and Hobbs took an automobile trip to Jamestown late Tuesday afternoon and when they returned to Greensboro they brought with them three five-gallon kegs and a gallon glass jug of corn whiskey. The liquor was of the blockade variety and was captured in the home of Thomas Patterson, a white man. Much to their disappointment, the officers did not have the pleasure of meeting Patterson, who, it is believed, had been apprised of the intended visit in time to make himself scarce. The contraband liquor reposes in the sheriff's office, where it is under the constant surveillance of one or more officers.

Commencement Exercises.—The commencement exercises of the Pleasant Garden high school will begin Saturday evening with declamation and recitation contests by representatives of the two societies. Rev. Dr. S. B. Turrentine, of this city, will preach the annual sermon Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The exercises of the grammar grades will take place Monday evening. Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, of the University of Virginia, will deliver the annual address Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock and at 2 o'clock in the afternoon the graduating exercises will take place. The commencement exercises will end Tuesday evening with a play, "A Modern Desdemona, or Mr. Hawthorne's Niece."

Mayor of Sanford a Suicide.—T. L. Bass, mayor of Sanford, committed suicide at his home Monday afternoon by shooting himself through the heart with a rifle. He was alone in the house at the time and his dead body was discovered by his wife when she returned from visiting neighbors.

The dead man left a note in the pocket of his coat, the coat being laid across a chair nearby, stating that his continued bad health was the cause of his determination to end his life. The note for the most part related to business matters and was addressed to his son, E. C. Bass. Mr. Bass was serving his fourth term as mayor of Sanford and was a candidate for a renomination in the primary held Tuesday.

To Shoot American.—Phillip E. McCleary, an American newspaper correspondent at Vera Cruz, has been imprisoned and sentenced to be shot by Carranza authorities for having sent out uncensored news dispatches. Secretary of State Bryan has received an appeal for aid.

CRIMINAL COURT IN SESSION

FIGHT OF PREACHERS AIRED—MURDER CASE CALLED THIS MORNING.

Judge Lyon and his juries have been making good progress in the criminal term of Superior court this week, though it is hardly possible that all the cases can be disposed of by the adjournment of court Saturday afternoon.

L. R. Noah is foreman of the grand jury, the other members of that body being: S. G. Blaylock, D. L. Burnside, J. C. Bull, Edgar E. Davis, R. R. Anderson, J. W. Winchester, A. M. Lewis, R. P. Garrett, Robert Forsyth, N. F. Johnson, J. L. Hawkins, R. S. Wimbish, A. S. Voss, A. H. Murray, Charles Ward, Charles F. Hackett and E. E. Clapp. The case charging Jeff. Dorsett and Ed. Walker, both colored, with the murder of John Swaim was called this morning. The jury is to be selected from a special venire of 60 men summoned by Sheriff Stafford by order of the court. The selection of the jury may consume the greater part of today, or it may be that the case will be ready for the jury by the adjournment of court this afternoon.

The state has worked up what is considered a very strong chain of evidence against the negroes and there seems to be little or no doubt of their conviction. The relatives of Mr. Swaim have employed Judge W. P. Bynum to assist Solicitor Bower in the prosecution. The court has appointed Messrs. C. A. Hines and L. Herbin to represent the defendants.

One of the most interesting cases tried during the term was an indictment charging Rev. Gordon Mines and Rev. I. O. Gray, two Wesleyan Methodist preachers, with disturbing public worship in a church near Colfax a few months ago. It appeared from the evidence that Mr. Mines, pastor of the church, had been conducting a revival meeting that was not marked by any great degree of spiritual fervor. At the close of one of the services Mr. Gray, a former pastor of the church, made a talk in which he stated there was some hindrance to the success of the revival and charged that the hindrance was due to the character of the pastor and his wife. Pastor Mines took exception to the remarks of his brother minister and said he would whip anybody who cast reflections upon his wife. Without further ceremony, the two preachers then went together. No physical damage resulted from the combat.

Mr. Mines was found guilty and Mr. Gray entered a plea of guilty. Both were released upon the payment of the costs.

John L. Bull, Jr., who was mixed up in the case, was found not guilty. It was charged that Mr. Bull turned out the lights in the church when the fight between the preachers started.

Earl Keeling, white, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of perjury, but prayer for judgment was continued upon his paying the costs of the action.

Monroe Herbin, colored, was sentenced to a term of two months on the county roads for carrying a concealed weapon.

Casey Jones, a white man, was given a term of six months on the roads for retailing.

Bob Patton, colored, drew a sentence of eight months on the roads for retailing.

Ivy Stewart, white, pleaded guilty to the charge of committing an assault with a deadly weapon and was allowed to go upon the payment of the costs, besides paying the sum of \$100 to the woman whom he assaulted and \$25 to her attorney.

Troy Fitzgerald, white, pleaded guilty to house-breaking and was sent to the county jail for a term of 12 months, the county commissioners being given leave to hire him out or send him to an asylum for the insane.

Carl Robbins, white, was convicted of forgery. Prayer for judgment was continued upon his payment of the costs and giving bond in the sum of \$100 for his appearance before the court for the next two years to show good behavior.

Oscar Holden and Rosco Iddings, white, were convicted of an affray. Holden was fined \$25 and taxed with one-half the costs, while Iddings was required to pay half the costs. Holden was also tried on a charge of trespassing, but was adjudged not guilty.

Abraham Jackson, white, was sentenced to the roads for a term of eight months for the larceny of a bicycle.

John Payne, colored, was found guilty of committing an assault with a deadly weapon but was allowed to go upon the payment of the costs and the sum of \$14 to the man whom he assaulted.

Alfred Martin, colored, was found guilty of larceny in two cases and given sentences to the county roads aggregating 10 months.

John Womack, colored, was given a road sentence of three months for the larceny of a chicken.

Ila Wilson, a white woman, was found guilty of being a vagrant, but prayer for judgment was continued upon her promise to return to the home of her father and report at the next term of court and show good behavior.

Cub Stewart, the negro who entered the home of Policeman Bray a few days ago, was found guilty, but sentence has not yet been passed.

Harvey Brady was found guilty of retailing, but sentence has not been pronounced.

Sellie Turner and Banks Winecoff were convicted of breaking into the drug stores of Howard Gardner and E. C. Sykes. Turner was given six and Winecoff eight months on the roads.

Will Walker, colored, charged with breaking and entering, pleaded guilty and was given a sentence of 12 months on the roads.

Richard Jackson was convicted in two cases, one charging larceny and the other carrying concealed weapons. Sentences to the roads were imposed totaling eight months.

Raymond Fair, a white man, was convicted of breaking into Bernau's jewelry store and was given a sentence of six months.

Rusie Jones and Monroe Harkins, negroes, were found guilty of disorderly conduct. Rusie was sent to the workhouse for a term of four months while Monroe received a sentence of six months on the roads.

SPLENDID ENDORSEMENT FOR CITY OFFICIALS.

The city administration was given a splendid endorsement in the primary Monday, when the voters of Greensboro expressed their preference in no uncertain manner for the present officials. Each of the three commissioners and the judge of the Municipal court received a large majority of the votes cast, the majorities being so decisive as to make the election to be held next Tuesday a mere formality. (The city charter provides that the two candidates for any office receiving the largest number of votes in the primary shall be the candidates in the election.)

The vote was the heaviest ever polled in a primary in Greensboro, being about 1,600 out of a total registration in excess of 2,500. Judge S. Glenn Brown, of the Municipal court, led all the candidates, receiving 1,193 votes to 403 cast for his three opponents. Mayor Murphy defeated J. H. Cook nearly two to one, his vote being 1,056 to 549. R. M. Rees, commissioner of public safety, received 987 votes to 594 cast for his four opponents. The closest contest was for the nomination for commissioner of public works, Commissioner Foushee receiving 981 votes to 623 cast for his opponent, C. A. Hendrix.

The total vote received by all the candidates was as follows:

For mayor and commissioner of finance—T. J. Murphy, 1,056; J. H. Cook, 549.

For commissioner of public safety—R. M. Rees, 987; D. F. Causey, 438; J. T. B. Shaw, 70; R. E. Andrews, 61; W. B. Sellars, 25.

For commissioner of public works—J. Giles Foushee, 981; Charles A. Hendrix, 623.

For judge of the Municipal court—S. Glenn Brown, 1,193; W. B. Byrd, 371; Thomas E. Jones, 19; J. Grasty Fowler, 13.

Working on Report.—The legislative commission Monday afternoon began working on the report for Governor Craig and the legislature on their findings and recommendations in the Abernethy-Carter, contempt case. It is expected that the report will be completed and filed with the governor within a week. The general expectation is that the commission will recommend relief for Abernethy and satisfactory acquittal for Judge Carter.

GREAT BATTLE IN PROGRESS

GERMANS MAKE FIERCE ATTACK ON ALLIED FORCES IN FLANDERS.

A report from London in this morning's press dispatches quotes Sir John French, commander of the British forces on the continent, as saying the British and French forces have stopped the German attack. This, however, only brings to an end the first phase of the battle, for the allies have yet to win back the ground lost in the great German sweep.

The tremendous battle, begun by the German attack on the arc-like front of the allies around Ypres, in the plains of Flanders, continues with undiminished fury, and Europe is awaiting the outcome with undisguised anxiety.

While the majority of those capable of forming an opinion believe that the Germans, by the stroke they have delivered against the British, French and Belgians, are once again aiming at Dunkirk and Calais, there are others who believe that it is only a feint in force to draw the allies' reserves while preparations are being made for an attack at some other point in the long line.

Whatever are the intentions of the Germans, they certainly made a successful coup, which, while it did not break, did dent the allies' line. The Canadians, who were holding the British portion of the lines, were the first to recover themselves, and in a counter attack recaptured the ground they had been compelled to give up, and since then, with their comrades, have successfully withstood the German assaults.

The French and Belgians, who received the blast in fuller force and were driven back across the canal between Boesinghe and Steenstraete, were not much slower in recovering and, according to the French official reports, succeeded in regaining possession of the canal banks and much of the surrendered territory to the east.

There is no inclination, however, to belittle the initial success of the German sweep and the work that is before the allied armies before the situation can be fully restored.

A writer in the Pall Mall Gazette describes it as "a masterly tactical counterstroke," and declares that "if the Germans have waited long to take their revenge for Neuve Chapelle, they have taken it now." By getting across the canal, it is pointed out, the Germans gained for the moment command of the new roads, and if they had not been driven back would have forced a readjustment of the whole allied line in the region of Ypres.

Long trains of German reinforcements are going to the front, passing equally long trains of wounded bound for the base hospitals. There is no likelihood, therefore, that the battle will be over for some days to come, as the Germans have made immense preparations in men and material for the offensive, which has forestalled that of the allies.

That there is no shortage of either men or munitions is shown by the fact that the Germans are at the same time conducting an offensive in the heights of the Meuse, where they have made an unsuccessful attack, according to the French official report, in an effort to recapture Les Eparges.

Canadian Tells of Ypres Fight.

The London Evening News publishes an interview with a Canadian who participated in the recapture of the guns at Ypres, describing his personal experiences in the action in which, according to Sir John French's report, the Canadians saved the situation.

"After breaking the line on our left," says the Canadian in the story told to the Evening News, "we received orders to stand by the side of the canal. Then we were ordered to proceed immediately to the north of Ypres. We set off without food or water—with nothing in fact except our wet equipment, each man taking 400 rounds of ammunition.

"We waited at this point until nearly midnight, when two battalions formed in line by half-companies in extended order. We received the signal to break through and charge the enemy, who were about five hundred yards away.

"We were at once mown down like a lot of sheep by the enemy's artillery. Some 2,500 of us had to attack

a wood where there were some 7,000 Germans. The place was full of Maxims. Before our attack some shells were thrown into the woods.

"We drove them from their trenches in front of the wood and went right through about five hundred yards to the other side. Then we were surrounded and had to retire to the trenches which we had taken. Here we dug ourselves in, remaining until Friday morning, the enemy shelling us all the time with shrapnel. We fled out Friday morning to make room for reinforcements.

"In our advance we met with a heavy fire from both sides. In spite of this, we mowed the Germans before us and recovered three howitzers which the Germans had left behind them in the wood. These we blew up and we recaptured our own guns. At this point we surrounded sixty Germans and bayoneted forty-five of them. One German officer in front blew out his brains. We could not estimate the number of Germans slain, but we saw their searchlights all night looking for the dead. It was certainly the most awful time ever known."

Forcing Dardanelles Tremendous Task.

Too great expectations were raised by the allied fleet's preliminary operations in the Dardanelles, declares a British press representative officially accredited to the expedition.

"The British navy is convinced," the correspondent says, "that the narrows could be forced if occasion justified the loss of ships that would result, but unless there were a powerful army ready to occupy the Gallipoli peninsula the moment the fleet passed into the sea of Marmora, the Turks and Germans would close the straits behind it so the warships would find it difficult to fight their way out again.

"Nothing amazed the British and French gunners more than the resisting power of the old forts around the Dardanelles.

"Those of Seddul Bahr and Kumkale were subjected to a devastating bombardment in February, yet when landing parties examined them they found the material damage comparatively small. Although they were shambles, many guns still were intact and one 9-inch piece actually was found loaded."

The correspondent considers the Turks such poor gunners that the allies would have been at Constantinople if there had been only Turkish troops to deal with. He says, however, that praise must be given German officers for their skillful use of the defenses.

Kronprinz Wilhelm Interns.

Captain Thierfelder, commanding the Kronprinz Wilhelm, the German auxiliary, which entered Hampton roads over two weeks ago, sent this message to Collector Hamilton, at Newport News, Va., Monday afternoon:

"Herewith I have to officially inform you that I intern. Awaiting your further orders, I am yours respectfully, Thierfelder."

A half hour before this news was received at the navy department Secretary Daniels had approved the request for coal and provisions made by the officers of the Kronprinz Wilhelm. He said he made no changes in the amount of anything on the list of requisition. Some of the officers noticed that there was no request for beer, wines or ales, and this was taken as a premonition that the vessel would not go to sea.

The arrangements between the government and the Kronprinz will be similar to those adopted in the case of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich. The officers and men will be paroled and given the same liberty and privileges accorded to the officers and crew of the Eitel.

Capt. Thierfelder gave the serious illness of 60 members of his crew as his reason for interning.

To Limit Suffrage.—The lower house of the Florida legislature has adopted a resolution to submit to the voters a "grandfather clause" amendment to the section of the constitution which regulates voting. The proposed amendment would deny the ballot to all persons who cannot read or write or who do not own \$500 in real property, except those who are lineal descendants of voters in this country of the date of January 1, 1867. Friends of the measure claim enough votes to assure its adoption by the senate.