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## LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

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

**Elder Willard.**—Elder P. W. Willard preached at the Primitive Baptist church, on the corner of Tate and Carr streets, last evening at early candlelight.

**Moves to Greensboro.**—Mr. W. A. Overcash has moved to Greensboro from Concord and taken a position with the Brown-Belk Company. He has been connected with the Belk chain of stores for some time.

**Called Away.**—Rev. E. Frank Lee, pastor of Buffalo and Midway Presbyterian churches, was called to Newton Grove, Sampson county, Saturday by a message informing him of the critical illness of his brother-in-law.

**State Treasurer Here.**—State Treasurer Lacy spent yesterday in Greensboro and in the afternoon conducted the weekly religious service at the Masonic and Eastern Star home. Mr. Lacy was on his way to Davidson College to attend the commencement exercises.

**Has Typhoid Fever.**—Mr. J. C. Murchison, for many years a resident of Greensboro, is reported to be ill of typhoid fever at his home in Charleston, S. C. Mr. Murchison has been located in Charleston for several years as division superintendent of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad.

**Sold Privately.**—The auction sale of automobiles, accessories, etc., of the Steele Auto Service Company and the salvage stock of the American Commission Company advertised for Saturday was not held, owing to the fact that the property had been previously disposed of at private sale.

**Goes to Thomasville.**—Rev. E. R. Platt of this city, who has just graduated from the theological seminary of the German Reformed church at Lancaster, Pa., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Reformed church at Thomasville and will take up the work the fifth Sunday in this month.

**Joseph Edwards Dead.**—Mr. Joseph Edwards, a well known citizen of the Muir's chapel community, died at his home Thursday night. He was 72 years old and had been an invalid for many years. He was never married. The funeral and interment took place at Muir's chapel Friday afternoon.

**Annual Sermon.**—The baccalaureate sermon to the graduates of the Agricultural and Technical College for negroes was preached yesterday afternoon by Rev. Joseph Friedlander, rabbi of the Hebrew congregation in this city. The commencement exercises of the college will be in progress today, tomorrow and Wednesday.

**Four Graduates.**—Four Greensboro boys are members of the class that will be graduated from the A. & M. College, in Raleigh, tomorrow. Their names and the courses in which they will graduate are: H. Hopkins, agriculture; H. K. Witherston, civil engineering; L. C. Atkinson, textile industry, and F. E. Wyson, mechanical engineering.

**Camp Meeting.**—The annual camp meeting of the Holiness church is being held in the tabernacle on West Lee street. Services are held in the forenoon, afternoon and evening and are being conducted by Rev. L. B. Compton, of Asheville, an evangelist of the Holiness church, and Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Shelhamer, of Georgia. The meeting will continue for a week or longer.

**Street Paving.**—The city commissioners have decided to pave North Elm street from Church street to the city limits and West Market from Elm to the city limits, the work to begin as soon as the paving of Walker avenue and Asheboro street is completed. These streets will be paved with sheet asphalt, which is considered about the best paving material on the market.

**Candidate For Moderator.**—Many people in Greensboro and Guilford county will be interested to know that Rev. Dr. J. Ernest Thacker, a native of this city, who has been pastor of one of the leading Presbyterian churches in Norfolk for several years, was one of the six candidates placed in nomination for the office of moderator of the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly, which is in session in Newport News, Va. Rev. Dr. Thacker preached the opening sermon before the General Assembly and received a flattering vote for moderator.

**Meeting at Whitsett.**—A meeting was held at Whitsett Thursday night in the interest of the proposed \$250,000 court house bond issue. A number of the leading citizens of the community were present and expressed themselves as heartily favoring the proposition. Messrs. A. B. Kimball, C. A. Hines, J. Ed. Albright and R. J. M. Hobbs, of this city, made brief addresses advocating the bond issue.

**Beal-Dick Wedding.**—Mr. J. B. Beal, of Lynchburg, Va., and Miss Nellie Dick, a daughter of Mrs. Lena Dick, were married Friday at the residence of Rev. C. E. Hodgins, who performed the ceremony in the presence of a few intimate friends. Shortly after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Beal left for Scottsville, Va., to visit the family of the groom, after which they will be at home in Lynchburg.

**Receiver Named.**—In the Superior court Friday Judge C. C. Lyon named Mr. W. M. Combs as receiver of the Greensboro Floral Company, the appointment of a receiver being made upon the application of Mr. C. B. Bogart. Mr. Bogart formerly owned the business, but sold it a short time ago, and it was to protect himself for deferred payments that he instituted the court proceedings. The business will be continued by the receiver.

**Morehead-Dick.**—Mrs. John A. Gilmer has issued invitations to the marriage of her granddaughter, Miss Mary Eloise Dick, and Mr. James T. Morehead, Jr., the ceremony to take place in the First Presbyterian church Thursday evening, June 3, at 8 o'clock. Both Mr. Morehead and Miss Dick are members of two of Greensboro's oldest and most prominent families and the announcement of their approaching marriage is of interest to many people throughout the state.

**Prof. Highsmith Resigns.**—Prof. J. A. Highsmith, who has been principal of the Pomona graded school for the past two or three years, has resigned the position in order to take a course next year in the Peabody Teachers' College at Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Highsmith is a well equipped school man and has given entire satisfaction at Pomona. He will be succeeded by Mr. W. G. Sneed, who has been one of the principals of the High Point graded schools for the past several years.

**Climbed Buildings.**—A crowd of several thousand people Thursday afternoon had the rather thrilling experience of seeing a man climb the walls of the Guilford hotel and the Dixie buildings. The climber, whose name is H. H. Gardiner and who was advertised as "the human fly," scaled the walls as easily as the ordinary man could ascend a ladder. The man is employed to travel over the country and perform this dangerous stunt as an advertisement of a new soda fountain drink bearing a name similar to that of his satanic majesty.

**Convention Closes.**—The annual convention of the North Carolina Diocese of the Episcopal church, which was held in this city last week, adjourned Thursday afternoon to meet next year in Henderson. The convention was attended by 65 ministers and about an equal number of laymen and was pronounced the most successful held in many years. About 100 ladies attended the meeting of the woman's auxiliary to the board of missions. Before adjourning both bodies sent telegrams to President Wilson endorsing his course in dealing with the critical situation confronting the country.

**Russia Begins Offensive Movement.**—Late reports from the European war state that the Russians, with strong reinforcements, have crossed the San confluence with the Vistula and are advancing southward in an effort to outflank the Germans, who crossed the San in the vicinity of Jaroslau. They also are striking hard at the Austrians in Bukovina, but apparently have made no further headway there nor with their offensive in the Opatow region. The latter offensive, however, was a movement to uncover the German flank in Galicia, which it succeeded partly in doing.

In the Baltic provinces the Germans claim to have defeated the Russians in the region of Shaxli and also to have repulsed the Russian attacks from the Dubeysa and Niemen rivers.

In the West there has been a series of attacks along the greater part of the line, but no action of first importance.

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

IN PROGRESS AT STATE NORMAL AND GREENSBORO COLLEGE FOR WOMEN.

The commencement exercises of both the State Normal and Industrial College and Greensboro College for Women began yesterday morning with the baccalaureate sermons. The sermon at the State Normal College was preached by Rev. Dr. W. M. Vines, pastor of the First Baptist church of Charlotte. Rev. James H. McCoy, D. D., of Birmingham, Ala., a bishop of the M. E. Church, South, preached the sermon to the graduating class of the Greensboro College for Women. Both sermons were learned and eloquent discourses and were heard by large crowds.

Bishop McCoy's sermon was delivered in West Market Street Methodist church, the auditorium of which was filled to overflowing. The distinguished divine took his text from Isaiah 40:30-31, "Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fail; but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not be faint." The text, said the speaker, leads apparently to an anti-climax—first, to fly; second, to run, and, third, to walk. But such is not the case, for after all most people need the Lord in walking—in the every-day, commonplace things of life. The great events and occasions are not the lots of many people, nor of anyone generally, hence the value of the promise, "they shall walk and faint not."

Bishop McCoy impressed upon his hearers the thought of doing the work of every day well and in this way be prepared for the crisis of life and the great event. Life is not romance and mountain-peaks; it is dry facts and the long, even road. Heroes are not accidents, but heroic deeds are results of long preparation for the occasion.

The annual sermon to the Young Women's Christian Association of the college was preached in West Market Street church at 8 o'clock last evening by Bishop James Atkins, of Waynesville. The sermon was eloquent, inspiring and helpful. Despite a thunderstorm that came up just before the hour for services, a large congregation was in attendance.

This afternoon at 5 o'clock the class day exercises will be held on the campus and this evening at 8 o'clock the annual concert of the expression department will be given in the college auditorium.

The graduating exercises will take place tomorrow morning at 10.30 o'clock. The literary address will be delivered by Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president of Washington and Lee University.

**At the State Normal College.**

The sermon by Dr. Vines at the State Normal and Industrial College was based on the text, "We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal but the things which are not seen are eternal." He discussed at length the things that are eternal, the soul, character, the kingdom of God on earth, and heaven. To seek after and to cultivate these was the urgent plea he impressed on the members of the graduating class.

"Only Christianity as expressed in true education can destroy militarism and bring about the reign of peace and righteousness," said Dr. Vines in the course of his sermon. Continuing, he declared that "we are always as preachers, teachers and Christians to keep our eyes fixed upon the training of the soul for the highest and holiest achievements and this will slowly but gradually and surely bring about that ideal time when nations shall beat their swords into plough shares and shall learn war no more."

The reference to current events came in his discussion of the souls of men as one of the four great realities in the "empire of the unseen," as something of eternal value to be cultivated from childhood. While mankind in this respect is slowly and painfully ascending, yet the speaker found that "the colossal cataclysm of the great war in Europe painfully reminds us that we have not yet emerged from the age of barbarism."

The address before the Young Women's Christian Association was de-

livered last evening by Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, of the University of Virginia.

Today is being given over to exercises by the alumnae of the college. Miss Laura Drake Gill, secretary of the co-ordinate women's college at Trinity College, Durham, will deliver an address this afternoon. The annual concert of the music department will take place this evening. The graduating exercises will take place tomorrow morning at 10.30 o'clock and will be followed by the annual address by Governor Craig.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS.

Deeds transferring real estate have been recorded in the office of the register of deeds during the past few days, as follows:

A. M. Scales and R. R. King, Jr., commissioners, to W. E. Phipps, two lots on Fayetteville street, a part of the Levi Scott property; one 60 by 68 feet, \$3,000; one 60 by 111.82 by 25 by 104.65 feet, \$2,736.30.

A. M. Scales and R. R. King, Jr., commissioners, to J. B. Stroud, a lot on Fayetteville street, 26.06 by 26.06 by 118.99 by 111.82 by 25 feet, \$1,915.

Miss Mary Milton to W. S. Hanner, a lot on Spring Garden street, 50 by 150 by 57 by 133 feet, Morehead township, \$10 and other considerations.

W. G. Baisley to Brown Real Estate Company, a lot on South Cedar street, 100 by 188 feet, Morehead township, \$10 and other considerations.

Brown Real Estate Company to J. L. Jones, a lot on South Cedar street, 100 by 188 feet, Morehead township, \$10 and other considerations.

W. H. Davis to M. J. Wrenn, a lot in High Point, on Factory street, 115 by 45 feet, \$800.

J. F. Gray to T. M. Gant, a lot on Oak street, in Morehead township, 45 by 208 feet, \$150.

Greensboro Loan and Trust Company to J. C. Watkins, a lot on South Cedar street, Morehead township, 149 by 105 by 120 by 51 feet, \$1,250.

Harriet Morehead to Rufus M. McKensie, a tract of land in Gilmer township, 17 acres, \$25 and other considerations.

Allen Peebles to J. M. Albright, a lot on the Battle Ground round, Morehead township, \$100.

James Peebles to J. M. Albright, a lot of land in Morehead township, \$50.

John Donnell to Maurice H. Donnel, a lot on Martin street, Morehead township, 50 by 173.5 feet, \$10 and other considerations.

S. E. Willis to W. A. Henderson, a tract of land in High Point, 40,000 square feet, \$250.

D. S. Freeman to Mary Hanner, a tract of land in Morehead township, 100 by 600 feet, \$150.

Will Black to Jack Anthony, a tract of land in Monroe township, half acre, \$200.

E. E. Mendenhall to J. T. Hedrick, a lot in High Point, \$200.

Rufus M. McKensie to J. R. Tucker, Gilmer township, 17 acres, \$2 and other considerations.

Sarah J. Lanst to C. V. Briggs, a tract of land, township not mentioned, \$500.

## CIVIL TERM OF COURT ADJOURNED SATURDAY.

The two-weeks civil term of Superior court closed Saturday afternoon. While no cases of special interest were tried, a good deal of business was transacted during the term, over 60 judgments having been entered.

The jury returned a verdict for the defendant in a suit for \$2,000 damages brought against the Southern Railway by Mrs. Hattie Durham for alleged mistreatment by the company's agent at Jamestown on September 3, 1914.

Judgments for the plaintiffs, amounting to approximately \$1,000, were granted in two cases brought against W. J. Thompson and J. W. Burke by G. H. Miller & Son.

A verdict was given the plaintiff in a suit brought by John L. Sullivan against Mrs. Effie Sullivan, his daughter-in-law, concerning the title to a tract of land a few miles southwest of the city.

The next civil term of court will convene June 7 and continue for a week and will be followed by a week's criminal term.

Mr. John M. Coble, of CHMA, was a welcome caller at The Patriot office Saturday.

## STATE OF WAR NOW EXISTS

ITALIANS WILD FOR CONFLICT—SERBIAN ARMY MARCHES ON AUSTRIA.

A state of war now exists between Italy and her former allies, Austria and Germany, the formal declaration having been made by the Italian government yesterday. Actual hostilities are expected to begin today. The German and Austrian ambassadors to Italy were handed their passports yesterday afternoon.

The Austrian troops have been withdrawn from some of the frontier posts and all navigation services in the Adriatic have been suspended. The Italian senate has endorsed the chamber's action in granting the government extraordinary powers in the event of war, for which the whole country appears to be enthusiastic.

Simultaneously with the entrance of Italy, Serbia's reconstituted army has fully recovered from the campaigns which resulted in the Austrians being driven back from Serbia, and well armed and equipped, it is announced, has commenced a march toward the Austrian border bent on another invasion of Austrian territory. Thus Austria is being attacked from all sides and has still another enemy, Roumania, in prospect, for it has been an open secret for a long time that Italy and Roumania have an agreement to act in concert. Roumania, however, is awaiting the conclusion of an agreement with Greece and Bulgaria, which also are expected to join the allies, before she takes up arms.

Austrian and German forces of artillery are concentrating on the front of Trent and a considerable movement of troops is reported from Munich. Great numbers of Italian troops are massed along the frontier, and while the Italian authorities are guarding the movement of troops with great secrecy, it is known that some 350,000 men have been concentrated on the coast of Italy across the Adriatic from Albania.

Reports from the Italian colonies in London, Barcelona, New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Buenos Aires and Egypt say that thousands of Italians are ready to answer a call for mobilization and that thousands of others will volunteer for the war.

## Italy's Preparedness.

It is stated that in the past eight months Italy has spent \$400,000,000 in military preparations. Profiting by the lessons of the war to date, particular attention was paid to artillery, and her equipment in this arm is said to be unexcelled in the world. Her artillery is said to be superior to the famous German and Austrian type, and in military circles there have been rumors that she has evolved a field piece of about three-inch caliber exceeding in range, accuracy, ease of handling and effective of projectile even the famous French "75."

Italy has a powerful fleet of modern warships. The duke of Abruzzi, cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, who is the chief naval officer of Italy, recently assumed command of five dreadnoughts, the most powerful squadron ever assembled under the Italian flag. In addition, Italy has eight battleships of the pre-dreadnought type, nine armored cruisers, 13 protected cruisers and the usual complement of destroyers and torpedo boats. She also has 25 submarines.

Italy's population is given as 35,238,000. Military or naval service is compulsory and universal.

Italy's first move on land undoubtedly will be against the Austrian frontier. The mountainous character of the country promises operations and fighting of the most difficult nature. For several weeks past both the Austro-Hungarians and the Italian armies have been fortifying along the dividing line.

## Winter Linger in the West.

Out West winter continues to linger in the lap of spring. A report from Denver Friday stated that rain and snow had been falling in Colorado intermittently for three days. The temperature in Denver dropped to 30 degrees, establishing a new low record for this season since 1872.

The temperature has been below the seasonal average in Wyoming, Utah, western Nebraska and northern New Mexico.

## PEACE CONFERENCE APPROVES PRESIDENT.

President Wilson's stand in the international crisis was approved by the Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration Friday night at the conclusion of its twenty-first annual meeting at Lake Mohonk, N. Y. The conference platform declared:

"We express our gratitude to the president of the United States for steadfastly maintaining the neutrality of our government and for asserting, with firmness, clarity and restraint, the rights of our people as citizens of a neutral nation."

In addition to the paragraph approving the action of President Wilson, the platform contained this:

"The Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration, although meeting this year in circumstances that tend to discourage the hopes entertained by many as to the maintenance of general peace, particularly among the larger and more powerful nations of the world, reaffirms its faith in the beneficence of the measures for the advancement of which the conference was founded. The present war daily furnishes convincing proof of the superiority of those methods over the resort to violence.

"We invite the thoughtful attention of all peoples and nations seeking a substitute for war to a consideration of three following proposals of a basis for joint action by any two or more powers, to be binding on the signers:

"1. All justifiable questions arising between the signatory powers not settled by negotiations shall be submitted to a judicial tribunal for hearing and judgment, both upon the merits of the case and upon any question of jurisdiction.

"2. All justifiable questions arising between the signatories and not settled by negotiation shall be submitted to a council of inquiry and conciliation for hearing, consideration and recommendation.

"3. Conference between the signatory powers shall be held from time to time and formulate and codify rules of international law which thereafter shall govern in the decisions of the judicial tribunal mentioned in the first proposal."

## VERDICT FOR ROOSEVELT IN BARNES LABEL SUIT.

Syracuse, N. Y., May 22.—Twelve men chosen as a jury to determine whether Theodore Roosevelt libeled William Barnes when he charged that he worked through a "corrupt alliance by crooked business and crooked politics," and that he was "corruptly allied with Charles F. Murphy of Tammany hall," today returned a verdict in favor of the former president. The verdict was returned after 40 ballots had been taken and the jury had considered for 42 hours the evidence which was presented during five weeks of the trial. Nineteen hours were consumed before eleven of the jurors, who, since the second ballot had stood together, persuaded Juror No. 11—Edward Burns, a Syracuse motorman and a Republican—to join with them in returning a verdict which Colonel Roosevelt later declared to be "typically American."

For eleven of those 19 hours the jurors in favor of an unconditional verdict for the defendant talked to the one who, while himself favoring a similar verdict, insisted that the court costs and disbursements should be divided between the two principals.

Counsel for the plaintiff will carry the case to a higher court on appeal. It was charged during the progress of the trial that the court was prejudiced in favor of Roosevelt.

## Reformed Church Classis.

The annual session of the North Carolina Classis of the Reformed church convened in Newton Friday night with a good attendance of ministers and lay delegates. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Shuford Peeler, of Greensboro, the retiring president. Rev. Dr. J. L. Murphy, of Hickory, was elected president for the ensuing year.

The session convened on the eighty-fourth anniversary of the brick church, in the southeastern part of Guilford county, on May 21, 1831.

Rev. William A. Murray, who is pastor of a Presbyterian church in Griffin, Ga., visited relatives in the city Friday and Saturday.