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

Vital Statistics.—During the month of May there were 26 deaths in Greensboro, 20 of them being colored and six white people. There were 24 white and 18 colored births.

Ice Cream Supper.—The public is cordially invited to attend an ice cream supper to be given at the Brightwood school house tomorrow night by the Lee's chapel conference committee.

Summer Hours.—The Greensboro public library is now observing summer hours, opening at 9 o'clock in the morning and closing at 7 o'clock in the evening. These hours will be observed through June, July and August.

Ice Cream Supper.—An ice cream supper will be given at Battle Ground next Wednesday night, June 9. The proceeds will be used to furnish the Sunday school room in the new church. The public is cordially invited.

Firm Dissolved.—Messrs. S. B. Kersey and S. B. Matlock, who recently engaged in the cigar manufacturing business in this city, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Kersey purchasing the interest of Mr. Matlock in the business.

Exercises Postponed.—The children's day exercises at Morehead's chapel have been postponed from the first to the second Sunday in June. The exercises will be held at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon and the public is invited to attend.

Court Next Week.—A term of Superior court for the trial of civil actions and to last one week will convene in this city Monday morning. It will be followed by a week of criminal court. Judge C. C. Lyon will preside over both terms.

Death in Concord.—Mrs. D. B. Coltrane, of Concord, whose husband has many relatives in Guilford and Randolph counties, died at her home Tuesday, following a two-weeks' illness of pneumonia. She was 58 years old and a native of Kentucky.

Portrait Presented.—Dr. J. I. Foust, president of the State Normal and Industrial College, has presented to the William Hooper school, of Wilmington, a beautifully framed picture of the William Hooper monument which stands on the Guilford Battle Ground.

Annual Meeting.—The annual meeting of the North Carolina Children's Home Society will be held in this city next Thursday night. Gen. J. S. Carr is president of the society and a number of other prominent citizens of the state are identified with the organization.

Marriage This Evening.—The wedding of Mr. James T. Morehead, Jr., and Miss Eloise Dick will take place in the First Presbyterian church this evening and will be one of the biggest social events of the season. A number of guests from this state and Virginia are here for the wedding.

At Gethsemane.—An ice cream supper will be given at Gethsemane church Saturday night, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the church. The ladies extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend and give them a liberal patronage.

Artillery Band.—A band is being organized in Greensboro for the coast artillery branch of the North Carolina National Guard. It will be assigned to the corps composed of the artillery companies in Greensboro, Wilmington, Charlotte, Salisbury, Hendersonville and Raleigh. Twenty-one musicians have enlisted for service in the band.

Doing Good Work.—Despite the unfavorable weather conditions, the canning school being conducted at the State Normal and Industrial College this week is well attended and very satisfactory work is being done. The rain has prevented the demonstrations of canning that were to have been made on the campus, but aside from this, the work is being carried on as originally planned.

Building Permits.—During the month of May the city building inspector issued permits for the erection of 20 residences at an estimated cost of \$37,805. This shows a considerable decrease from the corresponding month last year. There is a good deal of building going on in the city at the present time, however, a number of buildings for which permits were issued prior to May being in course of construction.

Remembered Here.—Rev. Dr.

Henry W. Battle, whose eloquent speech at the Confederate reunion in Richmond Tuesday aroused the veterans to a high pitch of enthusiasm, is pleasantly remembered in Greensboro as pastor of the First Baptist church of this city in 1904 and 1905. He is a son of the late Gen. Cullen A. Battle, a distinguished officer of the Confederacy. Dr. Battle at present is pastor of the First Baptist church of Charlottesville, Va.

City Tax Rate.—The city commissioners have fixed the tax rate for Greensboro for the current year at \$1.30 on each \$100 of real and personal property and the poll tax at \$3. With a few exceptions, the license taxes remain as they have been. The tax on each automobile kept for hire is raised from \$20 to \$30 a year. Bowling alleys will be required to pay a tax of \$20 for each platform. A tax of \$200 is placed on palmists or fortune tellers.

City Asked to Aid.—A delegation of physicians and other citizens appeared before the city commissioners Monday afternoon and asked that the city arrange to bear the expense of the treatment of Greensboro charity patients at St. Leo's hospital. Dr. J. W. Long directed attention to the fact that the hospital has never turned away a patient for the lack of funds and stated that during the past nine years 1,325 charity patients have been treated from Guilford county, about two-thirds of them being residents of Greensboro. The commissioners took the matter under advisement.

Retailer Arrested.—Tom Patterson, a white man of Jamestown, who has been wanted by the officers for some time on a charge of retailing, was brought to Greensboro yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Joe Phipps from Roanoke, Va., where he was arrested for the county Monday. The grand jury at the last term of court returned a true bill against Patterson and it is presumed that he will be tried at the approaching criminal term of court. Patterson eluded the officers when they went to Jamestown a few weeks ago to arrest him, but they seized 14 gallons of corn liquor they found in his home.

Bride's Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Weatherly, in the Pleasant Garden community. Miss Rachel Tucker presided at the piano and rendered Mendelssohn's wedding march as the bridal party entered the parlor, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Rev. P. L. Terrell was the officiating minister and the impressive ring ceremony of the Methodist church was used. Dr. L. E. Hockett was the best man and Miss Mary Weatherly, a sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. Mr. and Mrs. Yow left last evening for a honeymoon trip to Asheville and other places in the mountains.

Wedding Yesterday.—Mr. Thomas S. Yow, of Asheboro, and Miss Margaret Mae Weatherly were married yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents.

Community Meeting.—A community meeting will be held at the South Buffalo school house Saturday evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of discussing and reviving interest in affairs that concern the community. It is hoped that some kind of an organization may be effected which will have for the purpose the betterment of the homes, the improvement of agriculture and the general improvement of the community.

For Passing Worthless Checks.—Mr. W. B. Streeter, who made his headquarters in Greensboro for several years while serving as superintendent of the North Carolina Children's Home Society, was arrested in Asheville a few days ago on a warrant charging him with passing worthless checks on two mercantile firms in this city, the Vanstory Clothing Company and the Wallace Clothing Company. The checks were for \$20 and \$15 and both were given in exchange for cash. A few days later they were returned by the Asheville bank on which they were drawn with the endorsement, "insufficient funds." Mr. Streeter settled the matter without coming to Greensboro for trial by putting up the cash for the two checks and paying the costs of the action.

ONLY FEW VOTE FOR BONDS

SLIGHT SUPPORT FOR COURT HOUSE AND OFFICE BUILDING PROPOSITION.

Not since the dispensary was done to death 15 years ago has any institution or proposition received such a body blow at the hands of the sovereign voters of Guilford county as that given the \$250,000 court house bond issue in Tuesday's election. With a light registration throughout the county, the bond issued lacked considerably more than 2,000 of receiving a majority of the registered voters. The exact figures will be known when the county commissioners receive and canvass the returns today.

The four precincts in the city of Greensboro, with a registered vote of 1,190, gave only 470 votes for the bonds, being 126 votes short of a majority of the registered vote.

In High Point, where 1,257 voters were registered, 47 men had the hardihood and nerve to risk their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor by voting for bonds.

The country precincts swayed the bonds with might and main. The vote for bonds in the rural precincts was only a little in excess of 25 per cent. of the registered vote.

While no well informed person expected the bond issue to carry, the proposition would have made a much better showing but for the rain that fell practically all day long. It is doubtful if ever before an election was held in Guilford county under such unfavorable weather conditions.

University Commencement.

At the commencement exercises of the University of North Carolina yesterday diplomas were awarded to 138 young men. The literary address was delivered by Judge A. Mitchell Palmer, of the Supreme court of the District of Columbia. The degree of LL. D. was conferred on Senator F. M. Simmons, Governor Locke Craig and James Sprunt, of Wilmington.

Ordained to Ministry.—At an adjourned session of Orange Presbytery held in the First Presbyterian church of this city Monday afternoon Mr. Carl B. Craig, of Reidsville, preached his introductory sermon and passed a highly creditable examination for ordination to the ministry. Mr. Craig is to become co-pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Reidsville, of which his father, Rev. D. I. Craig, D. D., has been pastor for about 30 years. He will be installed in a few weeks.

Another Bond Election.—Undismayed by the fate of the late lamented court house-office building bond election, the city commissioners have called an election on July 13 on the question of issuing \$60,000 of bonds for the purpose of erecting and equipping new school buildings in Greensboro. A new registration is ordered and the books will open tomorrow and close July 3. There is little doubt that the bonds will be voted by a good majority, for the need is imperative and Greensboro has never yet turned down a school bond issue.

Soldiers Coming.—It is announced that a regiment of the North Carolina National Guard will attend the Guilford Battle Ground celebration to be held July 3. Adjutant General Lawrence W. Young will be in command of the regiment, which is expected to include practically every company of the first regiment and two companies of regulars from Fort Caswell. Adjutant General Young was in the city this week conferring with Mr. Paul W. Schenck, president of the Battle Ground Association, as to the arrangements for handling and caring for the soldiers while here.

Capt. M. Jordan Dead.—Capt. M. Jordan, who made his home for many years a short distance south of the city, died about 2.30 o'clock Monday morning at the home of his son, Mr. W. M. Jordan, in Mt. Airy, where he had been for some time. The body was brought to Greensboro and buried in Greene Hill cemetery late Monday afternoon, following a funeral service conducted at West Market Street Methodist church by Rev. Dr. C. W. Byrd and Rev. W. H. Willis, pastor of the Methodist church in Mt. Airy. Capt. Jordan had been a member of West Market Street church for many years. He was 80 years of age and had been in feeble health for quite a while. He is survived by two sons, Messrs. W. M. Jordan, of Mt. Airy, and Ike Jordan, of this city.

ADOPT NEW MEXICAN POLICY

THE ADMINISTRATION TO ASK FOR COALITION OF THE BEST ELEMENTS.

President Wilson, in the name of the United States, yesterday publicly called on all factions in Mexico "to accommodate their differences," and set up a government that can be accorded recognition.

Failure to unite in a movement to bring peace to Mexico "within a very short time," it was announced in a statement telegraphed to Generals Carranza, Villa, Zapata and others, would constrain the United States "to decide what means should be employed" to save the people of the southern republic from further devastations of internal warfare.

Everywhere—in official and diplomatic quarters and among Mexicans of varied leaning—the statement was interpreted as meaning that the United States would bring to bear first to unite the factions in the choice of a provisional president, and failing to bring all elements together, would give its active support to those elements which did agree. Ultimate intervention was considered possible, but only if a hopeless condition of anarchy followed, with no remedy from within the republic.

Washington, June 1.—President Wilson and his cabinet today adopted a new Mexican policy. It has for its object restoration of order and the relief of millions of non-combatants from the devastations of Mexico's military elements, which have brought about conditions described as intolerable.

The president read to the cabinet a statement to be communicated tomorrow to the leaders of all Mexican factions, serving notice that unless they themselves compose the situation, some other means will be found by the United States to bring about the establishment of a stable government. The statement was approved after prolonged discussion.

The specific course the United States will pursue in the event the contending factions fail to agree is not outlined in the president's statement, but the administration's present purpose is to give moral support to a coalition of the best elements in Mexico and accord the government thereby created formal recognition. With such recognition would come an embargo on arms permitting the constituted government to receive munitions of war to the exclusion of all other elements and factions.

That the government's policy, if unsuccessful in this course, might require ultimate intervention has been considered, and the intention to insist on a settlement has not been swayed by the possible necessity of such action. In high executive quarters, however, confidence prevails that the expression of the American government's attitude will clear up misapprehensions that have existed in Mexico as to its intentions and bring about the desired coalition government.

The administration's policy is the culmination of several weeks of conferences between the president and his official family. The return of Du Val West, who spent three months personally investigating conditions in Mexico for the president, was the deciding factor.

The American Red Cross already has laid plans for relief work to be carried out in co-operation with the state department. The Carranza agency here has issued several statements denying shortage of food and saying the stories of famine are exaggerated, but the Washington government is not taking these into consideration because of its own reports.

Reports from many sections of the Southern republic were made public tonight by the Red Cross telling of looting and suffering. Among these were telegrams announcing that both the Villa and Carranza forces were looting the property of an American citizen named Ochner at Colima. One of these messages said:

"Carranza guarantees futile. His orders for protection of rights and property of foreigners largely ignored. It is clear that neither high officials nor subordinates can enforce orders even if sincere in desire to protect foreigners. The situation now is entirely one of local issue and graft affecting and concerning the local military leader only."

Persons fleeing from Mexico City, the report said, "confirm all the

ports of desperate situation and agree in fear of demands on foreigners and reprisals if supply of corn for populace should fail."

At Hermosillo, Sonora, according to mail advices received today, "there is a terrible state of affairs and there are fears that the looting of a whole town is only postponed."

DR. F. C. HYATT ELECTED CITY HEALTH OFFICER.

The city commissioners, who have had under consideration for some time the reorganization and enlargement of the city health department, have elected Dr. Fred C. Hyatt health officer for the city and placed the work of the department in his hands. He was employed at a salary of \$1,800 a year, his term of office to be in the discretion of the commissioners. It was stipulated in the agreement that Dr. Hyatt is to be free after 5 o'clock in the afternoon to devote himself to private practice.

Dr. Hyatt is one of the best equipped physicians in the city and his selection as head of the health department is regarded as a most admirable one. He has been a resident of Greensboro for several years and has been successful in building up a good general practice.

In reorganizing the health department the commissioners enacted the following ordinance, which explains the scope of the work of the city physician and the duties he is to perform:

"He shall examine the school children and look after health conditions of the children in the city schools, and especially any child that has been reported defective in the condition of its eyes, ears, nose or throat. He shall notify the parent or guardian of a child having any defect of the aforesaid organs, or hookworm disease, and shall suggest to such parent or guardian the proper course of treatment, and shall urge that such treatment be procured. It shall be his duty further to devote himself to the protection, preservation and promotion of the health and health conditions of the city of Greensboro, and perform such other duties as may be imposed upon him by the board of commissioners of said city or the commissioner of public safety, and shall in every available way, through the press, public addresses and otherwise, endeavor to educate the people of the city to set a higher value on health, and to adopt such public and private measures as will tend to a greater conservation of life."

"That said city physician shall hold his office at the will of the board of commissioners, and shall receive such salary as may be fixed by said board."

The commissioners also decided to employ a man to devote his entire time to the inspection of meat and milk and appointed Mr. W. A. Hornaday to this position. Mr. Hornaday went on duty Tuesday.

Sherman Law in the Way.

Uncertainty over the application of the Sherman anti-trust act to combinations formed to promote export trade is one of the principal obstacles in the way of expanding business with New England merchants, expressed at a conference with the federal trade commission in Boston Tuesday.

After several speakers had emphasized this statement, some urging that the act be amended, Joseph E. Davies, chairman of the commission, asserted that with both leading political parties committed to the spirit of the Sherman law, he thought it unlikely that Congress would be willing to make any change that might affect domestic trade. Succeeding speakers then pressed the expediency of changing the act so as to differentiate between its application to foreign and domestic trade.

Governor Jarvis Better.

Ex-Governor Thomas J. Jarvis, who was seriously ill for several weeks at his home in Greenville, is reported to be improving slowly and his ultimate recovery is expected. Owing to his advanced age, his recovery must necessarily be slow.

Convicted of Manslaughter.

Nine of the ten deputies on trial at New Brunswick, N. J., charged with murder in the first degree for having fired into a crowd of chemical plant strikers last January, killing two and wounding a score, were convicted of manslaughter. Fifteen others are under indictment.

GERMANS MAKING PROGRESS

PIERCING FIGHTING ON EASTERN FRONT—ZEPPELINS MAKE RAID ON LONDON.

German and Austrian official statements agree on the continued progress of the Teutonic allies in the eastern war zone. Notwithstanding recent reports from Petrograd that fighting along the river San, Galicia, in the neighborhood of Przemyśl was developing in favor of the Russians, it would seem that the Austro-German investment of Przemyśl is drawing closer. Both Vienna and Berlin say that three of the forts of the girdle on the north front of the fortress have been carried by storm and that 2,400 prisoners and 20 guns were taken at these points.

South of the Dniester the town of Stry has been captured and more than 9,000 prisoners taken. An unofficial Berlin report says the Russians have evacuated Radom, Poland.

Fierce fighting continues in Galicia and at some points along the western line, while engagements between Austrians and Italians are becoming more spirited.

Paris admits recapture by the Germans of portions of trenches on the outskirts of the Le Pretre forest, but at other points on the western line claims progress for the allies, notably to the north of Arras, at South-ey, where heavy losses were inflicted on the Germans and near Neuville St. Vaast, where the German works, the French assert, are falling into their hands.

Zepplin Raid on London.

The long expected Zepplin raid on London became a reality early Tuesday morning, when German dirigibles passed over several sections of the city scattering bombs. Four persons were killed, one was seriously injured and others sustained lesser wounds. Three big fires resulted from the dropping of the bombs.

Italy's King Fires Gun at Front.

News dispatches from the Italian front set forth that King Victor Emmanuel, like King Albert of the Belgians, intends to take an active part in the war. During the recent attack on the Italian forces on Monte Baldo his majesty is described as having taken charge of one of the 75-millimeter guns, and even as firing many shots himself. Subsequently, for many hours, he watched the operations. It was raining hard, and when the king finally returned to headquarters he was wet through and covered with mud.

In the capture of Monte Baldo, which dominates Lake Garda, Swiss newspapers say Italian infantry moved forward by moonlight, from both the east and west side of the mountain. On the top they surprised the Austrian garrison. After a resistance the Austrians surrendered.

The Italians are continuing their advance in the Adige valley, and the fight in deep snow for the pass of St. Elvio is still going on. On the Carinthian frontier the Italians are said to be holding most of the passes and strategic points. The Italians seem to be going slowly on this portion of their frontier, while they push their heaviest attacks in the direction of Trieste.

Kaiser Calls Out Last Line.

The Reichszeuger, of Berlin, has published an order calling to the colors all first-class members of the Landsturm, or the final reserve forces, not previously summoned. This order does not apply to Bavaria. Germans in Germany must report between June 8 and 10. Germans outside of Germany as soon as possible.

Death of Samuel A. Denny.

Mr. Samuel A. Denny, a well known citizen of eastern Guilford, died yesterday morning at 7.30 o'clock at his home near McLeansville, following an illness of about six months. He suffered from cancer of the liver and it had been apparent for some time that his recovery was impossible. Mr. Denny was 44 years old and is survived by his aged mother, his widow and three children. He was a member of Bethel Presbyterian church and for some years had been a member of the board of deacons.

The funeral and interment take place at Bethel church today at noon, the services to be conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. E. Redding.