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## LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

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

**Two Picnics.**—The Sunday schools of the First Reformed church and of Spring Garden Street Methodist church are enjoying picnics today at Guilford Battle Ground.

**School Opens.**—The Bessemer school, east of the city, opened yesterday with an enrollment of 116 pupils, of whom 43 are members of the fifth school department.

**On Committee.**—Mr. J. Elwood Cox, of High Point, Tuesday was made a member of the executive committee of the American Bankers' Association, which is in session in Seattle, Wash.

**Picnic Saturday.**—The annual educational rally and picnic of the people of Greene township will be held at Pleasant Union school house Saturday. It is expected that a large crowd will be in attendance.

**More Paving.**—The city commissioners yesterday afternoon passed ordinances for the paving of Tate street and West Lee street from the end of the present paving to South Elm street. The work will be done by the city and concrete is the material that will be employed.

**T. W. Carter Dead.**—Mr. T. W. Carter died yesterday at noon at his home in this city, following a long illness. He was 58 years old and is survived by his widow and 17 children. The funeral and interment take place this afternoon at Pleasantville church, Rockingham county.

**Examine Officers.**—An examination of officers of the North Carolina Coast Artillery will be held in this city November 8, according to an order just issued from the office of the adjutant general of the North Carolina National Guard. The examination will be conducted by experts from the United States war department.

**Approaching Marriage.**—Mr. and Mrs. John M. Dick, who moved from Greensboro to San Antonio, Tex., about two years ago, have announced the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Lucy Marshall Dick, and Dr. William Forrest Bell, of Asheville. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride's parents September 29.

**Opens Office.**—Dr. M. Harrison, optometrist, who has been with the Schiffman Jewelry Company for several years, has opened an office on the second floor of the Greensboro National Bank building. He is prepared to test eyes and fit glasses when needed and guarantees his work. His card will be found elsewhere in the Patriot.

**Negro Hospital.**—The negro physicians of Guilford county have inaugurated a campaign for funds for the establishment in this city of a hospital for colored people. They believe such an institution would be a blessing to the race and are endeavoring to enlist the sympathetic co-operation of the leading colored people of the county in the movement.

**More Convicts.**—Monday's Patriot announced that six convicts had been sent to Guilford from Caldwell county to work on the roads of this county. Six other prisoners have been received from Yadkin and Davie counties. These counties do not maintain a convict force and are glad to hire their prisoners to Guilford at the rate of 25 cents a day.

**Guilford's Opening.**—Guilford College opened for the fall term yesterday with the largest number of students ever registered for the opening day. The opening exercises were held in Memorial hall at 10 o'clock, and in addition to the students and faculty, were attended by a number of the friends of the college. Addresses were made by Dr. Thomas Newlin, the new president of the college; Dr. L. L. Hobbs, president emeritus, and Mr. J. Elwood Cox, chairman of the board of trustees.

**Mr. Booth's Job.**—There is at least one man in Guilford county who did not receive with a shout of joy the announcement that the state tax commission had made an increase of 10 per cent in the real estate assessment of the county. He is Mr. Willis Booth, clerk to the county auditor, who spends a good portion of the year working on the tax books. He had finished the heaviest part of the job for this year when news of the increased assessment was received, and now it is necessary to go over all his work and make the authorized change in the valuation of every piece of real estate.

## Death Yesterday

Miss Josie Belle Rawley, of Winston-Salem, died yesterday at a hospital in this city where she had been receiving treatment for several weeks. She was 45 years old and is survived by her father, three sisters and two brothers. The body was carried to Winston-Salem yesterday afternoon and the funeral and interment will take place there today.

**Mules Sold.**—The county's auction sale of mules held here Monday was attended by a number of bidders. The mules brought an average price of \$61.60, which, in view of the circumstances, is not considered a bad deal for the county. The mules had been used in road work, some of them having been purchased when the permanent improvement of Guilford's roads was begun.

**Buffalo Revival.**—The revival meeting at Buffalo Presbyterian church is now in progress and will continue until Sunday night. Rev. A. W. Crawford, of this city, is doing the preaching and is presenting the plain, simple gospel in a soul-stirring manner. The congregations are increasing daily. Services are held at 10.45 A. M. and 7.45 P. M. and a cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend.

**More Insurance.**—The authorities of the State Normal and Industrial College have decided to take out additional fire insurance to the amount of \$160,000 on the property of the college, thus increasing the insurance carried to about \$360,000. The property is valued at about \$725,000. The insurance will be placed by the state insurance commissioner, who looks after all the insurance carried by the state on its property.

**Better Babies Contest.**—The better babies contest, which was a feature of the Central Carolina fair in 1913 and 1914, will be repeated at the fair this year. Dr. W. M. Jones, the county physician, is director of this department, and he and Dr. J. T. J. Battle will examine the babies that may be entered for the contest. Examinations will be made daily during the fair, the hours being from 10 o'clock in the forenoon until 4 P. M. Prizes will be awarded as usual.

**Witness Skipped.**—The Municipal court Tuesday very reluctantly entered a nol pro in indictments charging ten negroes with retailing liquor, this action being necessary on account of the failure of the prosecuting witness to appear. The prosecuting witness is a young white man who had been employed by the city as a detective, and he appeared to have a bona fide case against all the defendants. It is presumed that the detective was either bought off or frightened away from the city.

**More Room Needed.**—Already it is apparent that the city schools, when they open Monday, will need considerable additional room to care for the increased attendance. Superintendent Mann announces that the Lindsay street and the Asheboro street buildings will need at least four additional rooms and the other buildings will also be crowded. In order to accommodate all the children, it may be necessary to teach classes in relays, having a portion of the pupils attend in the forenoon and others in the afternoon.

**Mr. Combs Resigns.**—Mr. W. M. Combs has resigned his position as manager of the savings department of the Greensboro Loan and Trust Company and will sever his connection with that institution at the end of the present month. Mr. Combs has been connected with the Greensboro Loan and Trust Company for 11 years and for the past seven years has been manager of the savings department. He is a very capable young business man and enjoys the confidence and esteem of the public. He has made no announcement of his plans for the future.

**Jones-Renn Wedding.**—Mr. James A. Jones, of Charlotte, and Miss Emma Lockhart Renn, a popular young woman of this city, were married in Centenary Methodist church last evening at 6 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. D. Sherrill, pastor of the church, and was attended by a large number of relatives and friends of the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Jones left soon after their marriage on an extended trip to the West. They will visit Vancouver, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and other points of interest. Mr. Jones is a leading citizen and business man of Charlotte. His bride is a daughter of the late Rev. Dr. J. J. Renn, a well known Methodist minister, and for several years has been a teacher in the Greensboro public schools.

## PROTEST 10 PER CENT RAISE

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL ASK TAX COMMISSION TO RESCIND ORDER.

Of the business transacted by the county commissioners at the September meeting, held Monday and Tuesday, perhaps the action of interest to the greatest number of people was the decision of the board to enter a vigorous protest against the order of the state tax commission adding 10 per cent to the assessed value of real estate in Guilford county. The commissioners are unanimous in the opinion that the assessment should not be raised, and steps will be taken at once in an effort to have the state tax commission rescind the order.

The total assessed value of real estate in the county this year, as reported to the state tax commission by the county commissioners, is \$15,301,781, and if the order for the 10 per cent increase stands, the assessment will be \$16,831,959.10. This would make the assessed value of all property in the county considerably in excess of \$33,000,000.

**Other Matters.**  
A number of people residing in Glenwood, southwest of the city, filed a petition with the board asking that the Telfair sanitarium be stopped from emptying its sewage in Mile Run creek, a quarter of a mile in the rear of the institution. The petitioners claimed that the method of disposing of the sewage caused foul odors in the community and is responsible for the breeding of many mosquitoes. A report of Dr. W. M. Jones, the county health officer, did not bear out this contention, however. Dr. Jones stated that he had made a careful examination of the situation and was convinced that the evil odors and mosquitoes complained of were due to the presence of hog pens and open closets in the neighborhood. He found no fault with the sanitarium's sewerage system. On this showing the commissioners took the action to restrain the sanitarium from emptying its sewage into Mile Run.

The board decided to have the road leading from High Point to Archdale put in first-class condition, the work to be begun at once. The work will be done by the convicts at present employed on the Mechanicsville road.

The board voted to add 16 feet to the width of the Greensboro and High Point road for a distance of two miles leading out of High Point. The work of repairing this road, which was begun several weeks ago, is progressing satisfactorily.

An order was made to have the Kimesville road repaired from the end of Asheboro street to the intersection of the Tabernacle road. The commissioners made an appropriation of \$25 a month for the next year to assist in paying the salary and expenses of Miss Grace Schaeffer, the home demonstration agent of the county.

An appropriation of \$25 a month was made to the District Nurse and Relief Association to be used in the treatment of tubercular patients in the county.

The following jurors were drawn for the two-weeks' civil term of Superior court to be held in October: John W. Summers, Charles W. Summers, J. E. Foust, J. G. May, J. T. Shoffner, R. F. Amick, Alfred Apple, J. R. Faucette, R. B. Andrew, C. D. Cobb, Z. M. Shoffner, J. Henry May, J. L. Tate, W. O. Doggett, W. L. Martin, C. C. Slack, J. A. Hamner, E. B. Tatum, V. E. Barker, J. Rush Hodgkin, J. S. Mc Masters, E. R. Tucker, W. M. Moore, B. J. Walker, J. E. Stack, R. B. Boren, H. V. Simpson, D. W. Starbuck, C. W. Lee, C. D. Sellars, Will W. Wolfe, N. F. Anthony, W. B. Belton, A. H. Williams, J. H. Frazier, B. F. Copeland, Wright James, A. L. Jones, T. M. Westmoreland, D. L. Donnell, James Smith, O. L. Tucker, V. D. Sale, A. J. Barland, M. H. Wheeler, J. W. Montgomery, E. F. White and L. E. York.

## Arbor Day October 5.

Governor Craig has issued a proclamation calling on the people of the state to observe as generally and extensively as possible Arbor day, for which the state department of education and other organizations, along with the women's clubs, are preparing programs especially adapted to the different types of school districts and neighborhoods. The date is October 5.

## NEW YORK'S CONSTITUTION IS CALLED RADICAL.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 7.—The state constitutional convention is complete. Thursday night the basic law-makers will meet to approve the completed document.

The convention's output is believed to be practically complete. The new constitution to be submitted to the November electorate is signed with the general label of "radical, but constructive." It purports to make for "more systematic, scientific and economical government," and is characterized as a non-partisan organ. It changes the old basic law throughout the whole length, committing six new articles and about thirty new proposals to the voters. It reduces the 150 state departments to less than a score.

Many big and sweeping features stand out in the proposed constitution. It provides for home rule for cities and counties. It eliminates the law's delays and simplifies practice. It plans the reorganization and improvement of the state's militia. It provides for a nine-headed unsalaried conservation commission, charged with the protection and development of the state's natural resources. It constitutionalizes the existing public service commissions and protects the barge canal and other state waters and properties. It permits the legislature to abolish "sweat shops" and prohibit manufacturing in dwellings. It empowers the legislature to make sufferers from occupational diseases beneficiaries of the workmen's compensation law. It systematizes taxation and generally prevents future exemptions.

But perhaps the proposed constitution's biggest departure looks toward women's suffrage. Provision is made for incorporating the legislative amendment, giving women the vote, into the organic laws in the event of its approval at the fall polls. Important propositions, too, were turned down by the convention. It refused to prohibit hereafter what popularly is termed "hazardous legislation." It refused to establish a literacy test for new voters. It refused to create proportional legislative representation. It refused to grant broader educational powers to the state. It refused to establish compulsory military service.

The convention's adoption led Republican majority leader Wickersham to declare, "the proposed amendments present the most striking program in state government ever presented to the people of any state."

## Work of Superior Court.

The September civil term of Superior court convened Monday afternoon, with Judge M. H. Justice on the bench. The first jury case taken up was a suit brought by R. C. Prince against Dr. A. H. Johnson, a dentist of this city. The plaintiff asked for \$5,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained in the extraction of a tooth by the dentist several years ago. The trial came to an end Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock, when the jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

Yesterday morning the case of I. E. Jones against the city of High Point was taken up and the hearing of evidence consumed the entire day. The plaintiff is asking for damages in the sum of \$5,000 because of certain sewage disposal in a stream that flows through his farm. The case was heard last spring and he was awarded \$1,300 damages. The presiding judge set the verdict aside, however, on the grounds that such a sum was excessive.

## Says War May Last 15 Years.

Dr. Ralph L. Thompson, of the faculty of St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo., who returned Sunday from France, where he was a physician in a British hospital, predicts that the European war will last from five to 15 years.

Dr. Thompson said the deadlock in the western theater seemed unbreakable and that the permanent nature of the British hospitals and of other British preparation testified to their belief that the struggle will be long. The British have just finished building a \$130,000 steam laundry back of the battle line, he said.

Mr. J. M. Cunningham, chief deputy in the office of the collector of internal revenue at Statesville, has returned to his work after a short vacation visit to relatives and friends here.

## EMPEROR TAKES COMMAND

RUSSIAN BULER GOES TO THE FRONT—STIRRING EVENTS ARE EXPECTED.

The action of Emperor Nicholas in placing himself at the head of his army and the visit of the French commander-in-chief, Gen. Joffre, to the Italian frontier are believed to foreshadow stirring events in both the east and west, in which the armies of all the allies will co-operate.

It is declared the Russians already are beginning to hold their own against the Austrians and Germans, whose advance at most points has been stopped. In places the Russians are on the offensive.

Riga remains the danger point, but the fact that the Russians continue to occupy the town after the Germans have advanced to the Dvina leads military writers to believe the Russians feel reasonably sure of their ability to defend the river and in time to push westward and relieve the pressure on their forces on the shores of the Gulf of Riga.

West of Dvinsk and Vilna the Russian offensive has held the Germans for more than a week, and to military observers those two towns seem fairly safe unless the invaders can bring up strong reinforcements. East and southeast of Grodno the Russians have taken up new positions across the river St. Chara and its tributaries and are protecting the railways running eastward and northward to the Russian interior.

Further southeast, among the forests and swamps on the northeastern edge of the Pripet marshes, a great battle is in progress between the army of Prince Leopold and the Russian center. Amid the marshes Von Mackensen is working hard for a decisive result. He reports that he has taken two Russian positions.

Still another battle is being fought for the triangle of fortifications farther south, of which Rovno and Dubno remain in the hands of the Russians.

The Austrians and Russians are facing each other across the Sereth river in Galicia, where the fighting is continuous. The stands the Russians are making suggest that their munitions supply is ample. A Petrograd correspondent says the ammunition shortage has been corrected, and that while the production is slow it is incessant and growing in activity and method.

For the thirteenth successive day the allies have bombarded German positions in the west, only varying their artillery activity by occasional air raids, sapping and mining operations and bomb throwing. In this fighting the Germans also are taking part, and success rests first with one side and then the other.

Along the northern frontier of Serbia the Teutons are strengthening their positions on the Save and the Danube, presumably preparatory to a new offensive.

## Italians Gaining Ground.

The following official communication has been issued from the Italian general headquarters: "Frequent and spirited reconnaissances have resulted in encounters with enemy detachments which were obliged to yield and retire. Similar actions, but of greater importance, occurred September 4 in the Adige Valley, near Marco, and in the San Pellegino Valley along the Avisio, at a place west of Costabella, where we destroyed some entrenchments of the enemy."

"In the Plezzo Basin our troops attacked and put to flight enemy detachments in ambush on the slope of Monte Robon and penetrating their refuge, captured arms and ammunition."

"In the Goritnica Valley (upper Isonzo), one of our detachments drove the enemy from a wood where he had been embarrassing our lines by his fire, and later occupied the wood."

"Enemy aeroplanes have been attempting numerous sudden raids on our territory, but everywhere they have been obliged to retire rapidly."

Prof. Ernest Brockmann, of Maysville, Ga., is in the city on a visit to his brothers, Messrs. J. L. and C. J. Brockmann.

Mrs. J. Frank Gorrell and children have returned to their home at Lumberton after a visit to relatives in the city.

## REFUSAL OF WAR ORDERS BRINGS PROSPERITY.

Pittsburgh, Sept. 7.—Because of conscientious scruples against making war munitions with which the foreign nations may murder each other, Isaac W. Frank, president of the United States Engineering and Foundry Company, stated here today that his company has turned down orders for munitions totaling in value many millions of dollars. Mr. Frank also stated that the policy of his company would continue the same and that no materials that could be applied to war munitions would be manufactured.

In his statement Mr. Frank declared that he is against war and could not conscientiously manufacture munitions. He stated, however, that, while he holds such a view of the matter, he sees no reason why others who do not think as he does should not take advantage of the business offered. He admitted that it is neither immoral or illegal to manufacture munitions.

Mr. Frank stated that his company had suffered no monetary loss because of its refusal to accept war orders. As a matter of fact, he said, the United States Engineering and Foundry Company never had more business on its books than at the present time. Much of this business is for export. He also intimated that the position he had taken relative to the manufacture of war munitions had probably rebounded to the good of his company in the form of large orders given by buyers whose sympathies coincided with his.

## Wilson Seeks No Indorsement of Himself.

President Wilson, through Secretary Tumulty, has reiterated his refusal to take any political advantage of the extraordinary international situation.

Tumulty sent a letter to Sheriff Kinkead, of Hudson county, N. Y., declining an invitation to attend a meeting of the Hudson county Democratic committee, scheduled for September 20th, on the ground that the meeting's object, as stated in Kinkead's letter, was to endorse the president.

"It was my understanding when we discussed this matter some weeks ago," said Tumulty's letter, "that the meeting you had in mind was merely a meeting of the Hudson county Democratic committee, for which you were anxious to procure the services of Senator Lewis, of Illinois, as the speaker."

"I had a talk with the president about this matter and he deeply appreciates the generosity of the suggestion, but New Jersey is his own state, the men who would act in this matter are his own personal friends, and he feels that it might seem as if he were taking advantage of the extraordinary situation now existing to gain some personal advantage through such an expression of confidence by them."

"As I said in my letter to State Chairman Grosscup a year ago, this would be inconsistent with his whole thought and spirit, and he shrinks from it as from something that would embarrass him, rather than help him."

## Love's Vigil Lost to Death.

Reading, Pa., Sept. 6.—Dr. Michael Austin fought for five days and nights with practically no sleep to save the life of his fiancée, Miss Marion Forman, of New York, and lost. The young woman died this morning in intense agony from bichloride poisoning.

She was a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Max Luria, on Mineral Spring road, and last Monday complained of severe headaches. A physician was summoned and prescribed some pills. Some time later Miss Forman went to the medicine chest and took several tablets, which she thought were her headache medicine, but proved to be bichloride.

She was removed to the hospital and Dr. Austin scarcely left the bedside during the long struggle against the inevitable.

**Form Association.**—Managers of a number of moving picture and vaudeville shows in the states of Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina held a meeting here Tuesday and organized the South Atlantic Theatrical Managers' Association. Mr. L. G. Schofield, of this city, was elected president and Mr. Sterling Smith, of Winston-Salem, secretary and treasurer.