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U. S. CHANGES TREASURERS.

Greatest Count of Money in History of World Will Begin at United States Treasury Department April 1.

Washington Dispatch, 23d.

The greatest count of money and securities in the history of the world will begin at the Treasury Department April 1, when John Burke, former Governor of North Dakota, takes the oath of office as Treasurer of the United States, succeeding Carmi A. Thompson.

To safeguard the Nation's wealth Uncle Sam requires that the retiring Treasurer's record of the transfer of funds be verified by a count of the notes, coin and securities in the Treasury. Secretary McAdoo will appoint a committee to take charge of the vaults and each vault and safe will be sealed April 1 in preparation for the count. Only money enough to keep the wheels of government revolving will be laid aside for daily use while the counting is in progress.

It generally requires from two to five months to make the count. A government mathematician has figured out that it would take one person 300 years to verify Mr. Thompson's records. Ordinarily every note, bond and other security is counted. Unless a shortage or error is discovered the gold and silver, stored in bags containing \$1,000 each, usually is weighed, a test bag being balanced against all others for verification. Armed guards stand over the counters and workmen to protect them from interference. Losses seldom have been found in these counts. When the treasurer was changed some years ago \$600 was stolen during the official count. A laborer engaged to lift the heavy bags substituted lead disks for silver dollars in several bags, necessitating a five months' count of every dollar of the \$115,000,000 in the big silver vault. The laborer was convicted of the theft and the retiring Treasurer relieved by Congress of the responsibility for the loss.

When Carmi Thompson succeeded Lee McClung as Treasurer, he received over \$1,400,000. He must account for every cent of that amount plus the millions he has since received, minus expenditures.

While the Treasurer of the United States handles no money personally he is the only bonded official in his office. His \$150,000 bond covers every subordinate and for many years Treasurers have urged Congress to order the bonding of employees who actually handle the \$6,000,000,000 which pass through the Treasurer's office annually.

Virginia & Carolina Southern vs. Seaboard—Railroad Crossing Involved.

The following of local interest appeared in the Raleigh News and Observer one day last week:

"A. W. McLean, representing the Virginia & Carolina Southern Railroad in its fight for extension of yard and terminal facilities at Lumberton by the Seaboard is here appearing before the Supreme Court.

"Mr. McLean has won a time and lost another. The road for which he appears runs from Hope Mills to Lumberton. It wants to make physical connection with the Raleigh & Charleston and has brought a condemnation proceedings against a crossing of the Seaboard. Judge Cooke heard the first case and decided the matter in favor of the plaintiff, but Judge Peebles, upon a rehearing, went against the plaintiff.

"The lawyers have taken the case up to the highest court and are to get a ruling from it. It will, incidentally, determine whether the two judges made different rulings, one side maintaining the facts to be the same, the other a different set."

The decision of the Supreme Court has not yet been handed down. Mr. McLean is president of the Virginia & Carolina Southern. The case is in regard to whether a crossing across the Seaboard shall be allowed to remain or not.

New Street Sprinkler and Sweeper at Work

The town's new street sprinkler and sweeper, which, as mentioned in The Robesonian at the time, were ordered about a month or six weeks ago, have arrived. They were put up Saturday. The sweeper was used this morning about 1 o'clock and the streets were sprinkled with the sprinkler about 11 o'clock. The sweeper and sprinkler each is drawn by two mules. Both the sweeper and sprinkler are up to date and it is expected that the streets will be kept in a more attractive and sanitary condition than heretofore.

It is understood that Dr. Charles W. Elliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, has decided not to accept the post of Ambassador to England, which has been offered him.

INSURANCE DEAL CLOSED.

LaFayette Mutual Life Insurance Co. Will Move Home Office From Fayetteville to Lumberton — \$102,000 Insurance Secured.

The LaFayette Mutual Life Insurance Co., which has heretofore been referred to with the addition of "of Fayetteville," will henceforth be "of Lumberton," for its home office will be moved to Lumberton as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

This was finally made a certainty when at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon the board of directors of the company, in session at Fayetteville, received a wire from Lumberton to the effect that insurance to the amount of \$102,000 had been secured here. The time for securing the required \$100,000 of insurance necessary to move the home office here expired Friday afternoon and the local insurance agents who had been waging a campaign for several weeks came under the wire with \$2,000 to spare.

So it is really now the LaFayette Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Lumberton, for, as has been explained in The Robesonian, the officials of the company agreed some weeks ago to move the home office to Lumberton and give substantial expression to its faith in the company by coming across with \$100,000 of insurance. It took work to do it but the local insurance agents rose to the occasion and the trick was turned.

The LaFayette Mutual was organized some years ago and has had a most successful career. It is a thriving company and Lumberton is fortunate in securing its home office. Mr. E. E. Page, a Lumberton man, is secretary-treasurer of the company.

Church Notes—Presbyterian Congregation Calls Pastor on Stated Supply.

Yesterday was about as pretty an Easter Sunday here as a grateful people ever enjoyed, despite the fact that Easter came about as early this year as it is possible for it to come. For the first time in several weeks all the pulpits in town were filled both morning and evening and good congregations turned out at all the churches.

Rev. W. L. Boggs of Charlotte preached yesterday morning and evening at the Presbyterian church. Immediately after the morning service a congregational meeting was held at which a call on stated supply for twelve months was extended Rev. J. Frank Gorrell of Greensboro. The call was unanimous and Mr. J. A. McAllister, clerk of the session, was authorized to notify Mr. Gorrell at once of the action of the congregation. It is understood that Mr. Gorrell will probably accept the call and if so will arrive here either this or next week. It will be remembered that Mr. Gorrell preached two sermons here at the Presbyterian church about two or three months ago.

A special Easter program was carried out yesterday morning at the Sunday school of the Presbyterian church instead of the regular order of exercises. A special program was also carried out yesterday afternoon at the Jennings cotton mill Sunday school. The exercises at both places were fine.

An Easter egg hunt is being held this afternoon in the grove beside the river at Mr. J. P. Townsend's residence for the benefit of the Bright Jewels Society of Chestnut Street Methodist church. The admission fee is 10 cents.

The regular weekly devotional services of the Epworth League of Chestnut Street Methodist church will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the church.

The Rockingham district conference will be held in Chestnut Street Methodist church in May, beginning on Thursday before the fourth Sunday and continuing through Sunday.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, pastor of the First Baptist church of Wilmington, preached at the First Baptist church here yesterday morning and evening and the pastor of this church, Rev. C. H. Durham, filled Dr. Foster's pulpit in Wilmington yesterday. Mr. Durham returned home this morning.

Rev. T. P. Noe of Wilmington will conduct Episcopal services here in the Presbyterian church Thursday evening. The service will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Notices of New Advertisements.

Second annual spring festival—R. D. Caldwell & Son.

Salesmen wanted—Harvey Oil Co. Typewriters and typewriter supplies—V. D. Baker.

Jersey cow for sale.

You may join Christmas savings club at any time—Bank of Lumberton.

Fresh milk cows for sale.

Prof. S. Scull, well-known piano tuner is in town for a few days.

Have your clothes steam pressed—National Pressing Club.

HEARD ON THE STREETS.

The New Nickles Again—Uniformed Police—Interest in Christmas Savings Plan—"Come Across or Shut Down" Put Up to Carnival Company.

Even a tiny mistake, if it gets in print, will rise to plague one, sure. And it does not have to be a really truly mistake at that. The other fellow may just think it ought to have been a little different. For instance: In The Robesonian a week ago today it was stated that the local banks had received some of the new buffalo Indian-head five-cent pieces. That looked like an entirely innocent statement. Didn't it? Well, before the afternoon was over Mr. C. V. Brown, cashier of the Bank of Lumberton, told The Robesonian man that The Robesonian wouldn't give him a bit of free advertising, not for nothing, that the Bank of Lumberton was the only bank that had gotten in those new nickles, that that bank had gotten ahead of the others and had gotten them sooner. The Robesonian man threatened in making the correction to say that the Bank of Lumberton was giving them away, but instead he made in Thursday's paper another innocent-looking statement to the effect that it should have been stated that the Bank of Lumberton had received the new nickles, that it was ahead of the game. More trouble. Comes along Mr. K. M. Barnes, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, and says—before the type got cold on that paper—shows how eager they are to read The Robesonian, too—that he ordered some of those new nickles for his bank even before Mr. Brown did, but that in some way the Bank of Lumberton got its supply a day earlier; that the Farmers & Merchants Bank got its supply last Tuesday, that it had a peek or so of 'em on hand and to be sure to mention it. And it is the same way with the First National Bank, it also has a good supply on hand, though The Robesonian man escaped being called down by its cashier, Mr. H. M. McAllister.

So don't forget, you people who want 5-cent pieces of the new and unique coinage, you can get as many as you are amind to give value received for at either one of the local banks.

What's the matter with having uniforms for Lumberton policemen? Lumberton is an important town and it would look better and add dignity to its police officers to clothe them in neat uniforms.

The Christmas savings plan inaugurated last week by the Bank of Lumberton is proving to be mighty popular. It's the very thing many people have been wanting to help them save money in a painless way for Christmas. More than one hundred people started in on this plan last week.

The street carnival which folded its tents and trekked yesterday after spending two weeks in Lumberton—unprofitable weeks, it is said, and no wonder, for there was really nothing meritorious about any of its so-called attractions; nothing bad, either, it is said; just no good—did not show all of last week; for a reason. For the privilege of getting what it could out of the public here for one week the company was required to pay into the town treasury \$70 and in addition to that the sheriff collected for the county and State \$100. At the beginning of last week the manager of the company showed his books to the mayor and convinced him that he had lost money the previous week and the mayor in his mercy decided, upon the advice of the town attorney, to let the company run last week without any additional tax. The sheriff was advised that it would be all right for him to take the same action in this matter that the town took, and so the company ran merrily without any additional tax until Tuesday night, when the sheriff, who had in the meantime had an interview with County Auditor Parmele, told the manager of the company that if any attraction was doing business Wednesday morning or any other time during the week without the payment of an additional tax of \$100 there would be something doing. Sheriff Lewis had been advised by Auditor Parmele that he had him (the sheriff) charged with \$200 for that carnival company, and naturally, since he had collected for only one week—\$100—the sheriff got busy. Auditor Parmele took the view that no local authority had power to remit a tax imposed by the Machinery Act and advised the sheriff that he would charge him with \$100 for the second week. That had nothing to do with the town tax, of course. So the carnival was shut down from Tuesday night until Saturday at noon, when it started up for the afternoon and night after paying over to Sheriff Lewis \$50.75 for the privilege.

It would seem that the position

RED SPRINGS REVIEWS.

Office of Recorder Coveted—Baseball—Store Building Being Remodeled—New Store—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Red Springs, March 21—Mr. B. W. Townsend has recently purchased a new Michigan auto.

Dr. B. F. McMillan has returned from Raleigh, where he attended the Legislature.

The office of recorder seems to be a very inviting position up in this end of the county, for there are a number of candidates working for it.

Mr. R. B. Napier of Rockingham, who has been with the Red Springs Drug Co. for the last few months, has resigned to take charge of a drug store of his own at Ellerbe Springs. His many friends in and around Red Springs wish him success in his new business.

Among those who went to Fayetteville yesterday to attend the baseball game between Philadelphia and Baltimore were Misses Glennie Graham, Wyatt McKinnon, Bessie Jones and Altie Marsh, Messrs. W. E. Garrett, H. W. Livemore, E. P. Ledbetter, Zeb McMillan, G. W. Coley and Will Graham.

The Red Springs baseball club met the Philadelphia high school team for the second time in a double-header Thursday afternoon, Red Springs winning both games. The Red Springs boys have a pretty strong team and would like to arrange games with the other teams in this county.

The Jno. J. Thrower Co. has moved across the street in the Singleton block until it can have its store remodelled. When it is finished it will be one of the best equipped grocery stores in this part of the State.

Mr. J. E. McKellar was confined to his bed a few days last week with grip.—Mrs. H. J. Grantham has returned from Salisbury, where she had been visiting relatives.—Miss Mary McGoogan spent a few days this week a guest at the home of Dr. B. F. McMillan.—Miss Katie Buie is visiting Mrs. C. F. Rankin of Laurens, S. C.

Mr. R. F. Currie has recently opened a five and ten cent store in Red Springs.

At the closing of The Citizen's contest Thursday it was found that Miss Bluebell McCallum had won the piano by a good margin.

Miss Mamie Lovin has returned from Fayetteville, where she had been visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. R. L. Lovin, who is a patient in Highsmith hospital.

Mr. Wade Baggett has returned from Asheville, where he attended the annual meeting of the Woodmen of the World.

Death of Mr. Frank Carter in Atlanta—Remains Interred in Maxton.

Maxton Scottish Chief, 21st.

Mr. J. W. Carter received the sad news about 1 o'clock Tuesday night that his brother, Mr. G. F. Carter, of Atlanta, had died in a hospital in that city at about 11 o'clock that night. Mr. Carter drove up to Hamlet and caught an early train for Atlanta. Deceased was a native of this county and did business in Maxton several years ago. He has been a prominent and popular salesman since leaving Maxton. Mr. Carter leaves a wife and two children to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father. He was preceded to the grave only a few weeks ago by an older brother, Mr. Neal A. Carter, of Laurinburg, and is survived by two brothers, Mr. J. W. Carter of Maxton and Mr. W. J. Carter of Dillon, S. C., and one sister, Mrs. J. D. McLean of Fairmont.

Deceased had a host of friends in this State who will be sad over the news of his demise.

The remains will arrive on the morning Seaboard train and the funeral service be held at St. Paul's Methodist church at 10:30 o'clock a. m. The burial will be in Eastside cemetery.

Mrs. Anna P. Courtney and son Mr. Claude Courtney, who had been visiting at the home of Mrs. Courtney's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharpe, will leave this evening for their home in Baltimore, Md.

taken by Auditor Parmele was the right position. There is a local motion picture show, for instance, which furnishes wholesome amusement the year round and pays tax for it. It is hardly probable that its tax is remitted for any weeks during which it may not be as profitable as during some other weeks, and while it seems hard to make a concern that is losing money come across with more tax, still when the tax is collected no guarantee is given that it will be profitable to run the show. That is a risk that the show people must take. And the fact that it was not profitable to run here a carnival like the one that was left is a compliment to the people of Lumberton.

FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

Death of Mr. Frank Carter in Atlanta—Baseball and Basketball Teams—OT Debate an Old Question—New Store Buildings and Other Improvements—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, March 21—Mr. and Mrs. Phillips arrived from Suffolk this week. Mrs. Phillips will remain with Mr. Phillips for several weeks.—Miss Julia Powers of Fayetteville is visiting her sister Mrs. J. E. Thompson.

Though badly interfered with by bad weather, our millinery openings last week were well attended, and the ladies were very much interested. Visiting ladies were here from McDonald, Orrum, Proctorville, Boardman and Whiteville.

The Fairmont Hardware Co. has moved into its new quarters and looks nicer than ever.

Mr. J. E. Thompson was a business visitor in Wilmington last Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. J. D. McLean was called to Atlanta by the sad death of her brother, Mr. Frank Carter, on Wednesday. Mr. Carter had been ill for several months but was seemingly improving up to a few days before.

The many friends deeply sympathize with her in this double sorrow, she having recently lost another brother, Mr. N. A. Carter, of Laurinburg. Mrs. W. R. McKellar of Boardman and W. R., Junior were guests of Mrs. J. O. Bobbitt Friday evening and Saturday.—Mr. and Mrs. E. Fisher and Mrs. G. W. Thompson went to Fayetteville on a shopping expedition last Thursday.—Mrs. D. J. Lewis and Misses Jones and Formyduval of Whiteville were guests of Miss Lorena Lewis last Saturday.

Fairmont's baseball team has been reorganized and "has a chip on its shoulder," daring any team to knock it off. The girls of the school have organized a basketball team and are having great pleasure out of their practice, even though they were pretty sore at first.

The boys debating society of the school has for its query this week: "Resolved, That Robeson should be divided." Thus "a little heaven leaveth the whole lump." This question only raised itself lately in loyal south Robeson. We shall see what the growth will be.

J. P. Brown has given the contract to Robt. Inman to build four brick stores on Center street, work to begin at once. W. B. Brice & Co. will also add to their already large sales stable on the same side of the street.

A slip made us say that E. J. Davis & Son are of Elba instead of Martinsville, Va. Please excuse.

Mr. Ivey Ashley left Wednesday to accept a position in Jacksonville, Fla., and we hope he may be pleased.—W. J. Carter of Dillon, S. C., spent Wednesday night in town.

Governor Craig Appoints North Carolina Member of Commission.

News and Observer, 22d.

Governor Craig yesterday appointed John Sprunt Hill, banker and business man of Durham, the North Carolina member of the American Commission for the study of the application of the co-operative system of agricultural production, distribution and finances in European countries.

Under the direction of the Southern Commercial Congress, this subject was made a National question at its last April meeting and one or more representatives from each State in the Union will go. Sir Horace Plunkett will co-operate with David Lubin in mapping out the itinerary and the party leaves New York April 26 on the Saxonia, spending seventy days on land. The countries visited will be Italy, Hungary, Germany, Austria, Denmark, Sweden, Holland, Belgium, France and Ireland.

The big social event of the visit will be the reception tendered the commission in Rome, attended by the king and queen. The systems of rural credits examined will be the Fafelsen, Schulze-Delitsche and Landchaften.

Called Out of Church and Shot.

Asheville Dispatch 23d.

Called out of church by an usher while attending divine services at Waynesville this morning, Henry Sorrells walked into a fusillade of bullets, fired by his cousin, Hardy Sorrells. Three of the bullets took effect, the victim dying almost immediately in front of the church.

Witnesses state that no words passed between the two men prior to the shooting. They assert that Hardy Sorrells began firing as soon as his cousin appeared in the doorway of the church. It is reported that the killing is the aftermath of a violent quarrel between the two men several weeks ago. The slayer was arrested about two hours after the killing and lodged in the county jail. He refused to make any statement.

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BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

WATCH—Watch the label on your paper. If renewals are not in by date on label paper will be stopped.

—Middling cotton today, 11 1/2 cents.

—Bud Love, colored, was before the mayor this morning on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was fined \$5 and costs.

—Mr. John P. McNeill is adding greatly to the appearance of things on the interior of his store on Elm street by installing a number of glass show cases.

—Miss Mamie Roberts and Mr. O. P. M'White, both of East Lumberton, were married yesterday afternoon at the home of the officiating magistrate, Justice John H. McNeill. The bride is a daughter of Mr. Ferd Roberts.

—Mr. J. W. Kaneer, formerly superintendent of the National Cotton Mills of Lumberton, now in the mill business at Lilesville, has been elected superintendent of the Statesville Cotton Mills. He will take charge of the Statesville mill April 1.

—The graded school is having holiday today. It has not been customary to observe Easter holiday but the school has so few holidays that Supt. Sentelle says he felt that teachers and pupils deserved the day, so he granted the request of the teachers and gave the day.

—Mr. H. E. Bonitz, architect, of Wilmington, is drawing plans for the Farmers & Merchants Bank building to be erected on the corner of Fourth and Chestnut streets. It is expected that work will be started on the building just as soon as the plans are completed.

—At the Pastime this evening will be shown two fine reels of pictures, a Pathe entitled "Prospector Sweethearts," and a Biograph entitled "Beast at Bay." Efforts are being made to secure for next Friday that great feature picture, 3500 feet long, "Bunyan's Pilgrims Progress."

—Mr. J. R. Lawson had the misfortune Friday morning about 5 o'clock of losing by fire his store and its contents at Orrum Origin of the fire is unknown. Estimated loss is about \$5,000. Mr. Lawson had his store and goods insured through Agent S. H. Hamilton of Lumberton for \$3,500.

—Rev. J. W. Patton of Elon College, assistant grand lecturer of the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of North Carolina, is in town and will be here two weeks lecturing for the local lodge, No. 114. He will be in the hall in the mornings from 10 to 12 o'clock, afternoons from 3 to 5, and evenings at 7:30, to adjourn at will.

—Maxton Scottish Chief: Mr. W. C. Wishart, a Maxton boy, who for several years has been statistician for the Public Service Commission No. 2 of New York, with headquarters in Albany, and drawing a salary of \$5,000 per annum, went to New York City Monday to become statistician for New York Central Railroad Company with a salary of \$6,000. Maxton boys make good everywhere.

—Mr. Raymond Reynolds, who for several months has been a salesman in the Pope Drug Company's store, has resigned to accept a similar position with the Lumberton Drug Co. His resignation was effective Saturday night and he began work this morning at the Lumberton drug store. Mr. Reynolds is succeeded at the Pope drug store by Mr. James Cowan, who began work this morning.

Capt. F. M. Beasley Thrown Against Live Wire and Severely Burned—Arm Broken.

Fayetteville Observer, 22d.

Capt. F. M. Beasley, roadmaster for this section of the A. C. L. Railroad, was very badly hurt at Pembroke this morning. A live wire on the Blawett Falls line which runs across the road at Pembroke had to be adjusted, and as the job was a very particular one, he concluded to do it himself. While at work he stepped into a hole and was thrown against the wire, one arm being broken in the fall. The current entered his head and ran clear down his body to his feet. One side of a leg and both feet were badly burned, one of them being completely cooked.

A phone message was sent here to Dr. J. V. McGougan, A. C. L. surgeon, who got a special engine and car and went to Pembroke and brought Captain Beasley here to his home about 11 o'clock this morning. Dr. McGougan says that, although his patient is very badly hurt, he will recover, and that he has fine grit.

This is the second accident Capt. Beasley has had within a short time. It will be remembered that about two months since he and Capt. J. J. Crosswell, while riding on a motor car near Rennett, ran into an automobile, and both were badly hurt. Capt. Crosswell having a leg broken.

Never can tell when you'll mash a finger or suffer a cut, bruise, burn or scald. Be prepared. Thousands rely on Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Your drug-gist sells it. 25c and 50c.