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SALISBURY MADE GLAD BY OVERMAN Bills for Public Building and Macadam Roads. BOTH OF THESE PASS

Thomas May Be Said to Have Given Payne a Touch of Real Misery. Blackburn Opposes Consolidation of Customs Districts and Swipes the Organization.

By THOMAS J. PENCE. Washington D. C., Feb. 15.—Senator Overman scored in the Senate today, securing the passage of the bill appropriating \$75,000 for a public building at Salisbury and also the measure carrying a fifteen thousand dollar appropriation for construction of a roadway to the Federal Cemetery in Salisbury.

There has been a disposition in Congress to sidetrack legislation for the construction of roads at government expense, and the passage of the bill providing for a macadam road to the Salisbury Federal Cemetery is a matter for which the Junior Senator deserves congratulations. Senator Keam, of New Jersey, and other Senators had something to say about the passage of the bill, and after a brief talk by Senator Overman in his behalf, a vote was taken, which resulted in its passage.

It will be of interest to the people of Raleigh to know that Senator Overman will in response to requests, introduce a bill providing for the construction of a macadam road to the Federal Cemetery at the State Capital. The House today gave a temporary bill to the bill providing for the consolidation of custom districts, which in the opinion of members of the North Carolina delegation would result in the removal of collectors of custom at Elizabeth City, New Bern and Beaufort and probably at Wilmington. The Republican floor leader, Payne, of New York, who introduced the bill, wanted to take it up in committee, but Mr. Thomas, prominent part in opposing the measure, demanded a roll call vote, which resulted in the defeat of Payne's motion by a vote of 45. Mr. Thomas wanted to debate the question but Payne objected and on motion for tellers Payne and Thomas were named.

The matter came up again this afternoon at the instance of Mr. Payne, who spoke in favor of his bill and a justification of the present system. It is apparent that his measure is voted upon and another fight is expected. There are no party lines drawn, Mr. Thomas Gardner, and several other Republicans working in opposition to the measure, while the minority leader, Williams, is supporting the majority leader, Payne. Mr. Thomas sent out two hundred circulars to members urging them to oppose the bill. Probably the most interesting feature of the consideration of this bill is the most remarkable speech made by Representative Blackburn, in which he took a fall out of the North Carolina Republican State organization while speaking in volving opposition to the bill. Mr. Blackburn only spoke a few minutes, and while he got up apparently for the purpose of opposing the measure, his real object is believed to have been for the purpose of administering a dose to his political enemies in the State.

Referring to the fact that the bill might abolish a number of Federal office-holders, Blackburn said he was not particularly interested in this record. He then took up the Federal office-holding element in North Carolina, who, he said, had always taken every occasion to oppose him. Despite this, he said, he had won out and left the inference that as a class they cut very little ice, especially in North Carolina. It is believed that this speech is only the introduction to another that will come soon, in which Mr. Blackburn will lay out the Republican State organization in North Carolina in a more detailed manner.

Senator Simmons called up in the Senate this afternoon and secured the passage of the resolution providing for the return to North Carolina of records now in the State Department here. The Senator sponsored to an amendment by Senator Spooner defining the records to be returned in the language used by Secretary Root in his letter stating exactly what records of North Carolina are in the archives of the State Department.

The President withdrew from the Senate today the nomination of Stella Britt to be postmaster at Franklinton. This nomination had been held up by Senator Overman on the request of citizens of Franklinton. It is learned that Chairman Rollins requested the withdrawal of the nomination. He found out that former Senator Pritchard had turned down the candidacy of Mrs. Britt, and was prompted by local political considerations to take this action.

The President received a big delegation of negroes at the White House today, which were led by Booker T. Washington. In the party were Rev. S. N. Voss, of Raleigh, J. B. Hawkins, of Kitleire and G. W. Clinton, of Charlotte.

Southern Railway between this place and Monroe, Va., dived at his home in Spencer yesterday from the effects of injuries sustained in the accident at Greensboro Monday night. Sears was on the water tank of an engine pulling north bound passenger train No. 34 taking water and was struck in the head by an iron hook, knocking him over the ground. He was brought to Greensboro and died yesterday.

The work of grading for the double track of the main line of the Southern Railway is progressing rapidly between Spencer and High Point.

JOINT STATEHOOD BILL Dick Speaks in Support of the Measure. Senate Adjourns Until Monday. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 15.—The Senate today passed to the consideration of the joint statehood bill and for an hour and half listened to a speech by Mr. Dick in support of the bill as reported from the committee on territories. The Ohio Senator's speech received careful attention by the Senators present, but the attendance was at no time large.

Mr. Dick did not conclude his speech, and he was not prepared to assume tomorrow the Senate decided not to sit again until Monday. Organizing Wake County. President Chas. C. Moore, of the Cotton Association, yesterday afternoon organized a township division at Auburn, and he organized a similar meeting at Garner.

This afternoon at two o'clock he will speak at School House, No. 2, St. Matthews township, and School House No. 1, tonight. He will perfect organization at both places. County Organizer Whitaker, is accompanying President Moore.

SHOT BY HUSBAND Found His Wife in His Employer's Room. As Huber, the Employe Himself Entered There Was a Flash and Huber Fell Dead by Employer's Bullet.

(By the Associated Press.) Houston, Tex., Feb. 15.—A sensational tragedy was enacted at the Comfort House here today when James Hardcastle, a prominent oil man of Humble, Texas, shot and killed J. B. Huber, one of his employes. Hardcastle, it is alleged, found his wife, whom he had forbidden seeing Huber, in the room of the latter at the hotel. While Hardcastle was in the room, Huber entered and Hardcastle shot him, death resulting almost instantly.

FOR CONFEDERATE GRAVES. Johnston-Pettigrew Chapter Will Have Markers for All Unmarked. An interesting session of the Johnston-Pettigrew Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, was held with Mrs. W. H. Pace at the residence of Mrs. Sterling Price, and matters of importance were discussed.

As a result of discussion the chapter decided to suitably mark the graves of any Confederate soldiers in Wake county now unmarked. It is to be noted also that this chapter took the initiative in asking the North Carolina division to put a memorial window in the old Blanford church in Petersburg, Va., this being done at the suggestion of Mrs. E. E. Moffitt.

A paper, written by a veteran in the Home Guard and entitled "The Death of Stonewall Jackson," was read during the meeting, and was heard with interest.

Mrs. Franklin McNeill resigned as secretary of the Col. A. Briggs, Sr., was elected her successor.

After the business session hostess served dainty refreshments and the meeting proved a most delightful and interesting one.

AT WAKE FOREST The Annual Debate, Great Mid-Winter Event Today. This is the great mid-winter day at Wake Forest College, the occasion being the annual debate for the medal between the Eu and Phi Societies, and the contest for the oratorical medal.

This occasion is one of the most notable of the college year, and hundreds of Raleigh people, and scores of others from all sections of the State, will attend the exercises.

The program will be as follows: Resolved: That North Carolina should establish a reformatory for her young criminals. Affirmative: L. J. Archie Parker. (Eu); W. H. Weatherston, Jr. (Phi); Negative: Benjamin T. Holding (Phi); Oscar J. Sikes (Eu); Oration, Eight O'clock. P. M. Liston (Phi); Thomas Bryce Ascraft (Eu).

Marshall. (Phi)—Richard E. Timberlake, chief; Charles M. Foy, chief; Chas. S. Barnette; (Eu)—Herbert Jenkins, chief; Clyde Jenkins, J. Ashley Bryan.

A TITANIC-SRIFE DIVIDED ON THE RAILROAD BILL OF COUNSEL ENDS

Hayes, Adam and Holton Both Sides Hesitate to Agree on Vote. Towering Pride of the Haute Noblesse.

KEEN ARE THE RAPIERS And Masters of Fence the Duelists Who Face One Another and Thrust Through Every Weak or Unguarded Point in the Armor of Opponents.

(Special to News and Observer.) Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 15.—When Federal court met this morning for a resumption of argument to the jury in the Samuel case, Judge Adams announced that after Governor Aycock reached the court room this morning he received a telegram announcing the death of his brother, which explained his absence. Judge Boyd expressed the deepest regret at the intelligence.

Solicitor General Hays began his address to the jury for the prosecution by saying he desired to take the very first opportunity to express his sense of obligation to the court and officials, to counsel for the defense and the government for the uniform courtesy and kindness with which he had been treated and he would never forget the pleasure it had been to him to know and become attached to the warm hearted people of the community with whom he had had the privilege of forming acquaintance and friendship. He then spoke of the sad experience of several connected with the case and expressed sympathy for all who had been called upon since the trial began to suffer sickness or bereavement.

The speaker began a discussion of the case by saying that no attacks had been made upon the testimony of Chapman, of which the defense had complained. He personally believed that Col. Chapman was as true a man and faithful an officer as ever served his government, for he was as brave a soldier and noble a defender of the cause he thought was his country's cause as ever sat in a saddle or flashed a sabre.

Referring to criticisms of counsel on the defense for failure to place McAdams and Wright, the secret service agents on the stand, he said it was well known that all they could do was to advise the jury that they had heard others say and the first question asked them would have been objected to by defendant's counsel, because of the principle of law, that the testimony of a witness is inadmissible if he is not sworn to defend him such as has never been my privilege to encounter in any former trial in all my professional or official experience.

"They say the case has its inception in a political row, while on the contrary, every witness questioned by Mr. Watson for the purpose of injecting political and partisan strife into the case, positively denied any such thing. Of the counsel for the government, two of them at least, never came into this court until after the first trial had begun. The suggestion that the clerk of the court, in testimony itself gives the lie to the insinuation. Here you find them complaining that blockaders have been placed in expense accounts and drawing salaries for services to that government."

He showed how the prosecution had not introduced a single blockader, whose testimony was not corroborated by the witnesses, and by the written record made by the defendant against himself. Col. Chapman himself told you that he would not hesitate to put any man on the stand against an officer, on the evidence of a blockader, if that evidence was corroborated. Replying to the complaints of the defense that the government did not put Green and McCoy on the stand, the speaker said the government had only introduced sufficient evidence to make out its case, and rest. Then the defense had itself snatched up officers Green and McCoy before the government had need of them on rebuttal testimony.

The speaker then inquired why had not the defense put Jim Combs and R. H. Hardin and Laws Davis on the stand. They all three were intimate with Samuel and charged with being implicated with him, yet when Laws Davis and Lawson Davis were men of good character, and yet while claiming they were essential to the defense, they were absent yet when Laws Davis and Jim Combs arrived and sat here in court day after day, they were absent.

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COME, INFLATE THY CHEST, O BONN

Lift Not Up the Lip, O Ye Scoffers, When He Declares With High Flung Head He'll Have But a Small Sum of Lady Anna's Money.

HE WANTS BUT LITTLE

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, Feb. 15.—The financial negotiations in the Castellane case do not relate to Count Boni's allowance after separation from his wife, formerly Anna Gould, of New York, as he had simplified this branch by stating that he does not expect a large amount. The Count's announcement was made to one of the lawyers of the court. It was most emphatic and is substantially in the following terms: "I declare to you, and I swear to the exactness of my declaration, that I will not accept any sum beyond that small amount which constituted my income before my marriage."

The count thus disposes of statement to the effect that he contemptuously refused \$40,000 a year on the ground that it was not sufficient for his pocket money. The attitude of the count leaves the lawyers of the court to consider only his outstanding indebtedness, which reaches an enormous sum. The Castellane marriage contract gives the countess her separate income not subject to claims for the debts of her husband. This means that the countess' fortune being absorbed in the present controversy and also prevents the count's creditors from taking legal action against the count.

At the same time she does not appear disposed to exact the strict letter of the contract, and the financial negotiations are for the purpose of making some arrangement for a compromise with the count's creditors. The amount involved has been swollen to enormous proportions by excessive charges for money advances. One gentleman intimately familiar with every detail of the Castellane case said that when people sought advances of money lenders and these advances reached three years ahead on an anticipated income, the borrower usually got one-tenth, while nine-tenths went to the usurers. This applies to the financial situation in the Castellane case, comparatively small advances now reaching a gigantic aggregate through excessive charges.

The extent to which the countess will voluntarily liquidate these claims is the chief question under consideration, and the determination of this will probably determine all the other proceedings. Although the lawyers expect the case to proceed to an early decision, the decision remains on the part of the countess due to her kind feeling towards her husband and her repugnance to involve her family in a scandal.

The foregoing facts are from those directly in charge of the countess' interests, thus showing their desire to testify to the count's correct attitude during the case. The court has made a second ineffectual attempt to bring about a reconciliation. The next step will be the service of a writ upon the defendant, but the clerk of the court has not received orders to serve the document.

LONGWORTH GETS LICENSE. Amld Goggling Eyes and Necks of Rubber He Must Have Thought Himself the White Elephant of Slam.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 15.—The marriage license of Miss Alice Roogeover and Representative Nicholas Longworth, was issued by the clerk of the court today at 4:15 o'clock.

Shortly after four o'clock Mr. Longworth, accompanied by Nelson Perkins, his best man, three of the ushers, Messrs. Bangs, Shaw and Norman, and three other friends appeared at the city hall and asked for a license to marry. The assistant clerk of the court filled in the blanks as Mr. Longworth responded to the usual questions in such cases. He gave his age as 36 and that of Miss Roosevelt as 22. When it became known that Mr. Longworth was in the building there was a rush for the clerk's office and a large crowd of newspaper men, court officials and lawyers gathered in the room. The issuance of the license required but a few moments. The party immediately left the building, but followed by the crowd through the corridor out to the portico. Mr. Longworth and his friends entered carriages and drove off.

DR. L. P. AARON IS DEAD. Only one of State Senator Aaron Passes From Earth.

(Special to News and Observer.) Mount Olive, N. C., Feb. 15.—Dr. Leonard P. Aaron died suddenly at his home here this afternoon of heart failure, aged about 32 years. He was a popular and skilled physician and was the manager of Aaron's Pharmacy. Few, if any, men in the State had more friends and admirers than

he, and his death will be received with keen sorrow here and elsewhere. He was a graduate of a Baltimore medical institution and was licensed to practice medicine about ten years ago, though the greatest part of his time was devoted to the drug business. He was a prominent member of the Wilmington Lodge of Elks and of the local Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges. He is a son of State Senator D. J. Aaron, who away from home, and has been summoned by telegraph. He is survived also by a sorrowing wife and mother, no children.

Up to 8 o'clock tonight it has been impossible to locate Dr. Aaron's father by wire, and as the funeral arrangements depend on the time of his arrival it is not possible to state just when it will take place, though probably it will be held Saturday morning.

WARE-KRAMER CO. SOLD. Such is the Report—It is Said It Will Continue to Run as an Independent Company and Remain in Wilson.

(Special to News and Observer.) Wilson, N. C., Feb. 15.—It is reported here on good authority that the controlling interest in the Ware-Kramer Tobacco Company, manufacturers of White Roll cigarette, has been acquired by Northern parties and that hereafter the factory will continue to run as the Ware-Kramer factory and the plant will continue to remain in this city.

The Ware-Kramer Company was organized about one year ago and was a considerable export as well as domestic business. Mr. F. D. Ware, manager of the company, is North, presumably on account of the death of New York or Philadelphia parties are reported to be the purchasers.

KICKED A WOMAN And Fined One Hundred Dollars and Costs. Featherstone Told That But for His Age and Past Record He Would Have Been Been Put Behind Bars.

(Special to News and Observer.) Asheville, N. C., Feb. 15.—The criminal charge against A. A. Featherstone for assault upon Mrs. Wiggins of the Salvation Army was closed in the Superior court this morning when Judge W. R. Allen fined the defendant \$100 and costs. An effort had been made by the defense to have the case remanded to the police court, but this Judge Allen refused to do, and in pronouncing sentence he said that it was only on account of the defendant's past record, his age, and other circumstances connected with the case that he did not send him to jail.

It is the end of this much discussed case. There was considerable agitation of the matter after the assault, the case being widely reported in the press and publicly denouncing the act. Mrs. Wiggins entered suit against Featherstone for \$10,000, but this was afterwards withdrawn, and this phase of the case entered into Judge Allen's decision.

CORONER SEPARK Elected by Board of County Commissioners Yesterday.

Mr. Charlie Separk was unanimously elected county coroner yesterday by the Board of County Commissioners, to succeed Dr. T. M. Jordan, resigned. Dr. Jordan accepted his resignation in corner several weeks ago, but it had not been tendered by the Board until yesterday.

There was but one candidate for the office this being Mr. Separk, and consequently he received no opposition. With Miss Louise Uzzle. A charming valentine party was given by Miss Louise Uzzle at the home on south West street, Wednesday last, and the house was beautifully decorated. Many interesting games were played and in the valentine contest Mr. Willie Norris was the winner.

In the cupid shooting arrows Mr. James Powell was awarded the prize and from cupid's postoffice, Miss Virge Uzzle acting as postmistress, every one got a love message. Dainty refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Bessie Muse, Thelma Mills, Ray Brown, Lucile Smith, Esther Riggan, Miriam Riggan, Katherine Brown, Eloise Myou, Elsie Hilker, Annie Hamlet, Mary Whiting, Foy Uzzle, Willie Norris, James Powell, Corydon Jones, Emile Hilker, Carter Jones and Claudius Parks.

With Miss May F. Jones. A delightful meeting of the Kennisness Book Club was held yesterday afternoon with Miss May F. Jones as hostess at the Exchange Hotel on Hillsboro street.

The subject of the meeting was in charge of Miss Elizabeth Briggs. After the close of the enjoyable meeting the members presented being listened to with interest, dainty refreshments were served.

Among the visitors present were Mrs. Susie Johnson, Mrs. Mary Johnson and Miss Julia Lowry Porter, of Atlanta.

PAYNE STIRS UP HOT OPPOSITION Consolidate Customs Collection Districts. THIS PAYNE WOULD DO But the House, Including Tar Heel Members of Opposing Camps, Sits Down on Him So Hard 'Tis a Marvel He's Not "Squashed."

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 15.—The "morning hour" prevailed in the House today after 5 o'clock. The net result was the passage of a bill to increase to \$30,000 a year, the Federal appropriation to each State and territory for the support of agricultural experiment stations, and of a bill repealing the present law granting American register to foreign ships wrecked and repaired on the American coast in the discretion of the Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor and requiring a special act of Congress to grant such register.

The feature of the day was the attempt of Mr. Payne, chairman of the Ways and Means committee, to get up his bill for the consolidation of custom collection districts. A furious opposition developed and on a roll call a large majority voted against considering the bill. Again when the experiment bill came up the debate reverted to the Payne bill and it was with great difficulty that it could be brought to an end.

Mr. Payne, speaking on his bill, said it cost last year \$1,400 to collect \$100,000 worth of goods. At Albermarle, N. C., it cost \$1,600 to collect \$5. There were fifty-one non-paying ports on the list which Mr. Payne read from. The total cost of these ports was \$47,742 and the expense of maintaining the ports was \$156,185.

Mr. Thomas, (N. C.) developed an argument against the consolidation of custom districts. The measure, he declared, was not one of economy. If all ports referred to by the committee were abolished, he said, but \$100,000 a year would be saved and more than this would be lost by reason of smuggling, which he maintained would be carried on in the abandoned ports. Besides, there were many other duties discharged by customs officers beside by collecting revenue.

Mr. Blackburn, (N. C.) also spoke against the Payne bill. An indirect comment was paid to Mr. Longworth by a vote to adjourn until Monday, although nothing will appear in the record of this purpose.

JOHN W. AYCOCK DEAD. A Brother of the Ex-Governor, One of Wayne County's Finest Citizens, and a Man Beloved by All Who Knew Him.

(Special to News and Observer.) Goldsboro, N. C., Feb. 15.—Mr. John W. Aycock, one of Wayne county's best citizens, a man of sterling character and true to every duty in life, died this morning at his home on his fine farm in Nahutta Township, esteemed by all who knew him and as universally mourned. He was a brother of ex-Governor Charles E. Aycock, Hon. Benj. F. Aycock, and of Mr. Wm. Aycock, of Florida, and a brother-in-law of Captain J. B. Edgerton. The funeral and interment will take place tomorrow at the home. The hour has not yet been determined on as the family are awaiting the arrival of his brothers. He was one of the wealthiest farmers in the county.

GONE TO PARTS UNKNOWN. A Namesake of Grover's Charged With Larceny Purloins His Bond.

(Special to News and Observer.) Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 15.—Grover Cleveland Hall, whose arrest several weeks ago on complaint of Mr. L. Thomas of Spencer, who charged him with larceny, created a sensation, has left Salisbury, and nothing is known of his whereabouts. Mr. Hall was in Mr. Thomas' employ as chief clerk and was one of the most popular young men in Spencer. Tried on the charge of store breaking and robbing Mr. Thomas' safe, he was discharged. Later he was accused by Mr. Thomas of larceny and bound over to the Superior court. He put up a cash bond of \$100, and when court convened Monday morning he was on hand. Yesterday it was proposed to increase the bond to \$400, and it was about this time that Mr. Hall disappeared.

CASE OF SIMPLE ASSAULT. A White Man Sent to the Roads to Teach Him Industry.

(Special to News and Observer.) Durham, N. C., Feb. 15.—Sam Barbee, a negro, was before Justice Owens this afternoon on the charge of attempting to assault a negro woman several days ago. It proved to be "Much Ado About Nothing" as the negro was fined \$5 and cost for simple assault.

On the charge of vagrancy Major Family, a white man, was today fined \$40 and cost. He could not pay the amount and went to the roads.