

O. HENRY—THE GIFT OF NORTH CAROLINA AS THE MOST POPULAR WRITER OF SHORT STORIES

This O. Henry Memorial Tablet Was Unveiled Wednesday Night in the North Carolina Administration Building At The Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Historical and Literary Association in Raleigh.

History of Efforts to Raise The O. Henry Memorial

At the thirteenth annual session of the State Literary and Historical Association of North Carolina, on December 4, 1912, Archibald Henderson moved a series of resolutions...

The mover of the resolution felt that the new spirit in North Carolina, giving life and impetus to the intellectual, literary and cultural forces in the commonwealth, could best find significant expression in the desire and purpose to erect a memorial to "O. Henry," the greatest short-story writer of our day...

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WAKE FARMER IS INSTANTLY KILLED

E. L. Fleming Struck By Sea-board Train in Sight of Home

WIFE WAVED TO HIM

Tried To Attract His Attention To Approaching Passenger Train; Accident Occurred at Asbury Station, About Six Miles West of Raleigh; Formerly Lived Here

Elvis L. Fleming, a well-known and prominent farmer of Wake county, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock when struck in sight of his home by Sea-board Air Line passenger train No. 4. The accident occurred at Asbury station, about six miles west of Raleigh. Mr. Fleming's right shoulder and entire arm was terribly mashed and other small cuts and bruises were made on his face and left hand. The train was running an hour late. With his wife aware of the fast approaching train and trying to attract his attention by waving her hand, Mr. Fleming stepped upon the track just a few seconds before the pilot of the large engine struck him. Engineer John Robertson, it is said, didn't see him in time to prevent the accident. He is thought why Mr. Fleming stepped in front of the train as those who are familiar with the condition of the track say that he could have seen the train long before it approached him. The Sea-board and Southern tracks run parallel at this point and it is thought that he mistook the train for a Southern. He had crossed the Southern tracks and it is thought was sure he was out of danger. Mr. Fleming's home is on the northern side and within a short distance of the tracks and he was on his way back to the house after going to the church on the south side of the tracks. The tracks are a "three-foot cut and Mrs. Fleming saw him last as he stepped from the embankment into the train. She thought she saw her husband and she tried to attract his attention to the approaching train, but in vain. Mr. Fleming was a native of Granville county and was about 79 years old. He was well known in Raleigh, where for about 15 years he resided and was engaged in the tobacco business. Ten years ago he moved to the country, where he had lived since. He came to Raleigh from Granville county. He is survived by a widow and five children, two daughters and three sons. His sons are Deputy Sheriff, William and Benjamin Fleming. The arrangements for the funeral service have not yet been completed.

EDITOR J. T. OLIVER, OF REIDSVILLE, DEAD

Was Recently Appointed as Deputy Collector—A Sufferer From Bright's Disease. (Special to The News and Observer.) Reidsville, Dec. 5.—John T. Oliver, editor of the Reidsville News and the Reidsville Review, died at his home on Maple Avenue at noon today. He was 59 years of age, and had been a sufferer from Bright's disease for several years. He was a native of the Democratic and influential in party councils in the county and State. He was appointed deputy revenue collector on December 1, by Collector A. D. Smith. He had been a member of the St. Thomas Episcopal church, also of the J. O. U. A. M. Lodge. The funeral and burial will be held Sunday afternoon. He leaves a wife, formerly Miss Lillie Linebury, of Fayetteville, two brothers, R. J. and Manton Oliver, of Reidsville, and one sister, Mrs. T. N. Reddy, of Memphis, Tenn.

21st DISTRICT MASONS MEET

Burlington Lodge is Guest of Distinguished Gathering. Burlington, Dec. 5.—The twenty-first district Masonic meeting was held at Burlington yesterday. This district is composed of the counties of Alamance, Orange, Durham, and Person. Mr. John H. Fernon of Burlington is district Deputy Grand Master of this district and presided over the sessions which convened with the Bulla Lodge, No. 409. The welcome address on behalf of the lodge was made by Worshipful Master John R. Trotter and on behalf of the town Mr. E. S. W. Dameron. At the afternoon session the master Mason's degree were conferred and reports were heard from the various lodges of the district. Prominent Masons who were present were: Mr. John T. Alderman, Grand Master, Henderson; Hon. S. M. Gattis, Past Grand Master, Hillsboro; Dr. W. C. Wicker, Hon. Sec., Fayetteville; Lee S. Wilkins, Past Master, Leicester; Supl. Oxford Orphanage; Miss Blanche Johnson, Dist. Deputy Grand Master Eastern Star, and Mr. John J. Phoenix, Supl. of Masonic and Eastern Star home.

PENSION FOR TEACHERS

Durham Association Will Memorialize the Legislature. Durham, Dec. 5.—The county teachers, in monthly session this morning, unanimously adopted a resolution memorializing the legislature to make some provision for indigent and widowed teachers of the county. It was pointed out that the present time one teacher who has given her life to the work in the elementary schools of the State was now in a destitute condition and had to be taken care of by the county. The resolution expressed the opinion that it was the duty of the State that these people, who give a life to service in which they receive no pay, should receive some consideration at the hands of the State, when they were old and could not work any more.

MISS COPE HELD FOR BLACKMAIL

Pretty Brunette Tried To Bribe Lawyers To Extort From Colonel Alexander

HALF AND HALF SPLIT

She Wrote Down Agreement To Divide With Government Lawyers if They Could Get Fifty Thousand From the Aged Providence Millionaire On Slavery Threat

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Miss Jessie Cope, accused of Col. Charles Alexander, a Providence, R. I., millionaire, under the white slave case here today, charged with attempting to bribe government officials in Chicago to aid her in blackmail Alexander out of \$50,000. Alexander, 65 years old, and married, was arrested here yesterday. The public had its first view of the woman when she was arraigned before United States Commissioner Mason who held her on the charge of conspiracy to defraud against Alexander. She is 32 years old and was described by one of the government agents who resisted the alleged bribe offer as a "brilliant brunette with jet hair, of medium height and weight and handsomely gowned. District Attorney Charles F. Cline, Michael J. Igoe, his first assistant; Hinton G. Clabaugh, head of the local division of the Department of Justice and Lucien C. Wheeler, an agent working under Clabaugh, manifested interest in the case. When Miss Cope first brought before them her accusation against Alexander, it was stated today in the district attorney's office. Igoe's statement followed. In the end according to a formal statement issued by Igoe, she proposed, and formulated the proposal in a written agreement, that if the government attorneys accept her offer to extort \$50,000 from Alexander she would give them half of it to be split among them. The other half of the sum she said she would keep, and out of his attorney's charge. Igoe said that her attorney at Los Angeles was named Terrell and her other lawyers, in Providence, named Thornly. He did not disclose the details of the agreement, but stated that she was in the matter.

Offer Was Written Down.

Miss Cope had many conferences with Mr. Igoe as well as with Mr. Clabaugh. Finally she made the bold proposition that the government officials should accept her offer to support this alleged charge. During the investigation of the complaint of Miss Cope by Federal officials at Chicago, suspicion as to her good faith in the matter was expressed.

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WOMAN'S FIELD EVER WIDENING IN NORTH STATE

In Many Lines of Endeavor She Is Taking Increasingly Prominent Part

HUNDREDS ENGAGED IN CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

Many Thousands More Busy With Humble Tasks But Happy In Their Toil and Envious of None—Large Companies of Them Assuming Civic Responsibility From a Sense of Duty and Not As a Protest Against Being Debarred From Full Citizenship

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Saving a College.

Leaving the volunteer workers, we are next in that shadowy border where bread and butter, and possibly a little cash, are provided for the workers' subsistence, but where the largest reward lies in opportunity for constructive work and in the happiness that comes of establishing permanent improvements within the State. The finest work ever done in North Carolina along this line, it seems to me, was when Mrs. Lucy Robertson of

WOMAN NOW AT HEAD OF STATE TEACHER FORCES

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TELEPHONE POLES REMOVED.

Longest and Widest Street in State. (Special to The News and Observer.) Beaufort, Dec. 5.—The Norfolk Southern has taken down its telegraph poles along Arendell street in Morehead City. Arendell street is said to be the longest and widest city thoroughfare in this State. It is 170 feet wide and three miles long, running due east and west along the railroad tracks. Mayor E. H. Gorham, after three years' persistent effort to get the railroad company to take down the poles along this street, finally succeeded. The absence of the poles greatly improves the appearance of the street.

MARSHALL ANSWERS CRITICS.

Lecture or No Lecture He Does Not Fear. (By the Associated Press.) Boston, Dec. 5.—Vice-President Marshall took cognizance today of newspaper criticism of his appearance on the lecture platform. He said: "I do not think the people of the United States care whether I am paid for lecturing or not. I do believe they care whether I am on my job as president of the United States Senate while that body is in session. My duty to the United States and the people is to be in the Senate, and I shall be there when that body convenes next Monday."

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