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Of course there will be the customary pretty little speech or resolution of thanks to Mikado C. non for the fair, just polite and impartial way in which he has presided over the filibuster in this session of Congress.

Why is it that the President submits to all this scrapping in Congress about four battleships? Why does he not have them built in vacation and then present the bills calling for a deficiency appropriation?

TAX SUIT PROBABLE.

Monday's session of the County commissioners was devoted chiefly to routine affairs. Two or three persons were exempted from poll tax, and about the usual number of applications for correction in the tax list were made.

The most important was that of the Tarboro Cotton Factory. J. P. Shackelford, one of the assessors, stated that it was the intention of the assessors to keep the valuation of the previous year, but by mistake it was, that is, the real property, increased about \$10,000. The correction was ordered made.

At the April meeting of the Board, M. P. Edwards, B. B. Howell, C. W. Jeffreys and others asked that the increased valuation placed upon the realty in No. 4 township by the Board of Equalization be stricken from the tax lists and the values placed by the township assessors stand. The petitioners contended that this increase being applied to an entire township was unlawful, the law directing that the Equalization Board must raise each tract or parcel on its own merit.

The demand was referred to County Attorney Bassett, who Monday made a report, upholding the legality of the action of the Equalization Board, and it was thereupon refused.

A suit to test the legality of this raise is promised.

Thirty-three citizens of No. 9 township petitioned for a new road, beginning on the Sparta road near H. W. Webb's and through their lands to a new road near Benjamin Phillips' residence. Referred to Road Superintendent Martin.

LEGGETT NEWS.

Miss Pender from Tarboro, is in town visiting Miss Vernon Fountain.

J. R. Mayo spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Zeb Long, of Speed.

Dr. Earl Weeks is here to see his sister, Mrs. Arthur Fountain.

John Pittman is here for a few days.

E. T. Fountain accompanied by his friend, Mr. Broom, manager of the Tar River Lumber Co., of Rocky Mount, is visiting in town.

Miss Ella Harper spent Sunday here.

Miss Nannie Harper is home from Rocky Mount, where she has been teaching.

Master Henry Leggett is here with his aunt, Mrs. Theo. Fountain.

There are two new residences going up in town, the one on Main street belongs to Mrs. A. Fountain, the one on East Main to Horace Foxhall, colored.

Miss Mary Fountain, who has been teaching school near Whitakers, closed it for the Summer Friday.

Zeb Long and wife were here Sunday visiting relatives.

Masters Howard Weeks and Fitzhugh Gammon are spending a few days here.

There were services in the Presbyterian church Sunday.

Miss Fannie Speight of Wren-dale, was a visitor to our town Sunday.

The picnic given at the Sturgeon Hole today was a most enjoyable affair, there being about fifty pleasure seekers. One of the party seeking too much pleasure happened to fall into the water, but we hope he'll be no worse for the ducking. How are you getting on, Diver?

There will be a dance at Pitt-man's hall Friday night.

S. E. E.

Anent the increase in the valuation of property in Fayetteville for taxation, do the prohibitionists ascribe the taxation of railroads to prohibition? They cannot with propriety lay claim to the increase due to the general prosperity of the country for the republicans have long ago taken the place of Providence in this particular. Such claims are on a par with the claims of the anti's that prohibition will ruin town.

DONNELL GILLIAM PASSES AWAY

THE FOREMOST PERSONALITY IN THE COUNTY SUMMONED BY THE HIGHEST COURT

The High Sheriff of Creation Tuesday evening about 10.30, summoned Donnell Gilliam to appear before the Great White Tribunal. For months, his health had been poor; in fact since he was stricken in the early part of March in Raleigh with some brain trouble, his health has been feeble. Although he rallied from that stroke, he never regained his health. He attended to his cases during the April term of court, with his accustomed ability and skill, but not with the energy that once was his, and when court adjourned, he was almost exhausted. He took a trip to Norfolk, returned, and in a few days was sent to his bed, with symptoms of the same trouble that laid him low, a little more than two months ago in Raleigh. An expert in nervous diseases, Dr. J. A. Hodges of Richmond was called in. He and Dr. J. M. Baker, his family physician agreed in the diagnosis that the trouble was in the brain, probably an abscess or tumor on it, but the nerves of the body were not sufficiently affected to locate this disturbing factor. It was only a few hours before the end that the twitching of the muscles on the right side indicated that the disturbance was in the left lobe of the brain.

About 7.30, dissolution began, three hours later the big heart of a big man, a giant in the State, ceased to beat, and Don Gilliam who had successfully plead the causes of hundreds of others, appeared before the Supreme Bar, where kindly deeds and a knightly courage, a dutiful son, a loving father and brother, will be powerful pleas for his imperfections.

In the latter part of December, 1882, Judge Henry A. Gilliam, having completed his term as Judge of the Superior court of the Second District, made Tarboro his home. Early in the following year, his eldest son, the subject of this little sketch, joined him from Elizabeth City, where he had only been practicing a few months.

Two unrelated events soon followed, to bring Don Gilliam into favorable notice and esteem. The State Medical Society met here in the Spring of '83 and the address of welcome was made by him in Teel Hall, now the upper story of the D. Lichtenstein building. It was a great effort, the words were well chosen, apt, delivered by an Apollo and a Demosthenese. This is no fanciful statement, it is true. The writer was present, and sees now a handsome young athlete, proffering a welcome in diction so choice, in sentences so vividly depicting the altruism of the medical profession that young ar-d old, doctors and laymen were moved to hearty applause. His reputation as a speaker was established.

Soon after this came his first big case, Farrar vs. Weathersbee, on exceptions to the findings of the referee. Older lawyers represented the plaintiff, and young Gilliam the defendant. In his argument which the judge and all who heard him, pronounced masterly, he displayed an acquaintance with the law, a research and a knowledge, which convinced all that he could hold his own with the best. Time proved him to be both a foremost lawyer and pleader and from that time till now, he enjoyed a lucrative practice.

He was a partner with his father till his death in 1890. Soon after his brother, Henry A. Gilliam named for his father, possessing that gentleman's ability, affability and great common sense knowledge of the became his partner.

Mr. Gilliam had developed the quality of thoroughness to a rare degree. In his practice when a subject of law came up, he studied it thoroughly and briefed it, thus acquiring such a full and accurate knowledge of the law in all its ramifications that it was almost impossible to take him unawares. No speaker have we ever heard was happier in his choice of words. He always used the best word to convey his idea. He was never prolix and never in his speeches resorted to slang. His English whether addressing the jury on the evidence, or the court on law was of the best. He probably never made a speech that was not a classic. Learned as he was he was equally as resourceful, as members of the bar who came in touch with him appreciated. To laymen this quality was exemplified in the redeeming of the country from negro rule in 1892 and 1898. Those who were with him in those fights will bear ample testimony of his courage, judgment and resourcefulness.

For many years he was the most popular man in the county. Not

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

Interesting Business News From This Hustling City That Should Interest Every Reader of This Paper.

Three years before the admission of Texas to the Union; during the administration of President Tyler, and two years before the telegraph was practical, Charles M. Stieff began the manufacture of high grade pianos in the then small city of Baltimore, in a small way. The business kept pace with the growth of the city and country, till now it is one of the largest piano factories in the world. From the first Mr. Stieff sold his pianos direct to the people instead of through d.alers, and still does it, so when you buy a Stieff piano from one of their warehouses, you buy from the maker at wholesale price, and easy terms are given you if you wish. This is the only strictly high grade piano sold from maker to user. For prices, etc., write Chas. M. Stieff, L. C. Steele, Mgr., 114 Granby St., Norfolk, Va.

The Lorraine Hotel continues to grow in popularity. Mr. L. Berry Dodson the Manager was brought up in the hotel business by his father who owned and conducted the Atlantic Hotel for so many years, and who became so well known all over the country. You get the very best service at the Lorraine; both American and European plans. Don't forget the Lorraine when you go to Norfolk.

THE HUB'S Mail Order Department is very busy these days. Many out of town orders are received every day, and The Hub's Mail Order employes take as much care in filling these orders as they possibly could if the goods were for themselves. A lady in Tarboro, N. C. wrote last week as follows: "The suit for my boy was received today, and is exactly what I wanted; it is the best suit I ever bought for the price, and fits him perfectly." Another customer from Edenton, N. C. writes: "Many thanks for your promptness in filling my order—everything was perfectly satisfactory. Will send you another order soon." Write The Hub if you are in need of Clothing, Furnishings, Shoes or Hats. You'll be sure to save money.

A decided sensation was created recently by Samuel C. Phillips, the big Furniture Dealer, 331 to 337 Church St. who began with a big money raising sale to run ten days, but who found it made trade so good, he decided to feature low prices. He says he is convinced he can make more money selling close to cost, than he did at the usual prices, so he has cut loose from the old way, and will continue the "nimble sixpence" plan.

On a spot that was only a marsh a few years ago, stands one of the most conspicuous buildings in Norfolk; the 8 story, fireproof building, erected, owned and occupied by Paul-Gale-Greenwood Co. Inc., the largest Jewelers in the South. It is worth while to go through this establishment, and you are shown everything whether you wish to buy or not. They are having great success with the Watch movement they have made for them, all sizes, for ladies and gentlemen, put in any case you may select. They sell by far the largest part of the wedding presents in this part of the country. They send goods on approval, and prepay charges on goods bought by mail. If you want Chinaware, ask them about the Coalport China. Write for everything in Jewelry, etc.

If you have any real estate, such as farms, timber lands, etc., for sale, write G. E. Brodriek, 55 Granby St., Norfolk, Va., giving particulars.

since the war has there been, we believe, a man so popular, or had so many friends.

In 1894 he was an elector and the youngest in the electoral college. The following year he was elected solicitor of the Inferior court of this county and served nearly ten years with an ability and a success that made this tribunal more dreaded by the law breaker than the Superior court. He also served two terms as mayor and three as town commissioner. To his efforts was due the installation of the water system.

He served two terms as State Senator, and could have been such again and again, had he signified the slightest wish. In 1890, he at the demand of his party, headed the county ticket for Senator, but with the rest of his colleagues, he went down in defeat by the combined republicans and populists. Probably the only political office, he ever sought, was that of Con-gressman in 1900, when he was defeated for the nomination by Claude Kitchin, our present representative. The Edgecombe delegation stood by him to a man even to the last ballot, and each man took his defeat with more sorrow and regret than did he.

He was widely known throughout the State and is justly regarded as one of the ablest men ever born in the State. Mr. Gilliam was born in Plymouth, Oct. 31st, 1861.

On Nov. 10th, 1886, he was married to Miss Mamie Rawls, eldest daughter of E. W. Rawls, and a most charming woman, who was a devoted wife for 11 years. Four children blessed this union, Hannah Clements, named for his mother, Donnell, Louis, and Mary

A NEGRO BRUTE UNSEXED

DEPUTY SHERIFF OVERPOWERED AND BOUND WHILE PRISONER IS TAKEN AWAY

Friday evening, when about a mile this side of Crisp, in a swamp, Deputy Sheriff Frank Dawson, on his way to this place with Grant Matthews, colored, charged with rape upon Mrs. W. A. Lewis was seized, dragged from his buggy and bound, while half a dozen or more masked men took his prisoner into the deep woods near the roadside, and there deliberately and skillfully unsexed him.

Mr. Dawson says that the first intimation he had was a man on horseback, who rode in front of his horse and seized the bridle. He drew his pistol ordered the man to let go, and fired. Almost instantly, he was seized by men on side and rear. He attempted to use his pistol again and it was discharged, but he was unable to aim it. He was dragged from the vehicle, and given in charge of a man, with whom he had a struggle and was getting the best of it, when help was called for, and then he was securely tied.

Mr. Dawson says that there were eight or ten in the party, some wearing black and others white masks; that he failed to recognize any one, that there was not enough light for this, but enough to satisfy him that all were white.

The purpose of the posse was soon accomplished and the man tied with a bag over his head was placed in the buggy. Mr. Dawson was unbound and placed there too, then one of his captors said, "we have nothing against you and do not wish to do you harm, and will not if you do not make trouble. As we toss your pistol in your buggy drive on and you won't be hurt." He drove off and as he did so, the pistol was dropped in the buggy and the two men one on each side who guarded to the last disappeared in the darkness and the woods.

Mr. Dawson then came on to town with his prisoner and placed him in jail, after his wounds had been examined.

The man is very dark and is about 35. He does not deny the offence, and said to a policeman last night that he got what he deserved.

His victim is said to be of very weak mind, so much so as not to be regarded as responsible. Matthews' offence was in taking advantage of mental weakness.

The sickening details, the Southerner will not publish, suffice it to say that the woman is about 26 years old seems to have had sense enough to get married and conceal her condition. Matthews may have received no more than he deserved, but from all the circumstances the woman does not seem to be so innocent.

Judge A. T. Walston has communicated the facts to the solicitor.

Rawls, to whom he has been an indulgent, patient, provident, loving father.

He was a loyal friend and inspired a reciprocal loyalty that is seldom equalled. The editor of this paper has known him for more than a quarter of a century, and during that time has enjoyed his loyal friendship and now at this sad parting, is at a loss for words to convey an unbounded admiration for his abilities, his many noble qualities and endearing traits. Peace to his ashes, but there will ever be a fresh memory over our big hearted, big brained friend.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon in Calvary church where a large concourse of friends from town and country had gathered to pay a last tribute to him.

Many floral offerings covered his narrow home. The following were the pall bearers: M. C. Braswell, N. B. Dawson, H. W. Stubb, B. F. Eagles, Ed Penning, L. V. Bassett, Thos. H. Battle and Frank Powell. Rev. F. Harriman Harding conducted the services.

A STRONGER NAVY.

It has been a long time since the Senate has known a debate so earnest and so desperately fought as that waged for four battleships. On one side were the leaders of the Senate, the old and trusted men, those accustomed to having their own way; those who look upon the younger Senators as parvenus and freshmen, deserving mostly to be snubbed and hazed in a parliamentary way. On the other side are with but few exceptions the younger Senators, not all younger in years, perhaps but younger in senatorial term and experience. They, it is believed, were backed by the country because it is known that they were on the side of the President. Every day the debate continued, made the presidential demand

stronger, because Senators were hearing in no uncertain way from their states, where the President as is well known, is over-hemingly strong. The Democrats held the balance of power and they, from motives of economy, which frequently influence them, opposed the twelve millions or more of expense involved in building four battleships; instead of two and the bill was defeated in the Senate. The President's strongest supporter in the House. Representative Hobson, of Alabama, expresses the views and sentiments of his section, when he urges appropriations for a powerful navy.

The House voted strongly against this appropriation. Members of the House also are hearing in most emphatic language from their constituents and though the Senate has defeated the bill for additional battleships at this session there can be no doubt that a policy for a stronger navy is fixed in the minds and hearts of the people and will find expression in the future legislation.

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CALL FOR COUNTY CONVENTION AND PRIMARIES
 By order of the Executive Committee, the Democratic Convention for Edgecombe County is called to meet at 12 o'clock M., in Tarboro, on Tuesday, May 19th 1908.

for the purpose of electing delegates to the State and Congressional Conventions and of nominating County Officers on that date or an adjourned date. And to that end, it is ordered by said Committee that the Precinct Meetings in the several precincts in the county be held on
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1908
 at their several places, at the hours following, viz:
 Townships Nos. 2, 3, 4, (both precincts,) 9, 10, at 8 p. m.
 Townships Nos. 5, 7, (precinct 1,) 8, 13, at 3.30 p. m.
 Township No. 7, (precinct 2,) at 2.30 p. m.
 Township No. 11, at 4 p. m.
 Township No. 12, (precinct 1,) at 8.30 p. m., (precinct 2,) 2 p. m.
 Township No. 6, (precinct 1,) 4 p. m., (precinct 2,) 2.30 p. m.
 Township No. 1, at 10 a. m.
 Township No. 1, at 2.30 p. m.
 At which times and places the Democratic voters are requested to assemble and elect delegates to the County Convention and their several Precincts Executive Committees and to do such other things as shall be necessary under the Democratic Plan of Organization.
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