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FALLS UNABLE TO BE PRESENT

MEETING OF GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION FOR TOMORROW NIGHT CANCELLED.

TO BE HELD LATER

State Highway Engineer Had Another Engagement. Will Be in Washington at Later Date to Discuss Road Work Here.

A letter was received this morning from W. S. Falls, State Highway Engineer, notifying the Washington Township Good Roads Association of his inability to be present at the meeting that was called for tomorrow night. Mr. Falls explained that he had already made an engagement at Wilkesboro for tomorrow night and that it would be utterly impossible for him to be in Washington. He expressed his sincere regret and the hope that the association would call upon him whenever it needed his services.

Due to this fact, it has been decided to postpone the meeting until some future date when Mr. Falls may be able to attend. A letter has been sent him, asking him to advise the association when he will be able to get here. As soon as his reply is received, another date will be set for the meeting.

The members of the good roads association and others who were planning to be present at the meeting tomorrow night, are requested to take note of the change of plans. No meeting will be held tomorrow night.

ISSUE DIRECTORY FOR WASHINGTON

Chamber of Commerce Gave Endorsement to Project at Meeting Which Was Held Last Night.

At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last night, a representative of the Piedmont Directory Co. of Asheville was present and asked the Chamber to give its endorsement to the issuing of a directory for Washington. After some discussion, the Chamber did so.

The directory will consist of a list of names of all the residents of the city, alphabetically arranged, a street guide, the names of the city by streets and houses and other valuable information. Work on it will probably be started within a short time.

Several other matters of business were brought up before the meeting and discussed but no action was taken.

VANGUARD CLASS IS ENTERTAINED

Met Last Night at the home of the New President of the Class, H. B. Fowle.

The members of the Vanguard class, the bible class of the Presbyterian Sunday School, were most delightfully entertained last night at the home of the new president of the class, H. B. Fowle. Music, both instrumental and vocal, was followed by delicious refreshments. The occasion proved a most enjoyable one.

A revival of interest in the Sunday School work has taken place recently. At last night's meeting plans were discussed for still further increasing the membership and a membership campaign was decided upon. Last Sunday the regular attendance at Sunday School was double the usual number.

OVER EIGHT THOUSAND BALENS SHEN GINNED IN BRAUFORT COUNTY

A report of the amount of cotton ginned in Beaufort county up to January 1st of this year, shows that 8,651 bales have been ginned as compared with 10,478 bales at the same time last year. There is only a small amount of cotton still to be ginned.

JUDGE ALLEN'S CHANCES GOOD

WILSON WAVERS ON HIS DECISION TO APPOINT MR. DAVIS TO THE OFFICE.

AN EVEN RACE

With Davis Out of the Running, North Carolina Judge Stands Excellent Chance of Being Appointed to Succeed Lamar.

Washington, Jan. 12.—It was learned from a highly authoritative source today that the President is wavering on his former decision to appoint Solicitor John W. Davis, of West Virginia, to the Supreme court bench to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Lamar, of Georgia. The President's present attitude is caused by the fact that he has already appointed Charles R. McReynolds, former attorney-general, to the Supreme court, and should he now select Mr. Davis, he would seriously handicap the court by having two men on the bench who have appeared in cases as attorneys which will now come before the highest court of the land. Neither Mr. Davis nor Justice McReynolds could appear in any of the cases in which they were interested, as solicitor-general and attorney-general, respectively.

As late as Saturday night it is known that Mr. Davis was nearer being appointed to this high place than any other man who had been mentioned to the President. He may yet get the place, but his chances are not near so good now as they were then.

With Davis out of the race, Justice William R. Allen, of Goldsboro, would stand about an even chance with the rest of the candidates. The friends of Judge Allen have been active and if he fails to get the place it will not be because the North Carolina delegation in Congress has not exerted every effort in his behalf.

R. R. OFFICIALS IN THE CITY

President Young and Colonel Rodman Here. Mission is Unknown. Left City This Morning.

President Young of the Norfolk Southern railroad and Colonel W. B. Rodman, attorney for the railroad, were in the city on a brief business trip yesterday in Mr. Young's special car.

What the object of their visit was here is not known, although it is stated that they were looking over the scene with the idea in mind of putting on some important work in Washington. They left early this morning.

BELHAVEN NEGRO TRIES MURDER

Attempts to Kill Thomas Vaughan, Proprietor of Pressing Club in That City.

(By Eastern Press)

Belhaven, Jan. 12.—Chief of Police J. Mack Paul has landed behind prison bars Joe Edward Hardy, colored, said to be somewhat of a desperado. Yesterday afternoon Hardy went into the pressing club of Thomas Vaughan and started a "trough house." Vaughan told Hardy to get out and the negro refused. Vaughan then proceeded to get him out. Hardy at once went and got his double barrel shot gun, loaded with No. 4 shot. Just as Vaughan stuck his head out of the front door of his place of business, Hardy up with his gun and fired. Fortunately Vaughan was not hit, but the side of the door in which he was standing was peppered by the shot.

Hardy, as was expected, immediately sought other parts and although the police have been on his trail since that time he was not apprehended until early this morning. He was found at his home in Belhaven and is now in jail, awaiting trial.

GETS 12 MONTHS FOR RETAILING

Greenville Man Receives Long Sentence for Violating State Liquor Law.

(By Eastern Press)

Greenville, Jan. 12.—Spencer Williams, the defendant in the liquor case that occupied the best portion of yesterday was brought to a close late in the afternoon, the jury finding Williams guilty of retailing liquor and Judge Wooten this morning imposed a sentence of 12 months on the county roads.

MISSION WILL CLOSE TONIGHT

Mr. Matthews to Preach Concluding Sermon at the Episcopal Church Tonight.

Tonight will mark the conclusion of the mission at the Episcopal church, which has been in progress during the last week. Mr. Matthews has delivered some exceptionally fine sermons during his stay here. "He gets better every night," remarked one of those who have heard all of his sermons. It is expected that a large number will be on hand to hear his concluding message to the residents of Washington. The service will start at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited to be present.

TWO GOOD SHOWS ARE COMING HERE

"Chocolate Soldier" Here Tomorrow and "When Dreams Come True" Next Week.

When "The Chocolate Soldier" is presented here tomorrow night, and also "When Dreams Come True" is presented here on the 20th, the many patrons of the New Theatre will have seen the two best attractions that is touring the road at present. Every one is well acquainted with the light opera, "The Chocolate Soldier" and it is useless to praise said attraction, as it is known as one of the best comic operas that has ever been played. "When Dreams Come True," the next attraction after "The Chocolate Soldier," is ranking among the best musical comedies ever presented. It is to be hoped that when these two attractions come here that each will have packed houses, as that is the only way that the New Theatre will be able to secure other good attractions for Washington.

ALL HAVE BIRTHDAYS ON SAME DAYS AS DID PRESIDENTS OF U. S.

A peculiar coincidence in the way of birthdays is recorded in the Bragaw family, three of whose members were born on the same day as presidents of the United States.

John G. Bragaw was born on February 12th, which is also President Lincoln's birthday.

William Bragaw was born on April 28th, the natal day of President Madison.

Stephen C. Bragaw was born on February 22nd, which is also celebrated as President Washington's birthday.

CHANGE IN PLACE OF THE MEETING OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Methodist church will meet Friday afternoon at four o'clock with Mrs. F. A. Nicholson. Members of the society are requested to note this change in the place of meeting. As many as possible can be urged to attend the meeting.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPT.

B. G. Moss has been appointed superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday School, to succeed C. M. Brown, Jr., who has resigned. Mr. Moss has been interested in Sunday School work for the last several years and is a capable successor to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Brown's resignation.

WITHOUT MOVING THE HAT.



NARROW ESCAPE FROM ACCIDENT

PIECE OF RAIL, EIGHTEEN INCHES LONG, BROKEN OUT OF N. S. TRACKS.

HAPPENED TODAY

Warning Given to Engineer on Train from Raleigh and He Was Able to Bring His Train to Stop Before Striking Break in Rail.

What might have been a serious railroad accident was narrowly averted on the Norfolk Southern this morning between this city and Chocowinity when the train from Delhaven, going to Chocowinity, broke a rail, taking out a piece about eighteen inches in length.

The engineer on this train, upon his arrival at Chocowinity and not knowing that the rail had been actually broken, warned the engineer of the train from Raleigh, which arrives in Washington at 10:55, to "watch out for a bad piece in the road."

When the passenger train left Chocowinity for Washington, the engineer proceeded cautiously and upon coming to the break in the rail, was able to bring his train to a stop before striking it.

How the train from Belhaven managed to get over the spot without being derailed is something which the railroad men cannot understand, unless it was the rear wheels of the last car which broke the rail. If the engineer on the train from Raleigh had not been given warning he would in all probability have been unable to stop his train before hitting the break.

LARGE NUMBER HEARD MR. WAY

Made Interesting Talk at the Methodist Church Last Night. Haracas Turn Out.

An audience of over one hundred and fifty persons heard J. M. Way, divisional field secretary to the general Sunday School Board, of Nashville, Tenn., make an address on the graded Sunday School and its work at the Methodist church last night. Mr. Way's talk was highly interesting. He told of the progress that Sunday School work was making and offered a number of suggestions as to how interest could be kept up in the work.

About sixty-five members of the Haracas class were present to hear the lecture.

NEGRO ACCUSED OF SLAYING FARMER IS HUNG TO TREE AND BODY RIPPED WITH BULLETS

Two Hundred Men Engaged in the Lynching Party. No Arrests Made WAS FIRST LYNCHING IN WAYNE CO.

Took Keys From Guards and Strung Up Their Man Where Murder Occurred. Two Other Negroes, Charged With Crime, Released by Mob.

(By Eastern Press)

Goldsboro, Jan. 12.—A mob of 200 masked and armed men this morning shortly after midnight, broke into the Wayne county jail, seized John Richards, the negro charged with the murder of Anderson T. Gurley, a Wayne county farmer, carried him two miles from Goldsboro, where the murder occurred, lynched him to a tree and then riddled his body with bullets. After the act, the mob quietly dispersed. No arrests have been made.

Richards, together with Ben Coley and William Smith, were confined in the jail since last Thursday, when Gurley was murdered. Since that time the feeling against them grew steadily among a certain element in this city and there was frequent talk of lynching. A crowd gathered about the jail during the early hours of yesterday evening, but upon the arrival of officers, they dispersed.

Returning shortly after midnight in greater numbers, the guards of the jail were overpowered, the keys taken and entrance to the cells obtained. The three negroes were brought out into the jail yard, but a deputy sheriff who had been summoned but who was powerless to do anything against the mob, swore that Coley and Smith were innocent. These two were then returned to the jail and taking Richards into custody, the mob proceeded to the spot where the aged and well-known farmer had been murdered. Arriving there, a rope was quickly strung over the branch of a large tree and Richards was strung up, shrieking and praying for mercy. After firing over a hundred bullets into the body, the crowd quietly separated.

Excitement in the city today is at fever heat, and the lynching is the sole topic of discussion. It is the first lynching that has ever occurred in Wayne county.

ERECT BIG MILL AT VANCEBORO

Option Has Been Secured on Land for One of the Largest Lumber Mills in the State.

John L. Robinson, a well known citizen of Vanceboro, Craven county, who is spending the day in the city, today in an optimistic manner of the city has been made by that little town.

Mr. Robinson states that plans are on foot for the erection of a plant of one of the largest lumber mills in the state. Options on a valuable tract of land which will be used as a site for the mill, have been secured and it is expected that the plant will soon be erected. Outside capitalists are the leading factors in the new enterprise.

There is also some talk at Vanceboro of holding an election to vote a bond issue, the money from the sale of which will be used in paving the main street of the town and a branch street leading down from the main street to the depot. Nothing definite has been done in this matter at his time.

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Daniel's Goes to New York. Washington, Jan. 12.—Secretary Daniels goes to New York to speak before the Democratic club on preparedness Saturday night.

BOOK CLUBS MEET

Address and O. Henry Book Clubs Will Meet at Their Meetings Tomorrow Afternoon.

The following places of meeting have been announced for the O. Henry and the Addisco book clubs tomorrow.

O. Henry Club. The O. Henry Club will meet with Mrs. W. H. Williams at three o'clock.

Addisco Club. Will meet at the home of Mrs. J. D. Grimes at 3:30 o'clock. These meetings will be the first to be held by the clubs this year. Some interesting papers will be read and discussions held.

only for equipment and training. Members of the national guard under the Garrison plan would receive no federal compensation in time of peace.

NEW THEATRE TO-NIGHT

Selig presents splendid 3 Reel feature
Ninth Calvary's Shadow
Tomorrow Night
The Chocolate Soldier

Prizes \$10