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SERIES OF ROBBERIES

Several Stores Have Been Entered Lately.

The officers have found a clew that will probably aid in the arrest of several parties that have been breaking open small stores over the country, generally west of Asheboro.

In the search of a house on the west side of town last week about 150 bales of snuff were found, together with several cans of sardines and the like.

NORTH CAROLINA

The Biggest Crops Ever Known Anywhere This Year.

Just suppose that North Carolina had the money to spend like western railways. Suppose the towns had money to spend in publicity. Think what we could do this year in the way of publicity. The figures of the tobacco crop—almost fifty millions of dollars; about the same with cotton—everywhere in the state the cotton crop was large and more ready money is circulating than anywhere else in the union of states.

North Carolina made good this year. Never were farmers so well paid for their labor, and nowhere is prosperity more manifest.

Too bad that we haven't boomers like the west, to get facts to the people of the North and Middle West who are seeking homes. Too bad that we must enjoy all this alone—but maybe sometime we will wake up and spend some money on publicity. If we do, it will come back ten fold.—Everything.

HARVEY GARRISON

IS 101 YEARS OLD

Aged Citizen of Mecklenburg County Has Been Ruling Elder for 50 Years

Harvey Garrison, of Mallard Creek township, Mecklenburg county, was 101 years old January 24. Mr. Garrison is the oldest man in the county, and as far as known the only man in the county who lived to be 100 and over. Mr. Garrison's 101st birthday, last year was made the occasion of a great gathering of friends throughout the country at his home. Many from the city went out to join the birthday party and to congratulate Mr. Garrison upon reaching such a remarkable age. His 101st birthday will find him hale and hearty actively attending to work on his plantation and vigorous in mind and body.

Mr. Garrison was born and reared in Mecklenburg county. For 50 years he has been a ruling elder in Mallard Creek Presbyterian church and for 60 years a magistrate. He was the father of the stock law in Mecklenburg, and a leader in many of the most important affairs of the county. He was six years old when the first steamship crossed the Atlantic he lived through the term of every President except Washington, was 13 when the first locomotive engine was harnessed to a train of cars; was 32 when the Mexican war was on; has voted in every presidential election from Martin Van Buren to Woodrow Wilson; was 36 when the first telegraph message was sent.

When he was born the world was to wait 93 years before the first man flew in a heavier-than-air machine; to wait 80 odd years for the advent of the motor-driven vehicle; to wait 70 years for the advent of the telephone.

He was 29 years old when ether was first used by Dr. Crawford Long, of Georgia, in a surgical operation. He was two years old when the battle of Waterloo was fought and was about 40 years old before there was a mile of railroad in North Carolina.

The log house in which Mr. Garrison was born still stands. It was built in 1762.

GAMBLERS ARE FINED

Judge Brown Imposes Fines on Several

Judge Brown handed out to several gamblers the other morning some fines that look like the high cost of living was also entering the gambler's life. The court found those accused guilty. One man he fined \$50, one \$100, one \$450—and if that doesn't explain the high cost of living what does?—Everything.

A BRIGHT OUTLOOK

Business Conditions Here Look Like Bigger Town.

Asheboro is on the boom! Prospects for business in 1914 look good and almost every firm in town is on good footing financially. There is quite a stir in the business circles. New interests are coming behind our business enterprises.

One of the latest changes was in the Asheboro Wheelbarrow and Manufacturing company. This concern has been reorganized with \$50,000 authorized capital and G. H. Bean is made President, J. S. Lewis, vice-president; E. L. Moffitt, Secretary and Treasurer. The name has been changed to Asheboro Wheelbarrow company.

The Piedmont Chair company, with E. H. Cranford as Secretary and Treasurer, will begin operation about the 15th of February with a production of 50 dozen double and single cane chairs, giving employment to from 30 to 40 people and about 100 "caners."

G. W. Hayworth, a young man of sterling worth and a good business man has acquired interest in the Asheboro Motor Car Co., and will manage the business.

C. C. Cranford says that he is considering the erection of a furniture factory and this means much more for the town. We need new enterprises that will give employment to more men and make a bigger weekly payroll.

A. O. Ferec has sold his interest in the Ferree Grocery company to Seth W. Laughlin.

Other enterprises are on foot that look good but we are not in position just at this time to make any definite announcement but others will follow.

With Justice And Glenn Out, Overman Has Field.

Senator Overman certainly knows how to keep his track clear, and we are inclined to believe that Congressional Candidate Heberry Varner, of Lexington was right when he said that the way to get an office was to run for the Senate. "Red Back" Bryant, Washington correspondent to the Charlotte Observer send the following story to his paper Saturday:

E. J. Justice special attorney for the Department of Justice, announced formally today that he would not be a candidate for the Senate against Senator Overman. He declared that he could not in justice to his position under the Democratic Administration run for the Senate and represent the Attorney General at the same time.

The announcement of Mr. Justice coming on the heels of the announcement of Governor Glenn leaves the field clear for Senator Overman.

DRANK AND SMOKED ENTIRELY TOO MUCH

Americans Drank Seventy Million Gallons of Liquor in Six Months

Washington, Jan. 26.—The American people drank 70,000,000 gallons of whiskey and smoked 4,990,300,000 cigars and puffed 8,711,000,000 cigarettes during the six months ended December 31st, according to figures announced today by the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Bureau.

Revenue collected from distilled spirits amounted to \$85,862,712, the whiskey tax being \$16,142,854, tobacco, \$41,296,593; corporation tax, \$3110,790 cigarettes, \$10,899,000 and cigars \$12,270,000.

The total collection of taxes for the six months totaled \$167,647,905, an increase of \$4,175,630 over the corresponding period for 1912.

Rate Hearing Ends Until February 24.

The rate hearing before the special rate commission adjourned Thursday afternoon in Raleigh until February 24 when the State will take up the cross-examination of its witness and begin the development of its testimony.

IS RUN OVER BY AUTO

C. C. McAlister, of Fayetteville Seriously Injured.

The following is a dispatch from Fayetteville to the Greensboro News, of Saturday, telling of the injury of Mr. C. C. McAlister, a resident of that city, but formerly of Asheboro, the son of Col. and Mrs. A. C. McAlister:

C. C. McAlister, treasurer and general manager of the Southern Timber and Lumber company, and one of the most prominent lumbermen in North Carolina, was run down and seriously injured on Hay street this morning when attempting to avoid a bicycle. He stepped before the motor car of Malcolm McNeil of Raeford, and was knocked down by Mr. McNeil lost control of his machine and the car, lunging to one side, passed over Mr. McAlister and crashed with its four passengers into the show window of W. E. Kindley store.

Mr. McAlister was taken up unconscious, with scalp wounds, and carried to the Highsmith hospital, where he later recovered consciousness.

Tonight his condition was said to be favorable by the physicians at the hospital. The accident was said to have been caused by poor regulation of traffic. Mr. McNeil, who came from Hoke county, had no license number, it is said.

Refused to Accept

Editor and owner W. F. Burbanks, in his Daily Sentinel, this city, writes from his Los Angeles, California home to that paper and says:

The State Printing Office now prints nearly 1,500,000 books for the school children, and these are given to them free of charge. The books cost \$316,000.

For several campaigns the Republicans of this State had a plank in their platform promising free school books to the Public Schools in North Carolina, but the people, by their vote, declined the offer, and desired to continue in power the deficit bonds, debt creating tax increasing Democratic party.

When favors are offered and refused there is one thing more to be done than to continue in the same old rut.—Union Republican.

Fought Off, by Ned!

"Tu! Tut!" as President Wilson would say. Mr. Tillman the Alabama postmaster who has outlasted Neddy C. C. McAlister, has given up the fight and retired to the peaceful occupation of the housekeeper. It must be said to her credit, though that they had to buy her. She had built and furnished the house in which she kept post-office and was she going to get out before her time had expired and give a red-taped Government the advantages of her investment as a builder and equipment? Not much. She would hang on until she got square for the last dollar. Her townsmen then hit upon an idea—rallied to her support—as she puts it. They raised a lot of money and bought her out, lock, stock and barrel. That and in consideration of the fact that she is not in good health and therefore not in good fighting trim, induced her to haul down her flag and give her successor peaceful occupation. So does Postmaster General Burleson shake out one of the graves from his shoe.—Charlotte Observer.

CENTRAL FALLS MILL TO START SOON

Will Begin Operation About 15th of February.

The Central Falls Mills incorporated, is the name of the new firm that will take charge of the old Worth Manufacturing company property at Central Falls and the mill will be placed in operation about the 15th of February. The new corporation is an authorized capital of \$100,000, by Messrs. R. L. Caviness, J. M. Caviness and J. B. Stroud.

New Produce Market.

C. E. Loflin announces elsewhere in this week's Bulletin that beginning next Monday he will open a first class produce market buying everything that grows on the farm—paying the highest cash market prices. Mr. Loflin is a man who is well known by the country people and this announcement will turn much business his way.

POLITICAL FEUD BROKE OUT ANEW.

Speaker Clark and Secretary Bryan Again at Loggerheads—Not to Feast Together.

The action of Speaker Clark and Secretary of State W. J. Bryan reminds one of two school boys who fall out and pout over little fusses—and won't speak for a long while. Here is a Washington dispatch to the papers last week:

The feud between Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan and Speaker Clark, resulting from Bryan's attack upon Clark at the Baltimore convention broke out anew today.

T. H. Pickard, a local politician, received from Clark his formal but final declaration of an invitation to attend a Democratic dinner and love feast tomorrow at "Calvert Mansion," the historic home of Lord Baltimore.

Speaker Clark sent his "regrets" after he discovered that Secretary Bryan was also to be a guest.

The Speaker's friends state that Clark is adhering to his policy to refuse to appear at functions where Bryan is invited. It leaked out today that members of Speaker Clark's family have also raised an anti-Bryan embargo.

"The hat" was apparently buried last spring when Bryan and Clark were brought together in a luncheon given by newspaper men.

CONDENSED NEWS

Short Items of Yesterday's News Easy to Read

The North Carolina Base Ball League starts out April 23, and ends the season Sept. 9. The six cities in the league are Raleigh, Durham, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Charlotte and Asheville.

A sea cow 18 feet long and weighing 1,200 pounds was captured in the St. John's river near Magnolia Springs, Fla.

Many letters have been received at the Treasury Department asking for \$35, the amount per capita of United States wealth as published in the newspapers.

Edward Baton died at the Christian Orphanage at Elon College, the past week. The institution opened 8 years ago, and this is the first death among its inmates numbering more than 50.

Senator Martine, of New Jersey, is advocating the government ownership of the coal mines throughout the country as a remedy for strike conditions. Democrats, with a desire for government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines, will doubtless endorse the bill. Rapidly the party is abusing this feature of the Socialist platform.

In Cabarrus county Superior Court the jury in the case of M. F. Teeter vs. C. Horner, principal of Horner Military School, Oxford, returned a verdict for \$70 in favor of the plaintiff, the full amount asked for in the complaint. Teeter, Jr., went to Horner Military School and after 3 weeks was expelled. His father had paid \$90 tuition fee and sued for \$70 as he alleged his son had received no benefit for that amount. Col. Horner claimed expenses in providing for the boy and was prepared to give him every benefit of the school provided he had obeyed the rules. The court sustained Mr. Teeter.

Already the Democrats are clamoring for the office of the Clerk of the Federal Court at Statesville made vacant by the recent death of Col. H. C. Cowles.

The South Carolina Senate killed a bill requiring that male applicants for marriage licenses present satisfactory medical certificates.

Death at Trinity.

Mrs. Ingram, an aged lady residing in Trinity, died at her home here Thursday. The funeral will take place this afternoon. Deceased was well known in the community. She was the mother of Prof. Ingram a well known teacher.

Lonesome.

Well, that leaves Mr. Hamner on the anxious seat all by himself.—Durham Herald.

MUST BE NO MORE "PULL"

Politics Must Have Nothing Whatever to Do With Selection of Postmasters.

Great is pie!

It seems that not one piece of juicy pone will be allowed to pass unnoticed by the Democrats and the most highly prized slices now in question are the fourth class postoffices which according to the Postmaster General Burleson must be decided strictly upon merit. In other words the radicals too are going to stand a good show at their jobs unless some better means can be found to root them out.

Parker R. Anderson sends the following dispatch to the Greensboro News:

Postmaster General Albert Sidney Burleson is preparing a letter which he will send to each senator and congressman regardless of his political faith, which will strike consternation to the hearts of said legislators and to thousands of anxious applicants for fourth-class postoffice jobs which will be decided solely upon the result of competitive civil service examinations, and that politics shall have nothing whatsoever to do with the selection of postmaster. It has been generally supposed that this rule has been followed to the letter since President Wilson assumed charge of the nation's affairs but those who have believed this have been grossly imposed upon.

It is true examinations have been held and right now the civil service commission is preparing to hold examinations for every fourth class postmaster in North Carolina that pays a salary of over \$180 per annum. But the law has been violated; not that the Democratic party has disregarded the civil service provisions any more than the Republicans because they did not; they have not had the opportunity. But since it was announced that appointments to fourth-class offices would be selected from the eligible list it has been a standing joke in Washington that a Democrat would be the lucky man, if a Democrat took the examination. According to the postoffice department, the Democratic applicant has been put in office because the congressman was allowed to recommend a man after the civil service examination had been held. For instance Congressman Blank would look over the list of those passing the examination at Rhamkatt. John Jimson weeded who in the good old days of Republican rule had allied himself with the grand old party, might have the highest average; William Bundcombe, also a Republican, might be second, and John Barclaycorn, a Democrat, would stand at the foot of the ladder. Somehow the Democrat has been selected, and vice versa when Republicans were in power. Albert Sidney says this method of selecting postmasters must be stopped and upon receipt of his letter by members of Congress he intends to adhere strictly to the civil service laws, and the common practice of allowing a congressman to "recommend" a postmaster after the government has spent good money to hold an examination is to be a thing of the past.

That the civil service laws have been violated by the political party in power is no secret in Washington. A careful survey of departments here show that even now 80 per cent of the office holders who apparently were selected from the civil service list are Republicans. You cannot find a dozen Democratic chiefs of divisions in the entire treasury department and to perhaps a lesser degree the same conditions prevail in other departments of the national government.

There are 216 fourth-class postmasters in the eighth North Carolina district alone. If Burleson makes good his statement and insists upon the civil service laws being upheld in will seriously affect that district. The postmaster who is already in office of course has a better chance of remaining on the job than a man who has not been schooled by the Republican party. Therefore it is said at least 50 per cent of the present Republican postmasters in the eighth have an excellent chance of remaining on the job.

The same conditions will apply to other districts, if Burleson insists upon a strict interpretation of the law.

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CALL BOND ELECTION

For a Better Water Supply for Asheboro.

The town Commissioners are in session as the Bulletin goes to press. The object of this meeting is to call a bond election for \$20,000 to improve the water works system of Asheboro.

The plans which were made by the engineers of the J. B. McCrary company, of Atlanta, Ga., for the building of a ten-foot dam across Long Branch, will give a three million gallon storage head and filter plant to be located in town, have been approved by the State Board of Health and are acceptable to the town.

Town officials are negotiating with the Norfolk Southern and the Southern Railway to furnish water for the locomotives, and it is estimated that the revenue from these railroads will more than pay the interest on the bonds.

THOMASVILLE MAN IS VICTIM OF ACCIDENT

John Maynor Instantly Killed When Freight Train Struck His Automobile Yesterday.

Thomasville, Jan. 22.—This morning at about 6:30 o'clock John Maynor was killed by a Southbound freight train of the Southern. The exact particulars of the accident cannot be obtained as there was only one witness, who was an occupant of the car in which Maynor was killed and he is not able to say just how it occurred.

Mr. Maynor in company with Mr. Hill who he was taking to his work, attempted to cross the railroad track at the crossing near the depot. It seems that they were watching a shifting engine going north when a through freight headed south came upon them. Mr. Hill who was with Mr. Maynor, jumped for his life, but Maynor was killed. The car was shattered to pieces.

It appeared that he was able to alight from the car but the train struck the car, which fell upon him, causing almost instant death. The body was terribly mutilated and he lived only a few minutes. He had only recently purchased a new car and had driven it only a few times and it is probable that in the excitement of the approach of the train and in an effort to hasten across he choked the engine and the car stopped on the track. The signal bells were ringing as a warning that a train was approaching.

Mr. Maynor was a clerk in the store of D. R. Connell and was well known and popular in Thomasville.

JUICY PLUMS SHAKEN FROM FAITHFUL TREE

Triple Trio of Postoffice Jobs Are Passed Out by the President.

The ever faithful old plum tree was given another shake today and nine nice, juicy plums for North Carolina Democrats came tumbling down when the President sent to the senate nine nominations for postmasters. J. H. Russell, whom Representative Page recommended for the Laurinburg postmastership, and E. C. Winchester, Monroe, both of whom were opposed before the postoffice department, the former by Senator Simmons and the latter by Secretary of the Navy Daniels, were included in the list. Mr. Daniels wanted George Beasley to have the Monroe job, and Senator Simmons at one time favored A. H. James, but later withdrew his opposition to Russell and allowed his nomination to go through.

Other nominations were: Gaither G. Blackwelder, China Grove; F. C. Gillam, Kannapolis; James W. Smith, Norwood; P. H. Linville, Walnut Cove; J. M. McCracken, Graham; William C. Bradshaw, High Point; A. Elno Powell, Whiteville.

Will Raise Grapes.

In addition to strawberries, W. G. Parker has bought 300 scuppernon vines that he will plant on the farm of Mrs. Rebecca Blue, known as the McDugald Blue, near the farm of Mr. Parker has this farm in charge.—Cor. Moore Co. News.

Pardons 1,000.

Governor Pleas of South Carolina has reached the 1,000 mark in the granting of paroles, pardons and commutations.

Ohio Goes to Vera Cruz. Philadelphia, Jan. 27.—The Philadelphia Navy Yard today for Vera Cruz. The ship has been under assignment to go to Mexican waters for some time, but was delayed because of the outbreak of small pox among the crew on the recent cruise to Europe.

PEPPER-PARKIN.

Pretty Home Wedding Solemnized at Trinity.

Last night at the home of the bride at Trinity a wedding of interest to Thomasville was solemnized when Miss Melita Parkin became the bride of Mr. Edgar Fletcher Pepper. The wedding was a very quiet one, there being present only the near relatives of the contracting parties and a few friends. The ceremony was performed in the parlor of the home which was artistically decorated in pink roses, evergreens and potted plants. Rev. A. S. Raper of Trinity performed the ceremony after which the bride and groom came immediately to Thomasville by automobile where they will make their home at the Thomasville Hotel. The brides attendants were her three sisters Misses Bess, Nell and Jewell Parkin, while Miss Bain Henderson played the wedding march. The groom was assisted by D. C. MacRae.

The bride is the popular and attractive daughter of Captain and Mrs. Joseph Parkin and has countless friends all over the state. For the past two years she has taught school at Gibsonville and Asheboro where she attained an enviable reputation both as a teacher and through her popularity in the social life. The groom is familiarly known here as "Pepp." He occupies the position of bookkeeper for the Standard Chair Co., a position which requires steady and consistent work and one which is filled with credit to himself and to the company by Mr. Pepper.

ALAMANCE THE SCENE OF HIGHWAY ROBBERY

Thomas Dodson Held by Lone Road Agent and His Last Dollar Taken Away—

Mebane, Jan. 22.—Report has reached here of a daring hold up on the Hillsboro-Orange Grove road a few nights ago. Thomas Dodson, who lives near Orange Grove, was the victim. Only one dollar was secured by the highwayman, though he had a right to expect a much richer booty.

Mr. Dodson has gone to Durham and Hillsboro with a load of produce, which netted him quite a neat sum. While in Durham he made several purchases and paid several bills. In Hillsboro he settled his taxes, made another purchase or two and settled several small accounts, it is said. On starting home Mr. Dodson found that he had just one dollar in his pocket. But he never dreamed that this reserve fund which would have proven a nice nest egg or opened a savings account if he had really needed either was to go the gun route before he reached home. Such was its fate however for on reaching the top of the hill after having crossed Haw River Mr. Dodson was halted by a highwayman who demanded his money. Thereupon the lone dollar was handed over.

As Men Are Known

Deputy Sheriff Joseph Phipps showed us a letter this week from the sheriff of Randolph county, J. W. Birkhead in which he enclosed a warrant for the arrest of Robert Bruton, a colored man, and said he "commonly goes by the name of Catfish." Among some of our local fishermen there are two or three known as Catfish—we might suggest "Catfish-Bill" and "Catfish John"—but we didn't know that an African was loose in North Carolina wearing the cognomen of Catfish.—Everything.

"Navy Too Small"—Daniels

Secretary of the Navy, Joseph Daniels, advocates a greater navy. The Secretary declared that the Navy was too small to combat with those of other nations.

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