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## Randleman Postoffice is Robbed of \$965.11

### Robbers First Entered Bank But Could Not Blow Open Vault Door

Bank robbers blew the vault door and safe in the Randleman postoffice Tuesday morning about 2:30 o'clock and secured about \$1,000 in stamps and cash and up to the time of the going to press the robbers had not been caught. However, a blood hound was secured at High Point and brought to Randleman on the 10 o'clock train and is now on the trail of the robbers.

The job is evidently one of professionals, who used the tools of Mr. A. G. Johnson, a local blacksmith, which included two heavy hammers, a chisel, file and pinch bars. The entrance into the postoffice was effected by the use of a chisel in prying up the back window, and then the combination was blown off the vault door, and right on through the second door to the safe, which was a small one, and gave away easily at one blast.

Operated on Bank First

The robbers entered the Peoples' Bank first and were evidently dissatisfied with their haul there and went into the postoffice where the fruits were better.

Entrance into the bank was effected through the front door, the same chisel being used to pry it open, and a blast blew off the combination of the vault door. The bank vault door however failed to come open and it was then that work has begun on the postoffice.

Inventory at 3 o'clock yesterday showed the exact loss to be \$965.11, \$863.47 being stamps and money, \$93.96 in Money Order cash, \$7.95 box rent money.

Postmaster Bulla was first to reach the office yesterday morning and when he entered he noticed the back window up, and next the vault door which was standing slightly ajar.

Postoffice Inspector Hodgins was immediately phoned, and he will begin work at once.

Nothing was left in the vault in the way of stamps and money except \$3.27, the 27 cents being held in a crack in the money drawer, and the \$5.00 bill was a postal saving deposit which was not kept with the balance of the cash. A few loose coins were on the floor of the vault. In the vault was a box containing \$20 in pennies, and these too fell under the eyes of the yeggmen and were taken along.

Money order receipts and other papers were in the vault were scattered over the floor of the vault. As far as can be ascertained nothing that was outside of the vault was molested.

The explosions were heard by Mrs. Hayes, who resides just to the rear of the office building, and also by Chief of Police Daniels, who was guarding some prisoners in the new Marsh-Beasley building, over the drug store, and the sound through the brick walls was so muffled that he thought it was only the rattle of the tin roof of the building.

The stock of stamps in the vault was the lowest it has been since Mr. Bulla has been postmaster, and in a few more days the supply would probably have been as large again.

### Improve School Building.

An improvement that means to the school building is the remodeling of the auditorium of the Ramsey graded school building, which will be completed before the commencement, April 18th. Electric lights will be installed. The town now has a small light plant furnishing the light for the city, and generally Ramsey is an all-round good little town, with many conditions and indications favoring its growth. Some of the finest farms in this county are located near the town and some of the very best people live there.

### Progressives Meet.

The State Executive Committee of the Progressive Party held a meeting in Greensboro last week, over which Chairman Z. Vance Walser presided. Several matters relating to the welfare of the party were discussed.

### VARNER WITHDRAWS

Will Not Oppose Page for Congress From This District

Henry B. Varner sent out a letter to the state papers Monday, stating that he would not be a candidate for Congress, in opposition to Robert N. Page from the Seventh district. The letter says in part:

"The State Democratic Executive Committee has called the primaries for May 16th, which is nearly two months earlier than they are usually called in an off year; therefore I would not now have time to organize the district and conduct a campaign that would be satisfactory to either myself or my friends, and I shall not run. I never have had a 'forlorn hope' and do not intend to begin it at this date."

### Missionary and Sunday School Institute.

Rev. Frank Siler, secretary of the Mission Board, of the Western North Carolina Conference arrived in Asheboro yesterday morning and is conducting a Missionary and Sunday School Institute at the M. E. Church. The services are held three times a day. The 2:30 evening 7:30. These services are very interesting and well worth attending.

### An Old Peach Tree

Mr. Robah Tant of Grant township, Randolph county, tells of an interesting tree on the old Balfour farm. Mr. Tant was cutting timber when he found a huge old peach tree. About 12 feet up the tree the initials 'J. L. 1799' were written and were perfectly plain. Old people have said that letters on trees would not grow up, but it seems in this instance that they have, though the person who did the writing may have been sitting on a horse

### 15-Day Sale.

Mr. C. T. Loffin announces in this issue of The Bulletin a big fifteen-day sale of Spring and Summer goods—right off the northern markets, and the offerings will undoubtedly be well worth the while. A page appears on the back page of this week's Bulletin. Read it all.

### Rev. C. A. Cecil to Preach at Fairmount.

Rev. C. A. Cecil, president of the North Carolina Conference of the M. P. Church will preach at Fairmount church at Franklinville, April 2nd at 7:30 p. m. Everybody cordially invited to be present.

### Franklinville's Chrysanthemum Show and Industrial Fair.

The town of Franklinville is to be congratulated upon the good work that is being carried on by several good people who have the best interest and welfare of the town at heart, and every year have a chrysanthemum show and industrial fair for local exhibitors only. The object, as can at once be seen, creates a keen local interest in the making of home products. The prize list is just from the press and shows a total of more than 80 prizes offered altogether by the people of Franklinville and the promoters are to be congratulated upon the success which they have attained.

### Free Seeds for Tomato Clubs.

One thousand packages of tomato seeds were received by the State Department of Education yesterday from the United States Department of Agriculture. These seeds will be sent out to the various rural high schools in the State to be used by the girls who have entered the tomato contests in their counties.

The seed came from Mr. Bradford Knapp, of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, and will be mailed out in a very few days to the various girls' tomato clubs of the States. Unusual interest has been aroused in the contests this year, and it is expected that the number of girls to take part in the work will be greater than ever.

### Boys' Contest in Davidson

The boys' corn contest in Davidson this year promises to be interesting. More than 40 boys have entered and T. A. Cole, county demonstration agent, says that the number will be at least twice that.

### PENNSYLVANIA DISCHARGES 25,000 MEN

Number of Employees on Eastern Lines Will be Reduced to 117,000.

Philadelphia, March 28.—It was stated at the offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, today, that the policy of retrenchment put in effect in the closing months of last year will be continued until the number of its employees on its lines east of Pittsburg and Erie have been reduced from 142,000 to 117,000.

### TOMATO CLUBS.

Three Clubs Have Been Organized in the County.

Mrs. J. A. McKinnon, manager of the tomato work of North Carolina, has secured Miss Estelle Neece as manager of the club work in Randolph county. Clubs have been organized at the following places. Julian, Providence and Plainfield. Let every one do his best to make this work a success.

### HEAVY SNOWS TO CUT HIGH COST OF LIVING

Bumper Crops Expected by Government Experts as Result of White Blanket.

"Don't grow hot under the collar and make uncomplimentary successions of snowstorms that are making under foot disagreeable and holding back the coming of gentle spring, for we need this snow in the business of reducing the high cost of living."

This is the injunction of the soil expert of the department of agriculture. The longer the snow blanket lingers, the more frequently it is replenished and the slower it is to take its final general departure without any sudden dash into the headwaters of the streams, with consequent freshets and floods, the better for everybody. It means gigantic crops of corn, wheat, better vegetables, more stock feed and maybe lower prices.

For a number of years the country at large has not enjoyed such general snows as have whitened the countryside during February and March of the present year. Also, it has been the occasional catastrophe that one great heavy snow has fallen late in the season to be followed by a quick thaw and consequent floods. Now the soil sharps seeing that conditions are more nearly ideal this season than for a number of springs, are encouraged to believe that 1914 is destined to be a year of bumper crops.

### Third Regiment to Morehead.

The advisory board of the North Carolina State Guard has decided to have the Third Regiment go into camp July 6 and the First Regiment July 20 at Morehead City, each encampment to be for 10 days. The Second Regiment will be sent to the Federal maneuvers to be held at Greenville, S. C., with the regulars.

### New Wilmington Concern.

A charter was issued Saturday for the International Mail and Parcel Post express (inc.) of Wilmington, with capital of \$200,000 authorized and \$20,000 subscribed by W. T. Mercer, B. G. Empie, D. D. Burton, F. W. Davis, T. W. Callahan and others. The purpose is to manufacture and bring into use a special patent procured by W. T. Mercer for taking off and putting on moving trains parcel post and other mails. The company is also empowered to carry on a variety of other commercial endeavor generally delegated to corporations.

### MAKING HARD FIGHT ON JOHN BARLEYCORN

#### Effort to Get Congress to Provide for Constitutional Amendment.

A hard fight is being made against John Barleycorn. It is the purpose of certain people to have National prohibition and the petitions that come to Congress are surprisingly large and many of them come from sources that hooted at the idea of prohibition of any sort 10 years ago.

An effort will be made to amend the Constitution to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquor. Thousands of petitions are asking Congress to act.

Old John Barleycorn is on the run. His friends are deserting him.

### CUP UP DISTILLERY PLANT AT SEAGROVE

Internal Revenue Officers Hedrick and Gerringer Found 15 Gallons Blockade

E. L. Hedrick and J. B. Gerringer, internal revenue officers, returned yesterday from Seagrove, near which place they captured an illicit distillery yesterday morning. The still was 15 gallons in capacity and by it were supplies of beer and wine. They left Greensboro Tuesday morning and spent the night at Seagrove. They went to Seagrove, 13 miles south of Asheboro yesterday morning, and walked two and a half miles east. The plant was located near a house. No arrests were made.—Greensboro News.

### DISMISSAL OF 25,000 MEN NOT ARBITRARY

#### Came About Gradually on New York Central Lines As Business Declined.

New York, March 28.—Dismissal of 25,000 men by the New York Central railroad since December 1, said A. T. Hardin, vice president of that road, today, is only a barometer of the company's business. "The big reduction of forces was not arbitrary," he added. "It came about gradually as traffic, mainly freight, declined; and while I don't want to be a pessimist, I cannot see any immediate prospect that business will pick up and these men come back to work."

Mr. Hardin said this condition affected most of the eastern railroads. Of the 25,000 men dismissed by the New York Central about 15,000 were laid off on lines east of Buffalo and 10,000 west of there. Although the reduction affected all branches of the service the employees of the construction, the operating and the maintenance of way department suffered the most.

"Compared with 1913," said Mr. Hardin, "the business of this year on the New York Central suffered a reduction of from eight to ten per cent. The reduction of working force has been on the same ration."

### Extension of Caraway Rural Route.

The Postoffice Department last week granted the following orders:

An order retaining service by regular route between Jonesville and Newcastle; another rescinding order changing route of star route Jonesville to Buckshoals; extension of R. F. D. No. 2, Caraway, Randolph county, accommodating 37 families; R. F. D. No. 3, Lexington. R. F. D. No. 2, Waxhaw; R. F. D. No. 2, East Bend; R. F. D. No. 2, Ronda; R. F. D. No. 1, Wallburg.

### ROBERT N. PAGE WANTS PRIMARY

Writes Beasley to Join Him in Requesting a Direct Nomination.

Having learned that R. F. Beasley of Monroe had announced himself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Seventh district, Congressman Robert N. Page has written to Beasley asking him to join him in a request to the Congressional Executive Committee to call a primary. His letter to Beasley reads in part, as follows:

"As a candidate for the same nomination, believing that the people are entitled to a free expression of their preferences and that the only way such untrammelled expression can be had is through a direct primary, I write to ask that you join me in a request to the Congressional Executive Committee, of which Mr. R. R. Ross of Asheboro is chairman, and Mr. J. G. Steed of Mt. Gilead is secretary, for the calling of a primary under the amendment plan of organization adopted by the State Executive Committee on March 20, 1912, a copy of which is enclosed. I regret the absence of a legal primary law for the nomination of all candidates, but feel sure that you will not object to calling into use the best substitute available.

"I have expressed to the chairman of the committee my desire for a primary. I shall be glad to hear from you."

### Democratic Postmaster Fired.

Postmaster Sanderford, of Creedmoor, Granville county, accused of improper conduct, has been dismissed.

### PUT BREACH IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Congress Has Not Been So Excited in Recent Years as Last Week.

No legislative issue of recent years has excited Congress as has the controversy over repeal of the tolls exemption clause of the Panama canal act. Last week's events, which put on a record a breach in the solidarity of the Democratic party, have caused no end of conflicting political predictions to increase the intensity of interest in the subject. The situation is fraught with many complications.

### COMMENCEMENTS.

#### Dates for Some Commencements for This County.

The following dates have been set for the holding of several commencements in Randolph county:

- Ramseur, April 18.
- Pleasant Hill, April 4.
- Farmer, April 26 to 29.
- Liberty, May 4.
- Walnut Grove, April 28.
- Coleridge, April 10 and 11.
- Why Not April 10.

### Progressive Democrats Will Meet April 8.

Wednesday, April 8, is the day for the progressive Democratic mass meeting in Raleigh. William J. Bryan and Josephus Daniels are coming in addition to state leaders, and a thorough-going state-wide primary is expected to be the dominant issue.

### DEMOCRAT CONVENTION TO BE HELD JUNE 1

Date Changed by Committee in Session in Raleigh Last Week.

The State Democratic Executive Committee in session at Raleigh last week voted to change date for State convention from June 17 to June 4 to avoid a conflict with the North Carolina Medical Society in Raleigh June 16-17.

### OFFICERS SMASH BLOCKADE STILL

#### Destroyed Good Moonshine Plant in Operation Near Millboro Last Week.

Revenue Officer E. L. Hedrick and Special Employee J. B. Gerringer, of Greensboro, made an expedition over into Randolph last week and seized and destroyed a complete blockade distillery ready for a "run." The still was located in a small outhouse in the yard of the man who is supposed to have operated it near Millboro.

The still, while of small capacity, was a good one and the officers who cut it to pieces states that the outfit was one of the most perfect they have seen.

### TOTAL BALES GINNED

Report of Census Bureau of North Carolina.

Wm. J. Harris, Director of the Census, Department of Commerce, announces the preliminary report of cotton ginned by counties in North Carolina for the crops of 1913 and 1912. The report was made public at 10 a. m. on Friday, March 20.

Total for sale	835,495.
Chatham	8,802
Davidson	2,985
Guilford	435
Hoke	14,432
Montgomery	5,237
Moore	3,990
Randolph	1,534
Richmond	13,927

### SECOND COXEY'S ARMY

#### President Wilson Warned of Its Departure for Washington

Cleveland, Ohio, March 25.—President Wilson was warned tonight of the departure for Washington of a second "Coxey's army" which, it is said, will start April 16 from Massillon, O., the starting point for the "first army" 20 years ago today.

"General" J. S. Coxey, of Massillon, the leader, tonight mailed the President a letter telling of his plans and inclosing a pamphlet on "the Coxey plan of setting the idle to work on market roads and other public improvements."

The "army" expects to arrive in Washington May 21, Coxey says, to petition the President and Congress for measures which will give work to the unemployed.

## First Count April 18--\$15 in Special Prizes Offered

### BEASLEY FOR CONGRESS

Is in the Race Against Robert N. Page.

The Observer prints a letter from Mr. R. F. Beasley of Monroe, in which he makes the statement that he is a candidate for the nomination for Congress in the Seventh district. Mr. Beasley is editor of the Monroe Journal and co-editor of the State Journal, published at Raleigh. During the senatorial campaign he published The Democrat at Monroe. From a reading of his letter it may be inferred that he is to make the race on what might be termed the poor man's platform. Mr. Beasley is Congressman Page's only announced opponent for the nomination. Mr. H. B. Varner of Lexington, editor of the Dispatch and South editor of the Dispatch and Southern Good Roads, is an understood candidate—that is, he is permitting the use of his name and doing campaign work without having formerly stated that he is a candidate. Mr. John T. Patrick of Wadesboro, as will be noted by a clipping from the Sanford Express, is touring the district in the interest of Mr. Gullede. Efforts have been made to bring out two other Anson county men, but so far unsuccessfully, and it is quite probable that the sum and substance of the opposition-to-be to Mr. Page's return is now in sight. Unless the unexpected happens, The Observer is inclined to believe that all the entries are in—Charlotte Observer.

### Bolejack Not to Be Executed

Governor Craig granted a commutation from sentence of death to life imprisonment in the case of James Bolejack, Mecklenburg county, who killed his wife. The electrocution was set to take place April 4, but instead he will remain in prison for the term of his natural life.

### New Manager for Montrose.

According to the request of the State Department of Health, Dr. L. B. McBrayer, of Asheville has decided to take charge of the sanitarium for tuberculosis maintained by the State at Montrose, now under the direction of the State Board.

### Want New County.

Rocky Mount, which sits astraddle of the boundary between Edgecombe and Nash counties, is making preparation to fight for the creation of a new county. It would seem to be reasonable that a town should be in one county or another.

### Fire at Lumberton.

The fertilizer plant at the oil mill in West Lumberton was destroyed by fire Friday, the loss being estimated at about \$8,000 on machinery, buildings and the stock.

### SUIT AGAINST THE CITY OF HIGH POINT

#### John Cecil Seeks to Recover Damages From Town for Closing Hotel

John Cecil has brought suit against the city of High Point, the mayor, and the chief of police for \$10,000 damages, and the officials have been summoned to appear in Greensboro early in this month for a preliminary hearing.

The suit grew out of the Bellevue hotel matter. Several weeks ago Cecil was prosecuted before the Recorder for maintaining a nuisance. He was convicted and the hotel closed. At the last term of court the case was not pressed with leave to try it at any future time.

### GOVERNOR GLENN FAVORS THE PROGRESSIVES

#### Writes That he Will Attend The Convention of Progressive Democrats.

Former Governor, Robert B. Glenn has written to Clarence Poe, the leader of the Progressive Democratic movement, asking that his name be added to those who signed the call for the progressive State convention which is scheduled to meet in Raleigh in April. Mr. Glenn stated that he would attend the convention.

## Four \$25.00 Bank Accounts Are Added the Big Prize List

Interest in the Bulletin's Big Prize Voting Contest continues to increase and before many more days we are going to have contestants scattered over the county from one side to the other. Nominations indicate that the friends of many young ladies in the county are interested in them and anxious to see them win some one of the many good prizes that are offered by the Bulletin.

As we stated last week we are announcing five more prizes this week. They are:

- \$25.00 bank account at the Bank of Ramsey, Ramsey.
  - \$25.00 bank account at the Bank of Liberty, Liberty.
  - \$25.00 bank account at the First National Bank, Asheboro.
- These are cash prizes that are well worth the winning and with this list every contestant may rest assured that they will be amply repaid for all work that is done in this contest. This makes the prize list total \$1310.00, this over and above several cash prizes that will be given along during the contest.
- The prizes are in value:
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| Five Passenger Maxwell Automobile | \$795.00  |
| Carlisle Piano                    | 350.00    |
| Range Eternal                     | 65.00     |
| 4 \$25 Bank Accounts              | \$100.00  |
| Total                             | \$1310.00 |

Never has a weekly newspaper in this part of the country offered such a valuable prize list in a subscription contest, and we believe this, The Bulletin is going to have the biggest contest in the history of a weekly newspaper in this county.

Remember the date of the first count, which is Saturday, April 18th, after all votes are in. At this time the leading contestant will be awarded \$10.00 in gold and the second contestant will be given a \$5 gold piece.

Nothing is more talked about in this community at present than the great prize voting contest inaugurated by The Bulletin and votes are in great demand.

Many people are willing to help their friends in this contest and are only waiting to be asked. The first candidate to ask, of course will be the one to get the assistance of friends. Those who desire to enlarge their count should get out among their friends and make their wants known.

The prizes that are offered surely are worth the small effort required. Let each contestant show the people that she has the determination to succeed in anything she undertakes and that she is out to win.

The list of prizes and rules and regulation will be found on another page of this issue.

The ballot box has been placed in the sanctum and is securely locked and as soon as the judges are appointed the key will be placed in their hands.

Those who do not fully understand the rules and regulations of this contest may call or write this office and we will be pleased to go over the proposition with them.

Get busy and vote for your choice. The contest will be conducted squarely and no partiality will be shown to anyone. Do it now and help someone to reap the benefits of this liberal offer.

Watch every issue of the Bulletin for important announcements.

Have your friends to save the 25-vote coupons and if you know of anybody that would make a good contestant, use the nomination blank and get her in the race today. The nomination blank is good for a 1000 votes.

Several nominations have been added to the list that was printed in last week's paper. They are coming in right along, and indications are that several new candidates are going to be in the race. The names of all the nominations made will be printed in next week's paper.

The Eighth District Medical Society meets in Greensboro April 2nd, and Dr. C. C. Hubbard is on the program for the discussion of "Value of Spartine."