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ELECTION FRAUDS SAYS REPUBLICANS

Democrat Pollholder at Thomasville Is Served With A Warrant.

A sensation was sprung upon Thomasville Wednesday night when a warrant charging fraud in the recent election was served upon J. R. Marley, Democrat pollholder in the South Thomasville precinct. The warrant was issued by the clerk of the recorder's court, and when the case came up a nol pro's was taken because the warrant was not issued on a sworn complaint. But a second was immediately sworn out by a man named Hines and served in the court room. Recorder McGee, however, continued the new case until Tuesday.

This action is the result of alleged frauds perpetrated at the box that was afterward thrown out for irregularities. The charge is that Marley put Republican ballots into his coat pocket instead of into the box. It is said he admits putting one ballot into his pocket, but says that it was one that he picked up from the table for examination, and not one handed in by a voter. As he was looking at it, according to his story, some one approached the box and he inadvertently thrust the paper he had in his hand into his pocket. He surrendered it when the Republican pollholder, J. P. Gilbert, protested; but ever since rumors have been flying thick and fast.

Peculiar interest attaches to this particular box, because in it T. E. Jennings, Republican candidate for clerk of the court, got a majority of 29. His majority in the whole county was only 26, so when this box was thrown out his opponent, C. E. Godwin, was declared elected by three votes. Jennings has taken the matter to the courts.

Feeling is running high in Davidson county over the charges and counter-charges. An interesting circumstance connected with the case is the fact that the prosecution of Marley is being conducted by two Democratic attorneys, B. W. Parham and P. S. Vann, while he is being defended by Z. I. Walsler, one of the most prominent Republican lawyers in the county, who is associated with E. E. Raper, Democrat, in the case.

COTTON MILLS SUFFER

Thirty-Six of 97 New England Concerns Forced to Pass Dividends.

Out of 97 leading cotton manufacturing corporations in New England, 36 have failed to distribute dividends on all or part of their capital, which thus yielded no returns to the stockholders amounting to \$41,583,400, out of a total of \$132,856,100 invested in these mills. On an average the mills have distributed 1.2 per cent during the last quarter. Northern and western New England made the best showing, with 1.3 per cent.

This compilation has been made by textile interests in an effort to refute a common impression that New England mills are heavy dividend payers. The war is considered not so much to blame for the state of the mills business as the tariff, although the mills have, of course, been seriously affected by the depression in cotton.

STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Report of Hon. T. W. Bickett Shows Some Interesting Facts in This State

Attorney General T. W. Bickett filed with Governor Craig today his biennial report, which shows 23,509 criminal cases prosecuted in the courts of the state the past two years, an increase of 3,654 over the report two years ago and of 855 over the report four years ago. If the cases reported, 19,165 were actually tried, with the result of 16,458 convictions and 2,707 acquittals. There were 522 homicides compared with 367 in the report two years ago and 324 four years ago. There were 124 criminal cases appealed to the Supreme Court compared with 115 appeals two years ago and 82 in the report four years ago.

Drought in Virginia Imminent.

As regards prohibition, it looks to us now as though Virginia will go dry before the appointed time. Our assertion is based on the evidence presented by the office of the Southern Express Company here.—Ex.

UNIQUE LETTER WRITTEN BY J. R. BULLA

Letter Written in 1877 Is Very Unique and Interesting.

The following letter was printed in the Charlotte Observer shortly after the death of Mr. Bulla, and the clipping was preserved and handed us last week by a friend:

While living in High Point Mr. Bulla was engaged in doing some collecting for a Northern firm and in reply to an inquiry from them, wrote a letter that has been copied in all the United States and in some English papers and it is worth all the notice that has been given it. Here it is: High Point, N. C., Aug. 27, 1877. John Smith & Co., Philadelphia, Pa. Gentlemen: Replying to yours of the 18th inst., I have to say that for the prospect of having claims placed in my hands to collect and nothing more, I do not feel willing to report the standing of the party mentioned or of any one else. I do not want to be misunderstood as saying that I do not want paying business, but I do know that a lawyer would starve as quick on commissions as he would on corn-cob soup in January.

I don't want to shoot at long range, but if you are inclined to pay anything certain for the reports, I'm your man. I'll say ten dollars cash and then I'll say, if you are scarce, I'll take shoes, large numbers, say 10's, 11's and 12's to the amount of ten dollars at wholesale prices. It's hard times here, the negroes and the Democrats have pulled and worried each other until this whole country smells like cheese. How in the world would you expect to collect money out of a people who plow speckled bulls on hillsides? If you were to see a nigger plowing his garden with a spade, you would not wonder why I don't want claims to collect in this vicinity.

Your sincere friend,
J. R. BULLA.

AGAIN RAID DUNKIRK.

German Aerob Said to Have Killed Several Persons.

Dunkirk, on the northern coast of France, was again bombarded by four German aeroplanes Thursday, according to reports which reached Paris during the night.

A dispatch from Nancy says that a Zeppelin which was attempting to reach Nancy was driven off by artillery fire at Luneville after it had dropped one bomb.

Mocksville Man Found Dead in Bed.

John Caudle, for many years a citizen of Mocksville, was found dead in bed Thursday morning. He awoke during the night and asked his wife to prepare him some medicine, and while she was getting the medicine he expired.

ELECTION CERTIFICATES

Forwarded to the Superior Court Judges.

Certificates of election have been forwarded by Governor Craig to the Superior Court judges who were elected in the November election, certifications of their election just being submitted to the governor by the secretary of State. They are all re-elections and are as follows: W. M. Bond, First district; George W. Connor, Second district; W. H. Whedbee, Fifth district; O. H. Allen, Sixth district; George Rountree, Eighth district; C. C. Lyon, Ninth district; W. A. Devin Tenth district; T. J. Shaw, Twelfth district; W. P. Marding Fourteenth district.

POLICE BAFFLED BY AN EXPLOSION

Citizens of Rocky Mount Are Stirred Over Dynamite Charge, Exploding.

An explosion of a tremendous charge of dynamite in the front yard of the home of John B. Harrison at Rocky Mount Thursday night, is proving a baffling proposition to the police to explain.

While the general belief is that it was some boyish prank, nevertheless a wrecked porch shattered window glass for several blocks make it more marvelous that no one was injured or killed in that vicinity.

Supply Exceeds Demand.

The supply of oysters on the New Bern market is large but buyers are reported scarce.

ROBS DWELLING AND BURNS BARN

Mr. W. J. Giles of Davidson County Is Victim of Heinous Depredations.

The following is taken from last week's Lexington Dispatch: Saturday night the fine home of Mr. W. J. Giles, in Tyro township, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Willis Giles, was ransacked by burglars and an attempt was made to set it afire. This did not succeed, owing to the fact that the fire was smothered out by a featherbed. The burglar, or burglars did set fire to Mr. Giles' new feed barn, and it was totally destroyed, along with a large amount of grain, some farm machinery, and other equipment.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Giles were at Reeds, visiting Mrs. Giles' father, Mr. J. R. Craver, when the crime was committed, and had been gone from home about three hours. Mr. W. J. Giles, owner of the place, was in Florida and has not yet reached home.

Investigation showed that the burglar or burglars, ransacked the house from top to bottom and took many things, including bed clothes, articles of clothing, etc. When this was done a quantity of live coals and pieces of wood from the fire place, were heaped in the middle of the floor. A feather bed, saturated with oil, was placed on top of the coals and left to ignite. Curtains, table covers, etc., were soaked with oil. The feather bed, however, smothered the fire out completely and instead of causing a slow fire and allowing time for a getaway, broke up the plans of the incendiary.

The criminal was more successful with the barn. It was soon ablaze and when help reached the place, the flames were beyond control. A negro living on the place, Cicero Davis, by name saw the fire at about 9 o'clock and gave the alarm.

Efforts were made to track the burglar and it was not hard to do. He was traveling in a buggy, drawn by two mules and along the road for two miles there were found articles that had been taken from the Giles' home. The officers have strong clues as to the guilty person, or persons, but no arrests have made.

Largest Cotton Crop on Record.

The Department of Agriculture estimates the 1914 cotton of 15,690,701 bales. It is the largest production in the history of the cotton industry. The 1911 crop held the record to the present year, with a production of 15,690,701 bales. It is estimated that there is at least two million bales in the field, much of it deserted by discouraged farmers and which will probably never be gathered.

The 1914 crop also ranks among the largest in production area, averaging 203 pounds per acre and reaches the low water mark in price. The price officially estimated for the 1914 crop is 6 cents per pound against an average of 12 cents per pound in 1913 and a production of 132 pounds per acre.

The Hoe and the Dough.

(Moore County News.) The man with the hoe has been recognized by every age and nation as a fundamental source of prosperity, and while our literature abounds with eulogiums in his behalf, the half has never been told.

But the man with the dough is equally as important at this period of our growth and development as the man with the hoe. Attempts have been made to distract him, but when it comes to building factories and railroads and large industrial enterprises which are necessary to our prosperity, we must face the man with money and our destinies are as a nation of influence and power are largely in his hands.

It takes the man with the hoe and the man with the dough combined to make civilization, and one is interdependent upon the other.

Salary System in Guilford.

The Gordon act which placed Guilford County officers on salaries during 1914 saved to the county \$18,186.69, which goes to the road fund. Until eight years ago the county officers were in fees, and the act has saved in the eight years something like \$90,000 to the county. The increase last year over the year before was more than \$4,000 despite the fact that officers were allowed increases for clerical hire.

MENDENHALL AND ELLISON BOUND OVER

Must Appear at Next Term of Superior Court to Answer Libel.

At a hearing Monday before W. D. Spoon, J. Ed. Mendenhall, editor of the Bulletin, and C. H. Ellison, of Franklinville, were required to furnish bonds of \$250 for their appearance at the March term of Superior Court to answer the charge of criminal libel on warrants sworn out by J. T. Wood, of Asheboro.

At the hearing Mr. Wood was placed on the stand and identified the paper, The Bulletin of November 4th, containing a certain article headed "A protest," and signed C. H. E. This is the article which Mr. Wood alleges to be false and defamatory and the grounds for the suit.

The defendants introduced no evidence, but made motion through their attorney, Charles H. Redding for the dismissal of the case on the grounds that the article in itself did not constitute a libel. The motion, was, of course, overruled.

A big crowd of spectators were present at the hearing, and the case will evidently be one of considerable interest, and hard fought when the trial comes up in the Superior court.

Nearly a Million Dollars Spent to Free Thaw.

It has been estimated that Thaw and his family have spent nearly a million dollars in the fight for his freedom, divided as follows:

First trial, 1907—\$200,000.
Second trial, 1908—\$150,000.
First hearing, 1909—\$65,000.
Third hearing, 1912—\$75,000.
Incidentals, \$100,000.
Lawyer's expenses, \$103,000.
Paid Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, \$70,000.
Paid detectives, \$50,000.
Expenses since escape, \$100,000.
Total, \$963,000.

Noted Anti-Saloon Speakers

At the meeting at the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League January 13 and 14, Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson will be one of the speakers. Another important participant in the program will be Dr. A. J. Batron, of Waco, Texas, who is the head of the temperance movement of the Southern Baptist Convention. Other speakers will also be heard.

Justice Clark Speaks.

On Wednesday night Chief Justice Clark delivered an address in Goldsboro on Woman Suffrage. He had a large and attentive audience. Judge Clark ended his address by saying woman suffrage was one of the great movements of the ages and nothing would prevent its coming to the front, not only in this state but every one in the Union.

Rev. John N. Cole Dead.

Rev. John N. Cole, superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh, died Friday morning in a hospital at Charlotte, where he was undergoing treatment. He leaves a wife, two sons and three daughters. The Methodist church and orphanage have sustained a sad loss and the State has lost one of its very best citizens.

Disastrous Fire.

In the early morning of Wednesday the three-story building of the Lexington Hardware Company was almost completely destroyed by fire, the loss being estimated at \$25,000, with about \$10,000 insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Cotton Mill to Enlarge.

The Erlanger Cotton Mill of Lexington is to greatly enlarge its plant and capacity. The contract has been let and the work will begin as early as possible. When the extension is made the mill will be 956 feet long.

Preferred Prison to Idleness.

James McKinney an intelligent looking young man, walked into the police station in Fayetteville and told the desk sergeant that he was an escaped convict, and was tired of a vain search for work, so wanted to give himself up. He was from Philadelphia so will be returned to the prison there.

Changes in County Commissioner's Room.

There has been a rearrangement of the office in the room of the county commissioners and now railing has been put up.

FORMER PRESIDENT GIVES HIS VIEWS

He Is Opposed to the Administration Bill for Philippine Independence.

Former President Taft emphatically told the Senate Philippine committee Saturday that the Filipino people were not yet capable of self-government. He opposed the administration bill to tend further governmental powers to the islanders, declaring "no measure could be framed better calculated to stir up trouble in the Philippines."

"The Filipinos do not understand the Republican self government in the sense that we know it," said Mr. Taft.

"What would be the result if they were given self government at once? asked Chairman Hitchcock.

A Filipino in whom I have great confidence," said Mr. Taft, "said to me, 'your steamers would not be around Corregidor island before the throat cutting would begin.'"

"I verily believe that is true. We find the same conditions in Mexico. The man who loses a political fight has his head for a forfeit. That's what developed when Aguinaldo was in power."

HEAVY RAINFALL FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Mr. A. H. York, the local weather observer reports that the rain fall for the month of December was heavier than for any month since he has been observer, being 7.11 inches.

T. H. Cummings, of Greensboro is here this week. The new garage, now under construction will probably be completed this month. Mr. Watkins, the owner will employ skilled mechanics and will conduct an up-to-date repair shop and garage.

Sheriff W. H. Watkins attended the funeral of Mr. C. L. Chisholm at Sandford last week. Mr. Chisholm was formerly a citizen throughout the county. He was superintendent of the mills and the company's store at this place. Our people are grieved to learn of his death.

Oldest Citizen of Rowan County Is Dead.

Wm. Barker, aged 93 years, died at Salisbury Friday night after a lingering illness. He is survived by two sons. The funeral was held this afternoon. Mr. Barker was born in Rockingham county, but had lived in Salisbury for many years. He was Rowan county's oldest citizen and was highly esteemed by a wide acquaintance.

Site for Statute Located.

The site for the equestrian statue of Gen. Nathaniel Green on the Guilford Battle ground has been selected. It will be in full view of macadam road and railroad. The statue will cost \$30,000.

The Formidable Was Sunk by a Torpedo.

The British battleship Formidable, which sank in the English channel Friday, with the greater part of her crew, was torpedoed off Portsmouth, the chief naval station of England.

Jim Reed Postmaster at Sanatorium.

Jim Reed, a former Asheboro boy has recently been appointed postmaster at the postoffice at Sanatorium, the state hospital for tubercular patients, formerly Montrose.

By Parcel Post.

The parcel post has been called on to convey the ashes of Tetsuji Hasagawa, a Japanese artist to Tokio, Japan. The package was accepted at Boston, Mass., and started on its way after \$1.10 in stamps had been attached.

Medals Have Been Awarded

The medals which were awarded in the Better Babies Contest recently held in this county have been awarded. They are of gold, well engraved and make a good appearance. The medals were won by Charles Fox, of Asheboro and Berton Waggoner of Randleman.

Mooresville to Have Creamery.

An up-to-date creamery will shortly be opened at Mooresville, the plant now being put in the best condition.

REPUBLICAN POW WOV

Plans for the Campaign of 1916 Will Be Topic of Meeting.

Republicans in the Old North State are very much alive and a great deal of interest centers in the outcome of the meeting which is to be held in Raleigh next week—Tuesday, Jan. 12. The meeting will consider many important questions dealing largely with the campaign of 1916, which is already being planned and placed under way.

Secretary William Grissom, who is "keeping open" at State headquarters, Greensboro, has mailed more than 10,000 invitations to Republicans over the State to be present at the Raleigh meeting, and replies are coming in every day, many favorable. Mr. Grissom says that considering the lack of organization in the counties, the meeting will be one of the best attended committee meetings ever held in the State. The organization of every county in the State will begin soon after this meeting and the sails of the G. O. P. are to be trimmed for good sailing for the campaign of 1916.

The call for the meeting follows: "Chairman Linney has called the Republican state committee to meet in Raleigh on Tuesday, January 12, at 1 p. m., for the purpose of perfecting plans for the great presidential campaign of 1916 that our state may be placed in the column of the other great industrial states of the country, as well as for mutual congratulations over the successes in the get-together campaign through which we have just gone. The chairman directs that you be given a most cordial invitation to attend this meeting which will be an open one and in which your aid and advice are needed for the patriotic purposes which your committee wishes to discuss; your party needs you now and in the coming campaign and it is hoped that you will attend and bring others with you.

"Furthermore, the chairman asks that you will extend a like invitation to your friends to the end that every one who is willing to stand with us at the next election in the fight for return to old time governmental economy, efficiency and prosperity, may be assured of a good old fashioned welcome.

"Fail not to come, fail not to invite others who have been or will be with us, and fail not to answer this as soon as possible. "With the compliments of the season, I beg to remain,
GILLIAM GRISSOM.

Dr. Rankin's Plan.

A co-operative sanatorium and a correspondence course for tuberculosis is the plan which Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the State Board of Health, has recommended as a means of battling this great problem of the White Plague in this State. It is a scheme which takes in the active efforts of the State along with the aid of fraternal organizations, churches and various societies for social service and civic betterment. It is a recognition of responsibility on the part of the State, and a consequent equal recognition that the State alone can not bear the whole burden for financial reasons. But the State can divide the burden into many parts. The State will carry the larger part sufficient to encourage the co-operation and the assistance of all the political, fraternal, religious, business, social and insurance organization within her realm.

Stripling Wants Pardon.

Thomas Edgar Stripling, former chief-of-police of Danville, Va., serving a life sentence in the State penitentiary of Georgia, will make application for pardon. Stripling killed W. J. Cornett in 1897 and was placed in the pen. Later he escaped and went to Danville, Va., where he was for a number of years chief-of-police.

State-Wide Orphanage Convention.

The State-wide Orphanage Convention met in Raleigh December 29. All the orphan institutions in the State were represented.

Grand Lodge to Meet.

The North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons meets in Raleigh on January 19. It happens that the Grand Lodge meets this time on General Lee's birthday.

VALUE OF ADVERTISING TO ALL RETAILERS

Home Paper Best Place for Getting Knowledge of Wares to Customers.

There is in this country twelve hundred thousand retail merchants. In trade journals we read now and then of the convention of an association of retailers that expressed such and such opinions, but the expression seldom gets beyond trade lines. From more than a million retailers as a whole the country hears almost nothing.

The business of the retailer of the ordinary sort is local and remains restricted because he is content to wait, day after day, for the chance buyer. If he advertises at all, it is in a crude way, and just because his competitor does so. He has doubts about the wisdom of spending money that way.

Another article also emanating from the Curtis Publishing Company includes the statement that 95 per cent of the goods sold in retail stores is provided by the jobbers. It would seem to be up to the jobbers, then, to educate the final distributors, i. e., the retailers, now when and how much to advertise. A wider comprehension of the quickening power of local advertising would soon speed up the old machine of retailing and supplant dry rot with prosperity.

Nearly all of the great department stores of the country have grown from humble little concerns whose owners had the nerve and faith to use liberal space in the local newspapers.

There is no article on sale in the general stores of the smaller cities and villages which can be locally advertised, if not daily at least on Saturday mornings or afternoons as well as confectionery. We have often pointed out that most of the candy sold is bought by the consumer through suggestions, either reading about it or seeing it in show windows.

The mission of the trade journal is to advance the interests of the manufacturer and the jobber. The retailer's interests are best served by making good use of the home newspapers.—Saturday Evening Post.

Hogs Bring More Than Cotton.

An Iredell County Farmer went to town with a bale of cotton and one fat hog for sale. After selling both he announced that the hog had paid him handsomely, much more than the cotton. This is the actual experience of a well known farmer, and points very clearly to more hogs.

More Prize Winners.

Mr. C. H. Ellison, of Franklinville, won several prizes at the recent poultry show at Charlotte. They were: First and second cock; first and fourth hen; first and third pullet; first and second pens, on his fine single comb brown leghorns. Mr. Ellison has won some fine prizes this year having made 37 entries at different shows and has won a total of 30 prizes.

Wake County Champion Corn Grower.

Rod Griffin, 14 years of age, who lives about five miles east of Raleigh, is the champion of boy corn growers in Wake county, for the year 1914. On his acre of land he raised 126.11 bushels of corn at a profit of \$109.04.

P. L. Bostick Postmaster at Cedar Falls.

Mr. P. L. Bostick has recently been appointed postmaster at Cedar Falls, this county. The office is in the fourth class, served by the railway mail service from Greensboro to Rameur.

Editor Parsons Weds.

Editor A. C. Parsons, of the Piedmont Tribune, Star, and Miss Bonnie Wright, a popular young lady of the same town, were wedded Dec. 24th, at the home of the bride. The Bulletin extends hearty congratulations.

Randolph Cotton Report.

J. S. Ridge, special agent of the Department of Commerce reports 777 bales of cotton ginned in Randolph county to Dec. 15th, 1914, as against 1265 bales for same period last year.

Conference of Educators.

Dr. J. Y. Joyner held a conference last week of all his co-workers in the State Department of Education to discuss points which will be brought out in his recommendations to the Legislature.