

Fourth of July Celebration and Randolph County Annual Masonic Picnic.

Preparation for Grand Celebration of the "Glorious Fourth"—Senator Lee S. Overman Invited as Speaker—Spectacular Street Parade and Brass Bands—Athletic Sports and Ball Game.

The annual Masonic Picnic for Randolph county will be held at Asheboro, Saturday, July 4th. At a mass meeting of the citizens of Asheboro held Monday night a committee was appointed to co-operate with the Masons in making this a grand all-day patriotic celebration of the fourth of July, and yesterday that committee and the representatives of the various lodges met and perfected plans to this end.

The day promises to be one of the biggest celebrations ever held in the county and the united effort being put forth by the business men assures the success of the undertaking.

At the meeting yesterday the following committees were appointed to look after the different features of the day.

Executive Committee.

D. B. McCrary, Edgar Pressnell, R. E. Johnson, W. A. Underwood, E. G. Morris, J. A. Spence, C. A. Hayworth.

Entertainment.

Mayor H. M. Robins, Chm.; W. J. Scarborough, Dr. W. J. Moore, G. G. Hendricks, Wm. C. Hammer, W. P. Wood, J. S. Lewis, W. J. Armfield, P. H. Morris, A. C. McAllister, E. J. Coltrane, R. R. Ross, J. T. Brittain, W. D. Stedman, C. L. Holtour, E. Moffitt, W. J. Miller, W. H. Moring, E. H. Morris.

Committee on Floats.

W. A. Underwood, J. T. Winslow, C. C. Cranford, E. A. Younts, Dr. D. K. Lockhart, J. A. Spence.

Decoration.

Mesdames Wm. C. Haumer, C. C. McAllister, W. D. Stedman, R. I. Dickens, H. B. Martin, J. D. Ross, E. H. Morris, J. T. Winslow, W. J. Scarborough, E. E. Kephart, W. H. Moring, J. D. Simpson, Misses Esther Ross, Annie Blair, Nannie Bulla, May McAllister, Corinna Auman, Clara Spencer.

Ball Ground.

Seth W. Laughlin, Sulou Stedman, W. C. Hammond.

Amusement.

J. H. Kivett, C. Rush, B. A. Yeargin.

Music.

R. E. Johnson, Edgar Pressnell, D. B. McCrary, C. A. Hayworth, J. A. Spence.

An invitation is extended to the entire citizenship of Randolph and adjoining counties to spend Saturday, July 4th, in Asheboro. There will be many interesting attractions and plenty of amusement to guarantee a pleasant day.

Senator Lee S. Overman, of Salisbury, has been invited by the Masons to deliver the principal address.

There will be a spectacular parade in the morning, forming at the ball park in West Asheboro and proceeding along Sunset Avenue to Fayetteville Street, thence to the Graded School Auditorium, where appropriate exercises will be held.

In the line of march will be two brass bands, representatives of the Masons, Knights of Pythias, Junior Order United American Mechanics and Odd Fellows, handsome floats decorated by the merchants and manufacturing enterprises of the town, handsome driving rigs, etc.

Prizes will be awarded for the best float, for the handsomest one-horse turnout and two-horse turnout.

During the afternoon the Athletic Park will be the centre of attraction.

Base ball games by strong and evenly balanced teams will be arranged, besides a program of outdoor sports to consume the entire afternoon. Such amusements as foot races, wheelbarrow and bag races, catching the greasy pig and climbing the greasy pole will be provided.

Refreshments will be sold inside the park for the benefit of the Oxford Orphanage and other charitable institutions.

The merchants and others will decorate their buildings in the na-

tional colors—red, white and blue bunting.

It will be a true celebration of the "Glorious Fourth."

MRS. WILLIAMS DIED AT DANVILLE.

Mother of Mr. J. E. Williamson of Worthville—Interment at Reidsville.

The many friends of Mr. J. E. Williamson, of Worthville, will regret to learn of the death of his mother, Mrs. V. F. Williamson, Saturday evening. Mrs. Williamson died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. O. Magruder, at Danville, Va. She is survived by four children, J. Edmonds and Lynn B. Williamson, Miss Minnie Williamson and Mrs. J. O. Magruder.

The funeral was conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Reidsville, the home of the deceased. A large number of friends of the bereaved family attended the funeral.

COURT HOUSE SITE SELECTED

Will Proceed to Arrange for Immediate Construction.

COMMISSIONERS ACT AT JUNE MEETING.

Something of the Plans—New Site at Small Cost—Lawyers Will Erect an Office Building—Ready to Proceed.

The County Commissioners at their meeting held at the Courthouse Monday, located the site for the new courthouse on the property known as the windmill property. The site is purchased from Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McAllister and is located on the north side of Main street, and fronts 198 feet and extends back 250 feet. Under the terms of Trustee D. B. McCrary, through whom the site was secured, the business men of Asheboro, by private subscription, will pay \$1400 of the purchase price of \$2700, leaving \$1300 payable by the county.

As only 158 feet front is required for the courthouse, the lawyers of the town have agreed to purchase the remaining 40 feet, upon which they propose to erect a law building, in which the attorneys will have their offices.

The County Commissioners have purchased plans for the new courthouse, which will be in every way a duplicate of the Iredell county court house at Statesville. We present herewith a picture of the Iredell building.

On the first floor is located the offices of the clerk of the court and register of deeds, which have connected large fire-proof vaults for the protection of the records. Adjoining the register's office is the commissioners' room. On this floor is also the office of the treasurer and the sheriff, and separate rooms for the solicitor and grand jury.

On the second floor, the court room is large and airy, with private rooms for the presiding judge, the jurors, prisoners and witnesses. There is also a large gallery. Two broad stairways lead to the second floor, one on each end of the building.

A large basement for furnace and other apartments for storage is also provided.

It is to be an imposing building and sufficient to meet the demands of the county for many years to come.

The commissioners will make arrangements to begin the work of construction at once. It is proposed to use the county convict force to make the brick and let out the masonry and wood work to contractors.

It now seems that Randolph will have a new and commodious court house at an early date and one, too, that will be in keeping with the progress of our county and a credit to our people.



MODEL OF RANDOLPH COUNTY'S NEW COURT HOUSE.—AS IT WILL LOOK WHEN COMPLETED.

WANTS DELEGATES INSTRUCT ED.

Gov. Glenn Further Says Mr. Bryan is Choice of Democracy.

Governor Glenn has given to the State Press an interview in which he urges the State Convention to instruct its delegates to the National Convention at Denver. He says if the State Convention favors either Wm. Jennings Bryan, Governor Johnson, Governor Folk or any other candidate for president it should so instruct its delegates.

In the interview Mr. Glenn strongly favors Mr. Bryan as the most available candidate. He declares that during the recent conference of Governors in Washington he took occasion to talk with prominent Democrats all over the country and that he is of the opinion that Mr. Bryan is the choice of the people. He believes Mr. Bryan can poll a much larger vote than any man the party can nominate.

Young Man Sentenced for Life.

Ack Hale, a youth charged with murdering his sweetheart, was convicted at Bristol, Tenn., Friday and sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary. The tragedy occurred in a cemetery at Bristol last May, just three days before the girl was to have wedded another. Hale has two brothers in prison for murder, a brother-in-law in the North Carolina penitentiary for robbery and other members of the family are fugitives.

Wind and Water Do Great Damage.

News comes from all over the West of the heavy property losses from tornadoes, cyclones and water-spouts last Friday. In Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri and Indiana the streams are raging and many farms are submerged in from two to five feet of water. Texas also suffered heavily from rains. Few fatalities are reported.

Rich Mine in Stanly.

It is reported that some rare and rich veins of gold have been found at the Parker mines near New London. One day last week a vein was struck which opened afresh the gold fever among the Stanly people. This mine is owned and operated by Mr. H. O. Ivey.

Young Man Commits Suicide.

Louis Murphy, aged 24 years, employed until recently by the American Machine & Mfg. Co., committed suicide at Charlotte Friday by shooting himself. Murphy was despondent because he was unable to find other employment. He was a native of South Carolina.

May Succeed Taft.

The announcement is made at Washington that Luke E. Wright, of Memphis, Tenn., will be appointed by the President to succeed Secretary Taft upon his nomination for President at the Republican Convention at Chicago.

BLOCK ADERS.

Still Destroyed and Two Arrests Made Near Liberty.

M. A. York, better known as Duke York, of near Liberty, Randolph County, was placed in jail at Greensboro last Thursday in default of a \$500 bond for his appearance before U. S. Commissioner Wolf on June 6th, to answer a charge of violating the revenue laws. York and Rosie Coble are believed to be associated together in operating a distillery.

On Tuesday of last week Revenue officers captured a still which was being hauled by Coble near Liberty. Following a trail from York's home the officers found a barrel which had been rolled from the house to a thicket. The barrel contained 25 gallons of whiskey. Other evidence was found connecting the two men, and warrants were issued for their arrest.

Noted Sate Cracker Caught.

Gus Deford, a notorious safe-blower and bank robber, has been captured at London, England. Deford was a leader of a band which operated in the Southern States, and several of its members are now serving sentences in the South Carolina penitentiary. Deford was arrested by United States secret service men and will be returned to America at once.

Mr. Reitzel Improving.

Walter O. Reitzel, of Liberty, who had his leg amputated at St. Leo's Hospital at Greensboro recently, has returned to his home.

Mr. Reitzel, who is a son of M. J. Reitzel, suffered with a diseased bone, and though he will be under the care of a nurse for several weeks his physician says he will completely recover.

Preacher Arrested for Betting.

A. B. Blake, a sanctificationist preacher, and W. T. Saddler, have been arrested at Raleigh and placed under bond for betting on the result of the recent prohibition election. Rev. Blake put up \$2.50 against \$5.00 that the State would go dry.

Gov. Glenn An Elder.

Gov. Glenn was ordained an elder in the Presbyterian church at Raleigh Sunday morning. Franklin McNeill and James R. Young who had already been ordained were installed.

Another Railroad Falls.

The Pittsburg Terminal Company, which forms an important link of the Gould trans-continental system of railroads, went into the hands of receivers last week.

General Geo. W. Gordan, now representative in Congress from the 10th District of Tennessee, will probably succeed the late Gen. S. D. Lee, as commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans.

NEGRO FOUND DEAD

Horrible and Sickening Sight Near Liberty

THE RESULT OF FOUL PLAY
Body Found in a Hole Near Where a Blockade Distillery Had Been Operated—Coroner's Jury Unable to Name Perpetrator—A Strong Suspicion—Circumstantial Evidence.

On Monday afternoon of this week Sheriff P. P. Jones, of Liberty township, phoned Sheriff Hayworth that a colored man had been found dead on the Jacob Foust place some three miles this side of Liberty. The sheriff notified the coroner and the coroner went over Tuesday morning. Sheriff Hayworth and Solicitor Hammer also went over.

The coroner's jury found that Sam Erwin, who had escaped from the chain gang of this county, was found dead along a branch where a few runs of whiskey had been made in a small still of two bushel capacity.

It appeared that Claud Foust, who is also an ex-convict, having served a term on the chain gang in this county, and who had lived in a little hut on the north side of the plantation which belongs to the estate of his father, Jacob Foust, had with Sam Erwin made a few runs of whiskey. Last Sunday was a week ago in the last time that Claud Foust was seen in that community. He was then seen by Mr. J. C. Cox.

It is believed that the negro was killed prior to this time, for on Friday before that two other negroes came and finished making a run of whiskey in the little still.

The negro was in such a decomposed condition that it was impossible to identify him except by his clothes and his general appearance, which indicated that he was Sam Erwin. He was found in a hole in the side of the branch, and still slop had been poured on top of him and brush and small bushes and a small sized tree had been cut down over him.

Appearance indicated that the slop was poured on him and the brush thrown over him to deceive the public by pretending to cover up the slop so that when flies, etc., were seen there by those who might pass they would think that an effort had been made to conceal the still slop.

Twenty-five yards from where the killing occurred there was dried blood. It is believed that the colored man was shot. One of his arms was off, his head was gone, his flesh was ready to fall from the bones, and his body was in such a decomposed condition that it was a most horrible and sickening sight.

The report of the coroner's jury was that the deceased came to his death at the hands of some unknown person or persons, but the general belief is that Claud Foust killed him and has left the country.

ANNUAL CONFED- ERATE RE-UNION.

Large Gathering of Veterans In Asheboro Yesterday.

ADDRESS BY MAJ. WADDELL OF GREENSBORO.

Exercises At the Auditorium—In Honor of the Birthday of President Jefferson Davis the Daughters Prepare a Feast for Confederate Soldiers.

The members of Randolph Camp, No. 1646, United Confederate Veterans met in annual re-union in Asheboro yesterday. The camp assembled at the courthouse at 11 o'clock and after a short business session joined the Randolph Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy at the auditorium where a short memorial exercise was rendered and an address to the veterans was delivered by Maj. D. C. Waddell, of Greensboro.

About eighty veterans formed a line of march at the courthouse at 12 o'clock and to the beating of drums advanced to the school auditorium. At the Presbyterian church about 100 children joined the ranks and escorted the old soldiers to the graded school, cheering the heroes who headed the procession continuously.

As the veterans entered the building the children sang Dixie in a thrilling manner.

The program was as follows: Song—"Dixie" by the children. Prayer—Rev. C. A. Wood. Song—"Carolina" by the children. Speech—Maj. D. C. Waddell, of Greensboro.

Trio—"Dixie" (Tune, Annie Laurie), Miss Mae McAllister, Mrs. T. M. Johnson and Henry B. Martin. Recitation—"Crosses of Honor"—Miss Lillie Parrish. Song—"America".

Maj. Waddell was introduced by Col. A. C. McAllister, Commander of Randolph Camp, U. C. V.

Maj. Waddell said: So much has been written and so many speeches made on the incidents of the Civil war that there remains little new that can be said. But, there is something about the name "Confederate Soldier" that like magic arouses a mysterious something that floats in the air and throbs in every heart. It arouses old memories of the stirring battlefield, where glittering swords and unfurled flags charge the face of death.

Continuing Mr. Waddell spoke of one of these memories—the battle at Gettysburg. The speaker was a member of the 11th Regiment of N. C. Infantry and went through this three days' struggle which was the fiercest of the four years of war. His description of the battle was vivid and was listened to with keen interest by the soldiers and especially by the younger generation present.

At the close of his speech Maj. Waddell was presented with a handsome bouquet by Miss Harriet Hammer on behalf of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

At the close of the speech Col. W. P. Wood announced that the Daughters had started a fund to erect a monument to the heroes of the Confederacy and a subscription of more than \$300 was taken. The daughters propose to erect a bronze statue of the Confederate soldier at a cost of about \$1500.

Following the exercises in the auditorium the soldiers were escorted to the old academy building where dinner was served. The dinner was sumptuous and was the climax of a pleasant day for the veterans, who were glad to meet their old comrades again and once more "sit around the camp fire and from memory charge the breastworks of the foe."

Loss to the State Normal.

Miss Susan Simms Battle, a popular member of the faculty of the State Normal, died at the college infirmary Sunday. The remains were taken to her home at Rocky Mount Monday for interment. President J. I. Foust and Prof. W. C. Smith accompanied the remains.

The Louisburg mattress factory was destroyed by fire Wednesday morning. The damage, which is covered by insurance is \$3000.