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THE FEBRUARY PRIZES.

We are going to give a prize for February to the young lady who secures the largest number of subscribers during that month, provided she gets more than 20,000 votes during the month. We are going to leave the selection of this prize to the Contestants, and want each of them to write us at once and let us know what she would prefer. We cannot give too expensive a prize but would be willing to give one costing as much as a buggy, a sewing machine or a scholarship to some Business College in this state. Please start right now and get in line for the February prize. Get your friends to help you solicit subscriptions.

LIST OF CONTESTANTS.

Miss Nellie Jordan, Trinity.	3617
" Bertha Luck, Seagrave, Route 2.	1391
" Lena Cole, Dewey.	3151
" Olive Moffitt, Asheboro, Route 1.	291
" Mary White, Glenola.	15197
" Flora Free, Randleman, Route 2.	296
" Maud Miller, Fallers, Route 1.	1090
" Nettie Luther, Elaser.	916
Miss Maudie Curtis, Ramseur.	5901
" Maggie Albertson, Trinity.	2011
" Bettye Shamburger, Hills Store.	4213
Mr. W. F. White, Ramseur.	200
" A. B. Coltrane, Glenola.	28146
Miss Lola Trogdon, Asheboro, Route 1.	401
" Ida Cox, Ralph.	401
" Elma Pierce, Seagrave.	2000
" Effie Presnell, Mitchellfield.	4207
" Linnie Dorsett, Farmer.	416
" Effie Harrell, Abner.	645
" Nannie Hill, Rachel.	408
Mrs. M. B. Goins, Trinity.	201
Miss Lydia Lasser, Lasser.	613
" Estelle Cranford, Archdale.	200
" Maud Foushee, Staley.	1400
" Mollie Frazier, Franklinville.	401
" Cora Vancannon, Seagrave.	301
" Mollie Yow, Central Falls.	14892
" Mary Stuart, Franklinville.	1800
" Lizzie Cameron, Liberty.	7415
" Bess Farmer, Randleman.	6322
" Margaret Slack, Seagrave, N. C. Route 1.	200
" Alice Burgess, Ramseur, N. C.	415
" Hattie Luck, Seagrave Route 2.	200
" Myrtle Pugh, Asheboro, Route 1.	600
" Ruhannah Coltrane, Randleman.	200
" Myrtle Johnson, Worthville.	3723
" Stella Kelly, Troy.	1500
" Hazel Stanton, Randleman, Route 1.	206

HORRIBLE AND FATAL ACCIDENT.

Mr. Robert Kivett Accidentally Killed by Wood Sawing Outfit.

One of the saddest accidents that ever occurred in Ramseur took place there on Thursday last, when Mr. Robert Kivett lost his life by accidentally falling on a saw while cutting wood. The saw made a large opening in the abdomen, cutting the bowels in several places and bruising them. He suffered great pain until the following day when he gently breathed his last. He was in the prime of a vigorous young manhood and his death occurring in such an awful manner, cast a gloom over the entire town. He leaves a widow and three children, a father, several brothers and a sister to mourn their great loss. He was fully prepared for the summons when it came. May our kind Heavenly Father comfort and sustain the grief stricken family in this hour of darkest trial.

Randolph Man Travelling Agent for L. & N.

Mr. M. H. York, who is a son of Mr. H. M. York, of Ramseur, and who has been ticket agent at the Union passenger station at Bristol, Tenn., for the past four years, has been promoted to the position of traveling passenger agent of the Louisville and Nashville Railway, with headquarters at Knoxville, Tenn.

Mr. York went to Tennessee about six years ago and has risen rapidly in the railroad service. His friends at home are glad to hear of his success.

Smallpox at Orphanage.

Dr. Julian, the orphanage physician, discovered a few days ago that there are fifteen cases of smallpox among the inmates of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, Miss Olive, one of the teachers, being among the number. It is thought the disease was brought to the orphanage by several children who were allowed to visit their mother during the holidays, the fact of their having been exposed to smallpox not being learned until the disease was discovered in the institution a few days ago. Everything possible is being done to stamp out the disease among the orphans but it is feared that some of those who have it cannot recover.

J. F. Ong, a prominent contractor whose home was at Wilmington, N. C., killed himself in a hotel at Augusta, Ga., Saturday night by blowing the top of his head off with a pistol. The coroner who held the inquest found nothing to indicate why the man had slain himself.

Says Democrats Will Sweep The State.

Greensboro Record.

Congressman Page said in a recent interview: The President is told by Mr. Morrhead, the new member of the Republican Congressional campaign committee for the state, that North Carolina is fallow ground from a Republican standpoint and Mr. Morrhead predicts the election of five members of the House from the State at the next election. Mr. Duncan or Mr. Adams will assure the President that they are certain of six representatives from the State. The fight is on between the two rival Republican factions for two things—patronage and campaign funds.

And if there were a third faction in the Republican party some of its camp followers would show up at the White House and predict the election of the whole fix of Congressmen from this State. But an even more interesting phase of the situation is this: At the very time that Messrs. Adams and Duncan are making their claims about what the Republicans are going to do in the next Republican election, the Caucasian down here at Raleigh, representing now a faction of substantial proportions, is declaring with might and main that the State organization is worried to death because as many as three Republican congressmen were elected in 1908 and is laying plans now to prevent the election of a single Republican Congressman this year to the end that it may have its own way in patronage matters!

In Census Bureau.

Mr. Harry J. Overman, of Salisbury, has been appointed to a position in the census department and is known as special agent and his work will be in connection with the manufacturing industries in his district which embraces the counties of Rowan, Cabarrus, Stanley, Davidson, Guilford and Randolph, and will have two men under him, to be known as class 2. One of these will be Mr. William J. Weddington, formerly of Salisbury, but lately of Concord, and his headquarters will be in High Point. The other will be a Lexington, Va., man and his headquarters will be at Randleman, while Mr. Overman will be located in Salisbury.

Fearing a possible epidemic of smallpox as a result of court weeks' crowds gathering from all sections of the country, the Davidson county commissioners have postponed the February term of two weeks. The situation is not alarming but it is estimated that there are 100 cases in various parts of the county.

SUDDEN DEATH OF JUDGE SHEPHERD.

Found Dead in Hospital After Operation—One of State's Great Men.

The following special telegram to The Raleigh News and Observer from Baltimore gives the particulars of his death, which occurred early Monday night:

"Baltimore, Md., Feb. 7.—Death came suddenly to former Chief Justice James Edward Shepherd, of Raleigh, N. C., at the Presbyterian Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital this morning where he had undergone an operation for throat trouble. Judge Shepherd, accompanied by his wife and Dr. K. P. Battle, his family physician, arrived in this city at midnight on Saturday. He went to the hospital immediately. The operation was performed by Dr. Richard Johnson, at noon yesterday and, to all appearances, was successful.

"Last night Dr. Johnson announced that his patient was resting comfortably. A nurse entered the room at 3 a. m. and noticed that the Judge was not breathing. She summoned Dr. Battle, who pronounced him dead. Death was probably due to heart failure."

When God called James E. Shepherd, North Carolina lost one of its purest and ablest men, a truly great lawyer and jurist and a man who, as such, was greatly beloved by all who knew him, and especially by the inner circle of close friends, to whom he had been 'grappled with hooks of steel."

Few men die and leave so many bleeding hearts behind them as did this good man and patriotic North Carolinian; for, though he was born a few miles over the border line, in Virginia, his life since boyhood had been spent in North Carolina, and it was this State and our admiring people who honored and appreciated his true worth.

The preceding two paragraphs present the essence of the scores of tributes paid to his memory.

Very few people knew that Judge Shepherd had gone to a hospital, and scarcely any outside his immediate family knew what he went there for. Inquiry developed the fact that last Thursday some particle of the food partaken during a meal—believed to have been a small quail bone—found lodgment in Judge Shepherd's throat. It caused him some inconvenience and pain and he consulted Dr. K. P. Battle of Raleigh. The particle was not located, however, and Judge Shepherd, with Mrs. Shepherd and Dr. Battle, on Sunday went to Baltimore for the purpose of receiving expert treatment at the Presbyterian eye, ear and throat hospital there.

In Baltimore an operation was decided upon and performed. Advice received in Raleigh from Baltimore indicate that death was due to weakness of the heart, resulting from the ether (or other anesthetic employed) administered during the operation.

When Judge Shepherd breathed his last he was alone, the nurse finding him dead upon her return to the room. How long the nurse was absent is not at present known.

In South Dakota.

A letter from Rev. U. S. Crowder to the editor gives the information that he is located at Fairfax, South Dakota, and is pastor of the first Methodist church at that place. Mr. Crowder was born and reared in this county and for many years lived on Squirrel Creek, near Spoon's Chapel. He is the youngest of a large family of children, all of whom are dead, unless it is possibly one, Monroe. Mr. Crowder in 1893 married a daughter of Capt. E. P. Lewis, of Beaufort, N. C. She died four years ago, leaving three children, the oldest a boy, now a freshman at Pennington Seminary, at Pennington, N. J. Mr. Crowder's many friends in North Carolina will be glad to learn of his continued prosperous career in his chosen calling, the ministry.

Medical Society To Meet.

Randolph County Medical Society will meet in Randleman on the third Tuesday in February, 1910. Papers of importance will be read. Dr. F. E. Asbury, the president of the society, will deliver his annual address at that time. All members are earnestly requested to be present. Remember the time and place, Randleman, February 15, 1910.

Dr. F. E. Asbury, Pres.
Dr. W. J. Moore, Sec.

NEWS ITEMS.

Mr. Green Newson, aged 76 years, died recently at Waukegan.

Major G. W. Clegg, one of Statesville's oldest citizens, died at his home there Saturday.

Allegheny County's jail bill for feeding prisoners during the last year was only \$2.83.

Isabel Fitzgerald, of Reidsville, said to have been 104 years old, died at her home at that place this week.

Meisenheimer Springs, Stanley county, have been sold and new hotels and buildings are to be erected.

Mrs. V. A. Whitley, aged 54, wife of Dr. V. A. Whitley, died at her home in Albemarle one day last week.

Wm. Dorte, Jr., of Goldsboro, died suddenly Monday morning in a Richmond, Va., hospital of heart failure.

The Sheriff of Cumberland county captured two blockade stills last week. This makes thirty-five he has destroyed.

The people of Jonesboro township, Lee county, voted a \$15,000 bond issue on Saturday of last week for good roads.

Mr. D. L. Arey, Rowan county's wealthiest citizen, was stricken with a severe case of vertigo last week but is said to be improving.

The Standard Mirror Company, of Pittsburg, Pa., will erect a branch plant at Winston-Salem in the near future.

Fifty-three applicants for license to practice law were examined by the Supreme Court at Raleigh this week. Two of the number were negroes.

Stokes Carrick, a native of Davidson county, chief car inspector of the Southern Railway, died of paralysis in Greensboro recently.

David Swing, a well known farmer of Davie county, was probably fatally injured by being run over by his wagon in Lexington on Monday.

Dr. L. C. Keenans, one of the best known and most highly esteemed physicians of Charlotte, died at his home at Belmont, a suburb, Monday night.

Emma Walker killed another disreputable colored woman in Greensboro last Saturday afternoon, after a quarrel over a man. The killing was with a pistol.

The fire loss in the United States for the year 1907 amounted to \$456,485,000, and caused the death of 1,449 persons. This is exclusive of the loss from forest fires.

Bondsmen of ex-sheriff Dorsett, of Davidson county, paid over \$6,000 Monday to the county, which was the balance due on the amount owed the county by Dorsett.

Herbert Bailey, a young man of Rowan county, was killed Friday of last week on the farm of T. R. Klutz in the western part of the county by being caught under a falling tree.

For two years in succession, Rowan county has been placed by Mr. O. R. Hudson, State farm demonstrator for North Carolina, at the head of all counties in the State, as to the yield of corn per acre.

J. A. Stafford, chief inspector at the camp of Walton and Co., South-bound railroad contractors, was badly injured in a premature explosion of dynamite near Ansonville Saturday afternoon. He will lose one eye.

Three negroes were killed in a race war at Hale's Bar, Tennessee, near Chattanooga, Tuesday morning. There had been trouble brewing among the whites and blacks at a contractor's camp, at Hale's Bar, for some time which resulted in the killing on Tuesday.

It is stated that a home for aged and infirm Masons will be located at Mooresville. A correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says a committee of Mooresville business men have closed a trade for the Christenbury and Smith land, 114 acres, lying about a half mile northwest of the town, which will be the site of the home.

The case against E. C. Watkins, the Black Mountain Constable who last summer killed J. H. Bunting, of Wilmington, and seriously wounded Paul O. Collins, of Hillsboro, in a Black Mountain hotel, has been postponed until the April term of court at Asheville. The trial was postponed on account of the illness of a witness in the case.

Republicans in Congress, in World of Trouble.

The Columbia State says: The "high cost of living" which Congressman Payne and his Republican associates propose to "investigate" in so far as it is the result of political policies, is the result of Republican policies. Consequently, when Mr. Payne proposes investigation, it implies some degree of party contrition and there is self-assumed by the Republicans the burden of clearing themselves of the suspicion that naturally rests upon them.

The admission that the price of meat, of clothing, of flour, of shoes and of other necessities may have been nearly and largely affected by acts of Congress is in itself an indictment of the Republican party, from the Democratic point of view. Democrats believe that the citizens should be protected in life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, with the least possible interference on the part of the government, and when it is tacitly conceded that prices have been artificially lowered or increased by the laws, it amounts to confession that the government has strayed from its functions and flched from the privileges reserved to the people by the constitution.

In any investigation of this character the Republican party will be confronted, to begin with, by the staring truth that a few persons have immense wealth by reason of the tariff laws who, without the tariff laws, would be without their wealth. The task, therefore, of proving that the few may be enriched through an artificial enhancement of prices without a corresponding impoverishment of many persons is by its very nature beset with embarrassment. The people should demand of Mr. Payne that he explain why, when the prices of commodities are so high that good living is impossible even with the nominally good wages prevailing, the wealth of the manufacturers and other beneficiaries of protection continues to expand.

There is at this time no complaint from the capitalists. The mills are all running and the production of mines, lumber yards and shops is at a high rate. The murmuring comes from the wage-earners, the "American laborers," and Mr. Payne and his party have been proclaiming for half a century that protection means, primarily, the "protection of American labor" from the competition of "the pauper labor of Europe."

Mr. Payne would better have "stood pat." Undertaking to convince the wage-earners of America that the tariff schedules are just to them, at a time when there is no abatement in production and yet their earnings are not sufficient for the maintenance of themselves and their families in the comfort to which they have been accustomed, he cuts out for himself a contract of staggering proportions. Everybody in America, land-owners, planters, professional men, merchants, bankers, contractors, is rich except the "American laboring-man," for whose especial blessing a protective tariff was contrived, at least so say the Republicans.

Of Interest to Patrons of Rural Routes.

The following letter, relative to the placing of loose coins in rural route boxes, has been sent out by the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General: "In view of the extent to which the practice of placing loose coins in boxes by rural patrons has grown and the delay in the delivery and collection of mail and the hardship imposed on rural carriers incident thereto, you are informed that commencing February 15th proximo rural letter carriers will not be required to collect loose coins from rural mail boxes. Patrons should enclose coins in an envelope, wrap them securely in a piece of paper or deposit them in a coin-holding receptacle.

The Growth of Albemarle.

Albemarle, the county seat of Stanley county, has grown rapidly the last few years and has recently attracted to that healthful section capitalists from Illinois and elsewhere who have organized the Albemarle Development Co. A sanatorium, hotel, etc., are to be built. More than \$200,000 will be invested.

Two cases of smallpox were discovered in the Rowan County jail at Salisbury, Monday. The sheriff and prison attendants are quarantined at the jail and no fear of a spread of the disease is felt.

LAYMENS' MEETING SUNDAY.

Large Audience at the Mass Meeting at Graded School Auditorium—Work Getting Under Way.

Pursuant to the call of the joint committee appointed by the churches of Asheboro to consider the advisability of holding a Laymen's Missionary Movement Convention for the county, the congregations closed their respective churches last Sunday morning and assembled in the graded school auditorium at 11 o'clock for a mass meeting. If any had supposed the large audience came together without purpose there would have been a change of mind when the intense interest of each, eager to catch every word, was so evident. The addresses at this service were by Mr. Archibald Johnson, of Thomasville, and Mr. Chas. H. Ireland, of Greensboro.

The object of the meeting was to create and arouse interest in the movement. There was manifestly present an intenseness and power not due solely to men's words and wisdom. One could scarce refrain from thinking not, "If it be of God," but that "It is of God."

The afternoon service for men only was for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee referred to above. The committee's report was to the effect that the suggested convention be held two or three months hence. A goodly number of men attended. A fixed purpose characterized each prayer and each talk. There was considerable discussion, not in opposition but as to details of the rather large task of interesting the people of the whole county in the convention. "We can and we will," seemed to be the prevailing thought. One of the visiting laymen stated that Randolph county, in launching this movement, is the first county in the State to undertake to carry the Laymen's Missionary Movement to the rural church, and that the result of the effort will be watched by other counties with eagerness. But "we can and we will," whether others watch or do not watch us was the prevailing spirit. The report was unanimously adopted. A committee was authorized to be created, two members from each church selected by the churches respectively, to plan for the convention and to work out the details of the plan. A very important part of this will be the deputation work, visiting the remotest parts and every part of the county to create interest and to induce an attendance at the convention from all over the county. Details as to date, program and all matters pertaining to the work will be announced later. The committee hopes to interest persons in some localities, that these in turn may interest their churches and people in their respective vicinities.

For the night services each congregation went to its own church and in most instances was addressed by the visiting laymen—J. Norman Willard at the M. P. church, Archibald Johnson at the Baptist, Chas. H. Ireland at the Methodist Episcopal, South. Mr. Miles, who served on the executive committee of the Greensboro convention, was also in the meetings for counsel.

Altogether it was a full day and a good day in Asheboro for the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The interest here is increasing. There are those among us who see difficulties, not imaginary but real, and frankly point them out. This not in opposition but that we may "count the cost" before we begin to build.

Randolph County Confederate Monument.

Contributions to December 31st, 1909, \$646.75. Contributions in 1910:

JANUARY.	
C. C. McAlister, Fayetteville,	\$25.00
T. G. McAlister, "	25.00
T. J. Redding, Caraway,	25.00
B. G. Worth, Wilmington,	10.00
C. B. Makepeace, Providence	
R. I.	1.00
W. J. Miller, Asheboro,	5.00
Jesse Seaborn, "	1.00
Mrs. T. M. Johnson, "	1.00
F. S. Lambeth, Thomasville,	1.00

FEBRUARY.

T. O. Worth, Durham,	\$15.00
Sulon Stegman, Asheboro,	5.00
George G. Penny, High Point,	25.00
Mrs. W. J. Armfield, Sr.	
High Point,	5.00

Chas. H. Troy, aged 41 years, died last Sunday in Fayetteville, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Troy.