

NATIONAL NEWS OF INTEREST

Current Events of the Week in Concentrated Form For Convenience of Courier Readers

Washington, D. C., January 24.—President Taft has notified President Gomez, of Cuba, that unless a reign of militarism can be averted there, the American Government will take charge of the island.

The National Board of Trade representing organizations in all parts of the country has been in session here. The Association encourages business men to interest themselves in primaries and in public questions. It endorsed one-cent letter postage. A convention has been in session in the interest of Federal aid to good roads.

In an address to the meat-packer, Senator Reed, of Missouri, condemned the Judge Gary plan of Federal supervision of corporations as "Platocratic Socialism."

Representative Henry, of Texas, has proposed a Constitutional amendment making the last Thursday of April instead of March 4, the date for inaugurating presidents and vice-presidents.

The charge that persons connected with the Steel Trust are endeavoring to advance his nomination for the presidency has been called by Col. Roosevelt "Tom-foolery."

The recommendation of Postmaster-General Hitchcock that the Government appraise, take over and operate the telegraph companies, has produced much discussion. The New York World has suggested ironically that, for efficiency, it might be better for the telegraph companies to operate the Postal department.

R. R. QUESTION STILL UNSETTLED

Asheboro's Part in the Proposed Bond Issue Now in Hands of Committee

The later proposals of Mr. E. W. Shedd, of the Randolph and Cumberland Railway to put Asheboro on a main line connecting the Seaboard with Winston-Salem, after being discussed in a citizens' meeting last week, are now being considered by a committee selected for that purpose.

Mr. Shedd has, it is stated, made the definite proposition to put Asheboro on the main line of the proposed road if Asheboro township will vote \$50,000 in bonds. It is understood that the Asheboro committee have made a counter proposition, which brings in the building of a branch line connecting the Farmer and New Hope territory with the county seat.

As yet it is not given out as to whether Mr. Shedd will accept the committee's terms, or whether the latter would compromise the matter. It is felt, however, that Asheboro wants both the main line and the branch of the R. & C.; but just what inducements will be offered the railway to build through Asheboro is not known.

The committee is composed of representative business men, who have the confidence of the community, and it is thought certain that whatever they offer to support will carry. The members are D. B. McNary, W. L. Ward, G. C. Cranford, W. F. Redding, A. Ross, J. O. Redding, W. J. Scarborough and W. J. Miller.

Mr. Shedd is in the city at present, and it may be that a few days will settle the question of when and how the matter of bonds will again come to a vote.

Accepts London Call

The Reverend Len G. Broughton, of Atlanta, has tendered his resignation to his congregation of the Baptist Tabernacle, to take effect April 1st, and will accept a call to the pastorate of Christ Church, London. Besides being for years about the best known preacher of his faith in the country, Dr. Broughton is well known in North Carolina and Virginia by reason of having held charges at Winston-Salem and Roanoke.

HOWELL-MOFFITT MARRIAGE.

The marriage of Miss Clara Moffitt and Mr. Charles Cook Howell was an interesting event last week, taking place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Morris on Sunset avenue on Thursday at 2 p. m. The Morris home was beautifully decorated for the occasion—the drawing room in white and the dining room in pink. Between the two is a connecting arch which served as the wedding arch, under which the bride and groom stood while they were pronounced man and wife.

Promptly at 2 o'clock Miss Marion Moring struck the chords of the bridal chorus from the Rose Maiden (Cowen). The members of the chorus were Misses Pitt Clement and Burns, Elton College; Miss Dick Rhodes, Harrisonburg, Va.; Dr. E. L. Moffitt, Asheboro; Mr. Russell Campbell, Elton College; Jesse West, Waverly, Va.; Lucius Lincoln, Harrisonburg, Va. The chorus party in couples marched through the dining room and front hall into the drawing room and stopped in front of the arch, where the minister, J. O. Atkinson, stood, forming an aisle through which the bridal party proper passed. At the conclusion of the chorus to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march came little Miss Margaret Moffitt, daughter of Mrs. E. S. Moffitt, bearing the wedding ring in a large white rose. She was followed by the groom with his best man, Mr. R. Henry Barnes, Elton College. Next came Miss Jennie Godwin, Chuckatuck, Va., as maid of honor, attired in yellow messaline draped with spangled marquisette, carrying yellow carnations. Miss Moffitt entered on the arm of her brother, Mr. John T. Moffitt, Rock Hill, S. C. She was elegantly dressed in a gown of duchess satin, en train, with pearl trimmings, the veil caught with orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley and was a picture of grace, beauty and loveliness.

Rev. J. O. Atkinson performed the ceremony, using the impressive souvenir ceremony of the Christian church. The bridal party went out by the strains of Lohergrin's bridal march into the hall, where the bride and groom received congratulations and best wishes from the relatives and friends. Among the guests out of town were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Howell, Downing, Fla., parents of the groom; Misses Etta Trogdon, Liberty, and Maggie Hall, Burlington; Messrs. Liggett Lincoln, Va., and Herndon Moffitt, Winston-Salem. A large number of useful and handsome gifts attest the popularity of the young people who have joined in matrimonial co-partnership. The bride is a beautiful young woman, gracious in manner, with a lovable nature. She is the youngest daughter of Mrs. M. A. Moffitt. The groom is a successful business man in Downing, Fla., also a lawyer by profession. Mr. and Mrs. Howell left Asheboro via Aberdeen for Jacksonville, Fla., where they will spend their honeymoon before going to their home in Downing. The Courier extends congratulations and best wishes.

General Mercantile Business Changes Hands

Mr. W. W. Jones, a former citizen and merchant of Asheboro, but who has for some time been operating a hotel at Rameur, has purchased from J. L. Norman, the latter's stock of goods and will again early in the week take over the business.

The date of the transfer is not yet given out, nor the intentions of Mr. Norman in regard to future business; but the trade has been bound by a transfer of real cash, so Mr. Jones is expected shortly.

While here before, Mr. Jones conducted a general store in the building now occupied by A. A. Spencer's grocery, and made a good merchant and had many friends. His former home-towns will undoubtedly be glad to have him back.

Three lots of dynamite and fuses were discovered Saturday in Lawrence, Mass. This is said by the strike leaders to have been done by the detectives in an effort to put the strikers in bad.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN EXTENDING ROAD

The first step in the extension of the railroad from Troy was taken last week when a corps of surveyors began work surveying the route over which the Norfolk Southern will extend its recently acquired lines. Five surveyors are now at work on the route and in a short time several others will arrive.

In the commencing of this part of the work the question as to which way the road will go from this point is solved, and that it will be extended west from Troy is placed beyond a doubt. There has been much discussion as to which route would be pursued, direct from Albemarle or over the track formerly known as the Aberdeen & Asheboro, to Mt. Gilead and from there up the Yadkin for several miles and then across to Albemarle. By taking this route the road would invade a very rich and productive country and receive a much larger patronage, but it would considerably lengthen

RANDOLPH DRUG CLERKS ORGANIZE

At a recent meeting of the national executive board of the National Association of Pharmacologists, held at Columbus, O., Mr. D. Earle Powell, with the Standard Drug Company of this city, was elected chairman of the Randolph committee. The national board is planning the county organization with Mr. Powell and the other drug clerks of the county.

The national association has representations in thirty-four states and in many counties of the states represented. This progress a work has been taken up in an effort to better the men and their profession. Representation is wanted on the state boards of pharmacy, and four states this has been obtained, many of the governors, when appealed to, acknowledging that the drug clerk, being 65 per cent of those affected by the legislation of boards of pharmacy, was entitled to representation. A strong national campaign for

THEIR VIEWS OF WINTER

"We like it," said the robin, The bluebird and the wren, "For it is a reminder We must go South again— A most delightful journey To those who once have been." "We like it," said the snowbird, The sparrow and the crow, "For we are much more happy When all the others go; And we manage very nicely In spite of cold and snow." "We like it," said the woodchuck, The beaver and the bear, "For now in cozy quarters, Without a single care, We settle down in quiet, And sweetly slumber there." "We like it," said the sable, The marten and the fox, "We're glad to stand the winter And all its roughest knocks— If trappers do not get us Inside a horrid box." "We like it, too," said Bobby And Tom and Joe and Ben, "For we can have the skating Upon the river there; And build a snowy castle, And knock it down again." —CLARA PINCKNEY

Party at Franklinville.

Friday evening of last week from 7:30 to 10:30 Miss Maudie Elkins gave a party to a few of her friends.

Crokinole, Carroms and Flinch were among the games that helped to constitute these pleasant hours.

At ten thirty the guests departed voting Miss Elkins a most charming entertainer.

The guests of the evening were: Misses Lena Hobson, Carmen Grimes, Mattie Bala, E. R. Baldwin, A. Cusey Pugh, C. W. Grimes C. C. Brady and J. T. Bala.

Men are like hens, the harder they have to scratch for a living the more useful they become.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT DENTON

Denton, Jan., 24.—By phone. Fire of an unknown origin completely destroyed the new Denton Hotel this morning at about 1 o'clock causing a loss in building and furnishings of \$7500, which is only partially covered by \$2500 insurance.

So little warning was given that the inmates were fortunate to escape with their lives and had to abandon baggage and superfluous clothing in a wild rush for safety.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis, the proprietors, had only time to get themselves and children safe before the fire had gained such headway that thought of rescuing anything else were gone. Even the family pocketbook was lost.

Mr. Alton Auman of Asheboro was among the last four or five to be awakened and was forced to leave the building by way of a second story window and was injured in a fall against the railing of a porch. Through the same window four other traveling men followed Mr. Auman, one of whom, a Mr. Morgan, painfully wrenched an ankle in jumping.

Mr. Auman of this place, as later reports say, was not hurt so seriously as had been at first thought, although the injuries are internal and it cannot be ascertained how serious they are. Mrs. Auman thought it best to go to Denton to be with her husband.

Mrs. J. T. Penn Hostess to Rambler's Book Club.

On Friday afternoon at 3 p. m. the Ramblers Club met with Mrs. J. T. Penn at her home on North Fayetteville street. In addition to the club members several guests were present to enjoy the afternoon. Russia was the subject for the meeting. Mrs. McMillan had an excellent paper on Artists of Russia. Mrs. H. B. Hiatt read Mrs. T. E. Laessler's paper on Women of Russia. Mrs. John Bulla read a poem on Russia. As Friday was the birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee the hostess arranged for some readings appropriate for the occasion, "A Pledge to Lee," by Miss Penn, and "I'm a Good Old Rebel," by Mrs. W. C. Hammond. The dining room was darkened and presented an attractive appearance with the shaded lamps and candles and red carnations. The refreshments were elaborate and delicious, being served hot by Mesdames Kemp Alexander and J. T. Underwood. There were scaloped oysters, Welch rabbit, beaten biscuit, potato chips, cheese straws, coffee and cakes. Mints were served in homemade gunpowder with Confederate flags pointed on them with the numbers 61-65, emblematic of the occasion, which was being celebrated.

Met With Success in Asheboro.

Miss Florence M. Young, of Washington, D. C., National Field Secretary of the Florence Cristanton Homes and representing here the status of the Charlotte home, was in the city last week receiving subscriptions. Miss Young reports a successful visit, saying that the people of Asheboro have been generous in their support of the cause of unfortunate women, and that the Courier thank the people of the city for their generous aid and cordial hospitality.

This is the third time Miss Young has visited Asheboro in behalf of the work, and each time she has met with success, the people being willing enough to help a cause which knows that it has merit.

It will be of interest to note that there were at present ten women and eight children being cared for at the Charlotte home.

Grocery Changes Hands.

The grocery business operated for the past two years by Mr. A. O. Ferris on Depot street, has been bought by Mr. A. A. Spencer and changed hands Monday. It will be operated at the old stand, and will be managed directly by the proprietor, Mr. Spencer.

Engineer Simpson, of Atlanta, Ga., who installed the new power plant of the city, was in the city over Sunday on his way to Roanoke, Va.

TO RELIEVE THE POOR OF ASHEBORO

Asheboro Relief Association Formed to Aid the Deserving Unfortunate of Asheboro

A movement which bids fair to mean much to the city of Asheboro, and especially to the deserving poor of the community, was definitely formulated last Sunday afternoon, when in a citizens' meeting at the Presbyterian church an organization was effected known as the Asheboro Relief Association, its object being the relief and caring for the unfortunate in a practical way.

The constitution of the organization provides that the organization shall be as broad the good people of the community, anyone who wishes to unite for the work of helping those who are unable to help themselves may join. There is a nominal initiation fee of twenty five cents, but the money used by the association is to be raised by voluntary subscription. The purpose definitely stated by the constitution is: "the relief of distress and suffering among the people of the community which may not be cared for by the churches or other persons or associations; and to encourage thrift and self-support among the poor and to discourage vagrancy and abuse of real charity."

The officers of the association are to be president, two vice-presidents, a secretary, treasurer and five officers shall constitute an executive committee. There is also to be a soliciting committee to find funds for the needs of the association. The executive committee will have charge of all appropriations and will look into every petition or demand for help, making disbursements when they think best. All members are asked to look for cases deserving help and report them to the committee. In the case of those who seem to be permanent charges the association will call the attention of the proper authorities to such cases.

In no case is the association to encourage thriftlessness or to hinder the churches, but rather to help in and charitable work and to augment the work of charity done by the churches.

The officers elected were: president, J. O. Redding, vice-presidents, Col. A. C. McAllister, Seth W. Laughlin, secretary, J. A. Spence, treasurer, J. D. Ross.

Lee Memorial Exercises at Graded School Auditorium.

On last Friday, January 19th, memorial exercises were held in the graded school auditorium to honor the memory of Gen. Robert E. Lee, the greatest general of the Confederacy and the South's most beloved son.

The children of the graded school took part in the exercises, singing Dixie, the Old North State and Repeating the North Carolinians.

Rev. Bunker, pastor of the E. Church, conducted the devotional exercises, after which Mr. O. V. Wootley again conducted the graded school, introduced Dr. J. O. Atkinson, of Elton College, who made the memorial address. It was full of history of the life of Lee as well as very eloquent.

Dr. Atkinson told of the boyhood of Lee and of his influence of his industry, economy and religion. He reviewed many of the brave deeds of the beloved Lee, of his brilliant mind, his consideration for the feelings of those with whom he came in contact and of his faith in God. He also told of his part in the leadership of the Union army by President Lincoln and of his refusing on account of his love for his own people.

Dr. Atkinson spoke repeatedly of the fact that he wanted it an honor in being asked to participate in celebrating the birth of such a noble man and isolated on the memorial exercises of such brave men whose characters and lives would be good examples for the youth of the land to follow.

Elizabeth City presented a plea for the Dismal Swamp Canal before the house committee on rivers and harbors last week.