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## CLEMENT IS CHOSEN

### Salisbury Lawyer Succeeds District Attorney Hammer as Solicitor of Fifteenth District.

Hayden Clement, of Salisbury, Monday appointed as solicitor of the Fifteenth Judicial District to succeed W. C. Hammer, recently made District Attorney to follow A. E. Holton. Mr. Clement is well known in the district. During the administration of Governor Glenn, he was appointed Assistant Attorney General and was, on account of the illness of Attorney General Gilmer the active official of that office a year and a half.

He made the race for Attorney General in the 1908 campaign and led in the balloting at the Charlotte convention on the first two votes. Over a strong competition, he received the bulk of the North Carolina vote. A disagreement in the convention, that famous one that nominated Governor Kitchin, in which Mr. Clement's own county was involved, resulted in his withdrawal before the convention. Attorney General Bickett's great speech nominating Colonel Ashley Horne had brought him into the race when he had not sought the place.

Mr. Clement's administration was marked by the humane substitution of electrocution for hanging as the mode of capital punishment. As legal adviser for the State he was called upon to decide some important matters. His record was one that gave great delight to those who urged his appointment by Mr. Louis H. Glenn.

He is a son of the bar and a member of the North Carolina bar and a member of the Marshall Clement, the famous Mocksville attorney, who was the accounted equal of the biggest lawyers in the country. His friends haven't the slightest doubt that he will make the State a strong representative.

## Great Snow Storm Sweeps Over North Carolina

On last Wednesday morning when the people of North Carolina awoke, they found a snow covering the ground that has surpassed any snow since 1902. In February, 1902, the snow fell in Charlotte and other places to a depth of 14 inches. In December, 1896, there was a 10-inch snow, and in February, 1889, an eight-inch snow, and in December, 1882, a 11.3-inch snow, and in December, 1880, a 11.3-inch snow. This shows that we have only had six really large snows within the past 36 years, which is an average for one big snow every six years.

The farmers were very grateful for this snow, since this will mean to them a fine agricultural year, and a heavy fruit supply.

Communications from all parts of the state tell us of a general snow. The snow on the coast line, however, was not so deep as in the Piedmont and Western sections.

At High Point the traffic was delayed several hours. It was heaviest there in several years, reaching the depth of eight inches.

At Fayetteville the snow covered the ground to a depth of 13 inches. The temperature registered 24. The schools were closed and all railroad traffic except on the Atlantic Coast Line was cut off. All telegraph and telephone communication were cut off from Wilmington, Raleigh and Aberdeen.

The snowfall in Columbia, S. C., reached a total of 11.7 inches, which surpasses all records of the local weather bureau. Snow was reported from nearly every section of the State, the heaviest fall in 20 years. At Tillman, S. C., the snow fell to a depth of three inches, the first snowfall in 14 years.

### Editor Sherrill Offered Chairmanship

Concord, Feb. 27.—John Clyde Oswald of New York, president of the National Editorial Association, has written a letter to J. B. Sherrill, editor of the Concord Daily Tribune, asking him to become chairman of the legislative committee of the National association. The committee will be announced at a meeting of the association which will be held in Dallas, Tex., in April. Mr. Sherrill plans to attend the meeting.

Mr. Sherrill has been secretary and treasurer of the North Carolina Press Association for 26 years. His activity in behalf of the passage of the bill now pending in Congress allowing newspapers and railroads to make contracts for advertising payable in interstate transportation has attracted attention, hence the offer of the committee chairmanship to him by the president of the National Association.

### The Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Greensboro.

Mr. John J. Phoenix is secretary and treasurer of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Greensboro. Within 21 months a home has been built valued at \$50,000, which added to the 25 acres of land worth \$10,000, making a total valuation of \$60,000, against which is only \$10,000 debt. Mr. Phoenix is arranging a State-wide campaign with the object of lifting this debt.

## FRAZIER PARK

### Arrangements Being Made For Improvements

It may not be very generally understood that a Park site has been given to the town of Asheboro by Mr. Rufus Frazier of Troy, under condition that the town improve and ornament the same.

The Woman's Club secured valuable plans, from a first-class landscape architect, for the Park improvement. During the past year the town commissioners opened up Smith street on the east side of the Park, also did some good work ditching the outlet of the spring, and arranging gutters from roadway to prevent the water from draining into the spring; drained and partly filled up the old tanyard vats; made available a second spring on the south side of the Park; and did considerable amount of clearing up that can be best appreciated by those who have known the place.

The Park Committee is arranging to plant immediately a hedge on the west and north sides of the Park, and outline some pathways and driveways in accordance with plans, with flowers. In connection with this work, the Committee would like to ask the contributions of bulbs and plants of any kind, and any one wishing to contribute will kindly telephone Mrs. W. D. Stedman. The school children have been asked to bring bulbs and violets (dug deeply and carefully to preserve all the root growth) to the school house, the time for which has not yet been set on account of the unusually long spell of hard weather conditions.

To encourage an interest in the boys, 13 years old and under, as well as to inspire in them a study of bird life, three prizes will be offered for the three best bird houses, time allowed for making being four weeks.

It is hoped the older boys and girls will become interested in a tennis court for the Park. Some rustic seats are also needed.

As to the desirability of keeping the Park there can hardly be two opinions. This cool grove, even in its barren state, has always been an inviting spot, and has given much pleasure to the young people of the town, being an objective point for picnics for small children, and for those desiring a short walk; and by beautifying it, it will increase the pleasure and be of more permanent value; and it should be of increasing benefit to the young people because it is near enough in town not to be a menace.

The plans call for much additional improvement, and the Woman's Club hopes for the co-operation of all public-spirited citizens in their fulfillment.

### MRS. O. C. HAMILTON.

#### Funeral Services Held at Unionville. Burial at Monroe.

Monroe, Feb. 2.—The funeral services of Mrs. O. C. Hamilton were conducted yesterday in the home in Unionville and the burial was in Monroe cemetery in the afternoon. Rev. M. T. Steele of Monroe and Rev. Bruce Benton of Rockingham conducting the services. Apoplexy was the cause of her death.

Mrs. Hamilton was born at Palmerville, Stanly county, May 20, 1859. She was married May 29, 1878. In 1886 she came to Unionville and with the exception of a few years spent in Mecklenburg county lived there until her death. She leaves four sons and six daughters. The sons are Messrs. C. E. Hamilton, Winston-Salem; O. A. Hamilton, Wilmington; Spinks Hamilton, Charlotte, and Ernest Hamilton, a student of the State University. The daughters are Mesdames G. M. Garrison, Marshville; C. J. McCombs, Gastonia; W. B. Love, Monroe, and L. E. Huggins of Marshville and Misses Letha and Myrtle Hamilton of Unionville.

For many years Professor Hamilton, her husband, was at the head of a boarding school at Unionville and Mrs. Hamilton bestowed a mother's care upon many homesick boys and girls. She was a devout Christian and was a member of the Methodist church.

There is much whooping cough and pneumonia in and around Pittsboro. There is one man a mile from town J. M. Keeks, who has had five of his family down with pneumonia, one of them dying.

## THE PUBLIC LIKES A "LIVE WIRE"

(From the Concord Times)

One of the reasons why advertising has grown so enormously of recent years is that merchants must carry an atmosphere of prosperity. The man who enters a business office with soiled clothes, face unshorn, and muddy boots, is not apt to get a job. This may be due to superficial judgments, but people have to make the best use they can of exterior indications. Similarly the public judges of a merchant's success by exterior signs. A business man who does not advertise conveys an impression of passiveness and indifference, of slow-going, old-fashioned methods. The public values enterprise in retail trade higher than almost any other one quality. Liberal advertising is to a merchant what good clothes are to a salesman. It suggests that a merchant is prosperous, that he has in the past succeeded in pleasing the public, that he is alert enough to get good bargains for his customers. It shows that he has such confidence in his goods that he is willing to spend money to tell people about them.

## R. N. PAGE VICTIM OF NEWSPAPER ERROR

### Charlotte Observer Substitutes His Name for Henry A. Page's.

(Winston-Salem Journal.)

Washington, Feb. 27.—Congressman Robert N. Page today called Wade Harris, editor of the Charlotte Observer, sharply to account by telegraph for grossly misrepresenting him in an editorial Harris wrote in the Observer this morning, which soundly criticized Page.

The printed editorial has not reached Washington yet, but it is understood that Henry A. Page, brother of the Congressman, wrote to Harris offering him the letters to print regarding William C. Hammet, whom Henry Page went to great extremes to defeat for appointment as district attorney.

It seems that instead of replying by mail to Henry Page, accepting or rejecting the correspondence, Editor Harris wrote a scathing editorial of Page A. Page printed the name of Henry A. Page in the name of the Congressman throughout.

Friends of Congressman Page in the State today telegraphed him information of the Harris editorial. Early this morning Page received the following telegram:

"Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 27. Hon. Robert N. Page, Washington, D. C.

"Substitution of your name for Henry A. Page in the Observer editorial this morning was bad blunder on my part, explanation and apology will be made promptly.

(Signed) "WADE HARRIS."

Mr. Page replied as follows:

"Washington, Feb. 27.

"Wade H. Harris, editor Charlotte Observer.

"Telegram received, for such blundering seems to me no explanation or apology can possibly make amends for wrong done me.

(Signed) "ROBERT N. PAGE."

Congressman Page when asked if he had any further statement to make replied:

"The telegraphic correspondence speaks for itself."

The Observer's Editorial. Under the caption, "Page's Mistake," the Charlotte Observer published the following editorial yesterday morning.

"The Observer has received a letter from Hon. Robert Newton Page, Congressman from the seventh North Carolina District, in which it is informed that Mr. Page 'is preparing a series of letters for the purpose of undertaking to convince individual Democrats that Senator Overman ought not to be renominated.' To this information Mr. Page adds: 'I would be very much obliged if you will tell me beforehand whether or not you care to publish these letters.' This paper does not want the Page series. Its columns are open to legitimate criticism of any public act of Mr. Overman's, just as they are to criticism of Senator Simmons, or Governor Craig, or any other official accountable to the people for his public acts. It has never made itself a party to furtherance of the grievances of any individual or set of men and does not propose to do so now. Mr. Overman's private character is above reproach and unassailable. His public acts are known to the people of the state—his record in Congress is an open book. Any citizen of North Carolina who is so disposed and who has ground for criticism, has the privilege of being heard and is not stopped, at least by this paper. But

## GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

### Interesting Items From Here and There Briefly Told For Busy Readers

William S. West of Valdosta, Ga., appointed by Governor Slaton to succeed the late A. O. Bacon as United States Senator from Georgia, will take his seat in the Senate on March second.

A negro under the influence of cocaine, a prisoner in the Durham city jail, set fire to the establishment. The jail furnishings were damaged and the negro was about to get a foretaste of what may be in store for him, when he was rescued by the police.

Coroner Moore of Statesville was called to the home of Mr. Thomas Meadows, in Concord township, to investigate the death of Mrs. Moore, wife of Mr. John F. Moore, an aged and well known farmer of that community, who was found dead in bed at the home of Meadows. There was no suspicion of foul play in connection with the death.

Alonzo Weldon, 35 years old, keeper of the railroad bridge over Neuse river at Kingston, fell or was knocked off the bridge into the water Thursday morning and was drowned. He was closing the bridge after a boat passed through, when the accident occurred.

Major Henry A. London of The Chatham Record, probably the oldest editor in the State in point of service, and one of the best, celebrated his 69th birthday Sunday. Many more birthdays and health and strength for Major London.

A Chinaman who lived in High Point for five years has a boy who was recently started to the High Point graded school. There was objection to the little heathen going to the school and Attorney General Bickett has been asked to say whether he is as good as white folks.

Picking up a pistol with which he had been playing earlier in the day, Willie Austin, 10-year-old son of C. O. Austin, a resident of Diamond Hill, a manufacturing settlement east of Statesville, accidentally discharged the weapon, sending a bullet into his head which caused his death two hours later.

Three negro convicts, John Hairston, Will Davis and another negro whose name is unknown, escaped from the county convict camp in Greene township, Guilford county Saturday night about 7 o'clock by cutting chains on their legs and sawing a hole in the floor in the camp. No trace of the fleeing negroes has been found.

Col. P. M. Pearsall of New Bern is a candidate for the chairmanship of the Democratic State Committee to succeed C. A. Webb, resigned. A. W. McLean, of Lambertson, T. D. Warren of New Bern, and others are mentioned. The chairman will be elected at a meeting of the committee on the 10th of March.

Joseph W. Folk, former Governor of Missouri, who has been solicitor of the State Department, has been appointed chief counsel for the Interstate Commerce Commission at a salary of \$10,000 a year. Dr. Chas. W. Needham, former president of George Washington University, has been appointed assistant counsel to the commission.

The noted Newton-McArthur bank case, on trial in the Federal court in Raleigh, in which J. Sprunt Newton was charged with forging the signatures of his wife, mother-in-law and other relatives to a note held by the bank, resulted in a mistrial. The note was for \$25,000 and the bank brought suit against the endorser to collect. The endorser declared their names had been forged to the note.

D. A. Montgomery was relieved of \$5,000 in cash at his boarding house Saturday in High Point, some one rifling his pockets. Soon after the money was missed a young man named Alfred, a boarder at the same house, who had been in town only a few days, was arrested and his trial came up and he was convicted and given three months on the county roads.

Two serious accidents, one resulting fatally, occurred near Pensacola, Yancey county, Wednesday and Thursday, according to a dispatch to The Charlotte Observer. Alfred Davis, 26 years old of Ashe county, was crushed by a large sawlog at Brown's lumber camp, four miles above Pensacola and died the following morning about noon. Milton Carbin, engineer on a log train for Weaver Brothers, two miles above Pensacola, was badly injured in a wreck Thursday. His leg was broken at the ankle and his back injured.

There will be held under the auspices of the highway commission and the University of North Carolina and the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey, at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, on March 17th, 18th and 19th, a good roads institute, conducted especially for road engineers and superintendents. Anyone, however, who is interested in road construction is cordially invited to attend the lectures. There will be lectures by experts on all phases of

## RANDOLPH COUNTY

### Bulletin by State Geological and Economical Survey

The following press bulletin sent out by the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey last week and is entitled "Timber Resources of Randolph county:"

Randolph is situated in the central part of North Carolina. It is one of the largest counties in the State, having an area of 508,900 acres. It lies close to the dividing line between the Piedmont and Coastal Plain regions, although entirely within the Piedmont region. The north-eastern part of the county, east of Deep River and north of Rameur, is gently rolling while practically every other section is rough and hilly, making this one of the most rugged counties in the state east of themountains. West of Asheboro there are several high hills known locally as mountains. Shepherd Mountain, Long Arm Mountain, and Caraway Mountain are in this region; while southeast of Asheboro we find Pilot Mountain and Purgatory Mountains.

One distinct watershed traverses the county in a generally north and south direction. The Ucharie River drains the western portion, flowing eventually into the Yadkin River, while Deep River, a tributary of the Cape Fear, flows from the north central to the southeastern corner of the county. Water power is developed quite extensively both in the two large streams and in several of their tributaries. Numerous grist mills are scattered throughout the county, and several cotton mills are found along Deep River, using the power developed by the streams. Very few grist mills have saw mill attachments.

The common soil is a silty loam, known technically as the Georgeville silt loam, having a clay subsoil, and occurring almost uniformly throughout the country. In the northwestern part, we find also a belt of clay loam soils belonging to the Cecil class. The soil on all of the hills and ridges is a rough, stony loam, while patches of this soil occur frequently in the south-central area.

Transportation facilities are fair. The Southern Railroad, connecting with the Aberdeen and Asheboro branch of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, extends directly through the county almost from north to south. The Southern Railroad from Greensboro to Sanford cuts the northeastern part of the county while a branch of this railroad extends to Rameur from Climax. A branch line from Thomasville to Denton in Davidson county is not far from the Randolph County line, thereby affording railroad facilities to the western section.

The general condition of the wagon roads is far from good. The road tax, 8-1-3 cents on \$100 valuation, is inadequate for the proper upkeep and construction of roads. A bond issue for the road construction has been considered, but never submitted to the voters on account of the general feeling against it. The Old Plank Road extending through the county from Trinity to Asheboro, thence south to Whynot, has been surfaced with gravel. Many of the public roads are badly washed.

Randolph has been and is now a lumber producing county, but most of the present population is engaged in agriculture. Wheat and corn are the principal crops. Tobacco is nowhere important. Only a few growers in the northern part of the county produce it. Cotton is not abundantly cultivated, but occurs frequently through the county.

Land is held in small holdings. One tract of 2,000 acres is the largest individual tract in the county, while only 35 tracts, comprising five per cent of the total area, are over 500 acres in extent. The average assessed value of land is \$6 per acre, and