

FIRST LYCEUM ATTRACTION OF SEASON NEXT WEDNESDAY

The first Lyceum attraction of the season will be presented at the court house October 25. It is the Troubadour male quartet, and the program is a varied one, made up of singing, instrumental music, and impersonations. It comes highly recommended, and is well worth the price of the entire ticket. The program will begin at 8:30 o'clock.

The Woman's club and K. P.'s of the town are behind the Lyceum course, and we feel safe in saying that they are also backed by every man, woman and child who is interested in bringing a better class of entertainment to our town. For some time there has been considerable talk against the carnival, and least show variety of entertainment, and the coming of the Lyceum course will enable each person who stands for the better class of entertainment to lend their co-operation and presence. There are many people in the town and county who are capable of appreciating a good entertainment with high class talent, and many are coming to the front and helping the committees by buying season tickets. Let us all stand by these organizations that are doing this for the good of the town and see that they lose no money. They are certainly not in it from a money-making standpoint, but simply to have five good entertainments in our town during the coming season. Let them have our support.

Hon. Josephus Daniels, former secretary of the navy, will speak at 7:00 o'clock, just before the presentation of the Lyceum program.

OUR RALEIGH LETTER

(By Llewkam.)

Raleigh, October 17.—Today, General Pershing, the commanding general of the armies of the United States and provinces is here the guest of the State Fair. The widespread news that he would be at the state capital on Tuesday of fair week served to attract thousands of visitors from many counties and towns of the state as well as a number of people from outside of North Carolina. It is a great spectacle that is being pulled off here, troops from Camp Bragg in the parade came over Sunday. Today, therefore, the opening day of the annual state fair is the greatest Tuesday in the history of fair weeks, for sixty-one years back.

Wednesday and Thursday and Friday of this week will be given over strictly to state fair business, and those will witness here to see the magnificent agricultural exhibits, stock display, fine horse races and manufacturing exhibits, as well as to be amused without being robbed by fakery and other swindlers, can come by the thirty thousand and all be accommodated. The fair grounds and parking space will let you all in.

Eighty Dollars and Costs.

An unusual action in superior court here was that by which Judge Lyon at the instance of Solicitor Norris penalized a witness, one of the most prominent gentlemen in the state and a leading banker, because he was not present in court when the case in which he was summoned as a witness was heard. Mr. Thomas E. Cooper, of Wilmington, explained that he came to Raleigh and spent a day or two here first of court week, but being given to understand that the case would not be heard till late in the week he returned to his home and business with the intention of returning in time. The case was called while he was away and the penalty was imposed, despite the excuse offered by the witness.

CLOSE "GAMBLING JOINTS" AT GREENSBORO FAIR

Much stir and excitement resulted last week at the Greensboro fair when the fair authorities closed the concessions at which there was an element of chance, commonly known as gambling joints, with prizes won upon the turn of wheel, and the carnival people in retaliation closed every show on the grounds. Then disgruntled people rushed to the fair association office and shouting that they had been cheated, called for the price of admission. Two hundred people then stormed the office of the fair, demanding their money back, and making considerable stir, but to no avail.

When the fair authorities turned out the lights on the gambling concessions, the carnival folks pulled the light switches in all their tents and the place was left in darkness.

HON. C. U. HARRIS AT THE COURT HOUSE LAST NIGHT

Hon. C. U. Harris, judge of the Recorder's Court of the city of Raleigh, and orator of state wide note, spoke in the court house in Asheboro to a large number of town and country people Wednesday night. His address was not only entertaining, but instructive, as he touched upon the topics of vital interest to every one, both state and national alike. Besides being an unusually well informed man, Mr. Harris is a most eloquent speaker, and his address was received with interest and enthusiasm.

High Point-Thomsville Road.

Monday, October 23, the High Point-Thomsville road which has been in process of construction for the past several months, will be opened to the public. The road is practically complete now, but it is thought best to give the extra time for the contractors to thoroughly dry out. This news will be hailed with great joy by motorists in this section.

MRS. D. A. SWAIN DIES AT OLD HOMESTEAD

The funeral of Mrs. D. A. Swain who died at the home of her son, C. L. Trogon, near Millboro Monday night, was held at Grays Chapel M. P. church Tuesday. The deceased was 94 years old, and several days before her death sustained a fall from which she never recovered. She was the daughter of the late James A. Odell and is survived by one brother, J. A. Odell, of Greensboro, also two sons and one daughter. She was a splendid woman of Christian character, and for 76 years had been a member of the church at Grays Chapel and held the distinction of being the oldest member of the church.

She was twice married. Her first husband was Solomon Trogon and to this union were born two sons, W. F. Trogon, of North Wilkesboro, and C. L. Trogon, with whom she made her home. Her second husband was Joshua Swain, and one daughter, Mrs. C. F. Sherrill, of Greensboro, was born.

Mrs. Swain was one of the oldest residents of Randolph county, and had retained all her faculties until the time of her death. She was born in the old Odell homestead, the same home in which she died. For a short period after her first marriage she lived in Randolph county but later moved back to the old Odell homestead.

The funeral services were held yesterday at 11 o'clock at Gray's Chapel interment following in the cemetery.

ENGLAND REJECTS PROPOSAL TO SEARCH VESSELS

In a note to the state department, October 13, Great Britain rejects the proposal for a treaty to extend the right of search of vessels up to 12 miles off shore. The note was in reply to a communication from Secretary Hughes relating to the enforcement of prohibition laws. The American note dealt particularly with smuggling operations from British possessions in waters adjacent to the American coast. It was proposed that an international agreement between the United States and Great Britain under which the authorities of each nation would be authorized to exercise beyond the three-mile limit of territorial waters a measure of control over vessels belonging to the other.

MISS VERA TURNER MARRIES GREENSBORO MAN

A wedding of unusual beauty and simplicity was solemnized Sunday morning at 10:45 at the home of Dr. J. Clyde Turner, when Miss Vera Turner became the bride of Mr. Joseph Watts.

Miss Turner wore a lovely midnight blue gown with brown accessories. Only a few friends and relatives were present. Mrs. Watts is a charming young lady, and has for the past few years held a position with the Southern Life and Trust Company. Mr. Watts is a very promising young business man, of Greensboro, connected with the firm of Watts brothers. Mr. and Mrs. Watts left immediately for the western part of the state. After their return they will be at home at 742 West Lee street.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Turner, who lived in Asheboro until a few years ago when he moved to Greensboro.

DEATH OF EDGAR L. YORK NEAR CENTRAL FALLS

The death of Edgar Lafayette York occurred at his home near Central Falls Sunday morning, October 15, where three generations of Yorks have lived. Here Mr. York had led an active and useful life, having finished his summer's farm work only a few hours before he was stricken with acute Bright's disease, passing away thirty-six hours later. Fifty years ago he was married to Miss Rebecca Bennett, who with nine children survives. They are O. E. York, Central Falls; Ernest York, Lexington; Frank York, Central Falls; Mrs. J. C. Woods, Mrs. Claude Herndon and Mrs. F. C. Woods, of Charlotte; J. A. York, and George York, of this place, and George York, who lives on the York farm. Besides the children are 23 grandchildren, and three sisters, Mrs. J. W. Allred, of Rameur; Mrs. Lew Wingham, of Central Falls, and Mrs. Dennis Curtis, of Randleman.

Funeral services were held at the home Monday afternoon by Rev. A. O. Gibbs, of Asheboro. A quartet from Asheboro M. E. church sang softly during the service.

The final services were held at Giles Chapel where a large number of friends and neighbors had gathered to pay a last tribute of respect to an honored friend and citizen.

Mrs. Rebecca Jane Fields Dead.

Mrs. Rebecca Jane Fields died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. P. Foust, at Worthville, Monday, October 16, age 87 years two months and six days. Mrs. Fields leaves one son, Mr. John L. Fields, of Bonles, four daughters, Mrs. L. P. Foust and Mrs. L. W. Wiser, of Worthville, Mrs. John T. Routh, of Millboro, R. F. D., and Mrs. E. T. Curtis, of Julian, R. F. D. She leaves thirty living grandchildren and seventy great grandchildren. The funeral was conducted at the M. P. church, of Worthville, by Rev. H. S. B. Thompson, her pastor, yesterday at 11 o'clock, after which burial followed.

She had been a member of Mount Lebanon M. P. church, of Randleman, for a number of years, and always lived a consecrated Christian life.

The Facts About State Taxation

Those who have observed the course of the political campaign for the past week or so will be agreed in the opinion that the Republicans, who have undertaken to make an issue of taxation in North Carolina, are scoring small progress. They should be making none. Indeed, as the people come into a better knowledge of the facts, the Republican endeavor will prove reactionary at the polls. Before we get further into the argument about state taxation it is well that a clear and pointed statement of exact fact should be made. The discussion about revaluation is a dead law. Let us make brief summary:

1. The revaluation law is not operative in the State of North Carolina, nor is the standard of value fixed under it in existence, except in the few cases where county boards have decided not to reduce it.

Under the Morrison administration the revaluation act was practically nullified. The values assessed were set aside and the whole matter turned back to the county boards for reassessment. Values were reduced from the revaluation standard from 15 to 60 per cent in the majority of counties. These valuations were fixed not by the state but by the local boards. The taxes the people are paying now are not the taxes levied under revaluation, but by their own boards.

2. The Republican design in undertaking to hold the Morrison administration responsible for revaluation has no ground upon which to stand. The law was in operation when the Morrison administration came in.

The revaluation law was passed under the Bickett administration. It had the cordial support of The Observer, because it was founded upon the principles of exact equalization and was only carrying out the provision of the state constitution, which requires that all property be assessed at its market value. For the first time in its history the state was placed in accord with its own constitution in the matter of taxation. But the revaluation act went into operation at an unfortunate time. The assessments were made at the period when there was inflation in values and in many instances the valuations were admittedly too high. This situation was met by the present administration in the manner stated. A reassessment of all properties was ordered and wherever the local boards chose to do so, values were reduced. The reduction in Mecklenburg county amounted to 25 per cent.

3. Governor Morrison is no more responsible for the operations of the revaluation law than would have been Mr. Gardner or Mr. Page had either been elected.

The Observer would be giving either Gardner or Page the same defense it is giving Governor Morrison, because the defense is just and right and in accord with the popular conception of fair play.

4. The people continue, largely by force of habit, speaking of "State and County" taxes, while there is no such coupled interest.

When the taxpayer takes out his receipt at the courthouse, it is for the county taxes levied by the local board, and for county purposes alone. The state gets not one dollar of it, for the counties now pay the state no tribute. Whether the county tax is high or low, it is the business of the county—the state is hands off. In this is established the very essence of local self-government.

5. Not only does the state take no moneys from the counties, but it takes from them the burden of maintaining the state highways. The state pays for upkeep of 7,000 miles of good roads, and the automobiles pay this tax in its entirety. No property-owner contributes a dollar.

Also, it is the tax on incomes, inheritances and corporations that is building up the great educational institutions of the state, providing it with the finest system of highways enjoyed by any state in the nation, and enlarging the capacity for service to unfortunate humanity of its charitable institutions.

6. North Carolina is the only state in the south—perhaps in the United States—that is doing all these great things without levying an ad valorem tax upon the people.

No burden is imposed upon the average class of property-owners. Not only that, but under the new law, hundreds of people in the state pay no taxes at all, for there is an exemption, written especially for the working people and the people of moderate circumstances, to the extent of \$300. This means that a person in North Carolina who does not possess in excess of \$300 in property, is not made liable on the tax books.

7. In the face of these facts, it is time for the demagogue, seeking to make political capital out of a question which naturally appeals to the baser prejudices of the public, to stand aside and leave the intelligence of the state to deal with the situation, as it will do in its own good way.

Designing politicians have undertaken to prejudice the State Farmers' Union against Morrison on the score of the old revaluation law. The president of the State Farmers' Union wrote a public letter thanking Morrison for the bringing about a lower standard of valuation through the county boards.

8. We are not claiming perfection for the North Carolina tax law—it is far from that—but in its present shape it will be found, on fair and candid analysis and comparison, the best system of taxation in the entire country, and one which other states, having the financial resources of this state, would be glad to copy. And those of our people who may have the patience to await the outcome of the taxation legislation at the coming session of the general assembly, will have that patience rewarded by seeing established new beneficiaries in the state's tax laws.

Finally, let the fact be clearly understood, that the revaluation act has no place in the politics of today, for the revaluation act is not operative, nor are taxes being levied under its provisions, but for each county, singly and separately, and by the home boards in each county, composed of citizens who are supposed to be familiar with local values. That is a brick wall against which the Republicans may butt their heads in vain.—The Charlotte Observer.

Steamer Burns at Sea.

Much excitement was aroused last Thursday when the steamer City of Honolulu was discovered in flames two days off shore from Los Angeles, California. The passengers and crew were all saved in life boats and another steamer than answered the distress signal. There were more than 300 passengers on board at the time.

Judge at Dog Show in Durham.

Mr. C. S. Ridge returned the latter part of last week from Durham where he acted as judge at the dog show which was a pronounced success. The Durham papers say Mr. Ridge was the best judge who has ever served there, and that the local dog owners were pleased with him.

Mr. Ridge says that in point of attendance the show was the biggest he ever attended.

Mrs. Nettie Alice Moffitt Dies.

Many people in this county will regret to know of the death of Mrs. Nettie Alice Moffitt at a hospital in Greensboro Monday night. She had been in ill health for a year or more, but not until within the past few days had her condition been considered serious. She was taken to the hospital for an operation from which she did not recover. She leaves a husband, E. A. Moffitt and five children: Hobart, Letta, Mamie, Ruth and William.

She is also survived by her mother, Mrs. Mary Brady, of Randolph county, three sisters, Mrs. Alemeta Leonard and Mrs. Berdie Crisco, of Greensboro, and Mrs. Charles Manier, of Randolph county; three brothers, Jimmie, and M. L. Brady, of Greensboro, and Charles R. Brady, of Kanawha. Her body was brought to Pleasant Grove for burial.

HON. JOSEPHUS DANIELS RANDOLPH COUNTY MAN DIES AT HIGH POINT



HON. JOSEPHUS DANIELS WILL SPEAK HERE OCT. 25

Hon. Josephus Daniels, former secretary of the navy, will address the people of Randolph county in the courthouse in Asheboro on the evening of Wednesday, October 25, at 7:00 o'clock.

Mr. Daniels' name is spoken in every part of the civilized earth where men commune with each other in speech; he is famed throughout the world as a man of widest information, of finest intelligence, of unimpeachable integrity, an unexcelled executive whose heart beats for the welfare of the millions of American boys sent to the World War, who, under his charge, were landed in France without the loss of a single life.

Come and hear him discuss the political situation of the country at the present time.

Immediately following Mr. Daniels' speech the Lyceum performance will begin at 8:30.

DR. DELIA DIXON CARROLL TO SPEAK IN ASHEBORO FRIDAY NIGHT OF THIS WEEK

Dr. Delia Dixon Carroll, one of the finest orators in America, will make one speech and one speech only in this campaign and that is to be in Asheboro at the court house on Friday night of this week at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Carroll will come to Asheboro from Samarcand where she goes from her home in Raleigh Friday to attend a meeting of the board of directors of the Samarcan institution for women of which she is the chairman.

Mrs. Dixon will be the guest of the Woman's club while in Asheboro. She is a sister of the noted Tom Dixon, preacher, lecturer and author and of Dr. A. C. Dixon, one of the world's greatest preachers, and has the brains, eloquence and magnetism characteristic of the Dixon family.

Everybody invited. It will be a rare treat to hear Mrs. Dixon.

HON. ZEB V. LONG WILL SPEAK IN THIS COUNTY

Hon. Zeb Vance Long, candidate for solicitor of this judicial district, will address the people of Randolph county at the places and at the hours mentioned below. Mr. Long is splendidly posted in political matters as they now exist in the nation, the state and in the district, and all persons of whatever political affiliation will find themselves well repaid for attending these appointments:

Trinity, Thursday night, October 26.

Liberty, Friday night, October 27.

Franklinville, Saturday night, October 28.

The meetings will be called to order promptly at 7:30 o'clock at each of the above appointments.

JOINT DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL ISSUES BY CANDIDATES

The Democratic and Republican candidates on the county ticket, including the candidates for the state legislature, senate and house, will meet in joint debate at the following dates and places:

Seagrave, Thursday evening, October 19, at 7:30 o'clock.

Farmer, Saturday evening, October 21, at 7:30 o'clock.

Staley, Monday evening, October 23, at 7:30 o'clock.

EIGHT LEXINGTON CRIPPLES TAKEN FOR TREATMENT

Eight children who are suffering from some deformity have been taken to the Orthopaedic hospital at Gastonia. After examining the children, all of whom were suffering from some deformity, the nurse and parents were informed that practically 100 per cent cures could be effected in most of the cases. All the children will be received in the hospital just as soon as beds can be procured for them. This is a great work and the hospital is capable of doing vast good to many of the crippled children of the state.

One thousand women from various sections of the state witnessed the dedication of the handsome new woman's building at the Presbyterian Orphanage home, at Barium Springs last week.

The death of John Farlow, a pioneer citizen of High Point, which occurred at his residence there last Saturday, is learned in this county with regret. Mr. Farlow died suddenly from heart failure.

Mr. Farlow was 77 years old on September 6. He was born and spent his boyhood in Randolph county but went to High Point 45 years ago, for many years conducting one of the largest grocery stores in the city. He retired from active business some years ago and since had lived quietly in his home. He was an exemplary citizen and held the respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Farlow was for years a member of Marlboro Friends church in this county. Surviving him are three sons and four daughters scattered in various places throughout the United States. One daughter, Miss Mamie Farlow, lives at High Point.

COLORED PEOPLE WILL HAVE FAIR AT SILER CITY

The colored people of this section of the state are going to have a fair at Siler City on November 2, 3, 4.

From reports the colored people are expecting to have a splendid time and the colored people of all this section will attend. One of the big features will be a big cake walk every night. Big prize is offered for the winners and many contestants will try for prizes.

PLANS GOING FORWARD FOR NEW M. P. COLLEGE

At a meeting last Friday in Greensboro Rev. R. M. Andrews, of Greensboro, was elected chairman of the board of trustees of the M. P. College which is being erected near High Point, and Mrs. J. M. Millikan, of Greensboro, was elected secretary. For the next year Mr. Andrews will have charge of the business and financial matters of the college. It was announced that the college will open September, 1923, Rev. J. F. McCulloch, of Greensboro, was named chairman of a committee to draw up the course of study. A committee to secure a faculty was also appointed. Only the best educated and capable instructors will be considered. Their religious standing will also be considered as well as mental ability.

REGISTRATION BOOKS TO CLOSE OCTOBER THE 28

This week and next week the registration books remain open in Randolph county for those who are not registered to qualify for voting in the election of November 7. There are quite a few citizens of the county who are eligible to vote but whose names are not on the registration books. It is but a simple matter for them to present themselves to the registrars in the several precincts of the county and apply for registration. It is not necessary to show poll tax receipts now in order to vote.

Voting is the highest privilege of a citizen of North Carolina but it is necessary to have registration as a safeguard against citizens voting who are not properly qualified or otherwise to safeguard elections.

If you don't register you can't vote. If you can't vote you have no say as to whom shall represent you in the government of your county, your state and nation.

Remember, the registration books close Saturday, October 28, at sundown and will not be opened again. If you have a friend or neighbor who has not registered, speak to him or her about it and urge registration.

FRANK LLEWELLYN, NOTED AUTOMOBILE THIEF, IN PRISON

Frank Llewellyn, who was engaged in dealing in second-hand automobiles at Lexington and Winston-Salem, is now in prison in Richmond charged with being an automobile thief. It is alleged that Llewellyn is the head of an organized gang of automobile thieves and that a large number of stolen cars that have been traded have passed through his hands. It is believed that the eight stolen cars which have been recovered in and around Liberty and the eleven recovered in Greensboro have been among those stolen and traded by his gang. Detective have been working in the cases and it is reported that Llewellyn has confessed to some of the crimes of which he has been accused.

A man giving his name as Walter F. Thomas, alias Hall and a woman said to be Kate Dillon, alias Rutherford, are also in jail in the Virginia city, charged with being connected with Llewellyn in the theft of various automobiles.

FRUIT STORE AND ICE CREAM PARLOR IN STEDMAN BUILDING

A popular place is the new ice cream parlor and fruit store in Stedman building between cafe and Asheboro's new building. Mr. E. A. Berry, the fruit department, who handles the blues ice cream.

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