

# THE STATE DISPATCH.

A REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE UPBUILDING OF AMERICAN HOMES AND AMERICAN INDUSTRIES.

VOL. I.

BURLINGTON, N. C., MARCH 24, 1909.

NO. 45

## TRIBUTES OF RESPECT TO THE MEMORY OF JOHN R. IRELAND.

### John R. Ireland, the Soldier.

Lieutenant John R. Ireland, a prominent citizen of Burlington, a veteran of the Thirteenth regiment, North Carolina troops, was born in Alamance county, in 1843, son of John Ireland, a native of Ireland, of Scotch-Irish descent. At the outbreak of war he left the Graham high school and enlisted as a private in Company E, Third volunteers, known as the Thirteenth, after the reorganization. His first captain was Thomas Ruffin, Jr., son of the chief justice, and his first colonel, William D. Pender. During 1861 he was on duty with his command in southeastern Virginia, was transferred to Yorktown in the spring of 1862, fought in the battles of Williamsburg, Seven Pines, and in the Seven Days' struggle, ending at Malvern Hill, where his regiment suffered severely in the charge upon the enemy; was in the battles of the Second Manassas campaign, and crossing the Potomac was engaged at South Mountain, where his brigade commander, General Garland, was killed. At Sharpsburg he was taken prisoner while reconnoitering, and carried back of the Federal line, but in the following night managed to escape and rejoin his regiment. He was slightly wounded at Fredericksburg and at Chancellorsville was distinguished by the capture of Brig.-Gen. Rutherford B. Hayes, afterward president of the United States. During the fierce onslaught of the Confederates, on May 3rd, Hayes was endeavoring to rally his brigade when Ireland, with two comrades, rode down upon him and carried him into the Confederate lines. For this exploit he was promoted to second lieutenant by President Davis, on the recommendation of Congressman McLean. Lieutenant Ireland was in each day's fight at Gettysburg with Seale's brigade, and in the last charge was severely wounded in the knee. Under the friendly shade of night he crawled to the Confederate lines and was carried back to Virginia. After lying for some time in hospital at Richmond, he rejoined his regiment in time to participate in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House and Cold Harbor. Subsequently he served in the Petersburg trenches until the assault by Grant's forces following the battle of Five Forks, when he received a wound through the lungs. At the evacuation he was put in an ambulance and conveyed to his home, and consequently was never surrendered. In the course of his gallant career he was five times wounded, at the Seven Days' battles, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg and Gettysburg. After his recovery he was busied as a planter until 1886, when he made his home at Burlington for the education of his children, and has since been engaged in business. By his marriage, in 1872, to Julia F. Ireland, of Frankfort, Ky., he has four children living: Etta, John, Sallie and St. Clair.

### John R. Ireland, the Citizen.

The subject of this sketch was born in Alamance county, May 18, 1841 and died at his home in this city on the 16th day of the present month. He had almost reached the allotted time of three score and ten years, really a long life when measured by the great events in the history of this country through which he lived and in which he was an active and prominent participant. He had not attained his majority when the thunder of artillery at Ft. Sumpter awakened the Union to the verge of one of the greatest wars of which history makes mention. The President of the United States Mr. Lincoln, issued his proclamation calling for 75,000 troops of which North Carolina was to furnish its quota. The young manhood of

the state was aroused as it had never been before or since, and the rush to enlist in the armies of the Confederacy was unlike anything ever before known in any country. Mr. Ireland, then but twenty years of age, was one of the first volunteers to inscribe his name upon the country's roll of honor and through the four years of courage and strife and of bloodshed, of heartaches in every home in the South, he bore unflinching the colors that he had espoused, the defeated though immortal stars and bars. Chivalrous in warfare as a Medieval Knight, always in the front of every charge, performing deeds of heroism as glorious as were ever performed by the soldiers of any age, or country, yet so modest and unassuming that he would never speak of these things even to his most intimate friends.

It is not the purpose of this article to sketch Mr. Ireland's military career—that must be done by his comrades who were personally cognizant at his gallantry in behalf of the Confederacy—but rather to speak of his life as a citizen, as a neighbor and a friend, though it may not be out of place to mention one or two incidents of his career as a soldier which, perhaps, are known to only a few of his surviving comrades in arms. At the battle of Chancellorsville, Gen. D. H. Hill was seriously wounded and was lying helpless upon the battlefield when he was fortunately discovered by Mr. Ireland and borne by him to a place of safety. On another occasion the subject of this sketch deliberately walked into the midst of a body of Federal troops, drawn up in line of battle, and was ordered by their commander to surrender. He replied that he did not come there for that purpose and must therefore decline to comply with any such command, that his purpose was merely to inform them that they were entirely surrounded and that all of them were prisoners themselves, which in a few moments became an actual fact. These incidents are mentioned to show the iron nerve of Mr. Ireland under the most trying circumstances, which never deserted him during all the suffering of his last sickness.

As a citizen, Mr. Ireland was public spirited and progressive. He believed in the future of his town, of his county and of his state. He was always ready to do all in his power to advance the public good. As a member of the board of education, he never missed a meeting if it was possible for him to be present, and his good judgment and accurate foresight did much to bring our public schools up to their present high standard of efficiency. As a Justice of the Peace, he had no superior in the county, his clear judgment and his courageous adherence to what he believed to be right won for him the highest encomiums of the members of the bar and of the public.

As a neighbor too much cannot be said. He was kind and sympathetic, always ready and anxious to be of service in cases of sickness and distress, and always among the first to offer his help and assistance.

As a man, he was clear sighted in his judgment of public affairs, a safe adviser and counsellor and, at all times, enthusiastic in the prosecution of any cause which he espoused.

Mr. Ireland will be greatly missed as he was known personally by almost every man woman and child in this community. His life work is finished, but he will be long remembered by those who knew him best—those who knew so well his invisible and untiring nature, and the indomitable spirit that never quailed in the face of danger, whether on the bloody field of battle or in the grip of the incurable malady. Peace to his ashes.

### Resolutions of Respect.

Burlington, N. C., March 18.—At a called meeting of Camp Ruffin United Confederate Veterans, held in the mayor's office in this city, the following resolutions were introduced by W. A. Hall and unanimously adopted:

Whereas: Our comrade, Jno. R. Ireland, departed this life on the 16th, instant, thus removing from our midst one of our comrades and the Adjutant of this Camp, therefore;

Resolved: That in the death of Comrade Ireland, Ruffin Camp has lost one of its most active members whose place at our Camp fires can never be filled again, but whose heroic exploits in the great civil war will be recalled in our meetings as long as there are enough of us left to gather together and recount the deeds of those who have gone before us. Comrade Ireland was, at all times, an interested and working member of our Camp, attentive and punctual in the discharge of all duties imposed upon him, and in every sense a true and faithful comrade, though always modest and unassuming in regard to the gallant deeds performed by himself. Brave and courageous in the times that tried men's souls, he was equally brave and courageous in the walks of civil life. Comrade Ireland believed in progress and no movement for the betterment of our community was ever promoted in our midst that did not have his sincere and cordial support. Our comrade was a lover of humanity and in cases of suffering and sickness and sorrow among his neighbors, he was always among the first to offer his help and sympathy. In his death our community has lost a valued citizen, our Camp an active and sincere member, his family an affectionate and indulgent father. To his bereaved children we tender our deepest sympathy and pray for them the blessings of Almighty God.

Resolved: That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Camp, a copy sent to the family of our deceased comrade and that the same be published in our county papers.

Jas. A. Turrentine, Commander.  
Wm. A. Hall, acting Adjutant.

### A Tribute to the Memory of Mr. Jno. R. Ireland.

On behalf of our race, the colored people of Burlington and vicinity, we desire to express our sincere appreciation for the interest taken in us as a people, and for the help rendered us educationally, and many other ways, by the deceased member of the Burlington Graded School board, Mr. John R. Ireland, who departed this life March 15, 1909. He has been a member of the city Graded School board for eight consecutive years.

In his death we have lost a valuable and highly appreciated friend and we desire to pay this tribute of respect to his memory, and to express to his bereaved family and to his many friends our sincere appreciation of the kindness he showed us and the help rendered us during his life.

John Lain,  
S. B. Thomas,  
P. H. Holt.  
Sub. Com.

### Card of Thanks.

We the children of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ireland desire to express our heart felt thanks to neighbors and friends for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and after the death of our father and mother.

John A. Ireland,  
St. Clair Ireland,  
Miss Etta Ireland,  
Mrs. W. E. Herndon.

Mr. Walter Warren, of Prospect Hill, Caswell county, died at his home Thursday morning after a lingering illness of a few weeks, and was buried on the following day at Coopers Burying Ground, aged about 47 years. Mr. John R. Foster, brother-in-law of deceased and three daughters of this place, attended the burial. Mr. Warren will be greatly missed by his many relatives and friends.

### R. F. D. No. 8.

Mrs. Luther D. Ross spent several days last week in Burlington visiting friends.

Jasper Ross is nursing a sore hand but that does not hinder him from leaving his buggy on Burlington No. 2.

Miss Blanch Summers, our pleasant school "marn" at Iselys spent Saturday and Sunday at J. W. Somers.

J. W. Garrison and Mrs. C. E. Tapscott treated us to some nice sweet taters. Thanks.

Our young friend Claud Simpson cut his foot right bad last week, hope he will have no serious trouble with it.

John Conklin saw an otter track last week and he hustled to Holt and Mays and bought a dozen steel traps, but its no good yet so he is trying to plow him out. We expect it was a dog track.

Don't forget the big "doings" at Oakwood Saturday March 27. Two match games of ball 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. Hon. E. S. W. Dameron and others will address the crowd, at 6 p. m. Boxes will be sold and all proceeds go for the benefit of the library. Come out and enjoy yourselves. J. C. McCulloh and Miss Esther Lewis, the teachers, will try to give you a good time.

There was a nice match game of ball at Iselys school house last Friday afternoon between the Isely school boys and an aggregation from about Altamahaw. The Altamahaw boys got beaten. They did not "holer" as much going home as they did coming. We will not tell the score for it would make them feel too bad, besides we don't know it.

Maywood public school closed last Friday after a most pleasant and successful term. The teacher, Miss Carrie Hornady, was faithful and endeared herself to both pupils and patrons. Hope to have her again.

W. M. Gattis, of Chatham county, who has spent several weeks with his brother, L. E. Gattis, returned home last Saturday. We will miss him.

J. J. Taylor, of Eiland, spent Saturday and Sunday with his daughter who cooks for us, he was accompanied by his son Edward. We were very glad to see the old gentleman. Hope he will come again soon, when he comes the madam always cooks something a little better than the ordinary.

### Betts-Bowdon.

Mr. T. J. Betts, of Asheboro, who holds a position on the Dispatch force, surprised his many friends here and at Asheboro, by getting married last Wednesday evening to Miss Jennie Lee Bowdon, of Randleman. Mr. Betts was attending superior court at Asheboro, and incidentally stopped over at Randleman to see his affianced. While he was there the young people decided to take the matter into their own hands and elope. So they secured a team and drove over to Worthville, where the ceremony was performed by Rev. R. L. Melton, of the M. E. Church.

Mrs. Betts is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mayor and Mrs. T. O. Bowdon, of Randleman, and was very popular among a large circle of friends. Mr. Betts is an exemplary young man, and is to be congratulated upon winning such a prize for a companion through life. The Dispatch joins their many friends in extending congratulations, and best wishes for a long and happy married life.

The board of alderman, at a special meeting held last Thursday night, granted a franchise to the Southern Power and Traction Company to enter the city and furnish power to plants using 20-horse-power or more. This restriction to plants of 20-horse-power or more was made because of the fact that the city owns its lightning plant and has recently ordered necessary changes in the machinery in order to furnish day current and power for small enterprises.

## PRESIDENT TAFT'S FIRST MESSAGE

### He Urges Congress to Devote the Session to Tariff Revision.

President Taft's message to Congress last week follows:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives: I have convened the Congress in this extra session in order to enable it to give immediate consideration to the revision of the Dingley Tariff Act. Conditions affecting production, manufacture and business generally have so changed in the last twelve years as to require a readjustment and revision of the import duties imposed by that act. More than this, the present tariff act, with the other sources of Government revenue, does not furnish income enough to pay the authorized expenditures. By July 1st next, the excess of expenses over receipts for the current fiscal year will equal \$100,000,000.

"The successful party in the late election is pledged to a revision of the tariff. The country, and the business community especially, expect it. The prospect of a change in the rates of import duties always causes a suspension or halt in business because of the uncertainty as to the changes to be made and their effect. It is, therefore, of the highest importance that the new bill should be agreed upon and passed with as much speed as possible consistent with its due and thorough consideration. For these reasons, I have deemed the present to be an extraordinary occasion, within the meaning of the Constitution, justifying and requiring the calling of an extra session.

"In my inaugural address, I stated in a summary way the principles upon which, in my judgment, the revision of the tariff should proceed, and indicated at least one new source of revenue that might be properly resorted to in order to avoid a future deficit. It is not necessary for me to repeat what I then said.

"I venture to suggest that the vital business interests of the country require that the attention of the Congress in this session be chiefly devoted to the consideration of the new tariff bill, and that the less time given to other subjects of legislation in this session, the better for the country.

WILLIAM H. TAFT  
White House, Mar., 16, '09

### Administrator's Notice.

The undersigned, having qualified as administrators of Julia F. Ireland, hereby notify all creditors of her estate to present their claims, duly authenticated, on or before the 1st day of April, 1910, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to her estate are requested to make immediate payment.

J. A. Ireland,  
W. E. Herndon.  
Administrators,  
March 22, 1909, Burlington, N. C.

On last Friday E. G. Faison, a breakman on a through freight, struck Harry McClure, a lad about 14 years of age, with a lantern inflicting painful injury. Faison stated that McClure had been stealing a ride on his train, which was proved false by witnesses who saw McClure standing at the depot when the train pulled up to the station. Faison was placed under bond for his appearance at the next term of Alamance superior court.

Mrs. John Chandler of R. F. D. No. 3 died suddenly Sunday morning. Mrs. Chandler was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Allen and the sister of Messrs. Jule, Wm. and Newton Allen, all of whom are prominent merchants, two in High Point and the other at Haw River. The remains were laid to rest at Long's Chapel Monday. She leaves a heart stricken husband and five children, besides a host of relatives and friends who will sadly miss her.

### Eureka School Honor Roll.

We elevated the standard of the honor roll for the last month of our school at Eureka and only the following were fortunate enough to make it: Della Holt, Grace Thompson, Willie Wood, Joseph Thompson, George Wood, Sophia Thompson, Calladonia Atkinson, Bessie Thompson, Blanche Graves and Ethel Thompson.

Those who made this roll were perfect in three-fourths of their recitations and have been punctual in every study assigned them.

H. RAY CATES.

### R. F. D. No. 7.

D. C. Holt, of No. 7, went to Chapel Hill Friday a. m., to be one of the speakers in the joint debate between the Graham and Chapel Hill high schools.

Of the three judges two voted for Chapel Hill and one for Graham making Chapel Hill the victor, though the Alamance boys received many compliments on their efforts as speakers and acquitted themselves handsomely. Mr. Romeo Holt and several of the boys went down to hear the debate.

A banquet was given the Graham visitors at the close of the debate last Friday, which was much enjoyed.

S. P. Loy, of Rock Creek No. 1, has moved his saw mill to his mother's farm near the Quarter on No. 7. Owing to lack of space the remainder of No. 7 items are deferred until next issue.

### Administrators Notice.

The undersigned, having qualified as administrators with the will annexed, of J. R. Ireland, deceased, hereby notify all creditors of the estate of said J. R. Ireland to present their claims, duly authenticated, on or before the 1st day of April, 1910, and in default this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All indebted to said estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment.

J. A. Ireland,  
W. E. Herndon,  
Admins. cum testamento annexo.  
March 22, 1909, Burlington, N. C.

### R. F. D. No. 9.

Jay Hurdle, of Union Ridge, was a caller at J. P. McAdams and Mr. Leighton Walkers Sunday. Little Miss Lucile Dillard visited Miss Pearl Warren last Wednesday.

Mrs. J. P. McAdams has been quite ill for the past few days.

Parks and Jeffreys are making some improvements at their brick plant.

C. F. Neese has purchased the farm of O. C. Loy.

T. G. Nicholson is remodeling the interior of his residence.

W. R. Andrews has moved into the house known as the Will Capps property.

R. V. Shepherd was taken quite ill last Saturday night.

W. J. Anthony, who has been quite ill with lagrippe is improving we are glad to say.

FOR SALE—Desiring to change my business, I wish to sell my entire stock of merchandise. I have, I believe the best location for business in the suburbs of Burlington. This is a rare opportunity for some one wishing to go into business. Call and let me show you what I have done. Reasonable rent.

J. M. CRAWFORD,  
Web avenue,  
Burlington, N. C.

FOR SALE—One large horse, one 1-horse wagon and harness, 1 Lynchburg steel beam plow and plow harness, and cutting box. All are in good condition. See or write John W. Dickerson, Burlington, N. C.

If President Taft should appoint a Democrat to that Eastern Judgeship, it will be very interesting to watch and see if the "muckrake" gets busy again.