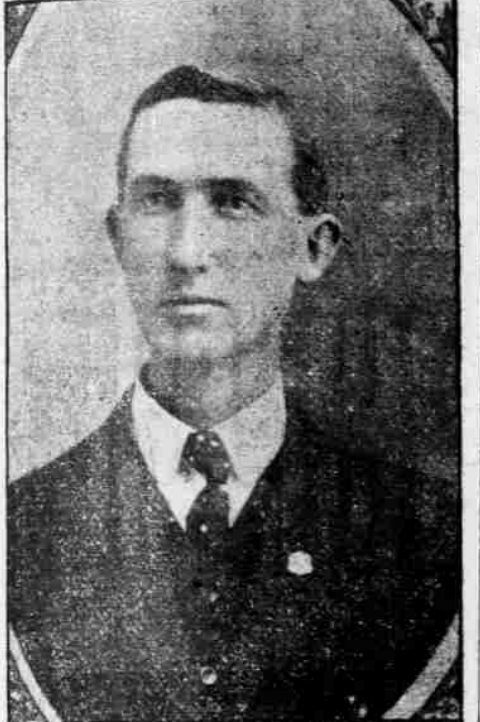


The Juniors Elect Their Officers Today

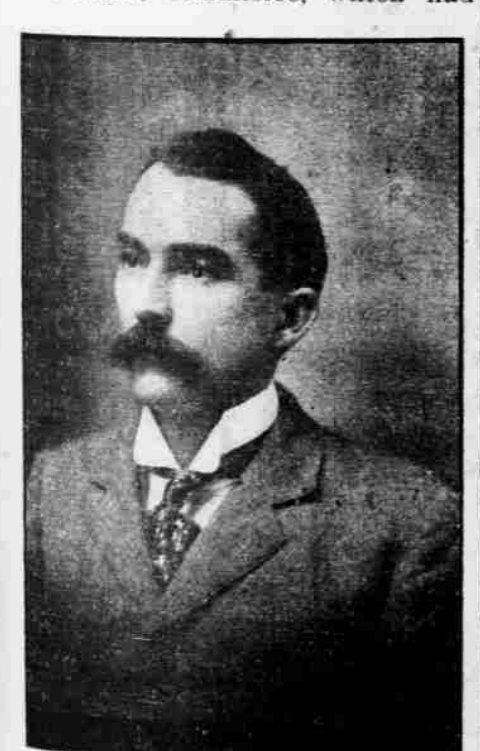
T. G. Cobb of Morganton was Selected for State Councillor--Mr. Z. P. Smith Vice Councillor--Other Officers Named--Tonight's Programme.

The following officers were elected this afternoon: State Councillor: T. G. Cobb, of Morganton. State Vice-Councillor: Z. P. Smith, of Raleigh. State Council Secretary: Sam F. Vance, of Winston. Assistant State Council Secretary: R. H. Fulghum, of Wilson. State Council Treasurer: G. V. Flap, of Kernersville.



T. G. COBB, Of Morganton, State Councillor.

thian Castle, with State Councillor Head, of Goldsboro, presiding. The session this morning was a brief one and very little business of importance was transacted outside the adoption of the report of the committee on reports which was appointed yesterday. This committee recommended the adoption of the reports of the State officers, which were submitted yesterday and the reports were accordingly adopted as a whole by the council.



SAM F. VANCE, Of Winston, State Council Secretary.

the matter of salaries in charge, recommended the following changes: State Secretary's salary raised from \$600 to \$650 per year. State Treasurer's salary from \$500 to \$550. State Councillor's salary from \$100 to \$150. The recommendation was adopted.

by the body except in the case of the salary of the State Secretary, which was raised to \$750 and not \$600 as recommended by the finance committee. The meeting this morning also heard a large number of resolutions of minor importance which were acted upon at this morning's session.

MEMBERS PHOTOGRAPHED IN GROUP. After the adjournment of the morning session the delegates to the State Council went to the city hall, where a photograph of the group was taken at 1 o'clock by Van Ness.

PROGRAMME TONIGHT. Secret work will be conferred and exemplified tonight. Then refreshments will be served. The State officers will be in charge of the exemplification work which is gone through with for the instruction of visiting delegates. The meeting will continue in session Thursday.

CONVENTION NOTES. The meeting is missing greatly the



W. E. FAISON, Of Raleigh, National Vice-Councillor.

presence of the genial Ernest Christian of Roper, N. C., who has the reputation of being the best humorist in the State Council, and who generally manages to keep the meeting in a good humor and furnishes occasion for many hearty laughs when he is present. Mr. Christian was detained at home on account of illness in his family.

Brother Sawyer, of Elizabeth City, and Brother Gastor, of Fayetteville, are prominent figures on the convention floor. Brother Steve Collins, of Pittsburg, Pa., representing the National Funeral Burial Association, of which organization he is the secretary, is busy here and there among the delegates and makes friends wherever he is introduced.

Brothers Smith and Faison, of Raleigh, are shaking hands with every delegate whom they can find and are making themselves generally agreeable. They are among the well known members of the order in the State.

The meeting has received an invitation to visit and inspect the plant of the D. A. Tompkins Company on Church street this afternoon and it is the purpose of the meeting to accept the invitation and visit the plant late this afternoon.

The address of Mr. Gaskel followed that of the State Treasurer, Hon. J. D. McCall made the closing address. Both these addresses were pointed and held the close attention of the audience. The exercises closed with a selection by Reesler's Concert Band.

Edward Treovet Dead. New York, Feb. 24.—Edward Treovet, of Ulica, formerly of the Commercial Traveler's Accident Association, died today.

Tompkins Co. Sued In Supreme Court

(Special The News) Raleigh, Feb. 24.—Nearly all today's session of the Supreme Court was devoted to the argument of the case of Allen Brook & Ford of Louisville, Ky., vs. D. A. Tompkins Co., Charlotte. The suit is for \$7,000 damages on the ground that defendant company installed oil mill machinery, the argument being by S. F. Spurrill and W. H. Bickett for the plaintiffs and T. E. Caskey, of Charlotte, for the D. A. Tompkins Co. The case of the State vs. Daniels for the murder of Senator Simmons' father will not be reached until tomorrow.

A charter was issued the Salem Excelsior Co., Winston-Salem. Capital, \$20,000. The incorporators are F. H. Frier, Chas. Servers, Ralph Servers. The company will make all kinds excelsior also furniture, etc. An amendment to the charter of the Elizabeth City Hosiery Co., was filed, purpose being to fix limit of capital at \$2,000 with privilege to increase to \$50,000.

The Secretary of State is notified of the dissolution of the Fitzsimons Drug Co., of Charlotte. Governor Aycock says he will announce his decision in the matter of the proposals of Capt. McBee for the lease of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad probably Saturday.



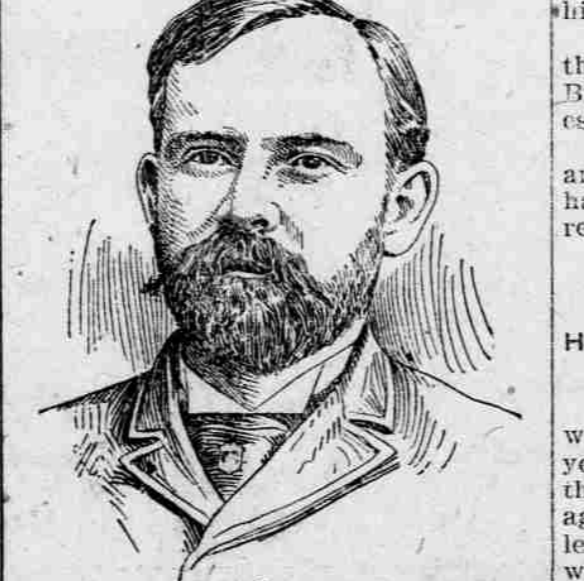
Z. P. SMITH, Of Raleigh State Vice-Councillor.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN MADISON COUNTY

Tom Kess Shoots His Daughter Who Eloped--The Groom, Whose Name is Hensley, Kills the Father of His Bride.

(Special The News) Asheville, Feb. 24.—Information reached here this morning from Marshall, that a terrible tragedy was enacted on California creek, in Madison county, last night.

According to the story as told by the gentleman from Marshall, a young man named Hensley, son of N. Hensley and a daughter of Tom Kess, eloped Monday or Sunday night, and were married. Learning of the elopement and marriage the father of the bride sent a message to the young couple, telling them to come home. The bride and groom, believing that Mr. Kess wished them to return to receive his blessing, immediately turned about and went to the girl's former home. When the bride and groom of a few hours entered the Kess home the father of the bride drew his pistol and shot his daughter, inflicting, it is said, wounds that will prove fatal. Young Hensley then turned upon his father-in-law, wrenched the pistol from him and shot him dead. To the writer it is not known whether Mr. Hensley has been arrested.



HON. B. R. LACY, Of Raleigh, State Treasurer, Who Spoke Last Night.

Little Webb Durham Lost. Little Webb Durham, the three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Durham, while up town about noon today was lost from the nurse and up to 3:30 o'clock no news of the little fellow had been gained. It is supposed, however, that he is not far away and that he will be found before night if not earlier. In the meantime anxious parents are searching and telephoning over the city and the police have been notified of the little fellow's disappearance and are on the lookout for him.

In the Senate. (By Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 24.—The Senate today passed a bill authorizing the Mobile and West Alabama Railroad to construct a bridge over the Tombigbee river, in Clarke county, Alabama. The Senate then resumed the consideration of the agricultural bill continuing the reading of the committee amendments.

\$150,000 Fire at Brockport, N. Y. (By Associated Press) Brockport, N. Y., Feb. 24.—A fire in the factory of Phelps Piano Co., which started in a dry kiln, destroyed that plant together with Moore's Subscription Agency. The loss will amount to \$150,000.

COURT AT TAYLORSVILLE.

Judge Walter H. Neal is Presiding Judge. (Special The News) Taylorsville, Feb. 24.—The Superior Court of Alexander county convened Monday here with Judge Walter H. Neal presiding and Solicitor N. H. Harshaw prosecuting for the State. The court will not convene over one week's time, if more, not over a week and a half. There are 49 cases on the State docket and 24 on the civil docket.

The most important cases to come up before this term of court is the damage suit against the First National Bank of Statesville brought by Dr. J. H. Moore for the sum of \$35,000 and the suit against Dr. H. McD. Little brought by R. L. Reid for mal practice. The first named case will, according to what the attorneys say, be continued. The suit against Dr. Little will be tried either today or tomorrow. Among the visiting attorneys at court were E. Spencer Blackburn, W. D. Turner, L. C. Caldwell, Frank Liney, Thos. F. Huffham, W. A. Self, W. C. Newland.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Jno. Mobley Knocked Senseless on First Street by Unknown Assailant. Last night while returning to his home, Jno. Mobley, a negro, 20 years of age, was knocked senseless by an unknown stranger and when he awoke searched and when he regained consciousness he was alone.

Mobley says that he noticed a man following him for several blocks, but suspected nothing until the unknown man came directly up with him and without warning struck him a crushing blow on the head, making a gash an inch long, which the city physician later sewed up. The assailant was presumably after money for Mobley says that his pockets were certainly searched. Mobley had \$7 in one of his pockets, but this the highwayman failed to find.

The assailant left Mobley lying on the sidewalk, corner of East First and Bevard streets, and made good his escape. Sergeant Pitts is at work on the case and it is thought sufficient evidence has been secured to result in the arrest of the highwayman.

ED. PURVIANCE SKIPS.

Has Left Town and Officers Know Not Where He Is. Ed Purviance, the young boy who went into the office of Hook and Sawyer Saturday night with Hazel Gaston, the latter creating considerable damage in the office while intoxicated, has left town, and the police have no idea whether he has returned to the Recorder's court, but he failed to respond and it is understood that he has shaken off his foot the dust of the town and has gone to parts unknown.

The case against young Gaston was continued indefinitely. It seems that there are many extenuating circumstances in his favor regarding the unfortunate affair. MR. SOLOMON BEAR DEAD. Wealthy Citizen of Wilmington Died This Morning, Age 69. (Special The News) Wilmington, Feb. 24.—Mr. Solomon Bear, one of Wilmington's oldest and wealthiest citizens, died this morning, aged 69 years.

FIRE IN CHICAGO SKYSCRAPER.

The Garrick Theatre Located in the Building. (By Associated Press) Chicago, Feb. 24.—The Schiller building, 16 stories high, caught fire early this morning on the 12th floor and for a time created much excitement. The Garrick Theatre is located in the building. The damage is limited to the four upper stories.

Japanese Repulsed By Russians

(By Associated Press) PARIS, FEB. 24.—THE FOREIGN OFFICE RECEIVED THIS AFTERNOON THE FOLLOWING DISPATCH FROM THE FRENCH CONSUL AT CHEE FOO: "THE RUSSIANS HAVE REPULSED THE JAPANESE IN AN ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR. FOUR JAPANESE BATTLESHIPS WERE DAMAGED AND RUN AGROUND."

Report Not Confirmed. Chee Foo, Feb. 24.—The steamer "Governour Jaeshi," passing Port Arthur early this morning, heard heavy firing in that direction. There is a persistent rumor that several Japanese warships have been disabled, but so far it is unconfirmed. Thirteen warships are said to have passed Wei-Hai-Wei today, heading east. There were sixteen ships in the original fleet.

Hay and Cassini Consult. Washington, Feb. 24.—Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, handed Secretary Hay Russia's communication to the Powers, protesting against Japan's alleged violation of the international laws. The conference between the Secretary and the Ambassador lasted an hour.

Denies the Loss of Ships. Washington, Feb. 24.—The Japanese Legation here discredited the report of the sinking of four Japanese warships and two transports at Port Arthur. Attention is called to the fact that the report emanates from Russian sources and should be accepted with caution.

SECTIONMASTER ASSASSINATED.

L. A. Murray of the Coast Line, Shot From Ambush. (By Associated Press) Savannah, Ga., Feb. 23.—Section Master L. A. Murray, of the Atlantic Coast Line, stationed at Walthourville, 40 miles south of here, was assassinated from ambush near that place this afternoon. His section hands heard struggling, and hurried to his rescue. They were fired upon from the bushes, and one man was seriously wounded. A telegram was sent to this city for blood hounds. They were sent at once, accompanied by a sheriff's posse. The hounds were put on the trail, but owing to heavy rains and a quantity of water in the woods they were unable to keep the scent. The posse is still on the hunt. No motive for the murder has been discovered. Murray was an amiable man, supposed to be without enemies.

THE QUILL DRIVERS WERE NOT WANTED

Republicans of the Palmetto State are Meeting Behind Closed Doors--Committee to Hand Out News Tonight. (Special The News) Columbia, S. C., Feb. 24.—The Republican State Convention met at 1 o'clock this afternoon in Cooper and Taylor Hall on Assembly street, having been denied the use of the hall of the House of Representatives where their conventions have been held since 1876.

National committeeman John G. Capers stated before the convention assembled that newspaper men would be excluded, that a committee of publication would be appointed which would give out the proceedings of the convention tonight. BIG GOVERNMENT LOAN. To the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company. (By Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 24.—A mortgage has been executed by the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company to the United States government to cover a loan of \$4,000,000 authorized by Congress. One million is to be paid in a few days, two million in March, one million in April and the remainder in May. The mortgage covers the gate receipts of the fair and the repayment of the loan will be made in June. The mortgage provides that in the event of the failure of the exposition to pay promptly the amount of the loan, the government shall take charge of the fair and run it.

DEATH OF MRS. WATSON.

Prominent Lady of Lower Steel Creek Dies at Age of 84. Mrs. Sarah Watson, one of the best known ladies of Lower Steel Creek, died this morning at 4 o'clock at her home after an illness of some weeks. She passed away peacefully at the age of 84. She had been prominent in her community and noted for her piety and self-sacrifice. Mrs. Watson's husband preceded her to the grave many years ago. She is survived however, by three children, all of whom are grown.

The funeral exercises will take place tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock and the body will be interred at Hebron church burying ground. The deceased leaves many friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

Japanese Lose in Attack on Pt. Arthur

Two Reports Say the Japs Sustain Heavy Loss--Four Cruisers and Two Transports Sent to the Bottom by Russian Shells. (By Associated Press) Paris, Feb. 24.—A dispatch to the Havas from Port Arthur says four Japanese cruisers and two Japanese transports have been sunk in a fresh attack on Port Arthur. The dispatch adds that the attack was repulsed and the Russian battleship Retvizan, covered herself with glory.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 24.—It is official announced from Port Arthur that four Japanese battleships and two Japanese transports have been sunk in a fresh attack on Port Arthur. The attack was repulsed.

Japs are Landing. London, Feb. 24.—Cabling from Che Foo, a correspondent of The Morning Post says 40,000 more Japanese troops have landed at Chemulpo and that he has received confirmation of the report that some Japanese have landed at Pishan Bay, others at Hallenwan and that an engagement occurred the night of February 12.

Treaty With Korea. Washington, Feb. 24.—Secretary Hay has received information that Japan has negotiated a treaty with Korea whereby she guarantees the independence and integrity of Korea. Cossacks Reach Chonju. London, Feb. 24.—In a dispatch from Tokio, a correspondent of the Times says some hundreds of Cossacks reached Chonju, 30 miles south of the Yalu river, on the afternoon of February 20. Thirty troopers crossed the river at Kasan, the same evening, thus arriving within forty-five miles of Ping Yang, Korea.

Mr. Stone Wins Out. London, Feb. 24.—Reuters' Telegraph Company has given out the following explanation of how the abolition of the censorship in Russia was brought about: "The abolition of censorship on news telegrams sent abroad from Russia is understood to be the direct outcome of an interview with Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press, with the Czar at St. Petersburg."

Japan Wants Korean Treaty. Paris, Feb. 24.—Information has been received here, probably through Russian channels, and is credited in high official circles, leads to the belief that Japan is now seeking to secure an extension of a treaty by the Emperor of Korea, giving Japan a protectorate over Korea. It is understood that the prospect of this treaty was the main reason for Russia's protest to the powers against the Japanese violating the Korean neutrality. Russia desires to serve all alike and she is against such a protectorate on the ground that it would have no effect, being executed while Korea was under duress.

The Emperor of Korea is said to be under the complete domination of Japan and he is likely to approve of such a treaty through inability to resist. The situation, from Russia's standpoint, is likened to a man signing a check under duress of fear. It is expected if this main purpose of the Russian protest is accomplished, there will be no joint or separate action by the Powers relative to Japan having violated the law of the nations.

This is regarded as one of the cleverest of the many startling diplomatic moves that have been made in connection with the Eastern question. The effect is to place Japan on a high moral plane, for it is understood that this treaty will be an announcement to the world that even if Japan prevails in the struggle with Russia, involving the military occupation of Korea, she will take no advantage of that fact, but will maintain the independence of her kingdom. On the other hand the Russian note complaining of Japan's violation of Korean neutrality, is believed here to be intended to pave the way for future heavy reclamations, involving the seizure of Korea and its annexation for its violation of neutrality.

ARMY CORPS AT CHEMULPO.

Reinforcements at Port Arthur--Japanese Boats Eastward Bound. Shanghai, Feb. 24.—The Japanese army corps landed at Chemulpo, totaling 30,000 men has already departed between Seoul and Ping Yang. The advance guards are even northward of the latter place. Owing to a partial thaw, the roads are bad and the transportation of provisions and war munition is most difficult.

Reinforcements at Port Arthur. New York, Feb. 24.—A Herald dispatch from She Foo says that trains of twelve cars, eight soldiers to each car, are arriving frequently at Port Arthur. Reinforcements are being pushed rapidly to Yalu from Hiao-Chang. Mines have been laid at Dalny, seventeen miles from the shore. Neutral vessels leaving are navigated out by naval officers.

Japanese Boats Eastward Bound. Wei-Hai-Wei, Feb. 24.—Four Japanese battleships and nine cruisers passed this port today, bound eastward.

Russian Spies at Ping Yang. Seoul, Feb. 24.—The Russians are keeping communication between Wiju

No Truth as to Negro Foreman

(Special The News) Wilmington, Feb. 24.—In answer to a circular issued by President John T. Wilson, of the Maintenance-of-Way Employees in which it is stated that a negro section foreman has been put in charge of a section of road near Fayetteville, N. C., General Manager Jno. R. Kenly, of the Atlantic Coast Line had printed today a statement denying the charges made by Wilson any saying there is absolutely no truth in the report. He also asserts that it has been the policy of the company to appoint its section foreman and other foremen from the ranks of its deserving and competent white men and this policy will always be continued. General Manager Kenly spoke in no mistaken terms about the assassination from ambush last night near Fayetteville, N. C., of Section Master L. A. Murray, and said the Coast Line would offer a big reward for the capture of the guilty parties. No money or pains will be spared by the company in running down the culprits. The strike of the roadway employees he says, is wearing itself out.