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FEBRUARY JURY LIST

County Commissioners Draw Jurors and Appoint Finance Committee.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held Monday at the court house. The entire time was consumed with the regular monthly routine duties, paying bills and approving accounts. John Yancey, who was appointed by Clerk of Court Thomas Morris to fill the vacancy on the Board caused by the resignation of G. W. Conley, took the oath of office and assumed the duties of commissioner.

The only matter of importance was the drawing of jurors for the February term of Superior Court. The jurors drawn for the week beginning February 17 are: J. W. Jarrett, J. O. McDaniel, J. B. Burgin, jr., George Hyams, R. P. Morris, J. Clay Conley, A. W. Grayson, J. Z. Page, Charles Wacaser, C. E. Decker, J. L. Morgan, T. M. Davis, W. R. McKoy, J. L. Suttlemyre, J. W. Bailey, B. C. Davis, P. H. Hollifield, G. L. Fleming, E. M. Owens, M. L. Grant, Will Gibbs, J. J. Lewis, William Sweeney, J. J. Gibbs, A. P. Hunter, C. H. McCurry, Marion Simmons, M. A. Gibson, W. G. Hunter, J. A. Mason, S. E. Blackburn, T. W. Ledbetter, Joe H. Tate, J. R. Ledbetter, H. W. Connor and J. W. Graham.

The jury for the second week beginning February 24 is composed of the following: L. W. Williams, B. B. Price, W. F. Pyatt, E. M. Hall, J. B. Neal, J. E. Wilson, R. H. Bennett, William Hunter, S. L. Dobbins, M. L. Good, Henry Mangum, H. A. Westerman, A. J. Simmons, E. K. Hild, Thomas McGalliard, A. C. Cranford, B. A. Simmons, T. W. Gowan.

The following compose the Finance committee named by the Board to audit the accounts of the various county officers, viz: J. G. Pyatt, William Sweeney and T. J. Gibbs.

Conductor Sullivan Dead.

Succumbing to a long continued illness, John L. Sullivan died Tuesday morning at 4:30 o'clock at the residence of his father-in-law, A. L. Page, on State street. Deceased was born in Shelby, N. C., 30 years ago but has resided here for about 8 years. His wife and two small children survive him in his immediate family. One sister, Mrs. N. A. Black, of Franklinton, N. C., and three brothers, W. H., of Rock Hill, S. C., and R. T. and Harry, both of Shelby, N. C., also survive him. He was a freight conductor on the Charleston division of the Southern Railway and a member of the Order Railway Conductors and Knights of Pythias of Rock Hill, S. C. Though of a quiet disposition, home loving and devoted to his work, he had many friends and acquaintances.

The remains were taken to Shelby Tuesday afternoon where the funeral services were conducted and interment made in the cemetery there, yesterday.

P. H. Mashburn, of Old Fort, McDowell county's Representative to the General Assembly, left Tuesday for Raleigh. Mr. Mashburn spent Saturday and Monday here.

Social Affairs.

On New Year's eve at the rooms of the Marion Club, the Ladies Library Association gave a very delightful New Year's eve reception. The rooms were elaborately and handsomely decorated in Christmas greens with a number of the Christmas bells and a profusion of red and white bunting. The mantels being banked in spruce and holly, the chandeliers and staircases likewise ornamented, gave the entire interior of the Club a festive appearance. A large number of the members and their friends and guests enjoyed the evening to the utmost. Various tables for "Forty-Two" were placed in the large drawing room up stairs while down equally enthusiastic guests made merry in the ball room, and also in the guessing contest, "A Study in Forestry," and a unique postal card game.

The guests were cordially greeted by Miss Winslow, Mrs. E. H. Dysart, Mrs. Minnie Blanton, Mrs. E. A. Thomas and Mrs. A. Blanton. The evening was socially one of the most delightful of the entire Christmas season. This is the thirteenth year of the Marion Library, which consists of a wide variety of enjoyable books, among them being the splendid Stoddard's Lectures, journeys to the homes of famous men and famous women, books of history and travel as well as fiction. Every one is cordially invited to become a member and visit the library room at any time.

One of the most delightful events of the past week was the New Year's Eve dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. John Hopper on December 31, from 8 to 12. Covers were laid for nine, and after a five course dinner the guests were entertained with Progressive Parlor Croquet, and afterwards Progressive "1913" was played, the tally cards for this being tiny calendars for the year. The favors were charming figures of Santa Claus and baskets of bonbons. As the guests departed at the end of the old year, each was given a dinner bell, with which the early morning hours were made lively. All voted Mr. and Mrs. Hopper most charming host and hostess.

Mrs. A. Blanton entertained on New Year's afternoon at her home on Main street at a very delightful Bridge party. Carnations and cut flowers were mingled with the holly and cedar making very effective decorations, and a number of ladies enjoyed Mrs. Blanton's hospitality as guests for the afternoon.

Nebo School Notes.

Nebo, Jan. 7.—The students of Nebo High school are looking forward to the normal course which will begin there in a short while.

Miss Ethel Alexander, who has been at Gibbs for some time, entered school again Monday.

We are glad to welcome back to our school some of last year's pupils who have come in for the spring term. Among these are, Messrs. Frank Grant, Alonzo Davis, Bert Ledbetter and John Rudicial.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Howe, on January 1st, a little girl.

Rev. P. O. Bouth, pastor of Nebo church, preached his first sermon there Sunday, January 5.

Misses Estelle Wilson and Rosa Stacy, who were at home from the State Normal College, at Greensboro, for the Christmas holidays, returned to their work January 2.

CONNOR MADE SPEAKER

Legislature Began Business Yesterday—Officers Chosen Without Friction.

Promptly at noon yesterday the Legislature began business by electing the officers for both branches. These were selected Tuesday night in caucus without friction and with some changes from those who held place during the 1911 session, but who were all candidates for re-election.

The fortunate gentlemen were, For the House: Chairman of Caucus, T. C. Bowie, of Ashe; Principal Clerk, T. G. Cobb, of Burke; Reading Clerk, Alfred McLean, of Harnett; Engrossing Clerk, M. D. Kinsland, of Haywood; Sergeant-at-arms, J. H. Moring, of Wake; Assistant Sergeant-at-arms, E. J. Jenkins, of Granville.

For the Senate: Chairman of Senate Caucus, Senator Harry Stubbs, of Martin; President Pro Tem of the Senate, Senator W. E. Pharr, of Mecklenburg; Principal Clerk, R. O. Self, of Jackson; Engrossing Clerk, W. E. Hooks, of Wayne; Sergeant-at-arms, Wilber G. Hall, of Cumberland; Assistant Sergeant-at-arms, George W. Huntley, of Anson; Reading Clerk, R. M. Phillips, of Guilford.

Will Hereafter Affiliate with Democratic Party.

To the Editor MARION PROGRESS:

Kindly allow me space in your paper to say that I was very much surprised at the action of the Board of County Commissioners at their last session, when the County Home was to be let. I wish to say to the public, that I for one, put in a bid, and that bid was \$4.00 the better, the cheaper, but the Board refused it, and accepted another, thereby losing to the county \$4.00 every month. I would say further that I think it nothing but fair, honest and on the square for those Commissioners to pay this \$4.00 every month out of their own pockets, thereby saving the taxpayers of the county this amount.

I have heretofore been a Republican, but as an honest, conscientious man, after seeing the corruption and unfairness that exists in the party bearing that name, I desire to state, in conclusion, that I shall from this day affiliate with the Democratic party, in the county, State and Nation, and I would advise my friends to do likewise. This is not said on the spur of the moment in a spirit of revenge, or anything of the kind, but only expresses my convictions in this matter. While I don't care for the job, I do want to see justice done in all affairs of the county.

W. J. HOLLAND.

It is said that fully twenty-five per cent of all the school children in the United States have defective eyesight. Don't neglect your children's eyes. Eyesight is precious to every human being. Impaired vision is a serious handicap in any calling. Consult your family doctor about your children's eyes. If he recommends an oculist, see him without delay.

Revenue officers report the seizure of an illicit distillery in Broad River township, McDowell county, during the week.

National Capital Gossip.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—The week just past has been marked by the observance of a delightful custom peculiar to Washington society. New Year's Day is always a day at home for Washington society folk. On this day many homes are found open to welcome friends and acquaintances. But the chief event is the reception of the President of the United States at the White House. President Taft was able to return from Panama just in time to greet the thousands of people who desired to pay their respects to him on the last New Year day of his administration.

As many young men will enter the United States Senate on the fourth of next March, there will be a strong movement on foot to overthrow the present method of making committee appointments. In years past, ordinarily, it has taken years of service in the Senate before a Senator obtained an influential committee assignment. The democrats who will control after the fourth of next March propose to see to it that the young men have a chance.

Engineer Commissioner Judson, one of the chief executive officers of the government of the District of Columbia, acknowledged, in a congressional investigation, that he had recommended a man named Ingham for appointment as insurance commissioner of the District because Ingham was a relative of Senator Gallinger, Chairman of the Senate Committee for the District, although he did not believe that Ingham was competent to fill the position. Truly, the federal administration of the affairs of the national capital is not free from the blight of national politics!

At midnight, December 31, messages were flashed, for the first time, from the great wireless telegraph tower at Arlington, just across the river from Washington, to the Eiffel Tower, Paris, to the big wireless tower at Clifdon, Ireland, and to points on the Pacific coast. A few seconds later Postmaster General Hitchcock inaugurated a new era in the American postal service by sending the first package intrusted to the new Parcels Post. Word comes to Washington that the first package mailed at Birmingham, Alabama, was a pitchfork. Eggs, live bees and chickens may now be sent to all parts of the country, and borrowed umbrellas returned by mail; but alcoholic liquors are barred.

Efforts are being made by the War Department to increase the strength of the organized militia of the United States. There has been an increase of nearly 10,000 officers and men during the last year. And if the recommendations of the Secretary of War are adopted, the State militia will be brought into closer touch with the regular army and made, thereby, more permanent and efficient.

A striking feature of a recent report of the Interstate Commerce Commission is, that a large proportion of railway accidents are caused by dereliction of duty of employees concerned; but the Commission believes that railroad engineers and trainmen have a keen appreciation of their responsibilities.

LATE NEWS OF INTEREST

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

The News and Observer says Wednesday 15th, has been selected as the date of the inauguration of Gov. Craig.

The Asheville Citizen says 52 divorces, an average of one a week, were granted in Buncombe Superior Court in 1910.

Rowan county Farmers' Union will establish a warehouse in Salisbury. About \$1,000 has been subscribed and the amount will be increased to \$3,000.

The oldest inmate of the State prison at Raleigh is a white woman who has been there for 34 years. She would be pardoned but for the fact that she has no home.

The Asheville Citizen says that John Patton, a magistrate of Swannanoa township, Buncombe county, was uncertain whether he was re-elected to that honorable office but an examination showed he had received one vote and that no vote were cast against him, so he was declared duly elected.

Out of 135,867 persons in North Carolina who were examined last year, 42,132 were infected with the hookworm disease and 96,176 treatments were given by members of the staff. This is the gist of the annual report of State Directors John A. Ferrell to the Rockefeller sanitary commission for the eradication of the hookworm.

Locke Craig will never again be a candidate for a public office, according to a statement which he made in his speech, at the annual banquet of the Asheville Bar Association Saturday night, at which he was one of the guests of honor and was called upon to respond to the toast "Au Revoir But Not Goodbye."

A dispatch from Burnsville says: The Citizens Bank of Burnsville, which has been closed for several days on account of the alleged shortage in the accounts of Cashier J. B. Hensley, amounting to about \$30,000, has re-opened for business. Thomas R. Byrd has been named as cashier. It is understood the stockholders and depositors of the bank suffered no loss, the shortage in the accounts of the cashier having been made good by relatives of the former bank official.

The 388 state banks in North Carolina showed an increase in resources of \$15,265,895.96 during 1912 over the 362 banks during the year 1911, according to a statement issued Saturday by the corporation commission. In every department of the business which bankers consider worth while the same proportion of increase is shown, indicating that North Carolinians must have enjoyed prosperity during year just closed greater than any other year in the state's history.

W. E. French, traveling passenger and immigration agent of the Great Northern Railway, was in town Monday making arrangements for the company's free lecture, illustrated by stereopticon slides at the Savoy Theatre next Wednesday night. See ad. in this issue.