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BANK MEETINGS TUESDAY

Merchants & Farmers Pays Ten Per Cent Dividend—First National Make Good Report.

The Merchants & Farmers Bank held their regular annual meeting Tuesday night. The report of business done during the year 1912 was a most satisfactory one and a dividend of 10 per cent. was declared and a neat sum carried to the credit of the surplus fund.

The following directors were elected to serve during 1913, John E. Decker, T. F. Wrenn, W. T. Morgan, J. W. Streetman and Geo. W. Conley. The directors elected T. F. Wrenn, president; Geo. W. Conley, vice president; R. F. Burton, cashier; W. F. Wood, assistant cashier.

Quite a large number of the stockholders attended the meeting and took an active part in the discussion of matters concerning the interest of the bank. The prospects are bright for good business during the coming year.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank was held in the banking room Tuesday afternoon. There was a very full attendance, about 90 per cent of the stock being represented in person. The Cashier's report of the condition of the bank and of the business done during the past year was very satisfactory indeed, showing as it did that the largest volume of business had been done during the past year of any previous year in the bank's history, and that the average deposits and earnings for the past year were considered in excess of any previous year for several years past. The present directors were re-elected as follows: W. A. Conley, J. L. Morgan, B. B. Price, A. Blanton, Geo. I. White, T. J. Gibbs, D. E. Hudgins, J. Q. Gilkey, D. D. Little.

After the adjournment of the stockholders meeting, the directors met and re-elected the present officers: W. A. Conley, president; B. B. Price, vice president; Geo. I. White, cashier; J. E. Neal, assistant cashier.

The usual dividend was declared and the remainder of the undivided profits, \$1,500 was placed to the surplus fund, making the total surplus \$17,000, and the total protection to depositors as shown by capital, surplus and individual liability, \$117,500.

At the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Old Fort, at Old Fort, Tuesday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: L. P. Crawford, president; P. H. Mashburn, vice-pres.; F. M. Bradley, cashier and J. S. Bradley, assistant cashier. L. P. Crawford, P. H. Mashburn, J. L. Burgin, J. S. Bradley, F. M. Bradley and W. P. Artz were elected directors. The report of the cashier showed a good year's business and a substantial growth. The regular dividend was paid.

Major General Frost was very much in evidence hereabouts several mornings this week. It is expected that Lieut. General Snow will spread his blanket about this country soon.

Patronize home industry.

Nebo Matters.

Nebo, Jan. 14.—The Normal work of teacher training began Monday by the regular instructor, Mrs. D. F. Giles. Mrs. Giles will make Nebo her home while her work continues, and for this reason will conduct classes for three or four regular periods each day. Her class at present numbers about twenty-five, and promises to increase before the close.

The boys' and girls' Literary Societies held successful meetings on Friday, the girls in the afternoon and the boys at night. The subject debated by the boys was: "Resolved, That the parent has more influence in shaping the character of the child than the teacher." The affirmative won the decision.

The Woman's Betterment Association met Tuesday afternoon for its first meeting since the holidays. At this meeting, in addition to the regular business, a new president was elected to succeed the retiring president of last term.

An honor roll has been established in the high school department for the spring term. The requirement of this roll is that the pupil shall make an average grade of 90 on all subjects for the week, and that his deportment has conformed to this same general average. Any pupil who has made a grade below 50 in any one subject is debarred from the honor roll for that week, regardless of whatever grades he may have made in other subjects. The roll by grades for the week January 6 to 10 is as follows: Fourth year (11th grade)—Madge Brown, Alonzo Davis, Neal Duvall, Mamie Goforth, Daintry Graham, Edith Lonon, Eyerett Padgett, Faye Padgett, Chesley Sigmon, Maggie Taylor. Third year (10th grade)—Delia Gibbs, Cassie Patton. Second year (9th grade)—Effie Cannon, Fannie Gibson, Joe Harrelson, Berry Hunter, Jencie Janes, Tate Pyatt, Tracy Sigmon, Lottie Wilson.

Judge Archbald Impeached.

Washington Dispatch, 13th.

Robert W. Archbald of Scranton, Pa., for 29 years an occupant of judicial positions upon the Pennsylvania State bench, the Federal district bench and the United States Commerce Court, today was adjudged guilty by the United States Senate of "high crimes and misdemeanors," was stripped of his office and forever disqualified from holding positions of public honor or public trust.

Revenue Officers Kill Moonshiner.

Battling for their lives with desperate moonshiners in the Hanging Dog section of Cherokee county, near Murphy, revenue agents Sunday morning shot and killed Mack Moss, one of the moonshiners, and captured another, according to telephone advices received by Revenue Agent Sams at Asheville.

The January term of McDowell Superior Court, for the trial of civil cases only, convenes next Monday, Judge C. C. Lyon presiding. The term will continue for two weeks. The calendar for the term is published on another page of this paper. The majority of the cases are petty actions wherein various and sundry small amounts are involved.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION

Bill Introduced in Legislature for State-Wide Compulsory Attendance—Other Bills.

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—Dellinger, of Gaston, introduced today in the House a bill for a state-wide compulsory attendance of public schools of all children between the ages of seven and twelve. A violation is a misdemeanor with fifty dollars fine, or thirty days in jail. County superintendents are constituted "educational inspectors" in the enforcement act, with power to demand the pay rolls of factories to verify reports made to them. In the Senate, Bryant, of Durham, introduced a bill regulating the liability of common carriers in cases where employees are injured, making provisions of act of Congress apply to North Carolina.

An amendment by Representative Williams, of Buncombe, settled today the sharp fight that developed yesterday in the House over reform in rules that would give relief from great expense and voluminousness of private bills for charters and other purposes that in the past have flooded and blocked legislation. The much mooted rule provided for a new standing committee on "private bills" to weed out those that the secretary of state should charter and the consolidation of others as far as possible and exact payment of fees and constitutional thirty days notice of application. The Williams amendment provided for a new "committee on public local and private bills," the committee to consolidate and condense as far as possible, see that fees are paid but not exact thirty days notice of introduction.

Bills of overshadowing importance just introduced in the House are those by Representative Justice, of Guilford, providing for preferential legalized statewide primaries and for a "corrupt Practices Act," in prevention of election frauds, and bills by Representative Williams, of Buncombe, to place all water power, electric and gas companies doing public business under the supervision of the corporation commission as to rate-regulation and general control, and a bill providing a scale automobile license taxation from \$5 to \$15 according to horse power and for automobile regulation.

McEntire Given Ten Years.

Rutherfordton Sun, 9th.

After devoting a week to criminal cases the docket was disposed of Monday morning with the sentencing of Will McEntire, Frank Crane and W. M. Gossett, who were last week found guilty of larceny in connection with the estate of L. B. Hines. McEntire and Crane were given terms of ten years each in the State prison and Gossett three years, all at hard labor. Millard Parton, who was also a defendant in this case, was acquitted by the jury and discharged by the court. The defendants found guilty gave notice of an appeal, but it is thought that Gossett alone will carry his case up to the Supreme court. He has been released on an \$800 bond pending the action of the higher court.

In the case of Will McEntire and others charged with murder, the State takes a nol pros with leave.

National Capital Gossip.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—In the "Money Trust" investigation by the House Committee, it is shown that J. P. Morgan has under his control the enormous sum, in cash ready for investment, of \$162,000,000; and that during the last ten years he has actually placed for investment, in securities of interstate corporations, more than \$2,000,000,000.

Manufacturers, and their representatives, from the industrial parts of the country are in Washington to urge upon Congress that rates in the new tariff legislation be fixed that are favorable to their special interests. The representative of the National Association of Manufacturing Perfumers claims that the women of the country will suffer if the duties on perfumery materials are advanced.

In financial circles of Washington the money market is easier. Shortly after February first, Secretary MacVeagh of the Treasury Department will send out the newly designed nickels to replace those now in circulation. One side of the new design is an Indian head, and on the other is the figure of a buffalo.

According to the latest figures of E. Dana Durand, director of the census, there has been a slight falling off in the birth rate in this country, and it now appears that 104 boys are born for every 100 girls.

Gifford Pinchot, former Chief Forester of the United States, predicts an assault upon national conservation of our national resources. He declares that the enemies of the whole policy of conservation are stalking behind the doctrine of States rights, and that there is an eager, alert, well organized movement to have the national forests and resources turned over to the States, in the hope that the coal lands, water power sites, and the national forests will become the prey of spoliators and land grabbers.

Fire at Nebo.

Nebo, Jan. 10.—The residence of Mr. J. L. Padgett was completely destroyed by fire this afternoon, flames breaking out about 2 o'clock and gaining fatal headway before sufficient aid could arrive to check them. The family was away from home at the time, and the fire seems to have caught from a kitchen flue.

The total loss is estimated at \$3,000. A piano, sewing-machine and a few household goods were saved. A small amount of insurance was in force, but this is far from sufficient to cover the loss.

Gov. Kitchin's Pardons.

Raleigh Times.

Governor Kitchin during his term granted about 1,200 pardons, a slight increase over the number of his predecessors, but the percentage is practically the same. There have been more prisoners and consequently more petitions. Governor Kitchin has never given out the names of the convicts refused clemency, but there have been thousands of them.

The North Carolina Legislature Monday endorsed Josephus Daniels for a cabinet position.

LATE NEWS OF INTEREST

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

Congressman Doughton has introduced a bill appropriating \$60,000 for a Federal building at Lenoir.

There was an increase of fifteen million dollars in total resources of State banks in North Carolina in 1912, according to the figures of the corporation commission.

Mr. D. E. Thomas, a large property-owner of Greensboro, has agreed to give a site for a new court house for Guilford county. The site is valued at \$20,000.

As a result of the freeze in California, by which it is estimated citrus fruit growers in California lost \$25,000,000, oranges have advanced 50 cents a box wholesale at Los Angeles and grape fruit 25 cents a box.

Rowan county is soon to have one of the largest and most modern poultry farms in the State. F. F. Corliss, who recently came to Salisbury from Bradford, Pa., is establishing the farm two miles south of Salisbury and will put an expert poultry man in charge.

According to a Washington special, Congressman E. Yates Webb of the Ninth district, and whose home is at Shelby, will be a candidate for United States Senator to succeed Senator Lee S. Overman. When interviewed Mr. Webb neither affirmed nor denied the report.

Tom Creek Happenings.

Woodlawn, Jan. 14.—W. B. Hensley left last week for Yancey county.

F. A. Hall has returned from a visit to Altapas.

Bonnie Hensley is improving slowly. We hope he will be able to be out again. Charlie Ward and C. W. Godfrey have gone to South Carolina.

Misses Geneva Stroud and Georgeanna Elliott were guests of Mrs. J. G. Stroud Saturday and Sunday.

A. M. Hensley was in Marion on business during the week. DAILY.

"The Merry Widow" at Asheville.

"The Merry Widow," a new and lavish production of which will visit Asheville, to play at the auditorium on Saturday night, January 18th, offers an excellent illustration of what the public wants. Under the managerial direction of Henry W. Savage, Franz Lehár's delightful operetta was produced in New York about five years ago—to be exact, on Monday night, October 21, 1907—at the New Amsterdam Theatre where it enjoyed a continuous engagement of one solid year. When one considers the numerous entertainments that advertise themselves as having spent "two years in New York" one admires the constraint that marks Mr. Savage's publicity projection of "The Merry Widow." The company that will be seen in Asheville was selected by Mr. Savage to make the trans-continental tour from New York to San Francisco. It includes Mabel Wilber, Charles Meakin, Oscar Figman, Arthur Wooley, F. J. McCarthy, Vernon Dalhart, Olga Roller, and several others from the original company. Mr. Savage takes pride in the fact that "The Merry Widow" has not retrogressed since its well remembered premiere in New York. He announces that the present organization is the best of the numerous American casts that have interpreted Lehár's masterpiece. With Alfred Moulton directing Mr. Savage's special "Merry Orchestra" of grand opera strength, it goes without saying that Franz Lehár's entrancing score will be brilliantly interpreted. The sale of seats starts at Wintlock's on Thursday, January 16th. Prices range from 50 cents to \$1.00, according to location of seat. Adv.