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WILSON INAUGURATED

Takes Oath Before Great Crowd—Re-Dedicates Himself to Service of America and Pleads for Unity.

Washington, March 5.—President Wilson took the oath of office in public at 12:45 o'clock this afternoon and delivered his inaugural address before a great crowd which packed the plaza at the east front of the capitol.

Vice-President Marshall had been inaugurated in the senate chamber a few minutes before.

With a new consecration to the



PRESIDENT WILSON

nation's service, the president, touching on the international crisis, declared there could now be no turning back from the tragical events of the last thirty months which have brought upon America a new responsibility as citizens of the world. The president declared anew that America must stand for peace, stability of free peoples, national equality in matters of right, that the seas must be free to all and that the family of nations shall not support any governments not derived from the consent of the governed.

Sounding a solemn warning to the nation against any faction or intrigue to break the harmony or embarrass the spirit of the American people, the president called for an America "united in feeling, in purpose, and in its vision of duty, of opportunity and of service."

At the conclusion of his address, the president led the inaugural procession back to the White House, where it passed in review before him.

At 12:03 o'clock, after the senate had been called to order and the chaplain had offered prayer, Vice-President Marshall stepped to the desk and Senator Saulsbury administered the oath. The ceremony was brief and simple. Immediately afterward, while the thirty-two new senators were being sworn into office, the official party began moving in pre-arranged order to the open air stand outside where President Wilson was to take oath in public and deliver his inaugural address.

With the expiration of the session of Congress Sunday 15 Senators and 87 members who had either failed of re-election or had voluntarily retired passed into the walks of private life.

Farm Demonstrator to Be Restored—Road Commissioners.

The board of county commissioners held their regular monthly meeting at the court house Monday and Tuesday. The board spent a busy day Monday transacting the various matters that came up for consideration. On Monday afternoon a large delegation of citizens headed by officials and members of the county Farmers' Union appeared before the commissioners and asked that the office of farm demonstrator be restored. There was opposition to the proposition, the opposition coming principally from Crooked Creek, but it was apparent that those favoring the petition for the restoration of the office were decidedly in the majority. After hearing both sides and giving the matter due consideration the commissioners passed an order revoking their former order abolishing the farm demonstrator and ordered that a farm demonstrator be appointed by the board with assistance of government aid.

The commissioners appointed road commissioners for the several townships as follows:

Dysartsville—L. H. Whitener, D. F. Walker and J. M. Sisk.
Glenwood—J. M. Haney, A. R. Bird and J. H. Morris.
Old Fort—P. H. Mashburn, F. M. Bradley and L. B. Moore.
Higgins—W. F. Witherow, C. B. Morgan and Vanus Brown.
Crooked Creek—J. A. Burgin, C. L. Lytle and J. W. Halford.
Montfords—James Haynes, Pink Morris and I. E. Marlow.

No action was taken with regard to appointing a county auditor.

Death of Miss Burnett.

Miss Arden Lee Burnett, daughter of C. L. Burnett, died at her home on Garden street, Monday, February twenty-sixth at one o'clock.

Miss Burnett has suffered about seven years from chronic Bright's disease, although she has been better and able to be up at times, she again grew worse a year ago and has suffered continually since that time. Through all her suffering she was patient and forbearing and she showed forth a strikingly beautiful christian character. She never murmured because of her affliction but was always cheerful.

Miss Burnett was born March 20, 1895. She gave her sweet young life to the Lord when in her thirteenth year and joined the Baptist church. She became an active worker in the church and took great delight in teaching the class of little folks, always present, until her health gave way.

She leaves a host of friends who regret very much to give her up, although we feel that our loss is her gain. The deceased leaves a devoted mother and grandfather, who mourn their loss.

The funeral was conducted at the home by Rev. Story, pastor of the Presbyterian church and Dr. Scroggs, pastor of the Methodist church. Interment was made at Cavernum cemetery, four miles from Marion, where she will await the coming of Christ.

"Safe in the arm of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast,
There by his love o'er-shadowed,
Sweetly her soul doth rest."

A Friend.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

HARMONY GROVE

Harmony Grove, March 5.—Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mangum and son, Arthur, of Virginia were visitors here last week. John Gettys of Patton was here on business one day last week.

Ceph Pyatt, who has been very low with lagrippe and an attack of pneumonia, is improving slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Crawley made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

S. A. Bowman lost a fine milk cow last week.

Jake Yelton of Golden was a visitor here last Sunday.

James Pyatt was here on business one day last week.

Alfred Lavender was a visitor here last Sunday.

S. B. Morgan's family, who have had measles, are all improving.

W. J. Snipes has been suffering with lagrippe for several days.

Zeb Snipes and Robert and Ed Crawley of Nebo spent the week-end with homefolks here.

The school at this place is progressing nicely. The teachers and pupils have organized a debating society. The question discussed last week was "Resolved, that the Works of Nature are more attractive to the eye than the Art of Man." The decision was given to the affirmative. The question for next week is "Resolved, that Temperance has been a greater curse to the country than War."

Miss Annie Bowman, who has been in Marion for a while, spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Miss Rosa Holland entertained a number of her friends at a singing at her home Saturday night.

NEBO.

Nebo, March 6.—We have been having so much rain lately that it looks like gardening is going to be rather late in this section.

Misses Nannie McCall and Estelle Wilson were shopping in Marion last Saturday.

Miss Lottie Wilson of Pitts spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Key Landis and Emmett Giles spent Saturday at Bridgewater.

Miss Pearl Gibbs spent the week-end with homefolks near Marion.

Ernest Beach spent a few days last week with relatives in Morganton.

Misses Mary and Rebecca Greenlee spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks at Greenlee. They were accompanied by Miss Lillie Landis.

LAST WORD IN EYE SCIENCE

That is what the skilled optometrist brings to bear upon your case. After applying his knowledge, he knows what condition your eyes are in. Guess work is eliminated.

When you have headaches, indigestion, nervousness—when your eyes ache or your vision is blurred, you want expert service and advice. You want a true specialist to see if your eyes are at fault.

The optometrist is the man to give such service. He is specially trained for it. He has schools requiring a two-years course, during which nothing other than optometric science is taught. Columbia University, Ohio State University, Rochester School of Optometry and many others mentioned. No other profession has such courses in its school.

There is the most refinement in the careful optometrist's work. The eyes are measured to one-three-hundredth of an inch. The adjustment of the glasses are calculated to at least one-twenty-fifth of an inch. All sources of error are reduced to the minimum.

Without doubt, when you want to know if you need glasses, or what glasses your eyes may require, you should obtain the services of a skillful optometrist. Then, and only then, will you get what you need without danger of injuring your eyes or of having to do the thing all over again and thereby double the expense.

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"Bone Dry" Law Goes Into Effect on July 1.

Washington, March 5.—Following action of the house late Saturday night in passing the resolution postponing until July 1 the operation of the anti-liquor advertising bill and "bone dry" law, Senator Bankhead, chairman postoffice committee called up resolution in senate in early hours of Sunday morning and secured its passage. Bankhead interrupted the filibuster being conducted by Senator LaFollette and his eleven colleagues long enough to present the resolution about 2 o'clock Sunday morning but Vardaman objected to its adoption. A few hours later after consulting Vardaman, Bankhead called resolution up again and had it passed.

This will permit North Carolinians obtaining importation of liquor to which they are entitled under state laws until July 1 when all importations will be stopped.

Many Washouts Reported.

Asheville, March 5.—The Murphy division of the Southern Railway running out from this city, 123 miles and connecting at Murphy with the Louisville and Nashville, suffered more disastrously in the last few days than from the floods of last July.

Traffic is uninterrupted between Asheville and Balsam, about half way to Murphy; but from that point on 20 or more slides and washouts are reported.

The Salisbury, Knoxville and Spartanburg divisions into this city were reported open to this city today. No serious damage was reported near Asheville.

Lee-Thurman.

The following clipping from the Asheville Citizen will be of interest to friends here, Mr. and Mrs. Lee having formerly resided in Marion:

"Mr. and Mrs. George Edward Lee announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Mabel Edna Lee to Mr. Benjamin Hermit Thurman, Jr., of Savannah, Ga., the wedding to take place at the home of the bride's parents on South French Broad avenue early in April. Miss Lee is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee and possesses great personal charm and beauty. Mr. Thurman is the son of the late Dr. B. H. Thurman and Mrs. Thurman, of Cheraw, S. C."

Link in Highway Being Finished.

Old Fort Sentinel.
The State prison camps have been moved recently from Graphiteville to a point near Ridgecrest, where the convicts are finishing up the last link in the State Highway. This will not only open up a heretofore almost impassable mountain pass for inter-State and intra-State automobile traffic, but it will serve as a splendid outlet for a great number of clever, hospitable people who have been deprived of anything like decent road facilities for a century. It will also afford access to the most picturesque part of America.

An extra session of congress not later than June now is generally conceded among officials in Washington.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

In Jackson county Lon Brown was shot and instantly killed by his brother, Fid Brown.

Final adjournment of the 1917 general assembly was scheduled to take place Wednesday evening. The senate bill to re-enact the state-wide primary law was passed to give place to the sneak bill to repeal the primary law.

Major Chas. M. Stedman of Greensboro, who has just begun his fourth term as a Representative in Congress from the fifth district, announces that he will not be a candidate for re-election next year.

C. J. Bowers, a railroad brakeman, running on a freight between Asheville and Connelly Springs, fell from a box car Saturday night and was found dead beside the tracks. He was a resident of Rockingham and was married about three weeks ago.

A dispatch from Charlotte says the jury in the case of Harry Talley vs the Southern railway returned a verdict for \$40,000. Talley sued for \$100,000. He was injured in the wreck of the football special at Salisbury on Thanksgiving eve, 1915. In the wreck he lost a limb, had his ears cut off, his jaw broken, and was otherwise injured.

Two bridges spanning the Catawba river, near Mount Holly, were swept away by the high water Sunday night, one of them used by the Seaboard Air Line and Piedmont and Northern Interurban roads and the other a toll bridge. Both were temporary structures erected in the place of permanent bridges washed away by the flood of last July.

Mrs. R. R. Simmons died Wednesday night of last week at the Rutherford Hospital, after a brief illness. Mrs. Simmons was 36 years of age and had been married only ten years. The deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thos. F. Wilkerson, and besides her husband, is survived by one brother, Samuel M. Wilkerson, of Old Fort, and one sister, Mrs. W. H. Payne, of Ellenboro.

Blind Tiger Kills Officers.

At Tarboro Saturday Policeman Ransom Gwaltney and P. R. Riggan were killed and Mayor J. P. Keech probably fatally wounded by W. C. Nelson.

The officers, accompanied by the mayor, were searching Nelson's house for liquor, he being accused of operating a blind tiger. They found between the mattresses of a bed a quantity of whiskey and immediately Nelson opened fire, with the result stated, shooting all three men before they could offer resistance. Another officer, attracted by the shots, arrested Nelson. He is in jail and the feeling against him is very strong.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our profound thanks and appreciation to the Ladies Aid Society and other Methodists and friends of Marion for the generous pounding they gave us this week, and pray rich blessings upon them.

Rev. and Mrs. Parker Holmes.