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## BANK INCREASES STOCK

Capital and Surplus of Merchants & Farmers Bank Doubled—  
J. D. Blanton, President

The Merchants & Farmers Bank has about completed the sale and delivery of the new capital stock that has been sold by it during the past sixty days. This move was decided upon by the directors in order to enable the bank to take care of its increasing business and to add new life and strength to the institution. Very substantial blocks of stock in the bank have been purchased by J. D. Blanton, W. W. Guy, of the A. Blanton Grocery Co.; D. D. Little and H. F. Little, of the Marion and Clinchfield Mills, W. W. Neal, owner of the Marion Knitting Mills, as well as a number of others. When all the new stock is delivered the capital stock of the bank will be \$50,000 and the surplus \$13,000; in other words, the capital and surplus will be doubled.

In order that the bank might make better use of the new life acquired, Mr. T. F. Wrenn, who has been president of the bank since its organization, suggested that the bank elect a local man for president, and following up the suggestion he tendered his resignation. Mr. Wrenn has for the past four or five years spent the most of his time in High Point and while he has always felt a very keen interest in the welfare of the institution he has felt that his being so far away prevented his taking an active interest in the affairs of the bank. He is still a member of the board of directors, however.

At a meeting of the board of directors on June 4th Mr. Wrenn's resignation was accepted and the directors unanimously elected Mr. J. D. Blanton to the office of president to take effect at once. Mr. Blanton has entered upon the duties of the office. Mr. Blanton needs no word of introduction to the people of Marion and McDowell county. He has lived here all his life; he is one of Marion's most prominent and successful business men, owning large business and property interests in Marion and other parts of the county. Mr. Blanton has the respect and confidence of the people of this community; he is a successful merchant and spends most of his time at his place of business in Marion, and will take a lively interest in the bank's affairs.

With the new life and force behind it the records of the bank already show a marked increase in business.

Observer Claims Morrison is Leading by Over 500 Votes.

Charlotte, N. C., June 8.—Cameron Morrison was leading Lieutenant Governor Gardner by 559 votes on the face of returns from the Saturday primary as received from 98 of the 100 counties in the state and compiled late tonight by the Charlotte Observer. Of 122,512 votes tabulated, Morrison is shown to have received 47,010, Gardner 46,457 and Robert N. Page 29,045. Missing precincts were reported in at least half the counties.

## Summer School Opens with Mrs. W. C. Young in Charge.

The county summer school opened Monday with Mrs. W. C. Young in charge. Practically every teacher in the county who is required to attend a county summer school registered the first day. Mr. D. F. Giles, of the State Board of Examiners, was present and talked at length on the importance of teachers' training, and of the value of the summer school in preparing teachers for efficient work. He also interpreted the rules and regulations in detail covering certification.

Much interest is being manifested on the part of the teachers taking the work of the summer school, as well as the instructors who are giving the courses. The work as outlined provides for work in subject matter and method of presentation. Those required to stand the State examination are reviewing the common school branches in order to be fresh in these subjects on examination day. The professional courses are designed to prepare teachers for effective teaching and gives a higher grade of certificate.

The summer school will last six weeks. No teacher who enters after the third day or who fails to attend less than twenty-five days and pass on the work in the subjects taken will receive any credit on certification. It is therefore important that those in attendance keep these things in mind.

## Miss Penny to Head Nebo School.

Miss Blanche Penny, of Raleigh, has been elected principal of the Nebo High School for the coming year. Miss Penny is a graduate of Randolph-Macon Women's College of Lynchburg, Va., and has been teaching successfully for ten years. She has held similar positions to that of the Nebo principalship and from the recommendations and testimonials submitted, her work has always been satisfactory and of a very high order. Besides Miss Penny, the following teachers have been elected at Nebo: Misses Louise Brown, Thessa Jimerson, Cassie Patton and Anna Conley, grade teachers; Misses Mamie Stacey and Elzora Stroupe as assistant high school teachers.

The new principal, Miss Penny, expects to take charge about July 1st. She will spend some time in visiting and soliciting pupils throughout the county. It is her plan to have her work thoroughly outlined before school opens.

It is hoped that the new building, which is in the process of construction, will be ready early in the fall. The work is going forward nicely and the contractor hopes to be able to push the building forward to completion without any delay.

## Evangeline.

The people of Marion will have the opportunity of enjoying an exceptionally fine picture at the Grand Theatre on next Monday, when a beautiful picture presentation of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's immortal story of EVANGELINE will be given.

This picture has received the highest praise wherever it has been shown, and the Grand is to be congratulated for securing such a high class production for its patrons.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

### CATAWBA VALLEY

Old Fort, Route 1, June 7.—Miss Minnie Bradley of Mill Creek spent the week-end with Miss Maude Silver.

W. Logan Bradley has gone to Gastonia where he has accepted a position.

Miss Flora Stepp went to Marion yesterday to attend the teachers' meeting.

We regret to learn that Mrs. T. H. Allison, who has been sick for some time, died at her home last Thursday morning.

Mrs. Morris Grant and Mrs. F. Davis of Greenlee were visitors at the home of Mrs. Daisy Moody yesterday.

Arthur Parker of Winstboro is home for a few days and is on the sick list.

Miss Annie Bradley was shopping in Marion last Tuesday.

Little Charles Hensley has been very sick for a few days.

### DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, June 7.—Mrs. Nancy Dysart of Hudson is visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. Jennie Laughridge spent last week in Marion.

Miss Lillie Landis went to Marion today to attend the teachers' summer school.

Miss Mamie Goforth will leave tomorrow for Greensboro to attend the summer school at the Normal.

T. B. Landis made a business trip to Marion today.

The primary Saturday passed off quietly. O. Max Gardner received a majority at this place.

Wheat is looking fine.

### GARDIN

Nealsville, June 7.—Misses Mary Holland, Bula Wacaser and Messrs. Ivy and Reid Holland of this place attended the Memorial services at Harmony Grove yesterday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Millard Holland, June 2, a son.

Miss Inez Carswell will leave today for Gastonia.

Mrs. Thomas Marlow spent Sunday with Mrs. Millard Holland.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Craig, June 5, a daughter.

Reid Holland arrived from Thermal City Saturday.

### MONTFORDS COVE

Nealsville, June 7.—Crops are looking well throughout this section since the recent rains.

Rev. Reid Harris returned to his home Wednesday accompanied by his sisters, Misses Mattie and Lillian Harris. After spending a few days in Asheville they will visit their brother, C. C. Harris in Knoxville, returning to Asheville for the Summer school for teachers which opens June 15.

Grover Hardin and Clarence Butler were visitors in the cove Sunday.

Miss Della Wilkerson has accepted a position at Forest City.

Misses Dorrie and Chester Wilkerson have accepted positions in Marion.

W. P. Ledbetter is able to be out again after a severe illness.

Molo Ledbetter returned from Biltmore a few days ago to assist his father in the work on the farm.

## Great Revival on Pepper's Creek.

Pitts, June 7.—One of the most successful revivals ever held on Pepper's Creek has just been brought to a close. The services were conducted by Rev. Walter Moore, of Hartwell, Ga. His sermons were plain and simple, but inspiring and were well received. The meeting was well attended and it is believed much and lasting good was accomplished.

Rev. Moore is a grandson of Mrs. Jane Washburn and a nephew of Rev. J. M. Washburn.

## Prohibition Amendment Held Constitutional by Court.

Washington, June 7.—The prohibition amendment and the enforcement act were held constitutional by the Supreme court today in a unanimous decision.

While attorneys for the interests attacking the two measures were granted permission to file motions for rehearing, the decision was regarded generally as striking a death blow to the hopes of the wets.

The court's opinion, rendered by Justice Vandevanter, was sweeping. It held that the amendment not only came within the amending power conferred by the federal constitution, but was lawfully proposed and now was the law of the land. While recognizing that Congress has limitations in respect to the enforcement of law regarding beverages, the court held those limits were not transcended in the enactment of the enforcement act restricting alcoholic contents of intoxicants to one-half of one per cent.

## Baptists Close Successful Revival

A very successful revival at the Baptist church came to a conclusion on last Sunday night with the final sermon by Rev. J. E. McManaway, who has been doing the preaching during the revival. There were thirty-eight additions to the church roll, while many pledges were made for a higher Christian life.

Dr. McManaway has greatly endeared himself to the people not only of the Baptist faith but to the entire citizenship of Marion. He is plain and simple in his style, but a preacher of great force. His sermons were clean cut and to the point, indulging in no spectacular or sensational methods. Rev. McManaway touched the hearts of the people of this community in such a way as much lasting and permanent good has been accomplished.

At the final sermon on Sunday night, Rev. McManaway admonished the audience to live up to the teachings of the Christian religion; to be Christians by example as well as by precept. The final sermon was one of the best of all the series and made a lasting impression on the hearts of the large audience present.

Rev. McManaway has many friends in this community who extend to him a cordial welcome at all times.

Gardner Has Lead of 3,000, It is Estimated.

Raleigh, June 8.—Lieut. Gov. O. Max Gardner was leading Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, with about 3,000 votes from the statewide primary held Saturday according to complete, incomplete and unofficial returns from 86 out of 100 counties in the state for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

It is now considered certain that a second primary will be necessary between Morrison and Gardner on July 3 to decide the nomination. The vote stood: Gardner 42,216; Morrison 39,165; Page 27,187.

There's still time to have a home garden. If you can't catch up with the early gardens, a late garden will help you catch up on food bills.

## THE PRIMARY RETURNS

McDowell County Gives Gardner 417 Votes, Morrison 297 and Page 19.

According to complete returns tabulated McDowell county gave Gardner a majority of 120 votes over Morrison, the ballots standing as follows: Gardner, 417; Morrison, 297; Page, 19. Morrison led in Marion, securing a plurality of 107 over his two opponents, while Old Fort gave Morrison a plurality of 52.

The official returns as announced by the county board of elections, which is composed of F. M. Bradley, C. F. James and B. L. Lunsford, follows:

For President: Wood 73, Johnson 27.

For United States Senate: Overman 683, Brooks 35.

For Governor: Page 19, Gardner 417, Morrison 297.

For Lieutenant Governor: Harding 143, Cooper 567.

For Auditor: Durham 113, McDonald 95, Boyd 113, Cook 79, Woodley 308.

For Treasurer: Lacy 547, Renfrow 154.

For Commissioner of Agriculture: Graham 550, Thompson 142.

For Commissioner of Labor and Printing: Shipman 386, Dellinger 323.

For Insurance Commissioner: Wade 217, McClenaghan 332, Underwood 143.

For Associate Justice of Supreme Court: Hoke 478, Gulley 75, Guilan 24, Rouse 12, Long 276, Adams 397, Stacy 138.

For Judge of Superior Court, J. Bis Ray received 592 votes, Michael Schenck 170, giving Ray a majority of 422.

## Engineer Killed in Train Wreck.

D Gordon Porter, Southern Railway engineer, was killed, and Harry L. Evans, fireman, was badly injured about 3 o'clock Saturday morning near Coleman, 20 miles from Asheville on the Asheville Salisbury division, when an eastbound freight they were on struck a large rock and pile of earth that had slid on the tracks. The engine turned turtle, pinning Porter under it. He was dead when removed. Evans was hurled about 300 feet down the mountain and when found was in a serious condition. He was rushed to the Mission hospital here and operated upon. His condition, while known to be serious, will depend upon the outcome of the operation.

Eight freight cars immediately behind the engine were overturned and part of them demolished. They were loaded principally with coal and cross ties.

## Reports Great Revival.

Rev. Curtis Palmer Holland, formerly of Elizabethtown, Tenn., but now pastor of the Old Fort Baptist church, writes The Progress as follows: "Just returned from Mount Holly where I assisted Rev. Charles E. Beaver in a revival meeting. We had a great meeting and I never labored with a better people than the people of Tuckaseige. We realize that Tuckaseige needs a man on the field for full time. I hope that our churches in this Association will group themselves so preachers can easily reach them. Success to your paper."

T. F. Sheaff, of Bristol, Tenn., has moved to Marion to engage in the painting business with his brother.