

# The North Wilkesboro Hustler.

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ISSUED TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

NO. 35.

## HEARD IN WILKES COUNTY.

### What Our Town Correspondent Hears And Thinks—Items of Interest from All Over the County.

Trains are now running into Jefferson.

A special train was run to the new station of Denny Sunday where a big dinner was served.

In spite of the heavy down-pour of rain a large crowd attended the 'Troy to Hearts at the Amuzu last Saturday night. Another installment today.

The Hustler is requested to announce a box supper to take place at the North Wilkesboro Baptist church next Saturday night at 8 o'clock to which the public is cordially invited.

Rev. Donald McIver, of Burlington and a very successful Presbyterian minister, popular at home and in Presbytery, is to assist Rev. C. W. Robinson in a protracted meeting at the Wilkesboro Presbyterian church beginning next Monday night.

In Federal court at Asheville Friday a receivership was appointed for the Watauga & Yadkin railroad with W. J. Grandin, principal stockholder, as receiver. The transaction is considered voluntary bankruptcy and its condition attributed to a failure to sell bonds in London. This action will not stop the immediate operations of the company and business of the road.

Messrs. C. C. Wright, A. G. Hendren and Jones J. Hendren left yesterday for Greenville, N. C. to attend the State meeting of the Farmers Union. Mr. Wright would not accept the presidency of the farmers Union of North Carolina if elected, thought the desirability of him as president has been warmly urged by members of this county. The delegates expected to be joined by Mr. T. F. Calloway also at Ronda.

The Southern Railway's handsome new station for a town of North Wilkesboro's size was sufficiently completed Saturday for moving the express and telegraph office into it. Agents Clements says the freight office will probably be moved first of next week. Things were taking on shape down at the station yesterday. Oak seats and new stores in the waiting rooms, and concrete pavements are being built in front adjoining which will be a grass plot, thanks to the Southern. The holes are being left along on the concrete wall for installing thereon iron posts and railing.

### Wednesday Night!

The Mendelssohn at Amuzu Theatre. Tickets now on sale at North Wilkesboro Drug Store.

2nd Lyceum Attraction.

Much space might be devoted to the personnel. The fact that Sadie Beth Mastlaren, who heads the company, has studied abroad with Seveik and in this country with other leading masters of the violin is of sufficient import to establish the standing of the Mendelssohn.

If you fail to see it you will wish you had.

### Richmond County Paper's Report.

From official returns of 72 out of the 100 counties in the State it is almost certain that all of the ten amendments voted for have been defeated by majorities ranging from 6,000 to 10,000, with the heaviest majority against the seventh and probably the smallest against the amendment substitution to the "War Between the States" for the word "Rebellion".

The returns from the election, as printed in The Post last week, gave the total vote for B. F. Reynolds, for register of deeds, and R. L. McDonald, for county treasurer, as the same, each having received 1,329.

Dr. Phin. Horton and mother, of Winston-Salem, arrived on the train Saturday.

## Some Recent Internal Revenue Tax Levies.

Additional 3-1/2% tax imposed by the act of October 22nd, 1914, effective November 1st, 1914, to continue to January 1st, 1916, are as follows:

Bankers—For each \$1000.00 capital employed, including surplus and undivided profits, \$1.00.

Brokers—\$30.00 each.

Pawnbrokers—\$50.00 each.

Commercial Bankers—\$20.00 each.

Commission Merchants—\$20.00 each.

Theatrical Museums and Concert Halls—according to seated capacity from 200 to 800 or more, \$25.00 to \$100.00.

Circuses—\$100.00 each.

Other Exhibitions or Shows—for money, \$10.00.

Bowling Alleys and Billiard Tables, \$5.00 for each alley or table.

Dealers in leaf tobacco—Exceeding sales of 1000 pounds per year, from \$6.00 to \$24.00, for sales of 50,000 pounds up to more than 100,000 pounds.

Manufacturers of cigars and manufacturers of cigarettes \$6.00 to \$2,295.00, according to amount of sales; and dealers in manufactured tobacco, snuff, cigars and cigarettes selling more than \$200.00 per annum \$4.80.

These special taxes are payable for assessable in case of banks during the month of November for eight months or balance of fiscal year ending June 30th, 1915 and if not paid, or in case of banks, returns made, on or before November 30th, an additional 50 per cent. penalty will be collectible. Blanks will be furnished by collect as soon as received. Form No. 457 in case of banks, and Form No. 11A in all other cases.

Stamp taxes on and after December 1st, 1914, to continue to January 1st, 1916.

Documentary. On bonds of corporations, certificates of stock, sale agreements, promissory notes and renewals thereof, bills of lading, contracts, conveyances, bonds, except those used in legal proceedings, powers of attorney, etc., etc.

Proprietary. On perfumery, cosmetics and similar articles.

It is confidently expected that full instructions as to documentary and proprietary stamps will be received on or before December 1st, 1914, and in the meantime inquiries from parties interested will be promptly answered by me.

Respectfully,  
A. D. WATTS,  
Statesville, N. C. Collector.

### Pointedly Personal.

Mr. D. R. Hendren, of Clifton, Tenn., left yesterday afternoon for that State after visiting his brother, Mr. R. C. Hendren here.

Mr. T. S. Miller left yesterday going to Rural Hall to travel out from that point the balance of this week.

Mr. L. V. Jones of Whitehead spent last night in North Wilkesboro with six head of nice horses going to Elkin today.

Mr. and Mrs. Sprinkle, of Elkin, came up on the noon train Saturday.

Miss Jettie Miller, who has been teaching at Granite Falls, came home Friday evening to be with her mother, Mr. C. Y. Miller, who is sick.

Wilkesboro Federal Court Posponed to May.

Notice of Adjournment of November Term of the Federal Court. Parties Witnesses, Attorneys and others interested are notified, that the Regular November Term of the United States District Court to convene in Wilkesboro on the fourth Monday in November, 1914, has been adjourned to the Regular Term to be held on the fourth Monday in May, 1915, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Nov. 16, 1914.

MILTON McNEILL, D. C.

### Notice—Taxes!

All persons owing town taxes for the year 1914 are urged to pay same at once. Penalty of 5 per cent. will be collected on all taxes not paid by December 31, 1914 as provided for in the charter. Please pay promptly. Respectfully,

T. G. KILBY, town tax collector.

## BLUE-B-SPELLER NOT OBSOLETE

### At Least That's What the Ladies Decided from an Educational Public Debate at the Court House Friday Night.

The educational association of the county met at the court house last Friday night; a public debate took place on whether the Blue Back Speller was the best book to be adopted in schools.

The affirmative side was represented by Messrs. F. B. Hendren, M. F. Bumgarner and J. — Triplett, while the negative was presented by Professors E. C. Willis of the North Wilkesboro graded schools, T. A. Miller of Arbor and Principal J. L. A. Bumgarner of the Traphill school. It was an interesting succession of discourses from beginning about 8 o'clock until finishing up the rejoinders of five minutes each at 10:30. Quite a number of those occupied with teaching from over Wilkes were present aside from those of Wilkesboro. Mr. W. H. Foster acted as secretary and the speakers agreed to leave the decision to a vote of the ladies present. Some most interesting and humorous sallies were made as for and against the time-familiar Blue Back. One of the debaters yet restrictedly uses Noah Webster's book.

Charlotte was cited as one of the cities in the State which uses the Blue Back at present but of which it was ventured by the negative that it was not the only speller used in the Charlotte schools. Others in the State were said to have been doing so also but were not named during the discussion.

The negative argued that because it was the book of its day—having been published in the century before the last between 1775 and 1785 said Mr. Hendren—was no reason why to suppose it was the right speller of this day. That like improvements on farm machinery there was no excuse or reason for going back to the old kootie plough.

Professor Willis pointed out that if the other spellers such as McDuff's, Reed's and others, were adoptions of faddists only, then our much noised educational progress was all faddism and nothing more, classing those his opponents as stand-patters in education. "Just as we have stand-patters, extreme conservatism in politics, a person who sticks his heels in the ground and just won't go," said Willis. There are stand-patters in agriculture, in education who would prefer the old to the new.

Mr. M. F. Bumgarner impressed the fact that the pages of the Blue carried a moral and Christian influence that may readily be perceived, while his opponent and brother, Prof. J. L. A. Bumgarner, made a convincing discussion in scholarly fashion and also compared one of the opponents who uses only the Blue Back to an isolated friend of his at the head of a great hollar between two hills which he preferred as neighbors to some neighbors—isolated from modern methods in deed though contending to the contrary. To this Mr. Triplett replied with spirit and enthusiasm. Mr. Miller quoted in turn the legal provision pertaining to regulation of books used and considered the rhythmic arrangement of words in the Blue Back as too extended and conducive to thoughtless repetition, like "ba ca da fa ga," or "be ce de fe go," approaching as a lim it "lady" and "shady."

The affirmative claimed that the arrangement of consonants as well as vowel letters in the columns of words, though some 500 are never used said Professor Willis, was a stimulus to progression of the child's mind. And also Mr. Hendren claimed it appealed to the mind of a child with lasting impression as does the modern books and euphonic method of learning the sounds of the letters and then combining these sounds to result in a word and mental picture. Prof. J. L. A. Bumgarner showed that there was no picture for the child when finishing some abstract, obsolete words as found in the Blue Back Speller copies

## NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

### Items of Interest From All Over the Country to and from People and the Globe.

It has been announced by the executive committee that the fifth annual convention of the North Carolina Forestry Association will be held in Raleigh on January 13, 1915.

Charlotte Observer: The Asheville Citizen has an editorial on "The Retreatment of the Demagogue." He did get pretty much of a shove down-grade in the recent election in North Carolina.

As a result of the November elections there are now fourteen states in the dry column. They are Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia.

Mr. Hebert O. Sink of the Lexington Dispatch has been to Atlanta where he attended the Fourth American Road Congress, which was in session until Saturday. Mr. Sink represented Southern Good Roads, the official organ of the majority of the southern states. It was expected this road congress will be the biggest thing of its kind ever held in America.

The Monroe Journal of Union county says: "The highest Democratic vote cast in the county was 1091 and the lowest Republican vote was 302. Squire W. G. Long received the highest vote, and the other Democratic candidates ranged along close behind." Mr. Long is the father of Rev. Edward Long, pastor of the First Baptist church of North Wilkesboro and is about 80 years in age being elected to the State House of Representatives.

The Georgia Federation of Woman's clubs, in state convention at Albany, Ga., pledged every member of its 244 clubs to make one cotton garment to be sent as a gift to the women and children of Belgium who have been made destitute by the European war. It is estimated that there are 25,000 members of women's clubs in Georgia. The women also endorsed a cotton petticoat campaign which is to pledge every woman to buy one or more cotton skirts.

### Boston Negro's Impudence to President Wilson.

Monroe Journal.

A delegation of negroes went to the White House yesterday to call on President Wilson to jaw about what they claimed is discrimination against the negro clerks in the departments at Washington, because they have been separated from the white clerks. President Wilson received them with proper courtesy, as he does all who are granted an audience, and heard what they had to say. He then told them that he had investigated the matter and found that there was no just cause for complaint, whereupon the leader of the delegation, a negro named Trotter, flew into a passion and made offensive remarks to the President of the United States. The President dismissed them with the remark that if they had anything else to say to him they would have to get some one else to say it. That's your impudent Boston Nigger. No properly raised colored man from the South would have been guilty of such bad manners.

of which are often eaten and remain it is presumed in the stomachs of men to this day, Mr. Hendren for one having declared getting on the outside of one each term.

"If good words and gentle means will not reclaim the wicked, they must be dealt with in a more severe manner."

is the moral following the picture of the boy in the apple tree, at last stoned out, perhaps to which Mr. Bumgarner referred, as well as the "Partial Judge," whose ox was gored, the cat and the rats in the flour.

Many of the ladies did not vote when called on for the decision which was in favor of the affirmative.

## Birth Day Party Celebration at Roaring River

### Items.

Roaring River, Nov. 14—About thirty-five of Mrs. R. A. Reeves' friends gave her a complete and pleasant surprise Thursday night by going in a body to her home about 7:30 o'clock to celebrate her birth day. They carried refreshments with them; and about 8:30 o'clock the table was spread and all present partook of a hearty supper. The crowd remained until about 10:30 when they took their departure; each one wishing that Mrs. Reeves would enjoy as many more happy birth days as this one. We must not tell a woman's age but it was ten more than the days of this month, now guess.

R. A. Reeves went to Elkin Thursday on business. Mr. W. F. Alexander, Jr., left here Thursday morning for Chase City, Va., on business. Mrs. J. W. Elms, of North Wilkesboro, spent Thursday night here with her husband, Mr. J. W. Elms, Miss Nell Hamlin and Mrs. A. H. Carpenter of the school faculty here, went to Wilkesboro Friday at noon to attend the teachers' meeting. Mr. J. Q. Blackburn went to Wilkesboro Friday night to hear the debate between Miller and Hendren, and learn the fate of old Blue Book. Mr. G. R. Crouse arrived here Friday from Sparta with some good horses to trade.

The box supper that was to have been pulled off at the school house tonight was postponed on account of the rain. It will probably come off next week.

Mrs. C. N. Bedenheimer and little daughter of Elkin are here visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Greenwood. Rev. L. B. Murray will preach at the Baptist church here Thursday night the 26th (Thanksgiving). Everybody is cordially invited to hear him. Mr. T. J. McNeill went to North Wilkesboro Saturday on business.

### News from Grandin.

Grandin, Nov. 16.—The school under the management of Prof. Smith is prospering; the average attendance nearly doubling that of last year.

Mrs. B. H. Wilson has returned from Dr. Long's Sanitorium of Statesville, where she underwent a serious operation.

Little Miss Dorris Hunt while playing a few days ago jibbed a nail in her knee and her father has made several trips to North Wilkesboro with her.

The Misses Greer's are having their home remodeled.

Mr. Jack Doliver, of Louisiana, is visiting his mother and sister, Mrs. Delos Doliver, of Imporum, N. Y., and sister, Mrs. C. B. Austin, of New York City, who are stopping at the home of Mr. J. C. Steel's.

The Grandin Literary Society gave an interesting program Friday night. The query discussed was: "Resolved that North Carolina is the best State in the Union." The judges, Mr. Hunt, of Cuba, N. Y., Mr. Stemple, of Mill Creek, West Va., and Mr. Williams, of Grandin, N. C., rendered their decision after a warm discussion, in favor of the affirmative.

The society will meet the Kings Creek Literary Society in a joint public debate at Grandin December 4th. The following question will be discussed: "Resolved that an educational and property qualification should be the sole basis for suffrage." The Grandin Literary Society has the affirmative. The public is cordially invited.

## PURPOSE OF N. W. M. R. A'N

### N. Wilkesboro Merchants Association Sets Forth Its Purposes to Accomplish.

There has been organized in North Wilkesboro a local branch of the Merchants Association of North Carolina. The object of the State Association is to safe guard the interest of all the Merchants of North Carolina, to correct the evils attending the credit system, and, if possible, to provide an interchangeable system through the secretaries of the various local organizations throughout the State, to abate trade abuses, injuries, and unbusiness like practices, and to secure the cooperation of all manufacturers and wholesalers in producing a more helpful condition of the trade. To secure state and agitate National legislation favorable to retailer and consumers, to oppose such legislation as would prove detrimental to their welfare. To protect the public against the sale of impure food, misbranded and short weight goods, to disseminate trade information, encourage improved business methods, and generally to advance the interest of merchants, secure more friendly relations, and to affiliate with the National Association of retail Merchants of the United States.

The object of the Local Association is for mutual protection, to encourage improved business methods and generally to advance the interest of merchants to secure more friendly relations among our citizens of Wilkes county, and cooperations in the maternal advancement of this community.

Merchants Association is not a collection agency, but the system of information given enables the association to make collections, which otherwise would be impossible. It is more the moral influence which induces the debtor to pay. The fact that merchants of this community can and will secure the information, and that their credit rating will be impaired by refusal to pay up accounts goes a long ways towards making the faulting debtors pay their just and honest debts. The efforts of our Merchants Associations will be more and endeavor to eliminate so many uncollectable and worthless accounts, and to bring about realization on the part of individuals of having a good credit rating. To teach honesty and endeavor to make honest men out of those who go from Merchants to Merchants without ever making an effort to pay their just debts.

Much money can be saved by merchants through this Association in keeping out many of the advertising fakes and other Trade Grafters. An advertising committee will be elected to consider all advertising propositions, the refusal of the Merchants to take advertising unless it has been endorsed by the Association, will result in a great saving and annoyance. For the benefit of the members of our Association we have added to this office a checking system to correct all freight bills, such as overcharges in freight rate.

Trusting we will soon have the cooperation of every merchant in Wilkes county to help make this work a success, we are,

Yours very truly,  
MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION.

For Sale.  
Two good heifers, part Jersey.  
E. HANEY,  
Jeffries Farm N. Wilkesboro, N. C.

## Special Sale!

### SOMERS & CO.

Saturday, November the 21, 1914.

Sale starts as soon as the doors are opened.

One lot Ladies Underskirts, from 50c to \$1.00 values. Colors: Emerald Purple, King Blue, Black, Tango and Blue, Green and Red Stripes.

Special Saturday, November 21st, 25c each

See Window Display.