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SUGGESTIONS NOT IN ORDER

Wake County Already Has Quarantine Officer, Dr. Rankin Informs Chairman Johnson

NO VACANCY TO FILL

Secretary to State Board of Health Informs Mr. Johnson That He Cannot Under the Law Appoint Another Physician—State Board of Health Drawn Into Controversy Through Fault of County Authorities—No Politics in Matter So Far As State is Concerned—History of Controversy.

Mr. Bart M. Gatling, counsel for Dr. J. J. L. McCullers, announced this afternoon that former Governor Chas. B. Aycock had been retained to assist him in the case of McCullers vs. Commissioners of Wake. Mr. Gatling added that "the fight has just begun." Developments are expected about September 1.

Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary to the state board of health, today informed Mr. D. T. Johnson, chairman of the board of county commissioners, that his suggestion as to the appointment of Dr. Ralph S. Stephens as quarantine officer, was not in order and that this position is already filled, Dr. J. J. L. McCullers having been appointed to the office some time ago. The appointment of Dr. McCullers was made July 17 on the recommendation of the county board of health. Dr. McCullers is not only county quarantine officer, so far as the state board of health is concerned but is county superintendent of health as well, having been legally appointed to these positions. The only way to get around the appointment of the state board of health is to prove the law conferring the power on Dr. Rankin is unconstitutional.

It might as well be stated right here that Dr. Rankin and the state board of health did not rush into the affairs of Wake county on their own motion; they would prefer not to have anything to do with the appointing, their function being to see that the laws in regard to the health interest of the county are complied with.

In his letter to chairman Johnson today Dr. Rankin made this fact clear. The state health authorities have nothing to do with the politics of the county; they have no friends to reward nor enemies to punish; they have no favorite for the position, and they appointed Dr. McCullers after the county authorities had failed to comply with the law—and then abided by the expressed recommendation of the county board of health.

In this connection it should be stated that Wake county is the second county in the state in point of area and the thirteenth in the point of salary paid its health officer. In wealth the county is one of the big five. Here is the section of the (Continued on Page Two.)

NORRIS IS HELD FOR MURDER OF BISSETT

L. J. Norris was late yesterday afternoon bound over to the next term of criminal court by Police Justice Walter L. Watson, on the charge of having murdered J. B. Bissett on the night of August 12th. Ada Verby, who was with Bissett, and Haywood Penny, the colored hack driver, were released on bonds of \$25 each for their appearance as witnesses. Bail was refused Norris.

This action followed an all-day hearing of testimony against Norris, the defense not putting on any witnesses.

Sir Wilfred Laurier's Campaign. Montreal, Que., Aug. 26—Sir Wilfred Laurier closes his campaign in the Montreal district tonight. The premier will spend the coming week in the Maritime Provinces, speaking in St. John, Halifax, Charlottetown, Moncton and several other places.



Miss Katherine Livingston Hamersley, once reported engaged to Vincent Astor, whose brother, Louis Gordon Hamersley, eighteen years old, has been adjudged the sole heir to the \$5,000,000 fortune of Louis C. Hamersley, after a spectacular court battle stretching over a period of several years. Miss Hamersley and her brother live together in Brooklyn, New York.

BIG NEW BATTLESHIP TO BE WOMAN LAWYER

Ship For Argentine Largest Ever Constructed

Battleship Rivadavia Launched at Quincy, Mass., for the Argentine Republic—It is Bigger Than Any Dreadnaught Now Afloat.

Quincy, Mass., Aug. 26—Surpassing in size any dreadnaught of the world powers now afloat, the battleship Rivadavia, built and equipped entirely by Americans for the Argentine Republic, was launched today at the yards of the Fore River Shipbuilding company.

A distinguished gathering of South American diplomats and official representatives of the United States and European nations were on the deck of the huge fighting craft when she plunged into the waters of the bay. She was christened by Senora de Naon, wife of the Argentine minister to the United States, who represented Senora Saenz Pena, wife of the president of the Argentine Republic.

The launching was the most "exclusive" event of the kind in recent years. Only those summoned by special invitation were permitted to be present at the time of the launching. The dignitaries participating in the official ceremonies came aboard a special train from Boston.

The appearance of the new naval warfare as she plunged down the ways was strikingly impressive. The 26,500-ton bulk of wood and steel, towering mountain-like above the dock represented the greatest achievement of man in this era of modern warfare. Every approved invention, both for defense and offense, will be incorporated in the gigantic vessel when her upper works are completed.

A peculiar sort of mixed pride in this new sea monster was felt by Americans who witnessed the launching. It was designed by American engineers, built solely by American workmen and will be fitted from stern to stern and mass to keelson by Americans. The Fore River Shipbuilding company, at whose yards the launching took place, built the hull of the vessel under contract, and the Bethlehem Steel Company, also under contract, made the armor plate. The Pennsylvania concern also will make the big guns which, when put in place will give the Rivadavia the most powerful broadside of any vessel that ever sailed the seas.

CROPS ARE NOT SO GOOD

August Has Been Bad Month For Cotton, Corn, Tobacco

Believed That Cotton Has Depreciated in Prospects at Least 25 Per Cent. in Present Month—Good Crops in Swift Creek Township.

Reports of the condition of crops in Wake county are not at all encouraging and it is probable that the loss in prospects for the month of August has been at least 25 per cent.

Mr. W. L. Wiggs, supervisor of roads for Wake county, said today that he had never seen such a change as has occurred in the condition of cotton in the last month. Mr. Wiggs has been in every township and has had occasion to observe conditions. Sheriff J. H. Sears bears Mr. Wiggs out in this report. During June and July cotton was in excellent condition, but since August the stalks have turned red in many instances, the top leaves have fallen off and the plants do not appear near so healthy as in the past. In Swift Creek township alone is the cotton looking as fine as it should with the weather conditions for the present month.

Tobacco is said also to be poor. The leaves are spotted in many instances and the crop will not average up to the expectations.

It is not believed that the corn crop will be as good as earlier indications pointed to. The stalks are healthy enough, but the ears are lacking.

Messrs. Wiggs and Sears think the cotton, tobacco and corn crops will be little better than last year.

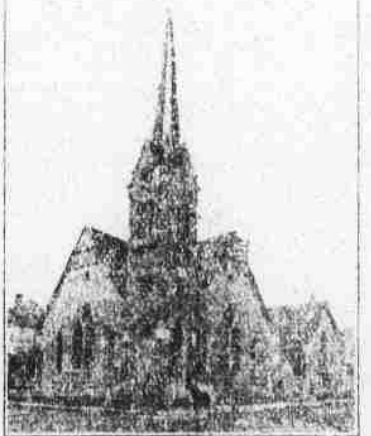
GREAT DAY AT LOCAL CHURCH

Sixty-Ninth Anniversary of Central M. E. Church to Be Celebrated Tomorrow

BISHOP HOSS IN RALEIGH

Will Deliver the Sermon at Morning Service—Many Events on Program For Day, Including Histories of Church and Sunday School, Meeting by Judge Clark, Presence of Fine Quartette and Remarks by Ten Former Pastors—Gen. Carr On Laymen's Movement—The Program.

With Bishop E. E. Hoss of Tennessee, taking part in the exercises, the sixty-ninth anniversary of Central M. E. church, which will be celebrated



CENTRAL M. E. CHURCH.

tomorrow, promises to furnish inspiration for the large number of Methodists and their friends in Raleigh. Four services will be devoted to the celebration—the Sunday School hour at 9:15; the morning service held at 10:20; afternoon service at three and the evening service at eight.

At the Sunday School hour a history of the school will be read by Mr. R. E. Prince, superintendent. The Sunday School will be thoroughly discussed.

At the morning church service, Chief Justice Walter Clark will deliver a short greeting and Bishop Hoss will preach the sermon. Gen. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, will deliver an address to the laymen at the afternoon service. Ten former pastors of the church will hold forth at night, and this service promises to be one of the most interesting of the entire day.

A special feature of celebration will be the presence of the male quartette of the North Carolina Conference: Rev. C. E. Vale, of Chadbourne; Rev. J. H. Przewalle, of Goldsboro; Rev. A. J. Parker, of Durham, and Mr. R. M. Phillips, of Greensboro.

The program of the day's exercises is as follows: Sunday School Service, 9:15 A. M. R. E. Prince, superintendent of the Sunday School, presiding. (Continued on Page Two.)

BROKEN RAIL CAUSE OF TERRIBLE WRECK

Manchester, N. Y., Aug. 26.—A broken rail, it is established, caused the wreck of the el-high Valley train which plunged over Canandaigua trestle yesterday afternoon, killing twenty-five and injuring fifty or sixty others. Sixteen undertakers worked throughout the night embalming bodies.

This morning eleven bodies had not been identified. The train was packed with Grand Army veterans, returning from the Rochester encampment. Most of them were enroute to their homes in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Scores of injured were taken to various near-by cities.

Fifteen Killed in Power Explosion. New York, Aug. 26—Cable dispatches from Port Limon, Costa Rica, tell of the loss of fifteen lives in a powder magazine explosion at San Jose. The dead include two army officers. The explosion was due to a soldier's carelessness.

TWO FINE BLOODHOUNDS

Great Russian Dogs Sent to County Home

Mr. Frank Wilson and Mr. Wiggs to Breed Thoroughbred Animals—Prince, a Pappy, Weighs 116 Pounds—To Chase Criminals.

Victoria II, head of the imperial family of Moscow, Russia, and her 15-month-old puppy, left this afternoon for the county home, where they will remain. These great animals are Russian bloodhounds and are the property of Mr. Frank M. Wilson, of this city. Prince, the puppy, is as black as a raven, and as big as a calf. Mr. W. L. Wiggs, supervisor of roads, will take charge of the two dogs, and will train Prince to pursue escaped convicts and criminals. In time Victoria II will be sent away, it being the intention of Messrs. Wilson and Wiggs to breed thoroughbred bloodhounds.

Those who saw the animals on the street today had no doubt as to their royalty. They looked the part. Great, graceful beings, Victoria and Prince seemed at home anywhere. The mother was bred in the kennels of the czar of Russia, but Prince, who is equally as imperial as his mother, was bred in the United States.

The efforts of Mr. Wiggs to train Prince will be watched with interest.

FOR NEW OPERA HOUSE

Plan By Which Modern House Can Be Secured

New Owner of the Property Would Form Corporation to Remodel House—Outline of the Plans—First Authoritative Information as To the Enterprise.

The Times is authorized to state that the four parties who have recently purchased the Academy of Music property, Messrs. H. E. Littleford, J. K. Roan, R. W. Winston and E. K. Ellington, will devise a plan by which a modern opera house can be secured and profitably investment at the same time offered to the citizens of Raleigh, if they are willing to get right behind the scheme when presented. Plans are now being drawn by which a ground-floor opera house may be constructed, fronting Salisbury street, with an opening also on Martin street through an arcade, which will pass through the present Academy of Music property. The plan embraces the deepening of the stores fronting Martin street so as to have six or seven commodious stores of about ninety feet depth. In front of the new opera house will be a grand square with grass plots, fountains, etc. The arcade on Martin street would also furnish one of the main entrances. (Continued on Page Two.)

PROSPECTS ARE GOOD FOR A. & M. THIS FALL

When the fall term of A. and M. College begins Thursday, September 7th, the institution will probably face its best year in point of attendance. Applications from new students lead the authorities to believe that this will be a most successful year.

Campaign in Maryland

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 26.—The political campaign in Maryland virtually closed today. The primaries will be held next Tuesday, when both parties will select candidates for governor and other state officers to be elected this fall. Interest centers chiefly in the contest between Arthur P. Gorman and Blair Lee for the democratic nomination for governor.

Southern Pacific Shopmen Laid Off

Sacramento, Aug. 26—Thirty per cent. of the shopmen in the Southern Pacific shops were laid off yesterday. Scarcity of work was given as the reason.



Mrs. Woodrow Wilson wife of Gov. Wilson, of New Jersey who will accompany her husband on his trip of inspection of state institutions for the feeble-minded. The trip will cover a week's period and will be made by automobile. Mrs. Wilson believes a man's wife should be able to assist and advise him on any subject that comes up. With this idea in view Mrs. Wilson believes that by accompanying her husband on this trip of inspection she will gain much information that will materially assist him in his work as Governor.

Democratic Leader Dead. Syracuse, Aug. 26—William B. Kirk, former mayor and the city's democratic leader died today of pneumonia.

THE MEAT PRICES UP

Meat Traders Claim That the Higher Price of Corn Compelled Them to Raise Price of Meat—Clever Piece of Detective Work—New York City Threatened With a Water Famine.

New York, Aug. 26—Meat prices have gone up and are still continuing their upward movement as if they intended to establish an altitude record. The poor consumers of New York with the emphasis on the "poor" will have the choice between bankrupting themselves to buy meat and pulling their teeth after having stricken meat from their bill of fare. It is alleged that the higher prices of corn "compelled" the meat trust to raise the price of meat, as if the meat trust ever bothered about so trivial a thing as a sufficient reason for its doings. Whatever the primary cause may be or may have been, the fact remains that the trust has given the lock-screw forcing up the prices another turn and the retailers, not to be outdone, have the same screw not one but two or three turns. If the packers raise the price one cent a pound, the retailers promptly charge to the consumers from two to five cents more per pound. Many people are of the opinion that it is about time to reopen the cold-storage investigation.

Three New York detectives, attached to some of the Brooklyn police stations, distinguished themselves the other day by a clever piece of work, for which they deserve considerable credit. A physician, returning from a confinement case at night, was run down on his way home by a speeding auto and killed. The auto, which carried five men at the time, sped on after having run down the physician and was quickly lost in the darkness. With practically no clue for a working basis the three detectives began their investigation and search for the machine and before twenty-four hours had passed they had arrested every one of the five men who had been in the machine that fateful night. What made the achievement of the detectives even more noteworthy was the fact that they found the machine and arrested the men in spite of the assistance given to them by some eye witnesses, friends of the doctor who was killed. Two of them stated positively that they saw the license tag of the machine and could not swear that the license number contained the figures 3 and 7, although they were not sure which relative positions the figures occupied. As a matter of fact that the license number (Continued on Page Three.)

DR. BEATTIE ON THE ROAD

His Car Had Stopped Near the Scene of the Murder and He Was Out Side

EVIDENCE OF THE PARTY

Party of Boys Were Returning From Trip in the Country—Passed Car That Had Stopped in the Road—Man Was Working on the Hood of the Car and Was Partly Hidden—Woman Was Standing on the Running Board—Was Dressed as Mrs. Beattie Was Dressed That Night—Was Near Scene of the Crime.

Chesterfield Courthouse, Va., Aug. 26—Henry Clay Beattie's trial for wife-murder was resumed at ten-thirty-five this morning. The court officials were late in arriving because of the muddy roads. The courtroom was crowded with spectators. Young Beattie, seated beside his father, eagerly read the morning paper's verbatim account of yesterday's testimony. As he took his seat Judge Watson rapped sharply, appealing to the "Virginia Gentlemen" present to keep their coats on in deference to the ladies present.

E. K. Moseley, aged eighteen, one of the high school boys who claimed on the night of the tragedy to have passed a machine similar to that used by Beattie and wife, was the first witness.

Moseley was a member of the party attending a dance at Bon Air and were returning to Richmond in machines on the night of the tragedy. "Did you pass a machine on the way to Richmond?" Moseley was asked by the prosecution.

"Yes, one lady and man in it. It was standing still." "What was the man doing?" "Fooling with the hood." "Did you offer assistance?" "Yes, we asked if we could do anything for them. The man said no." "Where was the lady?" "Standing on the left hand board." "The defense took the witness, Hill Carter asking if he remembered the exact hour.

"It was after ten when we left Bon Air. We got home about eleven." "When you later visited the scene of the bloodspits was it near where you remember seeing the machine stop that night?" "Yes, some where around there." B. W. Snyder another boy of the party corroborated Moseley's story, adding that the woman who was standing on the running board wore a brown rain coat or duster. Previous testimony established that Mrs. Beattie was attired similarly on the night of the murder.

Beattie listened intently to the declarations of the boys, leaning over the table beneath which he nervously fingered some papers.

All of the youngsters told practically the same story in answer to questions from both sides. (Continued on Page Five.)

SEVENT-FIVE YOUNG MEN TO STAND EXAM.

More than seventy-five men will stand the examination of the supreme court here Monday to practice law in North Carolina, and the city is brimming over today with young hopefuls. Thirty-eight men, including those who took the summer course, came over from the University of North Carolina Law School and thirty-four are here from Wake Forest. Others registered during the day from other law colleges.

Race Riot in Georgia

Macon, Ga., Aug. 26—In a race riot, at Indian Springs Hotel one deputy was killed and another fatally injured. Others were injured less severely. A general exodus of guests took place. The Jackson Rifles are in readiness to leave immediately.

An altercation between two "bell-hops" about dividing a "tip" led to a clash. Deputies went to arrest the negroes. When the officers appeared at the negro quarters a fusillade greeted them.