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CREEDMOOR HAPPENINGS.

ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED BY REGULAR REPORTER.

Personals, Preaching, Marriage, Resignation of the Cashier of the Bank of Creedmoor.

Mr. Dock Aiken has returned from an extended stay in Richmond.

Mr. Irvin Fleming has enlisted in the U. S. Army and is now in New York.

Mr. Will Fleming, of Wilton, was a Creedmoor visitor for a few hours last Monday.

After spending a few days in the country, Mrs. Minnie Jones returned to her home in Durham Saturday.

Miss Berma Sanderford spent Saturday night and Sunday as the guest of Miss Oza Mangum of Wilton.

Mr. L. H. Jones returned last Thursday from an extended visit to relatives in Georgia, and reports a very pleasant trip.

Messrs. W. J. and C. J. Mangum returned from Norfolk a few days ago and brought with them ten very nice horses.

Miss Cora Garner, of Brassfield section, is on a visit at the home of her brother, Mr. Claude Garner, on Park Avenue.

Mr. Lashley has taken charge of the Bank of Creedmoor and our people are glad to have him and wife to reside in our midst.

The continued warm weather has caused the buds to begin to swell and some of the early spring flowers have already begun to bloom.

There was another runaway marriage in Creedmoor on Sunday last. Squire J. L. Peed performing the ceremony. The newly wedded couple went on their way seemingly happy.

Mr. Walter Fleming resigned his position as Cashier of the Bank of Creedmoor and left Creedmoor Christmas to go into the mercantile business with his two brothers at Bennahan. Mr. Fleming was very popular here and our people were very sorry to give him up.

Rev. A. C. Sherwood filled his regular appointment at Creedmoor Baptist Church Sunday night and preached one of his best sermons we have heard in some time. His subject being the Influence of Women. He pointed out instances of woman's influence for good all the way from the time of Queen Esther to the present time and then made an eloquent appeal to the women of Creedmoor to be up and doing in the crisis that is now threatening our village in the form of a Dispensary.

Miss Gladys Blacknall Becomes Bride of Mr. William R. Pegram.

An old fashioned Southern wedding took place at Blackenhall, near Kirtrell on Jan. 22. The occasion was the marriage of Miss Gladys Blacknall to Mr. William R. Pegram. The Rev. Mr. London, of Louisburg, officiated.

The waiters were Miss Kate Blacknall and Mr. Edward Pegram; Miss Emma Pegram and Mr. W. W. Green, Jr.; Miss Cora Hunt and Mr. Frank Lyon; Mr. J. Lee Hunt and Miss Mary Burwell; Mr. Spotswood Burwell and Miss Rosa Hunt. All the bridesmaids were very exquisitely attired in dainty old time Swiss muslin and carried bouquets of ferns and pink carnations.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Blacknall, the groom is the son of Rev. J. D. Pegram, of Cary. The young couple will make their home in Durham, where Mr. Pegram holds a position with the American Tobacco Company.

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WHICH SHALL IT BE FARMER?

An Important Meeting of Taxpayers on Road Improvement.

We urge our farmer friends to take an interest in permanent road improvement, the question of the hour, and we especially ask them to read a call elsewhere in this issue for a meeting of the citizens of the county on Tuesday in Court week, February 5th. The call is made by Gen. B. S. Royster, and A. A. Hicks and its purpose is for the consideration of Public Road Question.

This is a meeting of much importance as the road question is now the paramount question before our people. We hope every township in the county will be well represented at this meeting.

As is well known the editor has advocated a bond issue of \$100,000 to build a permanent road system in the county as that is the only way we are going to get it. It has occurred to us, however, that perhaps a slight modification of this plan would be better. It is this: Let the county issue \$90,000 worth of bonds, with the distinct understanding that each township have ten thousand dollars to be expended on its roads. It is true Salem township is smaller than the others, but the difference in size of this or any other township not of ordinary size could be adjusted in the apportionment of funds.

Let our people consider this matter very carefully. It has been thoroughly demonstrated that dirt roads are a failure and that bond money expended for them works an injustice on the taxpayers. It is for our people to say whether our county shall have good roads or not, and thereby advance and take rank among the first counties of the State or whether we shall continue to walk through mud and thereby remain in the background. Which shall it be?

Lee's Birthday Well Observed.

Saturday was the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of the illustrious Robert E. Lee, the greatest warrior that ever gave an order on any field of conflict and carnage, was appropriately observed in North Carolina as well as all over the southland. Let us continue each year to honor our dead chieftain and keep his memory green upon the tablets of our hearts.

In Washington City a notable feature being the reading of a letter from President Roosevelt paying a splendid tribute to the South's great chieftain; at Richmond there was also an extensive programme, distinguished members and ladies of the Lee family being in attendance; at Lexington the Lee day orator was the Hon. Charles Francis Adams, of Massachusetts, who paid a glowing tribute to General Lee, and received from Washington and Lee University the degree of Doctor of Laws.

No man who has figured upon the stage of life within the present century has occupied more of the attention of the world, and no one has adorned it with so much greatness and heroism as General Robert E. Lee. The grandeur of his character and achievements have marked him victor, even in the face of what the world calls defeat, and if achievement be contrasted with resources, the world must acknowledge him the first soldier of history.

Mary E. Spann in Charlotte Observer writes thus of this great man: Gladly we bow to the glorious leader, Triumphant while furling the flag of the gray,

Naught could ere conquer thy spirit, oh never Even while sheathing thy sword, and for aye.

Brilliant as were thy earlier triumphs, Incomparably great in the annals of years.

No blemish ere touched the sword of our chieftain.

Unsullied the armour we see through our tears.

What though the laurels of earth are all scattered, And thy heart is now pierced by adversity's rod, Greatness eternal thy spirit enshrineth, Thy brow is o'er hung by a halo of God.

SUDDEN DEATH IN OXFORD

MRS. H. H. EATMAN SUCCUMBS TO HEART DISEASE.

Remains of a Good Woman Laid to Rest Wednesday Afternoon in Elmwood Cemetery.

Our community was shocked Monday night about half past six at the announcement that Mrs. H. H. Eatman had died suddenly at her home near town with heart disease. She had just finished supper and was going from the dining room to the kitchen when attacked and died instantly and her spirit entered into the presence of the Master she had so faithfully served. Mrs. Eatman was truly a devoted member of the Baptist church, showing her faith in Christ by her deeds and loyalty to her church. To those who knew her, comment on her life is needless; she was a beautiful character and had true purposes.

To the bereaved husband and manly son "there is an aching void this world cannot fill," yet in the fullness of domestic happiness the wife and mother is taken away overwhelming with sorrow the loved ones.

"She closed her eyes in sweet repose, To God her spirit took its flight; The body will rest till Gabriel blows, Then the family will reunite."

The funeral services were conducted in the Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Dr. A. B. Dunaway and their was a large attendance of sympathizing friends.

The interment was in Elmwood, where all that was mortal of this good woman was laid to rest, and sweet flowers covered the sacred mound.

To the suddenly bereaved devoted husband and son the editor joins the whole community in extending the warmest condolence.

The honorary pall bearers were Messrs. F. P. Hobgood, John Webb, R. G. Kittrell, William Landis, J. B. Roller and Dr. T. L. Booth.

Active pall bearers were: Messrs. W. J. Long, D. H. Bland, C. W. Bryan, W. A. Devin, Wm. H. Harrison, R. L. Hamilton and Frank Pinnix.

A Good Entertainment.

The Electric Show Co under present direction of Mr. John A. Poythress gave an electric entertainment in the Opera House on Saturday night to a large and appreciative audience. This company repeated this exhibition again on Monday night to another large audience. This is decidedly the best Electric Show ever in our town.

Want Your Trade.

We take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Allen-Harris Co in another part of this paper, and when in need of a good smoke or chew, something to read or something sweet or choice drinks from the fountain be sure to call on the polite Ernest Allen who will appreciate your trade.

Early Goods Ladies.

The ladies are always interested in white goods and millinery, and hence we call their attention to the advertisement of Messrs. Landis & Easton on another page. This firm has just received a splendid line of laces and embroideries, white goods, etc., and also selling hats and cloaks at almost your own price. Go and see them and find out what is going to be worn.

Death of Afflicted Man.

Mr. W. J. Burchett, who has been afflicted for several years and had to be rolled around in a chair, died last Friday morning at his home near the Buggy Body Factory. Before moving to Oxford he merchandised at Shoo Fly and at Culbreth. He leaves behind to mourn his death a wife and several children and a number of relatives to whom much sympathy is extended.

Of course you pay your money, But you get your money's worth, For what does money mean to you When Rocky Mountain Tea's on earth? J. G. Hall.

WHEREIN THE DEMOCRACY?

Voice of Majority Should Not be Stifled Because of One Man's Pledge.

In a general way it might be said that a matter that concerns only Morganton and Burke county is no business of anybody else, but a bill that passed the lower house of the Legislature a few days ago, shutting up the liquor traffic in Morganton, is of universal interest and becomes everybody's business. The short and simple story is that the people of Morganton had voted for the sale of liquor and that the lower house of the Legislature has passed a bill over-riding the majority vote of the town and drying it up. We don't argue as to whether it were better or worse for liquor to be sold under license in Morganton, but do lay down the proposition that the authority which authorized its licensed sale—that is to say the popular vote—is the only authority which can rightfully annul that decision. It is no argument to say that both parties made the campaign in the county last year on the proposition to close the bars in Morganton, or that petitions, signed by innumerable people, asked that they be closed. All this is beside the question, which is, whether the people or the Legislature is to dominate their purely local affairs.

We would like it to be clearly understood that we do not care whether or not liquor is sold in Morganton, but that we are discussing a principle. The last Legislature, after a popular vote in Richmond county in favor of license, overrode it and made the sale of liquor in the county unlawful. It was an outrage, a violation of the principle of local self-government, and the Morganton case is of exactly the same character.

We rail against centralization of government at Washington. Is it worse than centralization at Raleigh? Where does the Democratic argument come in?—Charlotte Observer.

The above from the Charlotte Observer is the law and gospel. The action of the legislature in the Morganton case is a deadly blow, not only to the principle of local self government but to the Watts Law itself.

The Observer does not make it plain why a campaign in the county for legislators on the whiskey question cannot control Morganton. The reason is because the people of the State after years of agitation through the legislature deliberately enacted a law depriving the people of the counties of a voice on the question. The law conferred that power on the people of Morganton, and they exercised that power. But unfortunately for them—unfortunately for the Watts Law—unfortunately for the principle of self-government, they did not exercise their legal power according to the wishes of the self-appointed guardians of the morals of people, they voted for saloons instead of for prohibition. Let us suppose this case reversed? Suppose the citizens of Morganton had voted for prohibition instead of saloons, would the legislature have passed a special act establishing saloons? What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

Mr. Avery, of Burke, said he was elected on a temperance platform and was pledged to try to get the bill through. If so he pledged himself to strike a deadly blow at the Watt's Law at local self-government and at the Democratic party itself, and the Democrats of the legislature ought to have the backbone to stand by the law to which the party by every principle of justice and fair dealing is committed. The principle involved is infinitely greater than the political fortunes of any one man.

We understand that Democratic candidates in the last campaign pledged themselves to stand by the law which Democrats passed. The Watts Law in the main is a good law, because it is based on the bed-rock principle of local government.

Can anybody suggest a more fragrant violation of the spirit of that law than the action of the Legislature in Morganton case?

LETTER TO LEGISLATURE.

DR. J. P. STEDMAN SAYS A FEW WORDS TO THAT BODY.

He Asks Some Pertinent Questions as to the Tax on Telephone Company in Oxford.

Oxford, N. C., Jan. 23, 1907.

To the Legislature of North Carolina: The Home Telephone Company owns and operates the telephones of Oxford; it has over one hundred and eighty instruments in use here according to its directory.

Up to 1904 the corporation was called The Henderson Telephone Company. In 1899 and 1900 this company paid tax on \$4,000, but in 1902 the valuation on their property was reduced to \$1,450 and continued at that amount for 1903-04. In 1905 it was still further reduced to \$1,350, while for last year (1906) it was raised to \$1,500.

The Corporation Commission fixes the tax valuation of all telephones, and it has reduced the assessment of all lines in North Carolina as much as it has in Oxford, the State, counties and towns have lost from sixty three to sixty six per cent every year for the last five years of the amount that should have been collected in taxes.

I make no complaint against The Home Telephone Company, for when they gave in the value of their property they put it at \$4,000 or \$2,500 more than the corporation commission's highest figures.

I will say that the attention of the corporation commission has been called to this matter, and the only response was a letter from its secretary or clerk saying the company reported so many miles of wire, so many phones, etc., and that the value was placed at the figures given by the commission.

I ask that the Legislature investigate the matter and ascertain if the tax valuation of the telephone properties has been materially reduced, and if so why, and by whom?

Respectfully,
JOHN P. STEDMAN.

Death of Mr. M. D. Harris.

Mr. M. D. Harris was born in 1854, and died January 9, 1907, thus making him fifty three years old. He was born and raised in Granville county where he died. He was the son of the late David Harris, "Nat" as he was familiarly called was a good boy and at the early age of fourteen years he joined Amis Chapel Baptist church and the church has lost a good and consecrated member in his death. Mr. Harris had been in declining health for several months and had been confined to his room for some time, and his death was not unexpected by his friends and family. He is survived by his wife who was Miss Mollie Ellixson, together with five children, three boys, Lonnie, Claud, Earl and two girls Mary and Gertrude, a brother and two sisters also survive him.

Rev. P. H. Fontaine preached his funeral from his home on Friday, p. m. from the one hundred and third Psalm, after which the remains were interred at the old family burying ground at Mr. Dave Fraziers to await the resurrection morn.

The pall bearers were: Messrs. Johnny Watkins, Walter Jones, Ballard Norwood, J. C. Harris and J. L. Chandler. To the grief-stricken loved ones we offer our most heartfelt sympathy in their deep sorrow. Remember it is not all of life to live nor all of death to die. He is only gone, before, yet a little while and we too shall answer the last roll call and shall pass over the dark and silent river of death to be with loved ones gone before and there will be a glorious reunion then. May God sustain the grief-stricken widow and children in their sorrow.
I. B. N.

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NEWS FROM VANCE COUNTY.

Death of a Good Man, Robbery, Policeman Wilson Sick, etc

Policeman W. E. Wilson was taken to Richmond Sunday night to be operated on for appendicitis. The operation was successful and his condition is now regarded as satisfactory. This is the second or third attack he has had but not so serious a nature.

Mr. Henry Grissom who was taken to Baltimore last week, to be operated on, is getting along very nicely. He stood the operation well and the indications are that he will soon be well. Mr. Will Hight and Mr. Walter Grissom went with him and have not returned yet.

Harry B. Eaton, colored, who was at one time a member of the Legislature from this county, died at his home near Williamsboro last Friday. He was a worthy and respected member of his race, and as a political leader as well as in the quiet walks of private citizen his influence was for good among his people.

Some one made a raid on the Seaboard Air Line Railway ticket office last Friday night and stole about \$15,000 from the cash drawer. The money was left in the drawer by the ticket agent after the evening trains passed and when he returned about eleven o'clock it was gone. A false key was used to unlock the door.

Mr. Patrick A. Bobbitt died at his home at Bobbitts Monday afternoon after a short sickness. His death removes a good and useful citizen, and the county as well as the community in which he lived sustains a loss. Mr. Bobbitt had served for many years as magistrate, school committee man and county commissioner, and in each of these positions he discharged his duties with loyal fidelity to the interests reposed in him. He was a brother of former County Treasurer I. C. Bobbitt, and beside him he leaves a great many relatives to mourn his death.—Gold Leaf.

Death of Mr. Calvin R. Parrish.

Mr. Calvin R. Parrish, treasurer of Orange county, died at his home in Hillsboro Thursday. Typhoid fever was the cause of his death. He left a wife and young child. Mr. Parrish was a brother-in-law of Hon. S. M. Gattis, Speaker of the last House of Representatives. He was a prominent Mason and was laid to rest with the honors of this order.

Senator Simmons Re-Election.

In the joint caucus of the Legislature Wednesday the Hon. F. M. Simmons was re-elected to the United States Senate for a term of six years; receiving 83 solid Democratic votes. Adams Rep. 21; Britt Rep. 2. Representative Dowd said that Senator Simmons had measured up with the brightest, best and ablest in the Great National Senate, and served his State with signal ability and faithfulness.

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Sale of Personal Property.

The undersigned will sell to highest bidder for cash at the late residence of Dr. J. Buxton Williams, on Wednesday, January 30, 1906, at 12 m., a lot of personal property belonging to the estate of the said Dr. Williams, consisting of household and kitchen furniture, one horse and buggy, etc. Harry G. Williams, Adm'r of J. Buxton Williams, dec'd.

HICKORY outside for sale \$3 per cord cash Southern Wheel Co.