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MORRISON, WATTS, MAXWELL AND JOSEPHUS DANIELS IN A BIG MIX-UP

This is the kind of stuff that makes Governors and Senators. The daily papers of the State have been overloaded for the past week with hot stuff bordering on a scandal that looks none too good for the democratic family. For the moment, and not until the real culprit has been smoked out, the Public Ledger refuses to share in the agitation.

The News and Observer and Corporation Commissioner Maxwell originated the charge that Revenue Commissioner Watts has ordered a reduction in the assessments on the Liggett & Myers and American Tobacco Company properties in this State, to a loss in State income of \$16,543.48. The public will remember that Maxwell was a candidate for Revenue Commissioner, the position held by Watts at the hands of Governor Morrison. Maxwell fired the first shot in the big controversy, and in double-column, black-face type, Josephus Daniels, editor of the News and Observer, issued a call for Governor Morrison, who is at his summer home in Asheville, to "come home," and rescue the State from the perilous position in which Watts has placed it "between Scylla and Charybdis."

In unmistakable language the News and Observer told the governor that "his" Revenue Commission "has usurped the power to over-rule the Tax Commission's order of the past year and to give a rebate on their taxes of \$13,000,000" to Liggett and the American. The News and Observer brands this as "favoritism" an "indefensible and a usurpation of authority."

Speaking for Mr. Maxwell it says that official "is not disposed to criticize or discuss the administration of the present tax laws by the Revenue Commissioner, but he does take exception to the disturbing of the work of the Tax Commission the past year." This Mr. Maxwell regards as "a gratuitous impeachment of the State Tax Commission in a matter that had been fully heard and determined by it. He thinks 'the action of Commissioner Watts' was 'with-out authority or contemplation of law and ought to be reversed.' It seems that the Tax Commission had heard the case of these companies, had made certain adjustments and had left the matter to rest there. It may develop that 'the State Tax Board' had evidence which justified its action.

Before it gets excited over this howl against Watts and the Governor, the public should bear in mind that any reduction in any bit of property, private or corporate, could not be ordered "by Revenue Commissioner Watts." It is provided that the assessments set by the Corporation Commission may be revised, not by Commissioner Watts, but by the State Tax Board, the active ruling influences upon which are located in the personalities of Attorney General Manning and Mr. W. T. Lee. Watts is a member of the board, but he is not the whole board.

Acknowledging that the News and Observer is a bold and fearless defender of the people's rights, the Public Ledger and the people of the State, in this particular charge of corruption, are not going to be hurried into the conclusion that Manning, Lee and Watts have conspired with corporation or other wealth to the prejudice of the State.

HEAD OF PROHIBITION FORCES ASKS COOPERATION

Kohloss Calls On Preachers To Help Enforce Prohibition Law. All of the preachers in North Carolina have been called upon by R. A. Kohloss, of Salisbury, the new prohibition director in North Carolina, to assist him in the enforcement of the prohibition law. They are asked to report to him all violations in the law, and to co-operate in any other way they can. His appeal to the preachers, which he has asked the newspapers to publish, contains the following:

"Your information will be sacred and confidential unless you should yourself desire to become a witness. If this appeal is received in the spirit in which it is made, and in my heart I feel that it will be, it will prove a brighter day for the enforcement of the law and all of my helpers will go forward with that confidence that comes from feeling the touch of elbows of those who are marching with but one purpose and to the same goal."

BERGDOLL FLEES GERMANY; SWITZERLAND HIS REFUGE

The Americans Will Capture Him Sooner Or Later.

Berlin, Aug. 21.—Glover Cleveland Bergdoll, the world's richest draft dodger, has fled into Switzerland, from which country he cannot be extradited. The first intimation here came in a dispatch that he had left Baden and had been seen in Switzerland. It is not known whether he felt that the American agents attempting to arrest him were likely to succeed, but his action will be a source of embarrassment to the German Foreign Office, which was responsible for his safe-keeping.

—Your battery should have water about every two weeks. Stop at Oxford Battery Co.

THREE STRONG SERMONS

Six Thousand People Heard Dr. Riley Here Last Sunday.

Dr. W. B. Riley, the great Minneapolis preacher delivered three sermons in Oxford last Sunday. His theme at the Methodist Church at 11 o'clock Sunday morning was "The Great Commission." At the Baptist Church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon his subject was "Seeing Twenty-Seven Centuries," and his subject at the union service, held in the Warehouse Tabernacle, was "The Scientific Accuracy of the Scriptures." In all three discourses Dr. Riley sustained the well-earned reputation of being one of the world's most learned and deep thinking men.

It was feared that he would "preach over the heads" of his hearers, but the most unlettered person grasped the meaning of his simple, forceful statements.

"The Scientific Accuracy of the Scriptures," as explained by Dr. Riley in his sermon at the Warehouse Tabernacle, leaves no room to doubt the wisdom and handiwork of God, and is the means of strengthening one's faith.

FATHER OF MRS. W. H. HUNT DIED AT NAGS HEAD

Departed this life at Nags Head on the nineteenth day of August, in his eighty-first year, Capt. Edward E. Outlaw. The deceased was a native of Bertie county and descended from one of North Carolinas most honored families. His remains were taken to Windsor, and buried in the Episcopal Church yard, where so many of his kindred rest.

At the commencement of the Civil War, Capt. Outlaw volunteered and was made Capt. of his company, which was soon transferred to the Eleventh Regiment of North Carolina troops. With his regiment he gallantly served in that terrific conflict which "Tried Men's Souls."

At its close, returning to his native county, he became a prominent citizen, serving in office for many years. A beautiful characteristic of Capt. Outlaw was his sympathy and generosity for the poor. A devoted husband, a loving father, a loyal friend has passed away. While he sympathized with his bereaved ones we trust they may be able to remember that he who has sent the blow "Is too wise to err, too good" to be unkind.

GRISSOM EXPECTED TO GET INTO OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER

Young William Duncan Is a Thorn In the Flesh.

According to the newspapers internal Revenue Josiah William Bailey is preparing to make room for Mr. William Grissom, who will receive from the President a recess appointment within a short time after the present session of Congress adjourns, and immediately thereafter will go to Raleigh to take over and make the customary departmental changes.

This move, according to well informed Republicans and Democrats who of necessity, know the Republican program, is to be made in order to avoid any fight in the Senate on the confirmation of Mr. Grissom, and in order, also to "shelve" young William Duncan without resorting to such a compromise as the tender of the Raleigh postmastership.

FARMER RELIEF BILL WILL PASS THE SENATE

Senator Simmons Is Behind the Bill.

Assurances have been given Senator Simmons that the farmers' relief bill, which the Senate sent to the House a few days since, will pass before adjournment. The recess resolution was pending in the Senate and Senator Simmons threatened to hold it up by actively opposing its passage if an immediate agreement was not reached with the House managers to pass the farmers relief bill. Senator Lodge acceded to the Tar Heel Senator's requirements and secured the agreement. The bill is one of vital importance to the agricultural interests, in that it provides for financial assistance for the farmers.

TURN HAS COME IN GENERAL BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT

Chamber Of Commerce In 100 Cities Report Employment Taking An Upward Trend.

Philadelphia, Aug. 22.—The turn in general business and employment has come, and the situation now is one to be faced with optimism, according to the belief expressed by officials of Chamber of Commerce along the eastern seaboard in at least 100 cities ranging from Maine to Virginia, who replied to a questionnaire submitted to them by the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

These replies record the normal and present employment conditions, and in virtually every instance it was said that employment was taking a slight upward trend.

—Mesdames N. B. Broughton, J. M. Edwards, Misses Rosa Broughton, Maud Reed, Carrie Broughton, of Raleigh were in Oxford Sunday to hear the sermons of Dr. Riley. While here they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hancock.

—Mr. John Webb is able to walk up town since his return from a Richmond hospital last week.

HIGH PRICES PREVAIL

ON LUMBERTON MARKET

Lumberton, Aug. 20.—The week closing last night was a record one, both in number of pounds sold and high prices, on the Lumberton tobacco market for the season. Prices Tuesday and Wednesday were much more satisfactory, but there was a decline in the price yesterday. Next week promises to be another busy one on the market here, and it is predicted that prices will be higher than on Friday.

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

There Were 260 Births in Granville During 1920.

In his annual report of vital statistics for 1920, Dr. Register says: "For statistical purposes, and for better comparison, we have divided North Carolina into four sections, or sanitary divisions: twenty extreme eastern counties with a population of 301,961; twenty extreme western counties with a population of 335,153; thirty middle eastern counties with a population of 933,148; thirty middle western counties with a population of 988,861. Grand total 1,783,779 whites; 775,344 colored."

For Granville county, Dr. Register makes the following report: Whites, 14,123; colored, 12,723. Births white 127; colored, 133. Total deaths under one year of age, white 20; colored 23. Total deaths from tuberculosis, white 8; colored 12.

Dr. Register makes the startling statement that the death of more than 13,000 infants in North Carolina under one year of age during 1920 were preventable.

MR. HARDING INVITED TO FAIR AT RALEIGH

The Request Comes From Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt.

A Washington dispatch says: "The invitation of the North Carolina Fair association requesting President Harding to speak in Raleigh on October 20 was presented to the President by Senator Simmons and Representative Weaver."

"Request for its presentation came from Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, president, and Col. Joseph E. Pogue, secretary, respectively, of the fair association. They called on the attention of President Harding that the President has an engagement at Williamsburg, Va., on October 19, and that to make the Raleigh appointment will require only one day more. Senator Simmons and Congressman Weaver hope the President may be induced to accept the North Carolina invitation and they will urge him to accept. It will probably be several days before the President will make his final decision."

ENGLISHMEN WANT KAISER GIVEN UP FOR TRIAL

Says England Should Make Demands On Holland For His Surrender

London, Aug. 20.—The declaration that Holland should be called upon to surrender the former German Emperor was made in the House of Commons by Horatio Bottomley, Independent, who again raised the question of the recent trials in Leipzig of German accused of acts in violation of the rules of civilized warfare in the world war. Mr. Bottomley said if the demand for the ex-Kaiser's surrender should be refused by Holland and if the British government found itself unable to deal with the matter effectively, the government should make way for "men of sterner stuff."

NEGRO KILLED IN DURHAM CO.

Swo' He That He Would Never Be Taken Alive.

Deputy Sheriff L. L. Morgan shot and killed Arthur "Oliver" Hayes, negro blockader and desperado in a thrilling raid on a blockade still operated by four Durham negroes on the Fish Dam road, who had sworn that they would never be taken alive. Deputy Morgan was fully exonerated by a coroner's jury Saturday afternoon. Robert Thompson, alias Robert Moss, was captured and is lodged in the county jail on a charge of blockading, and carrying a concealed weapon.

TRINKLE PAID LESS THAN COLONEL WEST

It Costs Ten Thousand Dollars To Be Governor Of Virginia.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 20.—State Senator E. Lee Trinkle, of Wytheville, Democratic nominee for governor, spent less in the gubernatorial campaign than did Colonel Julius E. West, of Suffolk, Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor, according to their expense accounts filed Saturday. Trinkle's expenses amount to \$9,433.62 and West's \$9,472.77.

THE WEATHER THIS WEEK

Scattered Rains and Thunder Showers Promised.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Weather predictions for the week beginning today include South Atlantic and East Gulf States:

"Generally fair and normal temperatures, but with a probability of widely scattered thunder showers. There are no indications of a disturbance in the West Indies."

BIG BUNCH OF APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF POSTMASTER

There Are a Lot Of Half and Half Republican-Democrats Trying To Land The Job.

About 30 application blanks up to Saturday last had been distributed to aspirants for the postoffice job here.

Strange to say that some of the applicants voted the Democratic ticket at the last election; one or the number voted the straight county and State Democratic ticket and the National Republican ticket at the last election, and one woman who has never voted, but is known to be in sympathy with the Democratic party, have filled out the blank and sent it to Washington. Just how they conjured their minds to get by with such a record is inconceivable.

Only those who bared their breast and worked at the polls at the November election last will be considered. It is the height of folly for a half-and-half Republican-Democrat to try for the office.

So far as the Oxford postoffice is concerned, the civil service examination does not amount to a fig. The State machine has already let it be known by letters and otherwise who they favor for postmaster here, and he is not only a good and capable man, but the best looking and most cordial Republican in Oxford. However, the agony and suspense of the many applicants must run its course, but it will soon be over, for next Friday, August 26, is the final date for filing the applications, which have to be sent to the Civil Service Commission at Washington.

WHITMORE TO OPEN BAKERY IN OXFORD

R. L. Whitmore Will Be Manager— Located in the New Building on Main Street Erected By J. D. Brooks.

H. J. Whitmore, proprietor of Whitmore's Bakery, in Henderson, and his son, R. F. Whitmore, are to open a new bakery in Oxford during the next few days, and expect to get it into operation perhaps by the latter part of this week. It has been learned. The younger Mr. Whitmore will be the manager of the Oxford bake shop, and will make his home in the new bungalow of Mr. Luther Davis on College street in front of the Oxford Orphanage grounds. The Henderson Daily Dispatch says: "The Oxford store is not to be operated solely as a branch of the Henderson bakery, which has been a success from the start, and which has won numerous customers by the courteous treatment given and the high quality of bakery products turned out. It will have its own ovens and make virtually all of the bread, pie and cakes sold, although owned jointly by the father and son."

SERVICE HIGHWAY BULLETIN

Highway Commission Reports On Condition Of Principal Roads.

In the first service bulletin issued by the State Highway Commission for the information of travel on the principal roads in North Carolina, prepared by H. K. Witherspoon, engineer in charge of publications and statistics for the Commission, we find the following in reference to the National Highway between Bullock and Durham. "From Virginia line near Bullock the road, via Oxford, is in good condition except for about five miles of rough macadam road north of Durham. At Durham road connects with Central Highway for points east and west."

MR. OSCAR BREEDLOVE ON NORTHERN MARKETS

Mr. Oscar Breedlove, buyer for the Perkinson-Green Company, left for the Northern markets yesterday and will be away ten days or two weeks.

Miss Annie Burkhead, the fashionable milliner at Perkinson-Green for the past several seasons, has been in New York City for several weeks studying designs and making purchases. It is a source of pleasure to many friends to know that Miss Burkhead will be with Perkinson-Green again this season. She will return with Mr. Breedlove.

LINNEY'S APPOINTMENT

Thomas Hawkins, of Asheville, and Charles A. Jonas, of Lincolnton, His Assistants.

Charlotte Aug. 21.—Frank A. Linney, recently a Presidential appointee for the district attorneys of Western North Carolina, who is here to take oath of office, announced the appointment of Thomas Hawkins, of Asheville, and Charles A. Jonas, of Lincolnton, as assistant district attorneys. He said he would make Charlotte his headquarters.

FIVE MILLIONS FOR EXPORT OF COTTON

The finance corporation has approved an application for an advance of five million dollars to the Citizens and Southern Bank of Savannah, Ga., for financing exports.

The advance will be made to finance cotton, cottonseed cake, peanut cake and naval stores for export sale. The commodities, the corporation said will be for the most part products from Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina.

THE TUG OF WAR

THIS AFTERNOON AT
LOCAL BASEBALL PARK

The Military Company Will Go Over the Top, Unless the Fire Company Puts Them Out.

The Oxford Fire Company will face the Headquarters Military Company at the Central Carolina League park this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Both teams have some good men and a close and interesting game is expected.

Batteries—Fire Company, Mayor T. G. Stem and J. Robert Wood; Military Company, Capt. J. B. Mayes and Hugh Parham.

The proceeds is for the benefit of the Oxford Fire Company.

BEEF PRICES NEAR TO PRE-WAR LEVEL

Within Three Cents Of Prices Prevailing In 1913 In the East.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Wholesale prices of dressed beef in eastern markets this week were down to within three cents of pre-war prices of 1913, the price decline during the year having been nearly 45 per cent, according to figures published today by the American Meat Packers Institute. Average wholesale prices approximated 14 cents a pound during the week, against 20 cents in the same week a last year and 15 1/2 cents in 1913, it was stated. Ordinary grade beef dropped 27 per cent during the last two weeks in the New York markets, and the next grade medium 19 cents, only fancy beef prices holding "fairly firm," because of the limited quantities available, it was stated.

These figures should furnish consumers with opportunity for "bargains in beef," the Institute statement said, "particularly the consumer who does not insist on fancy beef, and the popular cuts therefrom."

GRANVILLE VETERANS AND SONS AT THE REUNION

The following Veterans left Tuesday morning for Durham to attend the Reunion: R. T. Slaughter, Pete Slaughter, J. W. Adcock, W. S. Ellison, B. I. Breedlove, T. J. Smith, L. Hunter, J. L. Clark, J. C. Cox, T. H. Jones, J. R. Dixon, S. T. Dickerson, P. G. Montame, W. H. White, D. G. Crews, H. H. Eatman. The following sons of Veterans are attending: Will Thorp, S. H. Brinkley, S. H. Belcher and others. The Boy Scouts under W. P. Wilkerson, Scout Master of Stovall attended about ten strong. The Bank of Granville and J. R. White Company presented the Veterans with boxes of cigars.

CAR REDUCED TO ASHES

At Harrisburg Bridge On Oxford-Henderson Road.

On returning from Henderson last Sunday night about 9 o'clock, the truck of Messrs. N. A. and A. G. Maydani, proprietors of the Oxford Candy Kitchen, caught fire while transferring gasoline from a passing car to the truck. The flames spread so rapidly the truck was reduced to ashes in a few moments.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN OXFORD

—The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bradsher on College Street was a scene of gaiety on Friday night when their son Bobbie entertained in honor of Misses Ava Wellons and Mattie Lassiter of Smithfield, guests of Miss Sue Bryan. Punch was served during the evening by Miss Annie Thompson Bradsher and Rook was enjoyed by the young people. Elegant refreshments were served.

—Miss Ruth Bryan gave a lovely Rook party on Friday afternoon in honor of her guests Misses Josephine Bryant of Louisville and Annie Bell Smith of Tar River. The prizes were won by Misses Eva Moore Fagan and Frances Horner. Delicious refreshments were served at the conclusion of the game.

—A charming "Rook and Set Back" Party was given on Saturday morning by Miss Virginia Frazier in honor of Misses Helen Sublitt, Martha Nelson of Danville Annie Bell Smith, Tar River and Josephine Bryant, Louisville. Tempting punch was served by Miss Marie Frazier and an elegant course of refreshments was served. This occasion was greatly enjoyed.

—The home of Miss Byrd Jones in Warrenton was the scene of a happy gathering on Friday afternoon when Miss Virginia Gibbs entertained announcing the engagement of two popular young people of the State. The home was tastefully decorated with a profusion of cut flowers. Each guest was presented with a miniature bridal bouquet containing two cards having the names of Fair Polk and John Mitchell of Oxford whose marriage will take place Sept. the sixth. An elegant course of cream and cake was served. Miss Polk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tasker Polk is one of the beauties of the State, a social favorite having charming manners and lovely personality. She has often visited in Oxford and has a host of friends who will gladly welcome her when she becomes the bride of our popular young townsman John Mitchell, son of W. Z. Mitchell.

CROPS DOWN WILTON WAY

There Is Some Good Tobacco, But the Corn Crop Is a Failure.

On Saturday last the editor of the Public Ledger accompanied Mr. S. M. Wheeler to Wilton where he hoped to secure some good tobacco from Mr. Morrisett. As we passed down the road via Pitts Brothers and Clay Hill we saw some good tobacco in several places on both sides of the road, and on some of the bottom lands the corn has good color, but small. Good rains would help some, but as a whole the corn crop south of Oxford on the Wilton road is a failure. On some of the old home places near Wilton, enriched by time and attention, both corn and tobacco looks much better than elsewhere. The best field of tobacco we saw is on the Dean place, adjoining the lands of Commissioner Thomas G. Taylor, three miles from Oxford, and the best field of corn is on Dr. J. A. Morris' place. On our return to Oxford we turned to the right this side of Wilton and crossed Tar River at Canady's Mill. There is not a fair stand of tobacco or corn in sight of the road between Wilton and Dickerson.

In the trip of thirty miles, going and coming we saw five games of baseball. It was Saturday afternoon and the whole country-side was taking a half day off. The largest crowd was at Wilton, and former County Treasurer E. A. Bobbitt was there with his sleeves pushed back and ready to umpire the game between Creedmoor and Wilton, but the Creedmoor team had not arrived. In the practice game we observed Wilton has some good ball players.

BILL BARNES GETS SEVEN MONTHS ON THE ROADS

Bill Barnes, the negro who shot at his wife last Tuesday night near the Southern Railway station and hit Abby Thomas, the ball passing through her cheek and lodging in her throat, was arranged before Mayor T. G. Stem in municipal court Monday afternoon and was sentenced to the roads to serve seven months on three counts, namely: Shooting Abby Thomas four months; assault on Wilkerson 2 months; carrying concealed weapon 1 month.

Abby Thomas, the wounded woman, attended the hearing. The State papers said Abby was killed, but she is the liveliest corpse you ever saw.

SIXTY BILLION CIGARETTES

Revenues Collected On Tobacco \$294,000,000, North Carolina Paying \$108,427,000.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Cigarettes numbering 61,859,900,000 were manufactured in the United States last year, the Census Bureau's annual tobacco report just issued shows. Of that number, 15,834,000,000 were exported, leaving about 45,000,000,000 factory-made cigarettes for consumption in the United States.

The year's crop of tobacco amounted to 1,508,054,000 pounds grown on 1,894,000 acres. Leaf tobacco products imports were valued at \$98,562,000.

Revenues collected on tobacco, cigars, cigarettes and snuff amounted to \$294,000,000 of which North Carolina contributed \$108,427,000.

KINCAID SENTENCED TO SERVE EIGHTEEN YEARS

Morganton, N. C., Aug. 21.—Sidney A. Kincaid Burke County commissioner, convicted of second degree murder in connection with the killing of his wife on July 18, last, was yesterday sentenced by Judge Bryson in superior court to eighteen years in the State penitentiary at hard labor.

Attorneys for Kincaid gave notice of appeal, his bond being fixed at \$10,000. He is expected to give bond.

Kincaid wept as evidence was introduced in the trial by the mother of Kincaid's wife, as she testified that she saw the prisoner as he choked his victim.

OXFORD WOMAN'S CLUB SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN THIS

Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 22.—The task of organizing an exhibit for the Made-in-Carolinas Exposition, which will be held here Sept. 12 to 29, to show the handiwork of women is being rapidly carried to a successful conclusion by Mrs. C. C. Hook, of this city, former president of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs. Mrs. Hook has charge of this work for the Charlotte Woman's Club, which has undertaken to form a comprehensive woman's work exhibit, expected to require about 1,000 feet of floor space.

BOY ACQUITTED OF DEATH OF HIS DEAD FATHER

Gibson, Ga., Aug. 21.—Alton McLean, 14, was acquitted by a jury here Saturday after twenty minutes deliberation. He was charged with the murder of his father, R. T. McLean, a prominent farmer of this section on February 25, last. The boy claimed the shooting was accidental, and that he became frightened and tied a rope about his father's neck, hitched the rope to a horse his father was plowing and dragged him into a ditch. The boy ran away, and the body was not found until two days later.