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## NO. 38 WRECKED NEAR PELHAM WED. MORNING

Southern Railway passenger train No. 28 was derailed at 12:10 Wednesday morning one-half mile south of Pelham. The Southern Railway office here was advised that five Pullmans and a club car were derailed and that one of the Pullmans was partially overturned.

Traveling at forty miles an hour, a broken rail threw the third car from the rails and the rest of the train followed, the last coach, an observation car, careening dangerously on its side after Engineer Kizer had brought the train to a stop. There were no fatalities, and the personal injuries, all of which were slight, were confined to three persons, two women whose names were not learned, and J. L. Buchanan, of Richmond, all of whom thought so little of their hurts that they were able to continue their journey. The bumping of the train along the permanent way in the middle of the night and the rapid stop caused a bad scare and there was much excitement on the train especially in the sleepers where men and women frantically slipped on their clothes in order to get out.

The wreck was cleared up at ten o'clock yesterday morning by wrecking crews, the track being torn up for some distance little distance, and the running gear of the steel coaches were badly deranged. The accident so happened so as not to block traffic and northbound trains, Numbers 12 and 20 were put on the Southbound track and were able to pass No. 38. The limited was in charge of Conductor Tucker.

### R. B. TURNER FINED \$30.

In the Recorder's Court Monday night Mr. R. B. Turner, proprietor of Turner's five and ten cent store, was found guilty of assault upon Supt. T. Wiggins Andrews, of the Reidsville Graded Schools, and fined \$30 and the costs.

The trial attracted the largest crowd ever seen at a session of our municipal court, every seat being filled and all available standing room being taken. The unusual interest in the case was due to the fact that the trouble grew out of the administration of authority in the Graded Schools, as stated in last week's paper. The case was called last Friday night, but owing to the absence of a material witness for the defendant was postponed till Monday night. In the crowd that listened to the hearing were perhaps as many women and children as there were men.

The evidence was substantially as stated in our last issue, hot words being exchanged in a conversation between Supt. Andrews and Mr. Turner, in the latter's store, where the former went to protest against the latter's action in taking his little girl away from the school room when she and other pupils were being "kept in" by their teacher, Miss Spurgeon, with the result that Mr. Turner assaulted Supt. Andrews. While no serious damage was done, Judge Humphreys thought the fine ought to be sufficient to prevent like trouble in the future.

Mr. Turner appealed to the Superior Court.

Attorneys Joyce and Dalton represented the defendant, while Solicitor Wrenn was assisted by Attorney Gildewell, special counsel for the Graded School Board.

### Liquor and Suffrage Live Issues.

A Washington special to the Charlotte Observer says:

Representative Webb, of North Carolina, arrived here today. He thinks that the two big questions before the House Judiciary Committee, of which he is chairman, the coming session of Congress will be prohibition and woman suffrage. Some minor amendments may be offered to the anti-trust laws, but the contests will be over liquor and votes for women.

Either Mr. Webb or Representative Kitchin will introduce in the House the nation-wide prohibition measure.

Mr. Webb meets with a special committee December 4 to discuss the nature of the bill to be introduced. There is no doubt that old boss is going to get it in the neck very soon from Congress.

Rev. W. H. Wilson, of Greensboro, passed through Reidsville yesterday morning en route to the Sharon section where he will visit friends and rabbit hunt for a day or so. He will preach for them Sunday.

## NEW SECRETARY R. C. & A. ASSOCIATION ON DUTY

Mr. J. W. Dunn, of Asheville, who was recently elected Secretary of the Reidsville Commercial and Agricultural Association, arrived in Reidsville on No. 38 Tuesday afternoon and took up his duties Wednesday morning. He was accompanied by Mrs. Dunn and their little daughter. For the present they are boarding with Mrs. Hobgood on Lindsey street.

Mr. Dunn, although he was born in Dublin, Ireland, and is the son of an English army officer, has been in America many years and is thoroughly imbued with the American spirit. He is especially glad, he states, that he happens to be in America just at the present time.

Mr. Dunn is a very pleasant, affable gentleman and is said to be eminently qualified for the position to which he has been elected. He has held a similar position in the city of Asheville for some time. It is confidently predicted that under his leadership the Reidsville Commercial and Agricultural Association will maintain its splendid reputation and become an even greater factor in the growth and development of our city and this entire section.

The Weekly takes pleasure in welcoming Mr. Dunn, together with his family, into our midst and heartily commends them to all of our citizens.

## M'MICHAEL AND SHARP APPEAL TO HIGHER COURT

As we go to press civil court at Reidsville is engaged in the trial of *Cardwell vs. the N. & W. Ry. Co., from Madison*. This case was taken up yesterday and will probably consume part of tomorrow.

The case of *McMichael vs. King for slander*, mention of which was made in last week's issue of The Weekly, resulted in a verdict of \$300 for Mr. McMichael, who appealed to the Superior Court.

The case of *John L. Sharp vs. D. F. King* was taken up Friday afternoon and finished Tuesday morning. Mr. Sharp was suing Mr. King for slander, the latter, in a letter to Mr. A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro, having accused a jury of which Mr. Sharp was a member, and which decided a case against Mr. King 11 to 1, of having been bribed by the use of liquor and prejudice. A number of the other jurors have also instituted suits against Mr. King. The jury, after being out some time, found against Mr. Sharp. The defendant offered in evidence a contract signed by Mr. Sharp agreeing to drop the case. Mr. Sharp contended that the contract was secured by false pretense, the defendant having agreed to apologize to him along with the other jurors if he would agree to drop the case. This he contended that the defendant not only did not do, but published a statement apologizing to the other jurors and omitting his name. He has appealed to the Supreme Court.

**Declares Against Preparedness Idea.**  
Durham, Nov. 6.—Declaring that the idea of "preparedness" was ill-founded in fact, since it was unscriptural throughout, the North Carolina-Virginia Christian Conference placed itself squarely on record against President Wilson's defense program. The incorporation of a resolution condemning the program was among the closing acts of the Conference.  
President W. A. Harper of Elon College, Secretary of the Conference, was authorized to memorialize Senators Simmons and Overman and other Congressmen from this State relative to the measure and register the protest of the Christian denomination of the two States. The resolution as endorsed was introduced by Rev. J. O. Atkinson, editor of the Christian Sun.  
Prolonged discussion followed the introduction of the resolution, but the Conference voted almost unanimously against military preparedness.

—Mr. Robert R. Boyd, a graduate of the Columbia University Law School, has decided to locate in Reidsville for the practice of law. He is the youngest son of the late Col. A. J. Boyd, long leader of the Rockingham bar, and a young man of fine promise. For the past several years he has resided in Raleigh and New York. His many Reidsville friends will be glad to welcome him back to his native town.

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## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Williams, Jr., on Nov. 27, a daughter.

—Dr. L. L. Sapp, a former resident of our city, was here Saturday mixing with his friends.

—Mr. Zera Gwynn, of Robeson, spent the week-end here with his mother.

—Mr. Fish Covington, a solid farmer of the Sadler neighborhood, was a business visitor to our city Saturday.

—Elder Walker, of Pittsylvania county, Va., spent the week-end here with his Primitive Baptist brethren.

—Rev. R. L. Topping, pastor of the Christian church at Rosemary, N. C., was the guest of Rev. H. F. Bolger last week.

—Mr. R. W. Gunn, who has been living in Winston-Salem the past year or two, has returned to Reidsville to reside.

—Mr. Wilbur Womack, of Wilson, has been spending a few days here with his people.

—The big electric light in front of the Millner garage dispels the darkness for nearly a block.

—The first pinch of winter was vigorous enough to be felt. The mercury for the past few mornings has been down around 26 at sunrise.

—The Amos Motor Co.'s new electric sign is a dazzler. Ninety-eight incandescents are used to illuminate the word, "Ford."

—Mr. Pink D. Waynes, one of the most successful farmers of Williamsburg township, was here Saturday buying, selling and getting gain.

—Mr. Albert Ayers, of South Reidsville, killed a five hundred and ninety pound snote this week. We hope other heavyweights in town and county will be reported to The Weekly.

—Mr. C. E. King, late of Greensboro, succeeds Miss M. A. Gann as manager of the local Western Union telegraph office. Miss Gann, who has had charge of the office for several months, has been transferred to Blackville, S. C.

—Mr. Thos. S. Carter left yesterday for San Francisco, from which port on December 6th he will sail for the Philippine Islands, where he will be commissioned a lieutenant in the army.

—Mr. and Mrs. Shade Martin, of Westworth, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on December 12. They are making considerable preparation for the happy event and are anticipating a most delightful time. They hope to have all of their children and grandchildren at their home for the occasion.

—Mr. W. Frank Burton, who represented the Presbyterian Sunday-school at the great Sunday-school Convention in Salisbury last week, gave a report of his trip Sunday morning. He spoke enthusiastically of the exercises, addresses and discussions, all of which were up to the top notch, but declared he was most forcibly impressed with the remarks of Mr. A. B. Saleeby, a Syrian candy merchant of Salisbury, who said among other things: "You have got the religion, but you don't work it."

—The First Baptist Church of Lexington, N. C., now on the look-out for a pastor, has invited Rev. B. Vaughn Ferguson, formerly of this place, to visit them. The Dispatch says "Rev. B. Vaughn Ferguson, of Durham, has been asked to preach to the congregation at an early date. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College and student of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, the largest training school for ministers in the Baptist realm. While a student he made a reputation for earnestness and brilliancy and since entering the active ministry has been very successful. He is said to be a speaker of power and a man of pleasing personality."

—Dr. W. F. McMurray in his address at the late Conference announced as his text, "Let the house of the Lord be builded in his place," explaining that it was the motto over the entrance to the new building erected for the Church Extension Board at Louisville, Ky. He omitted to give chapter and verse, with the result that at least two Bible readers have been searching the Scriptures with the aid of the concordance. The correct approach to Dr. McMurray's text may have been found in Eccl. 5:15, "Let the house of God be builded in his place." It means the same thing, but the verbage differs slightly from Dr. McMurray's quotation.

—Snow is reported a few miles north of Reidsville last night.

—Col. Dick Ragland, the famous traveler, is in the city.

—We have nothing to do but sell goods. Try us at Miles Racket Store.

—Col. Harry H. Williamson, of Route 6, was in the city today and remembered The Weekly in his rounds.

—Tobacco is coming in pretty freely now and prices are considerably better than they were awhile back.

—Mrs. J. P. McMichael is visiting her aged mother, Mrs. Deshazo, at Spencer, Va.

—Attorney and Mrs. P. W. Gildewell and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Stone spent Wednesday in Greensboro.

—Mrs. Lee, of Greensboro, is the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Shade Martin, at Westworth.

—Mr. J. W. Garner, of New Bethel, reports some nice hogs killed in his section. He killed two 8 and 11 months old that weighed 360 and 395 respectively. Mr. Charlie Sharp killed one 11 months old which weighed 440 pounds.

—The Graded School Board has purchased three lots on Lawsonville Avenue from Mr. P. H. Williamson and hope to be able to erect a nice school building for that part of the town. The price paid was something over \$1,300. A school building has long been badly needed in that part of town. It is the intention of the Board to call an election, perhaps some time in January, to vote bonds with which to build the new building.

—Mr. John Herbin, of New Bethel, was at Westworth Monday exhibiting two cigars 49 years of age. He got them in Greensboro Saturday, where they were found in the garret of an old building being torn down. They were manufactured right after the war, but notwithstanding their age, were in perfect condition. Mr. Herbin presented one of them to Register of Deeds McMichael, who put it away until Christmas day, when he expects to smoke it after helping to consume a twenty pound turkey for dinner.

—The Norfolk & Western Railway Co. is in Stoneville today and will be in Madison tomorrow. The train, which is splendidly equipped, is in charge of Dr. E. A. Shubert.

—Mr. B. R. Stone, of Reidsville, went to Stoneville this morning to see Dr. Shubert relative to the location of an experiment farm which the N. & W. is planning to operate somewhere in this State adjacent to its line. Mr. Stone hopes to get them to locate it somewhere in Rockingham county.

—The following interesting announcement was received here this morning:

The announcement is made of the marriage of Mrs. Genevieve Schellkopf von Berge to Mr. Jefferson Penn

on Wednesday, the first of December. One thousand nine hundred and fifteen in the City of New York.

Accompanying the announcement is a card stating that Mr. and Mrs. Penn will be at home, 121 Chapin Parkway, Buffalo, N. Y., after the 1st of January.

The groom is one of Reidsville's most popular young men, having spent practically all of his life here, though born in Virginia, while the bride is a young woman of rare graces of mind and person, and recently spent some time here the guest of the groom's mother, Mrs. F. R. Penn. We congratulate Mr. Penn upon winning such a prize, but regret very much that he is to leave Reidsville.

The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. W. A. Lambeth, of Reidsville.

**Father Begs to Die for Son.**

William Merrick, an aged colored man, today begged Judge Daniels in Superior Court to let him pay the death penalty for his son, Thomas Merrick, eighteen years old, who was convicted of first degree murder of Mr. L. E. Hudson, a young white man, of this city, some weeks ago, having shot him to death with a shotgun, following a dispute over a hitching post. The jury had been out twenty-two hours, when the verdict was returned. February 10th next was named as the date of execution.

Attorneys for the defendant took an appeal to the Supreme Court.

The father of the condemned youth is a better in the home of a prominent family here.—*Washington special to News and Observer.*

## NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS ELECTED SUNDAY

At a congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian Church held last Sunday three new Elders and six new Deacons were elected. The new Elders are Messrs. W. B. Milner, J. A. Fetzer and D. E. Purcell. The new Deacons are Messrs. R. S. Montgomery, P. H. Harrelson, A. L. Haskins, S. A. Hubbard, Dr. M. B. Abernethy and J. B. Watkins.

Election was by ballot and no one was placed in nomination, each member writing his choice on a slip of paper, and the ballots being collected and counted by the tellers. Though many names were voted for, there was a striking unanimity for the successful ones. Before the result of the first ballot was announced Dr. Craig, the pastor, said he was reminded of Proverbs 16:33, "The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord."

The three new Elders are at present members of the Board of Deacons, and so the election of six new Deacons only increases the Board by three.

The new officers will add strength to the Church organization, and the people are looking forward to greater things. The building of a new house of worship is a project upon which the hearts of the people are set, and the coming year will likely see the work pushed forward to completion. It is planned to erect a modern building which will be a credit not only to the denomination but to the city.

Dr. D. I. Craig, who has been the faithful and beloved pastor for more than thirty-seven years, is renewing his youth under the stimulus of the vigorous enthusiasm of the co-pastor, his gifted son, Rev. Carl B. Craig. They make a fine combination of ripe experience and virile aggressiveness.

**SADLER SCRAPS.**

Corn shuckings are over in this

area well-filled crib. During the husking time we had some warm discussions as to what is the proper method of cultivating corn. There is Bob Jackson, who believes implicitly in the mule and turning plow. You couldn't induce him to use a horse or cultivator under any circumstances, and he makes good corn. J. F. Covington used both animals and implements, and taking soil into consideration, beat the town, in our opinion.

The Messrs. Corum made more bushels than was produced on any other one farm, but they had decidedly the best corn land.

Thanksgiving here was rather quiet. A company composed of frisky widows, gay old bachelors and love-sick girls and boys went out rabbit hunting. It was an admirably planned affair, and lasted all day. Each girl, or widow, as the case might be, was to take lunch for two, and they, in some sunny nook were to eat in happy seclusion. This would have worked out well but for the fact that two of the boys couldn't go, leaving two of the girls lonely, and without dinner according to previous calculations. But previous plans didn't go. These lone-some kids wrought special vengeance on the rabbits and in so doing took lots of exercise and grew very hungry, therefore at lunch these two visited each couple, playing havoc with love and rations, and according to some of the girls, practically spoiling the day as well as the dinner. After the hunt the party attended a dance in the evening at the home of Mr. A. J. Johnson, but most of them were too tired to dance and went home early.

Messrs. R. E. Williams and D. C. and G. O. Barton have recently moved to town, and Mr. Jesse Corum has accepted a position at Brittain's drug store beginning Dec. 1. Our town has a deserted appearance, and we would feel real lonely but for the fact that our good friend, Floyd Kemp, fits in and out so often as to keep us right good company.

Miss Frances Glass and Lillie Rascoe, the principal and primary teacher here, attended the State Teachers' Meeting at Raleigh last week.

—Mr. E. S. Newnam, a splendid citizen of near Intelligence, spent last night in the city and sold tobacco on the Reidsville market today. Mr. Newnam, although not yet an old man, can remember distinctly, he says, when there were only a half dozen houses in Reidsville and the greater part of the present site of the town was in forest.

## BANK WILL DISTRIBUTE \$16,500 TO MEMBERS

"Preparedness" is the word with the members of the Landis Christmas Savings Club, who are nearing the goal to which they have looked forward for the past year. About December 15 the Rockingham Savings Bank & Trust Co. will mail out to members of the Christmas Savings Club checks aggregating \$16,500. The Club will close in a few days, and about ten days before the joyous holiday season, each member will receive a handsomely lithographed check for the full amount of deposits made during the past year, with interest.

What this means to Reidsville may be appreciated to some extent when we state that the Club is composed of 1,125 members, who have been putting away their pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and halves during the past twelve months, with a view to Christmas "preparedness." No frenzied, spasmodic preparation for them, but patient, systematic work week in and week out. Practically every single one of these members resides in Reidsville, and it may be taken as a practical certainty that the \$16,500 will be spent in Reidsville. It will be spent, too, at a season of the year when any city needs all the sustenance it can get. Nor will all this amount be spent on foolish baubles for the Christmas season. A large part of it will go for food, fuel and clothing. Reidsville will immediately feel the good effects of practically every penny of this \$16,500 as it is put into the channels of trade.

The lesson of this Savings Club is the value of small sums of money saved regularly and systematically, which otherwise would have been spent foolishly. Nothing slips out of one's hand so easily as money.

That this idea of inspiring savings is proving fruitful is proved conclusively by the growth of the Club. Last year the total amount deposited by members aggregated \$11,000.

The officers in charge are confident that the Club next year will double that of the present.

Doubtless a substantial part of the \$16,500 to be disbursed to the members of the Club will be deposited in the savings department of the Rockingham Savings Bank & Trust Co., which pays 4 per cent. interest compounded quarterly, thus initiating a "rainy day fund" which may grow from time to time to substantial proportions.

The new 1916 Club will open on December 30.

**Kitchin Ready for Big Battle.**

Washington, Nov. 27.—Representative Claude Kitchin, Democratic leader of the House, who opposes the Administration's national defense program, returned to the capital today to prepare for the organization meeting of the Ways and Means Committee next week.

Representative Kitchin said he would favor a Congressional inquiry into what he characterized as "defense propaganda" to determine whether it may be supported by persons allied with the manufacture of munitions. He did not comment on Secretary McAdoo's estimate, but said, when the preparedness program finally was adjusted by Congress, he would co-operate with the Administration on measures for the necessary revenues.

"First, I want to keep the people from being taxed for preparedness," said Representative Kitchin, "but if I cannot prevent that, I do not propose to oppose the party in providing the necessary revenues."

**Egg Weighed a Pound.**

John Dix, a farmer of the Oulands neighborhood, brought a monster egg that was laid yesterday morning on his farm to show his friends in the city yesterday. The egg though unusually large was normally shaped and tipped the scales at one pound, two ounces. Those who saw the freak declared they had never before seen an egg quite so large or so heavy.—*Danville Bee.*

Rev. A. L. McClinton, of Winston, is this week assisting Rev. John W. Ham in a revival meeting at the Baptist church in Walnut Cove. The meetings began on Friday night and are being largely attended. Rev. Mr. Ham is preaching some excellent sermons.

Send the Weekly the news of your neighborhood.