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## CAMPBELL HEARING IS NOW IN STANLY

Case in Iredell Postponed—In Rowan Monday—Little Damaging Evidence

The hearing in the Campbell-Doughton election contest in Iredell was postponed Saturday and will be taken up again March 7. The hearing is in progress this week in Stanly county, Monday at Big Lick and yesterday at Albemarle. The hearings are before D. J. Leak, commissioner of testimony. Next Monday morning the hearing will be taken up in Salisbury for Rowan county.

At the close of the first week's evidence in the contest the Doughton forces are standing firm and unshaken, according to reports from Statesville. Not only have the Campbell forces failed to make good a single material allegation of their complaint, but on the contrary the Doughton forces have strongly established out of the mouths of Campbell's own witnesses that the allegations are groundless and untrue.

In every single instance where the Campbell forces attempted to show discrimination on the part of the Democratic registrars and unfairness in the casting of votes the witnesses have revealed the startling facts that the registrars went out of their way and made great sacrifices, more than the law requires, for the convenience of the Republicans in getting on the registration books, preparing themselves to vote.

It is further unquestionably established that as a result of the fairness of the registrars and election officers the Republicans made heavy gains in the male vote in all the precincts where Campbell alleges that he was discriminated against, and that instead of having been prejudiced his vote was actually swollen. Not one single instance has been revealed showing that one individual failed to vote for Campbell on account of any discrimination, neglect or action of any registrar or election officer.

In many cases it has been established by the Republican witnesses and voters in their precincts that the registration and election was eminently fair.

It is the opinion of careful observers that the close of the investigation will record a splendid vindication and triumph for Congressman Doughton and for the Democratic organization in Iredell county, and if Dr. Campbell has no brighter prospects in other counties than in Iredell Mr. Doughton's seat is safe and secure.

## SOME OF VICE-PRESIDENT MARSHALL'S STORIES

When Vice-President Marshall lays down the gavel in the Senate on March 4 there will be genuine regret. Marshall has dignified the office of vice-president by kidding it harder than anybody else—and then bringing humor and courtesy to it.

He plans to go upon the Chautauque circuit and he will be a headliner.

An example of his facility in meeting any situation, awkward or unpleasant, is shown by two of his prize stories. He was in a company of jubilant Republicans who were gloating over the late election landslide. The gloats grew more and more pronounced and the dreams of future more and more rosy. Then Marshall was given a chance. He said:

"Well, you folks are feeling mighty cocky. That's all right. You're telling what you are going to do. That's all right. Dream on. Only you sort of remind me of the colored boy, homeward bound from France, who, leaning on the ship's rail, said to his black buddy:

"Boy, when I gits ashore do you know what I'm goin' to do? Well, I'm goin' to git me a white hat an' a white coat an' white pants an' white socks an' white shoes an' white gloves an' a white vest, an' I'm goin' to walk right up Fifth avenue with a white gal on each arm. What are you goin' to do, boy?"

"Well," said the other, "I reckon I'll git me a black coat an' black pants an' a black tie an' black shoes an' a black crepe on my left arm, an' be all ready to go to yo' funeral."

"But," continued the vice-president, "I shouldn't tell that story. In fact, I shouldn't say anything. We Democrats shouldn't talk just now. No, we are like the colored congregation that ran short of communion wine. They asked one of the sisters who was especially skilled in some of the modern domestic arts and science to manufacture a supply. She could not get her usual ingredients, so she made her wine out of persimmons—green persimmons. It was good stuff. It had a kick. But after communion the congregation was so puckered it had to whistle the doxology. That us. If we can't sing we can whistle."

## AT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The United Lutheran Church has designated the last Sunday in February (Feb. 27) as a time of special prayer for our seminaries, colleges, academies, etc., and the youth assembled in them. In compliance with this call the pastor, Rev. L. D. Miller, will speak at the 11 o'clock service Sunday upon Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." unday school at 10 o'clock, conducted by Supt. J. H. Dinglehoff. No evening service. The public is invited to worship with us.

## FOUR COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS IN DEBATE

Hudson, Oak Hill, Granite Falls and Lenoir Working on Preliminaries

Four Caldwell county high schools will take part in the State-wide triangular debate this year. Already plans are well under way at Hudson, Oak Hill, Granite Falls and the Lenoir school for the preliminaries.

Wide-sweeping plans concerning debating and athletic activities in hundreds of North Carolina high schools have been announced at the University of North Carolina.

Secretary E. R. Rankin, of the high school debating union, announced that the time for the triangular high school debates had been decided on April 1, and that the further eliminating contests at Chapel Hill for the championship of the State and the Aycock memorial cup would take place two weeks later, April 14 and 15.

The number of high schools entered in the debating contest this year has mounted to 238, covering 90 of the 100 counties. Buncombe, Gaston, Guilford and Pitt counties have eight schools each; Moore and Robeson counties have seven schools each entered; Wayne and Johnston have six each, and Alamance, Duplin, Mecklenburg, Rockingham and Wake have five each.

These 238 schools, each with affirmative and negative teams, will fight out among themselves the question of collective bargaining, and those schools winning both sides of the contest will send their teams to Chapel Hill for the further elimination contests.

## 'THE WOMEN OF THE SOUTH IN WAR TIMES'

The volume entitled "The Women of the South in War Times" was presented, endorsed and adopted at the U. D. C. convention in Asheville. It is compiled by Matthew Page Andrews and is a valuable contribution to history and literature. The retail price is \$2.50 the copy, plus postage. Chapters or individual Daughters may order or secure this book at \$2, plus postage. Quite a number of the Daughters have given their order for this book, which will be here, it is hoped, by the next meeting.

Anyone wishing any information concerning this book or desiring to secure a copy can procure same by getting in touch with Mrs. W. H. Craddock, Mrs. R. L. Gwyn or Miss Maye Puett.

## MULBERRY FOLKS BUILDING A CONNECTING ROAD

The people of Mulberry valley are building a road across Turtle mountain to connect with the turnpike at Curtis store. Work on this road is being done by the people of the community it serves. Tools and dynamite necessary for blasting purposes are furnished by the county. The work was started on the Mulberry side of the mountain, and it is said that the road has been completed to the top of the ridge.

## PHONOGRAPH CO. CHANGES HANDS

P. L. Hamby and Son Buy Out the Interests of Other Stockholders

Mr. P. L. Hamby has bought the interests of Mr. Molton Triplett and Mr. B. A. Montgomery in the Thomas Phonograph Company and plans to continue the business of making and selling phonographs.

The Thomas phonograph, which is made here in Lenoir, will be manufactured as heretofore. The company has the agency for the Pathe phonograph and for the Pathe records. Mr. Hamby, with his son, will conduct the business.

## FORDNEY TARIFF BILL PASSES THE SENATE

Loaded down with more than a score of amendments, the Fordney emergency tariff bill passed the Senate last Wednesday night. The vote was 43 to 30 and the measure was immediately sent to conference, with little hope entertained that it will get through the present session of Congress.

Action on the bill, designed and rushed through the House as an aid to the farmer, came after a protracted session, during which four Republican Senators broke away from their party alignment and two of them, Edge of New Hampshire and Moses of New Hampshire, bitterly assailed the measure and its Republican supporters. Likewise, solidarity of the Democratic ranks could not be maintained, nine of the minority members being recorded in favor of the bill.

## HOUSE OF GILMORE SANDERS IN LERINCO BURNED

Monday morning about 8:30 the house belonging to Mr. Gilmore Sanders, in Lerinco, caught on fire and was burned to the ground. Everything was lost except a little meat and a few pieces of furniture. He carried about \$400 insurance on the house.

The fire company responded to the alarm, but were unable to help except with the chemical apparatus, as there was no water connection.

## STATE ROAD BILL GETS A BIG VOTE

Only Eleven Votes Are Cast Against the Measure on Its Final Reading

The Doughton-Connor-Bowie good roads bill providing for a State-wide system of modern highways, passed its final reading in the lower house of the general assembly last Thursday afternoon by a vote of 102 to 11.

The vote was taken after a joint session which convened to hear an address by Thomas Dixon, and the result was announced by Representative Exum Clement of Buncombe county, the only woman member of the general assembly. Speaker Grier surrendered the chair to Miss Clement soon after the clerk began to call the roll.

With but few exceptions the eleven members voting against the bill took the floor and explained their vote. Matthews of Bertie, who consistently opposed its passage throughout, arose when his name was called and, after admitting that he had been "beat," said that the bill was far from perfect, but that he believed it was a constructive piece of legislation, he reversed his vote of Wednesday night and was recorded as voting for the bill.

Representative Quickel of Lincoln did not change his vote, but explained that he did not believe the smaller counties in the State under the bill would be given equal consideration with the larger counties. He said that he did not oppose the bill, but sought to offer amendments which might be helpful, until the proponents of the bill made it plain they did not care for helpful suggestions or amendments.

The bill has now gone to the senate, where the usual three days will be necessary to pass the measure after the upper body concludes its debate.

## ANOTHER CHAPTER IN THE LIPPARD MURDER ENDS

A continuation of the sensational Lippard murder case, which occupied the greater part of the December term of Burke court, came last Wednesday, when Baxter Hildebrand, who was one of the principal witnesses for the defense at that time, pleaded guilty to the charge of manslaughter for the part that he took in the tragedy. Much of the main evidence, thought this time to be true facts in the case, was recounted that Judge Lane might be governed accordingly in passing sentence.

In presenting the State's case "Little" Dock Heffner, who was convicted of murder in connection with the affair, was placed on the stand after Chief Lentz of Hickory and Deputy L. A. Ward had told the story of the finding of Lippard's body. He took Glenn Lippard, he said, up the Rhod-hiss road the night of the killing to meet Baxter Hildebrand, who was to let Lippard have fifty gallons of liquor which they were to take to Charlotte that night, Lippard having hired Dock to drive him there. From there on his story was practically the same as that made just after the trial in his "confession." The blame for the shooting was placed by him on Lone Young.

Lone Young followed Dock on the stand. He went to the scene of the tragedy, he said, with Baxter Hildebrand. Just after they arrived at the place where Hildebrand told him he was to meet Lippard "Little" Dock and Lippard drove up in Dock's Ford. The story of the dice game on the running board of Hildebrand's car and the row that followed was rehearsed in all the details that Young had given the solicitor just after the other trial. When Lippard started to run away Dock Heffner shot him twice, Young testified, and that he and Hildebrand left immediately for Hickory, riding around until 2:30 the next morning.

After Young's appearance on the stand the State rested, and the defense's counsel put up Baxter Hildebrand to testify in his own behalf.

His rehearsal of the story was practically the same as that of Lone Young. On cross-examination Solicitor Huffman got him to admit that he had been selling liquor, that he had furnished it to Glenn Lippard at least twice, one time as much as forty gallons, and that he was to meet Lippard that night to go after a load of liquor for Lippard to take to Charlotte. He said that because he was afraid of Dock Heffner he made no effort to stop him when he leveled his pistol to shoot at Lippard.

Lou Lynn, a young white woman who was a star witness in the former trial, appeared as the next witness for the defense. She did not vary much from her original story.

One of the surprises of the day's developments in connection with the affair was the arrest of Dan Sipe and Vernon Lafone of Hickory, who will be tried this week with Carroll Echard, Cecil and Dock Heffner for the larceny of at least \$900 from the dead body of Glenn Lippard. In connection with the perjury cases that were expected to develop the grand jury did not find true bills.

## LADIES' AID SOCIETY TO MEET

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist church will meet Monday, Feb. 28, with Mrs. M. G. Shearer and Mrs. J. E. Hoyle, assisted by Miss Ella Dixon, at the home of Mrs. M. G. Shearer.

## BOND ISSUES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Lenoir and Granite Falls Both Ask the Legislature to Pass the Bills

School bond issue bills for Granite Falls and Lenoir have been passed by the senate and are now waiting introduction in the house. The Lenoir bill is for \$200,000, to be used in paying for the lot and for erecting a building. The Granite Falls bill is for \$75,000, for the erection of a building.

While \$200,000 is being asked for the Lenoir school, the school committee hopes to get out with a much less expenditure than the full amount. Reduction during the past few months in building costs will enable the erection of a building at a much cheaper price than it would have required last year. Probably not over \$100,000 will be used in the construction of a building at the present time.

Copies of both bills were published last week. The bills published were used just as they were introduced in the senate. It is possible that some change in the verbiage and in some minor points may have been made during the passage of the bills.

## HUGHES AND DAUGHERTY TO BE IN HARDING CABINET

Charles Evans Hughes, former governor of New York, justice of the Supreme Court and Republican nominee for the presidency in 1916, was formally designated by president-elect Harding Saturday as the secretary of state of the coming administration. This was the first official word to come from the President-elect regarding selections for membership in his family of counselors.

Definite announcement was also made Monday that Harry M. Daugherty of Ohio has been chosen for the attorney-generalship under the coming administration. Daugherty is a lawyer of Columbus, Ohio. Age 61 years. Elected State legislature in 1888, serving five years. Chairman State Republican executive committee 1912, also twice chairman State Republican central committee of Ohio. Campaign manager for Harding at Chicago convention.

Frank O. Lowden, former governor of Illinois and a leading candidate for President at last year's Republican convention, has sent Harding word that he could not permit himself to be considered longer for secretary of the navy. The former governor's definite declination left a blank in the cabinet slate which may not be readily filled.

A dispatch from St. Augustine, Fla., Tuesday, says President-elect Harding, who is now at that place, has reached a tentative decision on every place in his cabinet, and unless there are last-minute changes the official circle of the next administration will be composed of these men:

Secretary of State—Charles Evans Hughes of New York.  
Secretary of the Treasury—Andrew W. Mellon of Pennsylvania.  
Secretary of War—John W. Weeks of Massachusetts, in 1916 a candidate for the presidential nomination.  
Attorney General—Harry M. Daugherty of Ohio.  
Postmaster General—Will H. Hays of Indiana, chairman of the Republican national committee.  
Secretary of the Navy—Edwin Denby of Michigan.

Secretary of the Interior—Albert B. Fall of New Mexico.

Secretary of Agriculture—Henry Wallace of Iowa.

Secretary of Commerce—Herbert Hoover of California.

Secretary of Labor—James J. Davis of Pennsylvania and Illinois.

As will be seen, the South will have no representation in the cabinet.

## DR. BYRON W. KING CLOSING HIS SERIES OF LECTURES

Last Friday evening at Davenport College Dr. Byron W. King, president of King's School of Oratory, Pittsburgh, Pa., closed one of the most interesting, most delightful and instructive series of lectures ever delivered to Lenoir audiences. Dr. King is an orator of the highest type, is versatile and has a most capacious brain. His quick change from one character to another is most wonderful indeed.

His interpretations of the Shakespearean plays were most wonderful and impressive, and the same marvelous versatility was noted in his presentation of poems and sketches, and everone especially enjoyed "Crossing the Bar." All of his lectures were so interspersed with wit and humor that his audiences were captivated.

On Friday evening "The Merchant of Venice," by Shakespeare, was presented with Dr. King as Shylock the Jew," and assisted by members of the Davenport faculty and student body. This play was gotten up in four days, and was a wonderful success.

Dr. King won the hearts of all of his hearers, and it is the earnest wish of every one that he be permitted to return to Lenoir next year.

## MR. McLEAN IS AT HOME

Rev. A. A. McLean returned home Monday after having spent several weeks in a hospital in Chester. He also stopped in Gastonia with relatives on his way home from the hospital. It is hoped he will soon be able to take up his work again.

## BUILDING BEGINS AT BLOWING ROCK

Mr. W. L. Alexander Is to Begin Work Soon on a Big New Hotel

Good weather prevailing, building activity at Blowing Rock will be started within a few days. Mr. W. L. Alexander of Charlotte, who is developing the Mayview Park property, is at Blowing Rock now perfecting working plans for coming improvements.

A hotel of 150 rooms will be built adjoining the Mayview club house. Plans for the hotel were made last summer with the view of having the building completed for opening early in June.

The Mayview Park development is one of the greatest summer resort projects in western North Carolina. Mr. Alexander and his associates are spending something like a million dollars on this property. Last summer an army of workmen were busy throughout the season working on roads, cottages, water lines and electric power lines. The Mayview club house, which is located on Mayview Rock, is said to command one of the finest views in western North Carolina. The building of this additional hotel adjoining the club house will furnish accommodations for several hundred more visitors.

Improvements at other hotels are also being planned for this spring and several new cottages are to be built.

## MR. AND MRS. CHARLES CRANE WERE HERE

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Crane, missionaries to Africa, spent the week end with Mrs. J. M. Bernhardt. Mrs. Crane spoke to the Presbyterian ladies about Africa Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Bernhardt. She told of the joys and sorrows of the missionaries, the customs of the natives and the wonderful transformation in the lives of those people before they became Christians and afterwards. She said it was hard to believe that Christianity could make such a wonderful change in them. Her talk was intensely interesting and enlightening. After her talk Miss Stella Cloyd sang a solo.

Mr. Crane spoke to the colored people Monday night in West End, and it is said that they enjoyed his talk very much.

## MR. AND MRS. NELSON GO TO A HOSPITAL

Last Friday Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Nelson left for Richmond, where they entered a hospital for treatment. Neither of them have been well recently, and it is hoped by their many friends that both will be much improved by their rest and treatment in Richmond.

## MR. ALLEN IS ATTENDING B. & L. MEETING

Mr. E. F. Allen left yesterday for Raleigh, where he will attend a meeting today of the executive committee of the North Carolina Building and Loan League, of which he is a member.

## COURT TO CONVENE HERE NEXT MONDAY

A Few Misdemeanor Cases and a Number of Divorce Suits to Be Tried

The February term of Caldwell county Superior Court will convene here Monday, with Judge Henry P. Lane of Reidsville presiding. There are no important cases on the docket. The first few days will be taken up by unimportant misdemeanor cases, and on Friday the civil term will begin with the trial of divorce cases.

There are twelve divorce cases on the docket, and these are expected to be taken up Friday and Saturday, and court will adjourn Saturday evening for the end of the term.

The following divorce cases are on the calendar: Correll vs. Correll, Young vs. Young, House vs. House, Caldwell vs. Caldwell, Corpening vs. Corpening, Eller vs. Eller, Young vs. Young, Cragmire vs. Cragmire, Bolick vs. Bolick, Bowman vs. Bowman, Sudderth vs. Sudderth.

## LAST REAL DAUGHTER OF THE REVOLUTION BURIED

Funeral services were held a few days ago in Asheville for Mrs. A. G. Gillespie, aged 95, she being the last real daughter of the Revolution in this section of the State, it is believed. Her father was an officer in the Revolution, fighting with North Carolina troops, it is stated. Among her survivors is a son who is a veteran of the Confederacy. It is stated that one of her descendants has fought in every war since the civil war.

## MUSIC MADE IN NEW ENGLAND HEARD IN STATESVILLE

People out on Davie avenue Friday night heard strains of sweet music in the air, says the Statesville Landmark. By means of an arrangement locally the music was being heard from a point in the New England States through Chas. Davidson's wireless outfit. This encourages the Landmark to believe that it will be possible to hear the inaugural address in Statesville from Washington March 4.

## BOONE IS IN GRIP OF SLEET AND ICE

Only Stump of Daniel Boone Oak Remains.—Want It Protected

(By J. M. Downum)  
Boone, Feb. 23.—A number of the students have been sick with mumps, and also quite a number with their vaccinated arms.

The Methodist and Baptist missionary societies held a union prayer meeting at the Baptist church on the past Friday afternoon in special prayer for missionary work. This is as it should be. Why not unite our prayers and efforts to the one great end?

On the 6th, the day designated by President Wilson for a collection for the Chinese sufferers, the pastor of the Methodist church appointed a committee consisting of one most earnest married lady as chairman and three active Christian young ladies to secure the funds. The result within a short time was \$50. You may depend upon Boone's doing her part in any emergency.

On the evening of the 15th the writer, with another teacher, was entertained at supper at the domestic science department, Miss Elsie Farthing of the first year being hostess under the skillful oversight of Miss Sarah Banner, the assistant teacher. These classes are being trained in every department of work, and the results of their efforts on this occasion were of a very high order and greatly enjoyed.

Boone and surrounding country have been in the grip of winter for some days. At this writing the white pine trees of the Training School campus and all the surrounding forests are drooping gracefully beneath a burden of ice that has been on them for more than two days, all presenting a scene so beautiful that the most imaginative artist could scarcely conceive it, and when seen the most skilled hand could scarcely portray.

The large tree, standing isolated in Mr. R. M. Greene's meadow, and known as "Daniel Boone's oak," has recently been dismembered and only the stub of the tree, some eight to ten feet high, now stands as a faint memento of this formerly most beautiful tree. The tree died some years ago and as the stump alone stands it is hoped that it will be enclosed with cement and preserved as another reminder of the great pioneer, Daniel Boone.

## DEATH OF MRS. J. A. BUSH

Mrs. J. A. Bush, Sr., died at her home on Prospect Heights Saturday morning at 2:30 o'clock, and was buried Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Bellevue cemetery, the funeral services being conducted from the house by Rev. Charles Crane and Rev. E. R. Welch.

Mrs. Bush was born Jan. 27, 1947, and was Miss Sarah Ann Alexander, daughter of James McNitt Alexander of Mecklenburg county, and a great-granddaughter of the John McNitt Alexander, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, who was secretary of the convention. She was married to Dr. T. N. Parks of Cabarrus county, and to this union several children were born, all of whom have preceded her to the grave except our townsman, L. M. Parks. Dr. Parks died, and she was then married to Mr. T. M. Elliott of Iredell county. They lived together for several years, and then Mr. Elliott died. On June 3, 1890, she was married to Mr. J. A. Bush. They lived at Hudson until February, 1891, when they moved to Lenoir, where they have lived ever since.

Mrs. Bush was a life-long member of the Presbyterian church and a professed Christian. She was loved by all who knew her and spread her gentle influence wherever she went. She was always bright and cheerful, and although she had been an invalid for nearly thirty years she accepted her afflictions with a happy disposition. For the past year she had been ill, and her death was not unexpected. She had suffered from heart trouble, but it is not thought that this was the cause of her death.

A large concourse of friends followed the remains to the grave, and there placed many beautiful floral offerings on the mound, attesting to the high regard in which she was held.

Mrs. Bush is survived by her husband, one son, Mr. L. M. Parks; one brother, A. W. Alexander of Charlotte, and a half-brother, Mr. W. S. Keatts of Greenville, S. C.

The pallbearers were Messrs. W. C. Newland, G. F. Harper, L. E. Rabb, J. R. McNairy, W. C. Moore, Jr., and John M. Crips.

## ANOTHER BAND MEETING IS TO BE HELD

Last Thursday night quite a number of the men of the town assembled at the Chamber of Commerce building for the purpose of organizing a brass band for Lenoir. They were very enthusiastic over the prospects of securing a band for the town, which will add so much to the community life. There will be another meeting at the Chamber of Commerce building tomorrow (Friday) night, and it is hoped that every one who can play any sort of an instrument, or who would be interested in supporting a band, will be present and lend their support to the movement.