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INTERESTING EVENTS IN THE VICINITY OF RALEIGH

Numerous Persons Have Been Summoned in Hospital Hearing.—Vance Statue Unveiling.—Counting Primary Votes.—Kitchin's Majority is 7,668.

(W. T. Bost in Greensboro News)

Raleigh, June 7.—Witnesses who will give testimony against the state hospital management here beginning Thursday morning are being summoned for that investigation and an imposing list was sent out the earlier days of the week.

These testify on counts ranging from seven down to one and if all come who have been "invited" as J. C. Hubbard, one of those declining with thanks, the board of directors will sit long enough to give the newspaper men some copy whether they produce light to a public now in the dark.

Attorney General Bickett and the assistant attorney general, T. H. Calvert, will conduct the examination of the witnesses. These are scattered well over the state and they do not come under subpoena. Many will voluntarily testify and it is not telling anything out of school to say that quite a few will gladly give evidence against the things that are. These witnesses embrace many professions and among them are some former employees of the institution as well as former inmates.

Public Hearing a Necessity.
The public hearing was made a necessity when young Charles Latta issued a lot of letters complaining of his treatment and that generally at the hospital. Governor Craig examined the charges and both the governor and the superintendent of the institution insisted that a hearing should take place. It had been set for an earlier date but witnesses necessary could not be brought here for the original hearing.

J. C. Hubbard of Clinton, is one of the witnesses who will be expected to give evidence on seven counts. In writing him to appear, Secretary D. A. McDonald, of the board of directors, wrote him: "Certain charges have been made against the management of the state hospital. Some of these charges appear to be anonymous but the board is desirous of a full hearing and this will be had at the state hospital, June 8, at 10 a. m."

"In the charges relative to a rat found in the dish, improper food, exposure of patients and maltreatment of patients, etc., you are cited to appear as a witness and the board will be glad to have you present for examination. I am not authorized to assure you payment of expenses, but this matter will be referred to the proper authorities."

"Suffering From Paranoia."
And to this "invitation," Mr. Hubbard replies with a shade of asperity irreverently suggesting another paranoia has gone wrong. He says:

"Clinton, N. C., June 4, 1916.
"D. A. McDonald, Sec. State Hospital, Raleigh, N. C.

"Dear Sir:

"I am in receipt of your invitation (as that is what I term it) to visit the State Hospital on June 8th at my own expense, as a witness against the management of the hospital, in regard to maltreatment of patients, improper food, etc. I saw in both the News and Observer and Raleigh Times about April 1st that charges had been preferred against the management, and that the governor had ordered an investigation, it would strike me that if the governor really wanted an investigation—and the people of North Carolina are entitled to one, and a most thorough one, that the governor should not only order a public investigation but that the witnesses should be properly and legally subpoenaed, and arrangements made whereby the expenses of witnesses were paid, and not merely issue an invitation to come to the investigation at their own expense.

"I will state that there is not an institution in the state of North Carolina that needs an investigation more so than the State Hospital at Raleigh, not only as to the food, maltreatment of patients, exposure of patients, etc., but the methods of the present management, in turning the institution into a haven for drunks and criminals, so long as the friends of these drunks and criminals are able and will pay all expenses of placing them there and \$50 per month board in advance, while poor afflicted men and women, without means that are really afflicted, are held all over the state in common county jails, the management giving out the excuse that they haven't the room for them. We presume that this is done that the management can make a financial showing—consequently a pay patient, though he be a criminal or common drunk, is more desirable.

"There is nothing that would give me more pleasure than to testify as to the mismanagement of the hospital as I know it, at an investigation properly held, with witnesses properly sub-

poenaed; but I positively decline to lend my assistance to such a farce as your invitation leads me to believe that this investigation will be. I am reliably informed that four of these invitations have been sent to parties in this county other than myself, and that not one of them will attend any such investigation on a mere invitation. The taxpayers of North Carolina, and especially those having loved ones confined in the institution are entitled to some consideration, and if they knew what I know they would demand it.

"Yours truly,
"J. C. HUBBARD.
"P. S.—Ask Dr. Anderson if this letter does not indicate that the writer is suffering from paranoia."
"J. C. H."

Unveil Vance Statue.
The commission appointed by Governor Craig to present the statue of Zebulon Baird Vance to the United States on behalf of the state of North Carolina is sending out beautifully engraved invitations with engraved programs to North Carolinians resident and absent to attend the unveiling ceremonies Thursday morning, June 22, at half after 10 o'clock in Statuary Hall, Washington.

The commission is composed of Justice William Alexander Hoke, chairman of the Supreme court; Mrs. M. V. Moore, Miss Laura Carter, Clement Manly and John Henry Martin. The commission today issued an invitation to the people of North Carolina asking them to attend the unveiling of the Vance statue in accordance with "the direction of Governor Craig and the council of state, under a joint resolution of the legislature of North Carolina, 1907, and pursuant to the act of Congress dedicating this hall to the purpose of thus honoring the memory of the good and great men of the nation and to giving each the right to place therein two of her distinguished citizens, illustrious for civil or military virtues."

Justice Hoke will preside. Bishop Joseph Blount Cheshire of North Carolina will make the invocation. Miss Dorothy Espey Pillow will unveil the statue. Clement C. Manly will present the statue for the commission, Governor Craig for the state and Vice President Thomas R. Marshall will accept it for the United States.

Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor, has put into the Vance statue what he himself regards the very best of which he is capable and North Carolinians declare that it will be very pleasing to the State.

Governor Craig has pardoned Rachel and Emma King of Henderson county, women charged with keeping a disorderly house and sentenced to a year in jail. They were convicted in May, 1912 and left the State, but returned, were arrested and have been in jail three months. The pardon is recommended by the board of county commissioners by Michael Schenck, present solicitor, by many citizens and by county officers. The judge who tried the case is dead. Governor Craig thinks that considering their banishment and their imprisonment they have been punished as much as originally contemplated by the court.

Ramsour Portrait Given.
The portrait of General Stephen D. Ramsour, dashing soldier who lost his life in the fall of 1863, was presented to the hall of history today, Chief Justice Walter Clark making the presentation speech and Col. J. Bryan Grimes the acceptance for the historical commission.

Miss Mary Dodson Ramsour, daughter of General Ramsour, was here from Lincoln county to attend the ceremonies. The Supreme Court room was filled when Chief Justice Clark was presented by Col. Fred A. Olds, the director of the Hall of History and master of the presentation exercises. Judge Clark's presentation was brief history of the splendid soldier and gentleman and Colonel Grimes' speech was a splendid tribute to the courage and nobility of the young officer.

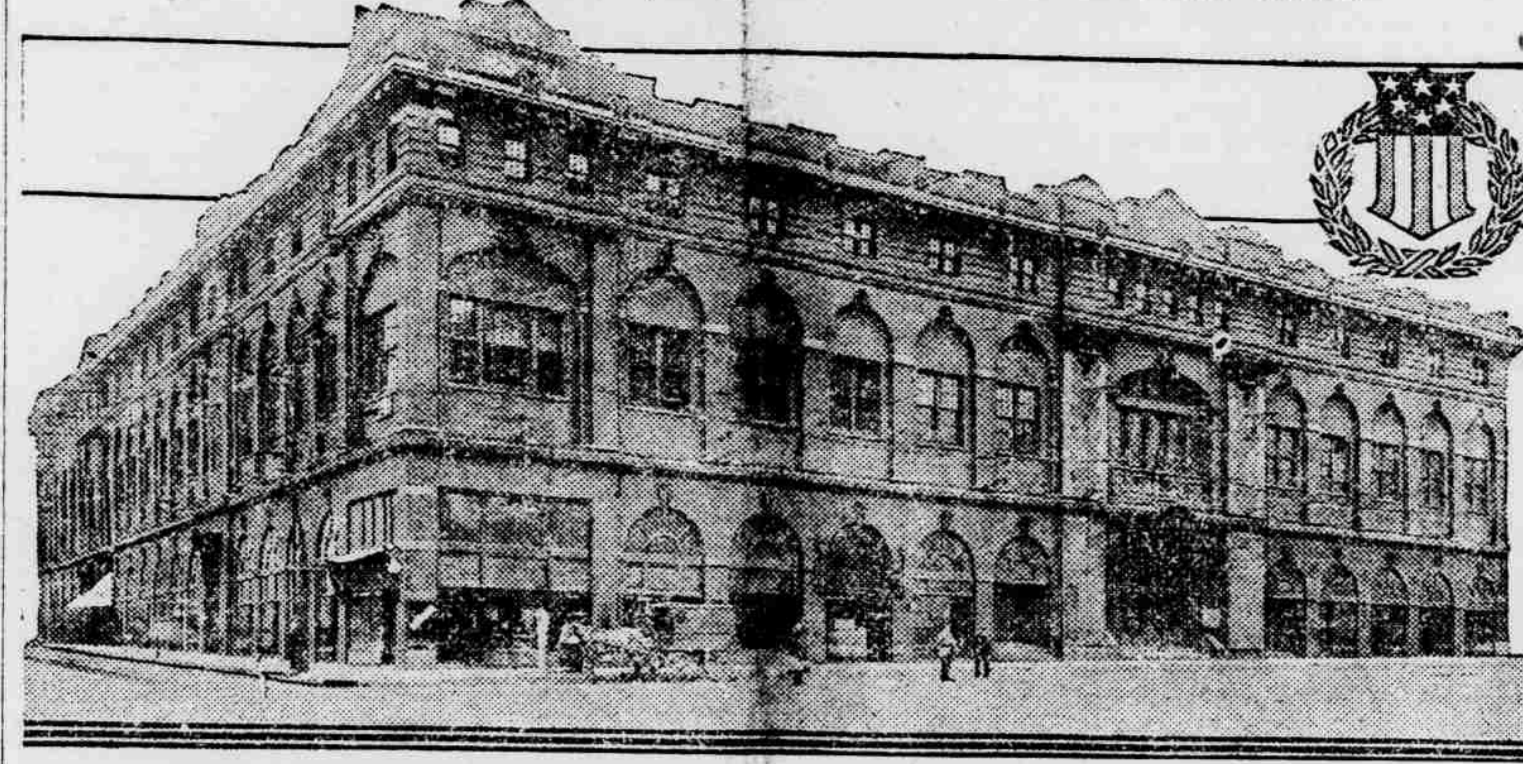
Miss Ramsour never saw her father. He was killed on the date of the receipt of the telegram announcing her birth. Whether her birthday was the date of his death is not certain. General Bryan Grimes succeeded General Ramsour and it is related of the two that when General Ramsour asked General Grimes to congratulate him on the birth of a fine son, General Grimes replied that the fine son was a daughter because no sender of a telegram ever announced the birth of a son without making it unequivocal that a "son" rather than a "baby" was born.

The picture has been swung on the walls of the hall of history and hangs high among the young soldiers who gave their lives to the Confederate cause.

Governor Craig has been invited to speak at Tammany July 4th upon the occasion of one of Tammany's great jubilees.

Governor Craig is in the eastern part of the state and has not been reached by the invitation. He will return to

ST. LOUIS COLISEUM, DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION HALL



Raleigh the latter part of the week. Requisition was made upon South Carolina today for George Threadgill of Anson county, who is wanted in this state for disposing of property under mortgage before the lien was satisfied.

Manning Not Quite Over.
For the first time since the Saturday primary it appears unlikely that Judge James S. Manning will not be nominated for the attorney generalship without a second primary.

It is not entirely improbable that the remaining 30 counties not reported will give him a bare majority but when 70 had been finished today he was about 3,900 votes behind the field, 34,000 being counted for him and 37,900 for the field.

Of course a second primary is an improbability. The figures indicate that Col. Edmund Jones is standing second and the colonel hasn't wanted and second "naisance." He suggested the single primary by Calvert and Sinclair did not agree to his proposition.

Major W. A. Graham for commissioner of agriculture, looks over the fence now. He will probably have 7,000 to 10,000. It was the major who quickly "fell for" Maj. Sandy McKinnon's offer to let one primary settle it. "I do not think there is any likelihood that the state will be put to expense of holding a second primary," Major Graham said, but he yielded. Friday of last week Major McKinnon withdrew his banner to Major Graham and unless the major is carried over a second primary is in prospect.

The canvassing board is still at work upon the returns. The official returns from the second district give Claude Kitchin 9,860 and C. G. W. Mitchell 2,192. This makes Kitchin's majority in the district 7,668 and it wasn't a good day for voting. Bertie, Mr. Mitchell's home county, went 115 against him and Wilson, the home of the greatest Kitchin hate, went 711 against Mr. Mitchell. In over four of the counties did Mr. Mitchell get above 100 votes and the duck who said he would not get a tenth of Edgecombe's ballots was no prophet at all. He barely got a 20th.

COLORED TEAMS PLAY TODAY.
The Weldon and Scotland Neck ball teams will play a game of ball today at the old race track grounds at 4 o'clock. Both teams are strong and a good game is anticipated.

ATTEND CONVENTION W. O. W.
Messrs. W. B. Strickland, C. N. Malone, L. J. McKeel, C. D. Brown, and John Applewhite went to Wilson yesterday to attend a district convention of the Woodmen of the World.

DRAGGING STREETS AGAIN.
It is pleasing to note that the town authorities are again having the principal streets of the city scraped with a road drag. This work tends to keep out the rats, which insure longer life to the streets. The county road force was on the job Wednesday and Thursday.

COURT CASES.
Among the many cases disposed of at Halifax this week was that against the four negroes from this town who gave the officers much trouble the latter part of April. "Big Jim" Haraban, the leader was given a term of four months on the roads. Bunyan Taft, a former Greenville negro received six months and the other negro man in the case got eight months. The woman, with whom the three men were boarding, was the recipient of a twelve months sentence. All the parties have been removed to the convict camp.

DANCE WEDNESDAY EVENING.
A delightful dance was given by the young ladies of the town Wednesday evening by the young men of the town in the mayor's office.

The Jesse Hedgepeth String Band was on hand for the occasion and the couples tripped the light fantastic until late hours. About twenty couples were dancing at all times and the dance was one of the most enjoyable ever held here.

CHILDREN'S DAY EXERCISES.

Children's Day Services will be observed at the Methodist Episcopal church here Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The regular services will be dispensed with on this occasion. The public is cordially invited to attend.

MARTIN H. GLYNN



Martin H. Glynn, former governor of New York, is temporary chairman of the Democratic convention.

REV. REUBEN MEREDITH CALLED TO NEW CHARGE.

Rector of St. Peter's Tenders Resignation—goes to Scotland Neck.

The following article appeared in Thursday's Virginian-Pilot. Rev. Reuben Meredith has tendered his resignation as rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church, to take effect July 1. At a meeting of the vestrymen of his church last night Mr. Meredith announced that he would leave the first of next month to take charge of a pastorate embracing Scotland Neck, Enfield and Halifax, N. C. His resignation was very regretfully accepted.

Mr. Meredith came to Norfolk more than five years ago, giving up a church in Dinwiddie county to accept the call to St. Peter's. He celebrated the fifth anniversary of his local pastorate last December. In the five and a half years he has been at St. Peter's he has increased the congregation wonderfully, built, and almost paid for a large parish house, and instituted a number of movements that have borne abundant fruit.

Members of his congregation, speaking of his resignation, said last night that the religious life of Norfolk would suffer in Mr. Meredith's departure a very deep and real loss. They complimented him highly for work done at St. Peter's.

WILLIAM F. M'COMBS



William F. McCombs is chairman of the Democratic national committee.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS.

Evangelistic meetings are still in progress at the Pentecostal Holiness Church in East Scotland Neck. Services every evening at 8 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. Rev. P. H. Robinson of Parmele is doing the preaching.

REPUBLICANS ACCEPT AN OFFER FROM PROGRESSIVES

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT IS ELECTED FOR NEXT YEAR

At a recent meeting of the trustees of the Graded School here Prof. R. D. Jenkins of China Grove was elected to the office of Superintendent to fill the place made vacant by the non application of the present incumbent, Prof. Z. Hardy Rese.

Prof. Jenkins comes to Scotland Neck highly recommended as an educator of the highest quality and the trustees feel that they have secured one of the most competent men available to fill the position of superintendent.

All of the other teachers were re-elected, Miss Thomas wiring her acceptance from Lenoir this week.

The trustees are to be highly congratulated in securing the services of the present corps of teachers for the ensuing year, as all of them did splendid work and are well fitted to fill the same positions.

The re-elected teachers are as follows: First Grade, Miss Eleanor Smith; Second Grade, Miss Cornelia Josey; Third Grade, Miss Louise Josey; Fourth Grade, Miss Eva Moore; Fifth Grade, Miss Lois Thompson; Sixth Grade, Miss Mary White; Seventh Grade, Miss Annie Dunn, High School Departments, Misses Isabella MacKenzie, Julia Bryan and Ethel Thomas.

THIRTY-SIX MILLION CORDS OF WOOD WASTE ANNUALLY.

Washington, June 8.—There are more than 48,000 sawmills in the United States, and their output of waste in the form of sawdust, shavings, slabs, or other wood refuse is estimated as 36 million cords per year. This is equal to over 4 1/2 billion cubic feet of waste which is the capacity of a bin one-half mile high with a base covering a forty-acre lot. Or, considering each cord to contain eighty cubic feet of solid wood with all the cracks and air spaces taken out, these 36 million cords would make a block of wood more than a quarter of a mile on each edge.

Perhaps one-half of this so-called waste product is not strictly speaking wasted, but serves a useful purpose as fuel under the boilers. Much of the remaining 18 million cords not only serves no useful purpose, but in most cases is a source of inconvenience and danger and costs the mill time and money.

Sawmill waste is disposed of in various ways. Some goes to the local fuel market, some to pulp mills or to wood distillation plants. Shavings and bog cuttings, as well as other mill waste, are sometimes used to fill low places in the yard. However, the most common method of getting rid of waste is by burning either in a fire-pit having an open fire which sometimes has a protective wall on the side towards the mill, or in a burner enclosed on all sides and having a spark-arresting screen at the top and a fire grate near the bottom. In both cases some kind of a conveyor is necessary to bear the waste from the mill to the fire. This is usually a sort of trough with a metal bottom along which a slowly moving chain or cable, equipped with cleates or buckets, carries the waste to the fire.

A closed burner and conveyor costs about \$12,000 for a mill of a hundred thousand feet daily capacity. Forty per cent of the larger mills, cutting more than 55,000 board feet daily, are equipped with closed burners. Forty-five per cent have fire pits. The remainder have neither and dispose of their waste in some other way.

It is estimated that for a mill of one hundred thousand feet capacity the cost of conveying the waste from the machine where it is made and destroying it in a closed burner is 42 cents per cord or \$19.95 per day. Burners seldom bring in any revenue, although in a few cases ashes are sold for fertilizer, and in a number of others the burner furnishes hot feed water for the boilers.

Both burners and fire-pits add to the insurance rates on lumber, and in the case of the pit on the mill itself. In order to reduce the fire hazard to zero, in the case of the burners, it is necessary to keep all lumber piles at least one hundred and fifty feet away from the burner. The matter is much worse in the case of pits, especially the open ones, which must be kept three hundred feet away from any lumber piles. When nearer than these distances from the mill yard respectively, the insurance rates mount up rapidly with closer proximity until they become practically prohibitive when the fire pit is nearer than one hundred feet.

No well managed mill would produce waste if it could be avoided. This however, is not possible, so the next best thing is to seek out some method of utilization of the waste so it will pay for its disposition. The Forest Service is working on this problem, but has not yet found a satisfactory solution.

Mr. William White of Hobgood was a visitor here today.

Mr. James Fleming was a visitor in Hobgood yesterday on business.

Decide to Get Together for the Sake of Harmony.—Progressives Want to Nominate "Teddy" and Get Things Over With.—Some Planks.

Chicago, June 8.—The Republican convention today accepted the invitation of the Progressive convention to a conference for harmony. A proposal to that end, adopted first in the Progressive convention, was received in the Republican convention and adopted with a few scattering "noes."

Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah; Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho; former Senator W. Murray Crane, of Massachusetts; Nicholas Murray Butler of the New York delegation, and former representative A. R. Johnson of Ironton, O., were appointed as the Republican conference committee. They at once began arrangements for meeting the Progressives.

The complexion of the committee was generally regarded as one that would not accept Colonel Roosevelt for the presidential nomination, but would not insist upon Justice Hughes. The whole effect of the development was to throw the Republican nomination into uncertainty.

The other principal developments in the Republican convention were the adoption of the platform as reported by the resolutions committee headed by Senator Lodge, a half minute demonstration for Col. Roosevelt when his name was mentioned; the perfection of the permanent organization and adjournment until 11 o'clock tomorrow.

The Progressives.

Auditorium Hall, Chicago, June 8.—The Progressive national convention met in two tumultuous sessions today and adjourned tonight until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

The principal business of the day was the approval of a platform to confer on peace plans with the Republican convention.

Throughout the day the leaders kept control over the delegations more by persuasion and by constant reiteration of Chairman Robins' promise that the majority would decide any questions that arose, than by any actual hostilities had upon the delegations. The same determination to nominate Theodore Roosevelt was evident from the time the first delegation trooped in shortly after 1 o'clock until the last went out shortly before 9 tonight.

Leaders made no effort to conceal their belief that a failure of the conference committee to agree or to find some possible basis for an agreement could result in but one thing—the immediate nomination of Col. Roosevelt. In the words of Chairman Robins "tomorrow probably will be a big day" in the convention.

Only by many promises to place no obstacle in the way of the nomination of Col. Roosevelt were the delegates content to adjourn and await results from the conference.

The Progressive conference appointed by Chairman Robins are: Geo. W. Perkins, Governor Hiram Johnson, Horace Wilkinson, Charles J. Bonaparte and Jno. M. Parker.

The convention spent about four hours in session ending in a performance night gathering which resulted mostly in singing and cheering.

WILL HOLD MEETING MONDAY.

The Scotland Neck Board of Trade will hold a public meeting Monday evening in the Mayor's office at which time plans for different projects now under consideration will be discussed. It is earnestly urged that a large crowd be present for only by the support of the entire members of the Board can anything definite be settled. It was intended to have the meeting Thursday evening but finding that it would conflict with an entertainment of the Betterment Association it was postponed until Monday.

MISS HARRELL ENTERTAINS.

Thursday morning Miss Lillian Harrell entertained the Sewing Club at her home on west Sunset Avenue in honor of Miss Katherine Johnston of Raleigh who is visiting in the city.

For quite a while the guests enjoyed themselves with the playing of games and general conversation after which a delicious salad course was served by the hostess. Among those enjoying the hospitality of Miss Harrell were Messrs. James J. Hinton Dunn, R. C. Josey, Jr., Misses Katherine Johnston of Raleigh, the guest of honor, Nannie Shields, Nannie Lamb, Lucile Leggett, Elizabeth Futrelle, Dorothy Dunn, Louise Futrelle, Sallie May Josey, Hilda Hancock and Lydia Josey.

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