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MIDDIE WILSON UNDER KNIFE

OPERATION ON MIDSHIPMAN IS SUCCESSFUL.

Covering of Four Vertebrae of the Neck Cut Away and Covering of the Spinal Cord Removed—Portions of Fractured Bone Taken Out to Relieve Pressure on the Spinal Cord—On the Operating Table Three Hours.

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 7.—A most delicate operation was successfully performed this afternoon, on Midshipman Earl D. Wilson, a vertebra of whose neck was broken during a football game here, on October 16, with the Villanova team. The laminae, or outer covering, was cut away from four of the vertebra in the neck in order to remove the pressure upon the spinal cord and the covering of the spinal cord was removed and the cord thoroughly inspected. Portions of the fractured bone from the fifth vertebra were removed, but it was found that the greatest injury to the cord had been occasioned by a dislocation of the fourth vertebra. The cord was found to be intact, but in a very bad condition at the point of injury. It is believed that all the pressure has been removed and that Wilson's chances for an ultimate recovery greatly improved. In successfully passing through the anesthesia, Wilson has accomplished a lot, and this was one of the greatest dangers connected with the operation. The operation began at about 2 o'clock and was not completed until nearly five. Within an hour Wilson had almost completely recovered consciousness and was talking intelligently.

Wilson was injured in the game against the Villanova team, October 16 last, in making a tackle in the open field his head was knocked sharply upward and to the side. After being removed to the Naval Hospital, it was found that Wilson was completely paralyzed in his limbs and body below the neck, and there has been no lessening of the paralysis since. There was no chance of improvement but through an operation, and the danger of this was very great, owing to the nearness of the seat of the injury to the spinal cord, and also the danger in administering the anesthetic.

Wilson is undoubtedly the best all-around athlete in the academy, being a member of the football, baseball, basketball and gymnasium teams. He is very popular and intense interest has been felt in his case, not only among the midshipmen but those in the naval service, but throughout the country.

A Big Day at Middlesex.

Middlesex, one of our neighboring towns, celebrated its second birthday last Saturday. One is certainly struck with the progress this little town has made. Several industries have been started there; the homes are neat and modern; and the Middlesex High school is a credit to any town.

The event of the day was the speech making. The speakers, all noted for their oratory, were ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock, State Auditor B. F. Dixon and Attorney General T. W. Bickett. They were met at the station by the school children who greeted their honored guests with a rendering of the "Old North State Forever." The Third Regiment Band, of Raleigh, furnished music for the occasion. A great crowd of people attended the celebration. Mr. T. R. Hood, our well-known enterprising druggist, attended from our town.

A Scalded Boy's Shrieks

horrified his grandmother, Mrs. Maria Taylor, of Nebo, Ky., who writes that when all thought he would die, Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured him. Infallible for Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Corns, Wounds, Bruises, Cures Fever-sores, Bolls, Skin Eruptions, Chilblains, Chapped Hands. Soon relieves Piles. 25c at Hood Bros.

MR. BRYCE AT THE UNIVERSITY.

English Ambassador Spoke to Students and Faculty of College.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Nov. 8.—Hon. James Bryce, the distinguished ambassador from Great Britain to America, was the guest of the University Friday night, and made an address in Gerard Hall before a large and attentive audience. Mr. Bryce is interesting to American people not only because he is one of the eminent citizens of the world, but also because he has written the best description of American life in his "American Commonwealth." Mr. Bryce was introduced by Prof. E. K. Graham, and spoke on the value of a state university to the people. He expressed pleasure at being in one of America's oldest and most useful universities. The University of North Carolina, he said, has had a long and honored career and is the best investment that the people of North Carolina have made. He expressed the hope that the people would respond to the growing needs of their University. From every investment made in the State University were immeasurable returns in men trained to search for the truth and impressed with the duty of citizenship. He congratulated the students upon having a faculty known for research and upon having as a site for the University such a beautiful spot, far removed from the din of cities, and admirably adapted to study and thought.

President F. P. Venable has been to the University of Virginia, where he presided over the Association of Southern Colleges and Preparatory Schools.

Rev. R. W. Hogue conducted the Chapel exercises last week. Talks were made at the Chapel exercises by Drs. Manning, Dolly and Lawson. Mr. George R. Perkins, who is travelling in two hemispheres in the interest of the Rhodes Scholarships, spoke at one of the Chapel exercises upon "Cecil Rhodes, the man." He recommended to the students Mr. Rhodes' conscientious pursuit of a great life purpose.

Death of a Young Woman.

On Tuesday evening, November 9, at just before eight o'clock, the Death Angel came to earth and released the tired spirit of Mrs. Fred Oliver, nee Miss Beatrice Massey. She was a young woman, only about twenty-six years of age, yet the joys of her life had been mixed with cares and troubles, having lost several children. About two years ago, her husband was killed by a train. Since that time her health failed, and instead of improving, her condition grew gradually worse until her death. She leaves a little girl about two years old. It is a comforting thought to know that, although she had not connected herself with any church, she gave evidence of being a Christian. About a month ago, she said she knew her sins were forgiven and she was ready to go from this world of suffering. Her remains were interred by the side of her husband in the Oliver family burying ground near Pine Level Wednesday afternoon.

In her girlhood, Mrs. Oliver attended school at Burlington Institute, and had many friends who will regret to learn of her death. She was a grand-daughter of our townsman, Mr. Alex Muns.

HER 3 CHILDREN DIE IN A DAY.

A recent dispatch from Cheyenne, Wyo., says:

Distracted to the point of almost losing her reason by the death of her three small children in one day, Mrs. Lent Henderson, of Sun Dance, is under continued care of physicians.

Sunday, while Mrs. Henderson was in the yard with the baby, she heard the two elder children scream, and, rushing into the house, she found that both had been bitten by a large rattlesnake. While caring for them she heard a faint cry from the baby. Answering this, she saw the little tot fall into a well and drown. Returning to the house, Mrs. Henderson found the two elder children in the throes of death from the snake poison.

TWO SHIPS IN CRASH GO DOWN

BUT TWO SURVIVE OF CREW OF SAILING VESSELS.

The Barkentine John S. Bennett and a Four-mastered Schooner Supposed to Be the Merrill C. Hart, in Collision at Night—The Hart and All Hands Supposed to Be Lost—The Bennett Goes Down With Six of Crew.

New York, November 9.—Belated news of a disaster at sea in which at least six lives were lost was brought to New York today. Six members of the crew of the barkentine John S. Bennett, bound from New York to Halifax with a cargo of coal, were drowned early Monday morning when the vessel was sunk in a collision off Block Island with a four-masted schooner, supposed to be the Merrill C. Hart, of Thomaston, Me. The schooner also is believed to have been lost with all her crew. How many men she carried is not known here.

Captain Bullock said that at 1 o'clock Monday morning as he was passing Block Island, he made out the lights of a vessel, the captain of which hailed him and asked for assistance, saying that his barkentine had been in collision and was sinking.

Bullock immediately came about and made ready for the rescue, but before a small boat could be put over the barkentine had vanished beneath the surface and bits of wreckage was all that could be seen. Nearby, however, the searchers in the small boat came across the Filipinos, clinging to a dory, and picked them up.

When the Jones reached here today the Filipinos told the interpreter that the vessel which was in collision with the Bennett was a four-masted schooner. She had sunk, they said, soon after the two vessels collided.

BENSON NEWS.

Benson, Nov. 11.—Mr. E. L. Hall went down to Fayetteville Sunday returning Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Johnson, C. T. Jr., and Mr. D. B. Denning went to Wilmington Monday, returning Wednesday.

The new Catholic church at this place will be dedicated Sunday, November 14. Father Slade, of Charlotte, will assist Father Irwin in the services.

There will be a recital by students of the music and elocution department of the Benson High school on Friday night, November 26. Every body invited to attend.

The members of the Baraca and Philaetha classes of the Missionary Baptist church will give a spelling match in the near future which promises to be very entertaining as it will be some thing novel in our town. These classes are doing a good work for the young men and women of the community.

On Monday night, at the home of Mr. C. C. Barnes, Mr. Walter Holmes and Miss Celia Smith were united in marriage. Rev. O. B. Jarris performed the ceremony. We wish for them much success in their path through life.

On Wednesday night, November 10, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. K. H. Parker, Mr. Henry Graves, Jr., and Miss Geneva Parker were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Rev. J. M. Daniel, of Duke, performed the ceremony. Among the out of town guests we note Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Hadly, of Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Luncford, Messrs. J. D. and Primroe Parker and Mrs. N. G. Rand, of Smithfield. REPORTER

Young Girls are Victims

of headache, as well as older women, but all get quick relief and prompt cure from Dr. King's New Life Pills, the world's best remedy for sick and nervous headaches. They make pure blood, and strong nerves and build up your health. Try them. 25c at Hood Bros.

KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK.

Senator Fleming and Harry Skinner, Jr., Meet a Horrible Death.

A horrible automobile accident, which resulted in the death of Senator J. L. Fleming and Harry Skinner, Jr., and the serious injury of S. C. Wooten cast a gloom over Pitt county last Friday afternoon. These gentlemen were out for a ride, and were about a mile from town, when they overtook some lumber wagons. Mr. Flanagan lost control of his machine, and it crashed into a tree. The car was a wreck. Senator Fleming was thrown about twenty feet and was killed instantly. Mr. Skinner's skull was fractured and he died Friday night at the Wilson Sanatorium.

Mr. Fleming was State Senator from Pitt county, and well-known throughout the State. He leaves a wife and three children. Mr. Harry Skinner, Jr., was about twenty-four years of age and a member of the law firm of Skinner, Whedbee and Skinner, of which his father, District Attorney, Harry Skinner, was the senior member. Mr. Flanagan is president of the Flanagan Buggy Company. Mr. Wooten is a lawyer.

KENLY NEWS.

Kenly, Nov. 10.—Mr. H. M. Grizzard went to his home in Jarretts, Va., Saturday night, returning Tuesday night.

Mr. Z. B. Snipes made a short business trip to Wilmington the first of the week, taking in the Taft celebration.

Miss Leone Edgerton left Monday morning for Corbett's school house where she will teach for a short while.

Mr. W. T. Bailey and Mrs. J. G. High, attended the Middlesex celebration last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. High spent Tuesday at their old home in Wilson Kenly Concert Band left this morning for Ahsokle to fill an appointment there.

Mr. H. F. Edgerton left today for Wilmington.

Miss Winstead of Elm City, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. L. O. B. Alford.

Master Enoch Ayers, of Nicholls, S. C., nephew of Mrs. R. T. Renfrow, entered Kenly High school Monday.

Mr. W. A. Edgerton and family, of Selma, spent some time with relatives here this week.

Mrs. J. H. Kirby left Monday for Wilmington to attend the Taft celebration.

Miss Rosa Edgerton gave a very enjoyable masquerade tuckey party Friday night. There were three prizes awarded to the following: Miss Nanje Kirby, the tackiest young lady; Miss Myrtle Bailey, the most graceful and Mr. Simeon Darden the tackiest young gentleman.

Mr. J. H. Kirby's handsome two story residence on Maxwellton Heights is nearing completion.

Mr. Roney High spent Sunday in Smithfield.

Train extra 904 south bound, was wrecked between Little river and Bagley on Tuesday at 4:06, tearing up about 200 feet of track, blocking both tracks about 2 1/2 hours, and south bound track about 12 hours. No serious damage done otherwise.

Messrs. Aycock Bros., of Dunn, N. C., have bought the Plaining and saw mill belonging to Mr. D. B. Sasser, and will remodel and continue to run at the same old stand. We welcome them in our town and hope for them success.

Inauguration of President Wright.

The Herald is in receipt of the following invitation:

The trustees of the East Carolina Teachers Training School request the honor of your presence at the inauguration of President Robert H. Wright on Friday morning, November the twelfth nineteen hundred and nine, at ten o'clock, Greenville, N. C.

Mr. W. L. Ellis, who was operated on for appendicitis at St. Leo's Hospital at Greensboro on October 23, came home Wednesday. He is rapidly recovering and will soon be able to resume his position with the J. J. Stone Printing Co., at Greensboro.

WILMINGTON PLEASES TAFT

NORTH CAROLINA CITY KEEPS PRESIDENT BUSY.

Executive, After Trip Down River, Fails to Refer to Topic in Speech. Happy Over Prospects of Getting Back to Washington To-day—Sees Prosperity for the South—Visits Fort Fisher.

Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 9.—This city took President Taft on a deep-water excursion of its own today. They have twenty-three feet of water down the Cape Fear River from Wilmington to the sea, but they want thirty. They carried him over every foot of the proposed channel, twenty-five miles down and twenty-five miles back, and then the President delivered a speech in which he said never a word about that or any other waterway improvement.

In spite of the waterway excursion, however, Wilmington's reception was one of the pleasantest the President has received on his trip. The decorations of the little city surpassed those of most other places the President has visited.

The streets were lined with rows of long leaved pine trees set up temporarily, and the fronts of the buildings were decorated with pine boughs. There was a triumphal arch made of pine trees, on each side of which stood a black ducky holding a fatted "possum by the tail.

The President gave more time to Wilmington than he did to Chicago or San Francisco. He was out of his train at 8 o'clock in the morning, and he was on the go until 7 o'clock this evening, when he left for Richmond, Va., where he has his last speaking engagement of the trip tomorrow.

The trip down the river was made on the revenue cutter Seminole, and took about five hours. The President, as soon as he boarded the boat, climbed up on the bridge and remained there with Gov. Kitchin and Senator Overman until the cutter had tied up at the pier again. In the meantime most of the local waterway boosters, whose souls were welling with eloquence, had been confined to the main deck.

Spoke to 10,000 Persons.

After the river trip, the President was driven through most of the streets in the city, and finally brought up at the city hall, where he delivered an address to a crowd of 10,000 or more. Gov. Kitchin introduced the President. His speech is typical of the expression that have come from the Democratic governors of the most of the other Southern States.

The Confederate veterans of Wilmington took a prominent part in the reception. The President, addressing them directly said:

"I had the pleasure today of being received by the Confederate veterans of Wilmington, and I thank them for their kindly welcome. Silver-haired, some of them a little tottering, but all of them full of good will, full of loyalty, cherishing the traditions of a noble past, but glad to welcome the representative of the united country. You have, indeed, made history in this, your neighborhood.

"Today it was given to me to go down to Fort Fisher, where that dreadful battle of carnage was fought to see how much lead could be pumped from one side into the fort of another, and what enduring sacrifice the opponents could make.

All that history you cherish and we cherish, but it does not make the slightest difference in our brotherly feeling, in our fraternal desire always to exhibit and manifest that love of each other which comes of standing elbow to elbow in the march of progress to make this nation, great as it is, even greater; to afford under our country's flag an equal opportunity to all to work out their fortunes and to elevate the moral standards of manhood, so that above all in the type of American we can point to character as the thing to remember."

BYRD-TOMLINSON.

A Pretty Marriage Celebrated at Elizabeth Church Near Here.

Clayton, N. C., Nov. 8.—In the old historical church Elizabeth, near Clayton, there took place Wednesday evening at eight-thirty P. M., the first marriage ever performed there when Miss Zula Walton Tomlinson became the bride of Mr. Walter Pierce Byrd, of Lillington. The church was artistically decorated in autumn leaves, ivy and ferns—a large frame work of autumn leaves had been arranged above the pulpit, while a pyramid of ivy was formed around the pulpit. Mrs. John R. Allen, of Auburn, was organist and as the guests were arriving played beautifully Handel's "Largo" and "Schubert's Serenade."

The first of the bridal party to enter the church were the two ushers, Mr. Claude Sanders, of Smithfield, and Mr. Reuben Myatt, of Clayton, who passed up the aisle and took their places within the chancel. Then the honorary maids formed a circle in the pulpit, these being Misses Mabel Tomlinson, of Smithfield, Lina Covington, of Chesterfield, S. C.; Mamie Shaw, of Durham; Mary Tomlinson, of Smithfield; Mildred Young, of Clayton. The bridesmaids followed, passed up the right aisle and the groomsmen up the left and stood outside the chancel. These were Misses Emma Pegram, of Cary; Maggie Cooley, of Fontcol; Daisy Shaw, of Lillington; Kate Cummings, of Raleigh; Olivia Cheatham, of Oxford; Messrs. Ed. Edmunson, of Willow Springs; G. B. Smith, of Clayton; Will Wall, of Wake Forest; Allen Shaw, of Lillington; Will Tomlinson, of Clayton.

The maid of honor, Miss Elizabeth Tomlinson, sister of the bride, passed up the left aisle, while little Miss Susie Wall Roberson, niece of the bride, carried the ring on a gold tray up the right aisle. The bride entered with the dame of honor, her sister, Mrs. John Roberson, of Franklinton, and was met at the altar by the groom and best man, Mr. Moore McKay, of Coats. The bride wore a gown of messaline, trimmed in Irish lace and pearls, her veil was of tulle, caught with orange blossoms, and a necklace worn was an heirloom of several generations. She carried a large bouquet of chrysanthemums. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. A. Campbell, of Buie's Creek Academy, assisted by Rev. G. B. Starling, of Clayton. During the ceremony Traumerle was beautifully played and Mendelsshon's wedding march as a recessional.

Immediately after the ceremony a delightful reception was served at "Tanglewood," the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. S. P. Tomlinson, the parlor and gift room being beautifully decorated. An elegant salad course was served, followed by cake and cream, and the cutting of the bride's cake was a pleasant feature of the evening. There were many beautiful gifts from friends of the bride and groom.

Mrs. Byrd is a popular and talented young lady; is well known through out the State and for several years was connected with the Buie's Creek Academy as teacher of art.

Mr. Byrd is an attorney of Lillington, a brother of Dr. Charles Byrd, of Nashville, and is known throughout occasional circles.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrd left immediately for Lillington, where they will be at home to their many friends.—News and Observer.

Kills Her Foe of 20 Years.

"The most merciless enemy I had for 20 years," declares Mrs. James Duncan, of Haynesville, Me., "was Dyspepsia. I suffered intensely after eating or drinking and could scarcely sleep. After many remedies had failed and several doctors gave me up, I tried Electric Bitters, which cured me completely. Now I can eat anything. I am 70 years old and am overjoyed to get my health and strength back again." For Indigestion, Loss of Appetite, Kidney trouble, Lame Back, Female Complaints, its unequalled. Only 50c at Hood Bros.

Mrs. L. L. Sasser, of Durham, after spending several days here with her sister, Mrs. J. T. Cobb and Mrs. E. J. Holt, left Tuesday to visit relatives near Goldsboro.