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TURLINGTON GRADED SCHOOL

FINE OPENING MONDAY WITH ABOUT 250 PRESENT.

Several Patrons Present to Witness The Beginning of Another Term.

On Monday morning, August 14th, Turlington Graded School opened the session of 1911-1912. In spite of the fact that the weather is oppressively warm, patrons showed their interest and co-operation by sending their boys and girls the very first day of school. Long before time for the "silence bell" the bright smiling faces of the children were to be seen here and there about the campus and in the building. Happy, indeed, was the reunion of school-mates and teachers.

Greetings and talk of the summer's vacation were brought to an end promptly at 8:30 o'clock when the familiar sound of the bell called the different grades to their respective rooms. In a few minutes the procession to the chapel began, led by the tiny tots of the first grade, in charge of their capable teacher, Miss Martha A. Hudson. The faces of these reflected all the wonder, timidity and awe apt to be called forth in their little minds by this, their first day at school. On and on went the different grades in order up the stairs, and took their seats for the chapel exercises.

The exercises were begun by a song followed by scripture reading and prayer. There were present several visitors, mostly patrons and former teachers, all testifying to their interest by their presence. Mr. Vermont, our superintendent made some very appropriate remarks, introducing the new members of the faculty. These new members are Mr. G. C. Mann, Miss Mildred Midget, and Miss Janie Kitrell, the last named having charge of the music department. All come very highly recommended, and in league with the other teachers of last year and supervised by the splendid man now in charge, make up a corps of teachers worth while.

Several of the visitors were called upon to say a few words, and of these Messrs. F. H. Brooks, Hubert Woodall, Robert Parrish, Wm. D. Avera and Revs. T. H. Spence and T. H. King responded in a pleasing manner, all expressing good wishes for the session being entered upon. Mr. Mann, the new principal expressed his appreciation for the warm welcome tendered him in entering upon his work.

The attendance was more than had been hoped for, numbering something like 250. The pupils looked bright and cheerful, the teachers enthusiastic, and everything seemed to indicate the beginning of the best year's work ever done at T. G. S. And why should it not be? With such bright minds receptive for the instruction given by the best of teachers, with enthusiasm which surmounts even the hot weather, and with a new school building looming up in the near future. What is the inevitable result? Surely nothing but Turlington Graded Success, the real meaning of T. G. S.

Death of Little Festus Pleasant.

On Saturday morning, August 12, the dear angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Pleasant and bore away the spirit of their darling boy Festus.

Festus was just ten years old and his quiet disposition, kind ways and obedience had always made him, it seemed, the favorite one of the children. He was a child who tried to do what was right always. His death was caused by whooping cough and bowel trouble. Every thing possible was done to save his life, by medical science and loving relatives and friends, but God the great Creator, who knows what is best, had a better place prepared for him than this sinful world and called him home to receive his reward.

He leaves a heart-broken mother, a father, three brothers and three sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss which is his eternal gain.

The bereaved ones have our heartfelt sympathy. Shall we meet beyond the river, Where the surges cease to roll! Where in all the bright forever, Sorrow never shall press the soul!

A FRIEND.

SPEAKER CLARK DINES THE TAR HEEL CONGRESSMEN.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Speaker Champ Clark had as his guests at luncheon in the house restaurant today Representatives Webb, Page, Godwin, Doughton, Stedman, Poul and Gudge; Senators Simmons and Overman and Uncle Joe Cannon, former speaker of the house. It was strictly a Tar Heel crowd with the exception of the speaker himself, Uncle Joe being a former North Carolinian.

The 80-pound watermelon which was sent to the speaker by State Senator Cobb, of Lumber Bridge, was brought forth, and then Mr. Clark personally superintended the "slicing" of the melon which was more than enough to "go round." Mr. Clark says the melon was equal to the famous "Pike county" melons, which have quite a reputation in Missouri.

LOOKS IN MIRROR AND FAINTS.**First View in Looking Glass After Lapse of Forty Years Sends Him To a Barber Shop.**

Pittsburg, August 13.—For the first time since 1870, Jacob Steinman, man, a hermit, living back of Reserve Township, saw himself a few days ago in a mirror. He immediately fainted, and when revived hustled to a barber shop and got a shave, an experience he had not had in forty years.

For the first time since he was a young man, Steinman came to town and visited his cousin, Mrs. Sarah McCune, in Perrysville Avenue. It was there by accident that he glanced into the mirror. "Great Scott!" he exclaimed, and toppled over. When revived he remarked: "What a great change has come over me since I saw myself in a fishing pond just forty years ago." Then he seized his hat and ran to the nearest barber shop, where he was shorn of his beard, which was three feet long.

SHARP TACK BRINGS BACK POWER OF SPEECH.

Nashua, Ia., Aug. 12.—A sharp tack which penetrated his foot through the sole of his shoe, suddenly restored to Henry Rickhoff his power of speech. He had been unable to talk since about a month ago, when he was knocked senseless by a stroke of lightning.

Rickhoff was at work in the blacksmith's shop when he stepped on the tack. The pain caused him to cry out, and he is now able to converse normally.

A Daring Hold Up by Robbers.

On Wednesday night of last week two negroes held up and robbed a drummer at the junction of the Southern and Atlantic Coast Line railroads three miles east of Princeton. The drummer travels for a Chicago jewelry house and had left Princeton to go to the junction to see a country merchant. After seeing the merchant he went to the junction to take a train for Goldsboro. While waiting for the train two negroes came up to him and pointing pistols at him demanded what he had. They took from him his watch and coat, his mileage book and about forty dollars in money. Next they went through his suitcase and took from it such articles as they desired. Having accomplished the robbery they sent him toward Princeton with instructions to run for his life. This was done on a bright moonlight night within two hundred yards of a dwelling in this civilized country of ours. This man went to Princeton and reported what had been done. The train he expected to take was late and so he reached Princeton in time to go to Goldsboro from there. Next day he drove from Goldsboro back to the place where he was robbed, but could find no trace of the negroes. It is thought they are some negroes living near the junction.

Conductor Walter Finch, who was badly scalded last Friday evening by the crown sheet blowing out of a locomotive on the Seaboard near Raleigh, died Saturday morning. It was an extra freight train and the conductor was riding in the cab with the engineer and fireman, who were both badly injured but will recover.

PRESTON BLACKMAN MURDERED A SUNDAY MORNING HOMICIDE**TRAGEDY AT SELMA EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING.****Joe W. Whitley Charged With the Crime According to Evidence Before Coroner's Jury.**

A shocking tragedy was enacted at the town of Selma in the early morning hours, on August 16, and as a result, W. P. Blackman is dead and Joe W. Whitley is a fugitive from justice.

The news of the tragedy was received here early Wednesday morning and Coroner James H. Kirkman went to the scene of the killing and held an inquest over the dead body of W. P. Blackman, a white man, about 42 years old. The following jury was empanelled: L. G. Patterson, D. W. Parrish, W. R. Long, C. F. Kirby, E. W. O'Neal and Fab B. Whitley. The jury rendered their verdict as follows: "That the deceased, W. P. Blackman, came to his death on the 16th day of August, 1911, at about 4 o'clock A. M., at his home by a wound in the back of his head made by some strong, sharp instrument in the hands of Joe W. Whitley."

Several witnesses were examined, but the principal ones were Mr. A. M. Branch and Mrs. Mollie Blackman. Mr. Branch testified among other things, that he and Mr. Joe W. Whitley, at Whitley's suggestion, went to Mr. W. P. Blackman's sometime during the night (Tuesday night) and knocked at the kitchen door. Blackman opened the door and invited them in. They walked in and asked W. P. Blackman if he wanted a drink. He replied in the affirmative and both he and his wife took a drink. Branch, the witness says that after being there awhile, he asked Whitley to let's go. Whitley said, let's not. Branch urged him as he said he had to work next day. Blackman also asked him to go on with Branch. Whitley said he was not ready, and Branch walked out. As he left, he says he heard Blackman tell Joe that he would put him out if he didn't go on, but Branch says he thought the remarks all in fun. Joe had a buggy whip in his hand. He and Blackman got into a tussle in a playful way and Branch says that he heard a light lick. He then went on home. This was somewhere after 12 o'clock, according to the witness's story.

Mrs. Mollie Blackman, wife of the deceased, testified that on the night of August 15, at about 3:30 o'clock, Mr. Branch and Mr. Joe Whitley went to Mr. Blackman's home, that Mr. Branch had a gallon jug with about six pints of whiskey in it. That "Mr. Branch and Preston (W. P. Blackman) went into the kitchen and took a drink of whiskey together and Joe Whitley came in and said it was his whiskey and they took two drinks together and Preston told them he had to lie down and for them to go home. Joe and Mr. Branch went on out into the yard quarrelling and Preston went out and told them they must leave. Preston called me and says I am killed, and I ran over to the first house and told it and then up to Mr. Liles' house and told them."

Blackman was stabbed in the back of the head about one inch above the ear and about an inch and a half back of it. He died in about twenty minutes after the stabbing took place.

Joe Whitley left about eight o'clock Wednesday morning for parts unknown. He is a son of one of Selma's well known citizens, Mr. T. H. Whitley, and the family has the sympathy of the community in their trouble. Much sympathy is also felt for the family of the deceased.

It is another sad chapter in the history of Johnston County and is the result of the demon, whiskey.

Alleghany county has joined the progressive counties in the State along lines educational. The town of Sparta has voted a special tax for schools, this being the first district in the county to vote such a tax. Only one other county in the State—Graham—has no special tax district.

The population of Paris within the fortifications that encircle the city is 2,847,000. With the suburbs it numbers about 4,000,000.

GEORGE STEPHENSON SHOOT AND KILLS ED JONES.**The Coroner's Jury Declares That Deceased was Killed by Stephenson In the Defense of His Home.**

One more distressing tragedy has been added to the large number already charged up against Johnston county. In this case the killing was justifiable according to the verdict of the coroner's jury.

Early Sunday morning, August 13, Ed Jones was killed in Pleasant Grove township by being shot with a gun by George Stephenson at the latter's home.

County Coroner, Mr. James H. Kirkman, was sent for and held an inquest, the following jury being empanelled to pass upon the matter: H. L. Skinner, Charles Register, D. D. Braswell, W. H. Flowers, G. H. Roberst, and J. R. Beasley. After hearing the evidence the jury found as follows: "That the deceased, Ed. Jones, came to his death by gun shot in the hands of Geo. Stephenson on the 14 day of August, 1911, and the same being in the defense of his home, wife, children and himself."

According to the evidence brought out before the Coroner's jury the sad affair was about as follows: Ed Jones went to Benson last Saturday and when he came back he drove up in front of George Stephenson's house and called him out saying that he had something to tell him. Stephenson and his wife both went out and after the exchanging of a few words Jones fell out of his buggy. It is stated that he was about half drunk. Asked if he was hurt, he answered by cursing and drove off back to his house which was near Stephenson's house. He was heard to go and kick open his front door and ask his wife for a knife. In about ten minutes he went back to Stephenson's house. The family was evidently frightened and George Stephenson asked his wife, "What must we do?" Mrs. Stephenson locked the back door and her husband the front one. Jones went around to the back door. Seeing there was trouble ahead Stephenson took his gun from the rack and when Jones began to knock down the door Mrs. Stephenson raised one of the windows and George got out. Having broken in the door Jones reached up for the gun from the rack, threatening to kill George if he found him. He then started around the house and ran George through the house two or three times. He then went out and started off his mule, and it was thought for a little while that he was gone home. But later Mrs. Stephenson saw him in the weeds near the house. Seeing Mrs. Stephenson, Jones told her to leave and attend to her own business. She then went into the house and told her husband that Ed Jones was coming back. Geo. went out at back door and Jones coming on to the front picked up a chair and threw at Mrs. Stephenson. He called on her to get him some matches and she being afraid not to obey, got them for him. He then struck them, going into all the rooms looking for George. All this time he was cursing and swearing and saying "I will kill you if I can just find you." He then went out at the back door and about this time the shot was fired which killed him. When George saw what he had done, he cried out, "I have killed him, What shall we do?" Ed spoke about the same time, declaring that he was killed.

Jones was a tenant on the land of Stephenson and it is said that there had been trouble between the men before this, and that Jones had made threats that he would kill Stephenson.

The verdict of the coroner's jury is one that exonerates Mr. Stephenson and no arrest has been made. It is another one of those sad affairs that are but the result of wickedness.

WOMEN JURORS IN THE WEST.**Thirty-four of Them in a Venire of 129 Citizens Drawn in Tacoma.**

Tacoma, Wash., August 13.—Thirty-four women are included in the venire of 129 jurors drawn for the September term of the Superior Court in this city.

FLOODS CAUSE GREAT SUFFERING IN CHINA.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 14.—Floods have caused loss of hundreds of lives and great suffering in China, where several of the rivers have overflowed along the Yang-Tse. Arrivals from Shanghai by the Empress of Japan state that the distress which followed the floods is so great that children are being offered for sale.

The district of Huang suffered most, the river having swept away a great number of houses. The river rose to the city gate, which was shut and banked up in order to keep out the waters. Water was three feet deep in the city. From Lonkankoll it was reported that following the great rains of July 14 and 15 the crops have been swept away for forty miles on either bank.

TO BE 50,000 POSTAL BANKS.**One Hundred More Just Designated, Making the Total to Date 1,590.**

Washington, D. C., August 13.—Of the 60,000 post-offices of all classes in the United States, it is expected that approximately 50,000 eventually will be designated as postal savings depositories.

Including 100 additional second-class offices designated yesterday by Postmaster-General Hitchcock as depositories, the total number of postal banks established to this date is 1,590. By September 1 all the 1,800 second-class post-offices will have been designated as postal banks. It is the intention of the Post-Office Department then to begin designating the 6,000 third-class offices as banks, probably at the rate of 500 a week. Gradually the system will be extended to offices of the fourth class, including only those which are money order offices.

At about 10,000 fourth-class offices money orders are not issued.

REVISED LIST OF DEAD FROM TRAIN WRECK.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Aug. 14.—A revised list of the dead and injured as a result of the eastbound 18-hour Pennsylvania flyer from Chicago to New York leaving the track one mile west of here last evening, shows that two are dead, two missing and thirty-three injured. It is practically certain that the two missing men, a fireman and an engineer, are dead. Wrecking crews are to-day searching the debris for their bodies. None of the injured will die, physicians say.

STRUCK DEAD BESIDE COFFIN.**Lightning Stuns Four Other Women And Interrupts Funeral.**

Milwaukee, Aug. 12.—An Evening Wisconsin special from West Bend, Wis., says:

Mourning for Phillip Brissel, whose body lay in a coffin before the altar of St. John's Evangelical Church, at Kohlville, Mrs. Henry Conrad was struck dead and four other women rendered unconscious when a bolt of lightning pierced the house of worship yesterday.

Rev. John Frank had just started the sermon when a vivid flash of flame and a deafening crash seemed to paralyze the entire congregation.

Pastor Frank's words of compassion for the sorrowing family were never uttered. Mrs. Conrad and a dozen other women lay prostrate on the floor, while near them writhed a dozen others, their shrieks of terror precipitating a panic which only cooled-headed men, hardly yet comprehending the situation, prevented.

In this church the men sit on one side and the women on the other. Hence, when the lightning struck the steeple, entered the church and hurled down a chandelier under which sat Mrs. Conrad the lightning found only feminine victims.

Stanley county has postponed the Farm Life school election to November 1st. The election was to have been held in August but it was found that the people had been too busy to inform themselves on the question. It is said that interest in the measure is growing and the friends of the movement are very hopeful of succeeding at the polls.

Winston has voted \$350,000 of bonds for additional school buildings, water and sewerage and street improvements.

A LIVE SENATORIAL SITUATION**ONE MAN SAYS GOES FOR SECOND CHOICE.****Talk at Washington About the Senatorial Fight in North Carolina a Leading Topic.**

Washington, Aug. 12.—E. B. Lewis, of Kinston, sovereign manager of the Woodmen of the World, who stopped over in Washington for a few days, says that Governor Kitchin will surely be the next United States Senator from North Carolina. He says he has traveled extensively in the State and he is convinced that the Governor will win over all contestants. Mr. Lewis thinks that former Governor Aycock will run a close second to the Governor and that it may be necessary to hold a second primary in order to decide the contest.

Mr. Lewis has just returned from Omaha, Neb., where he attended a meeting of the Woodmen of the World. He says at the meeting which has just closed that it was decided to build a large office building which will cost over a million dollars when completed.

There were several other visitors in Washington to-day who are equally as confident of Senator Simmons' success as Mr. Lewis is of the Governor's. One man sized up the situation up thusly:

"There are some strong shots being fired at both Kitchin and Simmons by the leading Democratic organ. I think Simmons has the strongest working organization in the State—more compact and one that will stand by him to the last. Kitchin's organization is being pretty well built, but not in as good shape as the senior Senator.

"The popular movement in general is for Aycock. He is the man who is generally spoken well of by all. But it must be admitted that Aycock has stood for a number of issues that Senator Simmons has been allied with.

"I believe that this campaign for Senator will be, by far, the most bitter the State has ever seen. I believe that the candidate who has the largest number of second choice votes will go to the United States Senate. I do not believe that it will be possible for a choice to be made in the first primary."

The man who expressed this opinion has traveled from one end of the State to the other. He is a non-partisan. He frankly admits that he is not decided for whom he will vote.—Parker A. Anderson, in Charlotte Chronicle.

GREAT FALLING OFF IN KANSAS WINTER WHEAT.

Topeka, August 13.—The State Board of Agriculture's report on winter wheat says that inquiry reveals that the winter wheat crop was approximately 51,365,000 bushels, or nearly 9,000,000 bushels under that of 1910 and the smallest since 1899. It is one-third less than the average yearly production for the decade ending with 1910. This, although the acreage sown was the greatest in the history of the State. Of the 7,260,000 acres sown the growers now estimate that nearly 37 per cent was a failure.

SELMA NEWS.

Selma, Aug. 17.—The Selma Graded School bond election passed off very quietly last Tuesday. The result was that the bonds were defeated, not receiving a majority of the registered votes. They also did not receive a majority of the votes cast. The vote was, for bonds, 107; against bonds, 113.

The mill owners and the corporations did the business for the schools. Mr. Charlie Richardson is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Richardson.

The article in the News and Observer Wednesday from Smithfield, and a previous article in the same paper from Selma ought to forever put a stop to ball games between the two towns.

The Commissioners of Cumberland County have ordered an election to be held on the second Tuesday in November on the question of a \$200,000 bond issue for public roads. The petition asking for the election contained more than 700 names.