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"REMINISCENCES."

Biographical and Historical Sketch by Dr. P. S. Hicks, Treating of Local Persons and Scenes.

Furniture was not insured and when I got to Norfolk that trunk was missing and another trunk in its place. The other trunk had no check or name on it and no identity as to its owner. The agent proposed to me to take that trunk in the place of mine and if I never got mine and never found the owner of it to keep it. As I was the best owner under the circumstances I took it. In about twelve months an agent or detective or something came to my house in Rocky Mount when I was away and told my wife he was looking for a stray trunk, she told him to come in that she had one; he claimed it. It was a large Saratoga trunk and contained women's apparel some very fine silk dresses and in fact everything in the trunk was of the finest order. I had sold a few of the things but got them back and sent them to his address. I always thought it was a put up job. I advertised a valuable lost trunk and it was an easy matter for a sharp to claim property and take it. Well back to my arrival in Norfolk. I had only ten dollars. That would just pay my way to Williamston. That was in '68 when the money panic was at the highest. Things looked pretty gloomy to me, my family sick, but little money and but little work of any kind, so I decided to rent a house, take the chances and stay there for a while. I got the city doctor to attend my family and furnish medicine free of charge, I was in a condition to be thankful for it. In a month my wife and child were some better. I then moved over in Portsmouth. Times got no better, it was seldom I could get a days work. Finally a man made a contract to paint the underside of the roof of the shed of the Seaboard and Roanoke R. R. The roof was made of sheet iron, it was to be painted to keep it from rusting under there, and it was a bad job in hot weather. The contractor gave me the job of painting at seventy-five cents a day, that was a great change in two months. I was getting three dollars a day at the time I left New York, an easy job at grain-ing, and begging a job for seventy-five cents a day at roof painting in an oven was quite a difference. Times grew worse, the money panic grew more desperate. I sold a bed at half its value, pawned my watch and pistol with the pawn broker. The money was soon spent; my surroundings continued to look more and more gloomy. I had about a pint of meal and one ten cents. What to do with the ten cents was the question, at that critical moment I thought of a man by the name of Richardson that used to be a partner of W. A. Bassett, of Tarboro, a painter, he at that time lived in Norfolk. I decided to go and look for him, maybe he could give me something to do. I went to a ferry boat and got me a return ticket, that took my last ten cents. I found Richardson but no good, he had no work for himself. When I stepped off of the boat on the wharf the last of my ten cents was gone. The ticket office was at the edge of the side walk; under the ticket office shelf on the side walk I saw something that looked like a bill of greenback or a snuff or tobacco stamp crumpled up in a wad. I stooped down picked it up and kept right on and said nothing to anyone. A strange feeling came over me, was it money or not? When I got to the next corner I turned aside from the passing crowd and opened out the crumpled wad of paper, it was a five dollar bill, it looked all right but I was afraid it was a dream, was it really so? A God send at the last moment. I went right on to the market feeling that it might be counterfeit. I called for twenty-five cents worth to test it, the market man gave me the change back. That decided my fate it was all right. I don't know of any time in my life of a five dollars coming in a better time. I bought lots of good things and went home rejoicing and thanking the good Lord for his kind providence. I found my wife waiting patiently for my return. We soon had a good breakfast gave thanks and helped ourselves.

About that time I became acquainted with a boss painter in the Navy yard, he promised me a job of a few days painting and by this time my wife and children were on the mend so I decided to send my family to Rocky Mount. I went to see the general agent of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad, who was E. G. Ghio at that time, and I never met a better man than he proved to be. I was not acquainted with him and I asked a bystander to point him out to me. I watched my chance and when he was alone in his office I walked in and told him who I was, my circum-

stances and dependent condition. I then asked him to aid me in getting to Rocky Mount. He listened to my story very attentively and asked me if I was the man who painted the shed roof a few days ago. I told him I was, but I was not the contractor. He said he knew that and that I was entitled to a reward from the company for such laborious and difficult work and that he would help me, that a man who did the work on that shed as hot as the weather was, for the small pay I got richly deserved a reward and that it was in his power to reward me and he would do it. Yes he gave me a free transportation for my family and furniture not only over his road but to Rocky Mount on the W. & W. R. R. and at the same time he offered to give me a free pass but I thanked him and told him I had a job in the Navy yard and did not want to go just then. You see I had sold a good feather bed for eight dollars, had pawned a good watch for eight more and I wanted to redeem them before I left. The next day my family was off for Rocky Mount. In a day or two I had orders to go to work in the navy yard for three dollars a day, my job only lasted eleven days. I got my money, redeemed my things and left for Rocky Mount where I joined my family. By this time my wife and children were much better. Painting at that time was very dull so I decided to give my entire attention to the practise and study of medicine, that is of which is made of roots, gum, herbs and barks. The above skill I had been previously applying myself every time an opportunity would present, as far back as my boyhood days. After a little I got up several special remedies and had them patented or copyrighted. My remedies all acted like a charm and sold on its merits. I bought and built a small high house in Rocky Mount lived in it about twelve months then sold it and moved to Raleigh. A while after I had left that high house a cyclone came along and blew the entire house away except the bottom floor.

I made many friends and joined the Odd Fellows while in Raleigh and did very well. I moved from there back to Rocky Mount, bought and built two and a half miles south of the town, stayed there about a year and sold out and moved back to Rocky Mount. About this time I was elected standard keeper of Edgecombe county for two years and when the time expired they re-elected me for two years more. While holding the office I made some little money out of it and some few enemies. There had been no standard keeper during the war or since, a space of probably about eight or ten years. During this time some of our best citizens had misconstrued the law or had neglected their duty along where the law says: "Every person buying or selling or using weights or measures shall have same tested, etc."

(To be continued.)

T. P. A. Post Organized in City.

On Saturday evening, at the Cambridge Hotel, Post H of the N. C. Division of the T. P. A., was organized by Mr. Burrell H. Marsh, of Winston-Salem, a leading member of the association, and vice-president of this division. The meeting was well attended, and the new post starts with a splendid membership, and as a large number of traveling men are making their homes in the progressive city of Rocky Mount, Post H will have as large membership as any post in the State. The following were elected officers of the post: N. L. Alcocke, President; J. S. Christain, Vice-President; J. T. Lassiter, Sec'y. Messrs. J. T. Mount, Harry Abram and N. L. Alcocke were elected delegates to attend the State convention which meets in Wilmington on May 15th. Mr. Marsh has many friends here who are anxious to see him elected president of the State division, for which office he is a candidate.

J. H. Short's License Revoked.

The board of aldermen at a special meeting Friday night revoked the saloon license of Mr. J. H. Short, whose place is on Main street. The board gave him until May 11th to close out his business and dispose of his stock. The action of the board was in consequence of disorderly conduct on the part of Mr. Short while intoxicated, this being a cause for revoking saloon license under the city laws.

If you invest your earnings in the Citizens Building and Loan Co. you not only help yourself by good, secure investment, but you help to build up Rocky Mount. Third series of stock will be opened May 1. See W. S. Wilkinson, secretary and treasurer, and begin at the first.

EX-GOVERNOR AYCOCK SPEAKS.

North Carolina's "Favorite Son" Addresses Audience of 1500 On Prohibition.

Ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock delivered a prohibition speech in Crews warehouse Sunday afternoon before an audience of 1500 people, who gave him the closest attention. A musical program was well rendered by a large and well trained choir, in addition to the eloquent address of North Carolina's "favorite son."

The ex-governor came to Rocky Mount after a most strenuous week of speech making and left on the 4 o'clock train for Tarboro, where he spoke at night. He gave evidence of fatigue from which he was suffering, but his speech was given with that force and logic for which he is famed. The speaker began his remarks by saying that the great boon which is coming to North Carolina on the 26th of May had its inception with those brave men who made the fight for State prohibition in 1881, against odds overwhelming and when the measure was not so popular as now. He refuted the argument advanced by anti-prohibitionists about "personal liberty" by saying no man who lives and enjoys the benefits of society, but had to give up personal liberties for the common benefit. Robinson Crusoe, he said, had all the personal liberty a man could possibly wish for, but he was glad to give it up for the sake of getting back into society. He pleaded with men to make the sacrifice of appetite for humanity's sake.

The speaker took up the various arguments advanced by those opposed to prohibition and demolished all of them or reduced them all to one simple thing, appetite. And he pleaded in the name of the children, the school, the family and the church for the sacrifice of the appetite.

The speech was well received and carried conviction.

Junior Order Endorses Prohibition

Be it resolved by the Rocky Mount Council No. 41 J. O. U. A. M. That as this order stands at the present time for liberty of conduct and thought prescribed by no limitations, except where the welfare of a fellow being is involved, for love of home and country to the extent of protecting under all conditions their safety and purity and for education of the people, as on this rests the welfare, prosperity and character of the individual and nation; and believing as we do that along with industry, sobriety is the brightest jewel in the crown of any people, and without it we cannot expect or hope to achieve real success in this life or fulfillment of the eternal promises hereafter, we feel it as a solemn sense of our responsibility as good citizens to declare it our purpose and aim to give to the present prohibition movement in North Carolina our active and cordial support, not only by advocating it in all proper places and times and voting for it May 26th next, but urging all our brethren of this order and our friends everywhere to do so.

Further, that our position on this great question and matter of public interest and concern may be known to all, it is directed that this resolution be spread on our minutes and copies for publication be given the city newspapers.

Horrible Tragedy at Goldsboro.

Howard Bain, son of the late Col. T. H. Bain, Thursday night, went to the room where his wife and baby were sleeping in Goldsboro, and pulling a Colts .38 pistol shot his wife three times as she lay in bed. Mrs. Bain's father, Mr. J. C. Mullen, attracted by the firing, ran to the room and overpowered Bain, taking him to the police station. Bain and his wife had quarrelled a week before and she was at the home of her parents when Bain made the murderous attempt. Mrs. Bain will hardly recover.

Reply to Picnic at Westray's Easter.

I'm quite sure Mr. John Lindsey and his friend (?) enjoyed driving home on the wagon alone, and I especially wish to say that it was all owing to the fact that Miss Mamie Parham made our engagements to come back with Mr. R. L. Dozier. One of Them.

Let the Citizens Building and Loan Co. help you to save your money by making small monthly deposits with them. Perfectly safe investments that pays sure dividends. W. S. Wilkinson, secretary and treasurer.

BRILLIANT EASTER GERMAN

Carolina Cotillon Club Gives Past-Lenten Dance in Elks Club Rooms Attended by Many Couples.

Monday night in the Elks Home the Carolina Cotillon Club gave its Easter german, and it was a most brilliant social event. There were more than 25 couples participating in the dance, many of whom came from a distance. Levin's orchestra, of Raleigh, furnished most excellent music, and the german was gracefully and skilfully led by Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Spruill.

Those present and participating were:

Miss Maude Phillips with Mr. R. W. Rawls, Miss Mary Battle with Mr. W. T. Williford, Miss Susie Zollicoffer, of Weldon, with Mr. G. E. Pennington, of Tarboro; Miss Juliette Covington with Mr. R. S. Gorham, Miss Mary Harrison with Mr. M. D. Munn, Miss Mellette Davis, of New York, with Mr. Will Meadows, Miss Clyde Daughtridge with Mr. J. B. Ramsey, Miss Annie Cunningham with Mr. J. P. Bunn with Mr. J. P. Bunn, Miss Louise Arrington with Mr. S. G. Sills, Miss Bia Tyree with Mr. E. J. Gordon, Miss Callena Newell with Mr. J. C. Daughtridge, Miss Helene Battle with Mr. A. B. Williams, Miss Carrie Shubrick with Mr. W. V. Gupton, Miss Taylor with Mr. H. H. Battle, Miss Focia, of Burlington, Vermont, with Mr. H. A. Williford, Miss Hindee, of Burlington, Vermont, with Mr. Gordon Smith, Miss Wood, of Portsmouth, with Mr. John Fenner, Miss Meta Winstead with Mr. Paul R. Capelle, Miss Ione Carney, of Emporia, with Mr. P. W. Turner, of Emporia; Miss Ruth Turner, of Emporia, with Mr. L. A. Hardy, of Emporia; Miss M. J. Powell, of Emporia, with Mr. R. M. Roberson, of Emporia; Miss Tillie Powell, of Emporia with Mr. E. P. Turner, of Emporia; Miss Lizzie Goodwin, of Emporia, with Mr. Elliott Stacy, of Emporia; Miss Mary Philips with Mr. Philips.

Chaperones: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Abram, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Reid.

Stags: Jno. L. Arrington, Kelly Stags of Nashville, Arthur Ross, of Nashville; C. G. Weatherly, of Westville; Wade Benton, Eugene Brittle, of Emporia; Thorpe Ramsey and H. W. Winstead.

City Democratic Primaries.

The city democratic primaries are called for Friday, May 1, between the hours of 4 p. m. and 9 p. m., to name one alderman and one committeeman from each ward. Necessary for choice is a majority of all votes cast in each ward.

The primaries will be held at the following places:

First Ward—Jno. L. Arrington's office.

Second Ward—Mayor's office.

Third Ward—Avent's old stables on Tarboro street.

Fourth Ward—J. D. Odom's stables.

Fifth Ward—Ferguson's vacant store on the Falls Road.

Sixth Ward—T. C. Gorham's store.

Only registered democrats will be entitled to vote in the ward primaries. Saturday morning the ward committeemen will meet at 10 o'clock and canvass the vote of the city and declare the nominees.

There will probably be a contest in several of the wards, but whether in all wards or not is not known.

Tobacco Tags Bring Fine Presents.

According to reports from the local dealers in tobacco more people are saving tobacco tags than ever before in the history of the giving of presents in exchange for tobacco tags. This tremendous increase in tag saving is due to the action of the American Tobacco Co. in offering a remarkable list of valuable presents in return for tags from various popular tobaccos.

Death of Mary Belle Nichols.

Mary Belle, the 16-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Nichols, died at the home, 843 Arlington street, Sunday night, of child's summer complaint. Rev. R. H. Black preached the funeral Monday morning at the home and the remains were taken to Burgaw on the noon train for burial.

The Citizens Building and Loan Co.

The Citizens Building and Loan Co. has help to build many homes in Rocky Mount. Let it help you to build a home, by taking stock in the third series to be opened May 1. See W. S. Wilkinson, secretary and treasurer.

Notice of County Convention and Democratic Primaries.

Notice is hereby given to the Democratic voters of Nash county, that on Saturday 13th day of June, 1908, beginning at 10 o'clock A. M. and closing at sun down, there will be held a primary election at the respective voting places in the several townships of Nash county, for the nomination of one member of the House of Representatives, and all County officers. All persons desiring to be a candidate in said primary will communicate with the undersigned, and make arrangements to have their tickets printed, the names submitted to the primary, in accordance with the rules of the committee.

There will likewise be selected at the several precincts on Saturday, June 13th, 1908, delegates to represent the several precincts in the County Democratic Convention, which will be held in Nashville on Monday, June 15, 1908, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Senatorial, Congressional, and State Conventions. There will also be nominated in the said precincts Justice of the Peace and a constable at the same time, and a Democratic Executive Committee will be elected by ballot according to the plan of organization for the ensuing two years, during the same hours of the County primary.

Rocky Mount, Stony Creek, North Whitakers and South Whitakers, townships will together select at the said primary election one County Commissioner; Baileys, Dry Wells, Ferrells and Jacksons Townships will together select one County Commissioner; and the remaining five townships of the county will together select one County Commissioner. The three commissioners, who will receive the highest vote in the respective groups of townships will under the resolutions of the County Democratic Executive Committee, be declared the nominee of the Democratic party of Nash county for the office of County Commissioner.

I desire to call the attention of the voters of the county to the primary election law, found in Chapter 926, public laws of North Carolina, session of 1907, which will be taken in connection with the Democratic plan of organization, and will be duly observed in the conducting of the election.

If any candidate for any office receive the majority of the votes cast in the county, at said primary, he will be declared the nominee of the party of Nash county, for such office, but if no one person receive the majority of all the votes cast in the primary, then a second primary will be ordered by the County Executive Committee, which is called to meet in Nashville on Monday June 15th, 1908, which said second primary will be held not exceeding seven days from and after June 13th, 1908, and at such second primary the two candidates who receive the highest and second highest votes, respectively, in the first primary will be the only candidates ballotted for.

You will take due notice of the foregoing, and govern yourself accordingly.

E. B. Grantham,
Chm. Dem. Ex. Comm. of Nash Co.

State News Items.

At a saw mill near Eugene Hunter, a negro employe named Eugene Hunter, was thrown on a slide saw and cut so badly he died two hours after, Thursday.

Mr. B. F. Turner, saw filer at a saw mill at House, was caught between the tender and some cars when a coupling was being made, last week, and killed.

Earl Grey, governor of the Dominion of Canada, and Lady Grey, his wife, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Vanderbilt at Biltmore, N. C., last week.

Lonnie Moore, a negro youth of 16, who was serving a sentence on the Guilford chain gang for breaking into a freight car, was fatally shot by the guard while attempting to escape, Friday.

The North Carolina editorial convention in Charlotte last week was one of the most largely attended and pleasant meetings of the quill drivers ever held in the State. Officers of the association for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, J. A. Thomas, of the Louisville Times; first vice president W. C. Dowd, Charlotte News; second vice president, J. Z. Green, Our Home; third vice president, Rev. J. O. Atkinson, Christian Sun; secretary, John B. Sherrill.

The Third Series of stock in the Citizens Building and Loan Co. will be issued May 1. Subscribe at once and begin with the new series. W. S. Wilkinson, secretary and treasurer.

W. D. SHAW GETS TWO YEARS.

Submits to Shooting His Wife and is Sentenced For Assault With Deadly Weapon.

W. D. Shaw submitted, in Nash court, Wednesday, to assault with a deadly weapon, in shooting his wife in their room one night a couple of months ago and was sentenced to two years on the roads. The bill was drawn for assault with a deadly weapon and not for secret assault with intent to kill, hence the light punishment, which is the maximum penalty for the crime with which he was charged.

Smith-Howell.

A pretty home wedding was celebrated yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Crews, on Church street, when their niece, Miss Otis Howell, and Mr. Richard Leonard Smith, of Holland, Va., were united in the bonds of matrimony. Rev. D. H. Tuttle officiated, amid scenes of enchanting loveliness made so by beautiful decorations and a happy party of admiring friends. The attendants were: Miss Mary Norfleet of Holland, Va., maid of honor; Mrs. W. D. Christie, dame of honor; Misses Jennie Divine and Flossie Jeffreys, bridesmaids. Mr. Thomas Jones acted as best man and Miss Elizabeth Christie as ring bearer. Mr. Richard S. Gorham and Mr. R. W. Rawls were ushers. The marriage was solemnized at noon and the celebrants left on the Norfolk train for a tour of northern points of interest before taking up their residence at Highland, Va.

An anti-nuptial reception was given the bride and groom elect at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Crews Tuesday evening which was attended by a large crowd and was a most delightful event.

Sale of Valuable Property.

By authority of a deed of trust from Frank Worsley and Martha J. Worsley, his wife, to Paul Gorham, Trustee, recorded in Book 143, Page 262, of the Records of the Register or Deeds for Nash county, I will on June 1st, 1908, at 10:00 a. m. and 2 p. m., on the premises of the property described below in the county of Nash, State of North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property:

"Beginning at the north-east corner of Beal Avenue and Tillery street, and running with the east line of Tillery street in a northerly direction 150 feet to a stake, thence at right angles to Tillery street and parallel to Beal Avenue in an easterly direction 50 feet to a stake, thence in a southerly direction and parallel to Tillery street 150 feet to Beal Avenue, and thence in a westerly direction with the line of Beal Avenue 50 feet to the beginning. This being the identical lot conveyed by James Jeffreys to Frank Worsley by deed of even date herewith, and to which reference is made."

Paul Gorham, Trustee.

Sudden Death of Miss Mary Pond.

Miss Mary Pond died suddenly Monday night at 10:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. R. L. Huffines, where she lived, of heart trouble. She lived only 15 minutes after she was stricken. The funeral was conducted at the home Tuesday by Mr. Rose, formerly Miss Pond's pastor when she lived at Battleground, assisted by Rev. D. H. Tuttle, and the remains were laid to rest in Pineview Cemetery at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Miss Pond was 77 years of age and a native of Edgecombe county.

Seeing Is Believing.

Come and see the Eyescope wonderful French instrument for fitting the eyes, at Parker's jewelry store. Examination free.

Three new members were added to the road force Friday from the offenders before the recorder. They were Frank Daws, colored, and Jas. Wynne for vagrancy, given 30 days each, and Jas. Wilson, a "tourist," who was drunk and disorderly, 30 days. Mr. J. H. Short, for affray, with Mr. John Lanier, his clerk, and for disorderly conduct, was fined \$40, and Mr. Lanier was fined \$15 for his part in the affray.

Stop paying rent and build your own home through the Citizens Building and Loan Co. Third series begins May 1. See W. S. Wilkinson, secretary and treasurer.