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## DAUGHERTY HAS QUIT HIS OFFICE

**Attorney General Resigns as Cabinet Member Upon Request of President—Was Severely Criticized.**

Washington, D. C., March 28.—Attorney General Daugherty has resigned.

Surrounded by an ever growing storm of criticism and under the pressure of many of his ranking party leaders, he consented to follow Secretary Denby into retirement.

His resignation, promptly accepted by President Coolidge, clears the administration of the last of those cabinet members who have become storm centers in the oil scandal.

The factor which had greatest weight in bringing the question of Mr. Daugherty's status to an acute issue was a conviction on the part of the president that under present conditions public business is not receiving the attention merited by it in the department of justice.

Since the senate investigation of the department began on March 12, Coolidge has seen plain indications that some department officials were giving a greater part of their attention to the defending of Mr. Daugherty, to the apparent detriment of their regular pursuits.

There is no doubt also that the repeated charges made before the senate committee, leading directly to the door of the attorney general's office although not involving him directly have had their influence in finally determining his fate.

Besides the Daugherty committee disclosures, testimony has been given before the oil committee that the attorney general dealt in Sinclair Oil stock after he entered the cabinet; that he and others in the justice department were seeking to shield Edward B. McLean from appearance on the witness stand in the oil inquiry; and that McLean himself was a secret agent of the department.

Mr. Daugherty had insisted that he be permitted to remain in office until he had been given opportunity to answer fully all the charges made before the investigating committee. As the testimony has developed, however, it has become apparent that if he were to vindicate his department it would become necessary for him to disprove also the charges against Jess Smith and others closely associated with him.

In deciding in favor of another break in the cabinet President Coolidge followed the almost unanimous advice of republicans in the senate, some of whom, including Senator Borah, of Idaho, have been urging for weeks that Mr. Daugherty had lost the confidence of the country.

The resignation was submitted at the request of the President, and in accepting Mr. Daugherty said he desired it to become effective forthwith.

Mr. Daugherty said he tendered it "solely out of deference to your request and in compliance therewith."

President Coolidge's letter requesting the resignation based the request on the attorney general's refusal to comply with the summons by the senate investigating committee for certain papers relating to gun running on the Mexican border.

The incident, the President said in his letter, "only illustrates the difficulties which are certain to recur with ever increasing embarrassment and your inability to perform satisfactorily the duties of attorney general under present conditions."

## Leatherman News.

We are having some fine weather now, and the farmers are making good use of it.

We are having a good Sunday School at this place now.

Mr. Erwin Lakey was visiting friends, and relatives on Shallow Creek for a few days last week.

Mr. Jim Shepherd and family started to the West last week.

Mr. G. H. Gibson went to Franklin on business one day last week.

It seems like the pole business is on a boom now, from the way the men are hauling them.

Mr. W. A. McGaha took dinner with his sister, Mrs. Joe Shepherd, last Sunday.

Miss Nobia Rhinehart was visiting Mrs. Joe Shepherd Sunday.

Mr. Goldman Crisp has moved to the Big Laurel.

Miss Gladys and Laura Allen are visiting their sister, Mrs. J. D. Hurst.

Mrs. Joe Hurst is on the sick list. Hope she will soon be out again.

## Contemplated Changes In Train Schedules

The Receiver of the Tallulah Falls Railway has sent the following bulletin to all agents, with respect to passenger train service during the summer of 1924:

Southern Railway train No. 38 is a through train between New Orleans and New York, reaching Cornelia at 3:13 P. M. It carries no day coaches and is an extra-fare train. Week-end excursion tickets are not honored on it. And, finally, it has no connection from Athens, an important summer travel point for the Tallulah Falls Railway. Therefore, a special train from Cornelia during the summer on Saturday afternoons is not really needed for the accommodation of the traveling public.

The Receiver proposes filing a petition with the Georgia Public Service Commission requesting that he be permitted, from June 1, 1924, to September 15th at least, to reverse the present schedule, and have train No. 1 leave Franklin about 6:15 A. M., arriving at Cornelia about 9:30 A. M., and connecting with Southern Railway train No. 29 to Gainesville, Athens, Atlanta and points beyond, and with Southern Railway train No. 16 to Toccoa and points east of Cornelia; and have train No. 2 leave Cornelia about 10:30 A. M., connecting with Southern Railway train No. 29 from Toccoa and points east of Cornelia, and with Southern Railway train No. 16 from Athens, Gainesville, Atlanta and points beyond.

The Receiver will also request the Georgia Public Service Commission to not require the operation of the special Saturday train, which was run last summer.

The proposed schedule will make close connections to and from all points. It will enable residents along the line of the Tallulah Falls Railway to visit Atlanta, Athens or Gainesville and return with only one night away from home instead of two as at present. It will permit summer visitors at Franklin and other points on the north end of the line to visit Lakemont and Tallulah Falls and return the same day. And finally, the Receiver is convinced that it will increase considerably the passenger revenues of the railway.

The passenger revenues constitute about half of the gross revenues of the Tallulah Falls Railway, and the larger part of the passenger revenues is earned during the summer. The fact is that during the summer the Tallulah Falls Railway is primarily a passenger carrying line. The inescapable conclusion, therefore, is that everything possible should be done to increase the passenger business during the summer months, and this can best be done by the proposed schedule, rather than by continuation of the present schedule and the addition of the Saturday afternoon train, which as has been shown, is not really needed.

In bringing this matter to your attention well in advance of the opening of the summer, the Receiver's purpose is to afford you and your public officials, merchants, and others interested the opportunity of making through you (or to the Receiver direct) such representations as may seem to be pertinent and proper.

All such representations will be given due consideration by the Receiver, and will constitute part of the record before the Georgia Public Service Commission.

## Farmers' Meetings.

Beginning April 14th, a series of Farmers' Meetings will be held as follows:

Holly Springs—Monday, April 14th, at 1:00 P. M.

Higdonville—Tuesday, April 15th, at 1:00 P. M.

Slagle—Wednesday, April 16th, at 1:00 P. M.

Otto—Thursday, April 17th, at 1:00 P. M.

Union—Friday, April 18th, at 1:00 P. M.

This will be a busy season, but we will try not to keep you long. So please meet promptly. Several things should be discussed at these meetings. Mr. Farnham, the Dairy Specialist for this section, will visit, during the mornings and afternoons, farmers of each community who are shipping or who expect to ship cream. If you are interested in having him advise with you regarding your cows, barns, pastures, forage crops, etc., please advise County Agent Arrendale and an effort will be made to visit your farm.

## WALHALLA HAS BANK ROBBERY

**Night Policeman Bound and Gagged and the Enterprise Bank Robbed of \$800 One Night Last Week.**

Walhalla, S. C., March 26.—Bound and gagged, unable to move hand or foot, Policeman Guy Grant this morning was forced to stand and watch the movements of three men who were engaged in robbing the Enterprise Bank, at the corner of Main and Spring streets.

It was a little past midnight when Mr. Grant, walking his regular beat, came up Spring Street and as he turned into Main was grabbed by two men. The policeman was caught off his guard and could not get to his pistol. He fought back as best he could, but the third man entered the fray and he was overpowered. He was gagged, taken to the rear of the bank and store buildings and securely wired to a building. The men then went to their work in the bank.

The rear door of the building was pried open with heavy bars and the men went to work on the vault door. A gasoline blow torch was used in the attack on the vault door. This proved ineffective, however, as the door had a special safety device by which, as soon as the lock was disconnected, two large bolts, at top and bottom of door, were shot into place, and the door was locked as securely as before.

Abandoning the lock project the torch was brought into play again and a section of the door burned out, large enough for a man's body to be squeezed through. After burning away the small inner lock, entrance to the vault was gained. Outside the big safe in the vault there was about \$800, in various kinds of small money—coppers and nickels, dimes, quarters, halves, dollars and some currency of minor denomination. This was all gathered up by the robbers and taken away except one dollar bill, which was found lying on the vault floor.

No effort was made to attack the burglar-proof safe inside the vault.

The job took the three men over three hours to complete it. Hence the general belief that they were amateurs just beginning their operations.

It was past three o'clock this morning when Policeman Grant was released from his racking position back of the buildings—cold, stiff, and unable to walk. He was carried to a waiting automobile, put inside and a hurried drive started down through town, through West Union and out the Walhalla-Seneca highway to the point below the Nesmith place where the old Walhalla-Seneca road intersects. Here Mr. Grant was taken out of the car and wired to a telegraph post, and the car was turned around, the party re-entering the main highway, speeding east.

The burglars had taken all of Mr. Grant's cartridges from his pockets, emptied his pistol and put it back in his pocket. In their search of his clothes they failed to find a small knife, and he finally worked his hands free enough to get this knife, later succeeding in slowly releasing himself. Making his way as fast as possible to West Union, he communicated by telephone with Mayor Moss, who at once started officers on the job.

But there was no clue left. Aside from a quantity of tobacco stains about the door the burglars left no trace.

The loot will not exceed \$800, Mr. Seaborn, of the Enterprise Bank, says, and the loss is fully covered by a blanket burglary insurance policy of ten thousand dollars.

Telegraphic notification was sent at once to all cities and towns in this section to be on the watch for suspicious looking persons.—Keowee Courier, Walhalla, S. C.

## D. K. COLLINS DIES.

News of the death in Bryson City on Sunday, March 23rd, of D. K. Collins, prominent Swain County man, reached here last week. Mr. Collins had been in ill health for a long time. He was one of the most prominent and influential, as well as one of the wealthiest, citizens of Swain County. His brick store in Bryson City is said to have been the first store building ever built in Swain's county seat.

## Committees Appointed By the Board of Trade

The Board of Trade has incorporated in its organization the following named committees: Industrial Development, Local Improvements, Immigration, Entertainment, County Improvements, Publicity, Club Social. The President of the Board is authorized to appoint chairmen of the committees named above. Each chairman appoints the members of his respective committee. A number of chairmen have failed to send in the names of their committeemen. Such are requested to do so at their earliest convenience.

The following named persons constitute the committees:

Industrial Development—W. B. McGuire, Chairman; Lee Crawford, T. J. Johnston, Gus Leach, E. S. Hunnicutt, Sam L. Franks.

Local Improvements—E. C. Kingsbery, Chairman. Others not yet appointed.

Immigration—W. E. Allfather, Chairman; Joe Ashear, Jess Conley.

Entertainment—W. T. Moore, Chairman. Others not yet appointed.

County Improvements—Jno. V. Arrendale, Chairman; Dr. F. L. Siler, Mrs. J. H. Slagle, Mrs. W. L. Ramsey, Rev. J. Q. Wallace.

Publicity—M. D. Billings, Chairman. Others not yet appointed.

Club Social—Frank Williams, Chairman; Mrs. W. A. Rogers, Mrs. Sam Franks, Mrs. R. L. Porter, Miss Mary Willis, Mrs. Burton Lyle, Miss Lynn Johnston, Miss Josephine Snyder, Miss Mae Hunnicutt, Miss Emily Kingsbery, Miss Carolyn Crawford, Miss Carolyn Sloan, Miss Daisy Siler, Miss Eva Baird, Miss Mattie Angel, Miss Mary Louise Porter, Miss Carolyn Rogers, J. C. Wright, J. S. Trotter, Gilmer A. Jones, Sam L. Franks, Dean Sisk, Lee Crawford, E. S. Hunnicutt, W. T. Moore, M. D. Billings, Dr. F. L. Siler, Alvah Pearce, Jess Conley, Rev. W. M. Smith, Rev. J. Q. Wallace, Rev. A. J. Smith, Rev. E. J. Pipes, S. H. Lyle, Jr., J. L. Barnard, Joe Ashear, W. L. Higdon, Dr. W. E. Furr.

## "Aunt Sallie" Cole Dies at Nantahala

On Friday, March 21, 1924, the angel of death visited our community and called from our midst "Aunt Sallie" Cole, wife of Matthew Cole, of Nantahala. Mr. and Mrs. Cole have lived at Nantahala for several years and are loved and respected by all who knew them. "Aunt Sallie," as she was better known among the young folks, had been suffering from pneumonia, and while she suffered greatly, yet her sun of life went down as calmly and peacefully as ends the summer evening.

She is survived by a husband, Matthew Cole; six boys, John, of Hewitts; Oliver, of Proctor; Charley, of Buck Creek; Harvey, of Sand Mountain, Ala.; Will, of Proctor; Frank, of Tellico Plains, Tenn.; two daughters, Mrs. Kittie Newman, of Tellico Plains, Tenn., and Mrs. Lattie Trantman, of Canton, all of whom were at the bedside when the end came. The remains, accompanied by a host of friends and relatives, were taken to Andrews and laid to rest at the Andrews Cemetery. H. G.

## A Word of Appreciation For Mr. Urban L. Hudson

Asheville, N. C., March 28, 1924. To the Editor of The Franklin Press: If you will permit it, we want to express, through your columns, our appreciation of a man long identified with your community, who has recently been taken from among you most unexpectedly.

In the death of URBAN L. HUDSON we have not only lost a valued co-worker, one who has been associated with us for more than fifteen years, but also a loved friend and companion.

He was always cheerful, always stout-hearted under even the most adverse conditions; he was an indefatigable worker and a kind and indulgent employer.

We feel his loss as a personal bereavement, and realize that we are not apt to have his like again as chief lieutenant in the difficult industry of lumbering.

To his many friends, and to his family, we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Sincerely,  
GENNETT LUMBER COMPANY,  
By ANDREW GENNETT.

## LEADING SOUTH IN SCHOOL WORK

**Miss Carney Writes That North Carolina Is Leagues Ahead of Other Southern States in Education Field.**

Raleigh, N. C., March 28.—North Carolina is leagues ahead of other Southern states in the field of education in so far as the rural districts are concerned is the opinion expressed by Miss Mabel Carney, secretary of the department of rural education of the National Education Association, in a letter to Miss Elizabeth Kelly, president of the North Carolina Education Association.

Miss Carney, who is also a teacher in the school of rural education at Columbia University, was in this state recently while on an inspection tour of the rural education systems of the various states of the United States. She had made a similar trip to this state before and in her letter to Miss Kelly, expressed surprise and great satisfaction at the progress which the state has made in the educational system of its rural districts. She compared the condition that now exists in the entire educational system of North Carolina with that which existed at the time of her visit here some years ago, and pointed to the marked improvement. Much of the progress made in the development of the rural educational system within the last year was attributed to the earnest work of Miss Kelly and her co-workers in the North Carolina Education Association.

The belief was also expressed by Miss Carney that North Carolina was making greater progress along educational lines at this time than other states in the Union. "Permit me," writes Miss Carney in closing her letter, "to add, too, that North Carolina seemed leagues ahead of any other southern state that I have visited. In fact, it is my opinion that you are now making more rapid progress educationally than any other state in the Union, either northern or southern. In all this you, yourself, have had a full share."

In keeping with this opinion of Miss Carney the North Carolina Association has formally gone on record, at the suggestion of the secretary, Jule B. Warren, as favoring an eight months school term in preference to the six months term now in force, and have pledged their efforts during the coming year to that end. The superintendents of the various schools and school districts throughout the state have also acquiesced in this action of the association.

It is planned to have a complete reorganization in the different counties of the state and to put the duties of carrying out these plans upon the counties' officers after a complete survey has been made by the North Carolina Education Association, and recommendations as to the needs of each particular county have been presented to the county school boards. The county-wide plan, as it is known, is primarily to have closer attention given to the schools by those who are at liberty to devote more time to a particular school and to concentrate a number of schools into one united school and in this way increase the efficiency of the teaching staff, and reduce the expenses of operation per capita pupil, it was explained. The attractive feature about the consolidation of the schools of the small one and two teacher standards and of the united high schools, it was pointed out, is the higher standing the schools are given on the accredited list of the state schools under the ratings of the universities of the state. By this means, it was pointed out, the pupils are eminently more fitted for entrance into the college and universities of this state and other states.

## Mr. C. C. Currier Takes Position at Spruce Pine

Mr. C. C. Currier, who has been connected with the Wofford Shouls Light and Power Company the past year as bookkeeper, has accepted the position as manager for the Marshall Lumber Company yards at Spruce Pine, N. C.—Clarksville Advertiser.

## Notice.

The April Examination for Teachers Certificates will be given in Franklin at the Court House beginning at 9 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, April 8th.

M. D. BILLINGS, Co. Supt.