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Directory.

Madison County.
Established by the Legislature Session 1850-51.
Population, 20,132.
County Seat, Marshall.
1648 feet above sea level.
New and modern Court House, cost \$33,000.00.
New and modern Jail, cost \$15,000.00.
New and modern County Home, cost \$10,000.00.
Officers.
Hon. Jas. L. Hyatt, Senator, 33 District, Burnsville, N. C.
Hon. J. C. Ramsey, Representative, Marshall, N. C.
W. H. Henderson, Clerk Superior Court, Marshall, N. C.
W. M. Buckner, Sheriff, Marshall, N. C.
James Smart, Register of Deeds, Marshall, N. C.
C. F. Runtion, Treasurer, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 2.
R. L. Tweed, Surveyor, White Rock, N. C.
Dr. J. H. Baird, Coroner, Mars Hill, N. C.
Mrs. Eliza Henderson, Jailer, Marshall, N. C.
John Honeycutt, Janitor, Marshall, N. C.
Dr. C. N. Sprinkle, County Physician, Marshall, N. C.
James Haynie, Supt. County Home, Marshall, N. C.
Home located about two miles southwest of Marshall.
Courts.
Criminal and Civil, First Monday before First Monday in March, commencing Feb. 26th, 1912.
Civil 11th, Monday after First Monday in March, commences May 20, 1912.
Criminal and Civil, First Monday after First Monday in Sept. Commences Sept. 9th, 1912.
Civil 6th, Monday after First Monday in September. Commences October 14, 1912.
BOARDS.
County Commissioners.
W. C. Sprinkle, Chairman, Marshall, N. C.
C. F. Casada, Member, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 1.
Roubin A. Tweed, Member, Big Laurel, N. C.
C. B. Mashburn, Atty., Marshall, N. C.
Board meets first Monday in every month.
Road Commissioners.
A. E. Bryan, Chairman, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. 2.
J. A. Ramsey, Secretary, Mars Hill, N. C. R. F. D. 2.
Sam Cox, Member, Mars Hill, N. C. R. F. D. No. 2.
G. W. Wild, Big Pine, N. C.
Dudley Chipley, Road Engineer, Marshall, N. C.
George M. Pritchard, Atty., Marshall, N. C.
Board meets first Monday in January, April, July and October each year.
Board of Education.
Jasper Ebbs, Chairman, Spring Creek, N. C.
Thos. J. Murray, Member, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 3.
W. R. Sams, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 2.
Prof. M. C. Buckner, Supt. of Schools, Mars Hill, N. C. R. F. D. No. 2.
Board Meets first Monday in January, April, July and October each year.
Colleges and High Schools.
Mars Hill College, Prof. R. L. Moore, President, Mars Hill, N. C. Fall Term begins August 17, 1911. Spring Term begins January 2, 1912.
Spring Creek High School, Prof. G. C. Brown, Principal, Spring Creek, N. C. 8 Mo. School opened August 1, 1911.
Madison Seminary High School, Prof. J. M. Weatherly, Principal, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 2. 7 Mo. School began October 2, 1911.
Bell Institute, Miss Margaret E. Griffith, Principal, Walnut, N. C. 8 Mo. School began September 5, 1911.
Marshall Academy, Prof. R. G. Anders, Principal, Marshall, N. C. 7 Mo. School began Sept. 4, 1911.
Notary Publics.
J. C. Ramsey, Marshall, N. C. Term expires Jan. 11, 1912.
A. J. Roberts, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 5. Term expires May 30, 1912.
Jasper Ebbs, Spring Creek, N. C. Term expires August 10, 1912.
C. C. Brown, Bluff, N. C. Term expires December 6, 1912.
J. A. Leak, Rovers, N. C. Term expires January 10, 1913.
W. T. Davis, Hot Springs, N. C. Term expires January 10, 1913.
J. H. Southworth, Stackhouse, N. C. Term expires January 15, 1913.
N. W. Anderson, Palat Fork, N. C. Term expires February 5, 1913.
J. H. Hunter, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 3. Term expires April 1, 1913.
J. P. Tilton, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 2. Term expires April 3, 1913.
C. J. Ebbs, Marshall, N. C. Term expires April 21, 1913.
J. W. Nelson, Marshall, N. C. Term expires April 25, 1913.
Roy L. Gudger, Marshall, N. C. Term expires May 3, 1913.
Geo. M. Pritchard, Marshall, N. C. Term expires May 25, 1913.
Dudley Chipley, Marshall, N. C. Term expires July 29, 1913.
W. G. Connor, Mars Hill, N. C. Term expires November 27, 1913.
POST.
George W. Gahagan Post, No. 55, G. A. R.
E. M. Davis, Commander.
J. H. Bullard, Adjutant.
Meets at the Court House Saturday before the second Sunday in each month at 11 A. M.

ADVISED STATE TAX COMMISSION

GREATEST NEED OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AT THIS TIME.

PRESENT LEVY IS VERY LOW

Millions of Dollars Worth of Property Not on the Tax Books of the State.
-Mr. Brown Tells What Should Be Done.

Raleigh.—A special from Charlotte states that "The greatest need of the state of North Carolina at this time is a state tax commission, said State Senator J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn, who has been in Charlotte for several days in connection with the cotton acreage reduction matter. "There is no uniformity of assessment of property throughout the state," said Senator Brown, "and until this is achieved there can be no equitable system of taxation. "With the valuation made on a reasonable basis, and the property of the state on the tax books an adequate revenue will be provided and there will be no necessity for the state borrowing money for any purpose at any time. "The present state levy is very low, too low, in fact, to produce sufficient revenue to operate the state government as it should be. But there are millions of dollars worth of property in the state not on the tax books and other millions of dollars worth is not properly assessed. "Many cases of inequitable valuations have come to my personal observation and I believe that this one matter will solve the problem of state finance. An increase in the state levy is not a necessity, but an increase in the revenue would result if the property in the state was assessed and properly valued."

The Political Pot is Simmering.
The county political pot is beginning to simmer just a little at Gastonia. It is expected to begin boiling at a pretty lively rate ere long. So far there are in the field only three men who are avowed candidates for office. Two of these, Mr. Carl Finger, of Stanley and Mr. Clyde C. Craig, of Dallas, are after the Democratic nomination for the office of county treasurer and Mr. Wiley H. McGinnis, of Kings Mountain wants to be register of deeds. None of these have made formal announcements of their candidacy, but all three are being actively worked among their friends.

North Carolina New Enterprises.
The following charters were issued: Southport Light and Power Co., of Southport, to carry on the business of an electric light company in all its branches; authorized capital \$50,000, with \$20,000 subscribed for by H. K. White, C. Ed. Taylor and Henry W. O'Hagan; Brittain, Penn Drug Company, of Reidsville; authorized capital, \$25,000, with \$7,000 paid in by Geo. W. Brittain, S. C. Penn and W. J. Penn; General Supply Company, of Charlotte; to manufacture and deal in fire protection machinery, etc.; authorized capital, \$25,000, with \$25,000 paid in.

To Let Contract For Steel Bridge.
It is the next thing to a contract will be let for the erection of a steel bridge across Yadkin river, at South River, which will bind Rowan and Davie counties by bonds of iron. The bridge will be built jointly by the two counties, the plans having been filed with the register of deeds in Rowan. A committee composed of members of the county commissioners from both Davie and Rowan will open the bids and let the contract.

Working For Advertising Campaign.
Col. Sanford H. Cohen, the recently elected manager of the Greater Western North Carolina Association, arrived in Asheville from Augusta, where he has been for the past few days on a business trip, and conferred with George S. Powell and Harry W. Plummer, members of the executive committee of the association and of the local board of trade regarding some of his plans for the advertising campaign which is to be launched about March 1 in Florida for the early spring tourist business.

Asheville.—In the last issue of the bulletin by the Asheville board of health the information is given out that the city is to have a milk depot for the preparation and distribution of purer and modified milk.

Want The New Railroad Badly.
That railroad proposition from Littleton to Hamilton, referred to several days ago, has created a good bit of interest among the people at Scotland Neck, and this writer has heard many expressions of hope that the road would be built. There is a strong desire among the people here for better freight and passenger facilities and cheaper freight rates, and the proposed road would in a measure at least give the desired relief. The road would traverse one of the richest farming sections in the state.

School Board Held Meeting.
The board of school commissioners and the finance committee of the board of aldermen of Charlotte, according to arrangement met to consider the matter of financing the South graded school proposition but adjourned without settling the matter of finance definitely. After a lengthy debate indulged in by the school board, and members of the finance committee, with almost as many opinions about the details of the financial feature as there were debaters.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY MEET

Governor Kitchin Makes An Address
—Much Important Business Was Transacted at Meeting.

Raleigh.—Governor Kitchin presided at an annual session of the state board of geological survey with Frank Hewitt, Asheville, Hugh McRae, of Wilmington, R. D. Caldwell of Lumberton, Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, state geologist and C. S. Vann, state fish commissioner.

Reports from the state geologist, Joseph Hyde Pratt, showed that the work of inventoring the North Carolina forests from the Tennessee line eastward has progressed as far as Rowan and Gullford counties and that the entire piedmont section will be completed during the coming summer. The board determined to push especially the promotion of the western section of the central highway and the Blue Ridge highway as calculated to be especially beneficial to the state. The state geologist was directed to prepare and issue as early as possible a complete public road map of the state showing the improved highways, those in progress of improvement under systematic approved methods and those improvements projected.

The board determined to give the greatest possible encouragement to the furtherance of the movement for draining swamp and soggy lands in all parts of the state. There are now fifty-six drainage districts under way, either fully organized and with the drainage work in operation or fully assured of immediate operation. The board will cooperate in every way possible with the Federal authorities in the efforts to stay the ravages of the Southern pine beetle and the disease that is infecting the chestnut forest in this state.

The City Schools Are Flourishing.
The city schools of High Point are in a most flourishing condition. Prof. Thornwell Haynes, who took charge of them only last fall, they have made phenomenal progress. One of the first innovations was the establishment of a domestic science department with two hundred girls in sewing and some forty in cooking. It was a thorough medical inspection of every pupil by the city physicians. This, a little later, was followed by abolishing the old vertical system of handwriting and the substitution of the Palmer system, directly after which bookkeeping was introduced. Then came the publication of a high school monthly called The Pointer, the organization of the high school girls into a literary society and the giving of physical exercises by instructors to both boys and girls.

Italy Annexes Tripoli.
Chamber of Deputies Voted for Absorption of Tripoli.
Rome, Italy.—The chamber of deputies passed the bill for the annexation of Tripoli by Italy by a vote of 421 to 135, amid enthusiastic cheering from the floor of the chamber and the public gallery. Afterwards the members who voted against annexation, including the Socialists, a few Republicans and one Radical, Prince Gaetano, were roundly hissed. Only one member abstained from voting. When the result became known enthusiasm prevailed everywhere and the populace began a celebration. Flags were hoisted throughout the city and shops were closed. Placards on their doors announced that business had been suspended "for national rejoicing." Clubs, associations and residences were illuminated.

God, Strong Navy Urged by President at Peace Meeting.
Washington.—President Taft, speaking at the peace meeting of the Navy League here, declared the time had not come for this country to be economical at the expense of an inadequate naval establishment, expressed hope that the present Congress would authorize the construction of two battleships, and said he gladly would sign a bill that carried such an authorization.

Oppose Florida Canal.
Washington.—Whether the government will construct a canal across Florida is now being considered by the rivers and harbors board at the war department. The report of the army engineers who made an investigation is said to be adverse to the project. It is contended that the shipping which would use the waterway would not be sufficient to justify its construction.

Wilson and Clark Split Oklahoma.
Oklahoma City.—Oklahoma's Democratic state convention ended in a political low feat, the selection of a split delegation to the Baltimore convention and the election of Roger Calbreath of Tulsa, uncommitted as to his preference for presidential nominee, as national committeeman. The harmonious conclusion was reached at a conference of leaders of the factions supporting Speaker Champ Clark and Governor Woodrow Wilson.

COLOMBIA WANTS VISIT FROM KNOX

SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLIC REPUDIATES MINISTER BY SENDING CORDIAL INVITATION.

MINISTER OSPINA RECALLED

Government Officials in Washington Gratiified at Termination of Disagreeable Incident.

Washington.—Colombia virtually repudiated the action of its minister, General Ospina, by sending, through American Minister DuHols, at Bogota, a cordial invitation to Secretary of State Knox to visit Colombian shores on his present trip. The invitation was forwarded promptly to Secretary Knox, who is aboard the cruiser Washington on his way south. With him rests the decision whether he will change his itinerary to a call at Cartagena. This it is accepted here, he undoubtedly will do. The action of the Colombian foreign office was received here with satisfaction. It closes a disagreeable incident, Minister Ospina, who is deplorable to have been recalled because of his letter to the state department, protested against the proposed visit of Secretary Knox because of the feeling in Colombia against the United States, said to be attributable to the acquisition by this country of the Panama canal zone.

Acting Secretary of State Huntington Wilson did not disguise his appreciation of Colombia's decision to welcome his chief. Although press dispatches from Bogotá announced that Minister Ospina had been recalled because of his letter, no official notification of the action has reached Washington. The state department professes ignorance of the matter and the Colombian legation continues to protest that no word has been received there.

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REFERENDUM AND INITIATIVE DEVELOPMENT FOR SOUTH

Transportation Companies of Sixteen Southern States Represented at the Baltimore Conference.

Baltimore, Md.—Representatives of sixteen Southern states, heads of railroads and steamship lines that serve that section and men who have studied the agricultural and industrial problems of the South for years, met here and formed the Southern Settlement and Development Organization. Baltimore was made the headquarters, with S. Davies Warfield of this city as chairman, and Earl Frank, also of Baltimore, secretary.

It was resolved to start at once to raise funds to carry on the work of the organization, to establish branch offices where necessary and to carry on such educational or other work in the sixteen Southern states as may be deemed desirable with the view to procuring desirable immigration, colonization and settlement as the needs of the several states may require. It was further decided to recommend to the several states of the South the urgent necessity of establishing in each state a state immigration bureau for the purpose of disseminating reliable information regarding the resources, the possibilities and the opportunities of the South, to be supported by the states' machinery and money, under the indirect supervision of the governor of each state, with a good, practical business man in charge, whose duties shall be to cooperate with the United States government, the transportation companies, the commercial bodies, the real estate men and press and the Southern Settlement and Development Organization in placing the country properly before the people of the world.

Taft Appointed Pitney

New Jersey Man Succeeds Harlan on Supreme Court Bench.
Washington.—President Taft sent to the senate the nomination of Chancellor Mahlon Pitney of New Jersey, to be an associate justice of the United States Supreme court. He also nominated Julius M. Maxey of New York City to be judge of the United States district court for southern New York. Mr. Taft does not anticipate any opposition to the nomination of Chancellor Pitney in the senate. Chancellor Pitney long has been a prominent figure in New Jersey.

LIABILITY LAW MESSAGE

Taft Recommends That Congress Pass New Liability Law.
Washington.—President Taft submitted to congress the report of the employers' liability commission, and the commission's proposed employers' liability and workmen's compensation bill, accompanied by a message urging its enactment of the measure which is the most advanced piece of liability legislation yet presented. The president sets forth that the proposed law not only would insure to employees of railroads engaged in interstate commerce quick adjustment of their claims for damages, but also would relieve the courts of a vast amount of work, and enable them to administer judicial affairs with greater dispatch.

Burned Bodies of His Victims

Rutherfordton, N. C.—Authorities here were notified of the arrest of Will McWhorter at Tampa, Fla., wanted here for the alleged murder of three men in 1905. According to the indictment returned by the grand jury at the last term of court, McWhorter, who was for years proprietor of a distillery in the county, killed and robbed the men, afterwards cremating the bodies in the furnace of his plant. According to the evidence submitted, the murders were for the purpose of robbery.

Savannah Passes 2,000,000-Bale Mark

Savannah, Ga.—Savannah cotton receipts for the first time in the history of the port for any one season passed the two million bale mark. There was great rejoicing on the floor of the exchange at the fact that Savannah has become the second cotton port of the world and the giant hammer was strung across the top of the exchange telling of the reaching of the new record-breaking figure. Many telegrams of congratulation have been received by the officers of the cotton exchange.

\$7,000,000 FIRE IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

BURNED AREA IS MILE AND HALF LONG AND IN SOME PLACES OVER HALF MILE WIDE.

NO OUTSIDE AID NEEDED

No Lives Were Lost, But There Were Many Narrow and Thrilling Escapes.

Houston, Texas.—In the wake of the most destructive fire in the history of Houston, smoldering wreckage covers an area about one and a half miles in length and varying in width from 200 yards to half a mile in the northeastern section of the city. More than a dozen of the city's most important industrial enterprises are in ruins, 200 or more dwelling houses and store buildings are in ashes and approximately 1,000 persons are homeless. The most conservative estimates are that the loss will reach at least \$7,000,000. The insurance carried will not exceed 40 per cent. Except for a few who suffered minor burns and bruises, no casualties attended the fire.

Breaking forth without warning in an untenanted rooming-house known locally as the "Mad House," shortly after one o'clock in the morning, and at a time when a fierce gale was sweeping from the northwest, the flames made remarkable headway. Leaping from its place of origin, the flames pounced upon adjoining structures and from them careened toward the southeast, generally making clean and desolate its route, but occasionally, in seeming sport, sparing a structure, sometimes a mere shanty, and again a place of pretension.

The industrial plants destroyed include three cotton compresses, together with 55,000 bales of cotton; a syrup factory; a pencil factory; two rice mills; a cotton picker and three lumber yards. The compresses and cotton alone were valued in excess of \$5,000,000. Another building destroyed was St. Patrick's Catholic church and academy.

Quick action was taken for the relief of those rendered homeless, and nightfall found the victims at least with their immediate needs cared for. The destroyed area is what is known as the Fifth ward, for the most part. The Houston ship channel divides the city, running east and west, and it was not until the conflagration had reached its banks that the slightest headway could be made toward checking it. Except for an occasional dip across the stream the line of destruction ended here.

Outside aid will not be needed in caring for those made homeless. Telegrams came from the mayors of Louisville, Ky., Boston and several other cities proffering aid, but to these the mayor has responded expressing gratitude, but asserting that there is no need, prevalent that Houston cannot meet.

VALET BRANDT IS FREE

Justice Gerard Declares Thirty-Year Sentence Was Illegal.
New York.—Except for service of five years in prison, Folke E. Brandt is the same man in the eyes of the law as he was before he was sent away for burglary at the home of Mortimer J. Schiff, where he once worked as a servant. The long prison term was broken up when Justice Gerard of the supreme court sustained a writ of habeas corpus obtained in Brandt's behalf.

According to records Justice Gerard read into his opinion, Brandt on March 28, 1907, withdrew a plea of not guilty to the indictment charging that he feloniously broke into the Schiff home and stole two pins and a shoe horn, and pleaded guilty. In sentencing him, a week later, to thirty years in prison Judge Otto A. Rosales illegally condemned the man, according to Justice Gerard.

The court held that the examination of Brandt at the time he was sentenced should be refused the plea to a charge of first degree burglary, as he denied that he forced entrance to the Schiff home.

Tennessee Wants Maneuver Camp

Washington.—Adjutant General Malone of Tennessee urged before the house military affairs committee a bill for government acquisition of 3,000 acres of land near Tullahoma, Tenn., donated for a maneuver camp for troops of Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and the Carolina. Opposing developed in the house against the bill was resolution providing a commission to investigate the availability of land near Anderson.