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Directory.

Madison County. Established by the Legislature Session 1850-51. Population, 39,132. County Seat, Marshall, 1544 feet above sea level. New and modern Court House, cost \$32,000.00. New and modern Jail, cost \$15,000.00. New and modern County Home, cost \$10,000.00. Officers: Hon. Jas. L. Hyatt, Senator, 23 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. Runnion, Treasurer, Marshall, N. C. R. L. Tweed, Surveyor, White Rock, N. C. Dr. J. H. Baird, Coroner, Mars Hill, N. C. Mrs. Eliza Henderson, Jailor, 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. Homes 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. Cassada, Member, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 1. Reubin A. Tweed, Member, Big Laurel, N. C. C. B. Maaburn, 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. 1. 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 9, 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 3, 1911. Bell Institute, Miss Margaret E. Griffith, Principal, Walnut, N. C. 8 Mo. School began September 9, 1911. Marshall Academy, Prof. B. 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 19, 1912. C. C. Brown, Bluff, N. C. Term expires December 6, 1912. J. A. Leak, Ravine, 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, Patit Fork, N. C. Term expires February 6, 1913. J. H. Hunter, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 3. Term expires April 1, 1913. J. F. Tilson, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 3. 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. Gudge, Marshall, N. C. Term expires May 5, 1913. Geo. M. Pritchard, Marshall, N. C. Term expires May 25, 1913. Dudley Chipley, Marshall, N. C. Term expires July 25, 1913. W. G. Connor, Mars Hill, N. C. Term expires November 27, 1913. POST: George W. Gahagan Post, No. 28 G. A. R. N. M. Davis, Commodore. J. H. Ballard, Adjutant. Meets at the Court House Saturday before the second Sunday in each month at 11 A. M.

THREE ARE DEAD UNDER THE WALL

TWO-STORY BUILDING OCCUPIED BY PARSONS DRUG COMPANY COLLAPSES.

NO WARNING BEFORE CRASH

A Number of Customers and Employees Injured, One Perhaps Fatally—Workmen Making Excavations Undermermen Walls and Caving Follows. Wadesboro. — Dead—Miss Marion Little, aged 20; Miss Lora Little, aged 22; Virginia May Covington, aged 3. Seriously injured—Mrs. James M. Covington, Sr. Slightly injured—F. C. Parsons, Dr. W. L. McKinnon, John Willie Mills, Harry Covington. This is the result of a terrible accident, the most heartrending in the history of Wadesboro. The brick building occupied by the Parsons Drug Company collapsed without a moment's warning and gloom and sorrow is in every home of Wadesboro. The great pile of brick and timber stands on the most prominent corner of the square and men are standing about talking in whispers. It is a terrible calamity. In the entire history of the town, going back more than a century, there has been nothing to compare with it. For many years this building, a two-story structure built of brick, has been a choice business location. The Parsons Drug Company, one of the most progressive firms, has occupied the entire building since the organization of the company some 10 years ago. The first floor was given over to the retail department, while the stock for the jobbing trade was stored in the basement and on the second floor. The offices were also on the second floor. This building was the property of Dr. W. J. McLendon and the contract has been made recently for a needed improvement. The front was to be entirely new with a corner entrance and the floor of the retail department lowered. The contract was let to W. T. Braughton and a force of workmen under the direct supervision of "Doc" Cranford were at work in the cellar making excavation. There was no thought of danger to the building and business went on as usual. Has Affirmed The Lower Court. In the case of State vs Lonnie McLean, Jim Britt and Niek Joyner, from Lenoir county, under sentence to 30 years each for undertaking to burn the town of LaGrange a year ago the Supreme Court affirms the lower court in the conviction. This action is taken on the exceptions that were taken, but the court declared: "If permitted to examine the evidence for the purpose of determining the guilt or innocence of the defendants, we would have grave doubts as to the propriety of sustaining the verdict."

Fix Place and Date of Meeting.

The state Democratic executive committee selected Raleigh as the place and June 6 as the date for the state convention, Saturday, May 18, for the precinct meetings and primaries and Saturday, May 26, for the county conventions to name delegates to the state convention and for other purposes. This action was taken after a big delegation from the Raleigh chamber of commerce with Willis G. Briggs and R. N. Simms as spokesmen, had been heard in the interest of Raleigh as the place. Two More Arrests in Hawkins Case. Lizzie Shaft and Nora Britt were bound over to superior court under \$5,000 and \$1,000 bonds respectively, by Magistrate Oates charged with being accessory before the fact to the murder of Myrtle Hawkins, whose body was found here in Lake Ocoee last September. Of the seventeen state witnesses brought from Asheville, home of the defendants, only eight were examined. The defense offered no evidence.

Back From Western Carolina.

Hon. J. Y. Joyner, state superintendent of public instruction is just back from a Western Carolina trip, during which he participated in important educational meetings in Asheville and Hendersonville. At Asheville he attended a conference of prominent citizens looking to the levying of a special school tax of 30 and 90 cents for the whole county to take the place of the district school tax levies now in force in 29 districts. A mass meeting for the county is called for April 11 to settle the matter.

A Homicide Near Lenoir.

A homicide occurred in Cypress Creek township, this county, resulting in the death of Ernest Rhodes. The killing was done by W. W. Hines who shot Rhodes with a shot gun as the latter was trying to enter his residence to see his (Rhodes) wife, who was a niece of Hines. Hines had hidden Rhodes to come upon his premises and threatened to shoot him if he attempted to do so. Hines is a man of very bad reputation and had trouble with Rhodes, whose character was not the best.

BUILDING OF GOOD ROADS

Western North Carolina Paying More Attention to Good Roads Than Formerly.

Charlotte.—"Western North Carolina is paying much more attention to good roads than formerly," said President George Stephens, of the American Trust Company, who has returned from Kanuga and Asheville and other points in that section of the state. Mr. Stephens calls attention to the system which is being used by the builders of a road from Spartanburg and Greenville to Asheville, which throws only a small portion of the cost of the road building directly on the people. Each township is grading its own section of the road while the property owners living alongside are furnishing the sand with which the clay is being bound. "These people are especially fortunate in having a very fine quality of sand in the creek beds," said Mr. Stephens. "Fine sand does not lend itself to the building of roads, and this sand is mixed with pebbles or gravel, and this, with the clay of the roads makes a good highway. "Western North Carolina roads are going to be a great deal better this summer than last. In fact, a great deal of the beautiful country will be much more easily reached this summer by automobile and otherwise than has been the case heretofore. "The people of that section are paying much attention to good road building and this is going to assist greatly in the development of the country."

Inspected New Company of Guards.

Captain Dougherty, U. S. A., and Colonel Stringfield, of the National Guard of North Carolina, were at Asheville, and inspected Company K of the National Guard. This is a new company and has not had suitable weather for outside practice, hence their development has not been as great as it would have been, though the condition shows good material for one of the best companies in the state and the progress has been as good as could be expected under the circumstances. The company was much pleased with both Captain Dougherty and Colonel Stringfield, who show that they know their business and go about it in a business way, and at the same time show every courtesy in their power.

North Carolina New Enterprises.

Charters are issued for the Southeastern Poultry Association, incorporated, Charlotte, capital \$25,000; for breeding and exhibiting poultry by S. B. S. Davis, J. E. Thomas, R. L. Simmons and W. B. Alexander. The Interstate Development Company of Asheville, capital \$10,000, by J. M. Maupin, A. G. Devenish, F. W. Thomas and others, for real estate development. Miss Pearl Creech (Inc.) Goldsboro, capital \$10,000 authorized, and \$1,500 subscribed by Miss Creech, Mrs. Edgar L. Heart and others, for mercantile business. The Mount Holy Development Company, of Mount Holy, Gaston county, capital \$6,000, by W. H. Lee, N. A. Cocks, and others.

To Push Grading of Railroad.

A big new steam shovel and other appliances for pushing the grading on the Elkin & Alleghany Railroad has been shipped to Elkin by General Manager John A. Mills, to be put to work just as soon as the spring weather becomes sufficiently settled to admit of it. The road is already graded as far as Thurman, 12 miles from Elkin, and the work will be pushed on the Roaring Gap and beyond as rapidly as possible. The rolling stock is at Elkin ready to be put in service as the first train for this important line of road just as soon as the weather settles sufficiently.

Death of Col. Alfred Waddell.

The death of Col. Alfred W. Waddell, one of the state's most distinguished citizens, which occurred at his home in Wilmington, has cast a gloom over the entire community. He was one of the prominent and highly respected citizens in that city and none knew him but to admire and respect him.

Jap Expedition Didn't See Scott.

Wellington, New Zealand.—The Japanese antarctic expedition returned here. They report having seen nothing of the British polar expedition of Capt. Robert Scott. The Japanese reported all well.

Paraguay Has a Revolution.

Buenos Ayres.—A fierce battle between revolutionaries and the government forces in Paraguay has been going on for several days and is still raging according to telegrams received here from Asuncion.

Liberty in China for Christians.

Boston.—Confirmation of a cablegram announcing that Christians are to enjoy liberty and freedom in China under the republic was received by the American board of commissioners for foreign missions from Rev. Harry B. Martin, the board's agent at Peking. Mr. Martin wrote the native pastors of the Protestant churches in Peking, planning a union thanksgiving service and four native preachers called on President Yuan and invited him to be present.

1911 COTTON CROP 16,053,819 BALES

PRELIMINARY CENSUS BUREAU REPORT SHOWS AN UNPRECEDENTED YIELD.

ANOTHER REPORT IN MAY

Greatest Crop Heretofore Was in 1904, When 13,679,954 Bales Were Gathered. Washington.—The census bureau's preliminary report on cotton ginning, giving the government's first figures, other than estimates, on the size of the 1911 cotton crop of the United States, shows the total crop to have reached the unprecedented size of 16,053,819 running bales, counting round bales as half bales, and including linters, which is equivalent to 15,205,977 five hundred-pound bales. The crop reporting board of the department of agriculture in its estimate of the 1911 cotton crop, issued December 11, last, reckoned the total production at 14,855,000 bales of 500 pounds, gross weight. The country's 1910 production was 12,065,688 bales of 500 pounds. In previous record years the total crop was 13,587,206 bales in 1908, 13,597,498 in 1906, and 13,679,954 bales in 1904. Included in the figures for 1911 are 239,146 bales which ginners and dealers estimate would be turned out. Sea island bales included in the 1911 total are 119,252, compared with 90,288 bales for 1910, and 94,791 bales for 1909. By states the cotton crop grown in 1911, with that grown in 1910 and the big crop years 1908 and 1906, expressed in equivalent 500-pound bales, follows:

Table with columns for State, 1911, 1910, 1908, 1906. Lists states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, All Other States.

Sidna Edwards is Captured.

Hillsville, Va.—Sidna Edwards, a tall, rugged mountaineer of 22, sat calmly in the darkness of the little brick jail here, the first catch of the posse who have been scouring the mountains for those of the Allen gang who got away after the court house assassination of March 14, when a judge, prosecutor, sheriff and two by-standers were killed and two others were seriously wounded.

Will Erect Carmack Statue.

Nashville, Tenn.—An announcement was made by the Carmack Memorial Association that the contract for the foundation and granite pedestal had been awarded for the statue of Edward W. Carmack, former senator from Tennessee, whose tragic death in 1908 upset the state. The contract is awarded to a Georgia concern. The work is to be completed by September 1. A heroic bronze statue will surmount the pedestal, the memorial standing immediately in front of the statehouse.

Pitney is Sworn In.

Washington.—Mahlon Pitney of New Jersey took the oath of office and assumed the duties of associate justice of the Supreme court of the United States as the successor of the late Justice Harlan. Meeting with the other justices in the robing room, the New Jersey chancellor took the statutory oath of office, administered by Chief Justice White. Attired in the long, somber robe of office, he then joined the procession of judges as they took up their duties of the day.

ROBERT L. HENRY



Robert L. Henry, congressman from Texas, is leading the fight in the house against the so-called money trust.

32 MEN KILLED; 50 INJURED

SOUTHERN PACIFIC PASSENGER ENGINE EXPLODES AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

Force of Explosion Terrific, San Antonio Being Jarred as by Quake.

San Antonio, Texas.—At least thirty-two men were killed and more than fifty injured when the boiler of locomotive No. 704 exploded in the shop yards of the Southern Pacific railroad here. The property damage will approximate \$200,000. A committee of railroad officials, army officers and citizens made an investigation, and is of the opinion that the explosion probably was due to carelessness of one of the men killed in allowing an influx of cold water into the superheated boiler, in which the water was already low. Twelve bodies have not been identified, and human fragments picked up within a radius of several blocks probably account for several missing. The engine, a big passenger mogul, practically new, had been brought to the shops for inspection. Those in the vicinity who escaped immediate death declare that the boiler burst without warning, tearing the huge machine to bits. Parts of the locomotive and the wrecked roundhouse and adjoining shop buildings, together with the arms, legs, heads and mangled trunks of the victims, were scattered about.

TAFT FAVORS PRIMARIES

But the President is Opposed to "Soap Box Affairs."

Boston, Mass.—President Taft ended his party in Boston's belated celebration of emancipation day and St. Patrick's day here with an address to the Charitable Irish Society and a "look in" on the dinners of the Bank Officers' association, the Boston Trade association and the Yale Club of Boston. In many ways it was the busiest and most demonstrative day the president has spent since he entered the white house. Members of his party were unanimous in declaring that no reception ever accorded Mr. Taft in his travels exceeded in cordiality that which Boston gave him. During the day the president spoke on many subjects.

Louisiana Mob Lynchs Negro.

Shreveport, La.—According to a dispatch to the Times from Mer Rouge, La., Henry Lee, a negro, was hanged to a water tank near Mer Rouge. The dispatch says Lee insulted a white man and gred into a party returning from an entertainment. The negro resisted arrest, was wounded, his wounds were dressed and later was taken from prison and hanged. A coroner's jury found that Lee came to his death at the hands of persons unknown.

Bombs Placed to Murder Knox.

New Orleans.—As the result of the discovery by the government of Nicaragua of a plot to assassinate Secretary of State Knox on the occasion of his recent visit to the capital of that country, it is not improbable that a number of prominent Liberals will be put to death. Thirteen dynamite bombs placed beneath the railroad train traveled from Corinto to Managua and connected with an electric battery were discovered by government agents.

Administration Watching Coal Strike.

Washington.—President Taft postponed indefinitely his proposed conference with John Mitchell regarding the coal situation. This announcement from the white house was unaccompanied by any stated reason. While officials were extremely reticent as to the cause of the postponement of the conference with the labor leader, it was generally believed that the president and secretary feared that the activity of the administration at this time might be premature and might complicate the situation.

105 MINERS KILLED BY GAS EXPLOSION

SANS BOIS COAL COMPANY'S MINE AT McCURTAIN, OKLA., SCENE OF HOLOCAUST.

ONLY ELEVEN MEN ESCAPE

More Than Half of the Mine Victims Are Americans and Leave Families.

McCurtain, Okla.—One hundred and five lives is accepted as an approximately correct estimate of the human toll taken when mine No. 2 of the Sans Bois Coal company here was wrecked by an explosion. Of 116 men of the day shift only 11 are known to be alive, while the others are entombed behind the debris. In the opinion of government experts and mine officials they are dead and a special train which brought physicians and nurses from Fort Smith, Ark., returned. Five physicians remained with the faint hope that some of the imprisoned men might be found alive. Among those unaccounted for are a surveying party headed by W. D. Roper of Cilo, S. C. Forty-three Americans were employed in the mine.

The explosion occurred shortly after nine o'clock in the morning. Those on the surface heard a faint rumble and an earth tremor. When those nearest to the mouth of the mine's mouth reached the opening a cloud of dust and smoke belched forth. Then came tense moments of waiting for those in the mine to emerge. Frank Fields, a miner, was the first to stagger out. He was walking in an entry and heard the explosion, he said. He jumped into side room and the explosion passed and he made his way to the mine opening. Nine other miners escaped through a "man way." A "rope rider" who was coming to the surface when the explosion occurred was the eleventh man to escape.

Superintendent Brown of the coal company led the first rescue party into the mine, but they could proceed no further than the sixth level because of the accumulation of debris and returned to the surface with the body of John Colvas, a 17-year-old youth. Accumulated gas or coal dust was the cause of the explosion, according to experts.

NORTH DAKOTA PROGRESSIVE

Returns Show That LaFollette Will Have 15,000 Majority.

Grand Forks, N. D.—Robert M. LaFollette's majority will not be far from 15,000 when the final presidential preference primary returns are received and may be heavier. Of the total vote LaFollette has polled about 32,000 votes, while Roosevelt has polled about 18,000. The Taft vote in the state has only been about 3,000. The trend of the vote throughout the state as indicated by the incoming returns was interesting. It is in the western congressional district that the greatest surprise was found. The entire northern part of the district, consisting of a group of eight counties, went to LaFollette solidly, giving him a plurality of about 5,000. In the southern part of the district this lead was increased. Thomas Marshall, the LaFollette candidate for national committeeman, has a majority which it is believed will equal that of LaFollette. The LaFollette presidential electors have all been elected with majorities ranging about the same as the head of the ticket.

For Southern Development.

Annapolis, Md.—Two bills were introduced in the legislature in connection with the Southern Development and Demonstration Organization, which was formed here recently to exploit the South. One was a bill of incorporation and the other provided for an appropriation of \$20,000 for the organization, which will depend upon contributions of states, railroads and transportation companies, boards of trade and individuals to maintain it.

Scientific Basis for Grading.

Washington.—Dr. B. T. Galloway, chief of the agricultural department's bureau of plant industry, believes that to get a more scientific basis for grading cotton than the present one, if a "community type" of cotton can be raised the farmers of the South will get more money for their product, said Mr. Galloway and the department of agriculture is planning to make extensive efforts to have groups of planters in various sections raise exactly the same grade of cotton.

Aniston to Be Maneuver With.

Washington.—Aniston will be the site for the maneuvers of the National Guard of the Southern states this summer, according to a telegram received here from Congressman F. L. Blackburn at Washington. The message states that the war department signed an order detailing a number of regular army officers and men to stations for the summer maneuvers of the National Guard of the Southern states in Louisiana, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, North and South Carolina.

CONGRESSMAN CLARK



Representative Frank Clark of Florida is pushing the congressional inquiry of the Everglades affair before the house committee on expenditures in the agricultural department.

BANDITS RAID M. & O. TRAIN

FOUR MEN HELD UP MOBILE AND OHIO TRAIN NEAR CORINTH, MISS., AND LOOT SAFE.

Two Robbers Forced Engineer to Halt the Train While Two Others Dynamite Safe.

Corinth, Miss.—Mobile and Ohio passenger train No. 4, northbound, was held up and the express safe dynamited and robbed, seven miles south of Corinth by four men, heavily armed and masked. After accomplishing the robbery, the quartet took to the dense underbrush of the Tusculum river bottoms.

While definite information is not available, it is reported the safe contained considerable money and valuable. One report has it that \$60,000 in currency was among the contents. Where the robbers boarded the train is not known. Engineer Wilder and Fireman Kulman first learned of their presence when two of the men crawled over the engine tender which revolvers drawn and commanded that the train be brought to a halt at a point designated. The command was obeyed. In the meantime the other members of the band had gained entrance to the express car, and after subduing Express Messenger Snoddy, set the explosive which was touched off when the train came to a stop. The contents of the safe was quickly gathered and at the signal of the man who seemed to be in charge of operations the four took to the woods without attempting to rifle the mail or molest the passengers.

INCOME TAX BILL PASSED

The Democratic Excise Measure Passes House by 250 to 40.

Washington.—The Democratic excise bill to virtually tax everybody's income when it is \$5,000 or more a year passed the house, 250 to 40. The Democrats voted solidly for it, and carried eighty Republican votes with them. Forty regular Republicans were the opposition. The bill now goes to the senate, where its fate is a guess. Many senators declared that if upon analysis they found the house measure would tax all classes of people alike they would support it. Democratic senators with a few exceptions are expected to vote for it. Democratic Leader Martin expressed the hope that the Democratic senators and the Progressive Republicans might pit the bill through. Republican leaders are depending upon the president's veto to check revenue revision bills from the house. The excise bill, though primarily intended to produce anywhere from \$20,000,000 to \$60,000,000 a year to make up for the losses on free sugar, also expected to be one of the off-sets to general pension legislation.