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Directory.

Madison County. Established by the Legislature Session 1859-61. Population, 30,133. County Seat, Marshall. 1646 feet above sea level. New and modern Court House, cost \$13,000.00. New and modern jail, cost \$15,900.00. 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, Registrar of Deeds, Marshall, N. C. C. F. Runyon, 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, 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. 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. Cassada, Member, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 1. Reubin 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. W. R. Wild, Big Pine, N. C. Dudley Chipley, Road Engineer, Marshall, N. C. George M. Fritchard, 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 9, 1911. Marshall Academy, Prof. R. C. G. Anders, Principal, Marshall, N. C. 6 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. 1. Term expires May 30, 1912. Jasper Ebbs, Spring Creek, N. C. Term expires August 19, 1912. C. G. Brown, Bluff, N. C. Term expires December 6, 1912. J. A. Lusk, Revue, N. C. Term expires January 10, 1912. W. T. Davis, Hot Springs, N. C. Term expires January 16, 1912. J. H. Southworth, Stackhouse, N. C. Term expires January 15, 1912. N. W. Anderson, Paint Fork, N. C. Term expires February 5, 1912. J. H. Hunter, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 1. Term expires April 1, 1912. J. F. Tilton, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 2. Term expires April 3, 1912. C. J. Ebb, Marshall, N. C. Term expires April 21, 1912. J. W. Nelson, Marshall, N. C. Term expires April 25, 1912. Roy L. Gudger, Marshall, N. C. Term expires May 3, 1912. Geo. M. Pritchard, Marshall, N. C. Term expires May 25, 1912. Dudley Chipley, Marshall, N. C. Term expires July 29, 1912. W. G. Connor, Mars Hill, N. C. Term expires November 27, 1912. POST. George W. Gabagan Post, No. 38 G. A. R. E. M. Davis, Commander. J. H. Ballard, Adjutant. Meets at the Court House Saturday before the second Sunday in each month at 11 A. M.

LEVELS BROKEN BY MISSISSIPPI FLOODS

REELFOOT LAKE EMBANKMENTS BREAK AND WATER COVERS 150 MILES OF COUNTRY.

SITUATION IT VERY GRAVE

Workers Battle Against Waves Until Collapse, and Then Are Forced to Flee for Their Lives.

SUMMARY OF SITUATION.

Reelfoot Lake levee has collapsed. Flood water spreading over several counties in Kentucky and Tennessee. Estimated 150 square miles will be inundated. River distance affected, central district, 62 miles. Lies between Columbus, Ky., and Vicksburg, Miss. River distance through which strain is heaviest ever known, 318 miles. Lies between Columbus, Ky., and Helena, Ark. Crest of flood not in sight, according to official statements. Rise beginning to be felt as far south as Natchez, Miss. Farming land flooded, unprotected by levees, 300,000 acres. Farm land endangered, submit to immediate overflow if levee break at important points, 900,000 acres. Damage already estimated, \$1,500,000. Lives endangered by marooning of householders in central district, twenty. Number so far rescued from perilous places, 3,000 or more.

DR. LOUIS M. DRAGO



Dr. Louis M. Drago, the noted statesman of Argentina, author of the Drago doctrine that national debts to private individuals may not be collected by force of arms, has come to this country to give a series of lectures.

AMERICAN LEADS MEXICANS

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE DIRECTS THE GUNS WHICH SHELL PARRAL FOR INSURRECTOS.

Samuel Drebin of Philadelphia Commands Artillery in Mexican Army.

Jimenez, Mexico.—General Campa has reformed his insurrecto army and, according to a courier, who arrived here after being in the saddle a long while, has begun to shell Parral, where General Villa, the victorious Federal leader, is entrenched.

A dispatch from General Fernandez, one of the rebel leaders, said that the insurrectos have succeeded in surrounding the city and cutting off the food supply. Troops under General Salazar of the rebel forces destroyed portions of the national railway which runs into Parral, preventing armored train from entering. The Federal generals, Villa, DeSoto and Urbina, have defended the city with resourcefulness and daring. They have turned the tallest of the adobe and stone buildings into blockhouses with artillery mounted on the roofs.

The number of dead in the city from cannon and mortar shells is not known, but the rebel dead and wounded in the fighting is said to be nearly four hundred. Samuel Drebin, a soldier of fortune, whose home is in Philadelphia and who has fought in many revolutions, is in command of the rapid-fire battery in the rebel artillery and has established himself on Prieta Hill, according to last reports sent. A number of women are fighting in the rebel ranks, although General Orozco has given orders that none of them be allowed on the firing line. The majority of them are soldiers' wives.

FOSS QUILTS THE RACE

Governor of Massachusetts Orders His Name Taken From Ballots.

Boston.—Gov. Eugene N. Foss withdrew his name from the presidential preference primary ballot. In a letter accompanying the withdrawal, he asked that delegate candidates pledged to him consider themselves as unpledged. In explanation of his action, Governor Foss says he had learned representatives of one or more of the candidate groups were preparing to withdraw their names out of courtesy to him. He asks that those representatives be urged to permit the names of their candidates to remain, as if only one name appeared no chance would be given for an expression of popular preference, which would defeat the purpose of the preferential primary.

Virginia Outlaws Refused Food.

Hillsville, Va.—According to "Sug" Smith, who lives over Mount Airy way, toward the Carolina line, Stina Allen and Wesley Edwards, the two courthouse assassins, came to his cabin and begged for food. Allen came to his door, he said, and Edwards had taken food that day. They got none from Smith. The posses are none from Smith. The posses are none from Smith. The posses are none from Smith.

Ex-Governor Aycock Drops Dead.

Birmingham, Ala.—Former Gov. Charles B. Aycock of North Carolina dropped dead at the Jefferson theater while addressing the Alabama Educational Association. Mr. Aycock was speaking on "Universal Education, Its Necessity and Benefit." The deceased was born November 1, 1859, was district attorney under Cleveland and elected governor for four years in 1900. He leaves a widow and eight children—six girls and two boys—all minors except the oldest, Miss Alice.

AVIATOR RODGERS FALLS TO HIS DEATH

FIRST AVIATOR TO CROSS AMERICAN CONTINENT IS KILLED AT LONG BEACH, CAL.

HE WAS BADLY MANGLED

Biplane Began Frightful Descent and Crashed Against Surf, Rodgers Being Mangled in Wreck.

Long Beach, Cal.—Calbraith P. Rodgers, the first man to cross the American continent in an aeroplane, was killed here almost instantly when his biplane, in which he had been soaring over the ocean, fell from a height of 200 feet and buried him in the wreck. His neck was broken and his body badly mangled by the engine of his machine. He lived but a few moments.

Rodgers, for a week past, had been making daily flights here and had taken up with him many passengers, both men and women. He started from his usual place and soared out over the ocean, crossing the pier and then turned and dipped close to a roller coaster in a beach amusement park.

Seeing a flock of gulls disporting themselves among the great shoals of sardines just over the breakers, Rodgers again turned and dived into them, scattering the sea fowl in all directions.

Highly elated with the outcome of his dive, Rodgers then flew farther



CALBRAITH P. RODGERS.

out to sea, all the time gradually rising until he had reached a height of about 200 feet.

Making a short turn, he started at full speed for the pier, then suddenly dipped his planes and his machine began a frightful descent. Rodgers was seen by hundreds of persons on the pier to relax his hold on the levers and then seemingly realizing that he was in danger, he made strenuous efforts to pull the nose of his machine into a level position.

Falling in this, he managed to turn his craft further in shore and an instant later the craft crashed into the edge of the surf, not 500 feet from the spot where, on December 10, last, he had finished his ocean-to-ocean flight. Many men rushed to his aid. Ernest Scott and James Goodwin, life guards, were the first to reach him. They said Rodgers' head was hanging over one wing of the machine, the heavy engine was on his back and his feet were drawn up nearly doubling over his shoulders. Blood was flowing from his mouth.

Rodgers was lifted from the wreck and hurried to the bath house hospital. He died on the way.

Mrs. McRee is Free.

Opelousas, La.—Mrs. Zee Runge McRee, who shot her young friend, Allan Garland, to death in her home here September 21 last, was acquitted by a jury of the charge of manslaughter. Holding her golden-haired little daughter, Vallera, in her arms, and with tears streaming down her cheek, Mrs. McRee arose as soon as the foreman had announced the verdict and thanked the jury. All smiles and all tears, husband and wife embraced.

Tariff Revision by Tariff Board.

Washington.—President Taft, in an address to the members of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, renewed his plea for revision of the tariff only by a tariff board that would make revision possible upon scientific lines. Sanitary improvements in Southern cotton mills constitute one of the most important changes in cotton mill construction, according to J. E. Silline of Greenville, S. C. Healthful working quarters are taking the place of unhealthy surroundings, he said.

British Strike Declared at End.

London.—Albert Stanley, secretary of the Midland Miners' Federation and member of the house of Commons, practically announced the end of the national coal strike in the United Kingdom. Mr. Stanley said that it was now impossible to secure the necessary two-thirds majority of the miners in favor of continuing the strike. The postmaster general, Herbert Louis Samuel, also stated that he was confident the strike would be declared over.

JAMES L. SLAYDEN



James L. Slayden of Texas is the congressman who tried to have the house adopt a resolution expressing opposition to the idea of a third term for presidents. The attempt failed.

\$350,000 TO FIGHT FLOODS

CONGRESS APPROPRIATES MONEY TO STRENGTHEN LEVEES AND DIKES ALONG MISSISSIPPI.

PRESIDENT SENT MESSAGE

Taft Asked for \$500,000 and Congress at Once Voted \$350,000—Situation Critical, Says President Taft.

Washington.—President Taft sent a message to congress asking that \$500,000 be appropriated for strengthening levees and building new dikes in the flood districts along the Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio rivers, and within fifteen minutes after it was read in the house that body passed a bill making \$350,000 available for the purpose. The bill was rushed over to the senate, where it also was passed and was sent to the president for his signature.

The president sent his message of appeal to congress after Senator Foster and Thornton and virtually the entire Louisiana delegation in the house had called upon him and pictured the destruction being worked by the floods. The message follows:

"I am advised by the secretary of war, whose reports I transmit herewith, that the food in the Mississippi valley by reason of the rise in all the rivers tributary to the Mississippi and Missouri at nearly the same time is likely in the lower part of the valley, that is Missouri, Kentucky, Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana, to reach a higher point along the levees than it has ever reached within recent memories, and that there is very grave danger that the levees may give way under the unusual pressure and that great damage may be done to property in the states mentioned, requiring, unless prompt action is taken, great future outlay in preserving the proper navigation of the stream.

COTTON FARE COST MILLIONS

Government Endeavoring to Save \$25,000,000 a Year for South's Cotton Growers.

Washington.—Efforts to save more than \$25,000,000 a year now being lost by Southern cotton growers through tare charges are being made by the department of agriculture. Secretary Wilson has written to the Liverpool and other foreign cotton exchanges for suggestions as to how these tare charges might be reduced and has received replies from all of them.

"If cotton could be baled in better shape," says the Liverpool exchange in its reply, "there is no doubt that the European exchanges would be willing to pass by-laws for such cotton to be sold 'actual tare,' provided uniform length and weight of canvass be adopted for every bale."

Publicity Demanded Regarding Cotton

Washington.—The senate committee on agriculture ordered favorably reported a bill introduced by Senator Smith of South Carolina, which would require the director of the census to publish the domestic and foreign consumption of cotton of American production; the surplus held by cotton manufacturers of the United States and the exports. The house bill directing the secretary of agriculture to report in July instead of June of each year the acreage planted to cotton was favorably reported.

Taylor's Toga May Go to Brother.

Washington.—Efforts are on foot to have Gov. Ben W. Hooper, the Republican governor of Tennessee, name Alfred A. Taylor, who is one of the same political faith as the governor, and a brother of the late Senator Robert Taylor, to succeed to the vacant seat in the United States senate. Alfred A. Taylor was the nominee of the Republican party in 1886, when Robert Love Taylor was the Democratic candidate. They stumped the state in opposition to each other and "Fiddling Bob" won the election.

FORMER GOVERNOR AYCOCK IS DEAD

WAS SPEAKING ON THEME NEAR HIS HEART "UNIVERSAL EDUCATION."

WAS IN VERY POOR HEALTH

He Was a Strong Candidate For Nomination For United States Senator From State of North Carolina to Succeed Senator F. M. Simmons.

Raleigh.—A special from Birmingham, Ala., states that former Governor Charles B. Aycock of North Carolina dropped dead at the Jefferson theater while addressing the Alabama Educational Association. Mr. Aycock was speaking on "Universal Education, Its Necessity and Benefit." He was about one-fourth through his address when he suddenly staggered back a step and fell to the floor so suddenly that those on the stage were unable to reach him in time to support him.

Water was hastily thrown on his face and he was taken to the wings of the theater, but expired at once. Death was pronounced to be the result of heart failure.

He had been in poor health for some months and only a week ago returned to Raleigh from Philadelphia, where he spent a month in a sanitarium fortifying himself for the strenuous canvass of the state which he was to begin Friday, April 12, with opening speech in Raleigh, to be followed by one in Charlotte, for the nomination by state primary for United States Senator, to succeed F. M. Simmons.

Governor Aycock followed Governor O'Neal of Alabama, who had just delivered an address to the association on "Some Educational Problems." Governor O'Neal and other men prominent in educational circles in the South were seated on the stage during Governor Aycock's address.

Wineckie Case Has Been Settled.

The case against Frank Wineckie, indicted for the embezzlement of \$30,000 from the Standard Mirror Co., of High Point, was not proessed with leave at Greensboro, Solicitor Gattis announcing his inability to get witnesses for the state and institutors of the charge here from Pittsburg. None of the private counsel representing the prosecutors were in court and when the witnesses failed to show up Judge Cook entered fines against them. From outside sources it was learned that Wineckie made a settlement agreeable to the officers of the Mirror company.

is Attracting Attention.

That the selection of Salisbury as the place for the location of the Lutheran Female College is attracting attention in other states is evidenced in one instance in which Mayor F. M. Thompson received a letter from H. F. Bryant of the Lexington, Ky., Leader. In which he asked for information in regard to the commission which made the decision and asked for their names and addresses to get information in regard to the matter and also photographs of the members of the commission for use in Eastern and Northern papers and magazines.

Before County Commissioners.

Col. Benehan Cameron, North Carolina representative of the Quebec-Miami International Highway Association, appeared before the board of county commissioners at their regular meeting in Durham, and asked that the county put into good condition the parts of this highway that are to come through this county. On the Raleigh road there is about four miles of unmacadamized road, and on the road out of Oxford there is 3 1/2 miles of road that will be fixed. At the recent meeting of the association in Richmond, General Carr and Colonel Cameron got the association to adopt the road by this city, and promised them that the county would furnish a macadam road all the way through.

Adopt Preferential Primary.

The Catawba county executive committee of the Democratic party met at Newton and took a forward step, as Catawba is always doing. This was to adopt the Wisconsin preferential primary for county officers. As is well known this plan provides for naming a first and second choice at one time and does away with the necessity for holding a second primary. It was also decided to recommend the abolishment of the fee system for county officers, and put them all on a salary basis.

Education Board Located School.

The county board of education located the West Durham school building on the new acre lot that has been bought and the erection of the school will begin as soon as the weather opens up. The building is to be completed by the beginning of the next term of school. The school board is building this school out of the money borrowed from the state building fund, and a building fund that is saved over from the surplus of the county school fund each year. The erection of the building will not be by contract.

TARGET PRACTICE PRIZES

The Carolina Regiments Are to Meet For This Purpose at Gastonia, Goldsboro and Raleigh.

Raleigh.—There is every assurance that the regimental target contests this spring by the North Carolina National Guard will have especially attractive special prizes at each of the three contests over and above the grand prize of the DuPont loving cup for the company making the highest record and the Royster gold medal for the highest individual record. From Gastonia, where the first regiment is to contest April 22 to 24, Captain Bulwinkle writes that the business men of that town have raised \$50 for special prizes and three handsome loving cups have been offered by jewelers there for the best individual scores in the regiment. For the shoot by the third regiment in Raleigh May 9 to 12 the business men of Raleigh are raising a fund that will amount to at least \$50. One well-known jeweler has offered a handsome loving cup and other trophies are sure to be listed. Goldsboro is also raising a special fund and trophies are being offered there for the shoot that will be held on the Goldsboro range April 15 to 17. General Leinster also feels confident that there will be arranged an interstate shoot by the guardsmen of North and South Carolina and Virginia and possibly Tennessee to take the place of the annual shoot at Camp Perry with the regulars that is called off by the War Department this year on account of the heavy demands of the regular army for duty on the Mexican frontier, in the Philippines and elsewhere.

Accepts Sinclair's Challenge.

Some days ago N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville, candidate for Congress from date a letter was sent to the chairman Congressman H. L. Godwin, challenging him to a joint canvass for the purpose of giving the people of the different counties of the district an opportunity to know just what each candidate stands for, and on the same date a letter was sent to the chairman of the Democratic executive committee of the district, asking that a primary for the district not be called until the latter part of the summer. Congressman Godwin, who is a candidate to succeed himself, replied to Mr. Sinclair, accepting the challenge but wants the primary called for May 18.

Campaign On Orchard Spraying.

Mr. C. E. Clark, county commissioner of agriculture, besides placing Mecklenburg county in the lead of all Southern counties in exterminating the pine beetle and in every way advancing the interests of the agricultural population of the county, has been conducting an active campaign for orchard spraying. As in the campaign against the pine beetle, Mr. Clark's plan has been to visit as many farmers as possible and interest them in spraying their orchards. Up to date he has superintended the spraying of orchards in ten different neighborhoods and between 200 and 300 trees in the best orchards of the county are now being sprayed according to a systematic plan.

Seaboard Air Line Railway Loses.

The Seaboard Air Line Railroad Co. was ordered by the corporation commission to handle forthwith carload shipments of fertilizer that have been tendered the Seaboard by the Atlantic Coast Line at Sanford after being hauled by the Coast Line from Wilmington. The Seaboard had refused to handle the freight unless full local rates is paid for remaining short hauls to destination instead of a 25 per cent discount required in joint haul freight. The Seaboard's refusal is because the shipments have been made over its line entirely.

Want More and Better Bridges.

The citizens of Guilford county are making demands upon the county authorities for more and better bridges and will, in effect, witness the inauguration of a steel and iron bridge policy in the county when the commissioners meet and open bids for several structures. The severe winter followed by the recent floods wrought havoc to bridges and roads and the county will have to expend thousands of dollars this spring and summer for new structures and in repair work.

Appropriated Money for Prizes.

The county commissioners in session appropriated \$170 for prizes in the Davidson county men's corn contest for 1912. This is \$10 to each township. The Davidson County Agricultural Association will supplement this with a \$5 prize in each township, making first and second prizes of \$10 and \$5 respectively for each township, and will also solicit from the merchants a number of special prizes. This is the third men's contest in the county and great good has been done by them.

Settle is Declared Not Guilty.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case of David R. Settle, a well-known and prominent young white man, who was put on trial for the murder of Robert Allen, a negro farmer hand on the Settle place, nine miles from Greensboro. The shooting occurred last September. Settle immediately afterwards calling up the county sheriff and notifying him that he had killed a man. When the sheriff arrived Settle was in a very nervous condition and was brought to Greensboro.