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Directory, Madison County.

Established by the Legislature Session 1880-81. Population, 30,122. County Seat, Marshall. 1646 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. Runkin, Treasurer, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 1. 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 Hays, 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 1st Monday after First Monday in September. Commences October 14, 1912. BOARDS: County Commissioners: W. C. Sprinkle, Chairman, Marshall, N. C. C. F. Canada, Member, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 1. Raulin A. Tweed, Member, Big Laurel, N. C. C. B. Masburn, 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 Ebba, 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. 1. 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 7, 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. 3. 7 Mo. School began October 2, 1911. Bell Institute, Miss Margaret E. Griffith, Principal, Walnut, N. C. 8 Mo. School began September 1, 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 Ebba, Spring Creek, N. C. Term expires August 10, 1912. G. C. Brown, Bluff, N. C. Term expires December 6, 1912. J. A. Leak, Revere, N. C. Term expires January 10, 1913. W. T. Davis, Hot Springs, N. C. Term expires January 10, 1913. J. H. Southworth, Stauchhouse, N. C. Term expires January 18, 1913. M. W. Anderson, Paint 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. P. Tilson, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 3. Term expires April 8, 1913. C. J. Ebba, Marshall, N. C. Term expires April 21, 1913. J. W. Nelson, Marshall, N. C. Term expires April 25, 1913. Roy L. Gudgeon, 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 37, 1913. POST: George W. Gahagan Post, No. 38 G. A. R. S. M. Davis, Commander. J. H. Ballard, Adjutant. Meets at the Court House Saturday before the second Sunday in each month at 12 A. M.

UNCLE SAM IS A POOR BUILDER

EXTRAVAGANCE, WASTE AND POSSIBILITIES OF FRAUD ARE POINTED OUT. CRITICIZE PRESENT METHOD. Recommended That Buildings Be Standardized and Draughtsmen Be Done Away With. Washington.—Severe criticism of government methods of erecting public buildings is contained in the reports of the house committee on expenditures in public buildings submitted to the house. The committee points out extravagance and waste and possibilities of fraud in public expenditures after making it clear its investigations were made with no desire to discover any scandal in the public service. The committee makes the recommendation that government buildings be standardized and endeavors to put out what it considers the folly of maintaining a big force of draughtsmen and architects to make plans for every building constructed by the government. The report finds that since 1902, 721 buildings have been erected and that there are pending bills for 750 more at a proposed aggregate cost of \$70,000,000. "If this keeps up," the committee says, "there will be 1,520 public buildings inside of fifteen years." The cost of maintenance alone will be \$11,000,000 annually. The committee says the present system of awards is bad and should be changed. It points to instances where contractors have been the beneficiaries of "extras and betterments." Without making any charges the committee says: "Under the present method of awarding contracts for the construction of public buildings there is an open door for the grossest kind of fraud."

AGREE ON PARCELS POST

Committee Decides on Modification of Zone System. Washington.—The full details of the parcels post provision have finally been agreed upon by the senate committee on postoffice and post-roads, settling this long and heated controversy over this subject. The compromise agreement is based on the zone system. The plan is a departure from the established system of a uniform rate of postage regardless of distance traveled, for the rate is increased as the distance the package must be transported is increased. The highest rate on domestic parcels, however, will not exceed the international postal rate of 12 cents a pound or \$1.32 for a 11-pound package which is the limit. Senators Bourne and Bristow agreed upon the post zones as follows: First, length 50 miles, rate 5 cents for the first pound, 3 cents for each additional pound; second, length 150 miles, rate 6 cents and 4 cents; third, length 300 miles, rate 7 and 5 cents; fourth, length 600 miles, rate 8 and 6 cents; fifth, length 1,000 miles, rate 9 and 7 cents; sixth, length 1,400 miles, rate 10 and 9 cents; seventh, length 1,800 miles, rate 11 and 10 cents; eighth, length over 1,800 miles, rate 12 cents per pound straight. Maximum packages, 11 pounds. Senator Bourne originally proposed six zones to range in length from 50 to 2,000 miles.

Twenty Lives Lost in Cloudburst.

Reno, Nev.—Twenty lives were lost in a cloudburst that wiped out the small town of Seven Troughs, Nev. From Lovelock near Seven Troughs, came word that seven persons are known to be dead, and that the hotel at Mazuma had been turned upside down by the rush of waters. Communication by wire was badly crippled, and the roads were so furrowed that automobiles were obliged to make wide detours. A mile east of track of the Nevada and California railroad, a branch of the Southern Pacific, was washed out between Mino and Keeler.

Fight Pictures Under Ban.

Washington.—Prize fight moving pictures became a thorn in the past in the United States when the house passed a senate bill prohibiting the transportation of such moving picture films between the various states and territories or from foreign countries. Heavy fines for violation of the proposed law are fixed by the bill. Southern members of congress were especially interested in the proposed law because of the race feeling stirred up by the exhibition of the Jeffries-Johnson moving pictures.

Passers in Coal Deal Went Down.

Pittsburg.—When Charles M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk railroad, perished in the Titanic disaster he took into the sea with him signed contracts close to a deal for 30,000 acres of coal in Belmont county, Ohio. The deal involved the payment of \$10,000,000 to a syndicate of Pittsburg men who held options on the property. The directors authorized Mr. Hays to close the deal and the necessary papers were signed. These were in Hays' pocket when the Titanic went down.

MRS. CHARLES D. HILLES



This is a new photograph of Mrs. Charles D. Hilles, wife of the president's secretary and a popular woman in Washington society.

PRESCRIBE LOWER RATES

AS A RESULT OF A SEARCHING INQUIRY BY THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION. Commission Thinks Conclusions Constitute Step Toward Solving the Greatest American Problem.

Washington.—Sweeping reductions in express rates averaging in general, approximately 15 per cent.; drastic reforms in regulations and practices, and comprehensive changes in the methods of operation, are prescribed in a report made public by the interstate commerce commission of its investigation into the business of the thirteen great express companies of the United States.

M'COMBS NAMED CHAIRMAN

Democratic Leaders Meet the Wishes of Governor Wilson. Chicago.—William F. McCombs of New York, Governor Woodrow Wilson's choice, was elected chairman of the Democratic national committee, and was empowered to appoint a committee of not fewer than nine members to take active charge of the Democratic presidential nominee's campaign. Mr. McCombs also was authorized to select a national treasurer and such other officers as he may see fit, including possibly a vice chairman and, after consulting with Governor Wilson, to name the location of the headquarters. Mr. McCombs said that he thought the principal headquarters would be in New York.

Bodies Recovered From Airship.

Atlantic City.—The bodies of Melvin Vanham and Frederick Elmer, two of the five victims of the airship Akron which exploded while sailing over Brigantine beach on July 2, have been recovered and brought to this city. With the finding of these bodies all have now been recovered. Elmer's body was found about four miles from the spot where the dirigible balloon struck the water after exploding more than 500 feet in the air. Vanham's body was recovered by the beach patrol.

Postal Records Broken.

Washington.—The largest three months' business in the history of the postal service is shown by the latest financial statement of Auditor Kram of the postoffice department. Audited returns for the quarter ending with March reached \$64,368,854.45, an increase of \$2,294,301.11 over the same period last year. Total expenses amounted to \$4,878,836.72, a daily average of \$119,932.85. Expenses exceeded revenues during this quarter, but a net profit of \$442,424.18 shows for the first three months.

Taft's Campaign COST \$1,655,518

HITCHCOCK TELLS ABOUT G. O. P. CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS OF YEAR 1904. SOME OF FUND NEVER USED. No Contribution Was Received From a Corporation—Many Banks Gave \$5,000.

Washington.—Postmaster General Frank M. Hitchcock told the senate committee investigating campaign contributions of 1904 and 1905 that the records of the fund used in President Taft's election, as filed in Albany, N. Y., were absolutely correct, and that he could not supplement these reports by testimony. Mr. Hitchcock said the total collected through various agencies of the committee in 1904 was \$1,655,518.77. Of this amount \$620,150 was collected in various states and handled by the local state committees. The latter sum never was turned into the treasury of the Republican national committee, although that committee kept account of it. No contribution was received from a corporation, Mr. Hitchcock said, because congress had just passed a law prohibiting it. He told of the only contribution he could remember having rejected.

NEW SEAT IN THE CABINET

Pass Bill Dividing Department of Commerce and Labor and Creating Labor Secretary. Washington.—The house unanimously passed the Sulzer bill creating a department of labor.

CRAZY NEGRO RUNS AMUCK

Took Refuge in House, But Was Smoked Out and Shot to Death. Tampa, Fla.—Bob Harris, a crazy negro, on a rampage here, killed three persons, wounded two others, one of whom was white, and himself was slain by policemen after a siege in which gasoline was used to burn him out of a house. He was insane from drugs. He first went to the house of a woman and killed her and a man he found there. He then went to another house and fired on a woman with a baby. The former was slain. On his way out he shot another negro, Virginia Simpkins, who is expected to die, and a white policeman named Riggs. He took refuge in the Simpkins woman's house, where he lived, and barricaded the doors and windows. Being plentifully supplied with cartridges he kept a large force of policemen at bay, and was dislodged only after being smoked out of one room. The house was then set afire with gasoline. When he made a dash for liberty he was shot and killed.

One Man Killed in Wreck.

Bristol, Tenn.—Bruce A. Hodges, a railway mail clerk, was instantly killed and several others seriously injured when the New York and Memphis train No. 25 was wrecked on the Southern railway five miles south of Bristol. The cause of the wreck is not known. The tender of his engine left the rails on a reverse curve and although the tender turned over, it did not go down the bank, while the mail car, combination baggage and colored car and two day coaches went down the 25-foot embankment.

Wild Buffalo Kills Aviator.

Paris, France.—Hubert Latham, the Anglo-French aviator, was killed last month by a wild buffalo while hunting in the French Congo. The governor general of French-Equatorial Africa, in telegraphing the news to the minister of the colonies, says Latham was out with a number of natives in the forest when he shot and wounded a buffalo, which immediately charged him and gored and trampled him to death. Latham's death occurred on the Chart river near the Bahr el Jebel.

PRESIDENT GOMEZ



President Gomez of Cuba, who has a big job on his hands.

COTTON DISPUTE SETTLED

AGREEMENT REACHED BY SHIP-PERS AND THE STEAMER LINES. Steamer Lines Recind Order Requiring Cotton Bales to Be Entirely Covered.

New York.—A compromise was effected here between the steamship lines and the cotton shippers in the dispute over the refusal of the steamship companies to issue ocean bills of lading for cotton shipments after September 1 unless the railroads delivered the cotton thoroughly covered and entirely free from all evidence of damage.

Gambler Rosenthal Murdered.

New York.—Herman Rosenthal, the proprietor of a New York gambling house, whose sensational charges that the police were guilty of grafting and oppression were to be investigated, was shot down and killed in front of the Hotel Metropole by five men who escaped in a big gray automobile. Rosenthal was murdered only a few hours before he was to appear in the home of District Attorney Whitman in an attempt to substantiate his charge that the police were grafting on gambling houses.

People Filched of Many Millions.

Washington.—One hundred and twenty million dollars was filched from the American people during the last fiscal year by swindlers who operated largely through the United States mails, according to a report by Postmaster General Hitchcock. Of those who are alleged to have operated the fraudulent schemes, 1,043 were arrested by postoffice inspectors. They included persons in all walks of life, merchants and mechanics, politicians and professional men, paupers and millionaires.

Midshipman From Texas Killed.

Minneapolis, Minn.—William I. Bullock of Corsicana, Tex., a midshipman of six weeks standing at the naval academy, was killed by falling from the top of the mainmast of the "Hartford" to the deck, a distance of about a hundred feet. His neck was broken and he died instantly. Bullock had just accomplished a feat which tradition demands of a new midshipman, the climbing of the mainmast of the "Hartford" and the transferring of his cap on the spike which adorns the top.

MORE ARRESTS IN ROSENTHAL CASE

THE POLICE HAUL IN PARTIES WHO MAY THROW LIGHT ON BECKER'S CONNECTION. THE OFFICERS ARE RETICENT. Jack Sullivan is Said to Have Been With "Bald Jack Rose" on the Night of the Murder.—Becker Has Not Been Arrested.

New York.—Louis "Bridge" Webber, keeper of an up-town resort, and Sam Paul, head of the "Sam Paul Association," at the outing of which threats were made to "get" Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, were arrested on the charge of suspicion of homicide in connection with the killing of Rosenthal. Jack Sullivan, alleged go-between between Police Lieutenant Charles Becker and "Bald Jack" Rose, the latter already under arrest, was taken in custody as a material witness.

Several Hurt in Auto Wreck.

New York.—Five persons were injured, two so seriously they may die, when an automobile speeding fifty miles an hour at Cedarhurst, Long Island, with three men and two women passengers, struck square against a tree, turning turtle and fattened in the wreck. All the occupants were hurled to the ground. One of the most seriously injured is an unidentified woman, about 24 years of age, who was richly attired and wore diamonds of a value estimated at \$2,500 or more. Her skull and jaw were fractured, and she is believed to be internally injured. None of the others would reveal her name.

No Hope for Japan's Emperor.

Tokio.—A day of suspense closed with a bulletin from the imperial bedside that practically excluded hope for the recovery of Mutsuhito, Emperor of Japan. The four physicians in consultation at the palace announced that his majesty's symptoms were discouraging. The Emperor had been unable to sleep and was delirious. His heart action was weak, his pulse 82 and his respiration 34. The Emperor's subjects and foreigners who have lived under his rule are united in their anxiety.

Five Italians Killed on Ship.

New York.—Details of the accident reported by wireless on the Italian steamship Principe di Piemonte, in which five of the crew were killed, were learned when the vessel arrived here from Naples. A branch steam pipe burst, filling the fire room and engine room on the port side with a great volume of steam. Five men were rescued from the scalding steam and carried to the ship's hospital. Although every attention was given them, they were so badly injured that they died within an hour.

Charlotte—Are the Piedmont & Northern Lines, the Duke system of trolley roads which the Duke interests are holding throughout Piedmont Carolina with Charlotte the center to be the nucleus of a still greater system that will be extended north into Virginia and south into Georgia, somewhat after the fashion of the great trolley systems of the Middle West?

Raleigh—Judge Ferguson in superior court dismissed the case of W. E. Stinson in his suit against the Wake county commissioners in which Stinson was suing for \$800 salary which he claimed to be due because the commissioners removed him he alleged without cause and elected his successor as supervisor of roads. Stinson's counsel gave notice of an appeal to the supreme court.

Raleigh.—The people of Raleigh are anticipating with particular pleasure a lecture that is to be delivered here by Dr. David Starr Jordan of Leland Stanford University, California. He comes in the interest of the great world peace crusade that is under way.

Statesville.—Nearly every farmer who comes to town has something to say about crop conditions. The continued showers throughout this section are having a fine effect on corn, the principal crop, and it is the opinion that this year's "bumper" crop will surpass all former "bumpers."

Charlotte.—Charlotte improvement bonds in the sum of \$665,000 have been bought at premium by a local banking concern within the past year and now this company gives notice that it will be prepared to take over a fresh issue on the first of August, paying contract price.

Charlotte.—Charlotte is in the terror of an epidemic of housebreakings, no less than a dozen having occurred in different parts of the city within the past week. One house was honored with three separate visits by the thieves.

Charlotte.—The North Carolina Lutheran Sunday school workers are preparing for their annual summer institute. These assemblies have been very pleasant and profitable occasions and the one to be held this year promises to be no exception to the rule. It will be held at Lenoir College, Macon, July 29th to August 2nd.

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Short Paragraphs of State News That Have Been Gotten Together With Care By the Editor. Washington, D. C.—Lexington was designated a postal savings depository of the second class, the designation to become effective August 15. Raleigh.—If the statement of J. B. Umphries, a young white man of Eagle Rock, is true, one of the boldest robberies ever committed in this section occurred when Umphries was held up at the point of a pistol and relieved of \$27 in cash. Monroe.—The county Republican convention met here, elected J. J. Parker chairman of the convention, Henry Baucom secretary, and adopted a platform for use in the coming campaign. The convention then adjourned to meet August 10. Wilson.—Near Elm City, B. J. Sharp had the misfortune to lose a valuable barn of tobacco by fire. All of the men residing in the neighborhood were at the polls, and before assistance could arrive the "weed" and barn had gone up in smoke. Pittsboro.—The Chatham county teachers' institute for white teachers is being conducted in the graded school auditorium by Prof. R. W. Allen of Sanford, assisted by Mrs. D. L. Ellis of Biltmore. The attendance is unusually large, there being between 50 and 60 white teachers and over 30 colored teachers. Raleigh.—Notice of the commuting of the sentence of William Munn, of Cumberland county, who has been in prison since August, 1903, and of the pardon of Frail Durham, who in the fall of 1905 was sentenced to fourteen years in the state's prison for murder in the second degree, was made public by Gov. Kitchin. Raleigh.—There has been an exchange of courts between Judge M. H. Justice, who will conduct the Union county court, beginning August 19th, for two weeks, and Judge R. B. Peebles, who will preside at Louisville, Franklin county, for one week beginning August 19th, and at Nashville, Nash county, for the week beginning August 26th. Roxboro.—The town having recently sold an issue of bonds amounting to \$22,500 for street improvement is having its main street graded and paved with bituminous macadam, cement curb and gutter and cement sidewalks. The sidewalks are laid at the expense of the property owners while the town pays for the road way and curb and gutter. Raleigh.—There have been 353 new automobiles licensed by the secretary of state for North Carolina owners during the first 15 days of July, the value of the machines licensed each day of the half month averaging over \$30,000 per day. This record is twice that of the record of the half of July, 1911, and is far ahead of all previous records in the state. Charlotte.—Are the Piedmont & Northern Lines, the Duke system of trolley roads which the Duke interests are holding throughout Piedmont Carolina with Charlotte the center to be the nucleus of a still greater system that will be extended north into Virginia and south into Georgia, somewhat after the fashion of the great trolley systems of the Middle West? Raleigh.—Judge Ferguson in superior court dismissed the case of W. E. Stinson in his suit against the Wake county commissioners in which Stinson was suing for \$800 salary which he claimed to be due because the commissioners removed him he alleged without cause and elected his successor as supervisor of roads. Stinson's counsel gave notice of an appeal to the supreme court. Raleigh.—The people of Raleigh are anticipating with particular pleasure a lecture that is to be delivered here by Dr. David Starr Jordan of Leland Stanford University, California. He comes in the interest of the great world peace crusade that is under way. Statesville.—Nearly every farmer who comes to town has something to say about crop conditions. The continued showers throughout this section are having a fine effect on corn, the principal crop, and it is the opinion that this year's "bumper" crop will surpass all former "bumpers." Statesville.—The Iredeil Blues, the local military company, consisting of 3 officers and 45 men left for Morehead City, where they will go into camp with other companies at Fort Glenn. The company is E. First North Carolina Regiment, national guard. Charlotte.—Charlotte improvement bonds in the sum of \$665,000 have been bought at premium by a local banking concern within the past year and now this company gives notice that it will be prepared to take over a fresh issue on the first of August, paying contract price. Charlotte.—Charlotte is in the terror of an epidemic of housebreakings, no less than a dozen having occurred in different parts of the city within the past week. One house was honored with three separate visits by the thieves. Charlotte.—The North Carolina Lutheran Sunday school workers are preparing for their annual summer institute. These assemblies have been very pleasant and profitable occasions and the one to be held this year promises to be no exception to the rule. It will be held at Lenoir College, Macon, July 29th to August 2nd.