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Directory
Madison County.

Established by the Legislature Session 1860-61.
Population, 30,123.
County Seat, Marshall.
1645 feet above sea level.
New and modern Court House, cost \$13,000.00.
New and modern Jail, cost \$15,000.00.
New and modern County Home, cost \$10,000.00.

Officers.
Hon. Jas. L. Hyatt, Senator, 32 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. Runko, 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. Canada, 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.

Board Commissioners.
A. E. Ryan, Chairman, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. 2.
J. A. Ramsey, Secretary, Mars Hill, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.
Sam Cox, Member, Mars Hill, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3.
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. 1.
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, 1912. Spring Term begins January 3, 1913.
Spring Creek High School. Prof. G. C. Brown, Principal, Spring Creek, N. C. School opened August 1, 1911.

Madison Seminary High School. Prof. J. H. Westberry, Principal, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1. Fall Term began October 2, 1911.
Bell Institute. Miss Margaret E. Griffith, Principal, Walnut, N. C. School began September 3, 1911.
Marshall Academy. Prof. R. O. Anders, Principal, Marshall, N. C. School began Sept. 4, 1911.

Notary Publics.
J. C. Ramsey, Marshall, N. C. Term expires Jan. 11, 1913.
J. A. Roberts, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, 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, Revere, 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, Paint Fork, N. C. Term expires February 6, 1913.
J. H. Hunter, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1. Term expires April 1, 1912.
J. P. Tison, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1. Term expires April 3, 1912.
C. J. Ebbs, Marshall, N. C. Term expires April 11, 1913.

J. W. Nelson, Marshall, N. C. Term expires April 25, 1912.
Roy L. Outger, Marshall, N. C. Term expires May 5, 1913.
Geo. M. Pritchard, Marshall, N. C. Term expires May 25, 1912.
Dudley Chipley, Marshall, N. C. Term expires July 25, 1912.
W. C. Connor, Mars Hill, N. C. Term expires November 27, 1912.

POST.
George W. Oshagan Post, No. 25
G. A. H.
J. H. Davis, Commissioner.
J. H. Hubert, Adjutant.

Marshall at the Court House Saturday morning the second Sunday in each month at 11 A. M.

GREAT ADVANCES
BY THE FARMERS

ANNUAL FARM PRODUCTION IS
DOUBLED DURING SECRETARY
WILSON'S TERM.

1912 WAS PROSPEROUS YEAR

During Past 16 Years Farmers Have
Added \$155,000,000 to
Wealth of Nation

Washington.—After sixteen years, a record of service in the cabinet. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has submitted to President Taft the last annual report he will make as head of the United States department of agriculture. The report is more than a review of the past year's work; it contains summary of the agricultural advance of the country during the venerable secretary's term of public service.

"The record of sixteen years has been written," he says. "It begins with a yearly farm production of \$4,000,000,000, and ends with \$9,532,000,000. Sixteen years ago the farmer was a joke of the caricaturist; now he is like the stone that is rejected by the builder and has become the headstone of the corner." The tillers of the soil were burdened with debts, he adds, "but prosperity followed and grew with unexampled speed. Beginnings have been made in a production per acre, increasing faster than the natural increase of population. There has been an uplift of agriculture and of country life."

"During the past sixteen years the farmer has steadily increased the wealth production year by year, with the exception of 1911. During the sixteen years the farmers' wealth production increased 141 per cent.

"Most productive of all agricultural years in the country has been 1912. The earth has produced its greatest annual dividend. The sun and the rain and the fertility of the soil heeded not the human controversies, but kept on working in co-operation with the farmers' efforts to utilize them. The prices at the farm are generally profitable, and will continue the prosperity that farmers have enjoyed in recent years. The total production of farm wealth is the highest yet reached by half a billion dollars. The grand total for 1912 is estimated to be \$9,532,000,000. This is more than twice the value of the farm wealth in 1896."

More than \$105,000,000,000 is the grand total of farm wealth production, the report says, during the past sixteen years, an amount equal to about three-quarters of the present national wealth.

EXPERTS SHOULD RUN CITIES

is Recommendation of Civil Service
Reform League.

Milwaukee, Wis.—That the operating departments of a city government should be manned by a force selected and retained solely because of competence, was a suggestion contained in the joint committee report of the National Municipal League and the National Civil Service Reform League, presented at the annual meeting.

At the head of each such department, the report said, should be an expert who holds his position without reference to exigencies of partisan politics.

Wisconsin's experience under the civil service was related by Frank E. Doty. He said the Wisconsin commission sought to combine the best methods of the schools and of men of business, and by combining them, to reduce the percentage of error.

Train Attacked by Rebels.
El Paso, Texas.—Rebel groups under Gen. Pascual Orozco, Jr., Marcolito Caraveo and Antonio Rojas have combined along the Mexican Central railway midway between Chihuahua City and Juarez, making a command of more than one thousand men led by General Orozco. This forms a much larger mobile force than is possessed by the federals in Chihuahua state. In addition to reporting this, the report says that they attacked the northbound Mexican Central passenger train below Gallegos.

Web Stung.
Mobile, Ala.—Dangling from the limb of a tree the body of Asariah Curtis, a young negro, was found at Butler, Ala., as mute evidence that the murderer of B. B. Bush, a planter who was shot to death, had been avenged. Curtis confessed that he and two other negroes killed Mr. Bush while they were lying in wait for two men whom they intended robbing. According to the negro's confession the highway men were waiting for Tax Collector T. H. Bennett and J. F. Howington, who had large sums of money.

American Woman Becoming Buddhist.
Chicago.—Alarm at the growth of Buddhism on the Pacific coast is expressed in the report of the home missions committee at the federal council of the Churches of Christ submitted. "One of the most startling facts, confirmed by investigation, is that Buddhism in Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles is aggressively propagating itself from these centers," says the report. Buddhist societies have been erected in which entitled priests administer the rites and ceremonies of their religion.

THOMAS STERLING



Thomas Sterling, the newly elected senator from South Dakota, is a lawyer and lives in Vermillion. He was born in Ohio and admitted to the bar in Illinois. He went to Dakota when it was a territory and was a member of the constitutional convention of the state. He has been a member of the legislature, but has held no other public office.

MERGER DECLARED ILLEGAL

SUPREME COURT SHATTERS THE
UNION-SOUTHERN PACIFIC
MERGER.

Immediate Dissolution Ordered Even
If It Should Involve Receiver-
ship for Properties.

Washington.—Edward H. Harriman's great railroad combination, effected after his titanic struggle with James J. Hill, by which he acquired control of the Southern Pacific railway system, was declared illegal by the Supreme court.

In a notable decision the court held that the crowning event of Mr. Harriman's life was an act which the Sherman anti-trust law declares an illegal restraint of trade.

The great Harriman merger was created when the Union Pacific Railroad company bought 46 per cent of the stock of the Southern Pacific railway system, and this was split asunder by the Supreme court of the United States as a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. Then with the end of the merger before it, the court sent forth its portentous declaration that "while the law may not be able to enforce competition, it can reach combinations which render competition impracticable."

Justice Day announced that unanimous opinion of the court. Judge Vandevanter took no part in the consideration of the case, but his personal finding when he was a judge of the Utah circuit court, to the effect that the two roads were not competitors and therefore no violation of the law had resulted from the purchase, was reversed and annulled. Instead of following the reasoning of Justice Vandevanter and Judges Sanborn and Adams, the court, in substance, approved the minority holding of Judge Hook that it was just as much a violation of the law for one road to buy the controlling stock of a competitor as it was for a holding company, as in the Northern Securities case, to buy the controlling stock of two competing companies.

The circuit court for the district of Utah was directed to supervise the separation of the two roads.

New Orleans Adopt Commission Rule.
New Orleans.—The commission form of municipal government has been inaugurated in New Orleans. Martha Behrman, mayor for the past eight years, was sworn in for another four-year term. Under the new form of government the mayor is also "commissioner of public affairs." Four other commissioners complete the organization: Adolph G. Ricka, W. B. Thompson, Harold W. Newman and Edward E. LaFay, commissioners, respectively, of finance, public utilities, public safety and public property.

Burned the Jail and Themselves.
Crawley, La.—William Collier of Los Angeles and an unknown companion were burned to death in the local jail after they had started the flames in the hope of making their escape. Collier, also a prisoner, was seriously burned. Collier and the unknown prisoner were being held on a minor charge. According to reports the two men started the fire because they both were tired of their life in their cell, which they charged would have been their end.

GOVERNORS FORM
PERMANENT BODY

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION IS
FORMED OF THE GOVERNORS
OF THE STATES.

ISSUE PUBLIC STATEMENT

Yearly Meetings Are to Be Held by
Executives for Exchange
of Views.

Richmond, Va.—Permanent organization of the governors of the various states of the United States in an association to be known as "The Governors' Conference," was effected here at the annual conference of the state executives.

Annual meetings of the organization will be held. Its active members will embrace the governors and governors-elect of the various states. Ex-governors will be admitted to the conference as honorary members, with all privileges of the organization except the right to vote.

Colorado Springs, Col., was selected as the place of meeting for the conference next year. The date of the meeting, which probably will be earlier than December, will be decided upon later.

In announcing the formation of a permanent association, the governors attending the meeting here made public the following statement concerning the purpose of the conference:

"The functions of the governors' conference shall be to meet yearly for an exchange of views and experiences on subjects of the several states, the promotion of greater uniformity in state legislation and the attainment of greater efficiency in state administration."

PANIC CHARGED TO U. S.

By Secretary MacVeagh in Annual
Report to Congress.

Washington.—Strongly urging radical reform of the "unreasoned and unscientific" banking and currency system of the United States, Frank J. MacVeagh, secretary of the treasury, freely warns congress in his annual report submitted that the Federal government, as long as the present scheme exists, will be exclusively responsible for the commercial, industrial and social disasters which flow from panics and attack, directly or indirectly, every home in the nation.

The present system promotes and develops panics and legislation is urgent, declared Mr. MacVeagh, in outlining his idea of the necessary general provisions of an adequate relief measure. Aside from affording flexible and elastic currency and reserves such a revision, he says, should bring the banks into organized cooperation and provide for a central agency through which they could work together, free of political or trust control.

According to the estimates of the treasury department, the secretary foresees a deficit of \$2,556,023, exclusive of Panama canal expenditures, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914, the first fiscal year of President Wilson's administration. Including the canal expenses the deficit is estimated at \$2,780,455. The canal expenditures, he adds, however, may be paid under the law from bond sales. The estimated receipts for that year are \$710,000,000, while the ordinary appropriations are estimated at \$732,556,023, and the canal expenditures at \$30,174,432.

Cost \$1,159,446 to Elect Wilson.
Washington.—It cost the Democratic national committee \$1,159,446 to carry the election for Wilson and Marshall, according to its final statement of contributions and expenses filed with the house. Charles R. Crane of Chicago was the heaviest contributor, with \$40,000, closely pressed by Cleveland H. Dodge, of New York, \$35,000, and Herman Ridder of New York, as treasurer of the funds collected for the committee, \$30,073. The total of \$1,110,952 contributions received by the committee came from 9,854 separate contributions, of which all but 1,633 were in amounts less than \$100.

Use of the Torch by N. Y. Firebugs.
New York.—"Of forty fires a day in this city one-fourth are set with fraud as a purpose," declared Fire Commissioner Johnson in defending his fire prevention bureau from attacks made upon it by the factory investigating commission. The commissioner insisted that incendiary fires were a growing menace and that measures to cut down their number were needed. "There are frebug blocks in this city," he added. "There is one in which eighty-three incendiary fires have been set."

Cooks Needed More Than Governors.
Indianapolis, Ind.—"Good cooks are more necessary than governors," said Gov. Thomas B. Marshall in his address on "The Personal Touch" before the local council of women. "I do not think there is any one in this world, aside from my wife, that is more competent than my cook. I don't suppose she would be received at any of the social functions, but she does her work as it should be done. There is not a working woman in this city that is doing more honest work."

EDWARD E. BROWNE



Edward E. Browne is the newly elected congressman from the Eighth district of Wisconsin. His home is in Waupaca.

50,000 PELLAGRA VICTIMS

SYMPTOMS OF THE DISEASE ARE
BECOMING MUCH LESS
SEVERE.

But the Commission Has Not Discov-
ered the Origin of the
Aliment.

New York.—After four and a half months studying pellagra in South Carolina, the Thompson-MacFadden pellagra commission reported that while its data on the epidemiology of the disease was the most complete ever obtained, the mystery enveloping the origin of the ailment has not been dispelled. It will take months to get the details into such shape that anything like a logical conclusion may be drawn and the probability is that the cause cannot be positively determined without further exhaustive investigation.

The commission has expended only half of the fund of \$15,000 donated by Col. Robert M. Thompson and John H. MacFadden of Philadelphia. For this reason a second expedition will be sent to the same locality next spring. These general facts were obtained:

It is certain that exclusive of the cases that have proved fatal there are at present 50,000 persons in the South afflicted with pellagra. The symptoms of the disease are becoming less severe, but the number of cases is not decreasing. The ailment which formerly was almost exclusively confined to the poorer classes, probably on account of their generally unfortunate surroundings, is spreading more and more among those who are prosperous.

EIGHT PERSONS ARE KILLED

When an Engine Ploughs into Rear
Coach of Passenger Train.

Zanesville, Ohio.—Eight lives were sacrificed and five persons are not expected to live as a result of a wreck on the Pennsylvania railroad near Dresden, Ohio. Four persons were killed outright and four died soon after the crash in a hospital. The casualties occurred in the rear coach of a passenger train ploughed through, reducing the car and its occupants into a tangled mass of broken bodies and steel and timber.

A Cincinnati and Muskingum Valley train was following a Cleveland, Akron and Columbus division passenger on the single track between Trinway and Zanesville. The engine of the latter broke down and a trainman was sent to flag the Cincinnati, Muskingum Valley train, but the latter was too close.

Honeymoon Pair Saved by Wilson.
Hamilton, Bermuda.—President-elect Woodrow Wilson was a principal in a "first aid" case. He rescued a honeymoon couple who fell from their bicycles in front of his house. The bride was slightly injured and one of Mr. Wilson's daughters assisting in bathing her wounds. Governor Wilson heard the first tariff discussion since his election as president of the United States. He visited the Bermuda parliament, where he was cheered and sat among the members for three hours.

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THE STATE BOARD
MAKES REPORT

COMPLETES CANVASS AND TURNS
IT OVER TO THE SECRETARY
OF STATE.

THE OFFICIAL REPORT GIVEN

State Treasurer Lacy Led the Demo-
cratic Ticket—Woodrow Wilson
Received 144,507; Roosevelt 83,130
and Taft 28,175.

Richmond, Va.—The state board of elections completed its canvass of the election returns and turned the official figures over to the secretary of state.

The returns for state officers show that State Treasurer H. R. Lacy led the Democratic ticket with 150,108; Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes received 150,093; Col. W. P. Wood, state auditor, received 150,056; Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. Y. Joyner, 149,957; Attorney General Bickett, 150,069; Commissioner of Labor and Printing Shipman, 149,929; Commissioner of Agriculture Graham, 149,998; Commissioner of Insurance James H. Young, 149,962; Lieutenant Governor Daughtridge, Democrat, received 149,779; Caskill, Taft Republican, 42,400, and Greene, Bull Moose, 51,371; D. L. Gore, Bull Moose candidate for state treasurer, received 51,478.

There was only a very slight difference in the votes for other defeated candidates for state offices.

The vote for governor follows: Craig, 149,975; Meares, 49,930; Settle, 43,625. Craig's majority over Meares and Settle is 56,420 and the total vote for Meares and Settle 93,555.

The returns for presidential vote show that Woodrow Wilson received 144,507; Roosevelt, 83,130 and Taft 28,175. Wilson's majority is 46,302 and total vote for Taft and Roosevelt, 93,305.

Beaufort Fair Association.
The Beaufort County Agricultural Fair Association, incorporated, was formally organized in Washington with an authorized capital stock of \$50,000 with \$5,000 paid in. The incorporators are Dr. Joshua Taylor, Dr. D. T. Taylor, Jesse L. Warren and George Hackney, Jr., and Capt. Geo. T. Leach. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. Joshua Taylor; secretary, Jesse L. Warren; treasurer, Geo. Hackney, Jr. The purposes of this organization is to establish and maintain fair grounds for agriculture, manufacturing industries, live stock, forestry, horticulture and other like exhibits, to establish race tracks for the exhibition of speed contests with automobiles, horses and bicycles.

Little Change Among Officers.
There was little change among the county officers at Warrenton, which met to take the oath of office. R. E. Davis was sworn in as county commissioner in place of Mr. J. T. Mills who has served the county for several terms and did not stand for re-election. All other officers were re-elected. P. M. Stallings, who has served as chairman of the board of county commissioners for several terms, was re-elected to that position. S. G. Daniel, who has served the board for several terms as county attorney was unanimously elected for another term.

Bonds Must Be Taxed.
An opinion of widespread interest in the list delivered by the supreme court is that in Drainage Commissioners vs. Webb, from Duplin county. In this the court holds that an act exempting the bonds of a drainage company from taxation is invalid. The opinion states that the constitution requires all property to be taxed ad valorem, except the property of the state, counties and municipalities and a drainage company is not a municipality; besides, the bonds are not the property of the party that issues them.

Gaston Officers On Salary Basis.
Beginning January 1, 1913, Gaston county's officers will go on a salary basis and the expectation is that the new scheme will prove of benefit to the county financially. Heretofore the officers have received their pay in fees and all of them have been getting more than good salaries under that arrangement. The salaries to be paid are as follows: Sheriff, \$2,000; clerk of the court, \$2,000, with \$300 for clerk hire; register of deeds, \$1,800 with \$600 for clerk hire; treasurer \$1,200 and jailer, \$50 per month.

N. C. Postoffice Appointments.
The following postoffice appointments for North Carolina were sent to the senate by President Taft: James W. Ingle, Elou College; Harry T. Scarborough, Mount Gilsead; James McN. Johnson, Aberdeen; Walter C. Brisson, Belhaven; Thomas H. Dickens, Edfield; William P. Edwards, Frankfort; James E. Smith, Kittrell; W. Eugene Miller, Lenoir; Walter B. Evershagen, Newton; Thomas C. Smith, Rutherfordton; Lucie E. Pickett, West Duplin; William D. Deal, Taylorsville; John S. Simpson, Vidant.

Wilson County Officers Sworn In.
The newly elected officials of Wilson county were sworn in by the clerk of the superior court and gave bonds in the following sum: Howard M. Rowe, sheriff, \$105,000; John S. Thompson, treasurer, \$60,000; John P. Diddy, register of deeds, \$10,000; Golden Walston, constable Wilson township; N. F. Lucas, constable Cross Roads township, and John D. Mercer (appointed in place of Larry D. Mercer, who failed to qualify, \$1,000 each.

Durham County Commissioners.
The new board of Durham county commissioners were sworn in, the following taking the oath of office: J. T. Rogers, G. W. Flowers, Maynard Mangum, J. G. Nichols and A. B. Barber. Mr. Mangum was the only member of the old board, who was re-elected to the new board, only two other members of the old board being candidates for the combination in the Democratic primary: J. T. Rogers was elected chairman and the board proceeded with the regular business of passing on accounts.

Charlotte Fair Association.
The annual meeting of the Charlotte Fair Association was held in the assembly room of the Selwyn Hotel. The stockholders named the following directors for the coming year: Messrs. A. L. Smith, J. A. Henderson, J. E. Thomas, J. A. Berryhill, H. B. Moore, J. O. Gardner and C. D. Smith. After the meeting the directors' officers met and voted on the following officers: C. C. Wynn, president; J. O. Gardner, secretary; J. E. Thomas, treasurer; J. A. Berryhill, clerk.

THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Receipts For the Year \$213,226.75—
Cotton Crop Same as That of
1910, Corn 20 Per Cent Less.

Raleigh.—The state board of agriculture devoted its first session to hearing the annual report of Commissioner Graham, which showed receipts for the year aggregating \$213,226.75, of which \$139,141 was from fertilizer tags; 27,198 from C. S. M. tags, \$23,722 from feed stamps, \$6,198 from serum, \$12,503 from test farms and amounts of \$1,000 and less, each from other sources. The treasurer's balance is \$3,700. The report carries no statements as to the oil inspection receipts. However, the report, in reviewing work of divisions, states that the legislature will probably consider the matter of reducing the tax.

The commissioner estimates the cotton crop at about the same as the 1910 crop, and the corn crop 20 per cent less; wheat about the same, but not as good quality; oats and potatoes fine and hay much above the average. He says important farm supplies fell off, happily, from \$60,000,000 in 1909, to less than \$40,000,000 in 1911. The tobacco crop was good, and prices the best in several years; there was a gain of 33,392 in number of hogs; cattle fell off 2,000 and sheep 9,000, according to tax returns.

The commissioner recommends the employment of an additional veterinarian. It was found necessary to raise the salary of State Horticulturist W. M. Hull to \$2,750, without the authority of the board, in order to prevent his accepting an offer from Canada.

Over 600 farmers' institutes were held, every county except Dare having been favored. Each of the divisions of the department came in for review, analysis of fertilizers, soil survey, animal industry, entomology, horticulture, inspection of foods and feeds, farmers' institutes and demonstrations, botany, agronomy, the museum and test farms.

There are now more than 20 district and county fairs in the state, and Commissioner Graham commended the results obtained by the department in giving aid to these institutes.

Pardons One, Commutes Two.
Governor Kitchin pardoned one offender and commuted two, the crimes being manslaughter, burglary and larceny. He goes slightly into the history of one of the cases, the most interesting of the three cases being that of Will Setzer, alias Will Frazier, of Catawba county, who was serving a life sentence for burglary. Setzer went to the penitentiary in the spring of 1901. Governor Kitchin says this of his record: Prisoner and three others were guilty of second degree burglary. One who was used as a witness was sentenced to two years and the others to ten years each, while Setzer owing to his record was given a life sentence. Prisoner was then about twenty years old. He has served nearly twelve years with a good record. The solicitor and many other citizens ask for his pardon. I commute prisoner's sentence to a term of twenty years on condition that he always remain lawabiding.

Report of Registrar of University.
Of much interest to North Carolinians each year is the annual report of the registrar of the University of North Carolina, setting forth a general statistical survey of the 500 or more students of the institution with reference to the counties that they represent, the per cent of students from the state, occupations of the parents of the students, and the religious affiliations of the students, etc. The total enrollment in all departments for the session of 1912-13 is 516.

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The annual meeting of the Charlotte Fair Association was held in the assembly room of the Selwyn Hotel. The stockholders named the following directors for the coming year: Messrs. A. L. Smith, J. A. Henderson, J. E. Thomas, J. A. Berryhill, H. B. Moore, J. O. Gardner and C. D. Smith. After the meeting the directors' officers met and voted on the following officers: C. C. Wynn, president; J. O. Gardner, secretary; J. E. Thomas, treasurer; J. A. Berryhill, clerk.

Wilson County Officers Sworn In.
The newly elected officials of Wilson county were sworn in by the clerk of the superior court and gave bonds in the following sum: Howard M. Rowe, sheriff, \$105,000; John S. Thompson, treasurer, \$60,000; John P. Diddy, register of deeds, \$10,000; Golden Walston, constable Wilson township; N. F. Lucas, constable Cross Roads township, and John D. Mercer (appointed in place of Larry D. Mercer, who failed to qualify, \$1,000 each.

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