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## Directory.

Betablished by the Legislature See sion 1859-'51. Population, 20,132. County Seat, Marshall.

New and modern Court House, cost New and modern fall, cost \$15,000.00

New and modern County Home, cost \$10,000,00.

Hon. Jas. L. Hyatt, Senator, 33 District, Burnsville, N. C. Hon. J. C. Ramsey, Representative Marshall, N. C.

W. H. Henderson, Clehk 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, R. L. Tweed, Surveyor, White Rock,

Dr. J. H. Baird, Coroner, Mars Hill,

N. C. Mrs. Eliza Henderson, Jallor, Marshall, N. C. John Honeycutt, Janitor, Marshall,

Dr. C. N. Sprinkle, County Physician, Marshall, N. C. James Haynie, Supt. County Home,

Marshall, N. C. Home located about two miles south west of Marshall.

Courts Criminal and Civil, First Monday before First Monday in March, Commencing Feb. 26th, 1912. Civil 11th, Monday after First Mon-

day in March, commences May 20. Criminal and Civil, First Monday after First Monday in Sept. Com-

mences Sept. 9th, 1912. Civil 6th Monday after First Monday in September. Commences Octo

BOARDS. County Commissioners. W. C. Sprinkle, Chairman, Marshall,

C. F. Cassada, Member, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1. Reubin A. Tweed, Member, Big C. B. Mashburn, Atty, Marshall,

Board meets first Monday in every month. Road Commissioners.

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. to M. Pritchard, Atty., Marshall,

Board meets first Monday in January, April, July and October each year Board of Education. Jasper Ebbs, Chairman, Spring

Thos. J. Murray, Member, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3.

W. R. Sams, Marshall, N. C., R. F. Prof. M. C. Buckner, Supt.

Schools, Mars Hill, N. C., R. F. D.

ary, April, July and October each year Colleges and High Schools.

Mars Hill College, Prof. R. L. Moore,
President, Mars Hill, N. C. Fall Term egins August 17, 1911. Spring Term

begins January 2, 1912. ring Creek High School. Prof. d. C. Brown, Principal, Spring Creek, N. C. 8 Mo. School opened August

Prof J. M. Weatherly, Principal, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, 7 Mo. School began Gotober 2, 1911.

Bell Institute. Miss Margaret E. Griffith, Principal, Walnut, N. C., 8 Mo. School began September 9, 1911.

Marshall Academy, Prof. R. G. Anders, Principal, Marshall, N. C., 6

Mc. 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.

A. J. Roberts, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 5, Term expires May 30, 1512
Fasper Ebbs, Spring Creek, N. C. Term expires August 10, 1812.
C. C. Brown, Bluff, N. C. Term expires December 6, 1912.
J. A. Leak, Revere, N. C. Term expires January 16, 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 8, 1913.
J. H. Hunter, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, Term expires April 1, 1917.

C. J. EDDS. MATSHAII, N. C. Term replres April 21, 1913. J. W. Nelson, Marshall, N. C. Term apires April 15, 1913. Roy L. Gudger, Marshall, N. C.

GENERAL ALSO RECOMMENDS LAWS FOR ELIMINATING UNFIT OFFICERS.

ISSUES HIS ANNUAL REPORT

Advises Concentration at Strategic Points and Transfer of Staff Corps to the Line.

Washington,-Restoration of the army canteen and enactment of legislation for the elimination from the United States army of unfit officers, are among the principal recommen-dations of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, chief of staff, in his annual report. General Wood likewise recommends the concentration of the army on strategic lines, and in areas where it can be more economically maintained, and would transfer all the personnel of the staff corps-excepting engineers, medical officers and chaplains—to the line, increasing accordingly the number of the general officers and line officers in the dif-

ferent grades. The transfer of the personnel of staff of corps to the line, in General Wood's opinion, "will terminate the constant struggle between line and staff, a struggle which is as old as the army, and one which promises to continue. There would be no interference with promotion, nor would the members of the present staff corps lose any of their present advantages, There will be more co-operation and greater efficiency. Discussing means for the elimina-

tion of unfit officers, the chief of staff says: "The full efficiency of an organiza-

tion of men cannot be secured without a system by which the merits of the individuals shall have some effect upon their advancement.

"The army has long suffered from the lack of such a system," the gen eral continues. "Up to the grade of colonel promotion is entirely by senority in each branch, and there is no making him a general officer, Conservative opposition is most to be looked for in the army, where there is fealous fear of the effects of favor itism, but this would disappear under self, which surely is worthy of tor Knabe's estate, explained trust by lodging it with boards of kimono was found in her apartment sonally affected by their decisions, and sworn to act in accordance with the best interests of the service.

## SENATOR JEFF DAVIS DEAD

Death Claims Noted Arkansan at His Home in Little Rock.

Little Rock, Ark.-United States Senator Jeffries Davis died suddenly of apoplexy at his home here, aged BURNS RECORDS: KILLS SELF

He was born in Little River county, Arkansas, in 1862, and was admitted to the bar when he was nineteen years of age. He was elected governor of Arkansas three times, be-

have expired March 4 next. Senator money trust

He was married in 1911 to Miss fore that time he was a widower with three sons and four daughters. The senator was christened Jeffries Davis, but used the name Jeff because

contemptuous of the traditions senate, and delighted to tram ple upon its most cherished ideals. His entrance into that august body ing every unwritten law of the sen-ate he could think of in delivering it.

Auto Bandits Rob Store Chicago.—Four automobile bandita smashed in a jewelery store window here and sscaped with a tray of diamonds after a running revolver fight with police. Their escape was aided by a fashionably-dressed woman who apparently fainted into the arms of apparently familied has the arms of a policeman as he started to draw his revolver. As soon as the thieves were out of sight the woman recovered herself and disappeared. The men abandoned their automobile, which had been stolen just before the



JEFFERSON DAVIS. United States Senator from Arkansas

## HELD FOR WOMAN'S MURDER

WOMAN PHYSICIAN URGED WED-DING AND HER DEATH SOON FOLLOWED.

Undertaker Ragedale Accused of Con cealing Crime-Death of Helene Knabe Long a Mystery.

Indianapolis/ Ind .- Dr. William B Craig, president of a veterinary college, who, with Alonzo M. Ragsdale, an undertaker, was indicted in con nection with the murder of Dr. Hel ene Knabe on October 23, 1911, appeared in criminal court and was re leased under \$15,000 bond. Ragsdale was in Columbus, Ind., but probably will appear in court and give bond Craig was indicted for murder and Ragsdale as an accessory after the fact, being charged with having concealed evidence after the murder was committed.

The police, after a lengthy examina tion at the time of the murder, re ported that Doctor Knabe died by her own hand and dropped the case. Coroner Durham, however, who examined many witnessese at his inquest, returned a verdict that the woman was murdered by persons unknown,

Ragsdale's indictment came as surprise. His name was not used in the case until a short time ago, when he was ordered by the grand jury had been accustomed to wear when answering professional calls at her door late at night, A piece was cut from the hem of the garment, and it is declared chemical analysis showand left in his shop along with sever-al other things of Doctor Knabe's effects which were of little or no val-The detectives' report declared

that the sworn statements of Augus ta Knabe, the doctor's sister; Kath erine McPherson, the office girl, and Coroner Durham showed that the kimono was not in the room when the body was found.

Thomas Nall, Griffin Official, Life With Bullet.

Griffin, Ga .- Following the disclosbooks and other records for the past ing the only man who ever attained thirteen years were found to be missing on the day following the funeral In 1907 he was elected to the Unit of Thomas Nall, aged 74 years, and ed States senate, and his term would for thirty-eight years city clerk and treasurer of Griffin, came the start-Davis aroused the senate on numer ling announcement that Nall had died ous occasions by his verbal attacks, by his own hand and not by apo-most of them being made against the plexy, as had at first been given out. A searching investigation of what little remains of the city's records is

The city council finance committee side. Dayls, but used the name Jeff because part of the records were burned by of his admiration for the head of the before he blew out his brains. Why are now trying to solve. They can think of but two reasons—a possible shortage which the aged clerk wished to carry with him as a secret to the books examined and a new system affairs of his office honestly and sue cesafully all these years.

> London.—After a fortnight of spar-ring and feinting, Turkey has finally shown her hand in the peace conferers is the Ottoman scheme for emerging from the war with the best pac he nation and for the plenty from the porte. Then Rechad came to the point to which the ams had been leading up to.

HANDS OF SEVEN THOUSAND PEOPLE SHAKEN BY THE PRESIDENT.

TWO INDIANS DIVIDE HONORS

ast New Year Reception of President Attracted a Great Crowd.

Washington -- President Taft's last New Years reception at the white house attracted one of the greatest crowds that has ever gathered at the executive mansion. Clear skies and late fall weather brought out the gen eral public in extraordinary numbers and a new record for attendance of private citizens probably was estab lished. Surrounded by his family, members of his cabinet and a distinguished company, the president re-ceived officials and citizens of high and low degree, and when the last caller had been greeted Mr. Taft had shaken hands with more than seven thousand persons.

The reception began shortly before noon, members of the cabinet and the diplomatic corps being received first Next were the justices of the United States Supreme court and other Fed eral courts. United States ambassa dors and ministers, senators and rep resentatives, army and navy officers, a long line of other officials and members of military societies and othe organizations. Then came the pub-

Ambassador James Bryce, attending his last New Year's reception at the white house, as he soon leaves his post, was one of the centers of atten tion and shared more than usual no tice with several other members of the diplomatic corps attending their first function of the kind.

Admiral Dewey drove to the white house in his carriage and did not arrive with the other navy officers, who marched to the mansion in a body from the navy department.

Once during the course of the re eption President pat himself was way under the law by which an officer, no matter what his merit, can be
advanced a single number except by

he was ordered by the grand jury ception President at himself was

to produce before it a silk kimono, momentarily retired as the center of
which it was known to war when the state of
head here accountered to war when Kilekitat Indiana from the state of Klickitat Indians from the state of Washington marched up to greet him. One chief, wearing patent leather bed room suppers and a modern suit, topped off by a blazing red bandanna, the influence of a proposition of law ed it to have been stained by human and the other wrapped in a huge bufblood, and that it had been washed falo robe shook hands with the presto place the selection where they be in a strong chemical solution. Rags ident and then in the east room had to the government, and the banks self, which surely is worthy of the dale, who was administrator of Doc- an impromptu reception of their own.

## SULZER BREAKS PRECEDENT

Takes Oath Without Usual Pomp Marking Inauguration.

Albany, N. Y .- Precedents of years' standing were ignored and others created during the inauguration of William Sulzer as Democratic governor of the Empire State.

All the pomp and display usually neident to such occasions were lacking; this at the governor's own re quest. There was no military demonstrations; no governor's salute of 19 guns; no parade; nothing to feaure that the city's important tax ture the induction into ffice of the state's chief executive, except a notable gathering of prominent people and the carrying out of the procedure provided by the constitution.

The new governor insisted upon walking from the executive mansion to the capitol, refusing to ride in a carriage which had been provided. At had disposed of three herds of bulls. ter the ceremonies he inaugurated a He then started for home with the new feature by appearing on the front steps of the capitol and adcella Carter of Little Rock, Ark. Be now being made behind closed doors dressing the thousands who were un-tore that time he was a widower in the city hall by expert auditors, able to witness the ceremonies inable to witness the ceremonies in men,

> tional oath of office in the lavishly decorated assembly chamber.

In his inaugural address the ne he did this is a puzzle the auditors executive pledged "an honest and efficient and economic and businesslike administration, and was greeted with prolonged applause when he

by what I do hereafter.'

Over 200,000 Men in Militia. Washington.-The strength of the at the time of the last annual inspecannual report made public. He finds ever before. The infantry of the organized militia consists of 5,216 offi-cers and 91,267 enlisted men.

Earthquake in Carolinarian partenburg, S. C.—An earthqual afficient violence to cause a nur afficient violence to cause a nur afficient violence to cause a nur afficient violence to cause a nur



JOSEPH W. BAILEY. United States Senator from Texas Who Resigned His Seat in Senate.

## TREASURY CHANGES MADE

NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL GO INTO EFFECT FEBRUARY FIRST.

Secretary MacVeagh Thinks Changes Will Lessen Interference With Country's Business.

Washington.-Secretary MacVeagh ordered a revolutionary change in the business methods of the treasury department in handling the income and expenditures of the government, which is expected to lessen interference by the treasury with the fiscal operations of the country, make the government deposits in United States depositories more active and obviate the payment of exchange on government cheques.

Effective February 1, accounts of the Federal disbursing officers will be placed with the treasurer, and all disbursing officers' cheques drawn on that official may be cashed by any national bank designated as a United States depository. Banks making such payments may immediately replenish the specified account from Federal customs or internal revenue receipts daily deposited. The banks thus will forward to the subtreasuries only the excess of receipts over expenditures. If the expenditures are greater than the receipts, the subtreasuries will supply the deficiency In this manner, it is explained, much of the government's business will be transacted without the actual use of currency. It will be an extension of the clearing house principle

will check expenditures against rewith the treasury. ceipts which are turned into the subtreasuries, under the existing sys; tem, must be converted into actual money before they can be paid out on cheques of disbursing officers. The new scheme will obviate this cumbersome method of withdrawing money

only to pay it out into circulation

Smugglers Kill Comboys. Valenca-do-Minho, Portugal.-Nine cowboys were killed and fourteen severely wounded in a desperate battle on the Spanish frontier with a band of smugglers, who, by the daring and fierceness of their attack, routed the herdsmen and captured \$90,000 cash, the proceeds of sales of cattle Jose Murilhaes, one of the best known cattle breeders in the prov-Ince of Minho, has been for several weeks passing from fair to fair, and Portuguese equivalent of \$90,000 in bank notes and cash with him. He was guarded by forty of his herds-

Fight Begun on Levees. Memphis, Tenn.-Suit to enjoin the Mississippi river commission and levee board of different states bordering on the Mississippi river ouilding and maintaining levees was filed in the local Federal court here. Simultaneously similar were entered in the Federal counts at "The people know that an ounce of St. Louis; Helena, Ark:; Clarksdale, erformance is worth a ton of prom- Miss., and New Orleans. The bill se, and they will judge my admin-stration not by what I say now, but granted will do away with the river commission and various levee boards.

Miami, Fla.-The mysterious murder of two Italians named Rosani and Spenelli, on Grass Key, in April, 1910, tion was 9,142 officers and 112,710 was cleared up by the confession of enlisted men, an increase of 3,864, says Brig. Gen. A. L. Mills, chief of according to dispatches. Bridger was the division of militia affairs, in his arrested in Georgia as an alleged deserter from the army, following the uniformed and equipped, better in in Miami last spring. He stated that structed and better officered than the Italians were assisting hi min disposing of counterfelt money when a ispute arose, in which he knocked them both in the head.

Chicago.—There will be no band of uffragists marching behind Presi-

# DIVIDED FEELING

lote Liborian

SENATORS EXPRESS DIFFERENT VIEWS REGARDING PRESI-DENT'S DECLARATION.

THE TREATY BINDING?

me Members of Committee Think So-Others Say That the Monroe Doctrine Forbids Calling in Tribunal .- Matter Thoroughly Discussed.

Washington.-President Taft's declaration that he intends the Panama Canal controversy with Great Britain shall be submitted to arbitration "as soon as we get down to the point at issue," again brought out the sharp division that exists in the Senate over the obligation of the United States under the arbitration treaty.

Senator Bacon, the leading Democratic member of the Foreign Relations Committee; Senator Hitchcock, Democratic member of that committee, and other prominent members of the Senate expressed their conviction that the United States was bound by its treaty with Great Britain to submit to arbitration. Senator Root holds the same view. Senator Sutherland has previously expressed the belief that the subject is a domestic one and not one the United States is compelled to arbitrate.

Senator Bacon, in a statement based on President Taft's announcement, suggested that the United States, if it submitted to arbitration, could properly ask for a special tribunal so constituted as to insure an impartial judgment.

"I think the question Great Britain raises," said Senator Bacon, "is one that arises upon the interpretation of the Hay Pounceforte treaty; and we have a treaty with Great Britain which specifically provides that we will submit to arbitration any question growing out of the itnerpretation of treatles; provided they do not affect the vital interests, the independence or the honor of the two contracting states, and do not concern the interests of third parties.

"The question of free tolls for our coastwise vessels does not affect the vital interests of the United States and does not fall within either of the other exceptions. 'Vital interests' means something affecting the life of celpts and then make the settlements the Nation. I voted against the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, because I thought All cheques in payment of custores it did bind us to do what Great Britain and in connection with revenue re- now claims the treaty requires us to do and I was unwilling for the United States to be bound in that way,

> Union Officials Secure Ball Indianapolis, Ind .- As an immediate step toward procuring bail for the 32 members of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers now in the Leavenworth prison, J. E. McClory, acting secretary treasurer of the union, departed for Leavenworth taking with him blank bond applications. McClory did not discuss his plans other than to say that he was taking blanks to the prisoners for their signatures.

Rivers and Harbors Appropriation. Washington.-The amount to be carried in the rivers and harbors appropriation bill at this session of Con gress will be decided at a meeting of the House Rivers and Harbors Committee. It has been planned to keep the bill to about \$30,000,000 but pres sure has been brought to increase the amount to \$50,000,000. The National Rivers and Harbors Congress has en dorsed an annual expenditure of \$50, 000,000 for rivers and harbors.

National Rifle Meet Soon Washington.-The National Rifle Association will meet here beginning Thursday to consider arrangements for the target matches to be held at Camp Perry, Ohio, next Summer. The association matches will be held from August 18 to 23; the National matches from August 25 to 29 and the international matches from September

Castro Will Give Bond.

New York .- Gen. Cipriano Castro, former President of Venezuela who has been detained at Ellis Island since his arrival, is willing to give bond that he will obey the orders of a Federal Court while visiting the United States according to an affidavit which he signed. This affidavit will be presented to the Federal Court at not be permitted to enter the country

Arrested at White House.

Washington.—The peculiar action of Anthony Hunt of Chicago, an attorney and a member of the Univer Club of that city, while at the White House in an effort to see Pre Taft caused his arrest by the p He is being beld for examination being beld for the mental condition at the mannent bookled for the house.

### LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

Latest News of General Interest That Has Been Collected From Many Towns and Counties.

Wilson.-Wilson county farm land still brings good prices. Mr. William Daniel has sold 13 acres, located two miles from the town, for \$100 an acre. This land is mostly timbered. The purchaser was Mr. J. T. High and bealso purchased 13 acres from Mr. J. T. Draughn and paid \$1,080 for the

Durham.-During the year that has just closed the Durham recorder's court had 17,157 cases on its docket, 132 more than ever before. than \$2,500 was collected in costs, which paid the expenses of the court and had several hundred dollars lef and contributed \$6,000 to school fund

Salisbury .- Mr. P. B. Beard and Mayor F. M. Thompson have received letters from the secretary of the North Carolina Forestry Association appointing them as delegates from Rowan county to the annual convention which will be held in Raleigh January 15th. They were also requested to appoint five other delegates en

Durham,-Dave Renn, son of Matt Renn, farmer, of Bragtown, died as the result of injuries received in a boiler explosion ten miles east of the city, Renn was working about a saw mill when the boiler exploded. The boiler was blown 150 yards, Renn being very badly hurt, though death was hardly expected. One other man was slightly bruised up, but not seriously injured.

High Point.-One of the most important matters confronting High Point is an adequate safeguard against fire. A reservoir with a capacity of two and a half or three million gallons is agitated by some. Certainly this would relieve to a great extent the city's pumping station. Then a motor steam fire engine, operated by a salaried fire-fighting company, is ac vocated.

Charlotte.-A conference was held between the Mecklenburg Drainage Commission, a committee appointed at the mass meeting held in the interest of drainage and the members of the State Legislature from this county, in an effort to effect legislation that will be fair and satisfactory to all parties concerned in this nature of impro ments. There is a decided opp to the present method of taxation.

Dunn-Public sentment seems to be rapidly crystalizing on the question of having a new county with Dunn as the county seat. Dunn is situated in the corner of Harnett, only a few hundred yards from the corners of Johnston, Sampson and Cumberland, in the South. The section is thickly populated and people have to travel from 18 to 28 miles to get to a court

Raleigh,-Commissioner of Insurance James R. Young has served notice on the Grand Aerie of Eagles, for the United States at Pittsurg Pa to show cause January 10 why the license for the company to do business in North Carolina should not be cancellfor failure to comply with the state insurance laws. There are lodges with large membership and social clubs with social club features in many principal towns,

Kinston.-The Sheriff's office here is working on a case to which a deal of mystery attaches, that of James Quinn a foundryman who was shot on Christmas Eve night in the neighborhood of East and Gordon streets. Quinn main tains that he was fired upon, and the fact that no powder burns, which would have certainly resulted from a shot at close range, were evident up jury was self-inflicted.

Fayetteville.—Suffering from delir ium David A. McAllister, a prominent merchant of Wade, escaped from his bed and after wandering forr mi on the railroad track was struck by an Atlantic Coast Line train and seriously injured. When found beside the track his left lung was puncture He was brought here on the Palmett Limited and taken to the High Hospital, where he is being by Dr. J. V. McGougan, Atlantic Co

Line surgeon. His condition is said to be precarious.

Charlotte.—By rolling up a grand total of \$166,615.98 the Charlotte postoffice in 1912 forged ahead of all its previous records by the neat margin of \$12,319.78. The increase alon would be considered a brink busines by many an ambitious town. The figures for 1911 were \$154,296.20.

Charlotte.—The litigation between the Mecklenburg Mills and the Norfol Southern Railroad as to the price th latter should pay the former for a right-of-way through the mill prin North Charlotte was resume concluded. A decision will be red within two or three days.