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## HON. J. THOMAS HEFLIN



ALABAMA CONGRESSMAN WHO IS TO BE THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT THE STANLEY PICNIC THURSDAY.

Stanley is in readiness to entertain thousands of visitors Thursday, the 31st, at the annual picnic and old soldiers' reunion. There will be accommodations to take care of the crowd. There will be amusement furnished throughout the entire day. From early morning till late at night. At 11 o'clock Hon. J. Thomas Heflin will make an address which will be a gem. The old veterans will be served to a sumptuous free dinner between 12 and 1:30. At 2 o'clock Mr. Walter Raub will make an ascension in a balloon; at 3:30 there will be a league baseball game, and at intervals there will be band concerts of first-class order. At night there will be a dance. In addition to these there will be merry-go-rounds, fairs in abundance, and other attractions.

People going from Gastonia, can take the 8:15 Interurban car to Mt. Holly, and make connection with the Seaboard there, arriving at Stanley about 9:30, and spend the whole day returning via the same route late in the evening. Thursday bids fair to be the biggest day Stanley has ever had.

### HEFLIN ROASTS SUFFRAGETTES.

Fires Broadside into Camp at Washington Church Sunday Night.

Suffragettes and those favoring woman suffrage had best beware as to how they air their views on this subject at Stanley next Thursday when Congressman J. Thomas Heflin is to speak. For it is known that the said Congressman is violently opposed to woman suffrage, as is shown according to the following dispatch of yesterday from Washington:

Headquarters of the National American Woman Suffrage Association seethed with indignation today when officers and members learned that Representative J. Thomas Heflin, of Alabama, their most bitter opponent in congress, had fired another broadside into their camp last night from the pulpit of a local church. In addition to criticizing the "cause" in vigorous terms, Mr. Heflin also gave his definition of suffragists and their male supporters. Here it is:

"Suffragettes—unmarried female fanatics.

"Suffragettes—unhappy and discontented married women.

"Suffragettes—the male suffragette. A feeble minded, suffrotocent creature."

Mr. Heflin explained today that the word "suffrotocent" was his own coinage. After some thought he said he believed that "wooden headed" could be substituted for it without any loss in meaning.

### Death at The Loray.

Mr. Joe L. Walker, died at his home at the Loray Mill Saturday after an illness of some time, aged 38 years. The body was taken through the country to Cherryville Sunday, where the funeral and burial took place.

### An Error.

Under the head of "Extra Specials" in Efrid's page advertisement on page three today there is an error which is chargeable to the linotype and which we hereby correct. The sentence reads "15 cents pericals, new patterns 15 cents," when it should read "5 cent pericals, new patterns, 10 cents." This is one of the attractive specials for Friday, Saturday and Monday and should prove a leader during those days at this popular store.

John J. McKinzie, formerly of Salisbury, but recently employed at Spartanburg as car inspector for the Southern, was killed in the yards at the latter place Saturday while coupling cars.

Get one of The Gazette's dinner sets free. It's easy.

### MAKING IMPROVEMENTS.

Central School Building Being Overhauled and Beautified for the Opening of the Fall Term.

A force of twelve or fifteen workmen have been busy for the past week or more at the Central school building under the supervision of Superintendent Job S. Wray making improvements on the building in the way of plastering and painting with a view to putting the building into first class condition for the opening of the school in September. In several of the class rooms new ivory cement plaster is being put on the overhead ceiling, taking the place of the ordinary plaster which has given much trouble in the past by cracking and falling off. When the work is completed practically all the class rooms, and all the hallways as well, will have overhead ceiling of cement plaster which is perfectly safe. The walls and woodwork in all the hallways and in a number of the rooms are also being painted, which will add very greatly to the attractive appearance of the interior of the building. The painting is being done by a force of painters working under Mr. M. B. Owen.

Additional improvements are contemplated and will be made before the opening of school, all looking toward the end of making the building thoroughly safe, comfortable and attractive in appearance, so that the teaching force may do their work under the most favorable conditions possible. These improvements were authorized by the board of aldermen, and are being made by a committee of which Alderman V. E. Long is chairman.

### EFFRID'S ENLARGING.

Sunday's Charlotte Observer says: Contracts were let yesterday by the Merchants and Farmers' National Bank and the owners of the White property on East Trade street for the erection of a two-story brick building on the ground, 50x90 feet, in the rear of their property with an entrance through to College street. The Charlotte Mercantile Company, jobbers of dry goods, notions and shoes have taken a long lease on this new building. The Charlotte Mercantile Company, a corporation with J. B. Efrid, president and E. L. Efrid, secretary and treasurer, has been doing a jobbing business for several years on the second floor of Efrid's department store and the business has grown so rapidly that it has compelled them to seek more room. In the new building all floors will be used for strictly jobbing purposes and many new lines will be added, together with more road salesmen. This will make them rank as one of the leading dry goods jobbers in the Carolinas.

## ENLARGING LINWOOD

ROOM FOR ABOUT FIFTY MORE GIRLS

Popular Girls' College is Preparing to Increase Its Capacity Nearly Fifty Per Cent—Dormitories Being Remodeled and Enlarged—Putting in Lighting Plant—President Lindsay to Build Residence.

When additions now being constructed to the dormitories at Linwood College are completed that popular school for young ladies will be able to accommodate from 40 to 50 more boarding pupils than it has been able to care for in the past. For the past several years the dormitories have been practically full all the time and some years the college has been unable to take all those who wished to enter because of the lack of room. The capacity has been 125 boarding pupils and this will be increased to 175 for the coming session which begins September 10th. President A. T. Lindsay states that the prospects for the coming scholastic year are very bright and he expects the school to be taxed to its capacity. In addition to enlarging the dormitories additional porches are being constructed, thus affording the young ladies more facilities for exercise and fresh air during rainy weather.

Another addition to the equipment of the college, which is to be completed before school opens, is an electric light plant. The contract for the installation of this plant has been let to the Asbury Company, of Charlotte, and work will probably be commenced on it this week. This will afford electricity for lighting all the buildings and grounds and power to operate the pumps.

President Lindsay has let the contract to Mr. Charles Ormand, of Kings Mountain, for the erection of a handsome nine-room residence for himself. Work is to be commenced on it next Monday. It is to be located on the brow of the hill just west of the spring house and near the new macadam road. It will be completed and ready for occupancy some time in the fall.

Since the construction of a fine road, which is a top-soil road part of the way and macadam most of the way, Linwood has easy access from Gastonia. This is one of the most popular roads in this section for motor cars, many of whom are attracted by the scenery around Crowders Mountain, at the foot of which stand the college buildings.

### PELLAGRA SPREADING.

Disease Increasing in Many States and Physicians Have as Yet Found no Cure—Statistics Given.

Washington, July 26.—Pellagra, for which physicians have found no cure, is spreading beyond the zone to which it previously has been confined and is invading new territory, according to officials of the United States Public Health Service, who based their belief upon statistics on the prevalence of the disease in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas, from 1907 to 1912, which were made public today.

Reports from these three States, bordering on the area in which pellagra has most extensively existed in this country, show, says Surgeon C. H. Lavinder, the prevalence of the disease "to no inconsiderable degree."

"This suggests rather strongly," he adds, "that pellagra is increasing in the area in which it was prevalent, and invading new territory. Further inquiry is needed to determine this with any degree of accuracy." The figures indicated an increase in the disease during 1912. The total number of cases in Oklahoma during the six years was 472, with a death rate per 100 cases of 54.91; in Texas as 2,628 cases, death rate 46.61 and in Arkansas 945, death rate 41.90. The figures for Arkansas for 1912 were incomplete.

### ANNUAL BIBLE CONFERENCE.

To Be Held at Red Springs August 7-17th Inclusive.

Local Presbyterians are in receipt of an attractive folder giving the program for the second annual Bible Conference of the Synod of North Carolina which will be held at Red Springs August 7-17th inclusive.

Red Springs has been for years the place for great gatherings, easily accessible from all points. Thousands of people have come to the Elders' and Deacons' Institutes and Chataqua that have been held here. The College has twice entertained the entire Synod of North Carolina, and the Synod is ready to be entertained there again. Numbers of people are much benefited by drinking the water of the red sulphur springs.

The sessions will be held in the spacious and comfortable auditorium of the Red Springs College. Extra seatings will be arranged so that all will be assured of hearing the addresses under the most favorable circumstances.

Reduced round trip rates are available from all points. A number of prominent ministers and laymen from the Southern Presbyterian Church are on the program.

## BANKS TO CONSOLIDATE

NO NEW INSTITUTION AT THIS TIME

Citizens' National Bank and Proposed New Banking Firm to Consolidate Interests—Before Charter Was Given by New Firm Officials of Citizens Bank Made Proposition for Joining of Interests.

Since the last issue of The Gazette in which was carried the story of the new banking firm which, as is generally known now, was backed by Mayor C. B. Armstrong, and associates, situations and developments have been presenting themselves with kaleidoscopic rapidity and with equal swiftness have been disposed of. Between the time The Gazette was issued last Friday and yesterday, practically all of the stock necessary for the launching of the new venture had been subscribed, a total of \$55,000 or more. The store-room occupied by Moore's Royal Blue Selz shoe-store had practically been decided upon as the location. All was in readiness for the election of officers and directors and a charter was about to be applied for—when a new and unlooked-for situation arose, viz: a proposition from the officers of the Citizens' National Bank that the interests of the two concerns be consolidated. Conferences were held this morning between those interested in the two firms with the result that The Gazette was authorized to publish the above information as being the most probable method of procedure. Fuller details are promised the public later.

The first information about the new bank furnished some of the most interesting news matter The Gazette has given its readers in a long time. Since Friday's issue the public has been on the qui vive for more information. This great bit of news, which in the opinion of newspapermen is designated a scoop and the desideratum of all newspapers—is even more interesting.

### RAILROADS COMING ACROSS?

Very Nearly Meet Demands of the State—Agree to Modified 25 Per Cent Reduction in Freight Rates—Plan to be Submitted to Governor.

A special from Raleigh dated Saturday says: Returning to Raleigh this evening from the four-days conference with railroad traffic managers at Old Point Comfort, the members of the Corporation Commission gave out a statement tonight to the effect that the conference has not resulted in such complete agreement as to freight rate reduction as that proposed adjustment will be presented to Governor Craig with recommendation that it be accepted, but that it did result in such concessions that the commission will present the result to the Governor for his consideration. The commission's statement says:

"At the last conference in the office of the Governor the commission insisted that the proportion of through rates represented by the rate from the Virginia cities should be reduced 25 per cent, and presented a basis for working out the new rates that would approach that average."

"At the conference this week this basis was finally accepted by the carriers with some modifications, resulting in a scale of proposed rates to the Winston and Newbern zones of 20 per cent less than present rates as a general average of the class rates and with the larger percentage of reductions on the classes in which the heaviest traffic is handled, so that it is expected that the reductions as applied to actual traffic moving will closely approach 20 per cent. The most important commodities in volume handled from the West are grain and grain products and under the scale now agreed by the carriers the classes under which they are handled would be reduced 28 per cent."

"The same reduction in cents on the 100 pounds would apply to other zones except right near the northern and Southern State lines and west of Statesville, rates to these points being worked on a somewhat different basis. The railroads did not cede the position of the commission that Statesville rates should be the maximum for all points west of Statesville."

"The results in detail will not be announced until they are presented in formal report to the Governor and as there are a number of important matters connected with it yet to be worked out, it will be some days before it can be rounded out as a whole for the final report."

A dispatch from Washington Saturday says that if the wishes of Attorney General McReynolds are regarded, no change in the Attorney of the Western District will be made until the conclusion of the Asheville bank case, which comes to trial in Asheville next week. A. E. Holton, having worked up the case, is believed by the Department of Justice to be more competent to carry it on than would be a new man.

## STATE WELL ORGANIZED

IN FIGHT FOR BETTER FREIGHT RATES

President Tate Congratulates Gaston County on Joining in the Fight Now on to Secure Just Rates from the Railroads—Three-Fourths of State Organized and the Work Goes Merrily On.

The officers of the Gaston county branch of the North Carolina Just Freight Rate Association received this morning the following letter from President Tate which is self-explanatory:

High Point, July 28, 1913. Gentlemen: You may be sure that I am delighted to learn of the success being made in your branch of the Just Freight Rate Association of North Carolina. It is very gratifying to me, I assure you, to note the great interest being manifested by every live, intelligent, progressive community in the State. The movement has now spread until it embraces nearly three-fourths of the entire State, and before the special session convenes, I believe we will have at least seventy-five counties in line to work intelligently and enthusiastically for the same purpose.

We have a great work before us and we need the united support and co-operation of every farmer, every professional man, every manufacturer and every other business man in the State, and the assistance we expect to get from your organization will be valuable to us indeed.

Even though the railroads finally come to terms before the special session of the Legislature meets, we are still going to have a great deal of hard work to do in bearing out all of the details and in handling certain other discriminations, which will doubtless be contested before the Interstate Commerce Commission. We have gone too deep into this proposition to turn back or to concede anything which we are entitled to and I believe if we stand out for our just rights, we will come very near getting what we are entitled to.

On account of the heavy expense involved, it is very necessary that each county promptly raise its assessment, which is \$100 for each member in the Lower House of the General Assembly, and forward the same to the Treasurer, Col. Alf. A. Thompson, Raleigh, N. C.

I certainly hope you will not lose any time in doing this and if you can arrange to secure contributions in small amounts from a good large number of your citizens, I believe this would be a better plan, as this would enlist their active support and interest quicker than almost any other way.

Thanking you sincerely for the splendid co-operation and support you are giving in the work, and assuring you of my sincere desire to serve your town and county in every reasonable way, I beg to remain, Yours truly,

FRED N. TATE, President.

### EDITOR ACQUITTED.

W. O. Saunders, of Elizabeth City, Bests E. F. Aydtlett in Libel Case.

Elizabeth City, July 27.—W. O. Saunders, editor of The Independent, a weekly newspaper published here, was acquitted of the charge of criminal libel Friday afternoon before Magistrates M. H. Dixon, Jr., and R. F. Tuttle, in Edenton.

Mr. Saunders was arrested several days ago and taken to Edenton upon a warrant sworn out by Mr. E. F. Aydtlett of this city, charging him with libelling Mr. Aydtlett in a certain article which appeared in The Independent several weeks ago. The case was continued on account of a witness who was to testify for Mr. Saunders, being absent.

He was given a hearing and the case required several hours to dispose of. Mr. Saunders was represented by Attorney McMullan of Hertford and Cohoon of Elizabeth City. The State was represented by Attorneys Bonds, Pruden, and Vann of Edenton.

After the evidence had been introduced and the argument made, the magistrates decided that there was not enough evidence to warrant them in holding the defendant and the case was dismissed.

A special from Greenville, S. C., under date of the 26th says that 20 miles of steel rails will begin to arrive in Greenville within the next few days to be laid along the line of the Interurban between here and Spartanburg. The laying of these rails is to be commenced immediately. The officials of the road expect to have cars running into Greer by October 1, and hope to have the entire line open to Spartanburg by the end of the year.

Work on Mr. J. P. Reid's new residence on South Broad street is nearing completion, and it will probably be ready for occupancy within the next few days. It will present quite a handsome appearance when finished.

Mr. P. Woods Garland returned Friday from a visit to relatives at Charlottesville, Va. He was accompanied by his sister, Miss Sarah Garland, who will spend some time here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Garland.

## NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Newsy Letters from Gazette Correspondents Here and There Over Good Old Gaston—What Our Neighbors Are Doing in the Various Sections of the County—Personal Mention of People You Know and Some You Don't Know.

### Mount Holly Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette. MT. HOLLY, July 28.—Prof. J. B. Henson and family have moved to Dallas where Prof. Henson goes to take charge of the Dallas High School.

Mrs. J. A. Bowles and little Annie Mae have gone to Greensboro to spend some time with Mrs. Bowles' mother.

Prof. William E. Strider stopped over on his way from the summer school at Chapel Hill and spent a few days with his parents at Lowesville.

Miss Bess Grice, of Charlotte, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. L. Tucker at the Central Hotel.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunn, a daughter, Bob is wearing a new hat and chewing his tobacco with renewed vigor.

Mr. J. L. Sipes is erecting a ten-room residence on Catawba street, near the Albion Mills.

Mrs. Ural Johnston, who has been quite sick for some months, is much improved.

Miss Miriam Harris of Kannapolis, is visiting the family of her uncle, Mr. Joe E. Harris. She will also spend some time with her aunt, Mrs. A. B. Cobb, at Mountain Island.

Mr. George McGinnis had the misfortune one day last week to get his left hand badly torn up while unloading some freight at the S. A. L. depot.

The Mount Holly Developing Co., composed of some of our most progressive citizens, is having a number of cottage homes erected on lots bought at the Greensboro Realty Company sale here last April.

Prof. Earl A. Thompson, accompanied by his mother, went to Lincolnton last Saturday to spend a week with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Whisnant have removed to Spartanburg, S. C., where Mr. Whisnant goes to take employment with the Southern Railway.

Mr. William L. Edwards, of Lowesville, showed us a few days ago a kitten with two perfectly developed heads, otherwise with a naturally formed body. Each head to the one body had two eyes, two ears, and a nose and mouth. The mouth had a full set of teeth. It lived only a short time. The mother cat found this strange freak of nature on a bark porch where she immediately left this double-headed offspring to die.

Rev. S. F. Cathey went to Henrietta to assist in a series of meetings but was taken violently ill on Sunday night and had to be brought home Monday.

Rev. D. E. Vipperman and family have gone to High Point to spend their vacation with Rev. Mr. Vipperman's father.

Miss Christine Rutledge returned from Belmont Monday where she had been the house guest of Misses Annie and Elizabeth Hall.

Misses Ada and Sunle Smith, of Belmont visited the Dunn family Sunday.

### CAPITALISTS HERE.

Party of Pennsylvanians Visit Gastonia on Prospecting Tour—Interested in Gas Plant.

A party of Pennsylvania capitalists, composed of Mr. T. T. Hayden, Mr. Walter Whitestone and Mr. J. J. Kennedy, of Philadelphia; Mr. A. H. Nissley and Mr. W. A. Mell, of Steelton, Pa.; Mr. Edwin Badman, of Shamokin, Pa., and Mr. J. F. Jones, of Concord, spent an hour or two in Gastonia Saturday afternoon looking over the town. They arrived about 5 o'clock in a special car on the Interurban and were driven over the city in automobiles in company with a number of local business men. In the party accompanying them on their tour of inspection were Mayor Armstrong, Col. T. L. Craig, Messrs. W. T. Rankin, V. E. Long, J. L. Beal, J. K. Dixon, J. W. Timberlake and others.

These gentlemen are interested in the International Gas & Electric Co., of Philadelphia, and a part of their business in Gastonia was to take a look at proposed sites for the gas plant which is to be installed here within the near future. Mr. Jones is in charge of the installation of a similar plant at Concord and expects to commence work here within two or three weeks on the Gastonia plant.

In the course of their tour of inspection of the town these gentlemen were shown all the cotton mills and took a look at the magnificent cotton growing on Messrs. Craig & Wilson's fine farm just east of town. They left over the Interurban about 8 o'clock, each member of the party having expressed himself as being most favorably impressed with Gastonia as a busy, hustling, up-to-date town.

Read the advertisements in The Gazette. They are as interesting as news and are frequently more profitable reading than the news.