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WILLIAM F. BLAIR FOUND NOT GUILTY

Jury Exonerates Him of Blame
For Death of George
G. Thompson.

RELATIVES JOYOUS AT VERDICT

Probable That Defendant Will
Now Be Tried For Carry-
ing Concealed Weapons.
(Special to the Journal)

Greensboro, Dec. 20.—The jury in the case of William Finley Blair, charged with murdering George G. Thompson, division freight agent of the Southern, by whom he was employed, this morning at 10:34 o'clock returned a verdict of "not guilty." Following the rendering of the verdict there were shouts and joyous cries among the relatives of the defendant who were in the court room.

It is possible Blair will now be indicted for carrying a concealed weapon as admitted by him while on the stand.

The case was easily one of the greatest ever tried in Guilford county and in view of its importance was tried in a remarkably short time only four days having been required to select a jury, present the evidence and argument and for the judge to charge the jury.

As a legal battle the case was one of the most spectacular ever tried in the State. The best lawyers of the bar here and other places were arrayed on one side or the other and made speeches which were characterized by impartial observers as some of the greatest ever heard in the State.

Blair shot Thompson in the former's home several months ago. He had been on a drinking spree and neglected his work. Thompson discharged him. On receiving the letter of dismissal, Blair called Thompson up over the telephone and asked him to come around to his home. Thompson went and a few minutes later was found dying in the hall with several bullet wounds in his body. On the stand Blair said Thompson got into an altercation with him, grew violent and attacked him in such a way as to make him think his life was in danger, and that he grabbed a revolver from the mantel of his room and fired to defend himself. He said Thompson chased him all over the house. The State characterized Blair's story of the killing as "a fabrication pure and simple."

TURKEY SHOOT AT GHENT.

Local sportsmen will have an opportunity of exhibiting their skill as marksmen at a big turkey shoot to be held at Ghent on Christmas Day. The range will be located on the car fine just opposite from the football field. The contest will be opened to all, shotguns being used exclusively. Any gauge gun up to a number twelve may be used, shot and load to be left to the marksman's discretion. However, no shot smaller than a number eight will be allowed. The distance will be sixty yards. The entrance fees will be decided upon later. The shoot will begin at 1 o'clock and continue until 5 o'clock.

SUES GOODWIN FOR \$25,000.

Los Angeles, Dec. 20.—The complaint in the suit of Charles N. Doughty, a San Diego real estate man, against Nat. C. Goodwin, the much married comedian, for \$25,000 damages for alleged alienation of the affections of Mrs. Doughty of Baltimore, an actress known on the stage as Miss Moreland, was filed here.

The case probably will be set next Monday for trial.

PROGRAM AT THE ATHENS

Happy Johnny Fields and Kathleen Loring will close their engagement with us to night. Their act "The Tramp and the Dancing Girl" has pleased our large audiences for the past two nights. Pictures as follows:

"A Race for Honor"—An absorbing love drama.

"The Letter"—A powerful political drama of the present day.

"Alone in New York"—Being the second story of "What Happened to Mary", produced in collaboration with the Ladies' World. A splendid picture. Special all next week. Three all feature acts, with a change of performers Thursday. This will be the biggest show in the history of the Athens. Admission, 1st floor 25c. to all balcony 15c. to all. Matinee 10c. to all.

Matinee at 3:45. Show at night starts at 7:30.

OPPOSES SUFFRAGE

Politics No Field For Women, Finance of Miss Helen Gould Says.

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—Finley J. Shepard fiance of Helen Gould, says that his chief hope and ambition is to prove worthy of the love of Miss Gould.

"I like to see results before my very eyes," he said, "and that is why Miss Gould's school at Irvington, N. Y., interests me more than other branches of her work. It was very interesting to watching the progress of the pupils under instruction during the one-year course. One should not assume any credit for interesting oneself in the improvement of others. Everything you give out in this way reacts to develop yourself."

"Speaking of self-development, don't you think woman's chance of development would be increased if she could vote?" the reporter asked.

"Suffrage is a subject I haven't studied and shouldn't like to discuss because I confess I am prejudiced at the outset. I am opposed to anything that tends towards the further de-secration of womanhood."

"If you don't believe in women in politics you probably don't believe in women in business?"

"No, I don't."

"Don't you find women as efficient as men?"

"Within their limitations, yes. There is always their physical handicap you've got to make allowance for."

"There are exceptions among women, of course. Indeed, only exceptional men are exceptionally efficient. But I should wish that as a general rule woman's work were all domestic and man's work providing for the family. We would have better men and better women under these conditions."

VISITOR FROM HIGH POINT.

W. H. Ragan, a prominent citizen of High Point, was among the visitors in the city yesterday. This was Mr. Ragan's first visit to New Bern in more than twenty years and he said that he was agreeably surprised by the many improvements which have been made during that time. On his former visit there were no paved streets and the buildings in the business district were for the most part frame structures. There were no motor driven vehicles at that time and even the bicycle had not become so popular. Mr. Ragan went out and viewed the new street cars on one of their trial trips and also visited a number of the large manufacturing plants in the city. He left last evening returning to his home. Mr. Ragan was for a number of years chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Guilford county.

SLOCUM CAPTAIN PARDONED.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Bent with his fourscore of years, added to which has been the stigma of an 18-year sentence in Sing Sing, Capt. William H. Vanschaick, master of the excursion steamer General Slocum, upon which 1,030 men, women and children were burned to death and drowned June 15, 1904, was yesterday granted a full pardon by President Taft. The pardon is effective December 25 and is one of the President's first Christmas presents.

DEATH OF B. F. CASON.

Died in Belhaven, N. C., on the night of Dec. 19, 1912, Benjamin F. Cason, age seventy one years.

He resided for a number of years in this city and was a member of the local order of Knights of Harmony and also belonged to that body of noble men, whose ranks are growing thinner as the years go by, Confederate Veterans.

Two children survive him, Miss Aleph Cason and G. C. Cason of Roanoke, Va. The body came in on the 11:40 train yesterday and was buried in Cedar Grove cemetery, the services being held by Rev. Dr. Sumnerell.

The pall-bearers were C. T. Hancock, D. R. Fulford, C. S. Hollister, Bennett Foy, D. F. Jarvis and Capt. D. P. Henry.

SERVICES AT TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. J. B. Phillips will occupy the pulpit at the Tabernacle Baptist church at the services tomorrow. The morning sermon will be a message on Christmas and there will be music to suit the occasion. At night Mr. Phillips will continue his address to men but the women and children are invited. There will be a song service by the Tabernacle choir preceding each sermon. The public cordially invited to attend.

PUT OFF ACTION UNTIL NEW YEAR

Committee on Railroad Traffic
Figures Will See A. C. L.
Officials Then.

REPORT VERY COMPREHENSIVE

Shows Large Amount of Freight
Coming In and Going
Out of New Bern.

The committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce a few weeks ago to take charge of the information relative to the amount of shipping being done by local merchants and manufacturers and, to place it in the hands of the officials of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company, have stated that they will not do this until after the first of next year.

It had been their intention to take this information before the officials at Wilmington this week, but secretary of the committee wrote to one of the officials and informed him of the proposed action and in reply received a letter asking that they hold the matter over until after the holidays.

The information secured by the Chamber of Commerce has been compiled in a thoroughly comprehensive manner and shows that there is a very large amount of freight coming in and going out of this city each year.

The Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company is considering the building of a line which will enter this city from the North but before taking any definite action wants accurate and complete information as to the amount of business the city will yield.

SENATOR SIMMONS ON HIS WAY HOME.

Senator Simmons and Congressman Small left Washington Thursday night for Belhaven to make a personal inspection of the route of the inland waterway across Pamlico Sound with the view of ascertaining if proposed changes in the route are advisable. The Senator will arrive here either tonight or tomorrow morning to spend the holidays and it is hoped that he will remain until after the Chamber of Commerce municipal dinner on the evening of Jan. 3. In accepting this invitation, he did so subject to the demands upon him in the Senate, which, with the House, adjourned Thursday to re-convene January third.

CRITICIZE THE BRIDGE MAN.

Persons who use the Neuse River bridge are disposed to criticize the new tender of the draw. A Bridgeton man who comes across the bridge every night said last night that the tender is not prompt in closing the draw. "Last night," said the Bridgeton man, "after letting a tug with a raft through, he waited until the tug was at least a hundred yards away before he closed the draw though persons were standing on each side waiting to cross."

THE MONUMENT FUND

List of Subscriptions Received
During Last Few Days.

Each day the De Graffenried Colony Monument Fund is increasing and nearing the desired goal. The contributions of course are not so large but "every little bit helps" and it is only a matter of time before the last dollar will be secured and the work on the monument begun. The firm of Cooper Brothers, of Raleigh, marble dealers, is making a design for the monument. It will be completed at an early date and will be placed on exhibition.

Everybody is helping in the work of raising this money, school children capitalists and workmen. The following subscription have been secured during the past few days:

F. M. Simmons	\$1.00
L. T. Giffette	1.00
Dr. C. W. Bilfinger	1.00
W. J. Lucas	1.00
A. H. Hibbard	.50
W. F. Crockett	.50
J. M. Howard	.50
A. E. Sealoff	.50
O. Marks	.50
Home Bakery	.50
S. R. Street	.50
Chas. Ives, Jr.	.25
Miss Mae Hendren	.50
Mrs. Charles Slover	1.00
Mrs. George Green	.50
Mrs. D. S. Congdon	.50
Mrs. D. F. Jarvis	.50
Mrs. W. A. West	.25
Mrs. T. C. Hyman	.50

BRYAN LIKELY TO BE PREMIER

Believed To Be Certain He Will
Be Secretary of State In
Wilson's Cabinet.

FRIENDS MEET IN NEW YORK

Considered Practically Certain Also
That Josephus Daniels
Will Get Portfolio.

New York, Dec. 20.—Firmly convinced that Col. William Jennings Bryan will be the premier of the Cabinet to be formed by President Wilson, fully a score of friends of the Nebraskan have reached this city prepared to greet him after his conference with Wilson Saturday or Sunday.

Nothing official has come from either man, and nothing will, until they have threshed things out.

Among the noted Democrats in town are Edward Coltra, National Committeeman from Missouri, and a large number of Southern State committeemen.

Some of these men have recently conferred with Bryan, who is now en route from Tampa to this city. They say that Bryan believes that the Wilson administration will be a success, that he is more conciliatory than ever before in his life, and that he believes has made it plain that he believes every Democrat should assist Wilson and that he is willing to do anything personally to make the administration a success. Because of that fact, it is said Bryan will if Wilson desires—and there are few that do not believe that he does so desire—announce that he will become Secretary of State.

In addition it is pointed out that Bryan in the Cabinet would have to make his criticisms of the Wilson policies in the secrecy of the Cabinet room and not in the pages of the Commoner.

Wilson will be in Trenton on Saturday. Bryan will pass through there on that day. They will both be in this city Saturday night and they will be in touch with each other on Sunday, so that the matter will be settled very soon.

Other Cabinet appointees now considered practically certain by politicians, are A. Mitchell Palmer, Josephus Daniels, Congressman Henry and Judge Martin Wade.

WARMLY PRAISED BY PRESS.

"The Servant in the House," which will be seen at the Masonic Theatre on December 26th, was called by Harper's Magazine "The most remarkable play in the English language," the New York Sun said it was "the greatest drama of the generation," and the Chicago Daily News declared it to be "the most beautiful play of all ages." Merle H. Norton, the producer, is sending this wonderful play here with what is said to be the greatest cast of players ever sent out with a play of this character. Prominent in the cast is Victor E. Lambert, an actor who has endeared himself to play-goers, throughout the entire country by his excellent work of the last few years.

The investigating committee seems likely to make the remarkable discovery that J. P. Morgan is well to do.

FOUR DAYS TO CHRISTMAS



DEC. 21

F-O-U-R—Count 'em!
Then Count Out Your Change
Quick For the Rest of Your
Christmas Purchases.

A. J. MITCHELL PASSES AWAY

Following Long Illness, Death
Claims Popular Citizen.

After a long illness with consumption Alexander James Mitchell passed away last night at 9:40 o'clock at his home in this city. The funeral will take place at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon at the First Baptist Church and the interment will follow in Cedar Grove cemetery.

Although Mr. Mitchell's death was expected, news of it will be heard with sadness by his many friends. He was esteemed by all who knew him and the knowledge for some time past that he could not live has cast a gloom over many lives in the community.

Mr. Mitchell was in the forty-third year of his age. He married Miss Addie Claypoole and is survived by her and one little daughter, aged three years. He also leaves two brothers, T. J. and F. G. Mitchell, and two sisters, Mrs. Cooper of Henderson and Mrs. Tull of Philadelphia. All of these relatives except Mrs. Tull were at his bedside when the end came.

He was a traveling salesman for the Virginia Carolina Chemical Company, and although his health began to fail some years ago, not until this year did he give up his work. He had been a representative of the Virginia Carolina Company for many years.

CHRISTMAS TREES HIGHER

Scarcity Of Evergreens in New
York Sends Price Soaring.

New York, Dec. 20.—Christmas trees are expensive this year. Bought from the laden cars in the Reading freight yards yesterday, they cost \$175 a hundred. Dealers expect the price to reach \$200.

A good Christmas tree costs already \$2.50 at retail. There were only 80 carloads in the yards at Twentieth street and Indiana avenue yesterday. Last year there were 198 loads. Each car holding from 700 to 100 trees.

Dealers in Christmas trees and foliage took up their stand yesterday around City Hall. Heavy loads of trees and holly were hauled to the plaza and three trees placed against the railings.

GETS VALUABLE CONTRACT.

W. A. McIntosh of the New Bern Iron Works returned yesterday from a business trip to Jacksonville, Fla. and other points in that State where he has been negotiating with a large dredging company in regards to a contract for material to be used by them in their work. Mr. McIntosh succeeded in securing a contract for five thousand dollars worth of material. This will be manufactured in the local plant and shipped to Florida as soon as possible. During the past few years the New Bern Iron Works has done much work for customers in that State.

CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

The New Bern Graded School closed yesterday for the Christmas holidays. In several of the grades the pupils participated in special exercises which had been prepared for the occasion. The Spring term will begin on January 4. There are a number of pupils in the school who live out of the city. These returned to their homes yesterday afternoon. Several teachers will also spend their holidays away from the city.

RECITAL WAS A SUCCESS.

The recital given in Griffin auditorium last evening by the Music Department of the Graded School was a complete success in every way. There was a large audience present and that they appreciated the efforts of the performers and thoroughly enjoyed the program was evident from the frequent applause. At the conclusion of the musical program the High School girls served refreshments in the hall on the first floor. Quite a neat sum was realized from this sale and it will be donated to the Athletic Association.

Nothing is calculated to worry a man more than to have his wife inform him that he has been talking in his sleep and then refuse to tell him what he said.

JOURNAL ADVERTISING PAYS.

The New Bern Journal is in the hands and homes of the best people in New Bern in the morning hours—the hours that immediately precede the shopping rush. In a word, it reaches the buying class at the "psychological moment." That's why Journal advertising pays.

RECEIPTS FIRST DAY TO LIBRARY

Proceeds of First Day's Car Riding
To Popular Institution.

START TODAY, IT IS HOPED

Some Delay Resulting in Cars
Jumping Track at The
Curves.

Unless some unexpected delay occurs the New Bern Ghent Street Railway Company's cars will be placed on their regular runs today. All during yesterday the force of electricians and motormen were engaged in making trial trips on the cars and getting everything in readiness for the beginning of operations.

It was found that the gauge of the rails at all the curves on the line was too narrow and this caused the cars to jump the track each time that they attempted to turn a corner. A force of men were put to work on these and the defects corrected.

Fritz Sittending of Richmond, one of the owners of the line, will arrive in the city this morning and will inspect the work which has been done since his last visit several weeks ago.

The men who will handle the cars are citizens of this city. They are C. P. Hassell, W. E. Gwaltney and Philip Weiss. During the past few days they have been receiving instructions from an expert sent from the manufacturing plant of the company which constructed the cars and are believed to be now fully prepared to handle the cars.

The money taken in by the company on the first day will be donated to the Circulating Library. The officers of this organization are urging everybody to take a ride and in this manner help along the library.

DIGGING WELL FOR FIRE PURPOSES.

The city officials are having a well driven at the corner of Johnson and Queen streets to be used in case of a fire in that locality, the hydrant not being near enough for use. The well has been driven to a depth of sixty feet without securing an adequate supply of water.

PARCELS POST SUPPLIES ARRIVE.

Postmaster J. S. Basnight has received from the Postoffice Department a quantity of supplies which will be used when the new parcels post law goes into effect on January 1, 1913. They consist of maps, instructions as to charges and other matter. The special stamps which will be used on these parcels have not arrived but will be here next week.

CHICAGO HAS RICH MEN.

List Headed By J. Ogden Armour
with \$32,000,000.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 20.—The State Supreme Court's decision compelling the County Clerk to make assessments against \$168,000,000 in personal property of wealthy men in Cook County is based on a list of stocks and bonds submitted by Frank W. Jones, president of the Illinois Tax Reform Association. Some of the largest amounts involved are:

J. Ogden Armour, \$32,119,700; Edward Morris, \$29,919,700; Joy Morton, \$6,600,000; Arthur Mooker, \$5,370,000; John J. Mitchell, \$4,520,000; Louis F. Swift, \$5,129,000; E. F. Swift, \$5,036,000; B. E. Sunny, \$3,625,000; Richard H. Sears, \$2,850,000; Julius Rosenwald, \$4,789,000.

A large force of police will escort Governor Wilson to Staunton.

Read J. J. Baxter's ad in this paper, page 5. It will do you good

Kisses sometimes speak louder than words.

Be sure she is the right girl, then lose your head.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Mrs. B. Allen—Special in suit coats for Christmas.
New Bern Banking and Trust Co.—The bank that serves.
Citizens' Savings Bank and Trust Co.—That little leather-covered book.
Burrus & Co.—Canton stalk cutters.
A. T. Willis Co.—We heard him say.