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We wish to call your attention to the
fact that it is, and has been our
custom to charge five cents per line
for resolutions of respect, cards of
thanks and obituary notices, after one
death notice has been published. This
will be strictly adhered to.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 1924.

Might not Muscle Shoals have been
a Teapot Dome?

What has become of the movement
for a national park at the Kings
Mountain battle ground?

Shelby and Cleveland county people
should see that the few remaining
veterans in gray are royally enter-
tained here on May 10.

An optimist is the man who hopes
he will see something on the detour
that is not on the regular route—and
usually he is not disappointed.

Well, if the government gives Mus-
cle Shoals to Henry Ford there can
be no scandal as to who received the
money.

And Easter was without rain to the
delight of those who sported new
spring bonnets and to the chagrin of
those who did not.

Cleveland county political fans may
have to depend on state and national
races for their political fervor this
season in view of the lack of opposi-
tion to the majority of the present
county officers.

The state "stop law" as regards
railroad crossings cost the people of
North Carolina \$365,000 yearly, says
Mr. Bailey, who thinks it is an un-
necessary expense. Surely, the lives
of the voters of North Carolina are
worth that much, especially in elec-
tion year.

EVERETT'S KEYNOTE.

W. N. Everett, secretary of state
delivered the keynote speech at the
Democratic state convention which
met in Raleigh last week and his
speech was a most able recitation of
the achievements of the party in both
state and nation, one that is calcu-
lated to stimulate pride in the hearts
of all true North Carolinians. We
admire it more for its fairness than any
thing else. Mr. Everett did not try to
conceal anything about the state's fi-
nancial condition. His honest state-
ment of facts shows that the party is
willing to wage the coming fight on
plain, unvarnished facts. While some
may think the state is hopelessly bar-
dened with debt from which she will
never be able to emerge and that
bankruptcy is just around the corner,
Mr. Everett points out that the func-
tion of government is no longer the
simple matter of passing and enforcing
laws, but that it is a public serv-
ice corporation whose duty is to do
its best for the education of the boys
and girls of our state, the care of the
feeble-minded and insane, the protec-
tion of health, the building of better
roads and the social well being of our
citizens.

He is willing for the people of the
state to have the facts, confident that
they want the things that are being
done and are willing to pay the price.
Speaking of the state's progress and
her ability to pay for the things which
the people demand, Mr. Everett point-
ed out that the estimated wealth of
all properties on January 1st 1923
was four and a half billion dollars
which is an increase of three billion
dollars in the last ten years. North
Carolina is not only a millionaire state
in the possession of wealth, but she is
a billionaire in the annual creation of
wealth. The state created in two and
a half years as much wealth as she
has been able to accumulate on her
tax books in two and a half centuries
of struggle with poverty.

Speaking of the state's indebtedness
which have given some people con-
cern, Mr. Everett says it averages \$93
per inhabitant and that the average
bond burden for all purposes in state,
county and municipality is seven
cents per day per family on one and
a half cents a day per household mem-
ber which he figures is less than a
motor car owner pays for automobile
taxes alone. Of course some people nat-
urally kick against taxes because they
do not appreciate all that they get
for their money, while thousands of them
pay more for the pleasure of owning
an automobile than they pay for taxes
to our state government. He admits
that on June 30th, 1925 the state's
revenues will lack three million dol-
lars paying the bill, but he has full
confidence that the people of the
state will rise to the occasion with the
fervor that patriotism prompts and
loyalty demands—not loyalty to
party but loyalty to a state.

Higher taxes may come but are you
one who believes that the state can
function as it should on a paltry sum?
Has there ever been a candidate who
represented before election that he
would reduce taxes and at the same
time continue the state's progress?

The people usually demand what the
state does in the way of steps for-
ward as long as there is no waste or
extravagance and on this record of
the Democratic party in North Caro-
lina, another victory will sweep Caro-
lina next fall for the party in pow-
er.

GARDNER MAN OF THE HOUR.

Max Gardner was the man of the
hour in the Democratic State Con-
vention which met Thursday of last week
in Raleigh and the daily papers are
telling of the enthusiasm his very
presence provoked. It was not a Mc-
Lean, a Bailey, a Simmons, a Morris-
on, or any other one man's con-
vention but when Max Gardner appeared
he was the outstanding figure. The
News and Observer says "when his
name was mentioned or when he took
the floor, the convention seized it as
an opportunity for a Gardner show
of strength, even such a show as was
had in the convention four years ago."
He went there on a humble delegate,
expecting to keep quiet but when he
marched down the aisle, there was a
unanimous applause and demands for
a speech. It revealed this fact that
Max Gardner, although defeated four
years ago, has by his sportsmanlike
manner won the confidence and esteem
of even his bitterest opponents. No
other man in the state is held in such
popular favor. When the vote was
taken for delegates at large to the
national convention, Gardner led the
balloting, running ahead of men who
have been in public life and national
prominence long before he made that
memorable race for Governor.

When the question as to the num-
ber of women that should be named
as delegates at large came up, Gard-
ner bitterly fought a "slate" made in
some hotel room and contended that
the names should be voted on by the
convention as a whole. He stood out
for four women and four men dele-
gates and in this he won not only his
point of argument but the favor of
the women voters over the state for
whom he stood so loyally four years
ago when woman suffrage was a
dangerous issue for a political can-
didate to publicly declare himself for.
But women suffrage won and as Mr
Gardner is quoted as saying "their
participation in politics has developed
a safer, sounder and more sanitary
party."

The Asheville Times says Gardner's
popularity today is exceeded by no
other man in the state. How he has
grown under defeat was shown by the
fact that the received nearly 60 per
cent more votes for delegate-at-large
to the national convention than the
man who defeated him in 1920. Con-
cluding The Times says, "there is no
other man who has such a hold on the
affections of the Democrats of North
Carolina."

It is therefore a source of great
pride to us to see our home man,
though crushed four years ago, rise
to such heights of popularity.

OPINIONS OF OTHERS

\$720 A YEAR.
(From Asheville Citizen.)
\$720 a year.

On that the school teacher in North
Carolina is expected to pay her board
and room rent in a highly respecta-
ble home in a good residential section
of the town; to dress herself decently
and becomingly; to do her class-room
work so well that for a great portion
of the day she takes over the mother's
job of teaching the children good man-
ners and sound morals; to be so opti-
mistic, smiling and courageous and
to exemplify such high ideals and
noble principles that she will be an
inspiration to every boy and girl un-
der her care; to take a constructive
and leading part in the social activi-
ties of the community; to study and
further equip herself as a teacher in
her "off-hours"; to attend a summer
school and do more studying; to at-
tend church regularly; to avoid the
slightest criticism of her conduct, her
work and her associates; to live as a
constant model for every young wom-
an; to pay all her expenses and yet
have enough left to contribute to char-
ities; to give way never to pessimism,
discouragement or worry about the
future.

The average white school teacher's
salary in North Carolina is \$720 a
year.

Home Folks Friendly.

No one can visit Lumberton with-
out being impressed with the fact that
this town is out and out for one Ang-
us Wilton McLean for governor. Auto-
mobiles and store windows galore
are decorated with "For Governor, A.
W. McLean," and large banners
across the town's principal street
bear the legend, "Hold Roberson and
Save the State; Elect McLean and
Save the State." A man blind and
deaf might get away without learn-
ing that this town has a candidate
for governor, but nobody else could
fail to be impressed with that fact.

Curtailing the Feed.

(From Stanley News-Herald.)
The other day a writer said: "Cut-
ting down on the advertising appro-
priation when business is dull is like
cutting down on the cow feed when
the milk runs short."
That is about the most sensible
statement that we have read during
the year 1924, and yet there are many
merchants who do that very thing.

Heads Up.

(From Asheville Times:
Virtually all the business reports
agree that the economic conditions in
North Carolina are uniformly favor-
able. There may be spots of stagna-
tion in other sections of the country
but all the maps, portraying business
conditions, report that North Caro-
lina is in an extremely healthy state.
Those who keep their fingers on the
economic pulse of North Carolina do
not require the testimony of the busi-
ness experts. They know at first
hand that prosperity, sound and dur-
able, abounds on every hand and that
the pessimist has no cause for jus-
tification in any fact or tendency
which he may discover in this state.
It is a rational and stable prosper-
ity which North Carolina is enjoying.
There is about it nothing that sug-
gests boomishness. It is rooted deep
in actual productiveness and authen-
tic markets. It is an equally distrib-
uted prosperity. It touches all the peo-
ple with a golden wand. It is not re-
stricted to a fortunate few who hap-
pen to be engaged in a particular in-
dustry.

This season of prosperity will en-
able North Carolina to get a firmer
grip on its economic self and to widen
the distance which intervenes between
the present and those when this state
was prostrated with the poverty that
followed in the wake of the War be-
tween the States.

Graveyard Ghosts.

(From News and Observer.)
The Republican party is undismay-
ed by the scandal-mongers, says Sec-
retary Hughes. This is the biased
view. The unbiased view seems to be
that the Republican party is all shot
to pieces. Calvin Coolidge has certain-
ly given evidence of great fright.

Mrs. S. C. Jones Is Buried In Shelby

Was on a Visit to Dunn Where the
End Came Suddenly—Nearly
70 Years of Age.

Mrs. Eunice Wilson Jones, wife of
S. C. Jones of this city, died suddenly
April 14th at the home of Jasper N.
Barnett, at Dunn, in this state.
Mrs. Jones was conversing with her
sister, Mrs. Amanda Barnette, when
the summons came falling into the
arms of her niece, Mrs. Edna Bar-
nette.

Mrs. Jones was nearing 70 years of
age and was widely connected in Cleve-
land county, and was beloved by all
who knew her and appreciated her
many virtues and attributes. She was
a model wife and mother, leaving sur-
viving, her husband, S. C. Jones and
seven children. The husband, S. C.
Jones was visiting some fifty miles
distant when Mrs. Jones died. Mrs.
Jones had suffered some 42 years but
bore her ills with Christian fortitude
and never complained. She has been
a member of the Primitive Baptist
church for 33 years and was devo-
ted to all Christian undertakings.

Services were held in Shelby on
Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the
home of her son, Hall Jones, Elder D.
N. Heath of Kings Mountain, North
Carolina, in charge. Her favorite
hymns were sung and only the simple
services of the Primitive Baptist
church were conducted. Her five sons
acted as pall bearers and gently and
lovingly interred her remains in the
Shelby cemetery as was her wish.

Headwork Gets Negro In Recorder's Court

Ordinarily "using your head" is a
means of increasing the family bank
roll, but using the head of somebody
else is another matter. Using the other
fellow's head subtracts from the bank
roll instead of adding—that's
Judge Falls' idea about the matter.
The amount of subtraction being based
on the amount of headwork done.
In the case of John Poston, colored
using the head of Harry Neal, colored
the total subtraction was \$75 and
the costs according to the bill ren-
dered in recorder's court Monday
morning.

Saturday evening at Lawdale one
of the two "fellows of color" was said
to have made an insulting remark in
regard to the other's sister, and then
the colored man's admission card into
society—a knife—came into play.
When the "social" reached the re-
freshment period Neal had a head
carved in a manner that would have
been a credit to a Thanksgiving tur-
key. In fact, his bandaged head in the
court room Monday gave that austere
setting the atmosphere of a Turkish
harem. Judgment was suspended as
to Neal.

Mabe Watts, colored, for attempt-
ing to pilot an automobile while under
the influence of liquor, will be the
guest of the county for six months,
his daylight hours to be spent in re-
pairing and building county roads.

Sumney Haynes, Allen Ballard,
Harry Hayes, Gary Biddix, Henry
Lewis and S. L. Smith, all of Kings
Mountain, charged with being drunk
and disorderly, receiving and possess-
ing, were fined \$50 and the costs each.
Two cases of f. and a. were also
disposed of by the court Monday. In
one instance the charge being dis-
missed owing to the lack of evidence,
and in the other the jury rendering a
verdict of not guilty.

It is just possible Mr. Bryan would
have agreed if Darwin had said that
man is descended from the donkey.—
Columbia Record.

Another demand for a little con-
structive legislation and Bill Borah
will find himself listed as an inflam-
matory radical.—Detroit News.

BAILEY SPEAKS AT
PIEDMONT TODAY

Democratic Candidate For Governor
Will Deliver Literary Address
At High School.

J. W. Bailey, democratic candi-
date for governor, delivers the literary ad-
dress at Piedmont High School at 11
o'clock today. There will be no men-
tion of politics of course in his ad-
dress, so since he was prevented from
making a political speech in the Court
House Tuesday night because of the
revival meeting at the First Baptist
church, the following announcement
as to his position on public questions
as stated in a speech at Wake Forest
College last week will be of interest
locally:

"I am standing for the following
causes:

1. Political liberation, which
means an honest election and pri-
mary law, a secret ballot, and the
prevention of the use of money or
other corrupting means in politics;
the curbing of the power of public
servants. This puts the professional
politicians against me.

2. Tax reform, which means the
shifting of the burden of taxation
from land to other sources. I propose
to have the state either to take over
more of the burdens of government
now resting upon land, or to turn back
to the counties in order to relieve
and.

3. Sound economy in the expendi-
ture of public money. A dollar's
worth of services for the tax payer's
dollar.

4. I stand also for justice to the
people in the matter of freight rates.
I oppose the monstrous discrimina-
tion in favor of Virginia cities, and I
advocate lower rates throughout the
state.

"A candidate for governor who
stands against what I stand for or
who stands for what I stand for, must
know that he will have great, power-
ful resourceful and relentless opposi-
tion, but someone must lead battle.
The lot has fallen to me I accept it.
Win or lose, I shall do battle to the
limit of my powers. I shall go rectly
to the people. I expect to win.
There is a sense in which I cannot
lose. I shall advance the cause of
justice. I have drawn the issues in
North Carolina of real progress and
justice. The air will be clearer when
I have finished, the day will be clear-
er."

"One thing I ask of the voters, that
they will not be distracted from the
issues."

Winter Pruning is Best,
New York Expert States

Little difference has been noted be-
tween the winter-pruned and summer-
pruned apple trees at New York ex-
periment station, where a comparison
of the two systems of pruning has
been in progress for several years.
The man in charge, however, advocates
pruning apples in winter when the
work can be done more carefully and
easily. At that time there is no
foliage to prevent the orchardist from
seeing at a glance just which branches
should be removed. Moreover, as soon
as the trees commence to bear, it is
always difficult to remove, in sum-
mer, wood which should perhaps be
taken out because of the crop of fruit.
Baldwin, Dolken, Esopus, Hubbardston,
McIntosh, Spy and Greening were
used in the experiments on summer
and winter pruning.

"In view of the results," a recent
report says, "the fruit grower may be
assured that either summer or win-
ter pruning will be all right while the
trees are young, but for the sake of
convenience he had best stick to the
usual plan of winter-pruning when the
framework of the tree is entirely vis-
ible."

To Remove All Wood From
Grapes Is Big Mistake

"Grapes are seldom pruned too se-
verely," says F. M. Rolfs, professor of
horticulture at Oklahoma A. and M.
college. "The only mistake that may
be made will be the removing of all
last year's wood which gives rise to
the current year's fruiting wood."

"There are many systems of grape
pruning. However, bear in mind that
last year's wood gives rise to the cur-
rent year's wood upon which grapes
are borne. Therefore, it is essential
to leave some of last year's wood
where the vines are trained to two
wires."

"A good system is to leave a last
year's cane extending in each direction
for each wire and cut these canes back
in proportion to the strength of the
same. For the average strength cane
leave from six to eight buds on each.
Thus four canes of eight buds each
will give rise to 32 fruiting shoots. An
average of two good bunches to each
of the above 32 shoots would produce
a good average yield. Another system
is cutting back all of the last year's
canes to two or three buds each. How-
ever, this system does not distribute
the fruiting area over the vine as well
"Where grapes are properly pruned
the bunches will be larger, more com-
pact and the berries will be larger."

Packing Soil Firmly Is
Important in Planting

The most important thing in plant-
ing a tree is to pack the soil firmly
around the roots. This should be
tamped down very hard, putting the
top soil next to the roots and the
other soil on top. One should be un-
able to pull up a young tree when it
is properly planted.

It is not necessary to use dynamite
in digging holes to set trees in most
soils. Never dynamite when soil is wet.

REV. J. F. WEATHERS
DIED FRIDAY MORNING

Well Known Baptist Preacher Passes
Away at His Home at Casar.
Funeral at Zion.

Rev. J. Frank Weathers, well
known Baptist minister of this coun-
ty, died at 2:15 Friday morning at his
home near Casar, death resulting
from pneumonia which set in during
an attack of measles. The funeral
services were conducted at Zion Bap-
tist church Sunday afternoon at 3
o'clock and attended by an immense
throng of relatives and friends from
every section of Cleveland county.
Four ministers took part in the service,
and interment was in the Zion
cemetery.

Rev. Mr. Weathers, who was 51
years of age, was pastor of a charge
in upper Cleveland around Casar and
was also pastor of a Chase City, Va.,
church. He was an able preacher, kind
and thoughtful, a doer of good deeds
and a faithful worker for his Master
and dearly loved by all who knew him.
The deceased is survived by his wife
and two children, Mrs. Madeline
Weathers and Mr. Gordon Weathers,
both of whom live at Casar. His
mother, Mrs. Margaret Weathers, two
brothers, Mr. Sam Weathers of
Shelby and Mr. J. L. Weathers, of
Fayetteville, and one sister, Mrs.
Lloyd O. Bollinger, of Shelby, also
survive.

Baptized Centenarian.

Rev. Mr. Weathers became well
known throughout the country last
summer when he baptized a lady of
upper Cleveland who had already
passed the century mark. The aged
lady, one of the few centenarians of
the county, professed faith and wish-
ed to become a member of the Bap-
tist church. She was "bed ridden"
and the baptismal service presented
difficulties for a time. However, a vat
was constructed at the order of the
minister, carried to a near-by stream
and filled and removed from the
stream to the home of the aged lady.

where the baptismal rites were car-
ried out. The unusual manner in
which the service was performed and
the determined spirit in which the
minister carried out the work of his
Master attracted considerable atten-
tion and a number of the larger news-
papers in the south carried an ac-
count of the baptism.

MRS. LINEBERGER'S SISTER
DIES IN STATESVILLE HOME

Mrs. Mary Wilkerson wife of Wes-
ley Wilkerson died Friday of last
week at her home in Statesville at
the age of 68 years. Mrs. Wilkerson
was the oldest sister of Mrs. Betty
Lineberger who passed away in Shel-
by about two weeks ago. She was
buried Saturday morning at 10 o'clock
at Statesville and her nephews, Wm.
and J. D. Lineberger of Shelby went
over to attend the funeral. Her hus-
band and one son Everett Wilkerson
survive.

Card of Thanks.
We wish to take this method of
thinking our good friends and neigh-
bors who were so kind and consider-
ate during the illness and death of
husband and father W. J. Carter. We
shall never forget the many acts of
kindness and tender expressions of
sympathy and affection.
Mrs. W. J. Carter and Family.

Mrs. James Archer and children, of
Charlotte, were visitors here Monday.

SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW

The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company was or-
ganized in 1848. It has assets of \$275,000,000. The
home office of the company is in Philadelphia but to all
practical intents and purposes it is a southern institution
and has strong Southern sympathies. It does more busi-
ness in Georgia than all the other companies combined.
At the close of the Civil War, it sent its representatives
all over the South and when they found a widow of a
Confederate soldier holding a policy which was kept in
force under the extension feature, it was promptly paid.
No other company did this.

I has for its president one of the finest business
men and financiers that the state of South Carolina has
ever produced and who practices what he preaches by
carrying \$250,000 on his own life. W. P. Law is the man
and he is a personal friend of Mr. C. C. Blanton of the
First National Bank of Shelby.

Consider all of these things then report to me.

C. J. WOODSON, Agent
Shelby, N. C.

Standards of Time
and Gasoline

Any clock is a wonderful piece
of workmanship, but how about
a standard clock?—the clock
against which other clocks are
checked for accuracy?



Standard clocks are the
painstaking handwork
of the oldest and most
experienced workmen
in the oldest watchmak-
ing firms. Almost any
watchmaker can make
clocks but it takes a
master craftsman to
make a standard clock.
The refining of "Stand-
ard" Gasoline is also a
matter of long years of
experience.

Fifty-four years' experience in
oil refining, and millions of dol-
lars spent in discovering new
processes have made "Standard"
gasoline the standard of com-
parison among gasolines. "As
good as Standard" is a claim one
often hears.

Yet here is a standard which
costs no more than the prod-
ucts which aim to equal it. It
is available at thousands of
pumps. Take the simple precau-
tion of asking for it by name.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY
(New Jersey)

"STANDARD"

A definition—
"Standard—that which
is set up as a unit of
reference"—The Century
Dictionary and
Cyclopedia.

The Balanced Gasoline!