OVERDOSE OF LAUDANUM

Walter B. Williams, of Wilmington, Dies from Effects.

NEW CONCRETE COMPANY

Death of Mr. John Wesley Zimmerman, a Well-Known Citizen of Wilmington, and an Old Knight of Pythias.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILMINGTON, N. C., April 28.—Walter B. Williams, aged twenty-eight years, a painter of this city, ended his life yesterday by taking an overdose of laudanum. He was a native of Fayetteville and moved to this city several years ago. He leaves a young wife and mother.

During the Spanish-American war young Williams was a member of Company A, Second North Carolina Volunteers, under Captain Huske, of Fayetteville.

The Wilmington Stone and Construction Company has been organized and application for a charter has been forwarded to Raleigh. The capital stock will be $20,000, with $100,000 authorized. The incorporators are Messrs. G. P. Adams and H. E. Bonitz, of this city, and W. H. Griffin, of Newbern. The company will manufacture hollow concrete building blocks and the new business will be an important enterprise in eastern Carolina.

Mr. John Wesley Zimmerman, one of Wilmington's oldest citizen and the first member of the Knights of Pythias initiated in North Carolina, died yesterday morning at his home in this city, at the advanced age of seventy-two years. He joined the Knights of Pythias in this city on November 14, 1870, and at that time the Order was only six years of age. He was the last surviving charter member of the first lodge organized in this State. The Pythians here attended his funeral to-day in large numbers.

APPEAL FOR UTLEY

Last Effort at Fayetteville to Save Him from Prison.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., April 28.—Superior Court of Cumberland county convened yesterday morning. The judge's charge was especially vigorous and emphatic against carrying concealed weapons and violations of the liquor prohibition law. It is understood that counsel will make one more final effort in behalf of Edward L. Utley. What form this effort will take is not known. The Supreme Court, it will be remembered, refused his application for a new trial, and, as the case stands now, he must in a few days go to the State penitentiary to begin his sentence of twenty years at hard labor.

The municipal primaries were held yesterday for Mayor and Board of Aldermen. There was no opposition to the present Mayor, Mr. C. B. McMillan, nor to the present board, except that W. W. Harne and Captain L. W. Clark were elected in the Sixth Ward and Messrs. R. McMillan and W. D. Gastor in the Fifth Ward.

Mr. Bahnson, agent of the Southern Express Company at this place, and Mrs. Louie Campbell will be married at high noon to-day at the residence of the latter, on Green Street, Rev. I. W. Hughes, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, performing the ceremony. The wedded pair will take the north bound train at 12:35 P. M. for Richmond.

A VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN

A Band and Ginger Snaps to Help Along Good Roads Bond Issue.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GREENSBORO, N. C., April 28.—The campaign for the good roads bond issue of $500,000 for Guilford county is being prosecuted with great intelligence and vigor by the mayor. Speakings are being held day and night, and farmers are turning out in large numbers to hear the matter discussed.

The speaking is all on one side, not a single man in the county so far having arisen to oppose the measure. At every appointment the Oak Ridge Institute band furnishes excellent music, and lemonade, ginger snaps, &c., are furnished plentifully and free.

Prominent Republican and Democratic politicians and business men do the speaking. There is to-day a big meeting going on at Summerfield, and among the speakers who went out were Colonel James T. Morehead, ex-Judge W. P. Bynum, Hon. G. S. Bradshaw, Senator A. L. Brooks, Hon. A. M. Scales and Hon. R. C. Douglas.

LUTHERANS IN SESSION

Convention of King's Daughters Will Also Meet at Salisbury.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SALISBURY, N. C., April 28.—The Lutheran Synod of North Carolina convened here to-night and will continue in session until after next Sunday.

St. John's Lutheran Church will, at this time, celebrate its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary. The church building has been remodelled recently and made more attractive.

The State Convention of the King's Daughters will meet in Salisbury this week also. The sessions will be held in the Presbyterian Church, and will continue until Friday. On Wednesday evening a reception will be tendered the convention at "The Willows," the home of Mrs. W. H. Overman, well known as the State regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Some of the Northern capitalists who have recently purchased the Salisbury Street Railway have been in the city for several days.

RALEIGH BANK ROBBED

Safe of Rouse Brothers Blown Open and the Robbers Escaped.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RALEIGH, N. C., April 28.—The safe of Rouse Brothers, bankers, was blown open after midnight last night and about $8,500 taken by burglars, who effected their escape. There were six men in the gang, and it is believed they left in a stolen rig, owned by Dr. J. M. Hodges. While the operations were in progress Prentis Wooten, who rooms across street, put his head out of the window, but a bullet from the burglars forced him to take cover. Bloodhounds have been sent for.

Mayor Renominated.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GREENSBORO, N. C., April 28.—In the Democratic primary here to-night, Mayor M. H. Osborn received a large majority over C. G. Wright in each ward for Mayor.

State Bond Issue Placed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RALEIGH, N. C., April 28.—The three hundred thousand dollars bond issue authorized by the last North Carolina Legislature to cover the State's indebtedness, was awarded to-day to Townsend Scott and Son, and Wilson Colster and Company, of Baltimore, who bid at the rate of 103.502 for the entire issue through their representative, Fred. T. Boyce, Jr.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RALEIGH, N. C., April 28.—The jury in the case of A. S. Watson administrator of J. R. Watson, vs. Seaboard Air Line, awarded a verdict for $10,000 damages to-night. The suit was for $40,000. Watson was killed on his engine by a wild car of timber, which rolled out of Johnson Street station and collided with the train. Amount of damages was the only question at issue.

Negro Shot Accidentally.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., April 28.—Matthew Johnson was shot with a pistol by Pattie Whedbee here this afternoon. The bullet lodged in the abdomen. Both are colored. The shooting was accidental. Johnson will likely die.

Venezuelan Protocol.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28.—Venezuela and the allies have agreed upon the terms of the protocol, submitting to The Hague Tribunal the question of preferential treatment, and this convention will be signed next Monday upon the return of Signor Mayor des Planches, the Italian ambassador, from St. Louis. This was decided upon at a joint conference at the British Embassy to-day between Mr. Bowen, Venezuela's plenipotentiary, the Italian and British ambassadors and the German ministers.

Commission's Quarters.

Mayor Taylor yesterday returned to City Clerk Ben T. August with his signature of approval the ordinance authorizing the Committee on Grounds and Buildings to lease to the State four adjoining rooms on the fourth floor of the City Hall to be occupied by the recently created Corporation Commission.

Christened With Flowers.

(By Associated Press.)

BATH, ME., April 28.—The four-masted schooner Frederick A. Duggan, named for a Matteawan (N. J.) citizen, was launched to-day. The schooner was christened with flowers by Myrtle Thompson, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Captain S. C. Thompson, who is managing owner and will go in command.

City Government.

Mr. Halsey, of Lynchburg, yesterday made an ineffectual attempt to have the Senate take up the bill relating to the goverment of cities and towns, which has been on the Senate calendar for a week or ten days. It has been postponed from day to day in deference to the wishes of various Senators, who wish to amend it. The bill is a special order for to-day and will probably be taken up and disposed of. It is the committee bill and embraces all the statutes bearing on the subject. Some are a reenactment of the old statutes, and others are made necessary by the new Constitution, which has made many changes in relation to the subject. The bill may be somewhat amended, but will get through without unnecessary delay. The Richmond members are interested in the bill, and will probably offer some amendments.

Beat the New Yorkers.

In the presence of the largest crowd that has visited Broad-Street Park since the foot-ball contest between Virginia and North Carolina last fall, the True Reformer Stars walloped the New York Stars in a game of base-ball yesterday afternoon at Broad-Street Park. Score, 25 to 4.

The teams will play this afternoon and to-morrow.

DEWEY'S FLEET IN VIRGINIA WATERS

The Vessels Will Be Inspected by the General Naval Board.

The people of Richmond and those of eastern Virginia generally will probably be interested in the announcement that the North Atlantic fleet of warships is expected to arrive and anchor off the Virginia capes to-day. Admiral Dewey has gone down from Washington, accompanied by the members of the General Naval Board and will review the fleet.

Admiral Dewey was accompanied by Rear-Admiral H. C. Taylor, Captain Swift, Captain Pillsbury, Commander Sargent and Lieutenant Marble, of the General Board, and Rear-Admiral Albert S. Barker, the next commander-n-chief of the North Atlantic fleet, and his flag secretary, Lieutenant Eberle.

The North Atlantic fleet, commanded by Rear-Admiral F. J. Higginson, and consisting of the battleships Kearsarge, Alabama, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa and the cruiser Olympia, is expected to arrive off the capes of the Chesapeake to-day. The inspection will be thorough and important, and Admiral Dewey and the officers of the board will be able to observe just what has been the increase in efficiency of the ship's crews as the result of the winter manoeuvres and the extended target practice which has been completed in southern waters.

The manoeuvres were planned by the general board and the results have been excellent. The inspection and review will conclude with the transfer of the command of the fleet from Rear-Admiral Higginson to Rear-Admiral Barker, after which the ships will go to New York for repairs and Admiral Dewey and his staff will return to Washington.

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DISCUSSES DECISION

Alabama Case Similar to the Virginia One.

MILES' PHILIPPINE REPORT

Opinion on It is to Effect That it is That of a Soldier, and That the General is Subjected to the Jealousy of a Clique.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau,
No. 1417 G Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C., April 28.

It is the belief of many people whom I have heard discuss the subject that the decision of the Supreme Court yesterday in the Alabama Constitution case is a sure forerunner of a similar decision in the case from Virginia, which Mr. John S. Wise has appealed. The cases appear to be exactly identical. The court was not a unit, but all except three of the justices united in saying that the relief sought was political and not judicial, and that the court had no jurisdiction. It will be recalled that when Chief Justice Fuller sat with Judge Waddill in the United States Circuit Court at Richmond to hear the Virginia case last winter, he held, without hesitation, that the Federal Court did not have jurisdiction.

The date of trial of the Virginia case has not been set. The Chief Justice said yesterday that the court would sit next Monday to fix the date for hearing certain cases, and would adjourn on June 1st for the term. The court may or may not decide to hear the case next month.

The correspondent of The Times-Dispatch learned upon conference with a member of the Supreme Court that the complete opinion would in all probability be handed down Wednesday morning. It is understood that Mr. Justice Harlan, whose dissenting opinion has not yet been put in the hands of the clerk of the Supreme Court, holds simply that the court has no jurisdiction in the case as it is brought. The opinion, it is said, is very short and clear cut. To the members of the court concurring in the majority opinion it appeared better to be more discussive and to give the court's reason for holding that there was no jurisdiction or equity for such a wrong as was alleged by the complainant from Alabama.

Mr. Justice Holmes gave out the following statement of the case this afternoon:

"The suit was a bill in equity by a negro in his own behalf and a number of others. It alleged that by the Constitution of the State of Alabama, a preliminary registraton was provided for and that those who got on this preliminary list became permanently entitled to vote, and would not be subject to property or other disqualifications affecting permanent registration; that although entitled to be registered on the preliminary list the complaintnt had been refused register, that the effect of the method of conducting the preliminary registration was virtually to disqualify the colored people in the State of Alabama and that this was to be effected by keeping them off the preliminary list while all of the white voters had been put upon that list.

"In brief, the case decided that, whatever might be an individual right on an action at bar to redress political wrongs, there is no power in a court of equity to redress political wrongs of this kind; that the legitimate outcome of the power would be that the court of equity would take charge of the State government and administer it, which is an unheard-of proposition. If the remedy at law was not adequate the relief must be sought at the hands of the political department. The decision does not pass upon the validity of the Constitution of Alabama, but even holding it unconstitutional, the court of equity was without power."

A high official of the War Department, who does not wish to be quoted publicly, in discussing the acton of the legislative committee at Richmond yesterday in deciding to present bronze statues of Washington and Lee to the General Government to be placed in Statuary Hall, said he was pleased.

"I served in the Northern army for three years during the Civil War," he said, "and I have been a member of the Grand Army of the Republic almost from the time it was formed. Yet there is not a man in the South who thinks General Lee a greater soldier than I think he was, and there is not a man down there who more firmly believes General Lee was honest in his belief of the righteousness of his cause. I believe he was absolutely wrong, but I honor him and those who followed him as brave men. If I did not so regard them I should feel I was not much of a soldier myself. There is no doubt that Washington and Lee were far and away the greatest of Virginias sons. She does right to honor them above all others."

I was surprised to hear a man occupying the position of the gentleman quoted express himself so freely.

I have it on pretty reliable authority that General Nelson A. Miles, general commanding the army, has privately expressed views very similar to those quoted above.

General Miles' report on the condition of affairs in the Philippines as he saw them on his tour last year, which was just made public yesterday, has created much comment. His testimony as to the frequent administering of the water cure by Americans to force confessions from prisoners creates little more talk than his plain declarations that the archipelago is practically defenseless and that in time of war it could be easily captured by the enemy so far as American fortifications are concerned. It is also noted that the general of the army calls attention to the fact that he had previously recommended the proper fortification of at least one point on the island. The opinion is growing of late that General Miles is a soldier, and that much of the criticism to which he has been subjected is the result of the jealousy of a clique of drawing-room military men, who have not made the record he has made.

Secretary Henry E. Martin, of the American Anti-Trust League, feels that the League has had something to do with the shaping of the public sentiment which has forced the Republican party to take some cognizance of the trust evil.

The League is also congratulating itself on the St. Louis merger decision. Speaking of it to the Times-Dispatch correspondent to-day, Secretary Martin said:

"The injunction granted against the Northern Securities Company will, if enforced, be a great thing for the anti-trust people. It would be the beginning of an era in which popular rights are recognized once again.

"But there is another phase of the question, and one which is like the fly in the honey. Will the injunction be enforced? If it shall be, then it will be a distinct victory for the people. But if it is not, it will be worth just about as much brown paper as it is written on. Of what good is an injunction when the court which grants it winks at an open and flagrant violation of it? Take a case between ourselves, for instance. I bring suit against you, asking the court to enjoin you from using my name in a contemptuous way in the paper you represent. The court grants the injunction. But if that court winks at its violation by you, of what good is it? But, if you are hauled up before the court and asked to show cause why you should not be punished for contempt, it makes a considerable difference. So it is with the injunctions of the Federal Courts. If they fail to enforce these orders, of what use are they?

"And the history of anti-trust decisions are of non-enforcement. Go back to the trans-Missouri decision. Has anyone any knowledge of its having been enforced? Take the injunction against the Beef Trust. They are doing business at the same old stand, and in the same old way, just as though no such injunction had never been granted.

"When the Federal Court permitted the Northern Securities Company to pay their May dividend, it began to look as if the whole thing was a farcial proceeding on the part of the administration, calculated to satisfy public sentiment and at the same time to work no harm to the trusts.

"If the administration wants to prove its good faith let it see that the St. Louis injunction is enforced, and we will be ready to take back this charge of bad faith."

W. E. H.

Rhode Island Dead.

(By Associated Press.)

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 28.—The delegation from this State, headed by Governor L. F. C. Garvin, which is to be present on Thursday next at the dedication in Andersonville, Ga., of a monument erected in memory of the Rhode Island dead there, left this city to-night in two special Pullman cars for the South.

Succeed Mr. Harvey.

Among those mentioned in connection with the successorship to Senator E. J. Harvey, of Patrick, is Mr. J. M. Hooker, of Patrick, who is well known in this city through his service as a member of the Constitutional Convention. There are three counties in the senatorial district, however, and another of these may claim the Senator, as Patrick has had the honor for four years. The other two counties are Carroll and Grayson. Grayson is expected to have a candidate, but so far Carroll has put forward none. Mr. Hooker's friends in Richmond are hopeful that he may be selected.

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STREETS IN MANCHESTER

Citizens Desire the Street Committee to Get to Work.

IMPROVE SEMMES STREET

Meeting of the Olympia Club—Mr. Lonnie Wilson Entertained—To Issue Liquor License To-Morrow. Funeral of Mr. Moore.

Manchester Bureau Times-Dispatch,
No. 1102 Hull Street,

Street improvements in Manchester is the main topic of conversation, and much indignation is manifested at the slowness of the Street Committee.

For three months the Street Committee has had the appropriation in its hands, and up to this time nothing but a few temporary improvements have been made.

About $4,000 is at the disposal of the committee for improvements. When the appropriation was made it was the general understanding that the committee had in mind the permanent improvement of Semmes and Stockton Streets. The former street is probably the most frequently used street in the city. It is the thoroughfare for travelers between Chesterfield and Manchester and Richmond.

For years the street has remained in an unimproved condition, because Councilmen preferred to leave it in a bad way in order to prevent people using it on the road to Richmond, putting up the argument that if the street were not used those who pass through to Richmond would stop in Manchester.

The residents of the street, however, who are forced to bear with dust in summer and mud and slush in winter, have arisen in their might and have protested that they have been long suffering and now demand from their Councilmen that something be done.

It is likely that at the next meeting of the Street Committee the various wards will pool their allotted portion of the appropriation and set down to work for some permanent improvement.

OLYMPIA CLUB.

A meeting of the Olympia Club was held last night, and the result of the late bazaar was figured out.

Mr. Lonnie Wilson, who aided the club and the Daughters of Liberty to such an extent last week, was entertained by the club, and remarks were made by Messrs. John Moore, Billy Hart, Buck Walke, James Watts and others. The affair was quite a pleasant one.

Another entertainment is under consideration, and it is quite likely that the club will send its glee club to West Point at an early date to entertain the people of that town.

LIQUOR LICENSE.

Manchester liquor dealers will appear before Judge Ingram to-morrow to ask for renewal of their license for the coming year.

The license for the city will be the same as formerly, no increase having been made by the City Council. All the dealers will probably apply for licenses.

FUNERAL OF MR. MOORE.

The funeral of Mr. E. F. Moore will take place this morning at 10 o'clock from his home, No. 210 East Eighteenth Street. Rev. Mr. Reynolds will conduct the services, and the burial will be in Maury Cemetery.

PERSONAL AND NOTES.

Manchester Council, Royal Arcanum, held a regular meeting last night.

Miss Delia Hoover, of Roanoke, is visiting Miss Grace Metcalf, of Swansboro.

Liquor license will be granted to applicants in Chesterfield county by Judge Clopton on the second Monday in May.

A "hog killing affair" will take place at Asbury Methodist Church at an early date.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Schwartz celebrated the tenth anniversary of their marriage Monday night.

The Willing Workers' Society of Clopton-Street Church will have a called meeting to-morrow night at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. C. H. Kahl, in Swansboro. All members are requested to be present.

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN

Drought in Florida and Middle Gulf States is Serious.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28.—The Weather Bureau's weekly crop report says:

The drought in Florida and in the Central Gulf States and principally in the last mentioned section, has grown more serious, and over large areas the ground is too dry for germination of seed.

As in the previous week corn planting has made slow progress, more particularly over the central and eastern portions of the corn belt and in the Middle Atlantic States, but better progress has been made in Kansas and Nebraska, and preparations for planting have been vigorously carried on in Iowa and portions of Illinois. In Southern States corn has suffered from low temperatures, and in the central and west gulf districts from drought also.

East of the Mississippi River early cotton has been injured by cold and much replanting will be necessary. Planting in this part of the cotton belt has progressed rapidly, except in Mississippi, where, as in the district west of the Mississippi, planting, although well advanced, had been largely suspended during the past week on account of drought. Warmth is generally needed throughout the cotton belt, and the central and western districts are in urgent need of rain. Tobacco plants continue plentiful and healthy, though backward in Kentucky. No transplanting has yet been done, except in the Carolinas, but plants are ready for setting in Tennessee. In North Carolina the plants are not starting well, and in South Carolina stands are being impaired by worms and injury has been caused by hail-storms.

CAN THESE THINGS BE?

There Was No Such Interview, Now Says General Baldwin.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28.—Colonel Mills, of the Inspector-General's department, who went to Denver to investigate the interview said to have been given by General Baldwin, in which the latter spoke in an improper manner of the Filipino and negro soldiers, has reported to Secretary Root that the interview never took place, and that the man who reported it has been discharged from the paper. It appears from Colonel Mills' report that Gen. Baldwin did have an interview when he first arrived at Denver, and it was this interview to which he referred when he subsequently stated that he was misunderstood if he was interpreted as saying anything reflecting upon the Filipinos or colored soldiers. Colonel Mills' report is supported by a great many affidavits and much testimony, which has been presented to the Secretary of War.

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THE CLAWS WITHDRAWN

Russia's Demands Seem to Have Been Merely Tentative

WILL NOW SHOW SOFT SIDE

Thought That Trade Treaties With This Country Will Not Be Further Interfered With by St. Petersburg Government.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 28.—No response has come to the State Department as yet from either Ambassador McCormick at St. Petersburg, or Minister Conger, at Peking to the inquiries respecting Russia's demands in connection with Manchuria. The officials are in a state of suspense and uncertainty in view of the conflict in the semi-official dispatches from the Russian and Chinese capitals. In the absence of official statements of Russia's purposes, the opinion prevails here that these Russian demands were really put out in a tentative form last week and not in regular official shape. There is good reason to believe that the Chinese government itself let the demands leak out in order to secure the support of the powers in its refusal of the Russian tenders.

Noting the intense public excitement over the proposition, the Russian government, it is surmised, took steps through the statement issued in St. Petersburg yesterday to abandon several of the original demands. It is not doubted that such reducton of the maximum demands was fully within contemplation when the tentative statement was thrown out.

If this assumption general in official circles here, is well-founded, then Russia will not further interfere with the consummation of the United States trade treaty with China, including as it does the new ports of Moukdan and Takuo Shan. On the other hand, the fourth demand, characterized by the St. Petersburg statements "as unimportant" is not so regarded here, for it amounts to an indefinite continuance under Russian direction of present conditions in China, which will stop all reform movements.

TO INCORPORATE THREE PROVINCES INTO EMPIRE

(By Associated Press.)

TOKIO, JAPAN, April 28.—The Jiji to-day published a dispatch from Pekin, in which its correspondent quoted the Russian minister as saying that the effect of the remonstrances of Japan and the other powers would be that the statesmen now paramount at St. Petersburg would decide to incorporate the three provinces of Manchuria in the Russian empire.

Definite Refusal of Demands.

(By Associated Press.)

PEKIN, April 28.—China has given Russia what the officials describe as a final and definite refusal to accept her demands regarding Manchuria.

Henrico Notes.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to Samuel W. Godsey, of Richmond, and Estelle Fidler, of Henrico; James Tilden Stagg, of Richmond, and Rosa Inez Adams, of Henrico.

A negro woman named Maggie Carter was tried yesterday before 'Squire Thomas, charged with assaulting another negro woman. She was fined $10 and required to give security in the sum of $200.

James Perkins (white) was tried before Mayor Jeter, of Fairmount, and given thirty days in jail for being drunk and disorderly. When he was tried about a month ago on the same charge he was discharged upon his solemn promise that he would not drink a drop again for twelve months.

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AT CORCORAN HALL

Polk Miller and His Quartette Appear There To-Morrow Night.

Polk Miller and his quartette will appear at Corcoran Hall to-morrow night for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. James Methodist Episcopal Church.

The enjoyable nature of the entertainment and the low price of admission, as well as the worthy cause for which it is given, insure a large attendance.

Gen. Ayers, Double.

Hon. J. T. Robson, of Rockingham county, member of the House of Delegates, is the double of ex-Attorney-General Rufus A. Ayers. Indeed, the resemblance between the two is so striking that many have spoken to one for the other. Mr. Robson comes of old English stock and is distantly related to Stuart Robson, the actor. The name is pronounced Rob-son and not Robeson, as it is often mispronounced. Though rather quiet, Mr. Robson is a working member of the House and is usually in his place and attentive to his duties.

Mr. Reid May Run.

Mr. E. S. Reid, of Chatham, is being urged by his friends to stand for the Democratic nomination for the State Senate for the district composed of Pittsylvania and Danville, to succeed Senator Whitehead. It is not known whether Senator Whitehead will be a candidate for re-election or not. Mr. Reid is cashier of a bank at Chatham and has been for several years chairman of the Democratic County Committee. He would have a strong following, it is said, should he determine to be a candidate.

Gov. Montague to Speak.

Gov. Montague has received and accepted an invitation from the Confederate Memorial Association of Norfolk to deliver an address on Memorial days in that city. The memorial services are to be held on Thursday, May 7th. The Governor will be accompanied to Norfolk by his staff, and others will probably go down from this city.