MAJOR YOUNG WILL BE NAMED BY CRAIG

To Be Appointed Adjutant-General of North Carolina National Guard.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Asheville, N. C., December 22.—Governor-Elect Locke Craig has announced that, immediately following his inauguration in January he will appoint Major Lawrence W. Young, of this city, as adjutant-general of the North Carolina national guard, the adjutant-general being the ranking officer of the guard.

In making the appointment Mr. Craig said that Major Young has been indorsed by an overwhelming majority of the North Carolina national guard, and appears to be the choice of the soldiers of the State. Major Young has been identified with the State troops since the Spanish-American war.

For the sum of $51,315 Baker, Watts & Co., of Baltimore, purchased the issue of $50,000 worth of bonds, which were voted at the recent general election, the proceeds from which are to be used for permanent school improvements. The purchaser agrees to bear the expense of having the bonds engraved and the attorneys' fees in connection with the issuance of the bonds. Bids were submitted by fourteen dealers in bonds and much interest was shown in the sale, representatives of a number of dealers coming here to submit their bids. The school committee has decided to use a portion of the fund which will be secured from the sale of the bonds for enlarging the Orange Street, Montford Avenue and Park Avenue school buildings. In other buildings, additional heating and plumbing facilities will be installed, and it has been decided to spend part of the fund for the beautifying of the grounds of some of the schools.

The men of Buncombe County who wore the gray during the War Between the States, as well as the wives of deceased Confederate veterans, during the week have received their annual pensions. The sum of $13,920 has been distributed by Clerk of Court Marcus Erwin, $5,370 going to the 179 widows who reside in the county; 259 veterans who were slightly wounded in the war received $7,770; the soldiers of the civil war who were more seriously injured, of whom there are seven in Buncombe County, received $336; five old soldiers, who lost a limb, were given $300. Only two veterans are living in this county who were totally disabled as the result of wounds received during the war, and they received an allotment of $144. The pension checks are distributed each year during the month of December, coming to the pensioners as "Christmas money."

H. O. Williams, international railroad secretary of the Y. M. C. A.; Assistant-Secretary G. K. Roper and Interstate Secretary G. C. Huntington, will come to Asheville during the latter part of next month for the purpose of investigating local conditions relative to the need of a Railroad Young Men's Christian Association at this point. S. Sternberg, a prominent citizen of Asheville, has donated a large lot to the association with the understanding that the land be used only for the site of a Y. M. C. A. building. It is admirably situated for such a structure, being located within a short distance of the freight and passenger stations of the Southern Railway, and within close proximity to the residential section of the city settled chiefly by men employed by the railroad. While no definite announcement will be made until the reports of the secretaries have been submitted, it is believed that they will recommend the acceptance of the lot and the erection of an association building at this city, in view of the fact that this is a division point and hundreds of railroad men maintain their headquarters at Asheville.

Rev. H. Field Saumenig, for the past several years pastor of the Trinity Episcopal Church of this city, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Church of the Holy Comforter, at Atlanta, Ga., and has gone to that city to assume his new duties. The vestrymen of the local church have not yet chosen a successor to Rev. Mr. Saumenig. The latter's two children, who are in school at this city, will remain here several weeks before joining their father at Atlanta.

Ella Wheeler, an eighteen-year-old girl of this city, was discharged in the court of United States Commissioner R. S. McCall, having been charged with opening mail which was not intended for her. The arrest was made several weeks ago, upon the complaint of Greenville, S. C., officials, who stated that evidence pointed to the young woman in connection with the opening of a letter while a guest at a boarding house at that city in February, which was intended for another boarder. Immediately following her arrest the defendant gave bond. She is prominently connected in this county, and much interest was shown in the outcome of the hearing before the commissioner.

At the annual meeting of the Buncombe County Medical Society this week, the following officers were chosen for the coming year: President, Dr. A. W. Calloway; vice-president, Dr. Paul H. Ringer; secretary-treasurer, Dr. G. S. Tennent; delegates to the state medical society meeting, Dr. E. R. Morris, Dr. L. B. McBrayer and Dr. Carl V. Reynolds; alternates, Dr. W. L. Dunn, Dr. Paul H. Ringer and Dr. A. W. Calloway; member of the board of censors for three years, Dr. H. H. Briggs. The meeting was followed by the seventeenth annual banquet of the society, which was served at the Langren Hotel, at which the following were the guests of honor: Dr. J. Howell Way, of Waynesville, the president of the State Board of Health; Dr. J. P. Munroe, of Charlotte, the president of the North Carolina Medical Society; Dr. W. S. Rankin, of Raleigh, the secretary of the State Board of Health; Governor-Elect Locke Craig, of this city. The spread was an unusually enjoyable one, and was largely attended. Dr. Thompson Frazer was toastmaster, and numerous physicians responded to toasts. The feature of the banquet was the presentation of a handsomely engraved gold watch to Meat and Milk Inspector L. M. McCormick, of the city health department, as a testimonial of the services which he has rendered the city.

At the annual meeting of the local branch No. 248, National Association of Letter Carriers, the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Neill Lee; vice-president, W. F. O'Rear; treasurer and insurance clerk, F. Stikeleather, Jr.; secretary, M. M. Hayes; sergeant-at-arms, C. W. Parham.

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TATE IS PLEASED WITH PROSPECTS

Applicant for Office of Collector of Internal Revenue for Western District.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Pulaski, Va., December 22.—Captain T. L. Tate, representative from Pulaski County in the State Legislature, is an applicant for the office of collector of internal revenue for the Western District of Virginia, which appointment will be filled by President-Elect Wilson. The office had been held for several years by L. P. Summers until the recent election, when he resigned, and D. F. Bailey was appointed in his stead. Captain Tate is well pleased with the outlook he has for the office, and has some strong letters of indorsement for the position.

E. L. Darst, division superintendent of schools for Pulaski County, has issued to his teachers a letter which contains important statistics of the county schools gathered from the November monthly report. It shows a total enrolment of 3,268, with a daily average attendance of 80 per cent. There are eighty-nine teachers, sixty-nine of whom are members of the Teachers' Association and fifty-seven regular subscribers to the school journal. The daily average attendance, based on enrollment, shows that three schools had 90 per cent or over, seven which averaged 85 to 90 per cent, nine which averaged 80 to 85 per cent, thirteen which averaged 75 to 80 per cent, and fourteen which averaged below 75 per cent. The schools closed for the holidays Friday, and will resume on January 2.

The Masonic fraternity of Dublin, at the meeting on Tuesday night, elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows: H. E. Bocock, worshipful master; L. L. Trinkle, senior warden; W. Byrne Cecil, junior warden; Lee Dudley, senior deacon; F. Anderson, junior deacon; Fred Shuffebarger, secretary; Walter Crockett, treasurer; T. S. Faulkner, tiler; J. W. Alford and G. C. Moomaw, stewards. At the conclusion of the election the Masons invited their wives or sweethearts to the dining hall of Hotel Dublin, where an oyster course was served.

The marriage of Miss Mary Brown and Frank Myers, both of Pulaski County, was quietly celebrated Saturday night at the Methodist parsonage at Dublin, the Rev. N. R. Cartright officiating.

The will of James M. Moelick, of this place, who died last week in Roanoke, was admitted to record in the circuit clerk's office here yesterday. E. T. Howard, named in the will as executor, qualified in a penalty of $7,000. Under the terms of the will, his handsome home on Sixth Street is given to the trustees of Christ Episcopal Church as a rectory; $1,000 of the bonds of Pulaski Lodge, B. P. O. E., building to each of the following: Christ Church, Pulaski; Trinity Church, Buchanan; the Protestant Episcopal Seminary and High School, Alexandria; $500 in bonds to the local lodge; $500 to Miss Virginia Bull, of Petersburg; $500 to S. C. Moelick, of El Paso, Texas, a brother; Edwin T. Howard, his partner, $500. After the payment of these legacies, he directed that $100 be given to the building of a monument in Pulaski to the Confederate veterans, provided that in addition $1,400 be raised for this purpose within two years after his death. The residue of his estate is directed to be divided equally between Christ Church, Pulaski; Trinity Church, Buchanan, and the Potestant Theological Seminary, Alexandria. He left no family.

At a special conference of the members of the Baptist Church, it was unanimously decided to extend a call to Rev. W. W. Jones, of Campobello, S. C. Mr. Jones preached for the congregation last Sunday with a view to receiving a call. It is intimated that he will accept and can enter upon the work January 1. The pastorate was made vacant by the resignation of Rev. O. C. Peyton, which took effect October 1.

PATRONS' LEAGUE ORGANIZED.

Officers Elected at Meeting on Friday Night—Other News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Heathsville, Va., December 22.—Mrs. Blanche M. Cone organized a patrons' league at Callao High School on Friday night, with the following officers: president, R. W. Winstead; vice-president, L. W. Headley, secretary and treasuer, Mrs. R. E. Booker.

One of this county's farmers raised this year on a sixteen-acre field 556 barrels of corn.

Many of the nearby owners of motor boats took their friends out in the Potomac to witness the recent target practice of the United States fleet.

On petition of citizens of White Stone Magisterial District, the Board of Supervisors, at a recent meeting, shortened the partridge season in that district by cutting off the month of January. On petition of citizens from the two upper districts of the county, the season is left open in White Chapel and Mantua until February 1. The complaint of the scarcity of birds seems pretty general. At the first of the season they were plentiful and fat, but lately they seem to have disappeared, either gone to the woods or from some cause unknown. Wild turkeys are more plentiful, as two hunters recently, near Booker's Mill, bagged four in a very short while.

Miss Lillian Dodson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Octavus Dodson, of Burgess Store, and George L. Campbell, also of Burgess Store, Northumberland County, were married last evening at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride, by Rev. J. E. Massey, of the Methodist Church. After the ceremony supper was served to the bridal party and guests. They will make their home at Burgess Store.

Miss Bessie Cornelius Swann and Frank Morgan Garner were quietly married this morning at the home of the bride, near Lottsburg.

Miss Mary E. Dungan and Warren L. Lewis were married yesterday at the home of the bride, near Lodge.

Miss Achsah R. Marsh, daughter of Mrs. J. R. Marsh, of Miskinsey, Northumberland County, and Somerville Forrester were married December 21. They will make their home near Sampson's Wharf.

JOHNSON IN RICH COLONY.

Pugilist Buys Sherman Bungalow on Lake Geneva for New White Wife.

Chicago, Ill., December 22.—Lake Geneva, Wis., the Chicago millionaires' most exclusive summer colony, has been invaded. Its sanctity has sustained the severest blow possible through John Arthur Johnson, negro champion heavyweight pugilist, having purchased and received the deed for the bungalow that was the home of the late Helen M. Sherman. The sale was made by the estate, and the deal was closed without the identity of the purchaser then becoming known.

The bungalow is situated on the most commanding point on the lake shore, and lies between the summer homes of Henry J. Evans, director of the National Biscuit Company and of many other mammoth enterprises, and that of Julian Rumsey. The house is of brick, and is one of the beauty spots of the colony. Not far away is the summer place of John J. Mitchell, president of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank. The home of Mr. Mitchell was the Javanese Building so much admired at the Chicago World's Fair, from which Mr. Mitchell purchased it and moved it bodily to his summer home.

Johnson paid $35,000 for the property as a Christmas present for his new white wife, Lucile Cameron, and with her will spend the holidays there, beginning on Tuesday.

The champion has also purchased a farm nearby, where he will breed imported cows and buffalo in an endeavor to raise a new and better strain of milk cattle. Mr. Mitchell epitomizes the situation thus: "It is certainly a case of black-male. Perhaps the spelling of the last syllable may turn out to be wrong."

Progressive Dinner Postponed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Garden City, N. Y., December 22.—The big Progressive party dinner that had been set for last night was suddenly postponed because of Colonel Roosevelt's inability to be present on account of a previous engagement. The dinner, which, it had been reported, would likely shape the spring campaign of the Progressives in New York State, will be held February 15. Oscar S. Straus and William A. Prendergast were to have spoken at the dinner.

CHAIRMAN UNDERWOOD NOT GOING TO EUROPE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, December 22.—Chairman Underwood, of the House Ways and Means Committee, will not go to Europe or anywhere else in search of health, according to an emphatic statement given out at his office in response to a publisher rumor that the House leader was in serious physical condition.

"Mr. Underwood will go as far as Trenton to meet the president-elect," his secretary explained. "After that he will put in the holiday recess in Washington."

A heavy cold, followed by chills, is the extent of Underwood's illness.

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MANY APPLICANTS FOR POST-OFFICES

Lengthy Petitions Being Circulated in Arvonia Section. School Activities.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Arvonia, Va., December 22.—Inspector Hathaway, of the United States Post-Office Department, is spending some days in this section visiting and inspecting the post-offices of Buckingham and adjacent counties. He reports large numbers of applicants for many of the post-offices, the applicants being firmly of the opinion that the President's order, placing 34,000 fourth-class post-offices in the classified service, will be rescinded by President Wilson at the instigation of Congress next spring. In many cases lengthy petitions have been circulated, with thousands of names, in the aggregate, enrolled for or against certain applicants.

Inspector Hathaway states that he finds that perhaps a good majority of the rural postmasters throughout this section are already either Democratic in sympathy or else are nonpartisans altogether. However, this may be, it is certain that vast effort will be put forth to replace the majority of the present postmasters of the county next spring when the Democrats get firmly into the saddle in Washington.

An unprecedented activity in the purchase of libraries for the various schools of the county exists at this time, or continues from last year, when a large number of libraries were purchased. The following schools of the county have just ordered libraries or will order within a week: The Curdsville Graded School, the Enonville School, both in Curdsville District; the Glover School and the Hooper School, in Francisco District; the Malone School, in Maysville District; the Hanes Chapel School, in Marshall District; the Ivy Hill, Texas, Omohundro, Cunningham and Warminster schools, in James River District, an aggregate of eleven complete libraries, with a large addition to the library already in the Buckingham High School. Ten libraries were ordered for the schools of the county last year.

The last report of the division superintendent of the county showed an enrolment for November of 1,340 white children and 1,071 colored, an aggregate of 2,411, the largest November enrolment in the history of the county. The average attendance of white children was 1,026.47, and of colored, 705.68, a total of 1,726.15, which is considered remarkable for a rural county with all its attendance drawbacks.

The treasurer of the county has just made out his report of December collections of school funds. This report shows that $11,814.06 will come to the schools this year from local sources. Of this amount, only $4,236.90 has been collected for immediate distribution, while the much larger sum of $7,577.16 is still uncollected, and will have to have the penalty of 5 per cent added for collection.

There are an even hundred schools run in the county this year, the white schools outnumbering the colored schools about two to one.

Owing to unusually fine weather, the farmers have done much work this fall looking to next year's crops. While money is not plentiful, the outlook is considered bright for agriculturists. Local banks report scarcity of money and great demand for loans. In spite of this fact there is much buying of real estate, and more than the usual amount of building going on in this section.

GREAT MYSTERY SHROUDS ILLNESS

All Possible Secrecy Thrown About Heir Apparent to Russian Throne.

Berlin, December 22.—Hedged about with all the secrecy that the autocratic power of the Czar of Russia makes possible, the condition of the ailing Czarevitch Alexis, the eight-year-old heir-apparent to the throne, to-night was admittedly a mystery.

Special dispatches to the National Gazette from St. Petersburg confirmed the story that Professor James Adolf Israel, the noted German kidney specialist, went from Berlin at the behest of Czar Nicholas and made an examination of the little grand duke, but in St. Petersburg it was said Dr. Israel refused to operate on the Czarevitch. Professor Israel refused to discuss the matter. He said:

"I am compelled to confine myself to a statement that the report is incorrect."

Obviously, it is said the associates of the Jewish surgeon would be reticent concerning the identity of his reputed patient and the secrecy that attended his reported journey to and return from St. Petersburg.

The Grand Duke Alexis, youngest child and heir apparent of Czar Nicholas, who is eight years old, and came after the Czarina had borne four daughters, has been ailing for many weeks, and his illness has given rise to no end of rumors throughout Europe. A London report had it that the Czarevitch was so wounded by a nihilist attendant that his succession to the throne was impossible. It was said that the incident took place aboard the royal yacht of the Czar, and that the yacht's commander, learning of the affair, committed suicide. The story was vigorously denied from St. Petersburg, despite that color was lent to it by the appointment of the Grand Duke Demetri as heir apparent to the Czar. Through the overzealous talk of colleagues of Professor Israel it was said in Berlin medical circles that the specialist had journeyed to St. Petersburg and had removed from the Czarevitch a tubercular kidney, performing a delicate operation, which the Russian court physicians refused to attempt.

PROGRESSIVES TO HAVE DETECTIVES ON GUARD

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Newport, R. I., December 22.—That the Progressive party in this State is to have a force of detectives and watchers in its employ for some time prior to the next State election for the purpose of watching for irregularities in the various voting districts was a statement made by Daniel Leroy Dresser at a meeting here yesterday. He further said that these men would be on the particular lookout for vote-buying.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. O. W. Huntington, and was called for the purpose of hearing reports from Mrs. Maude Howe Elliott, Mr. Dresser and Charles Bissel, who represented Newport at the recent Progressive conference in Chicago.

CATAPULT LAUNCHING AND "FLYING BOATS."

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, December 22.—One of the large ships of the United States Navy will in the early part of next summer be equipped with one of the latest "flying boats" and a catapult launching device for it, according to plans of the Naval Aviation School, which will have its winter headquarters at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The collied Sterling, loaded with three hydroaeroplanes and one "flying boat," leaves Annapolis Monday, December 23, for Cuba, also carrying with it the naval aviators, assistants and wireless equipment for the machines and other paraphernalia needed for the work that is to be undertaken during the winter.

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