

Commissioner Watts Begins to Function On Next Monday

Has Troubles to Start With on Account of Reductions in Valuations--Word H. Wood Declines Appointment as Highway Commissioner; Col. Kirkpatrick Urged for the Place.

PRESIDENT HARDING TO AID FARMERS.

Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair "Conservative" on Prohibition--How He Got the Job.

(By Maxwell Gorman.)

Raleigh, April 26.—Next Monday, May 2nd, the new and important State department, the revenue commissioner, with Col. A. D. Watts as commissioner, will begin to function.

There will be some right knotty problems for the new official to tackle right at the start, these growing out of the action of about half of the counties of the State in having made reductions in property valuation, some light and some drastic, while the other fifty counties have refused to make any reductions, declaring the valuations at present to be fair and equitable.

Some of the counties that made reductions, like Sampson, for instance, have since reversed their action and restored the old valuation. They found that the 25 per cent reduction ordered, after applying the fifteen cent limit to the reduced valuation, would leave the county without sufficient income to meet expenses. The constitutional limitation of the tax rate to fifteen cents to be used for county purposes, or to ten cents if the State should make use of its share of the limitation, will be a considerable factor to be considered by the new department in connection with the review of the horizontal cuts ordered by the county boards.

New Member Highway Commission.
Since Word H. Wood of Charlotte notified Governor Morrison that he would not accept the position of highway commissioner for the sixth district, because of lack of time to devote to its duties, the Governor has been bombarded with letters and telegrams advocating the appointment of several other gentlemen to the post. Saturday a large delegation of Charlotte people came to Raleigh to urge the Governor to appoint Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, who has a wide reputation in the State already as a good roads advocate and builder. Colonel Kirkpatrick is a resident of Charlotte, and it will not be surprising if the announcement of his appointment is made within the next few days, as there is no time to waste on this job.

Highway Commission at Work.
The State Highway Commission is at work here this week, the members having assembled here today for the purpose of mapping out the initial work in the \$50,000,000 highway construction of hard-surface roads program.

It is now certain that the early summer will find road-building work under way in most of the counties of the State, the money for State work being entirely available and ready at hand in a

large volume as will be needed for some time.

Harding to Help Farmers.

North Carolina farmers will be interested to learn that Senators interested in the financial attitude of the administration respecting agricultural interests called in a delegation on President Harding and requested lower discount rates on farm paper and asked the President about the attitude of the Federal Reserve Board and the Farm Loan Board on loans to farmers.

President Harding assured them, members of the delegation said after the interview, that the policy of the Government would be "very liberal." The President will ask D. R. Crissinger, comptroller of the currency, to be liberal with banks holding such paper. The delegation intends to call on Mr. Crissinger later. It is the intention of the administration to assist agriculture in every way possible. The senatorial delegation was non-partisan and non-sectional. It was organized by Senator Ellison D. Smith of South Carolina. The other members were Senators Simmons (Dem., N. C.); Ransdell (Dem., La.); Norbeck (Rep., S. D.); Stansfield (Rep., Ore.); and Gooding (Rep., Ida.).

After the session was over Senator Simmons said he thought good results would come of the appeal to President Harding.

Blair and Booze.

David H. Blair of Winston-Salem, who has been appointed Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington, is said to be a "conservative" on the prohibition subject. This is important because of the authority and influence he and his administration will exert on moonshiners and the dispensing of wines and beer by physicians to the sick.

An arbitrary limit of 44 gallons of beer and three gallons of wine as the maximum a physician may prescribe at any one time has been set in new prohibition regulations which await the approval of Blair. In making this announcement, Prohibition Commissioner Kramer, said that while under Attorney General Palmer's recent opinion the amount of beer or wine prescribed by a physician over a given period could not be limited, it was believed that the amount of individual prescriptions could be limited to a reasonable maximum. It would not be practical, he said, to require a patient for whom two or three bottles of beer a day might be prescribed, to obtain a prescription for each day. Issuance of beer and wine regulations, Mr. Kramer emphasized, will depend entirely upon the decision of the new internal revenue commissioner. Regulations as prepared for his approval, he said, were merely tentative.

How and Why He Got the Job.

It is gradually leaking out that the Blair nomination is the result of a drive by large cotton and to-

bacco manufacturing interests in the South.

It was said that the recommendation that made the final winning appeal to Secretary Mellon in Blair's behalf was a letter from Stuart W. Cramer of Charlotte, who for many years has been the leading spirit in the cotton manufacturing associations of the Southern States.

Mr. Blair is a son-in-law of James W. Cannon of Concord. Mr. Cannon owns about 20 factories in three or four counties in Piedmont North Carolina. He and many intimate friends saw the President and Mr. Mellon in the interest of Mr. Blair.

Mr. Blair is now at his home in Winston-Salem getting ready to take over his duties in the Treasury Department. It is said that Mr. Blair is a "conservative" on the prohibition question. His town was one of the last in the State to give up saloons. Within 50 miles of his home moonshining is carried on by experts. The best corn whiskey made nowadays comes from some of the counties that touch Forsyth. The politicians fear that Mr. Blair will not know just how important to them it is for him to deal out pie with a deft hand. Having kept himself aloof from the political turmoil of his immediate section he is described as a "poor politician." But people here think he played a fine game by sticking to himself, and neglecting to throw mud at others did.

Tremendous Forest Fire Losses in United States.

Forest fires sweeping over 56,488,307 acres of land in 45 States, caused damage amounting to \$85,715,747 during the five years 1919 to 1920, inclusive, according to information made public by the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. A total of 180,313 forest fires occurred during this period. Minnesota was the chief sufferer, its loss being \$30,895,860.

Railroads caused the largest number of all fires chargeable to such agencies.

The bulletin presents reports from the Forest Service on fires in the national forests and from State forestry officials covering conditions in 20 States. These reports deplore the present-day waste of natural resources and emphasize the need for public education to avoid the disastrous consequences of continued neglect in failing to provide adequate fire protection for the forests of the country.

Gentleness Aids Live-Stock Growth and Checks Drift

The practical value of treating live stock kindly is discussed by a Virginia live-stock owner in a letter to the United States Department of Agriculture. "All cattle buyers," he remarks, "know how great is the 'drift' in shipping cattle. Very much of this loss is due to digestive troubles caused by excitement and fear incident to travel."

"Keep all live stock as quiet and make them as gentle as possible and your feeding costs will be noticeably reduced. Try this suggestion with one litter of pigs."

"It will abundantly repay any live-stock breeder," he adds, "to spend a great deal of time, going quietly among his animals and letting them make the advancements. He will be surprised how soon he can begin to put his hands on them. After they realize his hands are not to be dreaded they will soon enjoy gentle rubbing or scratching. When animals are sheltered from annoying or exciting occurrences they digest feed better and it takes much less to keep up normal growth and fat production."

The annual value of the strawberry crop in the United States is said to be about \$18,000,000. It is a crop, specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture warn, that must be handled with the greatest care to avoid loss.

The two million dollar good roads bond issue for Mecklenburg county, including Charlotte, carried Tuesday by a majority of more than 2,100.

BIG CONSTRUCTION WORK AT UNIVERSITY PLANNED TO START SOON.

Eight New Buildings and Enlargements to be Made and Other Improvements.

Cur. of the Gleaner.

Chapel Hill, N. C., April 26.—Development of the library extension service of the University of North Carolina library and shifting of its material so that it is more easily available for use by North Carolinians all over the State have been announced by D. Louis R. Wilson, librarian.

The university library, which with its 100,000 volumes, is one of three largest in the South, has been used frequently in the past by North Carolinians living away from Chapel Hill. Books and pamphlets are sent out by mail every day and information of many kinds has been supplied upon request. All of this work is done free of all cost save the postage on the books.

A recent pamphlet of the extension bureau calls attention to the kinds of service the library is especially fitted to give. They include books and pamphlets for use in preparing school debates; courses of study and books for women's clubs; for public welfare workers and community nurses; for teachers and educational leaders; for use in high school plays, community drama, and pageantry; and for story telling to children. In addition the library will continue to lend books from its general collection to whoever wants them.

Five courses of study have been prepared for women's clubs, three of which have been studied by 1,900 women in 120 clubs this past year. They are courses on "Citizenship for Women," "Our Heritage: A Study through Literature of the American Tradition," and "Constructive Ventures in Government: A Manual of Discussion and Study of Woman's New Part in the Newer Ideals of Citizenship." Two other courses ready soon will be "A Study Course in the Modern Drama" and "Studies in American Literature."

A special department of the library developed recently is the service offered for welfare workers and nurses. The library has

been made the distributing center for the National Organization for Public Health Nurses, and it has a vast amount of matter on questions of health and public welfare.

University officials think that a start will be made in the immediate future on the biggest construction work ever done in Chapel Hill. The legislative appropriation of \$1,490,000 for permanent improvements in the next two years means five new dormitories, three new class room buildings, the virtual doubling of the dining room space and equipment, and the extension of the water, light, heat, and sewerage systems.

Thomas C. Atwood, one of the best known engineers in the United States, has been retained to supervise the construction. Mr. Atwood is in Chapel Hill now and will stay until the work is finished. He has had a world of experience in building. He built the famous Yale Bowl, the largest athletic stadium in the world, built the Squantum Destroyer Plant for the Navy during the war, involving an expenditure of \$25,000,000, and was in charge of all construction for the Emergency Fleet Corporation on the Atlantic Coast between Baltimore and Wilmington.

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HINDU IDEA OF "SEVEN SEAS"

Writer in Boston Herald Shows That Expression is Older Than the English Language.

The question as to the origin and meaning of the term "The Seven Seas" having been raised in this column, I am surprised, says a writer in the Boston Herald, that as yet no one has called attention to the fact that the expression is far older than the English language, antedating even the science of geography as we understand it. In prehistoric Hindu thought our world consists as to its solid parts of seven concentric, continental Divpas, whose names are Jambu, Plaksha, Salmali, Kusa, Krauncha, Saka, and Pushkara. According to the sacred Vishnu Purana: "They are surrounded severally by seven great seas—the sea of salt water (Lavana), of sugar-cane juice (Ikshu), of wine (Sura), of clarified butter (Sarpis), or curds (Dadhi), of milk (Dugdha), and of fresh water (Jala). Jambu-dvipa is the center of all these, and in the copies of this is the golden mountain Meru." Jambu is the dvipa occupied by human beings. Meru the indescribably glorious north polar mountain by which the portal to the heaven or heavens is attainable.

In oriental literature, therefore, the expression "the seven seas" has no reference to the bodies of water named seas by our geographers, but is an interesting survival of the geocentric world view which we of the western nations have lost, but which all orthodox Brahmins and Buddhists still hold sacred and true. Its recent appearance in occidental literature is doubtless more due to Kipling than to any other writer.

BELIEF HAS NO FOUNDATION

Conjunction of the Rising of the Dog Star and the Sun Doesn't Bring Extreme Heat.

"Dog days" was the name given by astronomers to the 20 days before and 20 days after the rising of the dog-star, or Sirius, with the sun. This period is reckoned at present from the 3d of July to the 11th of August.

For years it was the accepted opinion that this conjunction of the rising of the dog-star and the sun was one of the causes for the extreme heat of the summer. This conjunction, however, does not occur at the same time in all latitudes, nor is it constant in the same region for a long period; hence there is much variation as to the limits of the dog-star period.

It is a mere coincidence that the rising of Sirius and the sun occurs during the hottest season of the year just now. In time, astronomers say, it will take place in the midst of winter.

Sirius is called the dog-star because it is the brightest luminary in the constellation "canis major" or Greater Dog.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Perfect in One Particular.

The old and highly esteemed coachman of a family has at last resigned himself to a pension and a lodge-gate keeper's duties—if he is by no means resigned to the sight of the chauffeur who now reigns in his stead. The blow of the loss of his post has been softened slightly by the presentation of a handsome portrait, or, as he calls it, "likeness," of himself in full regalia, a pair of his favorite horses cavorting nobly under his whip. The old man is right well pleased with the effect, and so is his good dame, though, when questioned as to the portrait's resemblance to her husband, her answer was somewhat equivocal. "Very like," she said, "but particular the buttons."—London Tit-Bits.

Croesus' Immense Wealth.

Croesus was king of Lydia in the middle of the sixth century before Christ, and, while most of our men of affluence began in comparative poverty, he inherited riches gathered by a long line of wealthy ancestors, each of whom combined in his own person financier, monopolist and king.

Croesus, who inherited a fortune steadily increasing through many generations, had control of wide realms of agriculture, rich mines and the commerce of wealthy and populous nations. If the monopoly of a single industry can now produce hundreds of millions in a single generation, what could measure the wealth coming from a monopoly of many industries for nearly two centuries?

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Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by James Walker and his wife, Corodo Walker, to Alamance Insurance & Real Estate Company, on May 12th, 1917, for the purpose of securing the payment of a certain bond of even date therewith, which mortgage is duly probated and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Alamance county, North Carolina, in Book of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust No. 61, at page 833, default having been made in payment of said bond at maturity, the undersigned, Alamance Insurance & Real Estate Company, Mortgagee, will, on

MONDAY, MAY 30, 1921, at twelve o'clock, noon, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, at the court house door of Alamance county, Graham, North Carolina, a certain tract or parcel of land in the county of Alamance and State of North Carolina, in Boon Station township, adjoining the lands of Will Gant, William Cummings and others, and more particularly described as follows:

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