

## MUST WE REPAIR OR BUILD?

### A Rate of 4 Cents Will Build \$100,000 House

TO REPAIR WILL COST AROUND \$30,000.00

**A New Building With Jail on Top Will Cost Average Tax Payer Less Than \$4.00 Per Year—Meet Your Commissioners Next Monday at 2 O'clock, to Discuss What Action They Must Take.**

What is best to do about the court house and jail? That is the question that is puzzling the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County. And that is the question that you as tax payers are called to meet with your Commissioners in the court house on next Monday afternoon to help solve. That something should be done is evident and imperative.

The jail is positively dangerous and is unsanitary. No prisoners should be confined in it. If fire should break out in the second story there isn't one chance in a hundred to save the lives of the prisoners. Have we, as an organized unit of government a right, moral, legal or religious, to lock a prisoner up in such a place? Grand Jury after Grand Jury has said we have not. The Judge of the Superior Court has said we have not. The Commissioners had recognized the responsibility and decided they did not have a right to tolerate such conditions and had decided to do something about it. So it is agreed all around that something must be done to the jail, and must be done right away. Now what must be done?

The court room, although the acoustics are considered among the best in the State, is entirely inadequate. The roof is badly in need of repairs. During the last term of court one had as much need for an umbrella going up the steps as he had on the outside of the building. The vaults are crowded and the records are being piled upon one another. The office space is inadequate. Neither office is large enough. The Commissioners should have a special meeting place. The Educational Department should have offices in the court house, and the Grand Jury should have a room. In addition there should be ladies waiting or rest rooms for the accommodation of the ladies attending court or for their use when in town on any business. There should be comfortable jury rooms, and consultation rooms, and there should be provided a room for the Judge's convenience. And one of the most important features, and one that our court room hasn't got, is an entrance from the rear. In its present condition any kind of a stampede might bring frightful results with only the one entrance, that being in front with winding stairs.

This building should be equipped generously with lavatories and closets throughout and should be heated with one central heating system.

Mr. Taxpayer you should be interested in this question because it is your problem and your responsibility. Read further we are going to give you a few figures for your convenience of speculation.

The advocates claim that as Louisburg has recently built a new graded school for a little less than \$100,000.00, and the building being much larger in some respects than it would be desired that a new court house should be, is first class proof that we can build a new court house with a jail on the third floor for not over \$100,000.00. The opponents see a great bugabear in the costs as it mounts to three to four hundred thousand dollars. It is conceded that a million can be spent in a new building if it is so desired, but that many counties have temples of justice that are modern, up-to-date and commodious that did not cost over \$100,000.00 and as many other buildings in the state that would be a parallel to a building such as we would want, at costs around \$100,000.00 there seems to be no need to spend more. It is further claimed by the advocates of the new building that quite a lot of material could be salvaged from the old court house and jail and be used in the new building.

There are a number who think that the two buildings could be added to or repaired. This is true. They admit however, that although they would do for a number of years, they would not be what they would prefer. In any instance to repair the building would cost around \$25,000.00 or \$35,000.00 estimated, and then have something only to make out with.

For your information we give you the following figures that we secured from one of the most expert tax calculators in Franklin County based on a tax valuation of fifteen million dollars. A four cent rate would produce \$6,000.00, which will pay five per cent interest on a \$100,000.00 bond issue and create a sinking fund of \$1,000.00 annually, which if loaned out at 6 per cent interest compounded annually will pay off the \$100,000.00 in bonds in 40 years. This means that a person with \$100.00 taxable property would pay 4 cents a year, the one with \$1,000.00 would pay 40 cents a year; the one with \$10,000.00 would pay \$4.00 per year, and so on. The majority of the taxpayers would pay a great deal less than \$4.00 per year each, for a new building.

The serial bond has won a most favorable place with the units of government that issue and the bond market. This bond for the same period of 40 years would cost the taxpayers practically the same thing. The difference would be the rate for the first 10 years would be 5 cents, the following 20 years 4 cents, and the remaining 10 years 3 cents. Assuming the bonds would be sold at 5 per cent the interest the first year would be \$5,000. The bonds to mature each year would be \$2,500.00. The interest would be reduced each year by \$125.00.

To repair the buildings it is estimated that a rate of 2 cents would be necessary as the fraction of a cent would hardly be figured.

It is possible that among those who read this will be many  
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## LONGWORTH BLAMES OIL LEASE ON DANIELS

HE CITES RECORD

Longworth Tells Democrats Doheny Has Been Their "Angel" Many Years.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The house today passed and sent to the senate a resolution to appropriate \$100,000 for employment by the President of special counsel to conduct prosecutions in connection with the leasing of naval oil reserves.

Debate on the resolution was closed by Representative Longworth. He said he deplored injection of partisanship into the discussion.

"Crime is nonpartisan," he said, "its prosecution ought to be nonpartisan."

Mr. Longworth declared that Joseph Daniels, while secretary of the navy, suggested the policy which made possible the leasing of the oil reserves. Mr. Daniels, he added, sponsored the legislation which took the reserves out of the public domain and permitted them to be leased.

"But Mr. Daniels," broke in Mr. Byrnes, "would never have permitted the transfer of those reserves to the interior department."

Mr. Longworth said Mr. Garrett had made serious statements regarding the President, and had called on him to name a Democrat involved in the lease scandal.

"I'll name one," shouted Mr. Longworth, "his name is Edward L. Doheny."

### Democrats Hoot Longworth

This statement brought hoots from the Democratic side, as several Democrats shouted that Doheny had never held a government position as a Democrat and had contributed to Republican campaign funds as well as to Democrats.

Mr. Longworth stood his ground, however, declaring Doheny had been an "angel" for the Democratic party for years.

While Democrats and Republicans joined to pass the resolution there was a division on party lines just before the vote when Representative Garrett offered an amendment to have it stated in the resolution that President Coolidge had expressed his intention of turning the whole question over to special counsel rather than have the department of justice handle the case. The amendment was rejected 136 to 125, one Republican, Keller, of Minnesota, voting with the Democrats for it.

Raleigh, Jan. 28.—Declaring that during his term of office every means had been used to preserve the oil reserves of the navy for the exclusive use of the navy and that he had consistently refused to consider any proposition which would upset this policy, Joseph Daniels, former secretary of the navy, tonight replied to the assertion made by Representative Longworth, Republican, in the house today in which he stated that the policy followed by Mr. Daniels had made possible the leasing of the oil reserves.

Mr. Daniels asserted "if Mr. Longworth will read the testimony and the record he will see that my uniform and militant position was to preserve the oil in the ground for the exclusive use of the navy." He added that "the leasing by the present administration overturned the policy I maintained."

### MANY SOCIAL OCCASIONS

Dillon, S. C., Jan. 27.—This has been an immensely gay week in Dillon society, almost every day being taken up with parties in honor of the two popular brides-elect, Misses Mary Sprunt Betha and Estelle Braddy.

Mrs. Frank Thompson entertained at a charming bridge luncheon Tuesday morning. After several rubbers of bridge had been played, a delightful luncheon was served. Wednesday morning Misses Hettie Betha and Marguerite Elliot entertained at bridge at the home of Mrs. M. G. Betha.

Again Thursday morning a bridge luncheon was given by Miss Miriam Moore. The brides were presented with bride's books and Mrs. Dal Betha received the prize for top score.—Columbia State.

### MISS SCOTT ENTERTAINS

One of the loveliest social affairs of the past week was a beautiful Bridge party given by Miss Mildred Scott, entertaining the members of the Wednesday evening Bridge club, at her apartment in the Colonial Inn.

The living room was dainty and attractive in cut flowers and lights. Four tables were arranged for those playing Bridge and attractive tallies were provided. When after several interesting games the scores were added it was found that Miss Babbie Turner held the highest number of points.

Miss Scott, assisted by her mother, then served her guests an elegant salad course, consisting of chicken salad, cheese straws, crackers and olives.

### U. D. C.

The Joseph J. Davis Chapter U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. J. L. Palmer on Tuesday, February 5th. All members are urged to be present.

Mrs. S. J. Parham, Pres. Mrs. J. L. Palmer, Secy.

## WHIRLWIND DEVELOPMENTS

HOUSE PROVIDES \$100,000 FOR ANNULLMENTS

Call For Denby to Resign From Cabinet—Daugherty Is Assailed—President Asked to Remove All Officials Connected With Oil Sensation—Politics Features Day—Lenroot Deplores Injection of Politics Into Government's Fight on Oil Leases, Democrats Replying in Kind.

Washington, Jan. 29.—A whirlwind of developments today advanced measurably the government's plan to rid itself of the Fall oil leases.

A resolution urging the President to institute proceedings for annulment of both the Sinclair and Doheny contracts was debated all day in the senate with indications pointing to its adoption tomorrow.

Another resolution, requesting the President to call for the resignation of Secretary Denby because of his part in the leasing program, was introduced by Senator Robinson, Arkansas, the Democratic leader, but its consideration was deferred.

President Coolidge, who already has announced his purpose to prosecute, communicated with several of those he has in mind as special counsel but tonight was unable to announce definitely who had been selected.

The house, however passed a resolution appropriating \$100,000 for prosecution of annulment proceedings. But a single vote was cast against it, by Blanton, of Texas.

The whole situation was talked over at a White House conference during the evening, between the President, Chairman Lenroot, of the senate oil committee, and Senators Lodge, of Massachusetts, and Curtis, of Kansas, the Republican leaders.

From the sick bed of former Interior Secretary Fall word went out that he not only would be unable to appear before the oil committee tomorrow as planned, but might not be able to testify for some days to come.

### Walsh After Denby

The resolution proposing the resignation of Secretary Denby was offered after demands that he quit the cabinet had been made by Senator Walsh, Democrat, Montana, a dominating figure in the oil inquiry, and other Democratic senators.

A somewhat similar attack on Attorney-General Daugherty was made in the house by Representative Garrett, of Tennessee, the Democratic leader.

The impression given both at the White House and the navy and justice departments was that neither Mr. Denby nor Mr. Daugherty was preparing to resign and that the President had no present intention of asking them to step out of the cabinet.

A demand that Mr. Denby go before the house naval committee and explain his part in connection with the leases was made by some Democratic committeemen but the majority decided to do nothing for the present.

In addition to calling for the resignation of Mr. Denby, the Robinson resolution asks the President to remove all other officials and officers in the navy department whose connection with the oil leases indicate misfeasance or malfeasance in office.

When advised of the attack on him the navy secretary declined to make any statement. At the White House a positive denial was made of reports that Mr. Denby had resigned, and there were indications that the President would stand behind the secretary, his assistant, Theodore Roosevelt, and the attorney-general, unless there was brought to light evidence indicating wrong doing on their part.

### Sentence Reduced

Just before closing court last week Judge Henry A. Grady changed the life sentence imposed upon James Allen, colored, the week before for burglarizing the home of Mr. A. B. Allen, to fifteen years in the State Prison. The omission of this item from the report last week was due to the fact that the minutes had not been written up when our report was gotten.

A typographical error was made in the report of State vs. Walter Suggs in that it should have read three years instead of three months in the State Prison.

### New Ice Plant

Messrs. G. E. Roop, J. H. Roop, of New Windsor, Md., and W. A. Bown, of Tarrytown, Md., were in Louisburg Tuesday and Wednesday looking into the probability of installing an ice manufacturing plant here. We understand they were well pleased at the prospects and made all arrangements to begin the work on their plant in the very near future. The new plant will be located on the town property near the power house.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Dillon, S. C., Jan. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. Lewton Capers Braddy announce the engagement of their daughter, Tillie Estelle Braddy to Clifford Emmett Smith, the wedding to take place February 14th.—Columbia State.

## GIVES BUILDING FOR SCHOOL USE

S. C. Vann Makes Formal Presentation To Franklinton Township



MR. SAMUEL C. VANN

Franklinton, Jan. 26.—The preliminary meeting of the trustees of the new Franklinton township school building were called in a meeting at the office of the Sterling Cotton Mills by S. C. Vann. In a few words Mr. Vann, shaken with emotion, told the meeting of the great future he had planned for his people, of how he loved the children and what their lives might be if brought up with the proper training and educational advantages. Every one present realized that Mr. Vann's great gift was the culmination of a life spent in earnest effort for the constructive welfare of mankind. The trustees were led in an appropriate

prayer by the Rev. C. L. Dowell. Mr. Vann then presented to the board for consideration a deed carrying the title to the property and the new school building, comprising the square bounded by Main, Mason, Hillsboro and Vine streets.

The deed provided that the property should be used perpetually for the education of the white race of Franklinton township and for that purpose alone.

In a few words J. R. Jones of Katesville, moved that the trustees formally accept the magnificent gift on behalf of the white children of Franklinton Township.

### EX-SERVICE MEN

There will be a public mass meeting at the Court House in Louisburg, on Thursday, February 14th, at twelve o'clock for the purpose of discussing the Adjusted Compensation Bill and helping to get this Bill passed as soon as possible. This Bill is now before Congress and it is up to the ex-Service men to give the American Legion all help possible to get same passed.

Ex-Service Men, Members of the Auxiliary and all who are interested in this are cordially invited to attend. The meeting will be short and snappy and an interesting talk is promised.

### UNION SERVICES SUNDAY

TO BE HELD AT METHODIST CHURCH AT NIGHT

Deacon Keen and Sheriff Keener Will Present a Dramatic Dialogue on Anarchy or Patriotism.

Announcement by the several churches of Louisburg has been made that there will be a Union Service held at the Methodist church on next Sunday night at 7 o'clock at which time Rev. M. E. Cotton, as Deacon Keen, and Mr. R. L. Davis, Jr., as Sheriff Keener, will present a Dramatic Dialogue entitled Anarchy or Patriotism, which shall reign. This is given under the auspices of the Anti-Slavery League.

We have been requested to state that no pledges will be solicited. All members of all churches and the public generally are invited to go out and attend this service.

Of the Dramatic Dialogue the News-Observer has the following to say: The dramatic debate, under the auspices of the Epworth League, on the question of anarchy or patriotism, was held before an appreciative audience at the Central Methodist Church last night.

Deacon Keen and Sheriff Keener were in fine form for the debate between the Christian citizen and the officer of the law on the question of prohibition enforcement. The deacon charged the sheriff with neglect of duty in the enforcement of the law, while the sheriff came back with the counter-charge that law enforcement is also a matter for the Christian people of the State, who are themselves at fault. After an interesting dialogue, bringing out the two views, the sheriff and the deacon came together on a plan of co-operation.

### FAIRY OPERETTA

The White Level Woman's Club will present the fairy Operetta at White Level school building on Wednesday night, February 6th at 7 o'clock. The woolsen quilt made by the club will be sold for the benefit of the church. The public is cordially invited. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

### AMONG THE VISITORS

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Folks And Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

Mr. P. A. Reavis, Jr., of Raleigh, was a visitor to Louisburg Wednesday.

Mr. J. S. Williams, of Raleigh, was in Louisburg Saturday.

Mr. R. W. Hudson went to Rocky Mount Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Fleming, of Macon, Ga., are guests of Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Fleming.

Mrs. Fannie Jones, of Zebulon, is visiting her brother, Mr. S. M. Washington.

Miss Lillie Mae Aycock, of Snow Hill, is visiting her father, Mr. G. L. Aycock.

Mrs. B. C. Barnes, of Berkley, Va., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Perry.

Mr. B. N. Williamson returned this week from Nebraska and Kentucky, where he has been to purchase horses and mules.

Messrs. J. A. Wheelless and C. C. Byrne went to Raleigh Sunday night.

Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Yarborough returned Wednesday from Raleigh, where their little girl had been very ill in a hospital. The little child is much better.

Miss Pauline Smith, District Home Demonstration Agent is in town to introduce Miss Cathleen Wilson, Franklin County Home Demonstration agent who succeeds Mrs. Addie Bordeaux Stell.

### LOUISBURG TOBACCO MARKET

Quantities of Tobacco Being Received Daily—Prices Good.

Quite a big lot of tobacco has been sold on the open warehouse floors and received on the Cooperative floor on the Louisburg market the past week. The demand continues strong and the prices and advances have been very satisfactory.

The Louisburg market is getting close to the four million pound mark and expects to pass it before the season closes. This within itself goes to show the popularity of the Louisburg market. Come to Louisburg with your next load.