

OUR RALEIGH LETTER

By M. L. Shipman
Raleigh, April 6.—Political interest during the week centered around the decision of leading Republicans having senatorial aspirations to submit their candidacies to the voters in a State-wide primary at the same time the Democrats are to settle the contest between Senator Simmons and Josiah William Bailey on Saturday June 7.

tion of a successor to State Chairman Brownlow Jackson. This will be "something new under the sun" for the Republicans of the State and they are not, even now, enamored of the idea. But "circumstances alter cases" and the primary ballot in June will consist of more than one slip of paper. The Republican State convention this year is not expected to express any preferences of candidates. Secretary Raymond Maxwell, of the State Board of Elections, is daily receiving requests for application blanks and before the last day for filing many announcements for State and district offices are expected. So far, J. W. Bailey, democrat, and H. Grady Dorsett and Major Geo. E. Butler, republicans, have filed for United States Senator; Chas. L. Abernethy for congress in the Third District to succeed himself; Representative Edward W. Pou to succeed himself in the Fourth; Frank W. Hancock, of Oxford, seeking the nomination in the Fifth District to succeed Major Charles M. Stedman who is retiring; Hamilton C. Jones, of Charlotte, who wants the Democratic congressional nomination in the Ninth District; Kenneth O. Burgwyn, of Wilmington, desirous of succeeding Judge E. H. Cramer in the Eighth Judicial District; Major A. L. Bulwinkle, defeated by Congressman Jonas, republican, two years ago, is a candidate for another nomination, and former State Senator Walter Lambeth, of Thomasville, announces his candidacy against Representative Hammer in the Seventh District.

Board of Elections to comply with the request of Manager Hines, of the Simmons campaign headquarters, to name one Simmons man and one Bailey supporter on each county election board, comparatively little interest has recently been manifested in the Senatorial contest here. It appears that State Chairman Mull disregarded the recommendations of the county chairman of Craven, the home county of Senator Simmons, while in all the other ninety-nine counties members of the boards were selected from the lists furnished by the chairman. Another meeting of the North Carolina Tax Relief Association organized here during the week is called for April 21 and each county of the State is requested to send as many delegates as possible. While immediate action to relieve the tax situation is desired it is not believed that anything definite can be accomplished prior to the assembling of the General Assembly next winter. The Association counsels organization in every county and careful surveys in quest of information for presentation to the law-making body when it is organized and ready for business. The executive committee of the Association is to meet here on April 14 to formulate plans for the general State-wide meeting a week later. Opposition to tax reform and relief is organized, it is suggested, which makes necessary the organization of those upon whom the burden of taxation falls most heavily. The electric chair at State's Prison claimed its one hundredth victim on Friday when John "Buddie" Macon, of Warren county paid the penalty for the murder of a special officer last year. Denied admission to the death house, Miss Margie Green, of Warrington, viewed the execution from atop two boxes placed just outside the window. Under the law women cannot be admitted to the "inner circle" on "execution day." Although nine months in the distance the people of the State already "have designs" on the General Assembly of 1931 in more ways than one. Not only is tax relief to be demanded, but along with it a reduction of cost in the collection of taxes. The Carolina Motor Club has started to move to consolidate the motor vehicle activities, which are now handled by three State departments, under one commission in the interest of economy. The State Department of Revenue now collects a tax of five cents on each gallon of gasoline sold in the State for use in automobiles, the Department of Agriculture collects one-quarter of a cent on each gallon sold for any purpose. The State Highway Commission has charge of the State Highway Patrol and the Motor Club would consolidate these activities. The five-cent gasoline tax is collected for the Revenue department by the dealers on all sales that are made and for the first nine months of the present fiscal year exceeded collections last year in the sum of \$2,517,774.46, it is said, over the corresponding period. The Department of Agriculture reports the sale of 18,629,740 gallons of gasoline in the State last month. Last year's sales aggregated the sum of 264,727,484 gallons and receipt for taxes collected \$661,818.71 of which \$37,302.88 was used to pay costs of inspection, the balance going into the general fund of the State. The tax for inspection is paid by the gasoline companies. With State taxes nearly two million ahead of last year at this time the fear of a heavy deficit for this fiscal year in the general fund is becoming less apparent. Tax collecting agencies have so far "gathered in" \$13,611,990.20 and there are yet three months "to go." Collections for the highway fund for nine months period totalled \$16,481,507.07, exceeding collections for the same period last year around \$2,400,000. While the gas consumption is about the same as last year according to reports from the Department of Revenue, there has been a reduction of \$3,625.50 in collection of automobile title fees which indicates reduced sales of new machines. So far this year income taxes collected amount to \$6,679,426.66 as compared with \$6,807,892.84 for the corresponding period in 1928-29. However, there is an additional \$180,000 due in September on split payments allowed for the first time this year. Domestic corporations have this year remitted \$1,964,553.35, about the same last year, while the foreign corporation income to the State has increased from \$2,650,000 to \$3,123,000. A reported drop in individual taxes is said to be from \$2,192,000 to \$1,378,000. The State sold its \$8,920,000 in bonds during the week to the First National Bank of New York at an interest rate of 4.24 per cent, said to be, with one exception, the best rate realized in recent years. Of the eight bids submitted only that of the winner was for the entire amount. Officials expressed pleasure at the result of the sale. In 1928 an issue of \$27,000,000 was sold at 4 per cent, the only time for quite awhile when State bonds have been bought at a lower rate. In a decision rendered during the week the Supreme Court holds that the 1929 act requiring barbers to register and maintain sanitary shops is constitutional and comparable with laws regulating doctors, lawyers, engineers, etc., and comes within the police powers of the State. Federal taxes collected in North Carolina for the current fiscal year have reached and exceeded the sum of \$15,922,535.67, according to report of Gilliam Grissom, State collector of internal revenue. A gain over the corresponding period last year is reported. Results of the Literary Digest straw vote to the contrary Associate Justice Herriott Clarkson anticipates little, if any danger, of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Federal constitution being repealed. In the opinion of Justice Clarkson, an effort to repeal the Ten Commandments would come as near meeting with success. He is

convinced that conditions are much improved since the liquor traffic was outlawed ten years ago and that the people of the nation are determined that the saloon and the distillery, with all their power and corruption, shall never return to curse the land and make drunkards of men and women. Forest fires in the State during February burned over an area of 43,587 acres resulting in damages estimated at \$66,531, according to the division of forestry of the Department of Conservation and Development. All the fires are believed to have been "man-caused", mostly incendiary, but brush burning, campers, smokers, fishermen and hunters were involved in many instances. The appeal of strikers convicted of killing Chief of Police W. derholt of Gastonia last year is to be heard by the Supreme Court later in the month and former Governor Hardwick, of Georgia, is expected to make the principal argument for the defendants, he having agreed to go into the case for a nominal fee as a matter of public service on the idea that the prejudice injected into the trial by challenging the religious and political beliefs of the supposed offenders justifies a reversal of the conviction. Luke Rely Says, "The Rat Died Before Reaching the River" "Since moving near the river 2 years ago, we've always used RAT-SNAP. Watched a vicious water rat libbling at RAT-SNAP outside the house. About 15 minutes later he darted off for the water to cool his burning stomach, but he died before reaching it." Three sizes, 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by S. P. Boddie, druggist, and F. R. Pleasant, druggist, Louisburg; Winston-Blanks Drug Store, Youngsville; and J. H. Weathers, Bunn.

New Methods Adopted In Chilean Industry

Production of Nitrate Fertilizer in Sun-Parched Desert Is Speeded Up. AMERICAN engineers are helping to revolutionize an industry up in the sun-parched mountains of northern Chile. The application of modern methods of mass production is making the Chilean nitrate industry a model of 20th century efficiency, according to Conrado Rios Gallardo, former Chilean Secretary of State, who was a recent visitor to the United States before becoming his country's ambassador to Peru. With the elimination of waste and the use of labor-saving machinery, a marked decrease, he said, has been made in the cost of producing the fertilizer under the difficult conditions found in the arid desert. "Never before has the nitrate industry occupied as strong a position as it does today," declared Ambassador Gallardo. "Not only have the mechanical processes been vastly improved, but the production has been stabilized to the benefit of both the producers and the consumers of this fertilizer." The Chilean Government has taken an energetic part in the improvement of the industry. It has aided the producers through legislative enactment

and has encouraged new American processes for mining and refining the fertilizer. At present nearly one-half of the total capital invested in the industry is owned in the United States, pointed



CONRADO RIOS GALLARDO out the Ambassador. American farmers are also the largest users of Chilean nitrate, their consumption during the past five years averaging about 1,000,000 tons annually. The nitrate fertilizer was first shipped to this country in 1830. It has been used ever since, and today it occupies the honor of being the oldest of the commercial fertilizers.

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