

# Legislators Will See Votes Of The People As Cast By Coupons

When the Solons Reach Charlotte They Will be Acquainted With Views of all Classes And Know How to Act.

done in Charlotte township, and these commissioners being under the control of the county commissioners (not one of them elected from Charlotte township) would certainly be sufficient protection to other townships. Besides, Charlotte township would have too much at stake to elect men without integrity.

The present system (if it be called a system) is totally faulty in the city, and the county and city could both get better results if some such plan was adopted. All other cities have some such plan for getting property on the tax books, and for valuing same.

5th. The board of aldermen also recommend that the city limits be made the township lines for Charlotte township, and that all lands in Charlotte township outside of the city limits be attached to other townships.

I do not wish to present a bill to which all the members of the legislature from this county cannot agree, and therefore I present the foregoing, and ask that the honorable senator and representatives consider the same and advise what can be agreed upon, and if you require it will have the city attorney to prepare such acts as can be passed.

Members of the legislature think so much of the proposition that is being agitated by Charlotte's people that they will come here Friday and talk the matter over with the members of the board of aldermen and with all of the citizens who feel an interest in the measure. The solons will be here perhaps for less than a full day and of course they can not see or talk with all of the people.

And right here is where the straw votes that have been cast in the News contest show to best advantage. They speak plainly to the legislators who are to return to the law-making body and say whether or not Greater Charlotte has acted wisely or unwisely, or shall act wisely or unwisely. Every coupon has a great amount of weight.

Legislators, with no exceptions, hear enough of talk. They follow the papers closely, read what opinion has been formed by the people of all classes, and then they act upon that opinion. They were in the dark as to all of the phases of the bond question here until The News started the agitation for more light. Since a balloting coupon, there has been more light thrown on the question than was ever shown before. The people are becoming interested, and when all of the people are interested in anything, they generally force lawmakers to do their bidding.

The News wants the opinion of every man. Do you favor the proposition as it is now submitted to you by the board of aldermen? Are you opposed to the proposition as the board of aldermen see fit to present? Answer YES or NO on the ballot in the paper or find one that is distributed today.

The polls close Friday night. The result will be made known Saturday. Get busy!

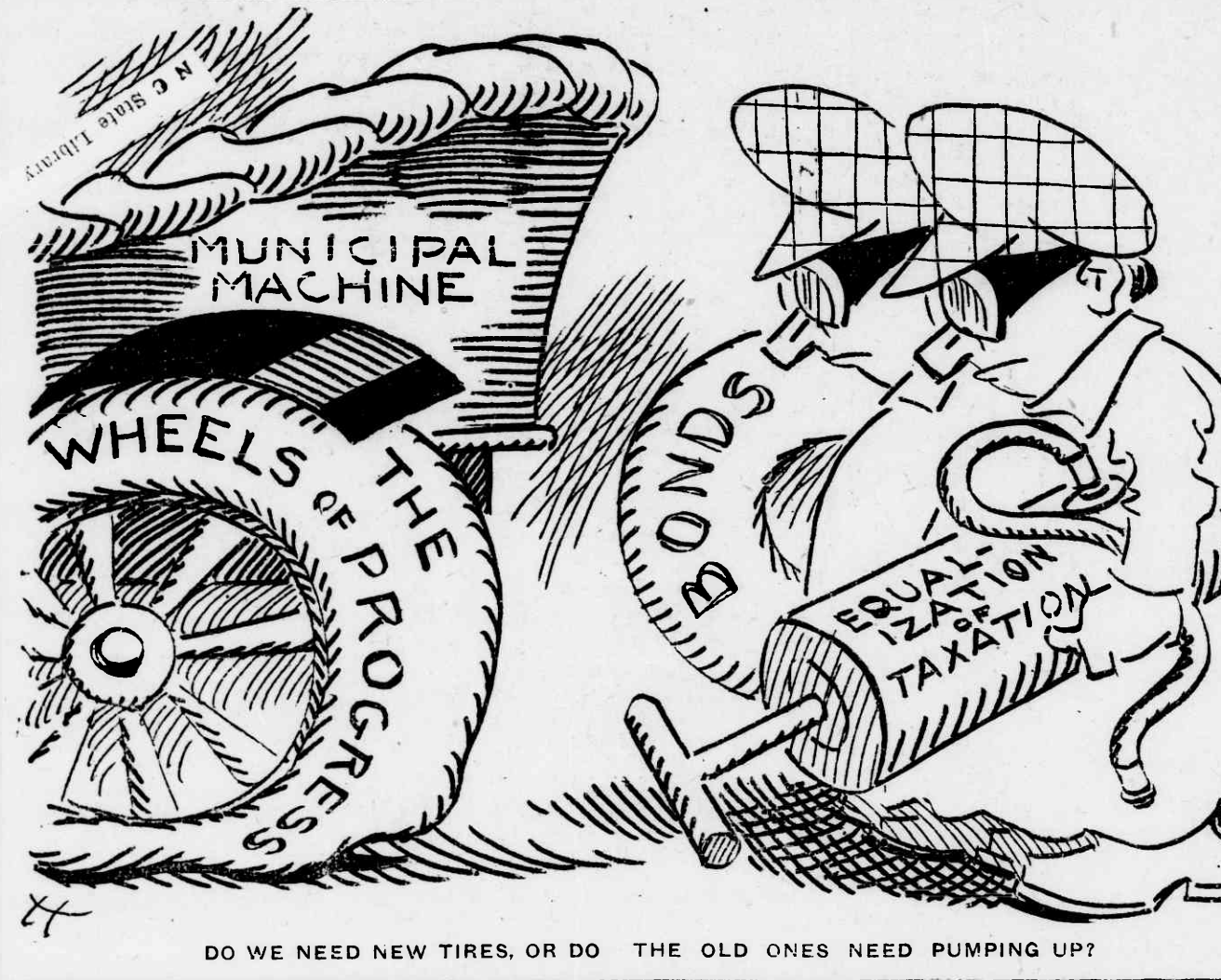
**PUGILIST STILL UNCONSCIOUS.**  
By Associated Press.  
Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 8.—Geo. Benlea, the Pittsburgh lightweight knocked out in the fourth round of a bout here last night with Jake Abel, is still unconscious but attending physicians do not apprehend a fatal result.

Benlea seemed to be all right after the knockout blow, a straight to the chin, but while hot he drank a lot of ice water and fainted. His doctor said that his heart was affected.

**REBELS TAKE PUERTO CORTAZ.**  
Puerto Cortez, Honduras, Feb. 8.—The revolutionary army under General Lee Christmas formally occupied Puerto Cortez late yesterday. Several hundred revolutionists were landed from schooners and marched triumphantly through the streets to the center, recently abandoned by the government forces.

The revolutionists scored the first victory in the negotiations inaugurated by the United States to restore peace in Honduras. As a condition to the acceptance of the armistice proposal General Manuel Bonilla demanded that he be permitted to occupy Puerto Cortez, which the government forces evacuated one week ago when it became known that the revolutionists were preparing to attack the place.

# THE CHARLOTTE NEWS.



DO WE NEED NEW TIRES, OR DO THE OLD ONES NEED PUMPING UP?

## Another Complication Is Threatened In Disposal Of Mrs. Eddy's Millions

By Associated Press.  
Concord, N. H., Feb. 8.—Another complication in the contest of the disposal of the two million dollar residue of the estate of Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, founder of the Christian Science denomination, is threatened.

Mr. Baker's petition, the attorneys state, is based on the claim that if the court shall declare this bequest invalid then George W. Baker will inherit the residuary estate as next of kin.

Mr. Baker's attorneys gave notice today that they would file a petition on Saturday asking permission for Mr. Baker to intervene in the suit now pending in that court, brought by Mrs. W. Glover, of Lond. S. D., Mrs. Eddy's son, and Dr. J. Foster Eddy, of Waterbury, Vermont, against Henry M. Baker, executor of the Eddy estate.

In this suit the claim is set up that the portion of Mrs. Eddy's will leaving the residue of her estate to the first church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, is invalid because of certain New Hampshire and Massachusetts statutes forbidding the bequest of more than a specified amount to any single church.

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**IMPORTANT BILLS BEFORE LEGISLATURE**  
By Associated Press.  
Washington, Feb. 8.—If "administration" senators had any doubt about the attitude of President Taft toward the proposed Canadian reciprocity agreement, it was removed when Senators Crane and Carter returned to the capital today from a conference with Mr. Taft.

The rules of the senate which permit untrammelled discussion of a measure are the principal barriers to a vote in that body. It is known that Senators Heyburn and Bailey are bitterly opposed to the agreement, and that the opposition extends also to most of the progressive republicans who represent agricultural states.

**TAR HEEL COTTON MANUFACTURERS IN SESSION**  
Special to The News.  
Raleigh, Feb. 8.—The Cotton Manufacturers' Association of North Carolina appoints a special committee consisting of J. A. Long, of Roxboro; D. Y. Cooper, of Henderson, and Alfred Thompson, of Raleigh, to go before the joint legislative committee having these matters of legislation on hand today and tomorrow and present the position of the cotton manufacturers on the child labor bill, insurance assessment and taxation of corporations.

The association was in session three hours with R. M. Miller, Jr., president, presiding, and T. L. Black, secretary.

## Alderman Shows The Inequality Of Tax Assessments

TRY TO BREAK DEADLOCK IN ALBANY NOW

By Associated Press.  
Albany, N. Y., Feb. 8.—The democratic members of the legislature, regulars and insurgents went into secret session shortly after 10 o'clock today in an effort to break the deadlock over the election of a United States senator.

There was talk prior to the conference of concessions from each side but the insurgents rank and file did not hesitate to say that no relief was in sight so long as William F. Sheehan remained a candidate.

When the conference got down to business several insurgents declared in speeches that the only possible basis of agreement was the withdrawal of William F. Sheehan from the contest.

The conference adjourned at 12:20 without asking action, though the belief was prevalent it might have drawn the organization together.

**PREPARATIONS NOT MADE FOR LEGISLATORS**  
No arrangements have as yet been made for the entertainment of Mecklenburg county's representatives in the general assembly who, it is said, are to come to Charlotte Friday with a view of securing public opinion regarding issuance of bonds.

**TAFT THREATENS TO CALL EXTRA SESSION CONGRESS**  
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**QUET PREVAILS IN JUAREZ TODAY**  
By Associated Press.  
El Paso, Tex., Feb. 8.—Quiet prevailing in Ciudad Juarez this morning. The Federals have the usual number of outposts patrolling the outskirts of the city.

**TEXAS STRAWBERRIES RIPE.**  
By Associated Press.  
Houston, Tex., Feb. 8.—Texas strawberries are being marketed according to advices from Alvin and Pasadena.

**CHOOSING FIFTH JUSTICE OF S. C. SUPREME COURT**  
By Associated Press.  
Columbia, S. C., Feb. 8.—Balloting for a fifth justice of the supreme court commenced in the joint assembly at candidates being Circuit Judges Withers Meminger, of Charleston, and Richard C. Watts, of Cheraw.

**CYCLONE HITS SMALL ISLAND -- MUCH DAMAGE**  
By Associated Press.  
Paris, Feb. 8.—Advices received today by the ministry of the colonies from Reunion state that the island was struck by a cyclone that continued for three days.

**\$1,000,000 Bond Ballot**  
Aldermen favor the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000. Upon the proposition as it is submitted, answer YES or NO by signing your name and giving your address upon the lines on the coupon.

YES \_\_\_\_\_  
NO \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_