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Two to One They Vote Against Bond Issue By Ballots of News

Majority of Those Who Were Interested Enough in The Problem to Vote Oppose Action of Board of Aldermen.

Ballots Counted in Office of The News Last Night And Telephone Rings All Day, People Anxious to Know the Verdict.

By a vote of two to one, approximately four hundred citizens representing every class, have declared themselves against the issuance of bonds in the sum of $1,000,000, as proposed by resolutions of the board of aldermen.

Three hundred and twenty-four coupons clipped from copies of The News and deposited by various citizens in boxes placed by The News in different parts of the city, were counted in this office last night by City Tax Collector Wilson, who kindly consented to handle the finale of The News' straw vote contest.

Two hundred and twenty-three were against bonds.

One hundred and one favored the issue.

The News is pleased that so many voted. Yesterday and the day before witnessed more voting than any three days previous. The people are just beginning to think seriously of the momentous question that is before them, and the cry of "Turn on the Light" first pronounced to all by The News has echoed through every part of the city. It has reverberated through Mecklenburg county and the tillers of the soil are looking to Charlotte with eager expectancy.

Throughout North Carolina, papers have spoken of the bond issue proposed in the Queen City and editorials from several papers have commended the stand taken by The News in its advocacy of a thorough understanding of the problem that confronts all. For many look upon the question as not one that affects Charlotte alone, but one in which the entire state is interested.

While the number of votes cast does not give anything like a correct estimate of the voting strength of Charlotte, the verdict written by those who are most interested, is significant of the "way the wind blows."

Two boxes, one in Belmont, were not counted last night. It was impossible to hear from those who had the boxes in charge, except by telephone, and an estimate was taken as the vote being seventy-five more. This would make the grand total 400, and reckoning by the verdict of the ones counted it is safe to assume the ones who did not favor the issue were in the majority by at least two to one.

Suburbanites took a more active interest in the voting than did the people who live close in the city. And these suburbanites, too, are the ones who most need better streets. But there were lawyers, bankers, merchants, mechanics and laborers who wrote upon the coupon whether or not they were for or against bonds.

They Want More Light.

And the number who are much interested in the question and who did not vote because they favored only one part and not another, cannot be estimated. Several wrote communications upon their coupons. One man wanted better water and wanted it at once, but couldn't see his way clear to bond the city for $1,000,000 to get the water. Another said that he wanted the taxes collected from property that is not assessed properly, and still another wanted to know the names of the men who would handle the bonds.

A Good Showing.

In the bond issue election of 1909 there were only 1,100 votes cast. The majority was against the issue at that time. The News therefore, has reason to congratulate itself upon the interest manifested in the straw vote election, the campaign for which was in progress but eight days. Had the coupons been printed three more days it goes without saying that the vote would have run up to almost one thousand.

The News Congratulated.

"Let me be the first to congratulate you and the paper," said a city official this morning. "The straw vote has awakened interest as nothing else could have done. I was surprised by the many inquiries I received after your paper started the agitation for more light. The people knew but very little about the question. With the exception of a few busy business men and a like number of city officials, it seems the people were floundering around in the dark until The News turned its spot light upon bonds and brought out all the sides of the question. The result of the straw vote, I believe, shows that the people favor a readjustment of the system of assessment of property, and until they get this no one need talk to them about bonds."

Mr. Brown's Opinion.

Mr. P. M. Brown, prominent real estate dealer and ex-mayor of Charlotte, was asked what he thought the result of the straw vote indicated, and replied that he believed it meant the people were against bonds. "If I was a member of the Legislature I would hesitate, I think, about voting to authorize the bond issue in the face of the verdict of the three or four hundred people who opposed the issuance of bonds. The vote shows how the people stand. If any one was so very anxious for bonds I take it he would have been interested enough to vote."

Will Keep Up Fight.

Because the coupons are not being published any further is no reason The News will not continue to keep the public informed of what is doing upon the bond issue question. It is still a live issue, with all the people. The aldermen have as yet taken no concerted action towards presenting their plea to the legislature, and the opponents to the proposition are, of course, satisfied to wait until the advocates get busy.

Revolution in Tax Values.

But that as a result of this agitation there will be a revolution in tax values in June is a prophecy that can be marked. Stick a pin in the prediction right now. All the people are interested. All the people may not want quite such a radical equalization of taxation, but a majority will have a say and its voice will drown all other sounds.

MAY THROW LIGHT ON WHEREABOUTS OF MISS ARNOLD

By Associated Press.

Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 11.—Light may be thrown on the mystery of Dorothy Arnold's disappearance before George S. Griscom, jr., of Pittsburg, whose name has been connected with that of the missing young woman, leaves Atlantic City; and probably today. This information was obtained late last night.

It is believed before the day is over Mr. Griscom will make a statement in connection with the affair. Rumors that Griscom and Miss Arnold had been married or are about to be married are in circulation, but cannot be confirmed.

Mr. Griscom arrived here early last evening and was followed two hours later by his parents. They are at the Hotel Chalfonte.

Young Griscom came here unexpectedly, following a conference between his father and the father of the missing girl in New York. It is reported young Griscom's purpose in coming to this city is to meet Miss Arnold. It is also said that Miss Arnold's father and one of her brothers had engaged rooms at a hotel here for today and that Mrs. Arnold would come here at once after her arrival from Europe.

Chief of Police Woodruff, of Atlantic City, said today that he had been unable to find any trace of Miss Arnold.

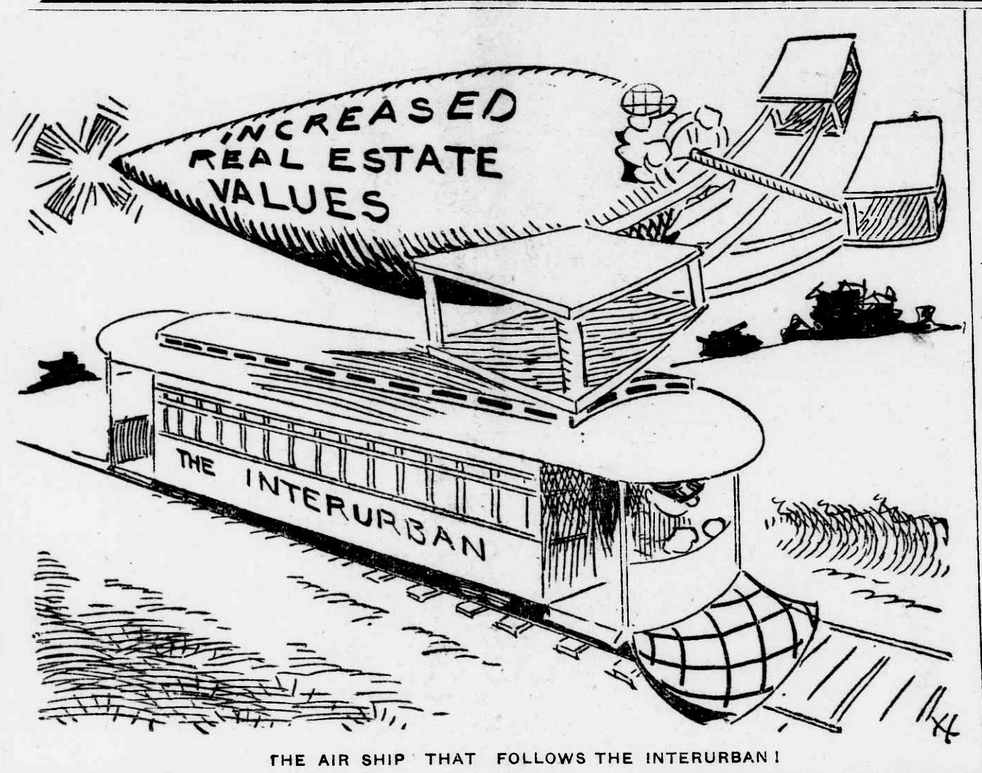
Griscom on his arrival last night admitted the belief that he was being followed by detectives enlisted at the request of New York authorities, who hope to find the girl through his movements.

As to Election of Senators.

By Associated Press.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 11.—A constitutional amendment was introduced into the assembly yesterday providing that all legislators when sworn in shall take oath to vote for the candidate for United States senators who shall have received the largest number of votes at the primary election.

The measure also provides that violation of such oath shall constitute perjury.



THE AIR SHIP THAT FOLLOWS THE INTERURBAN!

PRESIDENT SPEAKING IN SPRINGFIELD

By Associated Press.

Campaign, Ill., Feb. 11.—President Taft arrived here from Columbus, O., this morning and began his second day of speech making in support of the proposed reciprocity agreement with Canada. Mr. Taft's principal speech on this subject today will be delivered before the Illinois legislature at Springfield. He will speak at a Lincoln day banquet in Springfield tonight

Leaving the train at Urbana, the president and members of his party proceeded by automobile to the state university where Mr. Taft made a five minutes' address to the students. Other parts of the day's program included a brief address at James Milliken University, Decatur, and a trolley trip from Decatur to Springfield with luncheon en route. Representative W. B. McKinley, of Illinois, is accompanying the president throughout his present trip and will return with him to Washington Monday morning.

Springfield, Ills., Feb. 11.—President Taft defended the proposed reciprocity agreement with Canada in an address before the Illinois legislature here today as "the logical conclusion" of the protection plank in the last republican national platform. He defined the protection theory as one that should impose a tariff not exceeding the difference in the cost of production in this country and abroad and allowing a fair margin of profit for the home producer. He argued, therefore, that inasmuch as the conditions of production in the United States and Canada "were substantially the same," the widest latitude was given Secretary Knox and the commissioners who represented the United States in offering Canada a reduction of duties on goods and products coming into this country from Canada in consideration of the establishment of the same duty, or freedom from duty, on similar goods going into Canada.

The president explained that it was thought wiser on behalf of both governments not to make a formal treaty "but to make an agreement between the executives by which each exercising his constitutional power in his government, should submit the agreement in the form of a statute to be enacted and to go into force on condition that a similar statute was passed by the legislature of the other country."

The president declared that the criticism that reduction had purposely been avoided on manufactured articles was wholly unfounded and that a reciprocity agreement between the United States and Canada must of necessity relate more to agricultural products than to manufactures.

"It will give to the United States much greater control of the wheat market than it has ever had before," continued the president. "It will enable its milling plants to turn Canadan wheat into flour and send abroad the finished product, and it will stimulate the sale af manufactures and other things that we have to sell to Canada.

"We shall be blind indeed if we reject this golden opoprtunity to add to the sltrength and vitality of our country by thus increasing our self-supporting capacity. We do not annex Canada poltically, but she and we do become united commercially in such a way as to add great strength to both."

The president asserted that "no step could be taken more in the interest of a reasonable policy of protection than the approval of the treaty," and that insistence on too much protection would in the end rouse an opposition in the country" that will know no moderation. He suggested that the tariff board might re-examine or modify other schedules if necessary, "but that a reciprocity agreement with Canada is not a revision of the tariff, and in the nature of things cannot present the balance and the adjustment of all the duties against foreign countries which a consideration of the tariff as a whole would involve."

In conclusion the president said:

"We have taken up those things that are involved in a Canadian reciprocity treaty because opportunity offered. Now is the accepted time. 'She is at the parting of the ways.' Shall she be an isolated country, as such separated from us as if she were across the ocean, or shall her peopel and our people profit by the proxmity that our geography furnishes and stimulate the trade across the border that nothing but a useless, illogical and unnecessary tariff wall creates!"

Fifty Years Ago.

Danville, Ill., Feb. 11.—Fifty years ago this morning at the same hour and almost at the same moment that President Taft passed through Danville en route to Springfield on a special train, President Lincoln passed through also, bound for Springfield. Mr. Lincoln was the first president to use a special train to reach his home at Springfield, and President Taft is the first chief executive to use the interurban to visit the capital and the tomb of Lincoln.

When Mr. Lincoln passed through here not a soul with the exception of the station agent knew he was coming. When Mr. Taft went through this morning there were fifty persons at the station despite the hour, which was 5.18. The President was asleep.

FOUR HUNDRED PLAGUE VICTIMS ON EACH DAY

By Associated Press.

Harbin, Manchuria, Feb. 11.—A plague spot equally as bad as Fudziadian has been discovered in the Chinese city of Assiho, 40 miles east of here. There is an average of 400 deaths in the place daily.

The plague has appeared also in the suburbs of Blagoviestchensk. Russian regiments are patrolling the Russo-Chinese frontier.

Found In Demented Condition.

By Associated Press.

Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 11.—O. O. Carvin, a representative of a millinery company, of Indianapolis, who has been missing since the first of January, was found here in a demented condition at the tramp lodging house last night.

Fired on Deputy Chief.

By Associated Press.

Saradell, Spain, Feb. 11.—An unsuccessful attempt on the life of Alejandro Leroux, deputy chief of the republicans in Barcelona, was made last night. Five shots were fired at him by a group of men on the sidewalk but he was not hit. Three persons were arrested.

Print a want ad that will introduce your house to house-hunters.

Print a want ad that will be real "news" to the man who OUGHT to buy your real estate.

Print a want ad that will make your plan appeal to the man who OUGHT to invest money in it.

Print a want ad that will awaken the interest of boarders in YOUR boarding house.

Print a want ad that will bring to you more applications for furnished rooms than you can accommodate.

Print a want ad that will draw replies from the most capable stenographers in city—who would be available.

Print a want ad that will bring you applications for the place from some EFFICIENT cooks.

Print a want ad that will tell employers exactly what you can do—and you'll soon find work.

Print a want ad that tells what you can teach—and you'll soon have some private pupils.

See Want Ad Page 8.

WHITLOCK MAY TESTIFY ABOUT THE ELECTIONS

By Associated Press.

Danville, Ill., Feb. 11.—Sheriff Shepard, following a telephone conversation with the sheriff at Detroit, where Hardy Whitlock is held under the indictment returned by the grand jury yesterday, left for Detroit today and will return with the ex-county treasurer tonight.

It is said that next week Whitlock probably will go before the grand jury and give information regarding election conditions here. None of those indicted have yet been taken into custody and it is not probable that any of the ebnch warrants will be served before Monday.

The grand jury is not in session today but when it reconvenes Monday the probe into election frauds will be resumed. That the grand jury is going to the bottom of the matter no one doubts. More than 100 subpoenas are out for additional witnesses in the election cases.

Treaty Scores First Point

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—The Canadian reciprocity agrement was reported favorably, 12 to 7, to the house today by the committee on ways and means.

The committee adopted an amendment proposed by Mr. Mann, of Illinois, providing that wood produced in Canada may be brought into this country free and that products of wood, as specified in the bill, up to the valuation of 4 cents a pound may be brought in free.

Andrew Carnegie urged early and favorable action by congress upon the Canadian reciprocity agrement in a letter to Senator Beveridge, which was given out today.

CHARLOTTE MAN LOSES BOTH FEET FROM FROST-BITE

Special to The News.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 11.—Joseph S. Vincent, Spanish war veteran, lost both feet by amputation here today.

His feet were frostbitten several weeks ago while superintending Norfolk & Western construction work near Petersburg.

Mr. Vincent, who is 40 years of age, and a native of Richmond, served in the Second North Carolina regiment during the Spanish war as corporal of the Charlotte company, but did not get any further than Lands-End, S .C. After the war, however, he went to Cuba and while acting as foreman for the Cuba Railroad Company killed a Spaniard who attacked him with a knife in an effort to rob him. He was first sentenced to be executed for the offense but sentence was later commuted to a prison term of 14 years, and then cut down to three year. Before beginning the time he appealed to Senators Martin and Daniel, of Virginia, and through their efforts he was pardoned by President Palma, of Cuba, Mr. Vincent still bears the scar on his left hip made by the Spaniard's knife. He was foreman for the Southern Railway at Salisbury, N. C., when he enlisted in the war. Capt. R. L. Durham, of his company, is now a prominent lawyer of Charlotte, N. C.

Rev. Plato Durham, first lieutenant, is now a Methodist minister of Concord, N. C.

Colburg Wynn, of Weldon, commanded the regiment.

Wilson Murderer is Caught In Maxton After a Long Chase

Identified As Louis West

Special to The News.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 11.—In custody of Chief-of-Police N. H. Dunlap, of Maxton, Sheriff Sharp of Wilson, and a posse of guards, Lewis West, the negro who killed Deputy Sheriff Munford and dangerously wounded Chief-of-Police Clover at Wilson is locked in the penitentiary here. They arrived from Maxton this afternoon at 12:30 on Seaboard Air Line No. 66. All doubt of the dentty of the prsoner7890$.... of the identity of the prisoner is dispelled by positive identification.

TRAGEDY ENACTED IN COLORED HOME NEAR CITY

Thinking the gun was unloaded, Katie Patterson, a small negro girl, pointed the weapon at her little brother this morning and pulled the trigger with the result that the boy was struck with a load of shot and in all probability fatally wounded.

Physicians hold out but little hope for his recovery from the effects of the shot that tore through his body.

The little negro girl, daughter of William Patterson, a worthy man who lives on the farm of Mr. George W. Phifer, playfully pointed what she thought to be the unloaded gun at her little brother, saying she was going to shoot him.

The little pickaninny laughed in glee—his last laugh, perhaps.

So close was his sister to him that the force of the shot drove the boy several feet away and he was unconscious when picked up by grown people, who rushed in when the shot was heard.

An Interview With Jeff Davis

By Associated Press.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 11.—In a brief interview last night prior to his departure for Washington, United States Senator Jeff Davis expressed the opinion that there would be no extra session of congress this year.

"The ratification of the reciprocity treaty with Canada," said Senator Davis, "is the only matter which would influence the republican party to agree to an extra session and I am convinced congress will ratify the treaty before adjournment, March 4."

Senator Davis has been at his home here for 10 days at the bedside of his two children who are convanescing from an attack of measles.

Will Know About Burley Crop Soon

By Associated Press.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 11.—Whether a crop of tobacco will be grown this year in the white burley belt of Kentucky will be definitely known by tonight. This afternoon meetings will be held in fourteen Kentucky counties upon which the entire question hinges. These counties showed 73,500 acres planted in 1910, producing about 125 million pounds of tobacco. This year they pledged to the "cut out" movement only 11,964 acres.

Ryan Thought to Be Dying.

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Feb. 11.—Archbishop Ryan's condition took a serious turn for the worse today and he is believed to by dying. He is unconscious.

Shot By Robbers.

By Associated Press.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 11.—Charles E. Graham, a racing man known throughout Texas, was shot by two robbers late last night as he was going to his home. He died soon afterwards. The robbers escaped but without booty.

Louis West, Negro Who Murdered Deputy Sheriff Munford And Wounded Chief of Police of Wilson is at Last Apprehended.

Had Nine Loaded Revolvers on Person When Taken — Has Been Positively Identified and Confessed Crime — Taken to Raleigh For Safekeeping

Special to The News.

Maxton, N. C., Feb. 11.—Lewis West, whose bloody trail has been followed with alacrity by every police officer in North Carolina since his henious murder of Deputy Sheriff Munford and the dangerous wounding of the chief-of-police of Wilson, N. C., about ten days ago, was arrested here last night by Chief-of-Police Dunlap, and is today safely incarcerated behind the bars in Raleigh.

With nine loaded revolvers upon his person, the black, whose savagery was evidenced when he continued to fire into the prostrate form of his victim at Wilson, camly sat in a negro restaurant here and ordered supper. Secure in the belief that his personal arsenel was sufficient to retist arrest he reckoned not with the power of the law and failed to realize the hatred all men bore him.

Without giving the murderer a chance to escape or to use a weapon Chief Dunlap covered him with a revolver and demanded surrender. With the negro it was a quiet surrender into the hands of the officer or a quick entrance into the great beyond, for Chief Dunlap's finger quivered just a tride as it pressed the trigger of his trusty revolver. His hand was steady, however, and his voice was that of a master speaking to a canine.

Cowed into submission the negro was handcuffed and searched. Weapon after weapon was taken from his person. In every pocket he carried a pistol. In the bosom of his shirt he had two death-dealing guns concealed. Fist denying his identity, West made a pretense of braggadocio, but when stripped of his weapons and surrounded by men who were positive in their identification, the negro admitted he is Lewis West and made a full confession of the horrible crime, a crime for which the punishment will be death.

Officers from Wilson arrived this morning and the negro was hurried to Raleigh to prevent any attempt on the part of angry citizens to take the law in their own hands and deal out summary justice to the black fiend. He was utterly subjected when he was placed aboard the train. For the first time since he shot to death Deputy Sheriff Mumford and later wounded very seriously, the chief-of-police, of Wilson the negro seems to recognize the aggravated nature of his crime. It is the general opinion near here that a special term of court will be called and the negro given a speedy trial.

After mortally wounding Sheriff Mumford who attempted to arrest him, the negro again and again fired into the helpless form of the white man, heeding not the appeals from Mr. Mumford that he cease firing.

Rushing to the assistance of his fellow officer the chief-of-police was fired upon and a wound inflicted that was at one time thought to be fatal, but later developments have proven that the wound is not so dangerous.

The negro immediately made his escape. Those who were his accomplices were arrested but West managed to elude every officer until last night. Telegraphic communication with every city in North Carolina and with all cities in other states put the entire detective and police machinery of the country on the trail of the murderer, and his arrest here by Chief Dunlap is regarded as a clever piece of work by this brave officer who faced the negro with nine revolvers and placed him behind the bars.

Fired Bullet Through Heart.

By Associated Press.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 11.—Despondent because of continued ill health, B. G. Bettis, aged 40, ex-mayor of College Park, a suburb, went to his room this firing a bullet through his heart. Mr. Bettis was well known as a real estate broker.

Hamilton Makes Flight Over Mexican Territory Although Warned of Danger

By Associated Press.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 11.—In spite of the warning that he might be fired upon by Mexican troops, Charles K. Hamilton yesterday flew across the American border into Mexico and made the first aeroplane reconnaissance ever attempted in time of war.

Rising from the aviation grounds on the American side of the river, Hamilton in a bi-plane crossed directly over the Mexican custom house, circled over the defenses of Juarez and returned.

Garros in his monoplane left the ground soon after Hamilton and also crossed the river, though his flight did not cover as much territory as did Hamilton's.

Hamilton was allowed to make the flight by the American officers in charge of the border patrol on condition that he would divulge no information he might acquire. When he brought his machine to the ground he declared "there seems to be quite an army at Juarez."

Big Measure For State Building To Come Up Wednesday

Special to The News.

Raleigh, Feb. 11.—The senate makes the Boyden bill for a fire proof administration building with a million dollars in bonds a special order for next Wednesday.

A bill by Sykes would increase the county tax for schools in all counties 7 cents, or from 18 to 25 cents on the hundred dollars.

In the house, Representative Marshall introduced a bill to give all Confederate soldiers and widows $5 per month also another by Carr, of Duplin, is to establish uniform labor hours.

The Battle bill, which gives cities and towns power to adopt the commission form of government and changes charters at will, came up for final reading, but was postponed until Monday on a question being raised of the right of the assembly to delegate so much power.

At the request of Speaker Dowd, the house suspended the rules to pass a joint resolution by him, against closing the United States mint at Charlotte.