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## EWART VS BACHELORS, DOGS AND JUSTICES.

### Another New County Proposed—Stubbs Bill for Constitutional Convention Defeated.

Special to THE PROGRESS.

Raleigh, Feb. 8.—Unanimously reported favorably by the committee on propositions and grievances and unanimously passed by the House, Ex-Judge Ewart's bill to tax Dogs, Bachelors and Justices of the Peace the sum of \$1.00 annually was provocative of some attempts at near-wit in last Thursday's session.

The genial sponsor of the bill assuming all responsibility for this measure and emphasizing the fact that it was not intended as a joke made the following explanatory remarks:

"In Henderson county there were more pretty women than anywhere else in the world, many coming there from all parts of the world to enjoy its scenery and climate. There were entirely too many handsome unmarried men there, and a tax of a dollar a head per annum on these bachelors would tend to either decimate their ranks or replenish the county treasury for the benefit of school children of those who had been patriotic enough to marry.

Dogs, he declared, literally infested the county. Sheep raising had been practically abandoned on account of their prowling depredations and midnight attacks on the sheepfolds. Birds' nests were destroyed and the complete destruction of quail by them was only a question of time. The eggs were high, but not high enough to escape their sucking mouths. Fleas and hydrophobia were scattered abroad by them and most of the dogs were a constant menace to life, liberty and property and a general nuisance. He excepted some dogs and said his dollar tax would not hurt them, while he hoped it would cause a thinning out of the ranks of the others.

There were over a hundred Justices of the Peace in the county. Most of them were appointed by the Legislature because they never could have been elected by their constituents. Many of them could not write and some of them could not read. The State gave them a dollar and a half law book every other year, the pages of which most of them never turned, and besides this they were exempt from several public service duties, including working the roads, and should be glad for all this to pay a dollar a year back into the treasury."

That those who are desirous of getting a new county are not in any wise discouraged by the lack of success attending other attempts is evident. Senator Hawkins has introduced a bill to establish and organize Ransom county from parts of Wake, Franklin, Johnson, Nash and Wilson. It is a well prepared bill and a quarter page map advertisement of the proposed county boundaries was published in the News and Observer last Friday.

By a vote of 69 to 22, the Stubbs bill to provide for a constitutional convention was defeated in the House last Wednesday. It seems that there was a decided sentiment against giving an opportunity to any general amending of the constitution as it might have an undesirable effect on general conditions throughout the state.

Near beer, beerine and other like drinks were put upon the toboggan in the House last Thursday

by a vote of 93 to 6 in the passing of Kent's bill. The flood of petitions against the "sale" of these drinks is yet flowing and does not seem to have reached high mark yet.

A constituent of Senator Graham, of Orange, sent to him a petition asking that a law be passed to prevent changes in fashion as it was too much for a poor man to keep pace with. This is a new sort of protest against the "cost of high living."

Senator Cotten is sponsor for a bill to prevent the use of coupons in connection with the sale of cigarettes, cigars and tobacco and Senator Thorne resolves to encourage the people to patronize independents and give the "trusts" the stony smile.

The House held its first night session last Thursday night and cleared away quite a mass of pending business.

To-day the bill to establish Avery county will be considered in the Senate under special order. It was reported favorably by the committee. To-morrow the bill to establish Piedmont county will receive consideration by the Senate under special order. The committee reported unfavorably. In the House, the Dillard bill to repeal the law of a \$20 bounty for still destruction to apply to Cherokee county is made special order for to-morrow and the Connor bill to provide for uniform bills of lading will come up Friday as a special order.

The Devin bill to amend the divorce law to provide for a cause for divorce by reason of a single act of incontinence on the part of husband passed its final reading last Friday in the House. The vote stood 57 to 30. Wilson, of McDowell, voted against the bill.

Kent, of Caldwell, introduced a bill to amend the revival relating to counties composing the seventh, eighth and ninth congressional districts. The bill provides for the removal of Union from the 7th to the 8th and Alexander from the 8th to the 9th.

Senator Hicks has introduced a bill to prohibit the dumping of sawdust in the rivers and streams of North Carolina.

Senator Mashburn, of McDowell, has introduced a joint resolution to permit the superintendent of the asylum in Morganton to admit George Bartlett (imbecile) of McDowell county.

The bill to create the county of Hoke passed the Senate last Wednesday by a vote of 20 to 8.

"A Trust is a combination of capital, skill or acts by two or more persons" and "A monopoly is a combination or consolidation of two or more corporations" is how a bill introduced by Senator Baggett, of Harnett, defines them. This bill specifies seven methods by which "two or more persons," if combined to effect certain purposes shall constitute a trust; two methods to form a monopoly; two acts which shall be considered as "conspiracy in restraint of trade;" and then prohibits any or all of the foregoing.

For violation, the charter shall be forfeit, the Attorney-General shall institute quo-warranto proceedings in Wake county superior court and upon conviction fines of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100,000 for every day of such violation and in addition thereto terms of imprisonment for not less than one nor more than 10 years.

Further an agent's act is taken as prima-facie evidence as the act of a corporation and in case of his giving evidence to secure conviction of the corporation he is released from personal liability to

prosecution for such violation.

Any action brought under the provision of the act will take precedence except in criminal action where defendants are in jail and the Attorney-General is authorized to draw warrants to not exceed \$1,000 on the State Treasurer to bear expenses of suits brought.

It is said by many who claim to know that this "anti-trust" measure has the real "teeth" and will certainly be a biting one if enacted. Insurance companies and any and all phases of their agreements come within the bill's import.

## Important Meeting of the McDowell Medical Society.

The McDowell Medical Society held its regular quarterly meeting last Monday morning. Many important papers were read and unusual cases falling within the experience of the local practitioners were widely and ably discussed.

Dr. C. F. Jonas, formerly of the Lincoln Medical Society was admitted to the local society.

The election of officers for the present year and the election of the several delegates to the State Society which meets at Charlotte in June were taken up. Dr. B. L. Ashworth was re-elected President and Dr. T. N. Chaney of Old Fort was elected secretary and treasurer. Dr. Guy S. Kirby and Dr. G. B. Justice were elected delegates and alternate respectively to the State meeting, while Dr. C. F. Jonas was elected delegate to the house of delegates.

The society will meet again on the first Monday in April at which time Dr. Guy S. Kirby will read a paper on Eclampsy and Dr. T. N. Chaney will prepare a paper on Obstipation.

## Mendenhall-Brown Nuptials at Kernersville.

A wedding in which Marion folks were interested took place at Kernersville, Tuesday, January 30, when Miss Fleta Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Brown, formerly of Marion, was united in marriage to Mr. F. Exune Mendenhall, of Winton-Salem. The following account of the marriage is clipped from the Greensboro News:

"Kernersville, Feb. 1.—At six o'clock on yesterday evening an exceedingly pretty wedding occurred here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Brown, when their daughter, Miss Fleta, plighted her troth to Mr. F. Exune Mendenhall, of Winton-Salem.

"The parlor was artistically decorated in pot plants and greenery, and before a bank of ferns in the north corner the Baptist ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. West, pastor of the bride. Before the ceremony Mrs. John Pinnix sang very beautifully Foust's "Flower Song," after which Miss Tilla Harmon, as pianist, glided into the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march. While the vows were being taken "Hearts and Flowers" was softly rendered.

"At 6:30 an elaborate three-course supper was served, the dining room being decorated in trailing cedar and white wedding bells. Immediately following this the bridal party drove to the station, where Mr. and Mrs. Mendenhall took the 7:20 train for Winston, where they will reside.

"The bride wore a becoming costume of dark brown. The display of pretty gifts evince the popularity of the happy couple."

A wife's pin money is what hubby gets stuck for.

## Creator's Band.

That one of the largest and most representative audiences which has assembled in Marion this season will be present to hear the concert by Creator and his band of fifty musicians next Tuesday afternoon is now an assured fact.

Everywhere Creator and His Band have appeared they have been received with the greatest enthusiasm.

In commenting on the concert recently given in Boston the Boston Record said as follows: "Adjectives failed the brilliant audience which assembled in Symphony Hall last evening for Creator's first concert. No band artist who has ever visited Boston has created such a furor as Creator has. His control over his players is wonderful. They became a band or a symphony orchestra as he willed, and in both roles were equally successful."

To hear the greatest band in the world play such great musical master-pieces as Signor Creator has included in his program to be given here, is a privilege that does not come often within one's lifetime.

## Mr. D. S. Clements Succumbs to Pneumonia.

D. S. Clements, a well known citizen of this county, died of pneumonia in Oklahoma last week. He and family had moved there only a few weeks ago. The remains accompanied by the family were brought back to his old home at Dome for burial.

Mr. Clements was a very prominent citizen of this county, and the people will mourn at hearing of his death.

He is survived by a wife and six children, who will make their future home at Dome.

## Dwelling Burned at Nebo.

About 9 o'clock last Monday morning the dwelling house of Mr. Charles Hemphill at Nebo was destroyed by fire. Very little of the contents was saved. It is said that small children were playing with an umbrella when the umbrella caught fire and set the building. The building was enveloped in flames when the alarm was given. The loss is estimated at about \$1,000 with about \$600 insurance.

## Honor Roll Marion Graded School.

Following is the honor roll of the Marion Graded school for the month of January.

First Grade—Edwin Pless, George Eyer, Mattie Perry, Gaudia Ellis, Bobbie McCurry, Robert Potest, Shuford Godfrey.

Second Grade—Willie Elliott, Edward Foy, Fred Erwin, Coy Laughridge, George Meacham, Fred Houck, Jessie Kistler, Hettie Mae Cannon, Leo Clay, Sadie Cranford, Estelle Huffman, Marjorie Kirby, Mayo Laughridge, Annie Lee Loudermilk, Sara Margaret Neal, Edna Tate, Beatrice Corpening.

Third Grade—Archie Clapp, Ida Parker, Maurice Atwell, Ross Strange, Ola Gibbs, Gertrude Jones, Sallie Houck.

Fourth Grade—Richard Atwell, Leon Justice, Charles Laughridge, George Streetman, Robert White, Louise Burgin, Mattie Gladden, Sara Hudgins, Ida McGuire, Ella Racol, Edna Rader, Sara Silver, Helen Louon.

Fifth Grade—Elizabeth Bobbitt, Ruth Burgin, Emma Clapp, Dewey Denton, Blanche Finley, Katie Huffman, Mary Loudermilk, Blanche Wall, Norman Foy, Guy Kirby, LeRoy Silver.

Sixth Grade—Maudie Burgin, Edna Godfrey, Helen Strange.

Seventh Grade—Lois Gilkey.

Eighth Grade—Mary Potest, June Laughridge.

Tenth Grade—Eurene Gilkey, Harvey Atwell, Myrtle Burgin.

## COMMODITIES AFFECTED BY RECIPROCIITY

### How Canada and the United States Will Make Trade—Plan of Agreement.

The basis of the Reciprocity agreement, whose ratification the President urges upon Congress, is as follows:

Reciprocal lists on leading food products, such as wheat and other grains, dairy products, fresh fruits and vegetables, fish of all kinds, eggs and poultry, cattle, sheep and other live animals.

Mutually reduced rates on secondary food products, such as fresh meats, canned meats, bacon and hams, lard and lard compounds, canned vegetables, flour, cereal preparations and other food stuffs partially manufactured.

Certain commodities now free in one country are to be made free by the other, such as cottonseed oil by Canada, and rough lumber by the United States. Certain raw materials, such as mica and gypsum which enter into numerous industries, are to be made free by the United States. Print paper is to become free on the removal of all restrictions on the exportation of pulp wood.

Ploughs, harvesters, threshing machines and drills are to be reduced by Canada to the United States rates. Canada is to reduce coal to 45 cents a ton; the United States is to reduce iron ore to 10 cents a ton, and to lower the rate on dressed lumber. Motor vehicles, cutlery, clocks and watches, leather goods, printing ink and miscellaneous articles to be covered by mutually reduced rates.

On the Free List—Cattle, which now pay from \$2 each to 27 1/2 per cent. ad valorem; hogs and sheep, which now pay \$1.50 each; poultry, which now pay five cents a pound, dead, and three cents a pound, live; fish of all kinds, from codfish, which pays 2 of cent a pound, to salmon, which pays 30 per cent. ad valorem; wheat, which now pays 25 cents a bushel; oats, barley and buckwheat, which now pay from 15 to 45 cents a bushel; onions and potatoes; dried fruits; cheese; fresh milk and eggs, which now pay from 25 cents a bushel on potatoes, to five cents a dozen on eggs.

On the Reduced List—Fresh meats, beef, mutton and lamb, from 1 1/2 cents a pound to 1 1/2; bacon, salt beef, pork, dried, smoked and salted meats, from 4 cents a pound to 1 1/2; canned meats, from 25 per cent. to 20; wheat flour, from 25 cents a barrel to 20 cents a barrel; corn meal, from 40 cents a hundred pounds to 12 1/2.

## Our Range of Circulation.

To us comes the following request, viz:

"Beallien, Wimbleton Park, Surrey, England, Jan. 25, 1911.

Dear Sir: Will you please send me a specimen copy of your paper, also the yearly terms of subscription.

Yours truly, PETER KEARY."

THE PROGRESS does get into some distant places. Eh!

Many a runaway match ends later in a smash-up.