

Bonded Indebtedness of County is Now \$619,000

These Figures Given Out In Report of Auditors Who Have Completed Check of Finances of the County.

OTHER NOTES OF \$22,000 ARE OUT

Full Report of Auditors Has Not Been Made Public, and It Is Said It May Not Be Given Out.

The auditors who spent several weeks checking the books of Cabarrus county have submitted their report to the county commissioners, and part of the report has been made public.

The part of the report given out shows the bonded indebtedness of the county, and the total is now more than half a million dollars.

The complete report of the auditors, dealing with the accounts of each official, has not yet been made public by the commissioners, and it may not be made public, according to persons who are close to the commissioners.

The bonded indebtedness shows the following: Continental and Commercial National Bank, Chicago, \$105,000, secured for funding purposes.

Hanover National Bank, New York City, \$20,000, for repairs to jail and court house.

Hanover National Bank, \$46,000, for funding purposes.

Chase National Bank, New York City, \$72,000 for funding purposes.

Chase National Bank, \$42,000, for erection of county home.

Hanover National Bank, \$25,000, spent for bridges and roads.

Chase National Bank, \$50,000, spent for bridges and roads.

The report also shows that the amount of interest to be paid in 1923 will be \$31,720.

The report states further that the amount of interest will be reduced annually with reduction of principal.

Bonds in five of the issues bear 5 per cent. interest, one issue bears 4 1/2 per cent. interest, one bears 5 1/2 per cent. interest.

The lowest interest is one on the \$105,000 secured in 1911 and the highest interest is on the \$25,000 secured in 1921.

The notes payable, according to the report, follow: Concord National Bank \$15,000. D. O. Platt, \$2,000.

D. O. Platt, \$3,556.67. Miss Genevieve Cox, \$1,404.50. John J. Cox, \$619.

All of the notes bear 6 per cent. interest and with the exception of the first, are payable on demand.

This added to the bonded indebtedness of \$619,000 gives a total of \$841,700.

SEN. DILLINGHAM, OF VERMONT, DEAD AT HOME

Underwent Operation Three Weeks Ago and Condition Had Been Better Until Last Sunday.

WILL IMPROVE OTTEN BUILDINGS

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, July 13.—Director Hines' personal survey of the tuberculosis situation at Otten, N. C., near Asheville, disclosed, he said today, that certain changes will have to be made in the temporary buildings to bring the institution up to standard.

WILLARD KNOCKED OUT

Unable to Stand Up Against the Fierce Attack of Firpo. Ringside, Jersey City, N. J., July 12.—Jess Willard, the man-mountain from Kansas, went back to his old obligation last night, but he was last, though futile act of his comeback before a throng of more than 100,000, the greatest in ring history, that filled the Boyle's Thirty Acres to overflowing.

Louis Angel Firpo, the dark-browed mauler from the Argentine, closed the door to Willard's attempted return to fistic fame by knocking out the giant former champion in the eighth round of a slashing battle—one of the greatest in heavyweight history.

Incidentally he reached the goal at which he has aimed for the past year in his meteoric rise to prominence—a match for the title with Jack Dempsey.

There was on question of the superiority of the brilliant Argentine battler tonight. Willard's superior weight, height, and reach enabled the big Kansas to check Firpo's rushing attacks in most of the early rounds, but despite the American's gameness under fire, the tide of battle swung inevitably in favor of the younger, more rugged fighter.

The final round opened slowly. They sparred at long range and there was little hint that the end was near. But suddenly Firpo unleashed a savage drive to Willard's head and body.

The fury of that attack had never before failed to bring down the South American's quarry and Big Jess, despite his towering size and stamina, wilted. Step by step Willard gave ground, trying almost blindly to ward off the volley of jolts to his head and body.

Backed up against the ropes his head sank, then a right shot to the head sent him to his knees. He landed on his forehead, his legs started counting, shaking his head and trying to lift himself up. But the warning straight in that great bulk was fatal.

The task and he sank into the arms of his handlers at the final count.

Was Biggest Crowd Yet. Jess Willard will receive about \$120,000 and Louis Firpo around \$80,000 for his share of the gate receipts for their battle tonight.

These figures were based on estimated total receipts of \$400,000. Willard receiving 20 per cent. and Firpo 22 per cent. of the gross amount.

Official check, however, Rex Richard said, will not be completed until tomorrow. His estimate of an attendance of more than 100,000, he said, was inclusive of all within the bowl, police, ushers and others who did not figure in the box office total.

Six Yards of Whiskers. Chicago, July 12.—Dismissing the shrill cries of "Beaver," by sundry small boys, Hans W. Langseth, a Viking of Barney, N. D., 77 years old, strode into Chicago today, accompanied by whiskers 17 feet long.

About the first he did was to answer the age-old conundrum: "Does a man with long whiskers sleep with 'em inside or outside the covers?"

"Inside," said the man who should know by experience.

Langseth was the center of an admiring group at the Lexington Hotel, headquarters for the International Association of Specialty Salesmen, whose guest he is.

Outside the Langseth vest there are whiskers aplenty, but when he opened his waistcoat he revealed a great silk bow. He loosened the strings and there tumbled out a veritable Niagara of whiskers.

"I haven't seen them myself for a year," said the patriarch. "They were 17 feet long the last time I measured them."

"Why did you let them grow so long?" asked an admiring spectator.

"To see how long they'd get," replied the Viking.

THREE ECHO MEETINGS OF COLLEGE CONFERENCE

Will Be Held at Concord, Statesville and Morganton During the Coming Week.

Three echo meetings of the Davidson Young Peoples Conference will be held in the Concord presbytery next week at the following places and times:

Poplar Tent Church, near Concord, July 17, beginning at 4 p. m., with picnic supper on the grounds and the closing session at 7:45 p. m.

Little Joe's (Barium Springs) July 18, 4 p. m., picnic supper with night session at 7:45 a'clock.

Morganton, July 21, 11 a. m., picnic lunch, afternoon session at 2 o'clock.

A snappy, interesting program has been arranged for each one of these meetings. There will be no long addresses. Those who attend are requested to bring picnic lunch along.

It is hoped that every young person in Concord presbytery will attend one of these echoes. First, second and third honor will be given to the church whose representatives travel the greatest total of miles to attend.

Carey P. Lowrance, of Mooresville, president of Concord presbytery's P. Y. P. L., will preside. Claude T. Carr is expected to be present and have charge of the music.

The following churches compose the Poplar Tent group: Group No. 1.—Poplar Tent, Rocky River, Mooresville First, Mooresville Second, Bayless Memorial, Thyratira, Davidson, Center, Shearer, Kannapolis, Harrisburg, Gilwood, McKinnon, Concord First, Concord Second, Patterson, Bear Creek, Poplar Tent, Prospect, Bethpage and White Hall.

The following program will be rendered: 4:30 p. m. Devotional—Eugene Houston. 4:45 p. m. Minutes.

4:50 p. m. Quartet—Kannapolis. 4:55 p. m. Report of officers. 5:00 p. m. Silent prayer.

5:05 p. m. Song. 5:10 p. m. D. C. Echoes—4 minutes each. Conference in general—Sarah Boyd. S. S. Report—Ada Mae White.

Foreign Missions—Elizabeth Carrigan. Home Mission Report—Maudys Wagner. Y. P. work—Mary Brown.

Athletic report—Paul Mauden. Social report—Margaret Alexander. 5:05 p. m. Quartet—Kannapolis. 5:10 p. m. Montreat Y. P. Conference—Volunteer reports.

5:20 p. m. Roll call of societies. 5:25 p. m. Song and adjourn. Picnic Supper. 7:45 p. m. Song and prayer. 8:00 p. m. Quartet. 8:05 p. m. Question box. 8:15 One minute reports from each society. 8:45 p. m. Collection.

8:50 p. m. Plans for the future—Cary P. Lowrance. 9:40 to 9:50 p. m. What Constitutes a Model Young People's Society—Rev. R. A. White.

INJUNCTION IS NOT WORRYING UNION MEN

Order of Judge Wilkerson Forbids Members of Shop Crafts From Interfering With Train Operations.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, July 13.—Unconcern was expressed by counsel for the railway department of the American Federation of Labor at the order of Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson here yesterday, which permanently restrained 400,000 members and officers of the railway shop crafts unions who went on strike last year from interfering with the operation of the railroads.

The unions did not contest the granting of the final injunction which was applied for by Harry M. Daugherty, United States Attorney General. Sixty days in which to file an appeal was granted the union.

Donald R. Rieberg, attorney for the railway department of the Federation of Labor, which includes the shop crafts union, said three federal judges were on record in opposition to Judge Wilkerson's construction of the law.

"Despite the positive language of Judge Wilkerson it must be apparent that judges may arrive at opposite conclusions," he said.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Unchanged Prices to 14 Points Higher on Buying Orders.

Facts About Cabarrus Schools as Outlined by Prof. J. B. Robertson

The following facts about the work in the schools in Cabarrus County, during the past six years, together with an outline of plans for the future development of the schools, were given in an address delivered before the Concord Rotary Club Wednesday by Prof. J. B. Robertson, superintendent of the schools of Cabarrus county. The full address of Prof. Robertson follows:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Rotary Club: Allow me first to express to you my hearty thanks for your kind invitation extended to the Board of Education and myself to sit with you at this festive board and to present to you our County Rural Public Schools. No invitation has come to me lately that was more genuinely appreciated, I assume you because I like you. I like your friendship and your fellowship, and I have never had any aversion for good things to eat, and especially do I like to talk about schools.

It occurred to me that I could tell you more in a brief length of time if I would use a manuscript, hence this paper that you see.

Anything is what it is by virtue of its connection. Therefore, I deem it wise and well in presenting to you our schools, so that you may see what we have in its true perspective, to give you not only what we have now in school facilities and products, but also to give you the general outline of our past six years, the duration of the present administration; by telling you the status of the schools six years ago and the status now.

Six years ago we had in the county 51 schoolhouses for white children and 24 for colored, a total of 75. We now have about the same, 52 for white and 25 for colored, total 77. But while we had only 104 schoolrooms for white children in 1917 and 24 for colored, a total of 128, we now have 140 for white children and 27 for colored, a total of 167 schoolrooms in the system, a gain of 39 classrooms for the six years. We have built 48 new rooms for white and 8 new rooms for the colored, making a total of 56 new class rooms that have been built in the past six years.

Of the 167 total, or a little more than one third of all the class rooms. This and other school improvements have made possible an increase in the value of the school property in our rural schools from \$56,600 in 1917, to \$286,825 in 1923, a gain of more than 400 per cent.

Every white schoolhouse in the county has been marked by placing a painted sign above its door telling the name of the school, the district number, and township number, and the county in which it is located. A campaign is now well under way to paint every schoolhouse in the county, not only outside but inside. There is scarcely a schoolhouse in the entire county that

has not been rebuilt, painted inside or outside, equipped with modern desks or blackboard, or whose grounds have not been planted and planted to trees shrubs and flowers, and many have received all these things and more. During this period of six years, in the year 1919 to be exact—I am glad to state to you, gentlemen, we supplanted the last log schoolhouse in the county that was used for public school purposes by any race, and we did it by building what the state inspector of Rosenwald schoolhouses says is the neatest, best built house of all the Rosenwald houses that have been built anywhere in North Carolina, and said he: "I know of no other schoolhouse because I have examined every one that has been built from the mountains to the seashore."

More Developments. In 1917 we had a rural white census of 6,160, a colored rural census of 1,895, total 8,055; in 1923 we have a rural white census of 7,168, a colored rural census of 1,931, total 9,099; a gain of 800. In 1917 we enrolled in the elementary schools 4,351 white, and 1,525 colored—a total of 5,876; in 1923 we enrolled 5,251 white and 1,533 colored—a total of 6,784, a gain of 908—a gain in enrollment you will note that exceeds the entire gain in census, to say nothing of proportions. In 1917 we enrolled in the high school departments 143, in 1923 we enrolled in the high school departments 229, a gain of 196, or more than 100 per cent. We graduated in 1917 from the elementary schools 53; we graduated in 1923 from the elementary schools 169, a gain of 96, or almost 200 per cent., and more than some of our larger sister counties, whose standards, according to their own versions, are much lower than ours. In 1917 we didn't graduate any pupils from the high schools. In 1923 we graduated 212 pupils from our high schools that maintain the regular four year course. In 1917 we had 36 rural libraries; in 1923 we have 46 rural libraries, and large supplements have been added during this period to the original libraries.

Organization and Administration. No large task scattered over a broad territory can be accomplished without organization and administration—system. We place in one large package before the opening of school a supply of forms, blanks, schedules, instructions and literature for each school for the entire year. This is given to the principal as he goes to take charge. This means he has a definite program, and the means at hand for carrying it out. Teachers from other counties in the state have frequently received vital and systematic aid in other county as they get in Cabarrus. The administration of school affairs too is partly made possible by the regular teachers' meetings in which problems are solved and practical pedagogy taught.

ALASKA WILL GROW MUCH FOOD STUFFS

But Her Supply Will Never Be Greater Than Her Demand, in the Opinion of Secretary Wallace.

(By the Associated Press.) On Board United States steamship Henderson with President Harding, July 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, who had a consultation with agents of his department and with other experts interested in the agricultural development of Alaska, announced today his conviction that the future will see great development of farming in the territory, but that the country will never produce crops beyond the needs of the Alaskans themselves.

Mr. Wallace made a statement to this effect in conference with newspaper men on the Henderson accompanying President Harding on a tour of Alaska during the voyage from Sitka to Seward, where the party is to land today to travel to Fairbanks over the Alaska railroad.

ONE KILLED, MANY HURT IN ACCIDENT

Memphis Special of Southern Railway Derailed.—Ten of the Persons Injured Are in a Hospital.

(By the Associated Press.) Memphis, July 13.—One man was killed and about 30 injured, some seriously, early today when the Memphis Special on the Southern Railway was derailed two miles east of Larkinsville, Alabama, according to reports received here. Ten of the more seriously injured are in a hospital at Huntsville.

Four Pullmans and two coaches of the train which was en route from New York to Memphis, were torn loose from the engine mail, express and combination cars, and hurled down the embankment overturning.

L. H. Carr, of Durham, Killed. Huntsville, Ala., July 13.—Fifteen persons injured in a week of the Memphis Special train wrecked at Larkinsville, Ala., early today were brought to a hospital here this a. m.

L. H. Carr, 19 years old, of Durham, N. C., was killed. It was stated that at least 12 persons were seriously hurt.

LORD'S PRAYER SAVES LITTLE STOLEN CHILD

When Girl Lapses to Hawaiian Wild Man Kidnaper Expires Here.

MORE GERMAN TOWNS IN OCCUPIED ZONE SEIZED BY FRENCH

Limburg, Formerly Occupied by American Troops, Was Occupied by the French Troops on Thursday.

BARMEN IS ALSO TAKEN BY TROOPS

Several Officials in the City Were Arrested—Elberfeld is the Last City the French Have Taken.

Dusseldorf, July 13 (By the Associated Press).—The town of Limburg, just beyond the Coblenz Anticordon, which the Americans formerly held, was occupied by French troops yesterday as a permanent occupation zone.

Barmen, in the Elberfeld manufacturing district, also was occupied by a detachment of troops. Several of the Barmen city officials were arrested, after which the French withdrew.

Elberfeld Occupied. Berlin, July 13 (By the Associated Press).—French Troops have occupied the city of Elberfeld on the edge of the Ruhr region, according to advices from the Ruhr today.

WHAT SLUMP PROMISES TROUBLE FOR REPUBLICANS

Stump Will Start Pressure on Administration to Join in Some Settlement of the Chaotic Condition in Europe.

Washington, July 12.—The decline in the price of wheat to a pre-war level is a political fact of the utmost importance. It has come at a moment to affect the senatorial election in Minnesota and greatly encourage the radical movement among the farmers.

It will perhaps create an opportunity for a third party movement such as that which seems to be gathering about Henry Ford. It will reopen the tariff question. And it will tend to force the hands of the administration in international questions.

The reasons for thinking that the drop in wheat prices is not a temporary flurry but a permanent tendency are many. In the first place the American crop this year is about normal, 970,000,000 bushels.

There is a large carryover from last year, about 140,000,000 bushels. The American consumption is about 610,000,000 bushels. Exports to Europe are estimated at 125,000,000 bushels. This will leave a surplus of 235,000,000 bushels.

One trouble is that Europe is too poor to buy freely and Europe is, moreover, getting back into position to feed itself. For example, it is estimated that Russia will export this year 2,500,000 tons of wheat. As Russia has no credit abroad and therefore no way of financing and carrying this crop and as also her wheat will not be graded, this 2,500,000 tons will be dumped on the market for which it will fetch, breaking prices at Liverpool.

The attention of the administration has been called to this menace to the American farmer of the Russian wheat crop, but nothing has as yet been done about it.

DELEGATES TO THE ELKS' CONVENTION LEAVING

By Nightfall All But Few of the Delegates Will Have Left Atlanta, the Convention City.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, July 13.—Atlanta today bade goodnight to thousands of Elks who are en route to the Georgia capital from every state in the Union, from Alaska, Porto Rico, and the distant Philippines to attend the 59th annual Grand Lodge reunion and convention of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks.

All outgoing trains carried full quotas of the antlered tribe homeward bound after a week of business sessions and intense jollification, and all singing the praises of Southern hospitality. By nightfall all but a mere handful of visitors had "checked out" and the city was returning to the even tenor of its way.

PREPARING REPLY TO LATEST GERMAN NOTE

British Cabinet Hopes to Have Reply Ready for Allies in a Day or Two.

(By the Associated Press.) London, July 13 (By the Associated Press).—The cabinet ministers will be busy for the next day or two in completing the draft of the British reply to the German reparations note which is to be submitted to the allies.

The document will be accompanied by a covering note detailing for the benefit of the allies the British government's views on the whole question, and this, it is believed, will take more time for preparation than the reply itself, which, according to some reports, virtually has been drafted.

Pending a definite official statement respecting communication to the United States government of a draft of the reply, there is a general supposition that this step will be taken.

LOUIS FIRPO READY NOW FOR CAMPAIGN

By His Victory Over Jess Willard the Man From Argentine Won the Right to Challenge Jack Dempsey.

WILLARD IS NOW THROUGH IN RING

Tried to Stage Come-back, But Was Unable to Do So.—More Than 100,000 People Saw the Battle.

New York, July 13 (By the Associated Press).—Louis Firpo, from the Argentine, last night knocked out Jess Willard of Kansas before the greatest crowd ever massed at the ringside in the face of Champy Jack Dempsey and challenging his right to the heavyweight crown of the world.

The knockout came in the eighth round after one minute and 55 seconds of fighting. The South American rushed his heavier opponent to the ropes with an attack as furious as ever has been seen in the ring. A right cross to the jaw sent the giant Kansas to his knees.

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And so today the sporting world focused its attention on the dark brown young giant, who, coming north from the pampas about 15 months ago, battered his way to the front ranks of heavyweights with the tremendous sledge hammer blows of his right fist.

Firpo this morning looked fondly at the contract which he had signed with promoter Tex Rickard, agreeing to fight the champion. Last night he had fought before an estimated crowd of 100,000 and today he was looking forward to the throng he would face when he stepped into the ring in an attempt to take the laurels from the head of Dempsey.

Dempsey, victor over Timmy Gibbons by decision only after his opponent had gone a full fifteen rounds at Shelby, Mont., was not at the ringside last night.

He was on the Pacific coast resting after his only comeback in two years. But his manager, Jack Kearns, was present and he told newspaper men his protégé was ready for Firpo any time.

The proceeds of the bout was estimated at \$400,000, of which Willard received \$120,000, and Firpo \$80,000.

Another feature of last night's heavyweight show was the spectacular victory of Floyd Johnson, the Des Moines pugilist over Jack McAuliffe II, of Detroit, the latter being knocked out by Johnson in the first round. Their fight followed the main bout between Willard and Firpo.

EHRID CASE IS READY TO BE GIVEN TO JURY

Stanley Man Is Charged With Assault Upon His Daughter, Mrs. Agatha Shankle.

(By the Associated Press.) Asheville, July 12.—The evidence in the case of Justus J. Ehrid, charged with criminal assault on his daughter, Mrs. Agatha Shankle, was all in at 3 o'clock and the case was being presented to the jury by counsel when court adjourned here for the day.

The case involves two charges, one a capital offense and the other a felony. The testimony for the girl was a gruesome story of intermittent abuse of a father against his child who at the time, according to her statement, was about 12 years old but now is 20 and since married.

The father denies a charge of any crime but admits indiscretion and indecent conduct toward his child. Ehrid is now 62 years old and is the father of 18 children, 17 of whom are living. A large number of prominent citizens of the county testified to the good character of Ehrid.

The case is considered one of the most unfortunate ever tried in a Stanley Superior Court. The family is well connected. Ehrid claims that the whole matter is a frame-up and that the charges have been brought for the purpose of blackmail by his daughter and her husband.

GOVERNOR MORRISON BACK AT CAPITAL

Went to Raleigh to Attend to Mass of Routine Business Which Demands Attention.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, July 13.—Governor Cameron Morrison, who returned to Raleigh from Asheville last night, was at his office early today clearing his desk from a mass of routine business.

During the morning the Governor saw a number of callers including a number of state officials. The Governor's visit to Raleigh had no connection with the recent report of the auditors on the state's financial condition, it was stated at the executive office.

Three Defendants Acquitted. (By the Associated Press.) Aiken, S. C., July 13.—After being out since 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon the jury in the case of J. H. Martin, Virgil Thomas, and Bud English, of Augusta, charged with assault and battery and intent to kill in connection with the shopmen's strike last August, returned a verdict of not guilty at 12:10 this afternoon.