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LIQUOR, SUFFRAGE AND EDUCATIONAL BILLS DIE IN HOUSE

FIGHT FOR COUNTY BOARDS LONG & HARD

Suffrage Given Short Shrift After Much Argument by Suffragists; Speaker Leaves Chair to Fight Measure—Vote on it and Liquor About Same.

Henry Page's educational bill, the Anti-Saloon League whiskey traffic bill and Gallatin Roberts' municipal suffrage bill, all were Friday killed in the House of Representatives. Mr. Page's bill was lost by a roll call vote of 40 to 61; the whiskey bill failed of reference by a vote of 41 to 27, and the suffrage bill was defeated by 33 to 40. Many members were absent during the voting on each measure.

The whiskey bill, to so regulate liquor traffic that the possession of whiskey beyond two quarts a year for medicinal purposes, was the one voted unfavorably by the committee Wednesday afternoon. Friday morning Representative Holding, of Wake, asked that the bill be recommitted. Representative Beasley, of Union, upheld Mr. Holding and plead for further consideration of the measure which he deemed one of the most important and helpful before the House this session. Speaker Murphy informed the House that a two-thirds vote would be required to move the bill from the unfavorable calendar. A standing vote was taken, with a large number of anti-liquor legislation members absent because of a misunderstanding as to the hour of meeting. A majority of those present, however, were for the tabling of the bill.

This vote rendered the quietus to a proposed measure which has agitated the people of North Carolina for several months. The bill as defeated in the House was substantially the same as that circulated for several months prior to the meeting of the General Assembly among members. The only hope of the Anti-Saloon League for further regulation of the liquor traffic lies now in the fact that it may be possible to put through a less drastic law than that proposed by this bill before the assembly adjourns next month.

The Educational Bill.

Argument for and against the Page bill, providing for direct election of school officials in those counties desiring such a method, began on the morning of the previous day. It was still incomplete Friday morning when Representative Holding took up the thread of argument and proceeded to lambast the idea from "A to Z." Representative Kittrell, of Vance, followed the Wake county representative and spoke in favor of Mr. Page's scheme. Representative Matheson, of Iredell, and Representative Brummitt, of Granville, too, were for the measure's adoption, but Representative Doughton and Joyner opposed it.

Governor Doughton concluded argument against the measure. He told how faithfully his people had stood guard over the East when that guard was necessary; how detrimental to the educational welfare of his hill country the bill's passage would be. He spoke heatedly and with much force for several minutes. When he concluded the vote was taken. Immediately after the vote was counted, a motion was made to have the bill tabled. The motion carried the bill was dead.

Female Suffrage.

Argument over the woman suffrage bill was heard by packed galleries and lobbies; probably a thousand women from all parts of the state being present and in high hopes. It appeared that most of them were confident that the house would pass the Roberts bill since it asked only that women be given the ballot to municipal elections after the question had been approved by a majority of the male voters of any town. When the vote was announced the women were a little crestfallen but not entirely discouraged. They had won quite a victory at that. Two years ago their bill, was given only 20 votes in the house. This time they were given 40. A leader among the suffragists in Raleigh said Friday night that she was very much gratified by the vote and that she believed a similar bill in the senate would have a better fate.

Representative Breese opened argu-

AMERICAN SAILORS HELD IN GERMANY

Will No Longer Participate in Relief Work in Belgium and Northern France

London, Feb. 12.—The American commission for relief in Belgium has officially notified the German authorities that the Americans will withdraw from participation in the relief work in Belgium and Northern France.

This step was taken in reply to an order from the German authorities that Americans must withdraw from the provinces of Belgium and northern France, leaving only a few of their representatives, headed by Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, in Brussels. The action of the commission is explained in the following statement, which was given to the Associated Press today by directors of the commission in London.

"We were advised February 12 by Director Warren C. Gregory from Brussels that Baron von Der Lancken (civil governor of Brussels) had notified him that American citizens could no longer occupy positions in connection with the commission in the occupied territories of France and Belgium, but that a few Americans, among them Brand Whitlock, might reside in Brussels and exercise general supervision over the work. Mr. Whitlock, however, was to have no diplomatic standing. Further, automobiles and other means of communication would be denied the Americans.

"After earnest consideration with Ambassador Page, the directors of the commission in London, acting in accord with Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the commission, instructed Mr. Gregory to inform the German authorities that in view of their order that the Americans could no longer exercise their functions in the occupied territories and that as under these conditions the American members of the commission could no longer carry out their responsibilities and undertakings to other interested governments and fulfill their duties toward the peoples of Belgium and northern France, the Americans would officially withdraw from participation in the work of relief in the occupied districts.

"Mr. Gregory was advised to arrange for all his men to leave Belgium immediately, except a few who are to close the commission's affairs and take steps to see that there is no interruption in the service pending the reorganization of the work."

TO MY FRIENDS AND PATRONS

Owing to the increase of business at my office in Durham, it will be impossible for me to make my regular visits to this town. I will be glad to see my friends and patients in my office at Durham. However, I will be here by appointment and special calls, which will be announced in this paper. Thanking you for your patronage in the past and soliciting your future patronage, I am,

Respectfully yours,
N. Rosenstein.

ment in defense of the bill immediately after the educational measure was disposed of. He spoke for 12 minutes and paid high tribute to the women of North Carolina who wanted to take a hand in the management of the government they live under but in the running of which they have no voice. Representative McCrary, McRacken, Pritchard, McBee, Pearson, Griffin, McLendon, Grant and Roberts followed Mr. Beese. Their argument adoption of woman suffrage. All were tumultuously applauded by the feminine occupants of the galleries.

Representative Winston, Grier, Murphy and Gardner spoke against the bill. Some of them were hissed by the women. All, however, were loudly applauded by the men. Speaker Murphy took the floor for the first time this session. In doing so he offered his apologies, but stated that he feared that great mistake was about to be made. It was his fear that if the bill passed, negro women as well as white women would be given the ballot. This he said would place North Carolinians again in the shadow of the "black cloud." All of the opponents to the measure spoke with heat and virility, and each was loudly applauded.

GRAND JURY REPORT

TO HIS HONOR JUDGE KERR:

Presiding For February Term Person County Court: 1917.

We, your grand jury for the February Term of Court, for the year 1917, desire to make the following report:

We have given diligent and careful attention to all things worthy of investigation that has come before us.

The committee appointed to investigate the county home reported as follows: Condition of buildings and grounds good. Number of inmates 10. Upon being questioned by committee they reported they were well treated and were supplied with a plentiful supply of wood, etc., that made for their comfort. Most of the inmates seemed to be in good physical condition.

The committee appointed to investigate the condition of the jail reported as follows: It is our opinion and we recommend that the condition of the jail could be improved by white washing and cleaning up in general. We further recommend that prisoners be furnished more bed clothing, the prisoners stating that they had only one blanket each.

Our committee appointed to investigate our county road force made the following report: We find same to be in good condition but would recommend that a separate tent for the whites be supplied.

We find that from the county exhibit as published in The Roxboro Courier, that for each calendar month ending December 1, 1916, a voucher issued to county home superintendent for salary and supplies. We recommend and insist that a more segregated report be made thereby enabling the public to see how much for salary and how much for supplies.

We further recommend that a more general itemized statement be rendered as to expenditures for county roads.

We recommend that the various officers be required to publish a statement each year as required by law.

It was with pleasure that we heard the report of our efficient County School Superintendent, Rev. J. A. Beam, which report was very flattering indeed. We believe that an earnest effort is being made by our Superintendent and his teachers that will inspire in our boys and girls high ideals, that will make of them a great citizenship.

G. A. DANIEL,
Foreman Grand Jury.

PLANT A GARDEN

I want to urge every farmer in the country to plant a garden this spring. The garden is the first step to raising home supplies and that is what we want to see every farmer try to do this spring and cut down the high cost of living. Every farmer ought to have some vegetable from his garden on his table (either fresh or canned) every day in the year. It has been proven that eighty per cent of our table supplies can be grown in our gardens. Don't you think brother farmer, at this time of high prices it is time you are making an effort to cut expenses and live at home.

Most vegetables will grow on any of our soils but for best results a sandy loam with a deep soil well filled with humus so as to retain the moisture should be chosen. This land should be fenced to keep out the chickens and other animals. Then cover with stable manure and ploughed (preferably in the fall) to a depth of from eight to ten inches deep. Never plow when wet as it causes the land to bake, which takes several freezes to overcome. Never turn the clay or subsoil on top in the spring. The land should then be harrowed until you have it thoroughly pulverized seed bed.

You should use a high grade fertilizer liberally, as you want the young plants to grow as rapidly as possible. The fertilizer is usually put in the drill and mixed with the soil but can be used as a side dressing on the plants that are grown for their leaves, like cabbage and lettuce.

We have a market in Roxboro for early and late vegetables for those who live near enough to haul them without too much cost, and for those who live too far we have a lady demonstrator who will be glad to organize a canning club and teach you how to preserve them for winter use.

So let's start now and see to it that we have the best garden this year we have ever had.

W. C. Warren.

NOTICE

The locals of Person county are requested to be represented at our next county meeting which will be held on Saturday the 17th of February at 11 o'clock. Meeting to be held at the Person Union Tobacco Plant. All are requested to attend. Yours truly, J. H. Foushee, Sec.

Mrs. Fannie Davis of Pittsburg, Pa., is visiting Mrs. Victor Kaplan.

DR. S. A. KNAPP'S TEN COMMANDMENTS OF AGRICULTURE

At an early period it was found necessary to evolve from the mass of ethical teaching a few general rules of living, called "The Ten Commandments", by which a man could be moral without going thru a course in theology. Just so, in order to instruct the average farmer how to successfully conduct his farm operations so as to secure a greater net gain from the farm, it is necessary to first deduce from the mass of agricultural teachings a few general rules of procedure. They are called "Ten Commandments of Agriculture," by the practice of which a man may become a good farmer in any State without being a graduate from a college of agriculture.

1. Prepare a deep and thoroughly pulverized seed bed, well drained; break in the fall to the depth of 8, 10 or 12 inches, according to the soil, with implements that will not bring too much of the subsoil to the surface (the foregoing depths should be reached gradually).
2. Use seed of the best variety, intelligently selected and carefully stored.
3. In cultivated crops, give rows and the plants in the rows a space suited to the plant, the soil and the climate.
4. Use intensive tillage during the growing period of the crops.
5. Secure a high content of humus in the soil by the use of legumes, barnyard manure, farm refuse, and commercial fertilizers.
6. Carry out a systematic crop rotation with a winter cover crop on southern farm.
7. Accomplish more work in a day by using more horse power and better implement.
8. Increase the farm stock to the extent of utilizing all the waste products and idle lands of the farm.
9. Produce all the food required for the men and animals on the farm.
10. Keep an account of each farm product, in order to know from which the gain or loss arises.

"MISS MOLLY"

The above is the title of a play to be given at Hurdles Mill Friday night Feb. 16th, 1917. This play will be given under the auspices of the M. E. Church and proceeds will go to same. It is a worth while evening's entertainment and well worth seeing. Same will be promptly at 7:30 p. m. on Friday night Feb. 22nd, 1917.

COURT PROCEEDINGS

Criminal Docket Completed Thursday—Short Civil Docket—Court Adjourned Friday Evening—Dunn Gets Damages.

Below you will find full proceedings of the Superior Court for Person County held in Roxboro last week, both criminal and civil cases.

Criminal Docket.
State vs Jim Long. Indictment, retailing. Defendant pleads not guilty. Jury renders verdict of guilty. Judgement suspended. County to pay cost.

State vs D. A. Murdock. Indictment, transporting liquor. Defendant pleads guilty. Judgement of \$50.00 and cost. In this case the defendant was caught by Sheriff Thompson with 12 gallons of liquor in a buggy. He stated to the Judge that this amount was brought for his own personal use.

State vs Jim Long. Indictment, retailing. Defendant pleads guilty. Judgement suspended and county to pay the cost.

State vs Bud Freeman. Indictment, retailing. Defendant pleads not guilty. Jury renders verdict of guilty. Judgement suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs Cleveland Wrenn and Arch Painter. Indictment, affray. Also rendered verdict of not guilty as to Arch Wrenn charged with assault on young lady. Defendants fined \$25.00 and half cost each.

State vs Edgar Burton. Indictment assault with deadly weapon. Defendant pleads guilty. Judgement suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs Geo. Eastwood and Henry Cooper. Indictment, retailing. Eastwood pleads guilty, Cooper pleads not guilty. Defendants found guilty. Judgement in Eastwood case 45 days in jail and to pay a fine of \$200.00 and cost. Cooper six months on road.

State vs Henry Adcock, Roy and Charlie Snow. Indictment, affray. Defendants B. and C. Snow plead not guilty. Defendant Adcock pleads guilty. Jury found Roy and Charlie Snow not guilty. Judgement was suspended in Adcock's case upon payment of cost.

State vs Cuninghams and John Tucker. Indictment, affray. Defendants plead guilty. Judgement suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs Lamberth Day and Ollie Faulkner. Indictment, affray. Judgement \$25.00 and one half cost each. Faulkner failing to pay fine was sentenced to 60 days on roads.

State vs John Miller. Indictment, larceny. Judgement 30 days on the roads.

State vs Jno. R. Jones. Indictment, retailing. Defendant pleads not guilty. This case resulted in a mistrial. The defendant was ordered to give a bond of \$300.00 to next term of court. Defendant was unable to give bond and was placed in jail to wait the April term of court.

State vs Cuninghams. Indictment, carrying concealed weapon. Defendant pleads guilty. Judgement suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. Poot Potat. Indictment, nuisance. Pleads guilty and judgement suspended on payment of cost.

State vs. Walter Mitchell. Indictment, murder. This case was begun Wednesday at noon and continued thru Thursday at noon. The indictment was for murder in the first degree, but the solicitor only asked for a verdict in second degree or assault with deadly weapon. therefore no special venire was drawn. As stated in last week's issue, the defendant was charged with the murder of Percy Dickens, col. Quite a great deal of interest was manifested in this case. The defendant's plea was self defense. After having the case a short time the jury returned a verdict of guilty of assault. Judgement of the court was that Mitchell pay a fine of \$50 and cost.

Civil Docket.

The civil docket was begun Thursday at noon and the first case coming up was Dunn vs. Wilson. Dunn suing Wilson for the sum of \$10,000 for damages for injury received when shot by Wilson.

This case consumed nearly an entire day and was hard fought by both sides. Dunn being represented by Attys F. O. Carver and Victor Bryant, and Wilson by Attys W. D. Merritt and L. M. Carlton. The jury gave a verdict of \$250.00 to Dunn. W. J. Jones vs. Lelia B. Jones. Plaintiff submitted to a voluntary

U. S. COMMISSION TO WITHDRAW WORK

Will Hold Men as Prisoners Until Sure Germans in America Won't Be Imprisoned

Notification of the retention in Germany of the 72 American sailors brought in as prisoners on the prize ship Yarrowdale was given to the state department today by Dr. Paul Ritter, Swiss minister here, acting for the German government, together with an inquiry as to the status of the crews of the German war-bound ships in American harbors.

Germany, Dr. Ritter said, had decided to hold the Yarrowdale prisoners until she had definite assurance that German crews in American harbors would not be held or imprisoned.

A query was at once cabled to the governor of Hawaii the only section where German ships are bound where all the conditions are not known. There is not the least thought that any variation will be found there in the uniformly courteous treatment accorded German prisoners.

Eventual release of the Yarrowdale prisoners is regarded as assured but an urgent protest against their re-imprisonment will be made at once.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The pastor of the Person circuit will preach at Concord Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at Leas Chapel at 3 p. m. The chairman of the Board of Stewards of Concord Church announces that the assessments to the support of the Gospel will be read Sunday and it is desired that the entire membership of the church be present. Public cordially invited. The pastor also urges that all renewals to the Advocate be brought and families not now taking their church paper come to both churches prepared to subscribe if possible, this being "Advocate month".

Board of Education in Session
The Board of Education met in the offices of Supt. Beam Tuesday morning. The usual routine work was gone thru.

At this meeting it was decided by the board to have a County Commencement. It will be announced later on what date the commencement will be held. It is probable that same will be held the latter part of March or the first of April.

Report of Roxboro Graded School

You will find elsewhere in this issue the financial statement of the Roxboro Graded School made by the board of trustees. This report shows a deficit of \$3634.41 at the beginning of the present board's term and since then this sum has been reduced a small amount. Someway should be devised to get this deficit off the books.

TO OUR FRIENDS

We have at the Pioneer Warehouse a limited quantity of genuine Adcock tobacco seed. They were grown and cared for by me and cleaned by the Dept. of Agriculture. They are yours for asking as long as they last.

Yours truly,
Geo. E. Harris

ROXBORO HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The Basket Ball team from Rougemont is to play the Roxboro High School team here Saturday at 3 o'clock on the High School grounds. The Eighth and Tenth grades had a match game of Basket Ball Monday afternoon. The Tenth grade won by a score of 53 to 27.

The Florenz society met last Wednesday afternoon. This society had a debate, music, and reading for the program. The society work is very beneficial and is enjoyed very much by the pupils.

Mr. Rogers went to Goldsboro last Friday night on special business, returning Monday at noon. He has been so cross since that we surmise that he was not successful in his undertaking.

There being no further cases ready for trial, the court adjourned Friday evening.

Judge Kerr left Friday night for his home in Warrenton.