

GRAVEN FARMERS CLEANING HOMES

Paint is Freely Used as Result of Prosperous Year—Building Boom.

(Special to The Dispatch.)
New Bern, Jan. 30.—A clean up and paint up campaign is being waged by the farmers in Craven county and, in consequence, almost every rural home that one sees these days is resplendent in a new coat of paint.

The Craven county farmers have made money during the past year and they have come to the conclusion that there is no better way in which they can spend some of this cash than to improve their homes and the surroundings.

Another thing that is noticeable in this line is the fact that many new houses are going up in the rural section and the majority of these are of an improved type and are equipped with many of the modern improvements which one usually finds only in the cities.

Baseball chatter is again in the air. Talk in regard to reviving the old Eastern Carolina League is again in the air.

Devotees of the National game at Goldsboro declare they are ready and willing to join a league if it is formed and are warmly agitating the question. However, there is hardly any probability that New Bern will take stock in any Eastern Carolina League. This city has a city league that seems to be giving all the amusement necessary along this line and then, again, there is but little enthusiasm over the game here at the present time.

Horsemen in this part of the State are contemplating putting on a big racing tournament during the early Spring and it is their belief that if this is done it will prove to be one of the biggest events of its kind ever held in the State.

The track at the Eastern Carolina fair grounds is one of the best in the State and the horsemen in this section feel that this is one of the best places to hold a racing meet.

The matter is now being talked over and something definite will probably be decided upon during the course of the next few weeks.

RAILROADS KICK ON VALUATIONS

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 30.—A vigorous attack by railroad interests on methods pursued by the Interstate Commerce Commission in fixing the physical valuation of American railroads has been made in a legal skirmish over its findings in the case of two small roads, the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic and the Texas Midland, first to be valued.

The commission was asked to set aside the valuation division's appraisal, counsel for the carriers declaring it inadequate, not in conformity with law and representing "only a partial list of the bare bones of the property with some prices attached thereto."

Glen E. Plumb, counsel for the four railroad brotherhoods, announced they desired later to present "some general theories" for the commission's attention.

Counsel for many other railroads than those directly concerned crowded the chamber and participated in the proceedings. W. H. Hines, of Philadelphia, representing the Pennsylvania Railroad, said the two roads involved are small and requested valuation of larger roads be withheld until questions at issue are disposed of.

The hearing probably will last several days.

TROOPS STOP BANDITS IN BREAK FOR MEXICO

(By Associated Press.)
Mexico City, Jan. 30.—It has been reported to the War Department that bandits tried to cross from the United States into Mexico today near Brownsville and were forced back by troops under General Ricaut. General Ricaut reported that American troops were pursuing the bandits on the American side of the line.

WESTERN TRUST MEN GATHER IN ORLEANS.

(By Associated Press.)
New Orleans, Jan. 30.—An executive business session for consideration of reports of standing and special committees on various subjects connected with the fruit and vegetable industry occupied the time of delegates to the Western Fruit Jobbers' Association in convention here today. A large number of new members of the association were initiated prior to the business meeting.

COURT NOTICE.

All jurors and witnesses summoned to appear at Court on Monday, February 5th, 1917, are hereby notified that they need not appear until Wednesday, February 7th, 1917, at nine thirty A. M.

By order of
W. M. BOND,
JUDGE W. M. BOND,
Clerk Superior Court.

COLUMBUS COUNTY REP. WENTS ON WARPATH TODAY.

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to insist that he failed to see the good in always "writing to Raleigh" to find out how to conduct one's own affairs. This health officer's measure is probably in for trouble. It passed second reading through the courtesy of the opposition, some of whom audibly remarked that they would kill it on third reading, anyhow. One of the troubles with the measure, perhaps (its main trouble), is the provision for an examination fee of \$25, which is to be paid before a man can take a job as whole time health officer of a county or town. This \$25 pays the expenses of an examining board, composed of three members, elected by the State Health Officers' Association, and two by the State Board of Health. The bill also says that only a doctor of medicine, or a holder of the degree of doctor of public health from a university of recognized standing may serve as health officer.

McCoin argued for his bill that it had the approval of the State Medical Society and that the pharmacists were not opposed to it. He thought that any legislation which could unite doctors and "docs" ought to be passed.

The Senate—Monday.
The Senate was opened with prayer by Rev. T. W. O'Kelly, of the Baptist church, at 3 o'clock, Lieutenant Governor Gardner, presiding. A leave of absence was granted for Representative Linn, of Rowan county, until Tuesday morning. New bills were introduced as follows:

Jones—Provide for the Australian ballot in this State. Three hundred copies of the bill ordered printed.

Warren—Increase the Superior Court judges and judicial districts and to provide for emergency judges. This bill provides that one district in the eastern division of the State and one in the western division shall consist of one or more counties (a small district) and the terms of court in the districts shall be limited to twenty weeks each annually. There would be 24 judicial districts and in rotation each of the judges would in turn become an emergency judge in the rotating system observed, subject to be assigned to any county by the Governor or to hold special courts or supply in case of sickness. Advocates of the bill say the provision regulating the emergency judges means the creation of no more new offices and no additional compensation is allowed. At the same time it is claimed that the increase in the districts will remedy the present situation giving trouble in many counties.

Parker—Allow the election of county boards of election to be elected by popular vote. Three hundred copies ordered printed and the bill set as a

LEAK SITUATION CLARIFIED TODAY BY MANY DENIALS.

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leak investigating committee.

Direct examination of the witness by Sherman Whipple was concluded and members of the committee began questioning him.

White also denied that he had any accounts in which persons in official life were interested.

"Did Lawson suggest to you?" asked Representative Campbell, Republican, "that the market was too heavy and that a suggestion of peace would start the market down and that it was a good time to get all your friends into a pool?"

"No, sir," said White.

Campbell tried to learn what White and Lawson talked about at the various meetings in New York, about the time the peace situation was a big factor in the stock market. White said they talked "in general terms" about the war and its "economic effects." He could not recall ever having discussed the German peace proposals, the Lloyd-George speech in reply, or the arrival of the Deutschland and the U-53, or President Wilson's attitude.

"You had advance information on the arrival of the U-53, didn't you?" asked Campbell.

"I did not. I knew nothing of it until I saw it in the newspapers."

"Do you think Lawson ought to be in an insane asylum or behind the bars—which?"

"I have no opinion on that. It is not within my jurisdiction," replied the witness, with a laugh.

"Didn't you realize when you saw Lawson's testimony published that there might be an issue of perjury raised between you and him? How was it you made no effort to have him retract?"

"This is my first appearance before the committee," replied White, "and I didn't think the manner in which he mentioned my name very important."

"Do you think," interrupted Representative Chipfield, "that your conversations with Lawson were equivalent to a full course in romance literature?"

"I couldn't say that. I did not take his conversation seriously."

Barney Baruch was again called to the stand. Baruch declared voluntarily that he was ready to answer any questions fully.

On December 11, he said, he bought 5,000 shares of Steel, expecting it to rise, but it didn't, and he sold the following day at a loss of about four points. Then came the address of Von Bethmann-Hollweg in the Reichstag regarding peace, Baruch said, and foreseeing the effect the speech would have on the market on December 13, he sold short, dealing in 23,400 shares of Steel that day.

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More Guardsmen to be Released at Early Date

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 30.—Secretary of War Baker said today that as soon as the 25,000 National Guardsmen recently ordered from the Mexican border had left for their home States, additional militiamen would be sent from the border. Definite plans, he said, depend upon transportation facilities.

President Modifies Sentence.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 30.—Sentence of dismissal recently imposed upon Lieutenant Forrest Ward, First Infantry, Arkansas National Guard, has been modified by President Wilson to a reprimand. Lieutenant Ward, it was charged, encouraged gambling among the enlisted men.

Special order for Wednesday along with the other education bills.

The House—Monday.
The House was called to order at 3 o'clock by Representative Doughton and prayer was by Dr. McWhite, the Presbyterian church pastor. New bills introduced were:

Gardner—Amend the office of treasurer for Yancey county.

Gardner—By request—Promote temperance by regulating the receipt and handling of intoxicants.

Hurley—Amend the act of 1905 relative to the election of commissioners in Montgomery county.

Price and Roberts—Fix the salaries of Rockingham officers.

McCall—Repeal the 1917 act relative to the deputy court clerk in Cherokee county.

Pritchard—Preserve the integrity of the ballot in Madison county.

Suttley—Repeal 1915 local act relative to the collection of Caldwell taxes.

Hoyle—Regulate presumption of law as to certain titles.

Tatum and Dees—Protect fruit growers in the State.

Coffey—Amend the 1905 revision relating to magistrates' fees.

Swain—Relief of Confederate soldiers and sailors.

Privette—Furnish ground limestone to farmers at the least possible cost.

Wilson—Abolish office of treasurer in Transylvania.

Hicks—Add Avery county to the list of counties exempted from the State-wide primary law.

Withrow—Provide uniformity in deeds and other papers.

Killian—Regulate hunting in Catawba; incorporate Maurey School; allow Catawba county to elect board of education.

Grant, of Onslow—Repeal a certain local road law.

Hoyle—Repeal bill relating to enlarging a certain graded school district.

Matthews, of Mecklenburg—Amend the revision relative to property under mortgage and other contracts.

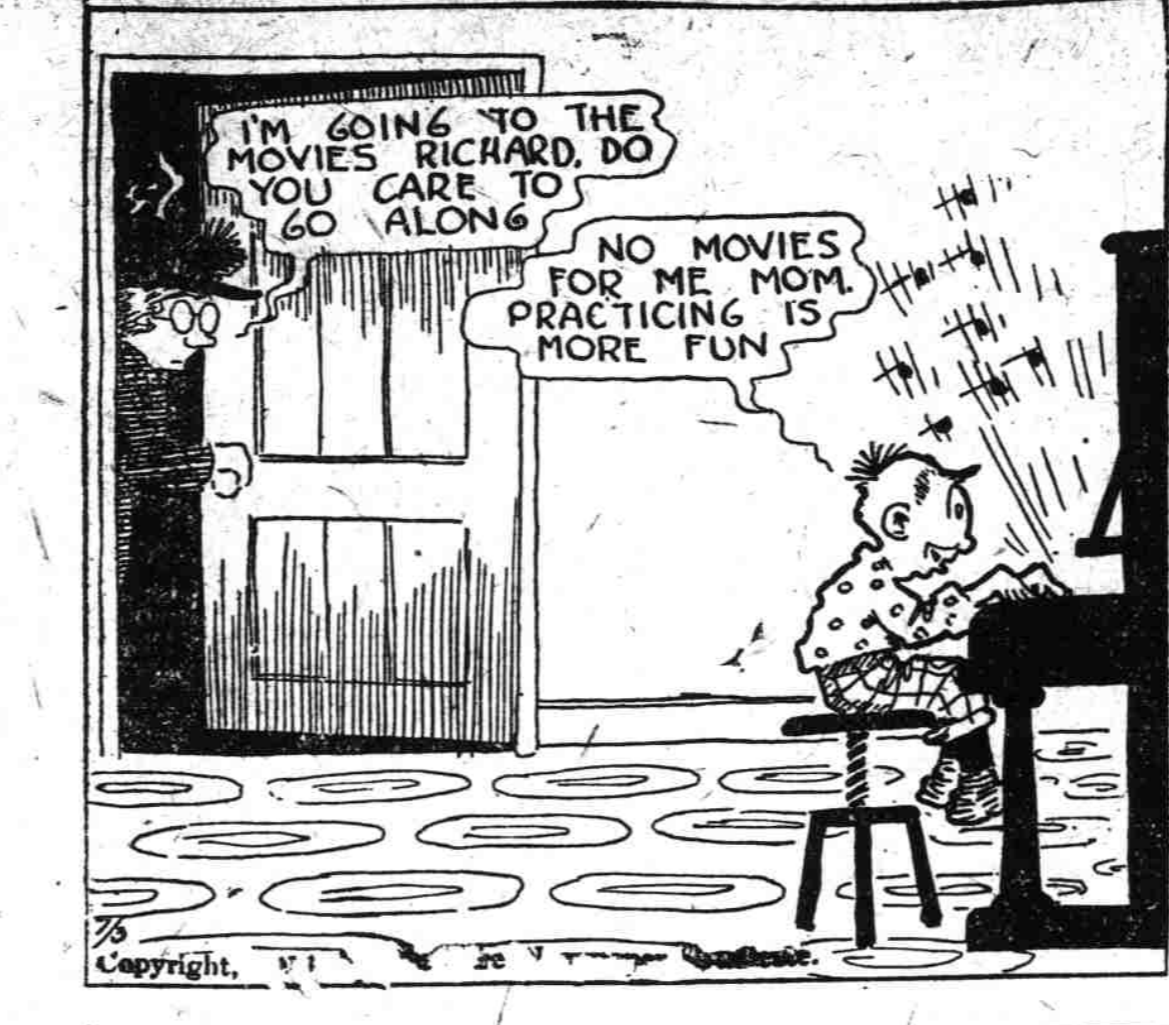
Matthews—Amend the act relative to advertising personal property.

BILLS PASSED FINAL READING AS FOLLOWS:

Abolish treasurer's office in Yancey; regulate deputy clerks in Cherokee; relating to automobile tax and applying 90 per cent to the county in which the tax originates; repeal road law for Marsh township, Surry county; amend the Pender road law.

The House voted down 34 to 19 the bill to create a State Board of Examiners to examine applicants for law licenses.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



WRITING PAPER USE IS SHOWING AN INCREASE

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Jan. 30.—In spite of the steadily increasing price of all kinds of paper more writing paper is being used than ever before, says Theodore L. C. Gerry, President of the American Stationers' Association, of New York. At the annual dinner of the organization last night, Mr. Gerry asserted that the people of the United States seemed to be writing more letters and were buying more paper, pens, ink, lead pencils, blotters and stationery supplies of all kinds.

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