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A NECK AND NECK TAX RACE.

Sheriffs Ellington of Johnston and Kline of Lincoln First to Settle With Treasurer Lacy.

It was a neck and neck race yesterday between Sheriff J. T. Ellington, of Johnston county, and Sheriff J. K. Kline, of Lincoln, for the honor of being the first sheriff in the State to settle 1901 taxes with the State Treasurer.

Sheriff Ellington left home Sunday and arrived here early Monday morning, while Sheriff Kline had his check mailed Saturday. The two sheriffs made what in racing parlance would be termed a dead heat. Sheriff Kline's letter containing his check was opened about two minutes previous to Sheriff Ellington's arrival. Technically Sheriff Kline was ahead, but both Sheriffs deserve to share in the honor of being the first to settle the 1901 taxes. The amount of Sheriff Kline's settlement was \$6,481.11, while that of Sheriff Ellington was \$11,770.

If there is a model sheriff in the State it is Sheriff J. T. Ellington, of Johnston. For fifteen years he has been the popular sheriff of the county and in every year save two he has been the first sheriff in the State to settle with the State Treasurer. Mr. Wm. Dortch as tax collector of Wayne had the honor of defeating Mr. Ellington in the race for the sheriff's office twice in those fifteen years. Sheriff Ellington is an ideal officer in every respect. The people of Johnston are proud of their popular sheriff and they have a right to be.—News and Observer, Dec. 3.

THE NEW CONGRESS.

Republicans Have a Clear Majority in Both Branches.

Washington, Dec. 2.—With the beginning of the Fifty-seventh Congress at noon today the national legislative body entered upon an era of action which promises to be one of great importance to the country. Other Congresses of recent years have passed upon questions of war and strife. This one will deal with issues, the fruits of war, no less important and involving the every-day material interests of the citizens of the United States and the welfare of other peoples whose destinies war has placed in their hands.

It is in part a new Congress. A goodly promotion of fresh blood was infused into it by the recent elections. Representatives coming direct from the people will be present to voice the wishes of their constituents. At the same time there remain in both Senate and House practically the same number of old leaders, men of wide experience in legislation, of thorough familiarity with the needs of the country and the policies of the dominant party. It would seem to be a commingling of conservatism and enterprise.

The House has a membership of 357, of whom 197 are Republicans, 151 are Democrats and 9 are fusionists, silverites or Populists. With this division the Republicans would have a clear majority over all of thirty-seven in case the Populists voted with the Democrats on party questions.

The Senate has 87 members, there being at present three vacancies. The Republicans will have a majority in the Senate varying from 20 to 24, according to the way certain former Populists and fusionists vote and taking into consideration the possibility of at least one Democrat voting with the administration on national policies.

The new members of the House number 92, of whom 50 are Republicans, 38 are Democrats and 4 are Fusionists, but who will probably vote with the Democrats. Thus, not only is there a preponderance in numbers of old members of the House in the present body, but it happens that most of the influential and experienced men in both parties were re-elected.

GENERAL NEWS.

A Partial List of the Week's Happenings Throughout the Country.

A boiler explosion at New Decatur, Ala., Saturday, killed four men.

Richard Croker says people will not see much more political leading on his part.

The battleships Alabama and Massachusetts arrived at Charleston Wednesday.

Last Tuesday the Supreme Court of Rhode Island granted 56 decrees of divorce.

A \$10,000,000 Basket Trust is being organized to include all manufacturers east of the Mississippi.

Forty passengers and \$70,000 in gold reached Port Townsend, Wash., Tuesday from the Klondike.

The Irish National World's Fair Association has been organized, with \$600,000 capital, to represent Ireland at St. Louis, Mo., in 1903.

The Anti-Imperialist League, at a meeting in Boston, called on Congress to acknowledge the absolute independence of the Filipinos.

The First National Bank of Ballston, N. Y., has closed its doors. The teller is \$100,000 short. He had been stealing for years.

The copies of the president's message sent to congress were printed and bound in brown morocco, with gold border and lettering.

The army electric school at Fort Monroe is to be closed and the men there sent to the school of submarine defence at Fort Totten, N. Y.

Congressman Dick, of Ohio, has introduced a resolution for an investigation of alleged abridgement of election privileges in certain states.

A man in the Tennessee penitentiary secured his release by forging the necessary papers. The Supreme Court declares he cannot be indicted for this forgery.

At Mt. Holly, N. J., Tuesday a man made a desperate effort to escape just before the hour of his execution. He made a dash and reached the jail yard before captured.

Terence Murphy, aged 101 years, died at Baltimore Tuesday from the effects of a fall last September. He recovered from an attack of sunstroke last summer, although his physicians said he would die.

The differences between the young Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland and her husband Prince Henry, have reached a serious turn. The Queen, it is said, will ask for a divorce alleging cruelty. They were married about a year ago.

The State Bank of Williams-ville, Illinois, was entered by robbers early Tuesday and the safe was blown open and robbed of \$4,000 in cash and jewelry valued at several thousand dollars. The explosion aroused the town and citizens were soon on the scene, but the robbers had escaped on a hand-car.

The Supreme Court of Missouri Tuesday handed down a decision, finding that the Western Union Telegraph Company was organized under the laws of New York and is not a Federal corporation, and that the assessment of the company's franchise by the State Board of Equalization is legal and binding.

At the request of Governor General Wood, of Cuba, the itinerary of the North Atlantic squadron has been changed so as to have the squadron at Havana during the Christmas holidays—from December 17th to 26th. By that time General Wood will have returned to Havana and he wishes to extend social courtesies to the officers and men of the fleet during the holiday season.

The man found in an exhausted condition in the hold of the Palatia on her arrival at New York, Tuesday, says he boxed himself up, with a quantity of food, and had himself shipped as freight.

Xenophon de Kalamatiano, 19 years of age, a native of Russia, has been made a professor in the modern language department of the University of Chicago, where he will fill the chair of Russian language. Kalamatiano is student in the University and a member of the senior class. He has been in the University two years.

Fifty-two employees of the Logan Iron and Steel Company at Lewiston, Pa., have quit work because of the appointment of a colored foreman over them. More colored workmen were carried there to work in the scrap yards, but the mill men refused to work the iron handled by them. Serious difficulties between the white and black workmen are feared.

ESTIMATE OF COTTON CROP.

The Reports of the Government Place the Cotton Crop for 1901-1902 at 9,674,000 Bales.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The statistician of the Department of Agriculture reports 9,674,000 bales as the probable cotton production of the United States in 1901-2.

The area picked or to be picked is estimated at 26,802,239 acres, a reduction of 730,216 acres, or 2.6 per cent. from the acreage planted.

The total production of lint cotton is estimated at 4,529,954,000 pounds, an average of 169 pounds per acre picked or to be picked.

The estimates production by States, in pounds of lint cotton per acre, is as follows:

Virginia, 176; North Carolina, 142; South Carolina, 141; Georgia, 167; Florida, 117; Alabama, 156; Mississippi, 20; Louisiana, 260; Texas, 159; Arkansas, 173; Tennessee, 136; Missouri, 196; Oklahoma, 196; Indian Territory, 214.

In addition to the Department's ordinary crop reporting agencies 15,000 ginners and 5,000 bankers and merchants have furnished valuable information concerning acreage and production. The ginners have also reported the amount of cotton ginned between August 15 and November 20, this year and last year, with the average gross weight per bale and the average weight of bagging and ties. This has enabled the statistician to ascertain the average net weight of the bales for each separate State and for the entire cotton belt, and these weights have been used in determining the total number of bales produced. The average net weight for the entire cotton belt is 468.2 pounds, which is believed to be the lowest average in at least ten years.

The large number of light bales being marketed and also some reduction in the proportion of lint seed cotton are objects of frequent comment by correspondents of all classes.

Uncle Sam's Annual Expense Account.

The Secretary of the Treasury transmitted to Congress Monday the following estimates of appropriations required for the government service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, as furnished by the heads of the several executive departments. The total asked for is \$610,827,688, which is \$16,000,000 less than the estimates for 1902, and \$4,000,000 more than the appropriations for that year. Following is a recapitulation of the estimates by departments.

Legislative, \$10,188,099; Executive, \$294,160; State, \$2,446,328; Treasury, \$156,484,925; War, \$161,920,101; Navy, \$100,701,122; Interior, \$161,710,535; Postoffice, \$4,461,966; Department of Agriculture, \$5,509,540; Department of Labor, \$190,580; Department of Justice, \$6,917,330; total, \$610,827,688.

STATE NEWS.

Short Items of Interest Clipped and Culled From Our State Exchanges.

Hon. Colin M. McLean, Solicitor of the Seventh District, died of erysipelas at the Marsh-Highsmith sanitarium at Fayetteville last week.

Elisha Holland, the oldest citizen of Wayne county, died at his home near Pinkney a few days ago. He was more than 100 years of age.

Last Sunday night at Shelby Lee Pope and Frank Kendall were fooling with a supposed empty pistol, when it went off instantly killing Kendall.

A charter has been granted the Farina Flouring Mill Company, of Raleigh, capital \$30,000, Wallace de Runden, late of New York, holding all save two shares.

The Watauga building at the A. & M. College at Raleigh, was destroyed by fire last week. Loss \$10,000, with \$6,000 insurance. The dining hall and kitchen and dormitories for 50 students were located in this building. The boys rooming in the building were forced to go home for lack of room.

Charlotte is at last to have a handsome theatre in time for next season. The Charlotte Realty Company will build it, at a cost of \$32,500, and Manager Leath, of Richmond, will be in charge. Raleigh is also to have a new, or rather a carefully remodeled and practically new one, and a New York syndicate will build it.

The Gattis-Kilgo case was tried in Oxford last week. Gattis was again successful and got a verdict against Dr. Kilgo and B. N. Duke for \$15,000 damages. The defendants gave notice of an appeal to the Supreme Court. This case was tried a year ago, Gattis getting a verdict for \$20,000. Kilgo and Duke appealed and were granted a new trial with above result.

Weather Observer Von Hermann says November was the coldest since the Weather Bureau was established in Raleigh in 1887. The mean temperature was 44 degrees, while 50 is the normal. The lowest temperature was 20. The temperature has been as low as 17 during November. The feature was the absence of extremes of heat and cold, and the fact that there was no warm period.

Miss May McCain, barely 18, a student at Peace Institute, and the ward of M. J. Adams, of Raleigh, eloped last week with Roscoe Ward, of Greensboro. She left home with her books, ostensibly for school, but stepped in a carriage with Ward and two of his friends and was driven along quiet streets to the home of a minister, who quickly tied the knot. It is the third school girl elopement there this fall.

There was a conference Tuesday morning by the Council of State, President Chatham, of the North Carolina Railroad, and the counsel for the State in the South Dakota bond suit. President Chatham said that, though the suit is a serious matter, involving as it does some \$900,000, the lawyers are quietly confident they can win out. Mr. Chatham went on to say that the case would certainly not affect the North Carolina Railroad.

At the meeting of the Board of Agriculture as trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh Tuesday, President Winston, of the college, by request made a full statement as to the recent fire, saying the building burned cost \$10,000, was insured for three fourths of its value and from this deduction must be made for the walls yet standing. He said \$3,000 of the loss was uninsured. He urged that two buildings replace the one burned and that a loan be secured for re-building. He appeared to think that \$15,000 should be the amount thus to be secured.

JOHNSTON SUPERIOR COURT.

Hassell, the Insurance Man, Sent to Roads Two Years—Others Sent for Shorter Terms.

Johnston county Superior Court convened here Monday morning with Hon. W. S. O'B. Robinson, of Goldsboro, Judge presiding and Hon. Armistead Jones, of Raleigh, Solicitor, prosecuting.

The following grand jury was drawn: J. D. Morgan, Foreman, Eldridge Woodard, Thad Stevens, C. L. Johnson, W. H. Barbour, J. L. Hatcher, W. E. Stanley, G. F. Woodard, E. A. Johnson, Will. H. McCullers, D. J. Wood, S. A. Lassiter, R. M. Byrd, Henry Morgan, J. M. Parrish, Charlie Hatcher, S. P. O'Neal, L. S. Cotter.

Israel Stephenson was appointed officer of the grand jury.

Judge Robinson's charge was plain, practical and forceful and delivered in his own characteristic manner, pointing out to the grand jury its duty in such specific terms that no one could misunderstand the intentions of the law.

The criminal docket was then taken up and disposed of.

The case that has attracted most attention at this term is that of "Dr." C. R. Hassell, who was arrested in Robeson county sometime ago for violation of the State Insurance Laws, and brought here and lodged in jail. He pleaded guilty and threw himself upon the mercy of the court. Judge Robinson sentenced him to two years on the Wake county roads.

Hassell had been soliciting insurance without license for an unlicensed insurance company. He worked in this county and others. Insurance Commissioner Young got on his track and finally captured him in Robeson county.

Hassell is about 50 years of age and this is not his first experience in the insurance business. He was engaged in the "graveyard swindle" of insurance companies in Beaufort county a few years ago and received a term in the penitentiary, but was later pardoned by Governor Russell.

N. E. Lee was up for retailing liquor without license. He pleaded guilty, and judgment was suspended on payment of cost.

Martha Johnson and Jane Blackman, two ladies of color, were charged with an affray. They were found guilty and Martha, who "was dressed to kill," was sentenced to four months in jail with leave to hire out. Judgment suspended in Jane's case.

Daniel Redick was found guilty of cruelty to animals and was sent to Wake county roads for six months.

John R. Peckin, R. C. Youngblood and Gary Lee were each charged with an assault with deadly weapons. They pleaded guilty and judgment was suspended in each case on payment of costs.

Kince Norris plead guilty to carrying concealed weapon and judgment was suspended on payment of costs.

W. Henry Smith was up for taking a watch, not his own, and was given a year in the penitentiary in order that he might learn to let other people's property alone.

Bob Baker plead guilty to disturbing religious worship and was sent to jail 10 days and charged with the costs.

Jack Williams plead guilty to cruelty to animals and was discharged upon payment of the costs. John Watson and Sol Littman were also charged of a like offense, and upon pleading guilty the court suspended judgment and taxed them with the costs.

Jesse Vinson had such a hankering after another person's ax, that he took it, and now will have to serve four months in jail. The commissioners have leave to hire him out.

Haywood Ogburn and Adam Ogburn were tried for an affray. Adam was found guilty and had to pay the costs.

William Adams and Ella Adams were up for fornication and adultery. William was sent to the roads four months. Judgment was suspended as to Ella.

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Industrial Capital Increased 133 Per Cent. in Ten Years.

The preliminary report of the manufacturing industries of North Carolina shows a total capital of \$76,503,894, an increase of 133 per cent. during the decade.

The number of establishments is 7,226, an increase of 97 per cent.; the average number of wage-earners is 70,570; total wages, \$13,868,430; cost of materials used, \$53,072,368, an increase of 132 per cent., and value of products, including custom work and repairing, \$94,919,663, an increase of 135 per cent.

The city of Wilmington, which is separately reported, shows a total of 124 establishments; capital, \$1,819,333, an increase of almost 4 per cent.; 1,469 wage-earners; total wages, \$416,413, a decrease of over 3 per cent., and value of products, including custom work and repairing \$2,246,137, an increase of 18 per cent.

A Small Cyclone.

Saturday afternoon, November 23, a small cyclone struck Jos. Crocker's farm near Pine Level. Dr. Noble, who was only about one hundred yards from where it crossed the railroad when it passed says that the first he saw of it was a lot of oak leaves up in the air going west, that the wind changed almost before he could think, blowing his umbrella out of his hand, (a heavy rain was falling at the time). He looked across the field towards Jos. Crocker's house and saw a black cloud right on the ground, near the tobacco barn, that seemed to be moving west. Then the wind changed blowing to the north, moving up a line fence between Jos. Crocker and Wyatt Holt, taking the fence as it went. The air was full of fence rails, sticks and leaves—some of the rails were as high in the air as he could see. The fence on the south side of the railroad on Mr. Crocker's place was blown up and the country road on the north side of the railroad was full of rails. One log house and a log crib on Mr. Crocker's place were blown down and the boards on the log house were carried one hundred and fifty yards to Jno. R. Watson's house.

At Mr. Watson's some fence was blown down, his smoke house moved a little, half the roof of his barn was taken off and carried fifty yards and the roof of one stable taken off. The train on the Southern had just passed and had barely reached Selma two miles away. Two telegraph poles were broken off. It was all over in a minute. The next heard of the cyclone was at the old Garry Crumpler place blowing down some corn. Then at the Mazingo place it took a stack of fodder off and blew up a lot of trees in Buffalo. Some of the fodder was carried a mile.

Parted at the Mansion.

What proved to be marriage bliss of short duration was the nuptial of a young man W. R. Griffin to Miss Lela Norris, of our town. The solemn vows were sealed on Thursday night and on Friday morning young Griffin left for parts unknown, so we are informed. Before the marriage feast he called at Mr. R. G. Taylor's store and forged three orders from Miss Bettie Tripp for goods and as soon as the forgery was discovered papers were issued for the young man and he left on his honeymoon alone. The young bride shows no sign of distress at his departure.—Dunn Banner, 4th.

The Pride of Heroes.

Many soldiers in the last war wrote to say that for scratches, bruises, cuts, wounds, corns, sore feet and stiff joints, Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the best in the world. Same for burns, scalds, boils, ulcers, skin eruptions and piles. It cures or no pay. Only 25c. at Hood Bros. drug store.