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**CONGRESSMAN BRITT**

The Honorable James J. Britt served as a member of the Sixty-fifth Congress for a period of two days and three nights and drew more than twenty thousand dollars for that distinguished service. Easy money? Well, rather.

The vote on the minority report which seated Mr. Britt was 182 to 173, with 74 not voting. The decision was reached on the third roll-call after preliminary tactics had been played to the limit. Many democrats were away and their absence gave the republicans an advantage which could not be overcome. They had previously agreed in caucus to present a united front and luckily caught the democrats napping. Had the case been passed upon by a full house the result would have been different. However, the result changes no aspect of the case, since it was decided by a strict party vote. The committee found in favor of Congressman Weaver in like manner as the House did for Mr. Britt.

Mr. Britt was sworn in as representative from the Tenth District a few minutes after the result of the poll in the House had been announced and drew the salary for the full term. Not only this. He pulled down for mileage, contest expenses and other allowances more than five thousand dollars, according to statements from Washington. It was largely a case of luck, for if there had been more democrats in the House at the time than republicans he would have "missed his mark."

But Weaver is back on the job and what matter if Mr. Britt has drawn a good sized roll from Uncle Sam? Both received the same salary, except for the two days during which Mr. Britt held the commission, and neither one is badly hurt.

Weaver can well afford to congratulate himself that no notice of contesting the result of the last election has been given. He would have no earthly chance of holding his seat now.

**WHAT THE LEGISLATURE DID**

Beginning at an early date this newspaper expects to give its readers a complete synopsis of all important local and general laws enacted by the recent General Assembly. The information will appear weekly and should prove to be an interesting feature of the paper for a month or two. It is no small undertaking and a "labor of love," but the folks "back home" are always interested in the activities of their representatives during the legislative session and we shall undertake the task of letting them have the information.

It will be weeks before the laws can be issued in book form. Besides, the volumes containing the statutes will not be for general distribution and the public cannot receive the information except through the medium of the press. This paper proposes to dispense the information piecemeal, from time to time, for the information of its appreciative readers.

The Sixty-fifth Congress has passed into history and with its going a democratic majority is transformed into a minority for the first time in eight years. Taken as a whole the session has been fruitful to a remarkable degree. However, obstructionists during the closing hours prevented legislation of vital importance

from passing the Senate. A filibuster led by Senator Lodge blocked the free passage of the railroad administration bill and upset the Government plans for development of the lines this year. The purpose of the actors in the "drama" was to compel the President to call an extra session of the next Congress, but the scheme utterly failed and Mr. Wilson is back on the job in Paris.

**OUR VIEWS ARE AS BEFORE**

The Brevard News endeavors to represent fairly all citizens of the county. Our columns are always open to signed articles that discuss any phase of public development.

This week we are publishing two signed articles in regard to the tannery.

We wish to state most emphatically that this paper stands squarely by the views expressed in an editorial last week.

The pity is that the Legislature is to be called together in extra session next year. Once in ten years would be often enough to satisfy the home folks. Since amendment to the Constitution are in order, why not "fix" it?

**REMINISCENCES**

NUMBER 4

In my earliest recollection, there was but three churches in this western French Broad Country, viz., Davidson's, River Presbyterian Church, Cathey's Creek Baptist Church, Meriman's Meeting (so called) Methodist Church.

I wish to make honorable mention of a number of families communicants in these churches for they are worthy of mention. Presbyterians; Pattons, Claytons, Lydays, Deavers, Youngs. Baptist; Glazeners, Galloways, Gillespies, Jordans, Duckworths Hamlins. Methodists; Wilsons, Englands Clarks, Trulls, Patons. (With many others in each faith whose names I can't recall.) These were pillars, foundation stones. To them those three denominations owe their existence today. (I mean in Transylvania county.)

Rev. Benjamin King of Flat Rock preached for the Baptist at Cathey's Creek once a month, Saturday and Sunday. A Circuit Rider supplied the Methodist. His name was Wring. He was a big man; rode a big horse; had a big pair of saddle riders full of something we youngsters of ten wondered what; over-coat and umbrella strapped on behind his saddle and he wore leggings. He had a wonderful voice. It was said that you could hear him sing two miles. Nearly all the boys set their heads to be Circuit Riders. Every boy that got a pup called him Wring. No difference for the color, "his name is Wring." Don't remember who preached at Davidson's River.

In those days the preachers preached the doctrine of their church straight from the shoulder. They all did it. The people expected it. In fact they wanted it, and the preacher that didn't do it was considered a weakling. Wring delighted in "skinning" the Baptist. Mother didn't like it. Father said, "It is all right. A man that don't preach the doctrine of his church is a coward and I abominate cowards." And now, the fourth of March, 1919, let it be published in "Gath," that I endorse what my father said.

In those days the people lived their religion. They were devoted to the church. They were broad gauge Christians, but narrow gauge churchmen.

The people of that day had a better knowledge of the Bible than they have today. You say, how is this? First, it was taught and read in the schools. Second it was the family reading book, (had no other.) Third, the people then read aloud, all the family heard it. Seems like today, I can hear Mother say, "Sonnie, be quiet, your father is reading." When neighbors were together they talked about the Bible. Children came from school and asked what certain things meant that they had read in the lesson this morning in the Testament. I repeat with emphasis, the rank and

file of that day knew more scriptures than they do today, and they lived it. **A REFRACTION.**

Everything in doors and outside was home-made. Everything they needed, they made or it was made at. Feeling the great need of preachers, the Baptist concluded to try their hand. The first run they made they turned out two, Robert Jordan and John Galloway. The Baptist were rather jubilant over their result. So the Methodist decided that they would make a run off. The result was John Clark and John Trull. Uncle Jimmie Brackens didn't take to John Clark's preaching a little bit. Said he could beat "Juan" himself; said if Juan would quit and prove his attendance, he would pay the fee and cash his scrip.

Galloway soon became the favorite of the young folk. It was not so much what he said, but the enthusiasm he put in it, especially in warm weather when he would begin to get hot and pull off his jeans coat and throw it down, get a little hotter and shed his vest, and when he began to unbutton his shirts (he always wore two) we knew there was something doing. We believed everything he said. If he told us that the Devil was as white as a sheep, we would believe it. And this confidence was not confined to boy hood, it held on to some of us.

Would like to give some little sketches of Robert Jordan and John Trull but it would make this article too long.

J. R. HAMLIN

Note—My next article will be on farming and farm implements.

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**NOTICE OF RE-SALE.**

North Carolina.—Transylvania County.—In the Superior Court.—Before the Clerk.

L. P. Summey, Amanda Burns, G. W. Summey, T. B. Summey, Rachel Kilpatrick, C. C. Kilpatrick, Emma Loftis, and T. T. Loftis.

vs. Louis Allison, Street Allison, John Allison, Mitchel Allison, Mary Gresham, Robt. Gresham, Minnie Summey, Maggie Long, and Husband—Long, and Cison.

Under and by virtue of an order and judgement of the Superior Court of Transylvania County made in the Special Proceeding entitled as above set out, the undersigned commissioner Will, on Monday the 17, day of March 1919 at 12 o'clock M. at the Court House Door in Brevard, Transylvania County, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash; all those certain tracts or parcels of land lying and being in Transylvania County, and in Dunns Rock Township adjoining the lands of the E. E. Batson heirs, Eubanks, Candler's et. al., and bounded as follows, viz:—

**FIRST TRACT:—** Beginning on a white oak on the east side of a small creek and runs south 60deg. east 100 poles to a stake in the Candler line; then with said line south 66 1/2 deg. east 200 poles to a stake; then north 20 deg. east 10 poles to the Eubank corner, a white oak; then same course with said line 20 poles to a stake in Robert Crissim's line; Thence with his line north 58 deg. west 210 poles to his corner; Thence with the Henry line north 54 deg. west 105 poles to a stake; Thence south 5 deg. west 80 poles to the beginning, containing 100 acres more or less.

**SECOND TRACT:—** Beginning at a white oak and do-wood and runs a westerly direction to a spruce pine; Thence southwest to a white oak. Thence southwest to a ickory in Batson's line: Thence north west with the trail to a Blackgum, corner made between E. E. Batson's and John Summey, Sr.; Thence a northerly direction crossing a branch to the top of a ridge on the southeast side of a chestnut flat; Thence northeast along the ridge to said Summey's line; Thence to the beginning; Said to about 50 acres more or less.

Said sale for partition between the plaintiffs and defendants as tenants in common;

This the 21, day of February 1919. J. H. PICKLISIMER, COMMISSIONER. 2-28-3t

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