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## SAMPSON TO FIGHT STOCK LAW REPEAL

Larise Delegation Going to Raleigh To Argue Against Backward Move.

Clinton, Feb. 6.—A week ago the advocates of the repeal of the Sampson law met here and passed resolutions asking a repeal of the present law. The stock law folks learned that a bill had been introduced in the Legislature submitting the stock law to a vote and they had a meeting here today in favor of the present law. Hundreds of the most influential and progressive farmers of the county, regardless of politics, met at 11 o'clock in the opera house, drew up resolutions appointed a committee, and arranged for a crowd to go to Raleigh before the legislative committee and its hearing February 18, to keep the law as it is.

Cumberland, Bladen, Harnett and Wayne have the stock law. To abolish it now in Sampson would make the county's fence bill tremendous. About the only thing that prevented the convention from chartering a special train to go to Raleigh is the fact that so many of the people live on the A. and Y. railroad, and near the Wilson short cut, and it would be a long way to come to Clinton to meet the special. Neither political party advocates any repeal of the law, and Sampson people will not allow it repealed without a tremendous scrap.

Fences have been torn down, little patches of land in the woods have been cleared, and since the passage of the stock law the wire trust has not sold very much wire in Sampson. Superior court is in session this week, Judge Peebles presiding. He has sentenced a good many prisoners to the roads, the most noted one being Walter McDoughon for retailing, whose sentence was affirmed by the Supreme court some time ago.

## SIXTEENTH TO BE A BIG DAY

The chamber of commerce in making preparations to have its annual meeting next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, will have a very interesting program of every public spirited resident of the community. Mr. W. A. Erwin, of Durham, head of one of the South's greatest industries, will address the body in the Metropolitan and an effort is being made to induce Engineer Winslow, of the National Highway Commission, to deliver an address, also. The Dunn Orchestra will furnish instrumental music and a local quartette comprising Messrs. C. S. Hicks, T. V. Smith, J. Lloyd Wade and G. W. Gardner will entertain the gathering with vocal music. Altogether the meeting promises to furnish wholesome entertainment as well as an opportunity for the city's people to get together and make things begin to move.

## JOINT MISSION STUDY MEETING

The Mission Study classes of the Methodist, Christian, Presbyterian and Baptist churches will have a joint meeting at the Christian church on Sunday afternoon, February 14th, 1915, at 3:30 o'clock. The book, "The Child in the Midst" which has been completed recently will be presented in a concise and interesting form by members of the different classes. There will be a dialogue of five little girls and one boy, telling how children play in non-Christian lands. Music rendered by some of the best talent in Dunn, including a song by forty children, will be an attractive feature of the occasion. All the ladies of the town are cordially invited.

## CYCLONE VISITS HARNETT

A severe wind storm visited the Harnett section Tuesday night doing considerable damage. The house of Mr. Herbert Byrd was completely demolished together with all out-buildings, Mr. and Mrs. Byrd were blown a considerable distance in a field, Mrs. Byrd receiving several painful bruises. Several out-buildings at Mr. Gus Byrd's were also blown down, but fortunately none of his family were injured. The cyclone extended over a space of about two hundred and fifty yards and swept everything before it.—Harnett Reporter.

## FARMERS COMPLAIN OF ROADS

Farmers coming from every direction into this city complain of an unusually bad condition of roads. Those who use automobiles find it almost impossible to use the machines, and those with horse drawn vehicles are unable to haul loads of any size. During the last few days the high wind and warm sun has served to improve conditions a great deal, but the highways are still in very bad shape.

## MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

On Saturday night, February 20, 1915 there will be given a musical entertainment at the Piney Grove school house, Pleasant Grove township by the teachers and officials of the school. The entertainment will be in the form of a contest work by the musicians, any of whom will send their names to any of the corresponding and entering list committees. The musical program will be carried out as follows:

- 1st prize offered to the violin player, most efficient, \$1.25.
- 2nd prize offered to the violin player, most efficient, 75c.
- 1st prize offered to the best picker, banjo or guitar, 75c.
- 2nd prize offered to best picker, banjo or guitar, 50c.
- Prize offered to the best quartette, 50c.
- Prize offered to the best dancer, 25c.

Anyone wishing to enter any part of this contest work will please send their names and the work for which they wish to contest to any one of the following committee by Friday night February 19th. On that day the registration books will be closed. Anyone may contest in any or all parts of the work providing you will register the work desired to take.

## HOODE NOT EFFECTED

While it may be true that business, generally, has suffered much during the last several months, it has not appeared that the usual quantity of whiskey shipped to this city has diminished to any appreciable extent. All during the holiday season great piles of Richmond, Petersburg and Emporia products were unloaded from every passing express train, and since that time the traffic has been about as usual. It may be because moonshine has not been plentiful since revenue officials began active operations in this locality, or it may be that the genus soak whose habitat is in these environs will go without food to satisfy his thirst; but whatever the reason, the usual whiskey comes to Dunn as germ lovers in the balmy days of high priced cotton.

## INSURANCE COMPANY WINS IN ADAMS SUIT

The case in which Mrs. Adams, widow of the man who committed suicide at Coats several months ago, tried to force collection of a \$5,000 insurance policy carried by her late husband, featured the docket in the last week's term of court at Lillington. Nearly three days were consumed in trying the case and it resulted in a verdict for the defendant company; the jury's verdict being that Mr. Adams did commit suicide and, in so doing, violated his contract with the company. Local attorneys employed in the case were Messrs. Clifford & Townsend and E. F. Young, the former for Mrs. Adams, the latter for the company.

## A LETTER FROM THE COLONEL

Mr. V. B. Morgan has just shown the Dispatch a very nice letter written to him by ex-President Roosevelt who requests him to express his warm regards to his fine old parents who have given to North Carolina sixteen children of that sturdy energetic type so helpful to the State's progress. The Colonel says: "It is good to hear of seven girls and nine boys of that type."

## BUSINESS MUCH BETTER

That business conditions are improving is shown by the reports brought back to Dunn by those traveling salesmen whose home are here. Mr. W. O. Johnson who represents a large dry goods house, says that his trip through the northern part of the State last week was the most successful of his career upon the roads. Other salesmen say they are having very good business and that on all sides conditions show a great improvement.

## C. C. BUTLER FALLS FROM TREM

Mr. Charles C. Butler, while engaged in trimming trees in the yard of Mrs. W. M. Harper Monday morning, fell from one of the tallest and was hurt very badly. Among his most serious injuries are a broken wrist, fractured nose and a very badly mutilated face. This is the third serious accident suffered by him recently, the former two resulting in broken ribs and a broken ankle.

## JOHNSTON LOSES OUT

For many years Johnston county's sheriff has been the first to settle with the state treasurer for state taxes. This year, however, that county loses out; Greene's sheriff being the first to cross the line with his year's collections.

## NEWS FROM DUKE

Duke, N. C., Feb. 9, 1915.—Master Edwin Knight, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Knight died early Friday morning as a result of a severe burn received several weeks ago, on account of his night wear having caught from an open fire soon after arising in the morning. Saturday a. m. at eleven o'clock a short funeral service was conducted at the home of Rev. S. W. Oldham and the little body was then taken to Rocky Mount for burial, where Mr. and Mrs. Knight have loved ones laid to rest. Those accompanying the family were Mr. W. H. Crawford, Mr. D. L. Holt and Mrs. C. B. Godfrey.

Rev. H. A. Osborne, a senior at Trinity College, has been appointed by the presiding elder, Dr. J. T. Gibbs, to fill the year out here made vacant by Rev. Frank Culbreth being sent to Beaufort. Mr. Osborne held his first service here Sunday morning and returned to Durham that afternoon. After June he will move his family to Duke and give his entire time to the work. The community were well pleased with Mr. Osborne and feel that no better choice could have been made. It was first planned and given out that Rev. I. B. Pattishall, of Dover, would be sent there, but this plan was abandoned and Mr. Osborne was selected.

Dr. W. D. Gibbs was called to his home in Fayetteville Saturday to attend the funeral of his uncle who died in New York and the remains were brought to Fayetteville for burial.

Water fixtures are being put into the new sites this week both for the postoffice and the Yarrowboth and McKay barber shop and it is thought that both the post office and the barber shop will be moved this week.

Mr. J. W. Davis, travelling auditor of the D. & S. Railway Co., and Mr. W. A. Stephens, route agent of the Southern Express Company were in town yesterday checking the accounts of the agencies here. They report that everything was in fine shape and all accounts were correct.

## WHEREIN WE CORRECT AN ERROR

Last week's issue of the Dispatch told of a little incident which had caused relations between the Buffalo Bill Club and the Girl's Athletic Club to become somewhat strained and at the time the account was written the Dispatch was under the impression that the amend honorable had been made and that things were progressing lovingly. However, the girls are still harboring ill-feelings for the boys. They have pretty good evidence that the boys had a hand in muzzing up their play ground, and are not so ready to forgive as we had been led to believe.

## THE CHATTERBOX CLUB

The Chatterbox Club is a new organization among the younger women of this city. Its organization was perfected Friday with a membership of ten. Though its name would lead the uninitiated to believe that gossip is to be its featuring effort, that is not to be its object at all. The real object is that the girls perfect themselves in the art of sewing, embroidery, etc. The members are: Misses Corinna Jackson, Ruby Godwin, Lucille Harris, Mary and Lucile Shore, Myrtice Pittman, Rochael Clifford, Emma Lee, Margaret Moore and Iva Battle.

## MRS. JOHN M. STONE DEAD

Mrs. Stone died Monday morning, February 1st at her home in Stewart's Creek township. She had been in failing health for several years. Mrs. Stone was a woman of fine Christian character, well known in the community and held in high esteem by all who knew her. She leaves a husband, two sons and two daughters.

## THE GOLDSTEIN SALE

Goldstein's annual spring clearance sale begins this week and that store's entire sales force is now engaged in rearranging and repacking the mammoth stock bought at the beginning of the winter in preparation for a big trade that failed to materialize. The Goldstein sales are always events which attract a great deal of attention, coming as they do at times when the goods offered are reasonable and fitted for use at the time they are offered for sale, and the one now beginning promises to be one in which greater bargains than ever before are to be offered.

## REAL OPTIMISM

Sanatorium Patients Give Expression to their Faith in Legislature in Pollyanna Song.

Pollyanna never played the glad game so well herself as the patients of the State Sanatorium. She could not, though she created it. The game never means as much to Pollyanna in all her heart yearnings and unselfish devotion as it means to those at the Sanatorium taking "the cure." It serves as fit expression of their optimism and gratitude and furnishes a bright outlook on life regardless of disease and adversity. The Sanatorium patients feel it and, furthermore, they apply it to their every day life and needs. It's not unusual to hear the Pollyanna Song being sung about the place with a local application and personal adaptations. For instance they are now singing it this way:

If patients have to go away because they grow fat, We all may do the same some day, And we'll be glad of that.

## (CHORUS)

And we'll be glad of that, And we'll be glad of that, We all may do the same some day, And we'll be glad of that.

We're tired of our margarine, It will not make us fat, We want more cream to give us cream, And we'll be glad of that.

Like sardines in a little can, We're packed away so flat, But when we get our new "State" can, We'll be glad of that!

'Twill be a beautiful fine and tall, We won't know where we're at, With rooms far and all, And we'll be glad of that.

The Legislature's meeting now, We'll pass around the hat, We're sure they'll do the proper thing, And we'll be glad of that.

## (CHORUS)

And we'll be glad of that, And we'll be glad of that, We're sure they'll do the proper thing, And we'll be glad of that.

## PRESBYTERIAN ORGAN RECITAL

The pipe organ recital given by Mr. Munsen in the Presbyterian church last Thursday night was enjoyed by a very large audience, and all who heard the handsome new organ used in this recital pronounce it one of the sweetest toned they have ever heard. The free will offerings made upon this occasion totaled a very satisfactory sum and will be devoted to further payment upon the new instrument.

## PREPARING GARDENS

In former years relatively few Dunn folks have taken the trouble to cultivate the rich garden patches abounding in this city. This year, however, indications point to the most intensive cultivation of these ever known; already the smell of freshly turned soil is in the air, cabbage plants are being displayed in front of all groceries and the seedsmen are beginning to advertise their wares. These things serve to show that hard times are helpful in that they teach true economy.

## REV. AND MRS. HARRELL LEAVE

After spending several weeks in this city with Mrs. Harrell's parents, the Rev. Albert and Mrs. Harrell returned to Littleton Friday. Just before coming to Dunn in December Mr. Harrell stuck a nail in his foot and the wound sustained therefrom kept him indoors all during his stay here. However, before leaving he was about well and is now able to attend to his duties as pastor of the Littleton Baptist Church.

## MRS. DAVID NORDAN

Mrs. David Nordan died Wednesday morning at her home in Upper Little River township. She had been in failing health for some time. Mrs. Nordan was 48 years old and is survived by a husband and six children to mourn their loss. She was a faithful wife, devoted mother and good neighbor. Her death cast a gloom over the entire community. The details of the funeral arrangements are not known at this writing. Harnett Reporter.

## CHAPEL HILL LETTER

Chapel Hill, Feb. 8.—The number of miles of public roads in North Carolina, the percentage of the total mileage improved in each county, and the number of counties having no improved highways these vital facts are included in a tabulated form as compiled by the North Carolina Club. The statistics are assembled by W. J. Hardesty of the Carteret-Familico County Club. The University News Letter carries the analysis in complete form.

The compilation covers the information available upon the subject of roads to January 1, 1914. The number of miles of public roads in North Carolina total 48,991. Thirteen per cent—numbering 6,667 miles—are improved. There are 7,903 miles of unimproved highways in the State. These counties fall under that classification: Alexander, Ashe, Chatham, Clay, Dare, Gates, Greene, Hertford, Hyde, Jackson, Macon, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Tyrrell, Warren, Watauga, Yadkin, and Perquimans. Some of these counties, however, pulled up a notch by improving their roads last year.

The good roads table, as tabulated by the Carolina Club, makes the county the unit and the counties in the lead are ranked on the basis of percentage of improved roads in relation to number of miles of highway in the county. Scotland county tops off the list with 86 miles improved—88 per cent of its mileage. Columbus county stands at the bottom of the list of counties having any improved roads, with two miles equal to two per cent.

Twenty-two counties joined the good roads procession in 1913. The end of the year saw only five per cent of their mileage bettered. Eighteen counties had more than five and less than ten per cent improved; seventeen counties improved between ten and twenty per cent of its mileage. Sixteen counties caught the good roads fever with such intensity as to halve the unimproved number of miles.

Henry, the colored bell ringer of the State University, as he looked out over the campus and counted on his fingers the number of buildings that have been constructed in ten years. Henry, old-time darkey, has been associated with the University as a janitor and bell-ringer for twenty years. His favorite pastime is to keep hourly tab on his Ingersoll watch, which he throw first in one pocket and then another. Ask him how much off he is, he invariably replies: "Well, 'bout a half second off."—S. E. Winters.

## WOMAN HURT BY FALLING TREE

Mrs. Fannie Wood lies in a precarious condition at her home between here and Benson as the result of being struck by a falling tree in the woods near that home late Wednesday afternoon. She was assisting her husband in felling the tree at the time of the accident and sustained serious internal injuries and several painful bruises about the head and body. Before marriage Mrs. Wood was Miss Luanne Smith, and is a daughter of Mr. Noel Wright Smith.

## MRS. STEPHENSON GOES TO ANGLIER

After spending a year in this city, Mrs. John Q. Stephenson left last week for her country home near Anglier. During her stay here Mrs. Stephenson won a warm place in the hearts of many of Dunn's people and the friendships formed here will be lasting. It is with deep regret that her departure is noted and her many friends are hoping that she will find it convenient to visit Dunn often.

## COUNTY COMMENCEMENT COLORED SCHOOLS

In a recent meeting of the colored school teachers of Harnett county a movement which has for its purpose the stimulation of a greater interest in county school commencements was put in motion, and at this time the commencement to be held next fall promises to equal the best effort in this direction made by the negroes of any county in the south.

## PAINFUL INJURY

Mr. Carnegie Johnson, son of Mr. A. M. Johnson, sustained a painful injury to his eyes Wednesday by the explosion of a barrel of lime he was preparing for white washing purposes. Upon pouring water in the lime an explosion took place throwing the lime in his eyes. He was taken to Rex Hospital in Raleigh where it is hoped something can be done to save his eye sight.—Harnett Reporter.

## LITTLE BOY DIES FROM BURNS

In town Saturday from Duke on their way to Rocky Mount were Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Knight and Mrs. Knight's sister, Miss Agnes Ivey. They were accompanying to its last resting place the body of little Edwin Knight who died at Duke Friday afternoon. Edwin was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Knight and was a bright and cheery tot. On the 8th of January, while playing beside the fire place in his home, his little gown caught fire, and before the blaze could be extinguished he was so badly burned that it was known that death must inevitably be the result. He was a brave little fellow, though, and bore the awful suffering so manfully that all hearts were touched. His passing marks one of the most pathetic incidents in the history of the Duke community and in the great grief that has come to his parents the sympathy extended to them is universal. His burned and scarred little body rests beside those of three little brothers and sisters whose spirits had already taken their places at the feet of the Heavenly Father.

## ROAD FORCE DOES GOOD JOB

From a mass of foot-pest mud Broad street of this city has been converted into a boulevard whose bed is as hard and as firm as any one could wish it to be—and the work of conversion was done in an incredibly short time. Last week the town commissioners grew tired of numerous complaints concerning the almost impassable condition of the city's principal thoroughfare. The Dunn road commission was appealed to for aid and the convict road force with its carts, wagons and mules was pressed into service. Thursday the work of removing the mud was begun and by Friday night the street had been almost entirely reconstructed. Gravel had been placed upon the surface and a few sandbars or ruts will completely disappear.

## HOME VS. SALOON

The normal way to get rid of drunkards is to stop raising drunkards. I don't know what you'll do in Pennsylvania, for your legislature looks as if it was soaked and padded in alcohol. If you men haven't decided enough to enact laws to prevent the raising of drunkards, you'll have to do it another way.—Billy Sunday.

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merchant than is Preston Woodell, Benson's great seller of dependable merchandise, and nowhere in this locality is there a store in which a better or more varied line of dry goods, clothing, etc., is offered than in his. This week he is conducting a sale in an effort to clear his shelves of all winter goods. On another page of this issue will be found an advertisement telling you of his big bargains, and you will do well to read.

## OYSTERS TO BE SERVED WEDNESDAY

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church will serve oysters and other refreshments Wednesday afternoon from 12 to 10:30 in the store adjoining the Little Fruit Store on Railroad street. A cordial invitation to attend and partake of the foods to be served is extended to the public, generally.

## THE TRAVELS OF JOEL G.

Mr. Joel G. Layton, farmer, merchant and capitalist, Dunn's most energetic citizen, has little patience with sloth in any person or anything. Last week he was traveling through Cumberland and was obliged to call in the aid of a farmer and a mule for quick transit from Fayetteville to Hope Mills. The mule was a spavined, flea-bitten hybrid whose gait was not as swift as Mr. Layton desired to go; so, requesting the farmer to allow him to alight he made the distance on foot.

## MR. SHORE HOLDING MEETING AT JONESBORO

The Rev. Mr. Shore left Monday for Jonesboro, where he is now engaged in conducting a series of revival meetings in the Methodist church of that city. He is being assisted by the pastor, the Rev. G. W. Robinson, and it is expected that much good will accrue to that community through their combined effort.

## MR. MCKAY HOME FROM RALEIGH

Because of his illness, Representative Felix M. McKay has been granted a leave of absence from Raleigh and is now at his home in Duke. His many friends in this city trust that his illness is not very serious and that he will soon be able to return to the capital.

## DRUG CLERK CUT BY GLASS

Lovett A. Warren, Ph. G., employed in the Wilson & Lee Pharmacy, is suffering from a painful cut upon his left hand as the result of handling a broken glass Saturday morning.

## WILL TAKE BOY AS WARD

Mr. D. S. Stewart of Harnett County in Wilmington yesterday.

Mr. D. S. Stewart, of Harnett county, proprietor of Happy Hill farm near Lillington, was in Wilmington yesterday for the purpose of getting George Mints, white boy, who is being held here on a charge of petty larceny. Mr. Stewart learned of the Mints boy being confined in jail in Wilmington through Mrs. Sydney Love, of the State Prison Society, and it was in response to her appeal that he consented to take the boy to his farm with the purpose of making a man of him.

The boy was tried at the last criminal term of Superior court but Judge Whedbee did not pronounce judgment, holding the matter open until some one could be found who would look after him. The boy came to Wilmington several years ago from some point in Georgia. Some time ago he took a watch which was soon recovered and since that time has been confined in the county prison.

On account of the fact that Judge Whedbee has made no order in the case, Major Harris, Clerk of Superior Court, could not allow Mr. Stewart to take the boy back with him but will communicate with Judge Whedbee immediately and secure the necessary papers.

Mr. Stewart, who is a former treasurer of Harnett county, was the guest while in the city of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Landon, No. 1121 South Fourth Street. He returned home last evening.—Wilmington Star.

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## CLEAN STREET CONTEST

Since it is pretty generally admitted that the town is not able to pay the expense of cleaning and caring for all its streets, The Dispatch has a suggestion to offer and the suggested plan would be to have the chamber of commerce offer a number of prizes to be competed for by citizens; each competing citizen to put the streets adjoining his home in as good a condition as he knows how to and then let disinterested judges determine who has done the best work. Spring will soon be with us and a better time to begin the work of cleaning up cannot be chosen than the latter part of next month.

## MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Programme:  
1. Coronation.  
2. Scripture Reading.  
3. Prayer—Mrs. J. G. Layton.  
4. Child in its Helplessness—Mrs. L. J. Best.  
5. Evening Hymn—Choir.  
6. Child at Home—Mrs. McD. Holliday.  
7. Child at Play—Dialogues: America, Julia Howard Remond; China, Elizabeth Young; Turkey, Jessie Holliday; Africa, Pat Lynch; Japan, Hazel Bridges; India, Eleanor Hatcher.  
8. Music—Around the Throne of God in Heaven—Choir.  
9. Child at work and at school—Miss Jessie Smith.  
10. Child at worship:  
(a) Song—Now I Lay Me—Mrs. J. W. Whitehead.  
(b) How the World Goes to Church—Missionary Circle.  
11. Child at Work for Christ—Miss Mary Warren.  
12. Song by 40 children.  
13. Children's Litany.  
14. Song of Diadem—Choir.  
All ladies are cordially urged to be present.

## MRS. T. L. H. YOUNG, MRS. J. E. MARTIN, MRS. McD. HOLLIDAY, MISS MARGARET McQUEEN

Committee.