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From Senator Cloud.

Columbus, N. C., March 18, 1919.
Editor Polk County News:—

Fearing that the comment concerning legislation for this county appearing last week in your paper, might cause some misunderstanding, I am writing in explanation.

I introduced a bill making it discretionary with the county commissioners as to whether or not they should issue bonds in the sum of \$15,000 to build a county home, and when the bill was returned to the Senate amended so as to leave the question to a vote of the people. I made the motion that the Senate concur in the amendment.

I had no objection to the question being decided by a vote of the people but was of the opinion that it was not necessary to submit it when the amount was so small and the voters of both parties seemed so generally favorable to the proposition.

I do not believe that the county commissioners would have issued the bonds unless it was apparent that a majority of the voters were in favor of such action. Under such circumstances it seemed to me unwise to put the people to the trouble and expense of an election.

If this question is submitted alone there may be an adverse vote because of a general lack of interest and the resultant stay-at-home vote. It is ridiculous to suppose that passage of the road bill for this county would or could abrogate the plans or contracts concerning the Tryon-Saluda or the Tryon-Lynn highway, but I did not object to the amendment which was as useless as it was harmless.

I think that it is true that the bill I introduced, and which passed the Senate, repealing Mr. Swan's court stenographer act of 1917 failed to pass the House.

It was explained to Mr. Swan that his act of 1917, if followed by the county commissioners, would result in a loss instead of a saving to the county. If any one doubts this statement they only have to compare Mr. Swan's act, Chapter 319 of the Public-Local laws of 1917, with Chapter sixty-nine of the Public Laws, extra session 1915, to be convinced. After making the explanation I told Mr. Swan that I would pass the bill through the Senate but would not follow it up and try to secure its passage in the House and that he would be responsible for whatever action was taken there. I think that this act of 1917 has resulted in some saving to the county but it was because it was misunderstood and not followed. If its provisions had been followed the opposite would have been the effect.

I think that the assertion that my jury revision bill was defeated was inaccurate strictly speaking. According to my information no final action was taken concerning this bill by the committee it was referred to, judiciary No. 2. For fear that the comment in your paper may have created the impression that the bill did not pass the House because it was bad, or without merit, I will make a short statement.

This bill was introduced, not to perpetrate a fraud or to secure an advantage for one party in the trial of the pending political contest, but to prevent such an advantage as exists in the jury box at this time. Since the jury was revised in June 1917, the jury has been constituted as follows: Fall term 1917, republicans thirty-four, democrats fourteen; spring term, 1918, republicans thirty-five, democrats thirteen; fall term 1918, republicans forty-one, democrats seven, and spring term, 1919, republicans thirty-five, democrats thirteen.

In the trial of ordinary cases the political views of the jurors would make no difference but of course it would not be so in a political contest. Under the circumstances the necessity for revision of the jury is obvious to any fair minded citizen.

I would not favor a revision that would give either party the advantage in the pending contest. If the jury was constituted opposite to what it is I would

unhesitatingly say that it should be revised so as to give neither party the advantage of the jury in the trial of a contested election case. After having possession of the facts concerning the jury as now constituted Mr. Grier, chairman of the committee to which the jury revision bill was referred, expressed himself as follows: "I am convinced the jury box is loaded by the republicans and you may tell Mr. Swann that I said so, but the committee is of the opinion that it would be unwise to establish the precedent of revising the jury at times other than specified in the Revisal."

I suppose that he was unaware that the precedent had already been established when Mr. Swann had a similar act passed in 1917 providing for revision of the jury list at that time. That act was fair and honest but my bill was damned by all that was fraudulent, unfair and dishonest. No reasonable and unprejudiced man can make such a distinction.

When Mr. Swann passed his revision bill there was a full republican board of commissioners but now there are two democrats and one republican. Then there was opportunity for the wrongful manipulation of the jury, now there is no such opportunity.

E. B. CLOUD.

At The Golf Links.

The following shows the table of results on Match play tournament at the Tryon Country Club week ending March 22nd, 1919.

Winners in each set are marked x.

- Ballenger, C.
 - x Wilkins.
 - Brownlee
 - x Ford
 - Hill
 - x Bacon
 - Marsh
 - x Kelly
 - Vernor
 - x Pleu
 - Cutting
 - x Ballenger B. L.
 - Brown
 - x Steward
 - Thrall
 - x Roets
 - Pleu
 - x Steward
 - Roets
 - x Wilkins
 - Ballenger, B. L.
 - x Kelly
 - Ford
 - x Bacon
 - Steward
 - x Kelly
 - Wilkins
 - x Bacon
 - Kelly
 - x Bacon
- Mr. Bacon winning first prize, and Mr. Kelly winning second.

Mr. McFarlane, writing to the editor from a Florida resort, says he is on the lookout for quarters for two ladies for the summer, who have in the past spent their summers in the Bavarian Alps, but as they are Americans, have concluded to remain in America. Have the ladies come to Tryon, Mr. McFarlane; Bavaria nor any other part of the world has anything on Western North Carolina for either summer or winter climate or scenery. Mr. McFarlane visited Tryon a few years ago and was delighted with the place and the people. He speaks very pleasantly of Miss Wilcox whom he met at that time, and whose paintings were a source of much pleasure to him.

Archdeacon Griffith.

The Rev. Jno. H. Griffith, Rector of the Episcopal church in Tryon, has been asked to become the Archdeacon of the District of Asheville, with residence at Asheville.

Mr. Griffith will acquaint his church of his determination, next Sunday.

TRYON

Mrs. C. H. Wilson, of Tryon Route 1, is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. Josephine Wilson, of Montana, is the guest of Mrs. J. B. Reid.

Messrs. J. L. Jackson and L. R. Williams were in Hendersonville, yesterday.

Mrs. Henry Rankin and little son, of Gastonia, are guests of her mother, Mrs. J. B. Reid.

Have all your old clothing for the Belgian relief ready, and autos will call, Saturday, for same.

If you are a member of the Junior Order you should attend the entertainment at Missidine hall next Tuesday evening.

Mr. Jos. D. Hall has landed at Newport News, Va., from overseas service, and his friends are eagerly awaiting his return to Polk county.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Taft went to Asheville, Tuesday. Mr. Taft has been in bad health for some time, and has gone to place himself in the care of a specialist.

The Junior Order is taking on new life. Messrs. Wayne Creasman and Earl Hudson were reinstated, and Mr. Ramon Jackson took his first degree, Tuesday night.

The many friends of Mrs. Giles and daughter, Miss Matilda, will be pleased to learn that they have arrived safely in England. They report a most pleasant and enjoyable voyage.

Congregational church: Bible school at 10; public worship at 11. Topic, God's Work in Man's Life. Solo by Mr. Robert L. Frost, of Milwaukee. Lenten services at 4:30.

Rev. Wm. Chedester was married to Miss Bessie Stephenson, at the residence of Mr. James Rion, in Tryon, Wednesday morning, March 28th. Dr. Smith, of Asheville, performed the ceremony.

Mrs. W. B. Rankin and daughter returned home from New Orleans, last Tuesday, where they spent the winter. After remaining in Tryon but a short while they went on to Asheville, where they will visit relatives.

Lieut. McCahill has won the everlasting gratitude of some of Tryon's future Ty Cobbs by the donation of a lot of baseballs and bats. Soon may we expect the McCahills to be ready to wallop any and all antagonists.

This paper is in constant receipt of inquiries regarding suitable houses and apartments for summer visitors. Not all people like the high altitude of some of the other resorts. There is no reason why Tryon should not become as popular summer resort as it is a winter resort at present.

Mr. C. M. Howes made us a call, Wednesday, and told us the reason no work had been done on the Tryon-Saluda highway was owing to shortage of labor. They were also awaiting the appointment of a new highway commission by Gov. Bickett. That has since taken place, so we presume it will not be long until active work will begin on this project.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Avant entertained the Chedester-Stephenson bridal party at dinner, Tuesday evening. The Avant home was tastefully decorated for the occasion, with jonquils and ferns. The color scheme was also carried out in the table decorations, the bon bon dishes, etc., being made to represent jonquils. The cutting of the wedding cake and many toasts to the bride were much enjoyed, and altogether it was a very happy occasion.

Horse Wanted.

Good driving or combination horse and buckboard or buggy. Would like to rent by the month with privilege of buying if price is reasonable. Address James Leonard, Tryon.

Donate to the Cause.

Tryon, N. C., March 23, 1919.
My Dear Mr. Copeland:

Will you help me to do, through your paper, something which I lacked the courage to do the other evening at the State Dinner.

In spite of the known opposition of "management" to such a plan, and keeping them in profound ignorance of it, I had resolved that, after the speeches were finished I would start a voluntary offering to the fund for whose benefit the dinner was given. I had planned what I should say to acquit the management of any collusion with, or any knowledge even, of my proposed action; I had my own little contribution ready; had secured a pan from the kitchen and deposited it in a convenient place near my seat as a receptacle for the offering, and, finally, for the convenience of those millionaires, who, for the moment, might be separated from their millions, I had prepared slips of paper on which they might indicate their proposed gifts—and a beautifully sharpened pencil attached to same, and after all these carefully thought out preparations, my courage failed me at the last moment.

Of course I knew that many of those present had been approached by special solicitors for the fund and had, without doubt, contributed liberally; I knew also that all had paid for their dinner that evening and that it is not—well, exactly good etiquette to spring a collection on them under such circumstances. But, the end seemed to justify such a breach of good form.

The American Committee for Relief in the Near East is undertaking a big task—a constructive work for these unfortunate people which is going to put them on their feet and make them self-supporting. During the war this could not be done. The committee could give only temporary relief and try to save as many as possible from death by starvation and exposure.

But now, happily, the war is over and the way is open for this constructive, permanent relief. The committee is sending to the near east many doctors, nurses, trained social workers, teachers, agricultural experts, seeds for planting, farm tools, etc. To say nothing of the thousands of dollars worth of food and other supplies for immediate relief.

All of this takes money—and more money. It is for this that they are making this campaign for \$30,000,000. It is for this that they are asking Tryon to give \$400. On the evening of the dinner the local committee lacked something less than \$100 of the amount allotted to Tryon. Why should we not have made this up by voluntary gifts that evening?

We had enjoyed a good dinner, followed by literary and musical feast such as few places the size of Tryon—and many much larger—could furnish. There were some of us who had not been asked to furnish any of the food for the dinner. Should we not have been given the opportunity to even up a little more nearly with those women, who not only contributed food and bought their tickets, but also worked the entire evening in the kitchen? Then there were others who had not been solicited for gifts to this fund because they are hotel guests and no "beggars" are tolerated there. Many of those guests would, I feel sure, have contributed gladly and generously to this cause, as some of them have already given most liberally of their time and talent, to the delight and instruction of Tryon audiences.

Oh it was a fatal cowardice that held up the plan just when it would have been most effective, when all were feeling comfortable and happy after a good dinner amid pleasant surroundings, when a few well chosen words might have brought out most vividly the contrast between the condition of the guests at the banquet and that of the miserable refugees in the deserts of western Asia, where little children wander day after day, month after month, uncared for, half starved, clothed in tatters; where,

like ravenous beasts, they tear the flesh from the dead animals on the street and eat till the last shred is gone—eat it as they find it, uncooked, unclean. Would not such a picture showing the contrast between the lives of our own favored children and those of Armenia have drawn pity and help from the stoniest heart. And there were no hearts of stone present on Wednesday evening.

Now what I want you to do, Mr. Editor, is to ask thru my letter, that all those who would have welcomed the opportunity to make an additional contribution to this fund on Wednesday evening, would now do so, either thru your paper, thru Mr. Holmes, chairman of the local committee, Mrs. Holden or myself. Any one of whom will gladly take care of amounts and make true accounts of the same to Mr. Holmes.

You have already given generously of your time, your talent and space in your paper. Will you do this additional favor and so help the committee to make up its quota—and more, as Tryon always does.

For the sake of the sufferers in the Near East.

MRS. J. L. WASHBURN.

At the Baptist Church.

At the preaching hour the following Missionary program will be rendered by the Sunday school, next Sunday. A cordial invitation extended to all to attend these exercises:

- Opening song.
- Prayer, Rev. E. J. Jones.
- Song, "Jesus Loves Me," by class.
- Recitation, Alget Wilson.
- Reading, W. M. U. Work, Julia Averill.
- Song, "Dandelion," Ruth Steelman.
- Recitation, Frank Little.
- Song, choir.
- Recitation, Mary McFarland and Louise Averill.
- Recitation, Mary Gash.
- Recitation, Max Steelman.
- Song, "Little Feet," Kathleen Brown.
- Recitation, Josephine Hill.
- Recitation, Leila Wilson.
- Recitation, Stewart Gash.
- Solo, Miss Spivey.
- Recitation, Stella Streadwick.
- Recitation, LeComte Hill.
- Recitation and song, "Under the Cross," Ruth Steelman and Kathleen Brown.
- Recitation, Geraldine Sayre.
- Song, "Shine," by class.
- Solo, "Face to Face," Mrs. Eganhart.
- Missionary talk, Rev. Mr. Pratt.
- Closing song, choir.

COLUMBUS.

Mrs. Lawter, of Lynn, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lindsey Smith.

Miss McNinch, Miss Bailey, Miss Spivey Mrs. Bailey Mr. Arledge and Mr. Yates Arledge were dinner guests at Mrs. Carnegie's Sunday.

The entertainment given by Stearns High School Saturday night included plays by Mrs. Jack a minstrel show by the High School and an old-time singing by the Betterment Club. Cakes and home made candy were sold. Proceeds amounted to \$24.71.

M. Marion B. Mills of Spartanburg, visited his parents here Sunday.

Mrs. T. M. Johnson Miss Sue Johnson and Mr. Gordon Johnson, spent the week-end at their home in Arden.

Mr. Jasper Guffey and Mr. William Guffey, of Stearns High School, are visiting their parents in Rutherfordton.

Las: Sunday morning at the Baptist church, Rev. E. J. Jones helped to reorganize a Phillis class. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Emma McNich; vice president, Mrs. H. H. Edwards; secretary and treasurer, Miss Mae Mills; teacher, Rev. E. J. Jones; substitute teacher, Mr. J. R. Sams.

Miss Lizzie Dedmond has returned home after an extended visit to relatives in Clinton, S. C.

Mr. G. W. Rice is in Augusta, Ga.

MOUNTAIN VIEW.

Mrs. Martin McCrain, who has been very ill, is improving.

Mr. Caldwell Jackson, son of Henry T. Jackson, died at his home Monday night. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his loss, also many relatives. His remains were interred in Mountain View cemetery, Wednesday.

Mrs. H. H. McCrain visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert of route 1, last week.

Rev. T. Ruppe filled his regular appointment at Mountain View Saturday and Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. McGraw made a business trip to Tryon, Monday last.

MILL SPRING.

Rev. Hamrick was unable to preach for us Sunday, but sent Rev. White in his place.

Misses Bertha Dalton, Esther Gibbs and Letha Barber attended teachers' meeting at Columbus, Saturday.

On account of the rain not many of the young folks attended the birthday party in honor of Clarence Gibbs Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dicus have moved to Inman, S. C.

Miss Sue Gibbs and brother, Hubert of Stearns High School, visited home folks last week-end.

Don't forget the box supper at Silver Creek Saturday night March 22.

Mrs. Edgar Jones is spending a few days in Spartanburg, this week.

LYNN.

Don't forget the proposition—2 for one—it's a good proposition that you had better take hold of while it holds good.

Several of our citizens have recently purchased teams. Some horses and some mules, with a view of farming. It is to be hoped that much more farming will be done than has been done in the past. There has been more interest in stock, poultry and fruits shown than ever before. All this is being advised and enforced by our county demonstrator Mr. J. R. Sams.

Well Bro Fishtop let us know about the railroad survey you spoke of. Where does it begin and where will it terminate?

Last week we got a little gay and boasted of our progressiveness over the fact that the school tax was voted without a single opponent. Now we don't want to have to take back what we said. Let us progress a little further and finish the nice church building that has been started a long time ago. A proposition has been made to the people of Lynn that for every dollar raised by them two will be added. Now don't you think this is a liberal proposition? One that should be met and complied with at once. Now let every one who desires to see the completion of this church see the pastor Dr. Pratt and for every dollar you give rest assured that two more will be added.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Edwards Jr., March 14th. Both mother and babe are doing well. Congratulations.

Hon. W. F. Swann arrived at his home one day last week, after two months stay in Raleigh, as Representative of Polk county in the legislature.

A. N. Kunkle is having his store building touched up with a fresh coat of paint. Mr. J. G. Monroe, of Tryon is welding he paint brush.

Dr. Pratt preached at the chapel last Sunday, his regular time. A collection for the church resulted in the Ladies' Aid giving a check for \$50; Mrs. Willis, \$5.00; congregation \$5.27. Total, \$60.27. This was deposited in the bank to the credit of the church extension fund and according to Dr. Pratt's proposition is to be multiplied by two.

Mr. A. N. Kunkle has a brother from Portsmouth, Va., visiting him.

Mr. W. A. Rollins is moving to the place he purchased at the sale of the old Ballenger place, recently.

Some colded people near here last Sunday evening amused themselves by a little pitched battle at the home of Lizzie Peak, and after the smoke of battle had cleared away it was found that Lizzie had received a serious wound, which afterward proved fatal. One Lindsey Moore is the man who did the shooting, and made his escape. A coroner's inquest was held Monday Sheriff Jackson has two or three under arrest as being implicated in the killing.