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HE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1919 OPENS QUIETLY

Only One Thing That Looked Anything Like a Scrap And Saunders Says He Got In On That

BY W. O. SAUNDERS

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 9, 1918—The General Assembly convened at noon yesterday and consequently there is very little to report at this writing. In trying to tell you folks back home about the opening day I don't hardly know just where to begin and I certainly wouldn't know where to end if I gave you every impression I have gained since my arrival.

The only thing that has looked like a scrap was the contest over the office of sergeant at arms of the house. I got into that. I was requested to second the nomination of one Uncle Jimmy Moring of Mooresville, who was nominated by Representative Sawyer of Wake. I did it whereupon the News & Observer carried out and said that "Representative Saunders of Elizabeth City introduced his original way of doing things in seconding the nomination." It is evident that they have heard of them before and are expecting me to do a lot of spectacular stunts. Watch me fool 'em. There's nothing like a serious mind body of men to make a fellow cautious. I never felt so cautious in my life. This is a serious minded body of men, this General Assembly of 1919. At least it looks that way to me now.

I like the lo[illegible] this body and have an idea that [illegible] proud to have been [illegible] body says it [illegible] the state ever [illegible] met lots of fine [illegible] eye on several w[illegible]

My first introduc[illegible] legislators came with [illegible] caucus of the Democr[illegible] was a pleasure to hea[illegible] Stanley Winborne of H[illegible] seconding the nomination of Dennis G. Brummit, of Oxford, for Speaker of the House. And it was a pleasure to hear Mr. Brummitt's speech of acceptance.

Mr. Winborne was Mr. Brummitt's opponent for the speakership, but early Tuesday morning he discovered that his fight was lost. He sent for his opponent and told him frankly that he was out of the race and placed himself at his disposal. It happened that I was with Mr. Winborne when Mr. Brummitt came in. The way they greeted each other and the way Winborne admitted defeat without first sparring for a lot of favors was refreshing. It made me wish there were two speakerships.

Of Local Interest

Of course you folks back home want to know what is going on that will particularly concern you. I shall attempt to inform you from week to week. I believe most of my constituents in Pasquotank understand that I am going to introduce a bill calling an election for stock law in Pasquotank. Representative Morgan of Perquimans tells me that he will do the same for his county.

The next and most important subject is that of good roads. Neither Senator Ferebee nor myself knows what can be done here in that direction. Both of us will do what we can to provide better roads for Pasquotank county and for other counties that want good roads. I am not Senator Ferebee's spokesman, but I feel safe in committing him on this question.

It has been indicated to me that there will be a number of minor local bills to be considered. There are three county officers in Pasquotank who want their salaries raised. Register of Deeds Munden wants $2,500 a year. Clerk of the Court Little wants $2,500 and Auditor Carmine wants something like. These gentlemen want me to introduce bills raising their salaries. I have told them that the county commissioners are the guardians of the county's finances and that I thought a request for an increase in their salaries should come first from the Board of Commissioners. What do you think about it?

The first petition to reach me from Pasquotank comes from Newland township and contains about 80 names, including many of the best citizens of that township, opposing stock law. The petitioners state that they are willing to have the law applied to all the rest of the county, but want Newland left out.

Big Work Ahead

Under the caption, "Big Work Ahead" yesterday's News & Observer indicated something of the work ahead for this session of the General Assembly. The News & Observer says:

The meeeting of the Legislature is of course an occasion of great importance. But the meeting of the Legislature this year is of exceptional importance. The State has to hit the new stride necessitated by the ending of the war and the changed conditions that the war has brought. In a large sense the Legislature is the State. It is at any rate the constructive, creative side of the State. In proportion as the Legislature is progressive and alive to its duty and responsibility in that proportion will the State be provided with the machinery for meeting the demands of the new time.

The business of legislation this session will involve more responsibilities than have fallen to the lot of any of its predecessors, certainly in many years. More money will be involved [illegible] and there will be more big things to consider.

Two years ago the fiddling consideration of local and private matters was stopped by constitutional amendment, although it is a regrettable fact that a surprising amount of local legislation got by. This year such a mistake ought not to be made, but the Legislature should take full advantage of the amendment leaving the "unanimous consent" subterfuge in the discard and giving all of its time and attention to matters of State-wide importance.

Of these there will not be a few. The two questions of roads and schools in themselves will tax the ingenuity of the law makers to the greatest extent. Education and rural transportation are crying needs in this State. Meeting this demand will require the very best thought of the very best thinkers in both branches of the Legislature. It will be a year when the law committees will not have much prestige attaching to them. The man who will get honors and who will deserve them will be the man who submits and puts through workable programs for the meeting of the outstanding needs of the State.

The various departments and institutions of the State will of course require the customary consideration to the end that they may be made always more efficient and one of these that is destined to demand more attention [illegible]ever received before is that of [illegible] welfare, which under a par[illegible] and capable Commission[illegible] [illegible]it for good in the [illegible]cale.

[illegible] Prohibition [illegible]anted. But [illegible] is not all the liquor legislation that will be required of the State which must continue to co-operate and if possible on a much bigger and more efficient scale with the general government in abating the evils of the secret liquor traffic.

Underlying all these matters will be the fundamental one of providing the wherewith and this will certainly be a question of overwhelming importance and moment. There is big room for improvement in our taxing system and as far as the necessary improvements can be had without constitutional amendment this Legislature ought to provide them.

Big things are ahead. The members-elect are men of plenty of ability. No fear need be felt on that score. One thing they should have in huge doses is proper encouragement from home to go at the big tasks like a big State requires that big men should do. We are past the peanut stage. North Carolina wants results from this session of the Legislature.

LEAVES CITY FOR HER FORMER HOME

Mrs. Minerva I. Bradford, widow of the late D.B.Bradford, deceased, returned to her home this week after an absence of some time, having been called to her old home in Spring Grove, York County, Penn., on account of the recent death of her mother.

Mrs. Bradford comes to make final preparation to leave the city for her home in Spring Grove. She is a woman of sterling qualities and it is with regret we see her leave. During the short time of her residence here she has done quite a good deal of charitable work helping those who were in trouble or unfortunate.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Bradford held the position of head nurse at the Elizabeth City Hospital.

HOW CAN YOU MAKE OTTO GO IN A COTTON PATCH?

Otto Cartwright, an aged colored citizen of Salem township has lived long enough to see hook and line fishing pay big dividends. Otto went fishing with a hook and line Thursday Jan. 3 and caught 26 black bass which he sold for $5.00. He says there'd be no more cotton picking in life for him if the fish would keep on biting and prices stay where they are.

CLEARANCE SALE AT M. LEIGH SHEEP CO

It would pay you to visit M. Leigh Sheep's during his special White Clearance Sale. He offers some very tempting bargains to the thoughtful and careful shopper. See his ad on page five of this issue. He has some wonderful reductions on all ready to wear to offer.

NEGRO SOLDIERS ARE ARRIVING FROM FRANCE

It is reported, the transport, Louisville arrived from France lately bringing home 964 troops and 573 civilians. Of this number, 875 were negroes.

The story next week will be "The Lone Tree Sentinel; or Ghosts on the Firing Line.' By Sergeant Arthur Guy Empey.

HE JOINED THE NAVY AT THE AGE OF SIXTEEN

CHARLIE E. HUGHES

CHARLES E. HUGHES, son of Mrs Cid Hughes, Sr. of this city, volunteered and enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of sixteen years, and was placed on the Honor Roll at St. Helena, the naval training station in Berkley Va. Charlie is not quite eighteen years of age and has already had two promotions during the past year. And is now Quartermaster on board Sub Patrol Utowano over in Brest France. He writes very interestingly to his mother of his experiences and has sent her several souvenirs. He says he has visited every section of France dur[illegible]

ELWOOD THOMAS MASTON

THE accompanying picture is from a recent photo of Ellwood Thomas Maston, a son of U. J. Maston of this city who is recovering from petrol gas poisoning in an English hospital.. Mr. Maston was a first class machinist or U. S. Submarine Chaser No. 262. Men on the submarine chasers who have seen service overseas have had rough experiences and will have many harrowing tales to relate when they get back home.

HINTON HEIRS FILE PETITION TO SET ASIDE WILL

The first case on the docket of the Superior Court this week was the John L. Hinton will case. The heirs of John L. Hinton, Deceasd, filed a petition to have the will set aside. Ehringhause and Small, Meekins and McMullan, of this city, and R. C. Dozier of South Mills appearing for the plaintiffs; Aydlett and Sawyer, Thompson and Wilson, of this city, H. S. Ward and A. D. McLean of Washington, N. C., for the defendants. As we go to press no decision had been rendered by the jury.

OLD JOHN IS DYING

John Barleycorn, battered much by Carrie Nation and Billy Sunday, is now tottering on his last legs. He has fought many a battle but has always managed to survive but now since Congress is his latest opponent, it is almost a certainty that he will take the count before long. John has many friends, in fact his friends are more numerous than his enemies but somehow they are ashamed of him and the company he keeps. And nearly all of us would make small contributions to his enemy, the Anti-Saloon League because we hate to admit that we don't want to hit old John below the belt—and many a time he has been shoved under the belt.

Up to the present time twenty-two states have ratified the proposed prohibition amendment, fourteen more states yet need to pass this act before the amendment is ratified. Our own state, North Carolina, is almost certain to follow the lead set by Ohio Colorado and Oklahoma earlier in the week.

So Farewell, John Barleycorn—may your bones be preserved in alcohol.

ONE GUESS TO A CUSTOMER

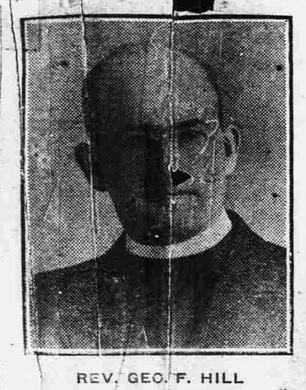
This week being court week in Elizabeth City several interesting cases came up. One was of a man charged with an offense quite contrary to the law of our land. One of the witnesses was asked by the defendants lawyer:

"Mr....., you have quite a shady reputation, haven't you?"

"Yes sir, Mr. .....," the witness replied. "very much like yours only I have more women than you."

Greasing the Ways.

Said the near-cynic: "You can say what you please about elbow grease being necessary for success, but the oily tongue has got it beat a thousand ways."



REV. GEO. F. HILL

Who will succeed Rev. H. S. Osborne, rector of Christ Church, this city.

CHRIST CHURCH HAS CALLED NEW RECTOR

Rev. George F. Hill late of St. Paul's Parish, Greenville, S. C., has accepted a call to fill the vacancy made by the Rev. H. S. Osborne at Christ Church this city.

Mr. Hill was given a leave of absence last July from his parish at Greenville to engage in Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C.

Mr. Hill came to this parish early in December to fill the pulpit for that month and he proved himself such a forceful, eloquent and efficient minister that the congregation voted unanimously to have him stay.

He announced last Sunday morning his intentions to stay and the congregation of Christ Church feel they have been very fortunate in securing Mr. Hill as their rector.

WHY NORTH CAROLINA SHOULD RATIFY

On Account of Liquor Traffic Being Outlawed in Our State.

During the absence of Mrs. H. Clay Foreman, President of the W. C. T. U Rev. B. C. Honing presided at the meeting last evening at the First Baptist Church of this city. Several interesting talks were made and a set of resolutions passed. Rev. J. M. Ormond of the First Methodist Church gave an address on "Why North Carolina Should Ratify." Rev. J. B. Hack of the Presbyterian Church also rendered a very fine address on the "Temperance Outlook for the World." Following is a set of the resolutions passed:—

WHEREAS, The liquor traffic has been outlawed in our State by the overwhelming majority of over 40,000 votes, since May 1906, and

WHEREAS, The removing of this temptation, by law, has allowed thousands of our weak citizens to become strong in character, faithful homemakers, respectable citizens, unfettered Christian workers, and to look upward in life, and to look upon their progeny without seeing the marks of debauched ancestry, and

WHEREAS, Prohibition has been so successful toward the upbuilding of our citizenship, our churches, our schools, our agricultural interests, our business institutions, our religious social, and financial interests, and

WHEREAS, We desire the same blessings for our neighbors—the other States of our Union now being cursed by the legalized liquor traffic—that have been our under Prohibition government, and

WHEREAS, The transporting of liquor into prohibition states by the small territories now legally manufacturning it, works a hardship upon prohibition states, and is unfair and unjust to us in our efforts to enforce obedience to law, and to maintain a high standard of citizen ship, and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress has submitted to the State Legislatures the adoption of an amendment to our Federal Constitution, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of Alcoholic beverages, anywhere in the Union, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the churches of all denominations of Elizabeth City assembled together in union services Jan. 8, 1919 in the First Baptist Church of Elizabeth City, N. C.,

THAT, We do ask and urge our Representative, Hon. W. O. Saunders, and our Senators, Hon. Miles W. Ferebee and Hon. W. T. Cross, not only to vote for the Prohibition Amendment to the Federal Constitution, but to use their influence to cause every senator and representative in the Legislature to vote for said amendment.

AN UNUSUAL SERVICE

The country is full of good eye specialists and there are hundreds of good eye glass manufacturers, but it is worth something to Elizabeth City and vicinity to know that both can be found in this town. Dr. Hathaway is not only a reputable and skillful optometrist, but he grinds and fits glasses on his premises. This unusual service is seldom found except in much larger cities.

DR. J. D. HATHAWAY
OPTOMETRIST
Over McCabe & Grice
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NOW IS THE TIME FOR A "HANDS OFF" POLICY

Revolutions Must Run Their Course And We Should Not Play Carpet Bag Game

BY AMOS PINCHOT

We began the war with the comparatively modest aims of protecting our commerce and preventing Germany from conquering the Allies. Under Mr. Wilson's guidance, our aims have steadily grown into a vast network of territorial, ethnological and power readjustments. Never in the world's history has there been a war with such comprehensive objects. Never have nations fought to free peoples whose names they hardly knew and whose history was an unopened book. But now has come the moment when we must resolutely refuse to enlarge our aims any further. Having ousted Russian, Bulgarian, Turkish Austrian and German autocracy the Allies and the United States should not allow themselves to imagine that it is their business to police the world, or to work out the salvation of the people they have liberated. Now is the time for a firm clear-cut policy of Hands OFF!

In the swing of the pendulum from autocratic rule to democracy, there will naturally be tremendous disorders; that is quite inevitable; look back at the French Revolution. People do not go along for hundreds of years under tyrannous dynasties, and then suddenly glide into freedom without a ripple. We knew this when we first began a war for democracy. When we said to ourselves, "We will free those people," we should also have said "And they will raise the very devil; but no matter what happens we must let them alone." For only the Russians themselves, the Austrians themselves and the Germans themselves, can solve the problems presented by the new order. Revolutions must run their course. And no crime against democracy is so unforgiveable as that of conquerers who impose alien carpet bag rule on a nation in the throes of revolutionary re-birth.

Clear as it is that we should hold ourselves aloof at this time, sinister voices will be raised on every side urging us to go in and pacify. These voices will carefully refrain from stating the actual truth. For instance they will not say "If we allow an economic revolution in Germany and Russia and a socialistic government, our investments and indemnities will be imperilled. If direct popular rule and co-operatice industry conducted by the working classes is permitted to take root in one country it will presumably spread to others, and the foundations of the exploiting class will be shaken everywhere." But nevertheless, this disguised is high sounding, milk-white phrases, will [illegible] exactly what they will mean.

Sin Against Holy Ghost.

We must remember that, in the eyes of industrial plutocracy, to set up co-operative production is the sin against the Holy Ghost. This and not the reported Russian excesses, is the American junker's main indictment against the Russian economic upheaval. Russia has been knouted for centuries, starved for centuries, silenced for centuries by a profiteer aristocracy so corrupt that it even gurglarized its own means of defense. Now Russia is lied about because she is trying to set up the co-operative commonwealth which for generations has been the ideal of economists. And she is lied about with especial zest because, from the point of view of our capitalist newspapers, she is so unreliable; for Russia continually refuses to perform atrocities which our press has already ascribed to her as accomplished facts.

Certainly the much misrepresented revolution has been violent; revolutions are by no means parlor games; they are desperate undertakings at best, in which the stakes are life and death. But, on the whole Russia has been far less violent than was France in 1793, when the people killed off the aristocrats, men and women alike, burned their estates and made of their country a horror to dream of and a hell to live in. It was terrible, but it was the overstress in a break for liberty which Carlyle pictures as the noblest of human events. "The greatness of human actions," said Pasteur, "can be measured by the inspiration which gives them birth!" And Russia's inspiration has been to abolish economic slavery by removing from the profiteer both his profit and political power.

COL. ROOSEVELT PASSES AWAY WHILE ASLEEP

Col. Theodore Roosevelt died while asleep at his home on Sagamore Hill at Oyster Bay, N. Y. Death was due to rheumatism which affected the heart.

Col. Roosevelt was taken sick on New Years day; but it was not believed his illness would prove fatal. Mrs. Roosevelt was the only member of the family with him at the time of his death. Funeral arrangements were of the simplest kind.

FIRST SNOW OF SEASON VISITS THIS SECTION

The residents of this city were visited by their first snow storm Sunday afternoon.

All the morning the sky looked gray and threatening as if a snow storm was on its way and about two o'clock snow began to fall and by dark everything was covered.

Monday morning, Elizabeth City folks found they had to wade through a foot deep or else get busy with a shovel.

ATTORNEY E. F. AYDLETT WANTS TO BE GOVERNOR

Launches a Dandy Little Bomb Quietly at a Big Dinner and Tommy Jones Set off The Jazz Band

Attorney E. F. Aydlett of this city aspires to be governor of North Carolina in four years hence. He has aspired to gubernatorial honors before but no serious effort was made to launch a boom until last Saturday night at a banquet given by Mr. Aydlett to about thirty distinguished North Carolinians at the Yarborough Hotel in Raleigh. It wasn't intended that the boom should be made public then. It was to have been pulled off under a good deal of camouflage and sent on its way quietly thru the state. But T. C. Jones, formerly of Elizabeth City, is manager of the Yarborough Hotel and Mr. Jones is one of the frankest fellows in the state. Jones never could see why any one should keep a secret. Jones is an admirer of Mr. Aydlett. And so when some one told him that the dinner at the Yarborough was to start a boom for Mr. Aydlett for governor, Jones spilt the beans.

Mr. Jones even got hold of a reporter for the News & Observer and told the reporter about it. This then explains the following article headed "Pasquotank Ducks and Aydlett Boom" which appeared in last Sunday's News & Observer.

"Pasquotank county duck possibly did or possibly did not have anything to do with it, but after the Bar Association banquet at the Yarborough last night somebody started an Aydlett boom for Governor in 1924 and it was passed along the rest of the evening as though the campaign was just a few days off.

Governor Bickett and the Supreme Court Justices were guests of honor at the banquet given by the Bar Association. Covers were laid for thirty, including the participants in the centennial celebration yesterday. President E. F. Aydlett, of Elizabeth City, had sent down three dozen of the wild birds from his county and the lawyers found them just about as delightful as a Hooverless meal.

"Afterwards someone launched the Aydlett boom and it was given a hearty reception. It will be time for the east to name the candidate and in about four more years, if everything goes well, his announcement may be expected—his friends say.

"Mr. Aydlett is one of the best-known lawyers in the State and has served over half of his term as president of the North Carolina Bar Association. He was one of the speakers at the centennial celebration here yesterday."

Mr. Aydlett had as his guest, Governor T. W. Bickett, the members of the Supreme Court, distinguished members of the North Carolina Bar Association and others. The dinner cost him $2.50 a plate, say nothing of the ducks.

COUNTY BOARD CHANGES FRONT

Home Demonstration Work To Be Continued In Pasquotank

The Board of Commissioners of Pasquotank county began the New Year in the right spirit at their January meeting last Monday by voting to continue the Home Demonstration Work in this county and appropriating $600 for the purpose of carrying on this work during the year 1919. The Board refused to make this appropriation at its meeting in December and brought down a storm of protest on its head from every section of the county.

The Commissioners in voting to continue the home demonstration work re-appointed Miss Marcie Albertson who has so faithfully and efficiently served the office the past three years. It was also voted to pay Miss Albertson her salary for the month of December, 1918.

One of the commissioners who refused to vote for the home demonstration work a month ago was P. G. Pritchard of Providence township. Mr. Pritchard laid before the Board Monday a petition signed by 47 of the most influential farmers and farmerettes in his township, demanding a continuance of the work. Mr. Pritchard voted accordingly.

George M. Scott, chairman of the board, who was most bitterly opposed to the continuance of the home demonstration work and who is opposed to spending money for anything out of the ordinary was not present at Monday's meeting. It was said that he was sick.

Monday was a bad day for a meeting of the commissioners, many of them having to come from distant points in the county, but five of them braved the weather and the meeting was held. The commissioners did not wait to hear from committees and citizens on the subject of home demonstration work, but went into the business of making the necessary appropriation and re-appointing Miss Albertson early in the morning session.

FARMERS MAY NOW SECURE NITRATE OF SODA

Notice has been given Grover W Falls County Agricultural Agent for Pasquotank county, that the U. S. Department of Agriculture will sell at cost a supply of nitrate of soda to farmers in Pasquotank County, and by the assistance of the County Commissioners the following Nitrate Committee has been appointed; W. J. Williams J. N. Brothers, Grover Jennings, John S. Morgan, J. Walter Pery, Evert Pritchar, A. W. Stanton, W. R. Simth, W J. Saunders, S. W. Scott.

Application blanks are being mailed to the above Committee, and those desiring Nitrate of Soda during the year of 1919 may make application with either of the Committee or the County Agricultural Agent, before the 27th day of Jan.

No money will be required at time of making application but upon notice from the authorized representative of the Department of Agriculture farmers who have signed applications must deposit with a local bank designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, to cover cost of Nitrate F. O. B. port. Arrangements have been made to secure a large quantity of Nitrate of Soda and it is believed that all reasonable requirements can be met.

SWAT THE H. C. OF L.

About one of the most welcome investigations that could be made in this city is an investigation of profiteering on food-stuffs in this city. While other cities nearby have made investigations of this sort and have succeeded in getting prices down to such a normal that you can enjoy your meal, this city is still in the clutches of the profiteer. It is a known fact that a restaurant in this city charges 40c per dozen for raw oysters that costs 40c the quart when bought wholesale. Egg sandwiches retail for 25c over the counter while eggs are quoted at 63c a dozen. This is just a small example of the thing which this city is idly allowing to go on.

A goose in the city markets sell anywhere from forty to forty five cents the pound while the wholesale markets quote it at thirty cents. Is it any wonder that we are continually paying more and more for food-stuffs? Is it not time for the Board of Aldermen of this city to appoint a Food Commissioner, one who could see that there is no excess profits charged on goods of this kind? City officials could do much to remedy conditions of this kind but possibly they do not wish an investigation.

WAR DEPT. ALLOWS SOLDIERS TO KEEP UNIFORM

Secretary Baker informed Chairman Dent, of the House Military Committee recently that the War Department had decided that all discharged soldiers may permanently retain the uniform and overcoat they wear when mustered out. Mr. Dent prepared a bill embodying the necessary authority. Previously the department had planned to have the clothing returned to the Government three months after the soldier's discharge.

SHOWING FARMERS HOW TO CURE THEIR MEAT

State Specialists Carry Complete Butchering Outfits to Farms

To overcome some of the great losses occuring annually in North Carolina, because of a lack of general knowledge about butchering, cutting and curing meat, the agricultural extension workers of the State College and Department of Agriculture are giving demonstrations in different sections showing just how this work is best done. At the same time, the utilization of these products is also stressed in order that the annual loss suffered each year may be reduced as much as [illegible]

These men are equipped with complete butchering outfits with which they show the proper methods of killing, dressing and cutting up meat. The new method of curing the meat by the use of the brine solution, together with the smoking and sacking are all carefully explained and demonstrated at each meeting.

This work has been put on, as stated, as an aid in saving the great loss annually suffered by the State because proper methods of curing and handling the farm meat supply are not followed. According to Mr. Gray, the farmers of the State could save several thousands dollars of losses each year by improving their methods. He [illegible] Extension Circular [illegible] Meat on the [illegible] free of charge [illegible] as long as [illegible] This circular [illegible] in use, [illegible] now being [illegible] extension [illegible]

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