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## AGAINST VETO POWER.

**Voted Down by Constitutional Amendment Commission — Many Proposed Amendments May be Eliminated—Four Proposals Pass Final Reading—Governor Opposed Initiative and Referendum.**

Raleigh Special, 16th, to Wilmington Star.

When the legislative commission on constitutional amendments assembled today to take up final passage of proposed amendments, Governor Craig spoke by special invitation.

He opposed the amendment to require the reading of the Bible in the schools, opposed the initiative and referendum amendment and advocated in an especially earnest manner the segregation and classification of property for taxation.

He pleaded especially that the feature of the present Constitution that permits the leaving of special local taxes over the prescribed constitutional limits be retained, so that the communities can levy such special taxes. The development in the cities and much in the rural sections as well that has already been achieved is due most largely to this.

Chief Justice Clark, of the Supreme Court, pleaded especially for the initiative and referendum. He insisted that the people want it.

After an hour's discussion the commission tonight voted 9 to 7 against the Ivis bill to confer veto power on the Governor.

Senator Ward expressed the sentiments of numbers of the commissioners in declaring that he wants half or two thirds of the proposed amendments that have passed the second reading to be eliminated in this final conference so that the commission can report to the Legislature only amendment proposals that will be of the greatest importance, giving taxation reform and readjustment of the judiciary the right-of-way.

In session until 11 o'clock tonight the commission passed on final reading ready for favorable recommendation to the Legislature the proposal to relieve the General Assembly of consideration of local, private and special acts; the proposal on revenue taxation including the requirement that poll tax "shall" and not "may" be levied; the proposal as to judges and courts, with the Bar Association amendment that the Legislature may provide for emergency judges, and the proposal making possible the establishment of one or more Appellate Courts.

Governor Craig it was stated on the floor tonight, has asked the commission to have its report completed for him by Saturday morning, and the commission will work to this end Thursday and Friday. It is understood that the Governor has in mind the possibly early issuance of a call for the Legislature to meet in special session in compliance with the act creating the constitutional amendment commission.

## EXCEEDS PREVIOUS RECORDS

**Business Conditions of 1912 Better Than Any Previous Year.**

Washington Dispatch, 15th.

Corporations of the United States earned \$3,304,000,000 above all expenses during the calendar year of 1912, exceeding all previous records since the enactment of the Corporation Tax law by \$400,000,000.

This banner showing was divulged by the compilation today of assessments made by Commissioner William H. Osborn, of the Internal Revenue Bureau, under the Corporation tax law.

The increased prosperity of the corporations is expected to yield the Federal Government more than \$36,000,000, including \$3,000,000 of omitted taxes for previous years. This represents the greatest amount of corporation taxes ever assessed by the Treasury, exceeding the returns of the previous year by \$7,000,000. Most of the assessments already have been paid but some of them will be the subject of litigation.

L. F. Speer, chief of the corporation tax division of the Treasury, said today that earnings of the corporations indicated that business conditions of 1912 were better than in any previous recorded year. The net growth of \$400,000,000 was made, he added, despite increases in corporate indebtedness and in wage scales.

The total number of corporations during 1912 was about 310,000, an increase of 7 per cent over 1911 and compared with increases of 6 per cent in 1911 over 1910 and less than 4 per cent in 1910 over 1909. About 15,000 corporations failed to make returns for 1912 earnings and are subject to penalties.

## HORRIBLE STORY OF MASSACRE

**Reported Sacking and Burning of Macedonian Town Confirmed.** Saloniki Dispatch, 16th.

Full confirmation of the reported sacking and burning of the Macedonian town of Seres by the fleeing Bulgarian troops and of the crucifixion, hacking to death or burning alive of many inhabitants, has been sent to the Austro-Hungarian government by Consul General August Kral, of Saloniki.

Three-fourths of the formerly flourishing town of about 30,000 inhabitants is a mass of smoking ruins, says the Consul General who has just returned here from Seres, where he thoroughly investigated the situation.

Another horrifying story of a massacre reached here today from Doiran, a town 40 miles northwest of Saloniki. Mussulmans there have made a written declaration, countersigned by three local Bulgarian priests, that the Bulgarians slaughtered \$30,000 Mussulmans who had sought refuge in Doiran from the surrounding districts.

Washington, July 16—Surgeon General Blue, of the public health service is receiving reports of a malignant epidemic of smallpox in Eastern Serbia and of cholera ravaging the Bulgarian troops in Macedonia. As thousands of Greeks and Bulgars will return to the United States at the end of the Balkan hostilities, the public health service is much concerned. Cholera introduced into the Bulgarian lines by Turkish prisoners is reported to be causing the Bulgars heavy losses with prospect for a more serious situation should the war be prolonged through the summer.

London, July 16—Both Turkey and Rumania are rapidly pushing the occupation of as much Bulgarian territory as possible not ostensibly with a view to permanent occupation, but in order to procure for themselves a weightier voice in the final settlement.

King Charles of Rumania has gone to join his army headquarters; the Turks have occupied Luleburgas, Bunar Hissar and Visa and are marching toward Kirk Kilissh. The Greek army has occupied Nevrokop.

The Servian and Greek Premiers have held a meeting at Uskup and are agreed as to the terms to be imposed on Bulgaria.

Horrifying details of alleged Bulgarian massacres and atrocities continue to pour in from Saloniki and the Powers have appointed Consular commissions to investigate these reports.

Athens, July 16—The Greek army has occupied Nevrokop after an engagement with the Bulgarians which lasted all Tuesday. The Bulgarians were completely routed.

Official dispatches report that only 120 out of 3,000 inhabitants of the town of Doxato escaped the Bulgarian massacre.

Constantinople, July 16—The Government is determined to push forward Ottoman troops as far as the stronghold of Adrianople which was captured by Bulgarians after a prolonged siege during the recent Balkan War.

The Government intends to take this bold action, not only because of the material advantages to be gained, but because of the moral effect it will have on Turkey's internal situation.

It is expected by this means the position of the government will be strengthened and it is felt that even if the Powers insist on bringing pressure to bear to compel the maintenance of the future frontier line between Turkey and Bulgaria from Enos to the Aegean Sea to Midia on the Black Sea, Turkey will yet be in a position to enforce the autonomy of the Province of Thrace.

Thus far, however, the Powers have not addressed any communication to the Turkish Government on the subject of the northern advance of the Ottoman troops.

—Mr. and Mrs. Theo Perrin, who, with Mr. and Mrs. G. Y. Jones, for about three months had been managing the Waverly hotel, left Monday afternoon for Jefferson City, Tenn. Mr. and Mrs. Perrin have severed their connection with the management of the hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Jones will continue to manage the hotel and Mr. J. A. Green is temporary clerk. Mr. and Mrs. Perrin have gone to a farm they have in Jefferson City.

Actor—Did the doctor stop you from eating meat?

Poet—No; the butcher.—August Woman's Home Companion.

## RATE PROBLEM NEAR SOLUTION

**Further Progress Made in Conference at Raleigh—Final Agreement Expected at Conference Next Week.**

Raleigh Special, 15th, Charlotte Observer.

Further progress was made today by railroad officials, the Corporation Commission and Governor Craig in an effort to reach an amicable settlement of freight rate discriminations against North Carolina shippers, and the Corporation Commission and traffic managers will work out a joint schedule for final agreement in conference at Old Point Comfort Tuesday of next week.

The Council of State participated in the conference today, which was a sequel to the three conferences held recently between the railroad officials and Corporation Commission. Governor Craig and members of the Council of State, as well as the commission, are much pleased with the progress made, and all are much more hopeful of early settlement without a legislative fight.

Presidents and others of the highest officials of the railroad were here for the conference today which was held behind closed doors.

Governor Craig made a 5 minutes talk opening the conference, in which he reiterated the position of the State in expecting complete relief from discriminations and his determination to exhaust the resources of his executive department in effort to obtain relief.

Chairman Travis of the Corporation Commission reviewed recent efforts at agreement and the demands made in the interest of Carolina shippers, making it clear that nothing less than 25 per cent reduction of present rates, these reductions to apply to the most generally-handled classes of freight, could be seriously considered by the State authorities.

There was a response to these statements by General Counsel Thoms of the Southern Railway, in which he presented the matter from the viewpoint of the railroad companies, their great desire to maintain most friendly and cooperative relations with the North Carolina authorities and shippers and the necessity for maintaining a parity in freight rate zones that would yield a living revenue. He feared that to comply with the demands of the North Carolina shippers would disorganize the whole system of rate making and bring speedy disaster to the carriers.

There followed considerable informal discussion in which President Finley of the Southern and President Harahan of the Seaboard Air Line participated.

Then there was a recess for lunch and an afternoon session in which the conferees got right down to business thrashing out the differences, with the result that it developed that the railroad officials and the State officers were so close together that it was decided to have the freight traffic managers and the Corporation Commissioners confer next Tuesday at Old Point Comfort and work out a complete schedule of rates in detail with various North Carolina cities as basing points and these will be submitted to a later conference for final agreement.

In the absence of any official statement as to the conference developments it can be positively stated that the railroad officials have come very close to the 25 per cent reduction demand of the Corporation Commission and it looks like this can be worked out in the schedule of rates to be developed in detail next week.

## Bank of McDonald Changes Cashiers.

Mr. L. B. Townsend has resigned as cashier of the Bank of McDonald, which position he had held since the bank began business some months ago, in order to accept the position of district manager, with headquarters in Lumberton, of a health and accident insurance company. Mr. R. H. McMillan of McDonald succeeds Mr. Townsend as cashier of the bank. Mr. McMillan assumed his new duties Tuesday. Mr. H. M. McAllister, cashier of the First National Bank of Lumberton, is president of the bank. Mr. Townsend and his wife, who was Miss May Moore, formerly lived in Lumberton and have many friends here who will learn with pleasure of their determination to move back to Lumberton. Just when they will move has not been learned.

## Boylan Jewelry Store Opens Branch at Fairmont.

Mr. H. C. Boylin has opened a branch of the Boylin Jewelry Store in Fairmont. The store was opened Tuesday with Mr. Henry Boylin, son of Mr. H. C. Boylin, in charge.

## IN THE MOUNTAINS.

**Dr. J. P. Brown Writes of An Automobile Trip to Western North Carolina.**

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

R. D. McPhaul and I left Main street in Fairmont accompanied by W. C. Brown and McPhaul's chauffeur R. M. Nelson, at 5 a. m. July 10th, were in Dillon at 6; Bennettsville, 7; Cheraw, 8; breakfast in Cheraw, Monroe 10:30; Charlotte, 1 p. m. Dinner gas and oil—7 p. m. Spartanburg, S. C., 210 miles, no trouble at all. Left Spartanburg at 6:30 a. m. in hard rain; Greenville 8:30, breakfast; Hendersonville 4:30 p. m. — 129 miles. First day was fine; last day 129 miles in rain up Saluda mountain, and up grade from Asheville was very dangerous, as car would skid any old way and kept us guessing all the time. The new road up Saluda mountain is all finished except about one-fourth mile. When that is finished automobiles will have no trouble except on rainy days.

I have met all my Waynesville friends, Prof. Sentelle with all the others.

We have motored all around here and took a flying trip to Asheville yesterday accompanied by Mr. H. H. Love, C. S. C., as W. C. Brown left us for home. We had the honor of Judge Cox's company. We have visited the assembly grounds and can't describe their grandeur. While in Asheville we visited Grove Park Inn, the million dollar hotel where Wm. J. Bryan made one of his grand speeches at the opening banquet. We will visit Montreat tomorrow and hope to report that trip with others later.

J. P. BROWN.  
Waynesville N. C., July 15, 1913.

## Banks and Cotton Mills Declare Dividends.

The regular quarterly meeting of the directors of the Bank of Lumberton was held yesterday afternoon in the directors' room of the bank. The usual semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent was declared. The directors were well pleased with the business of the bank as shown by a report read.

At a regular meeting of the directors of the First National Bank Tuesday the usual semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent was declared. Cashier H. M. McAllister says that the past six months have been the best in the history of the bank.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Lumberton Cotton Mill was held Tuesday in the mill office. The old board of directors was re-elected and at a subsequent meeting of the directors the old officers were re-elected—Mr. R. D. Caldwell, president, Mr. A. W. McLean, vice president and Mr. H. B. Jennings secretary-treasurer. The usual quarterly dividend of 5 per cent was declared.

The regular quarterly meeting of the directors of the Dresden and Jennings Mills was held yesterday and the usual quarterly dividends were declared, the Dresden 2 1/2 per cent and the Jennings 1 1/2 per cent.

## Rev. C. H. Durham Considering a Call to Winston-Salem.

Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lumberton has been extended a unanimous call to become pastor of Brown Memorial church of Winston-Salem and now has the call under consideration. Mr. Durham has been pastor of the church here for 13 years and is very popular with all denominations. The congregation of the First Baptist are bringing pressure to bear on Mr. Durham to induce him to remain in Lumberton.

Referring to this call, this week's issue of Charity and Children says:

The Brown Memorial church (congregation) are wise. They want Rev. C. H. Durham of Lumberton to become their pastor. We don't blame them but Lumberton loves her shepherd and when Lumberton rises in her might she can do things.

## Among the Sick

Mrs. J. Amanda Brown, an aged and much loved lady, is very sick at her home at Philadelphia, near Red Springs. Mrs. Brown is a daughter of the late Sheriff Reuben King and before her marriage lived in Lumberton.

Mrs. C. J. Thompson, of Raleigh, arrived last evening and is a guest at the home of Mrs. Lizzie G. Proctor. As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, her daughter Miss Theo. Thompson arrived last week and is a guest at Mrs. Proctor's. Mr. Samuel Thompson, son of Mrs. Thompson, arrived Tuesday and is also a guest at Mrs. Proctor's.

## TOWN AFFAIRS.

**Cow and Horse Stalls to be Controlled Under Existing Ordinance — Permit for Erection of Tent on Elm and Second Granted — Other Matters.**

Mayor White and the town commissioners were in session Monday night at the town hall.

W. D. Johnson was granted permission to erect a tent at the corner of Elm and Second streets for a fruit stand, etc., and it was ordered that no more tents be erected on Elm street.

W. A. McNeill requested the board to assist him and other citizens of East Lumberton in defraying the cost of a well to be located on Watauga street, near the road leading to the Dresden Cotton Mills. The board granted the privilege and obligated the town to pay the cost of the pipe.

A. R. Prevatt applied for a place on the police force but the board decided that no more policemen are needed at present.

It was ordered that the light and water department order a carload of terracotta pipe to be sold to citizens of the town at 8 cents per foot, payable in advance.

It had been decided at a meeting of the board Monday night of last week to take some definite action at this meeting in regard to cow and horse stalls, but the petition for action on this matter was withdrawn and the board decided that under the present ordinance the situation can be controlled by requiring regular inspection by the sanitary officer, so no special ordinance was passed.

## THE COUNTY'S BUSINESS.

**Tax Returns Received — Whiskey Still Ordered Destroyed—Commissioners Borrow \$4,000.**

The county commissioners held a special session Monday to receive the tax returns. The list takers who reported were ordered paid for their services as follows:

J. T. Singletary, Back Swamp township, \$25.44; W. A. Smith, Burnt Swamp, \$29.20; J. O. McArthur, Gaddy, \$24.38; J. L. Shaw, Lumber Bridge, \$33.38; A. McL. Morrison, Maxton, \$75.80; M. Shepherd, Orrum, \$26.85; Chas. Stewart, Pembroke, \$33.78; T. W. Thompson, Parkton, \$30.58; A. C. McGougan, Rennett, \$20.86; G. L. Robertson, Rowland, \$44; D. L. Stewart, Smith's, \$46.78.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis was ordered to cup up, in the presence of Commissioner C. B. Townsend, the whiskey still recently captured by the sheriff and placed in the county jail, a formal order of confiscation having been passed by the commissioners.

It was ordered that R. A. McLean, assistant recorder for the Lumberton district, be paid \$50, amount of costs collected by him.

It was ordered that the board borrow \$2,000 from each of the county depositories, Bank of Lumberton and Bank of Red Springs, until December 1st, 1913, with interest at 6 per cent after maturity, to pay the necessary expenses of the county.

## Sunday School Picnic at Barker's Saturday.

The indications are that a large crowd will attend the joint Sunday school picnic of the Ten Mile and Barker's schools to be given at Barker's Saturday. It will be an all day picnic. Either of these schools could have a large picnic and with both combined an unusually large crowd may be expected. There will be some excellent speeches, Messrs. L. R. Varner and H. E. Stacy of Lumberton being the principal speakers. There will be a public dinner and all who will be invited to bring a basket.

On Saturday night at Barker's after the picnic, the Baraca class of Ten Mile school will give an entertainment for the benefit of the Meredith College endowment fund. This entertainment will be given in the school house and a small admission will be charged.

## Mayor White and the Bloomer Girls.

Charity and Children.

The action of Mayor White in preventing the baseball game by bloomer girls at Lumberton by executive order and without the aid or consent of any court or council, is deserving of all praise. A mayor without backbone is like a fiddle without a bow.

—W. B. Graves was jailed Tuesday on a charge of perjury. He was one of the witnesses in the Barfield Prevatt case, closed last week, and it is alleged that he swore to some things that are not true. He will be given a hearing Monday before Assistant Recorder R. A. McLean.

## BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Cotton today, 12 cents.

—Rev. Father Geo. A. Watson of Wilmington will celebrate mass at the opera house Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock.

—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. G. French, who had been at Virginia Beach for a week or so, are now at Buffalo Lithia Springs, Va.

—Children's day exercises which were good and very much enjoyed were held Sunday at Pine Grove and Buge Methodist churches, Lumberton circuit, Rev. N. L. Seabolt, pastor.

—The Sunbeam Society of the East Lumberton Baptist church will give an ice cream supper Saturday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, at the church in East Lumberton. The proceeds will be used in defraying the expenses of the society. Everyone is cordially invited.

—In publishing in Monday's paper the acceptance by Messrs. F. M. Barnes and S. R. McKay of the terms of debate proposed by Messrs. Norman and Bridgers the names of the two last mentioned were given as Norman and Barnes, which was of course a mistake.

—“At the Risk of Her Life,” thrilling, spectacular and dangerous death-defying deeds in 3 reels will be presented at the Pastime theatre this evening. This great feature film should be seen by all patrons of the show. It will only be shown one night. Regular prices of admission will be charged.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Brown attended the annual meeting of the State Bankers Association at the Battery Park hotel at Asheville last week. Mr. Brown, who is cashier of the Bank of Lumberton, is a member of the executive committee of the Association for this, the sixth, district, there being only one member from each district.

—Tomorrow night and Friday night of next week the Pastime theatre will give all receipts above expenses to the organ fund of Chestnut Street Methodist church, which church recently placed an order for a pipe organ. The pictures tomorrow evening will “The Thrifty Parson,” comedy, Essany, and “The Pity of It,” Selig, a dramatic story presenting a strong moral.

—A report has been circulated to the effect that mail was taken out of the box on the corner of Elm and Third streets yesterday afternoon for the first time in about a month and that it contained letters that had been dropped into the box weeks ago. Assistant Postmaster Edmund says there is nothing to it, that mail has been taken out of this box regularly every day except the day on which Postmaster French was sworn in, when it was missed.

—In mentioning in Monday's Robesonian the return of ex-Sheriff E. C. McNeill of Rowland from Texas, it was stated on the authority of Sheriff McNeill that the first bale of new crop cotton was marketed in Houston Wednesday of last week. Elsewhere in today's paper is printed a dispatch from New York telling of the sale of this bale in New York. Sheriff McNeill has sent The Robesonian a clipping from The Houston Chronicle of the 10th inst. in which a picture of this first bale is shown. It was grown by E. R. Sorrenson of Cameron county.

—Dr. Thurman D. Kitchin, formerly of Lumberton, but now of Scotland Neck, spent Monday night and Tuesday in Lumberton. He came to see Mr. J. A. Rowland, who for the past month or so has been very sick the greater part of the time. While he practiced his profession in Lumberton Dr. Kitchin was Mr. Rowland's physician. While here Dr. Kitchin was a guest at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McAllister and Mr. and Mrs. James D. Proctor. Dr. Kitchin with his family moved from Lumberton to Scotland Neck about three years ago.

—As mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, Prof. Claude Robeson, teacher of piano and organ at Greensboro College for Women, Greensboro, is to give an organ recital at the Presbyterian church. Rev. J. Frank Gorrell, pastor of the church, has received a letter from Prof. Robeson to the effect that he can give this recital next Thursday evening. Prof. Robeson is unusually talented in music and it is expected that Lumberton's music lovers will be given a great treat on this occasion. It is expected that the program will be prepared for the next issue of The Robesonian.