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## "BONE-DRY" MEASURE PASSED

Importation of Liquor into Dry Territory Prohibited by Measure Passed by the Congress—Eight Southern States Affected—They Will Become "Bone Dry" When President Approves the Measure—Washington Dispatch, Feb. 21.

Absolute prohibition legislation took its longest forward stride in the nation's history today when the House, after two hours of uproarious debate, approved by a 4 to 1 majority a Senate measure which would raise an iron-clad barrier against importation of liquor into prohibition States. It is expected to receive the approval of President Wilson within a week, adding immediately to the "bone dry" territory about one-third of continental United States.

The provision is regarded as the most far-reaching that could be enacted by the Federal government, and as sweeping as would be possible under any method short of a national prohibition amendment. It would cut off entirely liquor importations, amounting now to millions of dollars annually, into the large number of States which have forbidden manufacture or sale, but have permitted importation for personal use.

Congress by this act makes absolute the State-wide prohibition legislation of Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. Thus these join the "bone dry" States of Arkansas and Tennessee, which already had enacted statutes forbidding the importation of liquor. Into only 3 States of the South—Florida, Louisiana and Texas—may liquor in any quantity be imported legally for personal use after June 30 next. These 3 States alone in the South have retained local option.

## TO PROTECT AMERICAN RIGHTS

President Will Ask Congress Merely for Authority to Protect American Rights—Call for Extra Session of Congress to be Avoided—Break With Austria-Hungary Expected—Washington Dispatch, Feb. 21.

The generally accepted idea that President Wilson will address Congress again on the German crisis before the end of the next week virtually was confirmed today in official quarters. There was no announcement and it was said that the President still was considering his next step, but officials pointed out the necessity of Congress making provision for any emergency which might arise after adjournment and explained that the President would go to the capitol not to ask for a declaration of war, but merely for authority to protect American rights.

One of the President's reasons for desiring action by Congress now instead of risking the necessity for a special session was said to be a belief that a call for an extra session in an emergency might result in dangerous excitement.

Various problems resulting from the break in diplomatic relations with Germany are being cleared up, but it was emphasized at the State Department today that the one big issue facing the American government is the continuance of Germany's submarine campaign.

It was revealed that on Monday a vigorous demand for the release of the American prisoners on the prize ship *Yarrowdale* was forwarded to Berlin, and it is fully expected that the demand will be complied with.

On the face of reports on the attitude of Germany and Austria-Hungary, most officials think the time rapidly is approaching when diplomatic relations with the latter country will be broken and steps taken to protect American merchantmen desiring to pass through the dangerous area.

## TOWN BONDS SOLD

Bonds in Sum of \$51,000 Sold by Lumberton Yesterday at Premium of .3315

Bonds in the sum of \$51,000 were sold by Lumberton yesterday for the purpose of paying for changes in light and water plants and sewerage and water extension already made in town. The bonds were sold to Cummings Prudden Co. of Toledo, Ohio. Their bid was a premium of 31.5 for 5 per cent bonds. This company is to furnish bond blanks. Seventeen different bids were received on the bonds.

Twenty thousand dollars of the above bonds had been advertised for sale once before, but the sale was not made on account of some point of law, which was changed by the present Legislature, making the sale of the bonds possible.

## Mule Fell Dead in Road

Col. Zach R. Prevatt of the Center section was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. Mr. Prevatt told a Robesonian reporter about seeing a fine young mule fall dead in the road while on his way to town. The mule belonged to Mrs. Neill Stubbs, who lives near Center. Mrs. Stubbs and her son had started the mule falling dead suddenly. The mule had not been showing any signs of sickness, Mr. Prevatt said. Mrs. Stubbs' husband died suddenly a few months ago.

A meeting of the Robeson Rural Letter Carriers' association was held in the court house here today. Quite a number of the carriers of the county attended the meeting. A report of the meeting has been promised for Monday's paper.

## WORK OF THE LEGISLATURE

State-Wide Good Roads Bond Bill Becomes Law—Crop Lien Bill Passed by Senate—Bill to Limit Terms of Elective Officers Killed—Mortgage Exemption Bill Passed by House—Name of A. and M. College—Gasoline and Auto-License Tax Bills

The House of the Legislature last night passed the bill from the Senate directing the Corporation Commission to install a modern system of accounting for the State departments. The bill originally included a system for counties, also, but that was eliminated.

The House voted to change the name of the A. and M. college to the North Carolina State college of agriculture and engineering.

The Senate passed the Allen bill for indeterminate sentences also the House bill providing for absolute divorce by either party after 10 years separation.

The bill by Grant of New Hanover to establish a standard for gasoline, provide for its inspection and for better safeguarding gasoline vending machines, passed the House yesterday. It is expected to materially raise the standard of gasoline in this State, adding two or more miles per gallon. It would prohibit the use of the usual vending machine unless the appliance for adjusting the gauge is duly tested and sealed after being set to accurate measure so that it cannot be tampered with.

## Mortgage Exemption Bill Passed

The House yesterday passed the Beasley bill for exempting notes and mortgages to the amount of \$3,000 when given for the purchase of a farm home. It is Gov. Bickett's special bill to aid tenants to land ownership.

## State-Wide Good Roads Bonds Bill Becomes Law

The Senate passed on final reading Tuesday and enrolled for ratification the Clark bill providing for semi-annual issues of \$400,000 of 4-percent bonds by the State to cover 5-percent county bonds for road improvement by any counties that may elect to avail themselves of co-operation by the State, the county bonds and interest to liquidate the State bonds within 41 years.

A provision of the city government bill that promises to bring on a fight is one that would allow a town to order an election to extend its limits by the people of the town voting with the people of the section the town desires to take in. Opponents of the section charge that it would enable any town to take in territory without regard to the wishes of the people in that territory.

The House committee on liquor traffic has reported favorably the bill for an ouster law to aid in the enforcement of prohibition laws in amendment being that five instead of one reputable citizen must file charges against a delinquent officer in the court process of ouster for failure to discharge official duty in law enforcement.

The committee will take final action on the bill to create the office of commissioner prohibition tonight. This involves a special stamp tax of 10 cents on every quart of liquor delivered in the State to maintain the commissioner and deputies of prohibition enforcement.

The agricultural committee has reported favorably the "open formula" bill for fertilizers and for cotton seed products that prescribes penalties for delinquencies in the minimum ingredients.

## Senate Passes Crop Lien Bill

The Senate received a special message from Governor Bickett Tuesday urging the immediate passage of the bill to modify the crop lien law by limiting profits of time merchants to 10 per cent over the cash price and allowing a charge of 10 per cent commission in lieu of 6 per cent interest where money is supplied. The bill was passed by the Senate without amendment.

Senator Gough spoke in opposition to the bill, insisting that his people are satisfied with the working of the crop lien law. He believed the bill would make the condition of the tenant farmer much harder, besides putting out of business the small time merchant.

In the committee hearing on the bill Monday Senator Gough and former Congressman G. B. Patterson of Maxton led the opposition.

The Senate passed Tuesday the House bill providing for 20 additional trustees of the university.

In the Senate Tuesday a communication from Gov. Bickett was read accompanying a report and recommendation from Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman, as to the operation of the Federal child labor inspection law in this State, and urging the passage of a bill Mr. Shipman has prepared and had approved by the Washington authorities so that the State and not the

## BUIE AND PHILADELPHUS NEWS

Roads Are in Awful Condition—Telephone Service—Personal Mention Correspondence of The Robesonian. Buie, Feb. 21—Messrs. J. A. Stanton and C. C. Baxley were business visitors at Red Springs yesterday.

The general talk of the community these days is about bad roads. Roads through here are in a terrible bad condition. The road from Buie to Red Springs is in a real bad condition.

Mr. John L. McNeill was a Lumberton visitor today.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adams have returned from their bridal trip to Florida.

Messrs. J. G. McKay and W. M. Pate of Red Springs were Buie visitors today.

Roads in Red Springs township seem to be in much better condition than they are in Burt Swamp. The small grain crop through here is badly damaged, if not the larger part of it killed.

Mr. H. B. Ashley, Jr., is a business visitor in town this afternoon.

We notice frequently mention in The Robesonian of the telephone service in Lumberton, being of the kind you have to ring. It seems to us that if Red Springs, a much smaller town, which has a system different from the above that you don't have to ring, Lumberton sure deserves the same kind. And right here we want to commend the excellent service given to its patrons by the employees of the telephone company at Red Springs. It is unexcelled anywhere.

The excellent service is given by Messrs. Douglas Covington, Lester B. Malloy and Miss Annie Belle Gibson.

Mr. R. J. Brown and Profs. C. L. Cates and O. C. Dukes were Red Springs visitors yesterday.

Messrs. J. A. Stanton and J. S. Brown are Lumberton visitors today.

## Story of Three Trees

Mr. R. P. Stone of Mt. Eliam was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. Mr. Stone told a tree story to a Robesonian reporter. He said that while sampling through the woods one day recently he found a maple tree. Nothing strange about that, but the curiosity was that one of the branches of that tree had grown down to the ground and had taken root and that same branch had put out limbs and made a tree. This is not all the story either, for a sprout from the root of tree No. 2 had grown up and made tree No. 3. All three of the trees are growing in a row. Now if you don't believe this story Mr. Stone says he will take any doubting Thomas to the tree and let him take a look.

## Less Than One Ship in A Hundred Sunk

Washington dispatch, Feb. 20. The British embassy issued a statement tonight announcing that Germany's "widely advertised campaign of ruthless murder on the high seas" resulted in the loss of less than one ship in every hundred plying in or out of British ports between February 1 and 14.

Federal authorities will do the inspection work.

Mr. Oliver offered a bill Tuesday to amend the Robeson law as to maintenance of roads and bridges.

The bill to limit the terms of State officers to two terms and county officers to three terms, in line with the recommendation of Governor Bickett for "rotation in office", was disposed of in short order Monday, a motion by Long of Halifax, to table being carried without discussion, and then motions to reconsider and then to table that motion being put through to apply the "clinch" so that it cannot be resurrected at this session.

Among bills passing final reading in the House Monday were: require publication of statements by drainage commissioners; authorize commissioners of Green, Jones, Onslow, Carteret, Perquimans, Johnston, Beaufort, Washington, Brunswick, New Hanover, Richmond, Moore and Scotland counties to pay expenses of Confederate veterans to reunions.

It seems that the example of Robeson county in having a bill passed to allow the county commissioners to pay expenses of Confederate veterans to the reunion at Washington has spread all over the State.

A bill has been offered in the Senate to prevent the use of narrow-tired wagons on North Carolina highways.

In the House Monday the bill to prohibit Sunday golf was tabled. A number of leading members, including Grier of Iredell, were supporting the bill, and it looked like Sunday golf was doomed, so far as the House was concerned, but Representative Pave got in an amendment to exempt Moore county for the sake of the Pinehurst tourists and that dissuaded Mr. Grier and others with the legislation, when the very place where there was more Sunday playing than any other was exempted. So Grier moved to table and the measure was buried with an overwhelming vote.

Bills passed by the House include: Tax on Cleveland county dogs; regulate compensation of counsel assigned to defend persons charged with capital offenses; dog tax for Gaston; prevent forest fires; provide for county convicts having tuberculosis to be sent to the State prison or State farm.

The House spent two hours debating the Ray bill for a Statewide dog tax and passed a substitute providing that any county can vote on the question of taxing dogs on petition of one-fifth of the qualified voters, the tax to be \$1.

## WITH AUNT BECKY

Some Incidents of War Times—When Yankee Soldiers Visited the Old Home—Oats and Other Things Destroyed by the Cold—Health Much Improved

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Old Fork (Maxton, R. 1), Feb. 16.—Being under promise to some of your little readers to write some incidents of "war times", I must not disappoint them, thereby betraying their confidence in "Aunt Becky". I love all of my little nieces and nephews and it will afford me genuine enjoyment to contribute to their pleasure. The only difficulty in acceding to their request arises from my uncertainty as to what they might like best, but I will start out by telling them some of the things the Yankees did at our home and other places near by.

There was no one at home on that day, except father, mother and my little sister. Our only brother, aged 17, was in the war; my eldest sister and I had gone away off in the piney woods with an uncle and cousin, carrying with us all of our mules and horses, except two pretty colts, a bay and a sorrel. Lou, the bay colt, was a beauty about two years old, and my father had given her to me, because she had distemper when a tiny little thing and I made gruel and fed her every day till she got well. Nellie, the little sorrel, was pretty, too. Her mother was blind and was left in the stable as father thought the Yankees would not want a blind horse, but she was big and fat, and one of them put his old lame mule in the stable and took old Nellie out, placed his saddle and bridle on her, mounted, and went galloping off across the deep Bull branch. He made her go plunging into the water, and she fell down and threw him over her head, giving him a very cold bath. The little negro boys were watching, and when they told me about it afterward I just laughed and was glad of it. They were seated at the breakfast table, father, mother and sister, that morning, when they heard the iron latch on the gate click, and into the yard the Yankees flocked, riding up to the very steps of the piazza, and one who was drunk tried to ride into the house. My mother asked him not to do that, and he said, "Why, madam, when I am at home I take this horse into my parlor." I doubt if he had any parlor, or home, either; he may have been some old foreigner, who was hired to come over here and help to whip us, because the Yankees could not do it by themselves.

One of them went flying to the back of the house to see if anybody was running off to escape them, but my old father was no coward. He had been in the war, too, and was not afraid of them. Then they got among the poultry, after the chickens and guineas, and hunting eggs, which they had our black mammy to cook for their breakfast. The guineas flew all up in the trees. They could not catch them, but shot them down and carried them away, strung across the saddles. One of them wanted to take off my pretty colt, but the negro boys told them she had never been ridden and would throw them, so he decided to leave her. They told him a big yarn. She was perfectly gentle and they had been riding her themselves.

They took meat from the smokehouse and a lot of clothing and bed clothing from the house. They went to black mammy's house and scooped up the loft, where they found a trunk of clothing belonging to my aunt; took her silk dresses, made saddle blankets out of some of them and tore the rest into strips and tied them to their horses manes and tails.

They asked father where his gun was. He refused to tell them, but one of the negro boys said he knew where it was, as he had helped "Mars Duncan" to hide it and they went with him and got it from the barn loft where it was hidden underneath some fodder.

About 10 o'clock they rode away across Bull branch to the home of a kind neighbor, Mr. John A. Sanders, who had bought a farm near our home and had brought his negroes and horses up here from near Wilmington to keep the Yankees from getting them. But the negroes all had run off and gone back to Wilmington, and he was all alone. He was a spunky, highstrung old Southern gentleman, and fussed at the Yankees and they treated him very badly; smashed his fine, handsome furniture, took all of his provisions and threw his beautiful gilt edged and golden clasp family Bible out into a mud hole, and stamped it to pieces with their boots. Then they pulled off his shoes and took them away and made him trot in front of their bayonets about a mile to the home of another neighbor, Maj. J. H. McQueen. At one place they found a barrel of home-made soap in the smoke house and emptied it into the only well there was, from which the family got water to drink and to give to the horses and cows.

Now this was all very mean and bad, and the Southern people could not forgive them right away; but that has been a long time ago, and we must not harbor malice against them any more, because God tells us in His Holy Bible that we must forgive our enemies, or He can not forgive us when we do wrong.

They were not all so ruthless and wicked as these of whom I write. There were many good, and gentle, many men among them, no doubt; but they happened not to get into our neighborhood.

Well, I have told you a good deal about war times, and will write you

## TOLARVILLE TOPICS

Bad Weather Delays Farm Work—No Measles—Roads in Bad Condition—School Progressing—Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Tolarville, Feb. 20.—Bad weather continues in this section. There is not much farming going on now on account of the rainy weather, but some are hauling fertilizer.

We are glad to know there hasn't been any measles in our community yet.

The roads in our community are in bad condition now.

Sorry to report Mr. William Parnell unimproved.

Mrs. J. F. Lewis of Parkton is visiting her step-mother, Mrs. Annie Honeycutt, this week.

Our school is progressing nicely under the efficient management of Miss Ruby Williams. We are expecting about one more month of school here.

Many of the folks from here attended the box supper at Centerville last Friday night and enjoyed it very much.

Miss Frances Carter, who is teaching school near here, spent the 10th and 11th with home folks at Maxton.

Mr. Harry Fisher of Tar Heel visited relatives here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. T. W. Maxwell and Mr. E. W. Britt went to Lumberton Friday.

Mrs. L. E. Ellis visited relatives and friends at Proctorville last week.

Mr. Bob Wright and children of Tobermory attended preaching here second Sunday.

Rev. R. E. Clark was with us for the first time last second Sunday. We all enjoyed Mr. Clark's sermons fine. He leaves a good name here.

What has become of Glennwood?

## BROAD RIDGE BREEZES

Box Supper is the 24th Instead of the 23rd—Plowed up Public Road—Personal Mention

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Broad Ridge (Lumberton, R. 4), Feb. 22.—Farmers were getting busy again but such rains Monday and Tuesday.

The box supper at Broad Ridge is the 24th instead of the 23rd, like we put it before. The date was changed on account of the debate at Long Branch. Now, don't some of you boys come Friday night looking for your girl to have a box and get disappointed, but wait and get up a lot of money, and come Saturday night and run that box high. There is something else to do besides sell boxes. There are several songs, recitations and a lot of fun to be had. Come, every one of you.

Sorry to report Mrs. Charlie Lamb very sick; also Miss Polly Bullard. Archie Walters has plowed up the public road leading to the Broad Ridge church and trying to make people travel in the edge of the ditch where there's no room. We wish somebody would look after such farmers as that and have the road fixed.

We have a man up here they call "long-legs" but sometimes a mistake is made and he is called "peg-leg."

The order of the rainy days is eating, and of the fair days hauling lightwood.

Mr. June Ivey of the Proctorville section was a Broad Ridge visitor Saturday evening.

Mr. Joseph Britt of Lumberton is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Britt.

If the man that lost his quart had kept his dollar in his pocket he wouldn't have lost it.

another chapter some time, if you enjoy this.

Not much news in the Fork, and farm work is progressing slowly on account of the rains and colds. Some activity in the hauling of fertilizers is getting perceptible.

I hear most of our neighbors lamenting the complete destruction of the oat crop, which is a severe loss, in view of the shortage of the corn crop. Some of our farmers contemplate seeding down again, while others have little confidence in the success of spring sowing. We also lost our collards, turnips and flowers, and the problem now is, "What to have for dinner?" But when we think of the pitiful little starving ones across the seas, to utter one word of complaint would be impudent; and we know that we are not going to suffer for at least the necessities of life.

I sincerely thank the many kind correspondents for their solicitude in regard to my health, which is much improved. My greatest trial now is the enforced confinement to the house; but today is beautiful and I hope the time will soon come when I can escape from my long imprisonment and enjoy the pleasures and healthfulness of the outer world. I have passed the days in reading, writing and knitting old-fashioned lace on two knitting needles, such as I used in war times to knit socks for our gallant soldier boys.

"AUNT BECKY."

HOME ECONOMICS IS THE VITAL QUESTION WITH EVERY FAMILY. RICH OR POOR

The advantages of Thrift Day Sale is the opportunity to save.

In this issue R. D. Caldwell & Son have a large advertisement telling about their Three Day Thrift Sale. Read it on the last page.

## BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

Sheriff R. E. Lewis will be at St. Paul Saturday for the purpose of collecting 1916 taxes not yet paid.

Superior court for the trial of civil cases will convene Monday for a two-weeks' term with Judge Geo. W. Connor of Wilson presiding.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Felts, Jr., left Tuesday night for Charlotte in response to a message stating that Mr. Felts' brother-in-law, Mr. M. C. Long, who lives in Charlotte, was very ill.

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody good," is an old saying that's about true. Even the high cost of shoes is a blessing at least to the shoe repair men. Local shoe repairers say that their business has doubled since the price of shoes has soared so high.

License was issued yesterday for the marriage of Willie Wallace and Bettie Price; Wat Wilson and Lonie Ivey; Geo. W. Oliver and Ruth Britt. Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd sold 6 marriage licenses yesterday, three of them for colored couples. The matrimonial business is picking up.

Mr. A. D. Evans of St. Paul, R. 1, was a Lumberton visitor this morning. In paying his subscription Mr. Evans remarked heartily that he could not get along without The Robesonian. That's the way a host of Robeson county toverymen think of the Robesonian.

A bread man, the likeness of George Washington and a bread hatchet lying by him, in the window of the DuBois bakery, is attracting much attention. A card placed near the man, made of dough and baked, reads: "My name is not George Washington, but John Dough. I was born in Minnesota and 'raised' in the DuBois bakery."

Mr. Fred Brown of Antioch, Hoke county, after Monday of next week, will be a citizen of Lumberton. Mr. Brown has been a visitor in Lumberton for the past few days, a guest at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Barnes.

Mr. Brown next week will enter upon work here which will be mentioned later.

Mr. C. T. Weatherly of Greensboro, a member of the fertilizer committee of the North Carolina division of the Farmers' union, is in Lumberton today. A number of union members met him here. Mr. Weatherly says the farmers are buying more fertilizer through the union channel this year than usual and that the union as a whole in the State is growing stronger.

Mr. W. C. Strother, representing Burton Bros. Auction Co., of Wilson, spent Tuesday and yesterday in town on business. Mr. Strother closed a deal while here to sell some Robeson county real estate at auction at an early date. Mr. Strother was here a few weeks ago and advertised the sale of the Rozier property which was sold by the Atlantic Coast Realty Co., which company he was representing at that time.

Mr. T. S. Golden, who has represented the Metropolitan Life Insurance company here for the last two and a half years, has been promoted to superintendent of the Pulaski, Va., district and will leave for his new field about March 1st. Mr. Golden has made many friends since coming to Lumberton, who will be pleased to learn of his promotion, but will be sorry that he is going to leave Lumberton.

The town commissioners met yesterday and ordered that a lot belonging to Mr. W. H. Kinlaw in the eastern part of town be condemned as it is necessary to run a line of sewerage through it. The line is to be 12 inches in diameter and must be put at such a depth as not to interfere with the cultivation of the soil. The line must run approximately north and south, or as near so as will be to the advantage of the town.

## TOWN WATER PURE

Analysis of Water Delivered Through Pipes From Filter Plant Shows That it is Purer Than Average Well Water

The following analysis was given a sample of the filtered water now used by the town by Dr. C. A. Shore, of the State laboratory of hygiene: Sediment, none; color—platinum-cobalt standard, none; turbidity—silica standard, none; odor, cold, none; alkalinity (in terms of calcium carbonate) 2.5; chlorine 4; colon bacilli in 1 c.c. 0; total number of bacteria at 20 C. per c.c. 2; total number of bacteria at 38 C. per c.c. 2; total number of acid producing bacteria 0.

The water from which this analysis was made was not taken from the plant but from the line after it had gone through the water pipes.

Dr. B. W. Page, county health officer, says this water as analyzed would be excellent for drinking water. He says it has a better analysis than the average well water about town. Water from about 100 wells in town has been analyzed.

## Still Holding 3 Crops of Cotton

Mr. Giles Davis, who lives on R. 6 from Lumberton, was in town Tuesday. Mr. Davis says he is still holding the cotton he made in 1914, 1915 and 1916. In order to be able to hold his cotton Mr. Davis raises plenty of foodstuff for home use on the farm and some to sell.

Mr. I. P. Graham, cashier of the Bank of Proctorville, is among the business visitors in town today.