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Tax Hearing Continued to Dec. 28

County Commissioners and Education and Road Boards Made Parties Defendant With Sheriff Lewis—Term of Superior Court Closed Tuesday—Disposition of Cases.

Superior court for the trial of civil cases closed Tuesday morning. The jury was dismissed Monday afternoon. The hearing in re the injunction proceedings restraining Sheriff R. E. Lewis from collecting taxes in Rowland and Alfordville township was not argued Tuesday. Judge J. Lloyd Horton, presiding, accepted a motion by Mr. T. L. Johnson, attorney for Sheriff Lewis, that the board of county commissioners, the county board of education and the county road board all be made parties defendant. The case will be argued before Judge Horton here Tuesday, December 28. It was first decided to argue the case at Wilson, but before leaving for his home at Farmville, Judge Horton agreed to return to Lumberton for hearing.

The following jury trials were disposed of Monday:

H. M. McAllister vs. Archie Rogers, et al; judgment for the plaintiff.

H. M. McAllister vs. Dewey Carter et al; judgment for the plaintiff.

H. M. McAllister vs. John Davis et al; judgment for the plaintiff.

H. M. McAllister vs. Chas. Deese et al; judgment for the plaintiff.

H. M. McAllister vs. Jonah Sanderson, et al; judgment for the plaintiff.

R. C. Collins vs. American Ry. Express; judgment for the plaintiff.

CHARGED WITH STEALING AUTO

Atlanta Man Drove a Buick From Cerro Gordo to Lumberton Just "Trying it Out" He Said.

A man giving his name as Lawrence Delude and his home as Atlanta, Ga., was arrested here Tuesday morning by Chief of Police D. M. Barker on the charge of the larceny of a Buick auto at Cerro Gordo, Columbus county. Delude was in the car when arrested. An officer from Columbus county came for Delude and carried him and the car back to Cerro Gordo Tuesday afternoon.

Officers here were advised to watch for Delude, the car having been stolen Monday afternoon. Delude said he was "trying the car out." It is thought he was headed for Detroit, Mich., according to the officers. He had been at Cerro Gordo only a few days before leaving with the car.

WOMEN WILL ORGANIZE GOOD CITIZENSHIP CLUBS

A Meeting Will Be Held at Philadelphia December 21—Ladies of That Community Will Serve Dinner.

Miss Katie Buie, chairman of the Woman's Democratic executive committee of Robeson, has called a meeting to be held at Philadelphia Tuesday, December 21. All ladies in the county are invited to attend the meeting. The ladies of the Philadelphia community will serve dinner. All who expect to attend are asked to advise Miss Buie. Her address is Red Springs, R. 2. Good citizenship clubs will be formed at this meeting.

FIRST SERVICES SUNDAY

New Methodist Church at St. Pauls Will be Opened for First Service December 19.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Pauls, Dec. 14.—The new Methodist church in St. Pauls will be opened for the first service Sunday Dec. 19th, at 11 a. m. Rev. H. M. North will preach the opening sermon. All friends of a most worthy enterprise are invited to be present.

G. W. STARLING, Pastor.

Dwelling Burned on North Pine.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed an 8-room dwelling belonging to Mary Love, colored, on North Pine street, about 3 o'clock yesterday morning. The building was filled with furniture and all this was burned. The loss is estimated at \$5,000, with \$2,000 insurance.

Milton Webb, colored, slept in the house, but was not there the night the building was burned, it is said. A chicken coop and 9 chickens belonging to Mary were also burned. The fire company was called out and kept the flames from spreading to other buildings near by.

Local Schools Close for Holidays Tomorrow—Gifts for Starving Children.

Lumberton's graded and high schools will close tomorrow for the Christmas holidays. The spring term will begin January 4th.

Supt. W. H. Cale says that instead of the customary presents to teachers and exchange of gifts among pupils, all are urged to donate whatever money they would use for that purpose to a fund for saving the lives of starving children of Europe.

Not a Single Colored Passenger.

There was not a single colored passenger on the Seaboard train which arrived here from Wilmington last evening at 6:25. This was the first time such a thing has happened in many years, according to the conductor.

Mr. A. J. Floyd of Fairmont was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.

Austria Elected Member of League

Assembly Elects First Former Enemy State Without Opposition—China Becomes Member of Council.

The assembly of the League of Nations elected yesterday the first former enemy state member of the league without opposition, states a Geneva dispatch.

The vote on the admission of Austria came after an unexpected passage at arms between Motta, Switzerland, and Viviani, France. Motta, speaking on the report of committee, recalled the rejection of Germany's application for admission by the peace conference saying that Switzerland had always regretted it and that there were now three places vacant in the league which ought to be filled by the United States, Russia and Germany.

Austria Voted In.

The voting for the admission of Austria developed 35 votes in favor of Austria's entrance. Two members were absent and four abstained from voting.

The four elective members of the league council chosen by the assembly yesterday were Spain, Brazil, Belgium and China. The final success of China, coming after several ballots, was greeted with enthusiastic applause.

The election of China had been discounted largely since the assembly previously had adopted the recommendation of the committee on organization that another elective member be allotted to Asia.

Weant Again In Toils

Contractor Who Sojourned Here Carried to High Point to Answer Charge of Non-Support of Wife—Had Two Women With Him Here—Same Man Charged With Padding Pay Roll.

J. H. Weant, building contractor, was arrested Monday night by Chief of Police D. M. Barker on a warrant from High Point, charging him with non-support. Weant was carried to High Point by Night Policeman Vance McGill and was placed in jail there. Weant has a wife, and several children at High Point, it is said, and his family had not heard from him for more than two years.

Weant came to Lumberton several months ago and when he came here he had two women with him. He claimed to have been married to one of the women. The three lived in the same room at Elm's Inn. The two women left Lumberton a few days before he was arrested three weeks ago on the charge of "padding" his payroll. Weant had the contract for erecting a new graded school building in the Ten Mile-Barkers district and it was charged that he "padded" the payroll to the amount of more than \$1,100. He was placed in jail and later released under a \$1,200 bond.

Residence of Mr. Kenzie Davis of Smyrna Section Burned.

The residence of Mr. Kenzie Davis, of the Smyrna section, was burned Sunday. Mr. Davis and family were away from home and the origin of the fire is unknown. Practically all the furniture and clothing of the family was destroyed. Mr. Davis' meat house was also destroyed.

Recorder's Court.

Duff Meares, colored, was fined \$10 and cost by Recorder David H. Fuller yesterday when found guilty of assault and battery upon Jerry McKellar, a colored boy.

Stephen Leggett, colored, was bound over to the Superior court under a \$200 bond, which was made, on the charge of obtaining goods under false pretense.

Fiddlers Convention and Christmas Tree at Buck Horn.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

There will be a fiddlers' convention, also Christmas tree, at Buck Horn School Tuesday night, December 21. Everybody is invited to come, especially all who play or dance. Prizes will be given for fiddling, banjo playing and dancing.

Faulk-Herring.

Miss Pauline Herring of the Marietta section and Mr. Clayton Faulk of the Fairmont section were married in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd at 3 of the clock yesterday afternoon. Justice M. G. McKenzie officiated and quite a number witnessed the marriage.

Pension Money Ready for Confederate Veterans and Widows.

State pensions for Confederate veterans and widows of veterans arrived yesterday and those entitled to same can get them by calling at the office of Mr. C. B. Skipper, clerk of the court, at the court house.

Box Supper at Saddle Tree Dec. 21.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

There will be a box supper at Saddle Tree school house Tuesday night, Dec. 21. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Guilford County Votes \$2,000,000 for Roads.

A road bond issue in the sum of \$2,000,000 was voted by Guilford county in an election held Tuesday.

Duties of Asst. Secretary Treas'y.

A. W. McLean in New Position Has Supervision and Direction of All Revenue Producing Agencies of the Government.

Mr. A. W. McLean, after spending three days here returned to Washington Monday to resume his public duties. Replying to the Robesonian reporter who asked Mr. McLean to give a brief outline of the work in his new position as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, he said:

"As Assistant Secretary of the Treasury I have the supervision and direction of all the revenue-producing agencies of the government, including the internal revenue and customs departments. All employees from the commissioner of internal revenue down are under the revenue department. This department has charge of collections of all income, excess profits, inheritance, liquor, tobacco and other internal taxes of the Federal government. It also includes all agencies of the government engaged in enforcing the prohibition legislation under the 18th amendment and Volstead act.

The customs division includes the collection of import duties at all of the ports of the United States. It includes all the employees of this division from the chief of the division down to the collectors of customs and customs inspectors at the various ports of entry."

He was asked if all the duties did not involve an immense amount of work. Mr. McLean answered that he had the work so systematized that it could be handled with very little strain and worry. Matters are presented to him for decision by the various heads of departments, who carry out his instructions by presenting letters and orders and also his signature to be sent to the various heads of the departments. These matters may amount to as many as one hundred to two hundred subjects in a single day.

It is understood that the total revenue collected during the fiscal year to the departments now under Mr. McLean's direction will amount to nearly 6 billion dollars. Mr. McLean further said that he would continue his work as managing director of the War Finance corporation and representative of the Secretary of the Treasury in connection with loans to and settlements with railroads under the transportation act. The report of War Finance corporation just filed with Congress shows total disbursements for the year just ended of over one billion five hundred million dollars.

Mr. McLean had intended to return to Robeson about the first of January, but the acceptance of the position of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury will require his remaining in Washington until March 4th at least.

Short Course in Agriculture for Farmers.

A 2-weeks' course in practical agricultural subjects will begin at the State college in Raleigh January 20 and last through February 3. The State College Record says that "all who have taken similar courses in the past unite in saying that they have been repaid many fold. A thoughtful man has his eyes opened to see so many ways of improving his methods, his soil, his animals, his crops, his orchard, his truck farm, and his poultry, that such a training as is given in the farmers' short course cannot fail to bring economic returns and greater pleasure in his work."

Deficit of \$17,270, 482 in Postal Service.

Operation of the United States postal service for the fiscal year 1920 resulted in a deficit of \$17,270, 482—the second largest in the history of the service—Postmaster General Burleson shows in his annual report to the President, in which expenditures of the postoffice department are placed at \$454,322,609 and revenues at \$437,052,127. The postmaster general charges Congress with direct responsibility for the deficit, explaining that the expenditures included approximately \$33,202,600 paid as a war bonus to postal employees and stating that but for this there would have been a surplus of \$18,427,917.

Dean Vardell's Song Well Received.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, Dec. 14.—Mr. Charles G. Vardell, vice president of the North Carolina Music Teachers' association and dean of the Conservatory of Music, Flora Macdonald College, has received word of the complete success attending the presentation of his song "Nocturns" at the Peabody Conservatory of Music, Baltimore, by Cecil Fanning, American baritone. The words, written by Robert Southwick were set to music by Mr. Vardell and the song will appear on the program of five California recitals to be given during the next months by Mr. Fanning.

Play at Orrum Night of December 17.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Orrum, Dec. 14.—A play, "The Dust of the Earth" will be given at Orrum Friday night, Dec. 17th. Proceeds go to the school.

Great Shrinkage In Values of Crops

Total Worth of This Year's Farm Crops Nearly 5 Billion Less Than Last Year Though the Crop Was Abundant.

Shrinkage of values of the country's farm crops has placed their total worth this year at almost \$5,000,000, 000 less than last year, although the 1920 harvest was one of the most abundant in the nation's history, with a half a dozen crops breaking records.

The important farm crops, which comprise about 90 per cent of the value of all farm crops, were valued this year at \$9,148,519,000 by the Department of Agriculture in its final estimates Dec. 14. Last year those crops were valued at \$14,087,995,000. Acreage devoted to the important crops also decreased, the total being 351,062, 449 this year as compared with 355, 162,122 last year.

"The extraordinary character of the harvests, which have proven to be among the most abundant in the country's history, notwithstanding beginning about as unpromising as ever known, is emphasized by the December revisions of estimates," the department said in a statement commenting on today's report.

"The final outcome of the 1920 wheat harvest, winter and spring combined, is estimated at 789,878,000 bushels, compared with 934,265,000 bushels in 1919, this being an increase over the earlier estimates for 1920 of 30,280,000 bushels.

Increases in almost every crop were reported in the revised production figures, as compared with the preliminary estimates announced in November. Corn, with a record crop, showed an increase of about 33,000,000 bushels; winter wheat an increase of almost 48,000,000 bushels; spring wheat a decrease of 9,000,000 bushels; oats an increase of almost 70,000,000 bushels; barley increase of almost 11, 000,000 bushels; potatoes increase of 9,000,000 bushels, and tobacco an increase of 32,000,000 pounds.

The yield of corn per acre set a record with an average production of 30.5 bushels. Only once before has the average yield per acre exceeded 30 bushels and that was in 1906 when 30.3 bushels was made.

Corn Crop Value.

While the corn crop is a record one, its value this year is \$1,662,000,000 less than last year's crop, which was smaller by 374,000,000 bushels. The price being paid to farmers for corn on December 1 was announced by the Department of Agriculture as 67.7 cents a bushel as compared with \$1,349 a year ago.

Among final estimates of crop production and value for this year were:

Corn, 3,232,367,000 bushels, and \$2, 189,721,000.

Winter wheat, 580,513,000, and \$866,741,000.

Spring wheat, 209,365,000, and \$273,465,000.

Tobacco, 1,508,064,000 pounds and \$298,001,000.

Cotton, 12,987,000 bales, \$914,590, 000.

Cotton seed, 5,778,000 tons, and \$150,237,000.

Biggest Cotton Crop Since 1914

Final Government Estimate is 12,987, 000 Bales.

The cotton crop which began the season in the worst condition in 50 years has turned out to be the biggest crop since 1914, with a production of 12,987,000 bales, according to final estimates announced Monday by the Department of Agriculture.

The lateness of winter, the department said, has helped to increase the size of the crop by permitting the plant, which was late in getting started, to mature.

The price of cotton paid to producers December 1, was announced as 14 cents a pound, the lowest for that date since 1915.

The final production estimate is 1, 500,000 bales more than forecast from the condition of the crop late in June.

Vast improvement was shown as the season progressed and the August condition brought a forecast of 12, 783,000 bales. That was reduced by the September condition to 12,125,000 bales.

In Texas and South Carolina the crop is very large, closely approaching the record. Oklahoma's crop is a record one, as is that of Kansas. Production in California and Arizona has about doubled the production of any previous year.

Nearly 200 warships, including one superdreadnaught and 96 destroyers, were completed for the American navy during the fiscal year ended last June 30 and more than 100 others, including eleven superdreadnaughts and six great battle cruisers, were building at that time. This is shown in the annual report of Rear Admiral David W. Taylor, chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair, to Secretary Daniels, made public Dec. 8 at the Navy Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Walters of the Barnesville section were among the shoppers in town yesterday.

Mr. Jno. A. McLean of R. 5, Lumberton, was in town yesterday.

Senate Directs Revival Of War Finance Board

Purpose is to Assist in Financing Exportation of Agricultural and Other Products.

The Senate Monday passed the agriculture committee resolution directing the revival of the War Finance corporation as a measure of affording relief to farmers.

The second section of the resolution, which as introduced would have directed the extension of liberal credits to farmers by the Federal Reserve system, was amended to make the desirability of such a course only an expression of opinion by Congress.

The amendment making the change in the section of the resolution relating to the Federal Reserve system, was proposed by Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, and was accepted by a vote of 47 to 16.

Another change made in the resolution on suggestion of Senator Smith, Democrat, Georgia, broadened the duties of the finance corporation to include the financing of exportation of products other than those produced on the farm.

The measure now goes to the House, where a number of similar farmer relief measures are pending.

The section of the resolution directing revival of the war finance corporation as adopted, reads:

"The Secretary of the Treasury and members of the War Finance corporation are hereby directed to revive the War Finance corporation, and that said corporation be at once rehabilitated with the view of assisting in the financing of the exportation of agricultural and other products to foreign markets."

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

The resolution as adopted refers to the extension of credits as follows:

"It is the opinion of Congress that such action as may be necessary to permit the member banks of the Federal Reserve system to grant liberal extension of credit to the farmers of the country upon the security of the agricultural products now held by them, permitting the rediscouping of such notes of extension at a fair and reasonable rate of interest."

GREAT NEEDS; SMALL ANSWER.

An "At Home" at Fairmont for Ladies Interested in Social Service and Missions.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, Dec. 14.—The ladies of Fairmont should appreciate and take advantage of the following:

"Mr. George H. Cole, at home, Friday afternoon, Dec. 17 in honor of Mrs. J. LeGrande Everett, Rockingham, N.C.; Mrs. Roderic B. John, dean Carolina College, Maxton, N. C."

All women of any denomination interested in social service, home or foreign missions, are invited to meet these "workers for Christ and the church" and hear first-hand from them the great need and the small answer we are giving.

A TERRIBLE WELTER OF RUIN.

More Than 300 Buildings Destroyed In Cork and Loss is Approximately \$15,000,000.

Among the victims of the terrorism in Cork, Ireland, Saturday night preceding the fire were two priests, who are reported to have been severely handled by armed uniformed men. The two priests said that they, with other passengers including women, were held up in a tramcar Saturday night by men wearing long coats over police uniforms. These men fired into the car, roughly ejected all the passengers, lined them up in a side street at the point of rifles, and searched them.

Eyewitnesses of the burning of Cork graphically relate how men masked with scarfs removed loot from the flame-enveloped shops.

More than 300 buildings are said to have been destroyed in the fires which Sunday laid waste a great portion of Cork.

The week-end of terror and wild destruction, states a press dispatch, through which Cork passed left in its train a terrible welter of ruin. The finest part of the city is a mass of ruins. In St. Patrick street, which was the main commercial artery of the city, solid blocks of business premises, the most imposing in Cork, have been wiped out.

The loss is estimated at 3,000,000 pounds sterling, or close to \$15,000, 000. The fires are thought to have been the result of incendiarism.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Dr. A. G. Floyd of Fair Bluff.

Dr. A. G. Floyd, well-known physician of Fair Bluff, died suddenly Tuesday afternoon. Deceased is survived by his wife and several children. He was a native Robesonian and a brother of Mr. A. J. Floyd of Fairmont. The funeral took place this afternoon and interment was made in the family cemetery at Fair Bluff.

Dr. Floyd was about 60 years old. He was attending some one who had been slightly injured in a runaway, excused himself, remarking that he was not feeling well, and when the patient, tired of waiting, sought him in his office he found Dr. Floyd unconscious.

COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 13 cents the pound; strict middling 14 cents.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

H. Jones, Indian, who lives on Sheriff R. E. Lewis' farm, killed a hog Tuesday that tipped the scales at 603 pounds, dressed.

—Mr. B. B. Britt went this morning to St. Pauls in response to a message advising him that his brother-in-law, Mr. R. N. Barnes, was critically ill.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Arthur W. Leggett and Smithie Floyd; Nathan Allen and Mrs. Carrie Hedgpath; Carl C. Edens and Myrtle Mae Ward.

—Miss Jonnie Gray Robinson, who had been employed as trimmer in the Style Shop during the last season, left yesterday for her home at Maiden. Miss Robinson expects to return next season.

—The basketball team of Carolina college, Maaxton, defeated the Lumberton high school team here yesterday afternoon, the score being 6 and 3. The game was well played and was witnessed by quite a crowd.

—It's hog killing time. People coming into town yesterday reported that the farmers were busy in many instances killing hogs. Life on farm is a dandy life about this season of the year—that is if one likes the "fresh."

—They're hauling wood. People living in town remember how difficult it was a year ago to buy wood at any price. It's not so now. The folks are bringing it in and the price is not so prohibitive as it was a year ago. There's a reason.

—There must be an over-production of house cats," said a farmer who was in town yesterday. The folks are leaving them at homes along road according to hte farmer, who had been the recipient of one or more cats of late. Bad news for the rats.

—Mr. A. J. Smith returned Tuesday night from Charlotte, where, on November 26, he underwent an operation at the Charlotte sanatorium. His health is very much improved and he was able to be at his post in the Lumberton furniture store yesterday.

—"My neighbors laughed and asked me if I was going to take that for my cotton when I sold my first pickings for 28 1-2 cents," said Mr. Marcus Allen of R. 5, Lumberton, who is in town today. Mr. Allen says he sold several bales picked out early for from 28 1-2 cents down to 26 cents. He would be pleased to sell the balance of his crop for 25 cents the pound, he says.

—A number of attractive Christmas windows can be seen in the stores about town and the displays of Christmas goods are attractive. One of the many attractive windows is one at the store of the Robeson Electric Co., Chestnut street. The window is so arranged as to have the appearance of a fireplace in the home with a stocking hanging on each side of the fireplace—waiting for old Santa's arrival.

HOUSE AGREES UPON REPEAL OF WAR LAWS

Unanimous Action Includes All Save War Finance and Enemy Trading.

Repeal of most of the war-time laws was voted unanimously Monday by the House of Congress, which adopted the Volstead resolution for that purpose. The House accepted an amendment providing for inclusion of the Lever food-control act among the laws which the resolution would repeal.

The resolution, which now goes to the Senate, exempts from repeal only the trading with the enemy act, the War Finance corporation act and its amendments and measures dealing with the issuance of liberty and Victory bonds.

The resolution declares "any act of Congress that by its terms is in force only during the existence of a state of war and a limited time thereafter shall be construed and administered as if the present war terminated on the date when this resolution becomes effective."

The measure, as adopted, is practically identical with that passed by Congress just before the adjournment of the last session and vetoed by President Wilson.

Republican leaders of the House asserted that adoption of the resolution was one of the first steps taken by the Republican majority to fulfill the campaign pledge to put the country on a peace-time basis.

\$100 Reward For Information Leading to recovery of Ford touring car stolen Sunday night 2 miles from Lumberton on Fayetteville road. Motor No. 4246126, practically new, 1920 model, left rear fender bruised, all new tires. J. A. Jones, Lumberton, R. 1.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER EYE SPECIALIST Office: National Bank of Lumberton Building.