

NEW DUTY ON SACRED WRIT.

Advance of 15 Cents Necessary say the American Manufacturers.

And now Bibles are going up! Not content with putting a tax upon practically every commodity the common people eat and wear, not yet with levying a special tax upon a fellow's coffin and even his tombstone, not satisfied with making more complicated the problem of existence from the cradle to the grave, here comes the genius of the American government along in pursuit of a man's soul and proposes to raise the tax on Bibles.

There is a little paragraph in the new tariff law which adds 15 per cent to the duty on the Holy Scriptures.

C. H. Robinson, head of the C. H. Robinson, Publishing House of this city, one of the largest dealers in Bibles in North Carolina, declares that the cost of Bibles has increased four times within the past five years and admits that the upward tendency is still exceedingly in evidence. Although he secured his last order for the present year at an advance over the price he paid a year ago, there is no denying that the sacred writings are costing more than ever and will continue to cost more. The C. H. Robinson firm sells about 40,000 Bibles a year from its supply house in this city, retailing to a large territory in the piedmont section of the Carolinas.

The news became public when a large number of religious periodicals appeared carrying advertisements inserted by Bible distributors to the effect that, "owing to an increase in the tariff, we are obliged to withdraw our prices on all Bibles and Testaments listed in our 1900 catalogue.

Bibles are to cost from 15 to 10 per cent more than ever before in the history of the country.

The joker which made these changes in the catalogues necessary, it develops, was discovered by the Bible importers only a few weeks ago. The joke—the laugh, if you like—of the new provision lies in the fact that the chief cost of virtually all the better class of Bibles imported into this country is in the binding of the books. The joker, in effect, puts a tax of 40 per cent on all of the good English editions of the holy writ.

The two big importers of English Bibles are Thomas Nelson & Sons and the Oxford Press. Both of these concerns have notified the distributing concerns that Bible prices must be up. Smaller concerns have followed their lead, and the advance in prices for Bibles is to be general throughout the country.

The following from a Chicago paper carries this additional information:

"A number of dealers in Bibles yesterday said that they had learned about the joker only a short time ago. They had been led to believe that the duty on Bibles was not to be changed. They did not discover their error until the importers notified them that they had run up against a new tariff wall. Then they found it necessary to notify their customers that the prices in their catalogues could not stand.

"Most of the concerns, however, will attempt to fill orders at the old rate until March 1, when new catalogues generally come out. Jinnings & Graham of the Western Methodist Book Concern have notified their customers to that effect, and others are doing the same.

"A number of Bible distributors said that the advance would be nearer 25 than 15 per cent, because the 'cost of living,' which has touched nearly everything else, has not refrained from levying its toll on religious publications.

"American manufacturers are putting up prices on the plea that wages have advanced and paper costs more. This cost will fall on the poor man's Bible, because only the cheaper grades of Bibles are made in this country. A preliminary advance of 10 per cent was ordered last October and another advance of about 10 per cent is going into effect now."

To Investigate Cause of High Living.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Whether the Senate and House will conduct rival investigations into the causes of the high cost of the necessities of life is a question that concerns the Republican political leaders more deeply than any other problem now before Congress. If both bodies conduct an examination they fear that different conclusions may be reached and that such differing reports, on the eve of the Congressional elections, would be likely to prove embarrassing to the Republican majority. Nevertheless the Republicans of the Senate apparently are determined to order such an inquiry and conduct it with the utmost dispatch, regardless of the views of the House leaders on the subject.

Living Cheapest in South.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The difference in the cost of living for the traveling employees of the Department of Agriculture in the different sections of the country, has been shown in testimony just submitted to the House committee on expenditures in the Department of Agriculture by Chief Disbursing Officer Appone of that department.

In the South the expense for lodging and meals as shown by their sworn expense statements averages between \$1 and \$2 50 a day, in the far West \$2 and \$3 50, in the central West \$3 50 to \$4 50, and in the East \$4 to \$6.

Matter of Flood Damage.

Paris, Feb. 6.—An exceedingly important question has been raised relative to the pecuniary responsibility of the public utility companies for individual flood damages. In the case of the Orleans and Western Railroads and the Metropolitan Subway, experts agree that the tunnels constructed below the level of the Seine, which were converted into raging torrents during the flood were the direct cause of the inundation in numerous streets, of cellars of houses which otherwise would have escaped.

M. Bethelmy, professor of municipal law at the Sorbonne, and several other eminent lawyers say that individuals who have thus suffered undoubtedly are entitled to indemnification. The fact that the companies received municipal or government concessions, they claim, in no wise relieves them of the risk involved in the execution of their concessions. It is probable therefore, that thousands of claimants will enter suit against the companies. The Western Railroad is now the property of the State and the principle involved is likely to attract wide interest beyond the borders of France.

NOBODY SPARED

Kidney Troubles Attack Salisbury Men and Women, Old and Young.

Kidney ills seize young and old. Come quickly with little warning. Children suffer in their early years—Can't control the kidney secretions. Girls are languid, nervous, suffer pain.

Women worry, can't do daily work. Men have lame and aching backs. The cure for man, woman or child. Is to cure the cause—the kidneys.

Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys— Cure all forms of kidney suffering. Salisbury testimony proves it. G. L. Russell, retired, 322 E. Innes St., Salisbury, N. C., says: "I heartily recommend Doan's Kidney Pills, knowing them to be a remedy that lives up to the claims made for it. I suffered for months from a lameness across my kidneys and though I used any amount of medicine, I was not benefited. Upon learning of Doan's Kidney Pills, I procured a supply at McPherson & Co.'s drug store and took them according to directions. The pain soon left my back, my kidneys were strengthened and my health was improved.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Don't fail to see those sixteen-tooth rakes made of malable iron, for only 19c. Not more than two to a customer, at the SALISBURY PAWN SHOP.

READ THE RECORD

It May Be Pneumonia

"A hard chill, pain through the chest, difficult breathing. Then fever, with great prostration." If this should be your experience, send for your doctor. You may have pneumonia! If your doctor cannot come at once, give Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. When he comes, tell him exactly what you have done. Then do as he says. No alcohol in this cough medicine. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

Keep the bowels in good condition. One of Ayer's Pills at bedtime will cause an increased flow of bile, and produce a gentle laxative effect the day following.

THE VOTING HAS BEGUN.

The Watchman and Record's Splendid Buggy and Sewing Machine Will Surely be Given to Some one.

Our voting and prize giving contest is now on in full blast. The voting has started, interest is rapidly crystallizing and things will soon take on a lively attitude. There are quite a good number of candidates in the field, enough to secure the name of every reading man in the county as a subscriber to The Watchman and Record, if they would. There are also enough good people in the list for the most fastidious voter, good enough not only to receive a nice rubber tire buggy, but good enough to be elected governor of the State. Pick out one of them and give them a push. It will cost you nothing and help him. Show your good fellowship and good will by helping your neighbor to win a prize, whether he needs it or not. It is probably best to help the needy, but if you help only the needy, you do more than the heathen.

Everybody has more or less spare time, has more or less friends from whom he can secure a subscription, and there are thousands who are not even known that can be induced to subscribe. It requires only a little tact, a little judgment and a little hustling to win or help your friend or neighbor to win. It is best to enter the contest early, begin at once, don't loase an hour. Go after the folks, let them know you are a candidate and that you not only want to win but that you want them to help you. Come in and see us, get a receipt book, sample copies and let us give you some information that will help you.

NOW IS THE TIME.

DO IT NOW.

- At the time of going to press, today, the vote stands as follows:
- Emma A Rogers, rural 5, city, 16,800 votes
 - John Harkey, old veteran, Barber No. 1, 9,850 votes
 - Heruan Cooper, China Grove 5,850 votes
 - T H Kirk, China Grove 4,975 votes
 - Edd Moss, New London, N C 3,850 votes
 - Miss Mamie Fry, rural 2, Richfield, N C 2,100 votes
 - Geo B Kesler, rural 6, city 2,600 votes
 - Miss Ada Eagle, rural 8 city 850 votes
 - G C Moss, rural 2, New London, N C 100 votes
 - H E Russell, Chestnut Hill, city 100 votes
 - Jas W Freeman, East Spoucer, N C 100 votes
 - Rev R A Goodman, sub-station No 2, city 100 votes
 - John D A Fisher, rural 8, city 100 votes
 - G L Fisher, rural 3, city 100 votes
 - W F S Heilig, rural 3, city 100 votes
 - C M Lyerly, rural 4, city 100 votes
 - Lee M Ketchie, rural 4 city 100 votes
 - M L Eury, rural 4, city 100 votes
 - Edgar Rice, rural 5, city 100 votes
 - Marcus Lyerly, rural 6, city 100 votes
 - David T. Peeler, rural 6, city 100 votes
 - Sam Hamilton, rural 6, city 100 votes
 - A B Petrea, rural 7, city 100 votes
 - T L Chunn, rural 7, city 100 votes
 - Thomas E Webb, rural 8, city 100 votes
 - T G Cress, rural 8, city 100 votes
 - S L Collette, rural 8, city 100 votes
 - John A Sloop, China Grove 100 votes
 - J J Waller, Barber 100 votes
 - David L Correll, rural 1, China Grove 100 votes
 - D R Simpson, rural 2, 100 votes
 - James M Ketchie, No 2 China Grove 100 votes
 - Archie Ritchie, rural 3, 100 votes
 - R F Pool, Craven 100 votes
 - W R Bean, rural 1, Craven 100 votes
 - Mrs John Canady, Cleveland 100 votes
 - R S Gales, rural 1, 100 votes
 - G A Fisher, Crescent 100 votes
 - Mrs L W Lingle, Crescent 100 votes
 - T G Myers, Gold Hill 100 votes
 - W H Martin, 100 votes
 - Eli E Eagle, rural 1, Gold Hill 100 votes
 - W C Hoffman, rural 1, Gold Hill 100 votes
 - G A Barringer, rural 2, 100 votes
 - V C Lantz, rural 2, Gold Hill 100 votes
 - R T Honeycutt, rural 3, Gold Hill 100 votes
 - S T Troutman, rural 3, 100 votes
 - Paul J Lyerly, Granite Quarry 100 votes
 - W T Peeler, Granite Quarry 100 votes
 - Alfred Klutz, Landis 100 votes
 - J F Turner, rural 1, Mt Ulla 100 votes
 - L L Fesperman, Rockwell 100 votes
 - Alexander Holsbouser, Rockwell 100 votes
 - George Misenheimer, Rockwell 100 votes
 - George H Boger, rural 1, Rockwell 100 votes
 - J C Foutz, rural 1, Rockwell 100 votes
 - John W Linker, rural 1, Rockwell 100 votes
 - W H Earnhardt, rural 2, Rockwell 100 votes
 - J M Hipp, rural 2, Rockwell 100 votes
 - A L Long, Spoucer 100 votes
 - C R Keulerly, Spoucer 100 votes
 - H S Barger, Woodleaf 100 votes
 - J S Blackwelder, rural 3, Mooresville, N C 100 votes
 - C M Cress, Mt. Pleasant, N C 100 votes
 - G A Kooitz, rural 1, Mocksville, N C 100 votes
 - C L Basinger, rural 2 Richfield, N C 8,600 votes

THE NOMINATING COUPON.

Good for 100 Votes.

I, the undersigned, a reader of THE ROWAN RECORD or CAROLINA WATCHMAN suggest the name of

Write the name of your candidate here.

Address,

as a suitable person to receive one of the prizes to be offered in the contest soon to open and hereby cast my votes for

Signed

Only one of these coupons will be counted.

- Miss Esther Fry, Richfield, No. 2 100 votes
- Calvin Peeler, route 8, Salisbury 100 votes
- Mrs. Martha Wagoner, Coolemees, N.C 100 votes
- S. C Beck, Jubilee, N.C 100 votes
- W H Moore, rural 4, Concord, N.C 100 votes
- Duke Basinger, rural 2, Richfield N.C 100 votes

Watchman and Record Voting Contest

A Rubber Tire Buggy, a New Home Sewing Machine, Good Books, Pocket Knives and Valuable Maps and Charts Among the Prizes to be Given Away.

Now is the opportunity of a life time to earn a first-class, high grade, rubber tire buggy during the spare hours. Or, a first-class sewing machine, or, for less time and effort, a book for your evening's entertainment, a good pocket knife, one of the valuable charts which we will give away. Or, if one may wish, he or she may secure a book and a knife, or a chart, or, one of each. The arrangement for these latter prizes and the number of votes necessary to secure them is given below, in rule 10.

A convention, so to speak, will be held for a short while. During this time the candidates will be selected. The candidates are to be selected by filling out one of the nominating coupons printed below and bringing or sending it to the office of the WATCHMAN, or THE ROWAN RECORD. However, candidates can be nominated at any time after the contest opens until announcement is made to the contrary. Only one nominating coupon is necessary to nominate a candidate and only one will be accepted or counted.

The contest is now fully open and all who intend to do anything for themselves, or their friends, should get very busy and stay that way until the very last vote is counted. As stated in the rules below, the votes will be issued to all who bring or send in paid up subscriptions to either the WATCHMAN or THE ROWAN RECORD. And let us remark right here, this contest is just as much for THE RECORD as it is for the WATCHMAN. The good people of China Grove and vicinity, therefore, with all other sections of the county, are invited to take part in the contest, your assistance and interest is greatly appreciated. Every vote will be kept on file until the close of the contest, so if any one should be dissatisfied with the count, a recount can be had under the supervision of the candidates and all mistakes, if any, will be fully corrected and the prizes awarded accordingly.

Rule 1.—Partakers in the contest must be subscribers to THE CAROLINA WATCHMAN or ROWAN RECORD, or a member of the subscriber's immediate family.

Rule 2.—The contest is open to any respectable white citizen in Rowan—man, woman, boy or girl, except no member of THE WATCHMAN's or RECORD's force, in any capacity, or any member of their families, will be allowed to participate.

Rule 3.—Voting coupons will be issued only to those who obtain and pay cash for subscriptions to either THE CAROLINA WATCHMAN, of Salisbury, or THE ROWAN RECORD, of China Grove.

Rule 4.—Five votes will be given for every cent paid in on subscription, except as follows:

50c paid on subscription, 250 votes.
For one year's subscription to both papers at \$1.00, 1,500 votes. This rule means what it says.

New subscription to THE WATCHMAN or RECORD, one year, 500 votes.

New subscription to THE WATCHMAN and RECORD, one year, \$1.00, 2000 votes.

N. B.—A new subscription does not include changing the subscription from one member of the family to another.

Rule 5.—Coupons will be issued to all who pay on subscription. These coupons are to be deposited at the WATCHMAN office, in Salisbury, within 15 days after they are issued, and after having been voted cannot be transferred.

Rule 6.—A statement of the standing of the contestants will be published in every issue of each paper until the close of the contest.

Rule 7.—The contest opening Monday, January 17th, will close at 6 p. m., Saturday, May 7th, 1910.

Rule 8.—The person having the largest number of votes to his credit at the close of the contest, will receive the buggy.

(This buggy will be a first-class, rubber tire, top vehicle. It is now being built at the shop of J. O. White & Co., and is guaranteed to be a neat, substantial and meritorious article in every respect. Mr. White promises to give it close attention and will see that it will be something for its owner to be proud of.)

Rule 9.—The person having the next largest number of votes at the close of the contest will be awarded the sewing machine.

(This machine will be one of the New Home Sewing Machine Co's make, durable and first-class in every respect. It will be on exhibition at THE WATCHMAN office.)

Rule 10.—We have a number of good books, pocket knives and charts and maps which will be awarded appropriately to all who receive 5,000 or more votes, as per the following schedule:

- 5,000 votes a good pocket knife.
- 6,000 do better do
- 6,000 do good book.
- 10,000 do one of our charts.
- 10,000 do subscription to either THE WATCHMAN or THE RECORD one year.
- 11,000 votes a knife and book.
- 12,000 votes subscription to both WATCHMAN and THE RECORD one year.
- 12,000 votes, a better knife and book.
- 15,000 " knife and chart.
- 16,000 " better knife and chart, etc., making any combination of prizes wanted, agreeably to the number of votes given on each separate article. Outside the two main prizes any person can secure as many of the minor prizes, mentioned in this rule, as they may furnish votes for, hence, no one who makes any reasonable effort to secure votes, will go unrewarded.

Rule 11.—No trickery or under-hand methods will be tolerated. Any one guilty of improper methods will be debarred from further participation, and no prize will be awarded to such person.

For further information write or call on the above named papers.