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THE TESTIMONY IS SUMMED UP

Last Day of Tax Hearing at Wilmington.

BEGINS HERE ON THE 25TH

No Preconcerted Action by the Tax Assessors Proved.

ALL SHOWED A WANT OF UNIFORMITY

Many Showed Instances of Undervaluation and Also of Fair and Truevaluation. Personal Property Fairly and Truly Assessed.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 15.—Examination of the railroads' witnesses was resumed today with the same counsel present, W. B. Hargett, of Jones county, testified that he was assessor eight years ago and is now county commissioner, that property in Tuckahoe township is valued at about 75 per cent. On cross examination he proved want of uniformity in undervaluation and that personal property is fairly valued. S. L. Gerrock, of Onslow county, testified to same thing as to his township.

Dr. W. J. Bullock, of Beaufort county, testified to 2-3 or 3/4 valuation as to certain lands about which he had personal knowledge. Eugene S. Martin, of Wilmington, testified to undervaluation of 33 1/3 to 50 per cent in the city of Wilmington. On cross examination he admitted that undervaluation was not uniform. He stated under objection from the defendant's counsel that it was hearsay, that he had heard from several chairmen of commissioners in other counties of a similar rule, but had no personal knowledge of it.

E. B. Stephens, of Southport, testified to undervaluation of 1-3 in his township in Brunswick county and gave instances of sales of land at more than the assessed value. On cross examination he said the prices had been inflated by a prospect of a railroad from Southport to the West which has never come. Alexander Lee, of Pamlico county, testified to a 2-3 valuation, but on cross examination admitted a limited knowledge of lands in his county and want of uniformity in undervaluation and that personal property was assessed at full value. D. B. Hooker, of Pamlico, testified to a 2-3 valuation, but on cross examination admitted that he knew nothing of the assessment of 1899 and confined his testimony to a few tracts of which he had personal knowledge.

A. H. Paddison, of New Hanover, said he had been sheriff of Pender many years ago, and knew of no undervaluation in New Hanover. He said in his township in Pender some years ago property was valued at 2-3. He had no knowledge of the assessment of '99 except as to his own property. J. D. Moore, of Pender county, testified to undervaluation of 60 to 75 per cent. On cross examination he confined his testimony to a few tracts of which he has personal knowledge. T. F. Bagley, of Wilmington, testified that he was assessor in '99 in Wilmington township, that property was valued at from 60 to 75 per cent. On cross examination he confined his testimony to Wilmington township and admitted there was no uniformity in undervaluation. He also testified to a reduction by the county commissioners in '99 or 20 to 50 per cent.

C. McQueen, president of Murchison National Bank, testified that the stock of his bank was assessed at 52 1/2 per cent per share, there having been paid in \$70 a share. He did not state what was the actual or market value. The effect of the testimony that has been given in generally is that in certain townships of certain counties there has been an undervaluation in the opinion of the witnesses of from 50 to 75 per cent of true value. Most of the witnesses had personal knowledge of but a few individual tracts. Very few of them were assessors, and none of them proved any preconcerted action among all the assessors, in any county. All showed a want of uniformity. Many showed individual instances of fair and overvaluation, and they generally agreed that personal property was fairly and truly assessed. Counsel for State are well satisfied with result of the Wilmington examination.

Hearing has been adjourned to the 25th instant in Raleigh.

THE INTER-OCEANIC CANAL.

Minister Corea Says That All Impediments to Its Construction Are Removed.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 15.—The Minister from Nicaragua, Senor Don Luis Corea, arrived in Washington this morning after an absence of four months in Nicaragua, during which time he conferred with President Zelaya and members of the Cabinet concerning Nicaragua Canal affairs and other subjects of interest to the two countries. He says that by a happy combination of circumstances the way is now clear of private concessions and border misunderstandings, so that direct, governmental consideration of the waterway may be taken up. Senor Corea

also brings word that he has just signed at Mexico City, acting as Minister for Nicaragua, the first treaty between Mexico and Nicaragua for amity, commerce and navigation, covering 14 articles and firmly uniting the bonds between these two countries.

REFUSED TO PROSECUTE.

The Case Against Wm. J. Cooke is Not Prossed.

(Special to News and Observer.) Asheville, N. C., Nov. 15.—The case of embezzlement against Wm. J. Cooke, ex-cashier of the National Bank of Asheville, was called in the Federal court here today, and upon motion of the Government counsel, was not prossed. Judge Boyd stated from the bench that in his official capacity as assistant attorney-general he had investigated the case, and so thoroughly convinced was he that it was lacking in moral turpitude that he would not try the case.

This action upon the part of the Government is in accordance with public sentiment, which from the beginning has been with Mr. Cooke.

YERKES GIVES UP THE FIGHT.

Re-appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the Eighth Kentucky District.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 15.—Late this afternoon John W. Yerkes, late Republican candidate for Governor of Kentucky, was appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the Eighth district. He will resume his duties November 20th. Mr. Yerkes, who resigned the office to which he has been re-appointed to make his campaign of Kentucky for the Governorship, called upon the Commissioner of Internal Revenue today. He said he had abandoned all idea of contesting Governor Beckham's election.

Leslie Combs, chairman of the Republican State Committee of Kentucky, accompanied Mr. Yerkes. He resigned his position as Pension Agent at Louisville to conduct the State campaign. It is understood that he, too, will be appointed to the office he formerly held.

ARMOR PLATE DEAL

Carnegie and Bethlehem Co's to Supply the Plate.

The Price Something Over \$455 a Ton. The Amount of Armor Involved Largest Ever Placed at One Time.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 15.—Secretary Long today announced the conclusion of the long controversy over the price of armor plate for naval vessels and an agreement with the Carnegie Company and Bethlehem Company for Krupp armor at \$420 a ton with the possible addition of royalty less fees, making the maximum price \$455.52 a ton. The amount of armor involved is the largest ever placed at one time by the Government and is said to equal all the armor purchased by the Government up to 1896. It covers the armor for seventeen ships now in various stages of construction, including eight battleships, six armored cruisers, and three protected cruisers.

The following official statement was given out concerning the agreement: "The Navy Department has come to an agreement with the Carnegie and Bethlehem Companies for Krupp armor of the first class, amounting to 24,550 tons for \$420 a ton. The Krupp process involves the Harvey patent, validity of which is now under consideration by the courts and it is further agreed that the Government will assume in addition any liability for the Krupp process not exceeding 5 pounds sterling, or \$24.32 a ton for Krupp royalty and not exceeding the United States license fee of \$11.20 for Harvey royalty. The maximum price to the Government is therefore \$455.52 a ton, subject to diminution in case of any reduction in the foregoing royalties.

"The bid of these companies for this class of armor was \$390 and the price originally asked \$455." The armor contract covers not only the 24,550 tons specified in the official statement, but also some 10,000 tons of armor of the second and third class which has not been in controversy, but has been dependent upon the disposal of the first class armor. The entire amount, approximately 35,000 tons, is now made available. New specifications have been prepared by the Navy Department showing in detail the tests, times of delivery, etc. There is some change in the classification but in the main features the specifications are as they were when the last bids were made.

PRINCIPAL POINTS SETTLED.

Powers Will Submit Their Note to Chinese Within Ten Days.

(By the Associated Press.) Peking, Nov. 15.—The note of the powers to the Chinese plenipotentiaries will probably be ready to submit within the next ten days. This announcement was made at the conclusion of a meeting of the ministers. It is understood that all points under discussion have been practically agreed upon except minor phases of several of the most important questions. Concerning these points the ministers have called for instructions, which they expect to receive before November 20th, the date of the next meeting.

Miss Clara Barton has left Galveston for Washington. She says that Galveston sufferers have all their need now except shelter, which must be given them before winter.

A Great Foot Ball Game To Be Played Saturday

One of the greatest football games that will be seen in the South this season will be played in Raleigh at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon between the University of North Carolina and the University of Georgia. The game will be played at the fair grounds where arrangements have been made for the accommodation of thousands of visitors.

Both universities have fine teams this year and fine sport will probably be furnished by these long-time antagonists on the gridiron. It is not the first time they have met. Georgia and Carolina have played four games and the Varsity boys have returned home with victory every time save one. In 1898 when the eleven of the two universities met Carolina was victorious by a score of 53 to 0. In 1899 Carolina

was again victorious, taking the game by the score of 5 to 0.

The Tar Heels are determined that this year shall show no break in this record.

This is the first of these games Raleigh has ever had, but it should not be the last and it will not be the last if the people of this city do their part. All who enjoy outdoor sports should make it an especial point to witness this contest. The University students will come to Raleigh in a body on a special train to witness the game. Georgia is going to bring a large delegation, and no doubt all the State colleges will be represented. Let Raleigh do as well in point of attendance.

On the 24th the Carolina eleven will play the University of Virginia in Norfolk, and on Thanksgiving they will play Georgetown in Washington.

TO CRUSH OUT VICE FOR THE OPEN DOOR

The Power of Tammany Invoked Against It.

Croker Declares His Hands Clean and Inaugurates a Movement to Suppress Crime in the East Side.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Nov. 15.—The executive committee of Tammany Hall held a meeting tonight at which Richard Croker bade all the leaders good-bye and took a hand in starting a movement to rid the city of vice. In a little speech the Tammany leader said he was going to Europe for health, but pleasure and introduced Isidor Straus, president of the Educational Alliance, as a man who was acquainted with the condition of things on the East Side, adding: "I hope you will give attentive hearing to his statements of the condition of vice that exists there, and that after you have heard what he has to say you will use your every effort to correct these evils as far as lies in your power."

Mr. Straus said he had met Mr. Croker at dinner accidentally and had talked with him for two hours over the conditions in the East Side, and Mr. Croker had asked him to talk to the executive committee of Tammany Hall, and then addressing the committee, Mr. Straus told of what was needed on the East Side, to suppress crime. He said that he, as a Democrat, had frequently had cast up to him the statement that Tammany Hall receives the greater part of its revenue from people in these evil conditions of life, and that no good can be accomplished unless the power of Tammany Hall is destroyed. Mr. Straus had repeated this to Mr. Croker, and the latter asked him to come before the committee with the statement, and had promised his aid. Lewis Nixon, then by resolution, had a committee of five appointed to investigate the moral conditions of the city, and to receive and suggest remedies for the corrections of abuses.

Mr. Nixon was made the chairman and the other members are George C. Clausen, President of the Park Board; Colonel Michael C. Murphy, President of the Health Board; John J. Scannell, Fire Commissioner, and John W. Kellar, Charities Commissioner.

Mr. Croker then arose and said: "I have nothing to add to what has been said to you by Mr. Straus, because he is familiar with the matters on which he has spoken to you. I hope that this entire committee will give its full strength towards helping him and his work. We should heartily endorse his remarks and aid him in the work of crushing out this awful crime. And right here I want to reiterate what I said three weeks ago to you, and that is that not one dollar comes into my possession from landlords of pool rooms and houses of ill fame, and if anyone of you gentlemen are collecting from any of these people, you had better get out of the organization. It has no use for you. You are a disgrace to it. The organization can't and won't stand for any such thing."

The meeting broke up in confusion because of the attitude of Coroner Fitzpatrick, who denied that there were any disreputable houses in his district. He said that if there was vice there it was in tenement houses and could not be controlled. To this Mr. Croker excitedly replied that the Coroner did not know what could be done until some effort was made.

Burned to Death.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Nov. 15.—The little 1-year-old child of George Newell, living over at Masse's Hill, was burned to death yesterday. It was left in a room with an open fire by itself, and in playing fell in the fire and was burned to death. This is the third case of the kind in this vicinity within two weeks. Last week the Mayor's child was burned to death in Lutterloh Alley, and week before that a colored child was burned to death in Campbellton by falling in the fire.

Czar Not Critically Ill.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 15.—Ambassador Tower at St. Petersburg, informed the State Department that the Czar is ill from typhoid fever, but that his condition is not regarded as critical.

The Southern Mill Men Petition Secretary Hay.

Ask Him to Prevent European Interference. Declare They've Lost Half Their Trade by Boxer Uprising.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 15.—Secretary Hay has received a petition from nearly all of the leading cotton manufacturers of the South that he take such action as may be in his power to prevent the interference by any European power which might close the foreign markets to the important cotton manufacturers of the United States as well as injuring many other American interests. The petitioners declare that the "open door" policy is necessary to secure the retention of the important trade in cotton drills and shirtings with China, most of which are manufactured in the Southern States. It is declared that the withdrawal of this trade in Manchuria would seriously affect not only the cotton manufacturers, but the Southern planter and cotton grower, and thousands of employes and laborers who are engaged in the cotton mills. The petitioners represent fully \$5,000,000 in capital, and declare that they have lost half of their trade since the Boxer uprising and are now running on half time.

This is only one of many communications that have been received at the State Department which has influenced it to endeavor to secure an honorable settlement of the Chinese troubles as speedily as possible, even at the risk of offending some of the powers which are bent on vengeance.

IMPROVEMENTS AT DURHAM.

Laying Tracks in N. & W. Yards. Public Roads Negro Prisoners Brought In.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Durham, N. C., Nov. 15.—Sheriff Jno. R. Sims, of Roxboro, brought over to Durham today two colored prisoners who were sentenced to serve twelve months each on the public roads of Durham county, for the crime of larceny.

Person has no system whereby convicts are worked on the public roads of that county. Miss Lina Hanks, grand-daughter of Mr. J. T. Mallory, of this city, was one of the young lady students who escaped from the burning Virginia college at Kennebec, early Wednesday morning. Miss Hanks lost nearly all of her wearing apparel and other belongings in the fire.

Tonight at 8:30 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. Joseph Cates, 710 West Main street, Mr. Moses Oscar Cole and Miss Effie Blake Poole were united in marriage.

Work of laying new tracks in the Norfolk and Western freight yard in this city is being rapidly pushed forward.

Durham county will soon have the best roads of any county in the State. The work is being done by the convict gang, who are making the best road we have ever seen from West Durham to the county line. From West Durham the width of the road will be the same as Main street, in this city, and it will be made straight and will connect with West Main street, near the Watts Hospital.

The work of grading the eastern extension of Main street from Reams Avenue to East Durham is about complete and is now ready for the macadamizing. This work was done by orders from Mr. J. S. Carr and it now rests with the town alderman to straighten the crook which is now in East Main street.

GUILTY LOVERS SEEK DEATH.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Nov. 15.—Dr. Christopher T. Ahlstrom and Mrs. Harry Gardner, both of this city, were found dead in a bed room in the Boulevard Hotel, in Broadway. Both had been suffocated by illuminating gas.

Rheinhold Busse, proprietor of the hotel, said the couple, whom he had never

seen before, came to the hotel about 5 o'clock yesterday evening. They drank together in the restaurant and seemed in the best of spirits.

About 7 o'clock the man asked for a room for himself and the woman. He registered as "John Mullen and wife, New York City." He was assigned to a room on the third floor. The room was a small hall bedroom. About 2 o'clock this morning the proprietor found that gas was escaping from the room. An entrance was forced and the gas was found escaping from a radiator. One of the gas jets burned dimly. The woman was found on the floor and the man on the bed. Both were dead. The woman was a handsome brunette, about 27 years old.

The woman was the wife of a man who followed the races. Mrs. Gardner's mother, it was learned, lives in Chicago. When the husband of the woman was found today near his flat he said he was out looking for her last night after he had failed to find her at home. When he saw her picture printed today he identified it as that of his wife. The couple were married in 1893 and lived in Ohio before they went to Chicago. Gardner's brother was a patient of Dr. Ahlstrom's. Gardner thought the doctor was fond of his wife, but never suspected her fidelity.

The autopsy held late today showed that death in both cases was caused by gas asphyxiation.

Witt-Nichols.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Beidsville, N. C., Nov. 15.—Samuel Nichols, a popular young Haverlyman, and Miss Annie May Witt, were married at the Baptist parsonage tonight by Rev. J. Q. Adams. Mr. J. R. Blackwell was best man and Miss Patricia Gorden maid of honor.

Goes to McCullough's Aid.

(By the Associated Press.)

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Nov. 15.—The tug Mercury left here today to go to the assistance of the schooner Frank W. McCullough, from Wilmington, N. C., bound for Fall River, anchored off Nantucket with jibs blown away.

IN THE MOB'S HANDS

Dug Through Jail Walls For Love's Alleged Poisoner.

The Mob Then Carried the Negro Off, and Up to Now Nothing Has Been Heard of Him.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Albemarle, N. C., Nov. 15.—Several days ago a negro by the name of John Knox was placed in jail here, charged with poisoning Dr. S. J. Love in the western portion of this county. About one o'clock last night a mob of about two hundred men appeared at the jail and demanded the negro. The sheriff refused to let them have the keys. Whereupon they dug a hole through the brick wall and battered down the steel sheathed doors and took the negro out and carried him off. Up to this time no trace can be had of the negro.

JEFFRIES SIGNS ARTICLES.

He is Pledged to Fight Both Ruhlín and Sharkey.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Nov. 15.—James J. Jeffries, today signed articles of agreement for fights with both Gus Ruhlín and Tom Sharkey. According to the stipulations the bout with Ruhlín is to take place first.

The Jeffries-Ruhlín agreement calls for a 25-round contest before the club offering the best inducements, on or about June 1st, 1901, the exact date to be named when the club articles are signed.

In the signed agreement which Jeffries today sent to Tom Sharkey for his signature, the fight is to be on the same terms as the Jeffries-Ruhlín contest. The date for the match is set for on or before July 1st, 1901. Jeffries reserves the right to meet both Fitzsimmons and Ruhlín before the match with Sharkey, providing the match with Fitzsimmons comes off on or before June 1st, 1901.

MORGAN WILL BE RETURNED.

The Alabama Senator Will Receive the Full Vots of the State Assembly.

(By the Associated Press.)

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 15.—The joint caucus of Democrats of both houses of the Alabama Legislature held tonight unanimously nominated John T. Morgan for re-election as United States Senator. No other name was presented. Senator Morgan was called before the meeting and made an eloquent speech in thanking the members for the honor conferred. The ten opposition members of the Legislature in separate caucus pledged their votes to Morgan.

Republicans Control Legislature.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 15.—Assistant Secretary of War Melikjohn tonight wired the Associated Press as follows: "Omaha, Neb., November 15th. Official count of Omaha and Douglas county has just closed, showing one Republican Senator and seven Representatives elected. This gives us the organization of the House and Senate, seventy-two votes on joint ballot, a constitutional majority of five."

Reports from Governor-elect Sanford's home at Montgomery say he will receive.

THE RIVAL UNIONS BURN MUCH POWDER

Battle Between Spanish and American Workmen.

FUSILADE OF BULLETS

Walls of Gonzales' Factory Riddled. No One Hurt.

SPANISH UNION WAS UNSYMPATHETIC

The Strikers Called on Them to Join Them and Tried to Force Their Way Into the Factory. This Resulted in a Riot.

(By the Associated Press.)

Tampa, Fla., Nov. 15.—A miniature riot broke out today at the gates of the cigar factory of Gonzales, Morra and Company. Several hundred shots were fired. No one was injured and the mob was dispersed by the police.

For several days trouble has been brewing between the members of the International Cigar Makers' Union and the Spanish Union, known as the Resistencia. Members of the International Union have cut work in a number of factories, throwing about 2,000 persons out of employment. The Spanish union is apparently not in sympathy with the movement and about 500 of its members continued at work in the Gonzales factory. Today the internationals marched up and demanded that these men come out. They were warned off the premises. An international man tried to push his way through the gates and was fired upon by the Italian guard. A volley was fired in reply from the street. The front and sides of the building were riddled. Those inside fired blindly through the windows. No one was hit, however. The police soon arrived and dispersed the crowd.

All factories closed at noon and to prevent further trouble 100 extra police and a squad of deputy sheriffs were sworn in. Since this time, however, the city has presented a wildly excited condition and the streets in the neighborhood of the cigar factories have been thronged with people. All the factories in the city were practically closed on account of the disorder. No arrests were made for the rioting.

This afternoon an immense meeting of leading business men was held in the court house and ringing speeches made denouncing mob violence, and strong resolutions adopted warning the manufacturers that they would be protected if they desired to open their factories tomorrow morning. The meeting also passed a resolution authorizing the chairman to appoint a committee of three business men and three manufacturers to ask the two unions to appoint similar committees and see if the differences could not be settled between the unions. These committees met at once and soon agreed upon the basis of a settlement. This was that all the men should go quietly to work tomorrow morning. The internationals are to change their by-laws so that they can recognize Resistencia everywhere. Each is to appoint permanent committees of ten who are to settle all differences that may arise in the future. Each organization is to give a large cash bond for faithful compliance with this agreement. The proposition was adopted by all four of the committees and recommended to the central committees from both unions. The internationals have agreed to it, practically, and the Resistencia Union is still considering the matter. There are good reasons to believe that it will be adopted before morning. In the meantime things are quiet. But were it not for the settlement the officers admit there is every reason to believe that more disorder would occur tomorrow. All the factories are heavily guarded by deputy sheriffs tonight. It is estimated that more than 6,000 people are interested in the controversy.

Zeimer and Wilson Arraigned.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Nov. 15.—Henry Zeimer and Frank Wilson, the men accused of having been implicated in divorce frauds were arraigned before Recorder Goff today.

There are three indictments for subornation of perjury against each. They pleaded not guilty and were taken back to the Tombs.

The two women in the case, Mrs. Herrick and Mary H. Thompkins, against each of whom a single indictment has been found, are still in the House of Detention.

Seaboard Train Wrecked

(Special to News and Observer.)

Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 15.—The Charlotte-bound Seaboard mail train was delayed last night several hours by a wrecked Hamlet and Rockingham, caused by the breaking of a wheel. After the train had got into Monroe there was a collision in the yard, which smashed up a passenger car, but did no damage to the passengers. The train finally reached Charlotte considerably behind schedule time, but in good shape.

In a fire which broke out on the United States monitor Monterey on October 21st, but which was soon extinguished, five of the crew narrowly escaped suffocation.