

PLAN TO ABOLISH N. C. CORPORATION COMMISSION NEXT

Would Vest Powers in Tax Commissioner Instead of Commission

CAROLINA SHIPPERS IN WASHINGTON TELL PLANS

Program Grows Out of Disaffection With Commission's Handling of Rate Matters; Will Present Measure at Special Session; Maxwell Mentioned For Job

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 First National Bank Building. By R. E. POWELL. (Special Lensed Wire.)

Washington, D. C., May 19.—The special session of the General Assembly scheduled to meet in July will be asked to abolish the North Carolina Corporation Commission in its entirety and create the office of Tax Commissioner at a salary of from ten to fifteen thousand dollars a year, according to representatives of the North Carolina shippers, who have been here in conference with the two Senators and members of the North Carolina delegation.

A. J. Maxwell, who was strongly urged by Southern Senators for a place on the Interstate Commerce Commission, is the man whom the shippers have in mind for the big job. They would have the police powers of the corporation commission, which alone are retained so far as their jurisdiction over railroads is concerned, given to the Attorney General of the State.

HIGHWAY PRICES DECLINE SHARPLY

Fourteen Bidders on Three Projects Proposed Give Lower Figures

Three weeks ago the State Highway Commission offered three construction projects to contractors in this State, and received no bids. Tentative prices for the work were deemed out of season. Yesterday the Commission offered three projects to contractors and 14 of them offered bids for the work, and at prices approximately 20 per cent under the tentative price three weeks ago.

State Highway Commissioner Frank Page said yesterday that he regarded the results of the bidding as the beginning of a general decline in highway prices, not only in highway construction but in the cost of living generally. A year from now, he asserted, the State could build roads at a reasonable price, and for the money expended get a road that would pay the tax payers to build. He let contracts yesterday for \$460,993 worth of roads in the Western District.

ATTACK LEE AND PELL

The shippers expect to present to the legislature, it is said by their official representatives, an indictment against the present membership of Maxwell, charging gross neglect in the prosecution of a complaint in the now well known Virginia cities case, which was heard and argued after the Chambers of Commerce of the State joined hands with the corporation commission in making the fight for better rates and a removal of the discriminatory scales now in effect.

URGENT ACTION TOWARD MEXICAN REVOLUTIONISTS

Washington, May 19.—Cautious in extending recognition or support to any Mexican faction instrumental in the overthrow of Carr, and contractors who planned to obtain work there are leaving the State, some of them coming to North Carolina.

WILL NOT ACCEPT VICE-PRESIDENCY

Washington, May 19.—Governor Edwards of New Jersey, candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, issued a statement through his campaign headquarters here tonight, saying he would not accept the vice-presidential nomination.

GEORGIA BANKER DROPS DEAD

Macon, Ga., May 19.—J. E. Johnson, vice-president and cashier of the Citizens Bank of Sandersville, Ga., dropped dead during the convention of the Georgia Country Bankers' Association here late today. He was also vice-president and cashier of the Sandersville railroad.

TRUE BILL RETURNED FOR ZACHARY MURDER

Winston-Salem, May 19.—A true bill has been returned by a Yadkin county grand jury against Trobair Batty and Spencer McNeill, charging them with the murder of Sheriff J. E. Zachary in Yadkin county a few months ago while the latter was making a raid on an alleged illicit distillery. Counsel for defendants asked that the case be removed to another county for trial. This motion was refused by Judge Harding, who, however, consented to secure a jury from Surry county. A venire of one hundred men was ordered secured from that county and the trial is scheduled to start tomorrow morning.

BOX CAR AVENUE BEATS KINSTON HOUSING PROBLEM

It Isn't Much of a Street Yet—But It's Bound to Develop Soon

Kinston, May 15.—Boxcar avenue has come into being here. It isn't much of a street yet, but it is an interesting experiment. Five families, two white and three colored, are occupying box cars on the Norfolk Southern yards here, and getting along quite happily, thank you. No landlords call for the rent and there is no bother about repairs; the company owns the "dwellings," and it is understood the occupants have no rent to pay. The cars are on little-used sidings, and there is only remote possibility of a family going to bed in the vicinity of East and Caswell streets and waking up next morning on the other side of town. Of course, such a thing could happen, but if it does the trainmen will take pains to avoid any unnecessary jostling and smashing of furniture and shunting of babies from criss into coal boxes.

The heads of the families on Boxcar avenue are section workers of the Norfolk Southern who could not find suitable houses elsewhere nor lodgings at reasonable prices. They have fitted up the "dwellings" owned by the company as best as possible. There are curtains at the windows, furniture neatly arranged, cook stoves and all the other paraphernalia which goes into the making of a well-ordered cottage home. If the box-car community becomes a permanent one there will probably be gardens and chicken yards.

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Linking the overall movement, started as a protest against the cost of clothing with widespread price reductions, reported from many cities, Senator Thomas said the public had found the remedy in its own hands.

The attack on profiteers was opened by Senator Kenyon, Republican, of Iowa, who urged social ostracism and criminal punishment for the offenders. Corporations principally and retailers were held up as prime profiteers. Some of them were characterized by the Iowa Senator as robbers and traitors.

SUFFRAGISTS SAIL FOR GENEVA MEETING

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New York, May 19.—The American Woman Suffrage delegation, headed by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, international president, sailed from here today on the steamer Royal George for Europe to attend the eighth congress of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance at Geneva, Switzerland, June 6 to 12.

There were thirty delegates, alternates and visitors in the party, including Mrs. Josephus Daniels, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, who goes as an official representative of the United States government.

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MINERS ARE CLOSED

Roanoke, Va., May 19.—H. C. Elliott, president of the State Mountain Coal Company, at Matewan, declared the mines of his company and other mines in the Williamson, W. Va., district, have been closed for the past two weeks because of a strike. Operators of the Pocahontas fields, on the Norfolk and Western Railway, he added, will meet at Bluefield, W. Va., tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock to consider methods with which to break the strike.

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