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### EXPLAIN NEW LAND SYSTEM

#### Banker and Lawyer Point Out Benefits of Torrens Land Registration

### CERTAIN, ECONOMICAL

With a Certificate of Registration, Guaranteed by State, Owner Can Borrow Money With Ease on Man Owing Bank Stock—Messrs. Litchford and Little Discuss Plan—North Carolina Likely Soon to Have Optional System.

Before a small but appreciative gathering of farmers and business men the Torrens system of land registration was explained in the Wake county court house today by Messrs. Henry E. Litchford and J. C. Little. Mr. Litchford spoke with reference to the ability of the man with a certificate of registration to borrow money, and Mr. Little discussed the legal phases of the system. Both gentlemen made their points clear and the meeting gave them a vote of thanks. Dr. W. A. Withers, president of the local union, presided.

The Torrens system, reduced to its final analysis, means the examination of the title to land by the state and the giving of a certificate of title. With this certificate the owner can borrow money just the same as he can on bank stock or other paper. The system is economical, certain and simple.

**Preliminaries.**  
Dr. Withers called the meeting to order at 11:20. Mr. Eure, of the Carolina Union Farmer, was made permanent secretary.  
Dr. Withers spoke of the desire to own real estate, and said methods of transferring real estate are of interest to everybody. In Wake county there were 3,691 transfers last year. The fees vary with the length of the document. It is difficult to estimate the cost of the present system to Wake county; probably \$50,000, or maybe \$100,000 a year.

**Used First in Australia.**  
Australia gave us the Torrens system. In 1909 a bill was introduced in the legislature, but was given little attention. In 1911, however, the bill passed the house but was defeated in the other by a small vote.  
Dr. Withers, in introducing the speakers, said they were so well known as to need no introduction. He then presented Mr. H. E. Litchford, cashier of the Citizens National Bank.

Mr. Litchford, after recalling the accomplishments and advances in the last decade, went on to show the valuation of lands in North Carolina. The farmers are in better condition than ever, due in large part, he thought, to the A. and M. College and the department of agriculture.

**Why National Banks Cannot Lend.**  
National banks are not allowed to lend money on real estate and cannot buy land. Uncertainty attends every real estate transaction, because the laws governing real estate are practically the same as they were 100 years ago. Delays are caused in various ways. There is no certainty of identity, of boundary, and all questions of title must be examined by each purchaser. Uncertainty prevails in every transaction and land sold for taxes is not guaranteed. He cited these and other reasons for a change.

**The Title Guaranteed.**  
The Torrens system, which prevails in many countries and states, is explained once by order of the court, and the title is guaranteed by the state, thereby saving the waste of paying attorneys. The title is registered, a certificate is given; this certificate can be dealt with as with a bond, because everybody can see what you have. The certificate can be transferred with the deed in an easy manner. Money can be borrowed on the certificate, just as money is borrowed on any stock. The effect of the Torrens system is to place realty on a footing with personality.

**The Cost Small.**  
The Torrens system would cost about \$25 for each title plus \$2 for the guaranteed fund. The increase in valuation would be great. The greatest effect of the system, however, is to encourage the buying of land.  
Since the state formerly owned the land it is but right that the state should guarantee the title to this land.

**Mr. Little Speaks.**  
Dr. Withers then presented Mr. J. C. Little, democratic nominee for the state senate, who reviewed the legal history of the system as it has passed upon by the highest courts of the various states, showing

### DARROW NOT FOUND GUILTY

#### The Bribery Charge Against the Noted Lawyer Was Not Sustained

Los Angeles, Aug. 17.—Clarence S. Darrow, the noted Chicago lawyer, was found not guilty of the charge of bribing a juror in the McNamara case. The jury was out thirty-four minutes. The judge, charging the jury eliminated the first count, that Darrow bribed Juror Lockwood. The judge declared the evidence didn't justify a verdict of guilty on the first count.

The second count charged Darrow with attempting to corruptly influence a man about to be drawn as a juror. The court instructed the jury that a verdict of guilty couldn't be found on an accomplice's uncorroborated evidence.

Only one ballot was taken, each juror voting not guilty. There was a spontaneous outburst of applause when the verdict was announced. There was a rush to Darrow's side after the judge discharged the jury. Darrow approached the jurors while they were still in the box to thank them. Two jurors threw their arms about Darrow.

**Brother-in-Laws Fight Duel.**  
Roanoke, Va., Aug. 17.—Samuel Garrett, a farmer, and his brother-in-law, George Warren, a painter, fought a pistol duel near Martinsville late yesterday. Warren was seriously injured. Garrett was unhurt. Warren fired seven shots because Garrett refused to drink with him. None took effect. Garrett then wounded Warren.

**Anchor Trust  
IS ON THE JOB**

The Anchor Trust Company opened for business this morning, at 9 o'clock, precisely on schedule time, with every official and employe in place, and with every facility that a modern bank affords.

President John O. Ellington has been busy most of the day receiving callers and listening to congratulations. The other officials, whose duties commenced today, are: Albert L. Cox, vice-president and Eugene Armstrong, secretary-treasurer. Mr. John D. Berry is manager of the insurance department.

The Anchor Trust Company starts business with \$100,000 paid in capital, and \$10,000 surplus. It is the eighth bank of Raleigh and its resources added to those of the other seven, bring the total bank resources of Raleigh up to over seven and a half million dollars.

**COUNTRY BANKERS**  
Will Hold Sixth Annual Meeting at  
Wrightsville, August 23-24.

Wrightsville, Aug. 17.—The Country Bankers' Association of North Carolina will hold their sixth annual meeting at the Oceanic hotel here, August 23-24.

The following are the officers of the association:  
Claude Gore, president; Walter H. Neal, vice-president; Lacy Williams, treasurer. Executive committee: A. B. McMillan, D. A. Houston, C. M. Burns, Jr., F. L. Ford, O. C. Spalding, E. C. Clark, Charles N. Eans.

**SIGNED PENSION BILL**  
Every Pensioner in the United States Will Be Paid By Tuesday.

Washington, Aug. 17.—The president's first official act today was to sign the hundred and sixty million dollars pension appropriation bill. The pension office was immediately notified and telegraph orders went to eighteen outlying agencies to start payment immediately of the money so long held up by congress in delay. Every pensioner in the United States will be paid by Tuesday at the latest.

**Death of Young Man.**  
(Special to The Times.)  
Kinston, Aug. 17.—Henry Harris, a promising young man of this county, died at the farm home of his father near here, after only two days' illness. Young Mr. Harris was stricken to his bed suddenly, and the end came before many of his friends had knowledge of his illness. The funeral and interment was at British Chapel. Mr. Harris was only 20 years of age and was the son of Mr. Stephen Harris, a prominent farmer of Sand Hill.

The 12-year-old daughter, Fannie, of L. Foxman, a Jewish tailor, was severely hurt by being run down by a negro on a bicycle. The little girl started to cross Queen street in front of her father's store when the wheelman, who was exceeding the speed limit, ran into her. Examination revealed that the child had sustained bad bruises on her arms, knees and forehead. The negro was locked up.



"THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR ONE MORE!"

### TAFT NOT DECIDED AS TO PANAMA BILL

Washington, Aug. 17.—President Taft has not decided whether he will approve the Panama canal bill as agreed to by the senate and house conferees. The president told friends that the free tolls provision might prove an embarrassment to the United States and he was not sure he would sign the bill that way. He favors an amendment which in effect would permit other nations to test the free tolls provision by suits in the United States courts. This eventually would mean a decision by the Supreme court. Taft was told by Senator Simmons that it was probably too late to attach such an amendment to the bill. The president expects to read the measure carefully and decide upon his course early next week. He does not expect to send a special message on the subject.

### GREAT SUFFERING FROM EARTHQUAKES

Constantinople, Aug. 17.—An appalling story of suffering and damage from the recent earthquake was told by members of the expedition dispatched to the stricken district aboard the United States gunboat Scorpion, which returned today. Second Secretary Tarler, of the American embassy, and a special mission of four doctors estimate the killed in various villages at three thousand, injured, six thousand. It was impossible for the investigators to approach several villages because of odors arising from human bodies in the ruins. Other villages were heaps of charred debris. Earthquakes continue daily at many places along the coast. Six shocks were felt yesterday and many houses collapsed.

**Roosevelt in Massachusetts.**  
Boston, Aug. 17.—Roosevelt arrived here from Providence at noon, and made his first campaign speech in Massachusetts at Revere beach.

The colonel was pleased with his reception in Providence. As he sped away from there in an automobile, he yelled to the crowd: "You are a good bull moose crowd. Good luck!" Roosevelt lunched at Dr. Bigelow's home. Later he motored to Revere beach, where he delivered a speech.

**Columbus Chief Suspended.**  
Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 17.—Mayor Karb has suspended Chief of Police Charles Carter on the charges of gross incompetency, accepting and converting fees belonging to inferior officers and knowingly permitting eighteen gambling resorts to operate. Thomas O'Neil was appointed acting chief.

**Jury Has Darrow Case.**  
Los Angeles, Aug. 17.—The Clarence S. Darrow bribery case went to the jury at nine-twenty after Judge Hutton's instructions, the reading of which occupied an hour.

### TAFT WILL VETO AGAIN

#### Will Fight Plan to Abolish Commerce Court If It Takes All Summer

Washington, Aug. 17.—President Taft told his cabinet he would fight congress for retention of the commerce court if it kept him here all the summer. He declared he would again veto the legislative-executive judicial bill if it came to him containing a provision abolishing the court, as reported from the house yesterday. Senators Smoot and Sanders assured the president that the senate might pass the bill as reported to the house but felt confident it would not pass it over a second veto.

Taft was aroused over reports that the democratic house leaders planned retaliating for his veto, by refusing appropriations for the counselor of the state department, bureau of trade relations, and other adjuncts of the department, which the president considers of immense importance to the interests engaged in foreign trade.

**BUY LOTS OF WHISKY**  
More Than \$50,000 From New York  
In Course of a Year.

(Special to The Times.)  
New York, Aug. 7.—Although New York is supposedly a "dry" town a careful estimate made by a local gentleman who is in a position to know of what he is talking, shows that more than \$50,000 have been sent from this city and surrounding section during the past 12 months to other states for whiskey and beer. Judging from this report it is anything but dry. It is estimated that an average of thirty packages of whiskey arrive each day by express and that an all or larger number comes by freight. Each of these packages contain not less than four quarts and the cost of each package is not less than two dollars. Many of the packages contain as many as twelve quarts but in order to get a conservative estimate the number was brought down to four quarts. Regardless of this there are but very few cases of drunkenness brought before the mayor and it is supposed that this whiskey is mainly used for medicinal purposes.

**BARACA-PHILATHEA  
MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT.**

The Baraca-Philathea City Union will meet next Tuesday night, August 20th, with the Central Methodist class.

The subject for discussion will be "The Social Side of Baraca-Philathea Work" and representatives from the various Raleigh classes will participate. There will be a special program for the occasion.

**Goodwin Out of Danger.**  
Los Angeles, Aug. 17.—Nat Goodwin, the actor, injured yesterday when his boat dashed upon the rocks, is entirely out of danger. He will be out tomorrow.

### ANSWER ARGUMENTS OF REV. J. H. COLE

Rev. A. D. Wilcox announces that he is going to show up the fallacies and answer the principal arguments of the Rev. J. H. Cole, at Central church tomorrow night. It will be remembered that Rev. J. H. Cole is the gentleman who delivered a millennial dawn lecture at the auditorium two weeks ago. This doctrine is full of heresy and unbelief and makes charges against the churches of today. It is presented by its speakers in a pleasant and plausible fashion for the purpose of attracting the attention and interest of church people. But when it is fully presented it is seen to contain nearly all of the errors and infidelities of the past thousand years. Mr. Wilcox intends to state all of its leading points and to show its falsities. The service begins at 8:15 p. m.

### ANOTHER OF ALLEN GANG IS SENTENCED

Wytheville, Va., Aug. 17.—Sidna Edwards, one of the Hillsville assassins, plead guilty to second degree murder and was sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary. Two of his kinsmen have been found guilty of murder in the first degree. Sidna accepted the compromise on his mother's advice. Victor Allen's trial is set for September 1. Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, ring leaders of the court house raid, when six people were killed, are still at large.

**RATS NOT INFESTED**  
Physician Finds No Trace of Bubonic  
Bacillus in Rodent.

Key West, Fla., Aug. 17.—Fear that this port had been visited by a rat infested with bubonic plague was dispelled here. Dr. John P. Anderson, of the United States government health service, who was sent here to make an examination of the bacillus found in the rodent, announced that although it resembled the bubonic plague bacillus its action and growth were entirely different.

He is taking culture tubes containing the bacillus to Washington to make a series of experiments in order to fully determine the nature of the growth. The result will be reported to the local health officials.

**President Withdraws Nominations.**  
Washington, Aug. 17.—The president today withdrew the following nominations of postmasters:  
Paxton Williamson, Mount Jackson, Va., and Charles P. Smith, Martinsville, Va. Williamson didn't wish another term. The reason for the other withdrawal is unknown.

### PROGRESSIVES AT GREENSBORO

#### Meet to Perfect Organization and Call State Con-

(Special to The Times.)  
Greensboro, Aug. 17.—A call of National Committeeman Williams and Secretary W. S. Pearson about twenty progressives gathered here at 2 o'clock, in their first state organization meeting. The main purpose for the gathering is declared to be the issuance of a call for a state progressive convention and perfecting of organization. Opinions as to time vary but it seems now that the convention will be called to meet in Greensboro just prior to the republican gathering in Charlotte.

Irredell Mears, Jim Williams, Erwin Holt, Joe Hoskins, Jake Newell, Riggs of Durham, Clyde Eby, of New Bern, T. N. Hallyburton, of Burke, W. S. Bailey, of Spring Hope, J. M. Burgess, of Elizabeth City; Maj. W. A. Guthrie, Durham, and others are sitting as committeemen.

**Jersey Day at Seagirt.**  
Seagirt, Aug. 17.—This is Jersey day at Governor Wilson's summer home. Delegations and marching clubs from all parts of the state gathered here with their brass bands.

Extra tents were pitched on the grounds to accommodate the crowds. The women's Wilson and Marshal league of New Jersey, has established headquarters adjacent to the governor's house.

**JUDGE WILL DIRECT  
THE GRAFT PROBE**

New York, Aug. 17.—A general investigation into the police graft in all of its phases will be undertaken by an extraordinary session of the supreme court, presided over by Justice Goff. News that the court would conduct the grand jury inquiry with Goff having full power of compelling testimony, caused a panic in the underworld. Many gamblers have fled the city. It was supposed that Goff's appointment was only for the purpose of trying the Rosenthal murder case, but it developed that the extraordinary session would begin a John Doe inquiry to prove the innermost relationships between the police and gambling and disorderly housekeepers.

The punishment inflicted on Inspector Hayes by reducing him to the rank of captain, then suspending him on the charge that he failed to keep his district clean, is a probable forerunner of a general police shakeup by Police Commissioner Waldo, who is now convinced that the police deceived him about gambling and vice conditions.

**GEORGE WASHINGTON SWORE**  
Washington, Aug. 17.—George Washington actually swore. Senator Lodge told the senate so today, producing documents in proof. Lodge was discussing Newland's proposition for a committee to confer with Taft on the tariff. "Yes," said Lodge, "Washington once visited the senate to confer about an Indian treaty. The discussion on the floor was unsatisfactorily to him. John Quincy Adams in his diary, says as the president left the senate chamber he said: 'I'll be damned if I'll ever go there again, and he never did.' Lodge produced Adams' diary to prove it.

**Dichm to Be Tried for Murder.**  
Columbus, O., Aug. 17.—Governor Harrison honored Illinois' requisition for the return to Chicago of Herbert Dichm for trial. Dichm must answer for the Corbett murder at Chicago. Richmond, Virginia, and several other cities have charges pending against Dichm for various crimes.

**Harmon Asked to Attend.**  
Columbus, O., Aug. 17.—Because of the influence his presence would have in perpetuating party harmony, Governor Harrison was asked by Chairman McComb, to attend the Marshall notification ceremonies at Indianapolis, August twentieth.

**Liner Sinks at Wharf.**  
San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 17.—The Pacific Mail Liner Newport, sunk at Balboa, Panama, by the collapse of a wharf to which she was moored. All aboard were saved.

**Reward for Singleton.**  
Governor Kitchin has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest of Frank Singleton who escaped from the Henderson jail ten days ago. Singleton is wanted on the charge of murder. The commissioners of Vance county offered \$150.

### JUNIORS HERE TUESDAY NIGHT

#### State Council to Be In Session In Raleigh For Three Days

### ADDRESS BY MR. BICKETT

Attorney General to Speak at Opening of Council—Addresses of Welcome by Mayor Johnson and Treasurer Lacy—Some of Principles of Junior Order—Program of Public Meeting.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the State Council Junior Order United American Mechanics will be held in Raleigh next week, beginning with a public session in the auditorium, Tuesday night. Hon. T. W. Bickett, attorney general, noted for his ability to entertain and inform an audience, will deliver the address; Mr. W. A. Cooper will preside; Hon. B. R. Lacy and Mayor Johnson will deliver the addresses of welcome, and Hon. L. T. Hartwell, of Concord, past state councilor, will respond.

The opening session will begin at 8:30 and the public is asked to attend. The Junior Order stands for education, restricted immigration, the reading of the Bible in the public schools, liberty, patriotism, charity and other moral ideals. Its membership is restricted to natural born white American citizens. In North Carolina there are 27,000 members of the order, and in the United States there are nearly 300,000 members.

The officers of the state council are: U. M. Gilliken, Goldsboro, state councilor; Judge N. L. Eure, Greensboro, vice councilor; Sam F. Vance, Winston-Salem, secretary; George V. Fulp, Kernersville, treasurer; J. J. Weltzel, of Cincinnati, is national councilor.

**Music by Band.**  
The local entertainment committee has made all preparations for the meetings of the council. The Third regiment band will render music on the opening night. The business sessions will be held in the Masonic temple. Mr. Walter Clark, Jr., of Capital City council, is general chairman of the committee, and H. R. Williamson, of Pilot council and E. G. Green, of Walnut Creek council are vice-chairmen.

The state council will be in session three days. The program for the opening meeting follows:  
Public meeting at city auditorium, Tuesday night, August 20, 1912, at 8:30 p. m.

W. A. Cooper, of Capital City Council, No. 1, presiding officer.  
Prayer.  
Music—Third regiment band.  
Address of welcome on behalf of the city of Raleigh—By Mayor Jaa. J. Johnson, of Capital City council.  
Address of welcome on behalf of Raleigh council—By Hon. B. R. Lacy, of Walnut Creek council.

Response—By Hon. L. T. Hartwell, past state councilor, Concord.  
Quartet.  
Address—By Hon. T. W. Bickett, attorney general of North Carolina, member Capital City council.  
Benediction.  
Business meetings on Wednesday and Thursday in Masonic temple.

**POISON IN PEACHES**  
Preserved Georgia Peaches Contain  
Arsenate of Lead.

Atlanta, Aug. 17.—The discovery of arsenate of lead, a deadly poison, in quantities of preserved peaches, has caused the state pure food inspectors to announce that an examination of samples from each of the peach-producing sections of the state, would be made immediately. Spraying of trees shortly before the time for ripening of fruit is believed responsible for the poison's presence.

**Charles T. Bell Dead.**  
(Special to The Times.)  
New Bern, Aug. 17.—Mr. Charles Thomas Bell, a prominent member of the Carteret county bar, died at his home at Morehead City yesterday. The funeral will be held today. Mr. Bell contracted tuberculosis some months ago and was taken to a sanitarium at Montrose for treatment. He returned to his home a few weeks ago but little improved and has been steadily growing worse since that time. He was a brother of Mr. Will L. Bell, manager of the Woodmen of the World for this district and had a host of friends all over Eastern North Carolina who will learn with regret of his demise.

**Crozier to Succeed Mills.**  
Washington, Aug. 17.—Brigadier General William Crozier, chief of the bureau of ordnance has been selected to succeed Brigadier General Mills, as president of the army war college here. Mills becomes chief of the division of militia affairs.