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DEMANDS OPEN FORMULA

Bill in Legislature Would Force Patent Medicines to Give List of Drugs Used.

Bills have been introduced in the house and senate which propose that all secret remedies shall come out in the open and give their formula, if they are sold in the state of North Carolina. This would be the first state in the union to require formula, if the bills become laws. The measure is in line with the new governor's attack on patent medicines.

The bill imposes a graduated tax drugs, ranging from $5 on sales under $2,000 a year to $100 on sales of $50,000 or more. A state inspector will be appointed. Excepted from the act are drugs and medicines patented by the U. S. patent office; any drug recognized by the U. S. Pharmacopoeia; and any medicine compounded by orders of a physician.

Futher carrying out his recommendations, there is a bill that prohibits sending any man to the county roads whose sentence is for more than two years. If more, he must be turned over to the state. A third gubernational bill is for the appointment of the governor, chairman of the tax commission and state treasurer as a commission to make a comprehensive report on a system of taxation at the next legislature.

Senator Scales introduced a number of state-wide bills. One proposes to substitute a state board of charity and public welfare for the present state board of charities, the membership to be seven appointed by the governor. Another bill provides an appropriation of $20,000 for the work of this state board of charity and public welfare. Another bill by Scales provides for absent voters to vote in the general elections, the bill being on the order of the bill offered in the house last week by Doughton. Another bill by Scales would regulate the manner of publishing legal notices in newspapers and fixing the rates of compensation in accordance with the desires of the legislative committee of the State Press association. Still anothr bill by Scale would prohibit the operation of any private hospitals for insane persons except such as shall be licensed by the state.

There is a bill to prevent boys under 18 years old working as telegraph operators and one to establish a reformatory and home for women at the state prison.

The senate has a resolution to print 2,500 copies of Governor Bickett's inaugural address, which has been praised from one end of the state to the other.

Senator Scales has a measure to prevent driving autos and motor cycles by person intoxicated.

Gaston county, after discussing the pros and cons of the county line election whereby Gaston lost King's Mountain town and six miles of territory to Cleveland county, has decided to ask the legislature to repeal the 1915 election act, and leave the territory in statu quo. If this is not done, the suit against Cleveland now pending will be pressed. Gaston claims money and liquor and fraud and all sorts of ugly things were used to cary the election.

The prohibitionists held their big meeting in Raleigh this week and decided to press their bill for complete prohibition. An effort to keep Rev. R. L. Davis off the legislative committee was opposed and withdawn. There is perhaps no very strenuous opposition in the general assembly against a tight prohibition law denying even the shipment of a quart; but anumber of legislators, including Henry Page, although dry men ,declare the presence of Davis, whom they term a lobbyist at $3,000 a year, is obnoxious to them. They "resent" him.

State Institutions Want Much.

The Caswell Training school at Kinston, for feeble-minded children, has 181 inmates and wants $258,500 for the next two years for permanent improvements and maintenance.

The hospital for colored insane at Goldsboro wants $350,000 for the next two years.

More than $260,000 is wanted for the school for the blind for the next two years.

Representative Doughton has introduced a bill giving the right to vote to absentee citizens, so they can mail their ballots and have them counted. Had Buncombe county soldiers on the border been allowed to vote, it is asserted that there would be no muddle in the 10th today, because the boys would have given Weaver a decided majority.

There is a pension bill raising the property limit of pensioners from$500 to $1,000 and increasing each pension $8. A republican leader has a bill increasing the pensions a million dollars, introduced for political purposes .

Provision is made in a bill introduced for the sending of all women offenders and vagrants to county farmers in each county, instead of to jail. There is strong effort for a reformatory or home of correction for wayward girls and women.

Who Is Bickett's "Big Ike?"

The Raleigh correspondent of The Greensboro Daily News says that there is great interest in the appointments Governor Bickett is going to make, but the governor says he is too busy just now to be thinking of appointing anybody. He has measures he wants action on by the general assembly, and that will take his time for 60 days to come. The same writer says there is much speculation as to who will be the "Big Ike" of the administration. That is, who will be the boss, the chief adviser, the kitchen cabinet, the head guy? The answer from some is "nobody!" If ever a governor went into office without strings, without promises, without a political machine, and without any need of a "Big Ike," it is declared to be Mr. Bickett. It is expected he will be his own Big Ike.

Elect School Boards.

Yesterday's Raleigh dispatch to The Daily News says: Henry Page Charley Coonized the general assembly Wednesday with a school bill that is a genuine, blown in the bottle

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MERCHANTS TALK ROADS

Meeting of Retail Association Called For Tonight in the Court House to Discuss Bonds.

The discussion of bonds for roads throughout the county goes on. The condition of the highways now in every township stimulates conversation. Tonight a meeting of the merchants of the town is called ,as will be noticed elsewhere, to secure an expression from the business men of Newton on the subject. The meeting of the Merchants' association is not alone for retail merchants but every business and professional man of the town is invited and urged to attend.

Representative J. Yates Kiillan arrived from Raleigh Wednesday night and he will be invited to meet with citizens and aid the meeting in formulating any plans that may be adopted, looking toward a bond issue.

Frank E. Bost from Route 3 was in town Tuesday and declared and that his people were strong for road improvement. He told The Enterprise that it couldn't print too much reading matter about the road question. Citizens in that part of the county feel that the 20 cents tax they are paying for roads is literally thrown away, because whatever is done, is only temporary, and cannot be otherwise; and to continue to spend money in that fashion simply means throwing good money after bad.

"I am for bonds," said a well-known citizen; "but before I vote for them, I've got to know who is going to spend the money." This sentiment is continually echoed, and it is eminently sound business that the voters know whose hands will direct the expenditure of their cash. That is one point that will have to be made clear—ought to be, should be. It is the idea of men who discuss favorably the idea of bonds that the road commissioners, three or five, representing both political parties and coming from all parts of the county, be named in any act authorized the issuance of bonds.

Another point that will engage the attention of thoughtful citizens is the question of maintenance after the roads are built. The finest road in the world will go to pieces in time unless it is kept up. On this point The Hickory Record voices prevailing sentiment:

"And if the county undertakes to float a bond issue, provision must be made for the maintenance f roads If the voters are sure this will be done and that the highways will be kept in good condition, they will see the wisdom in the investment; otherwise they will not care to waste their money."

Davie and Burke Wide Awake.

Davie county, one of the smallest counties in the state, long cursed with rotten roads, has already spent $175,000 for roads and bridges, and the people are so well-pleased they are now calling for another hundred thousand dollars.

Burke county has spent $100,000 replacing the bridges the flood swept away, having seven steel structures already; and is planning to spend $300,000 for good roads this spring summer.

VARIOUS LOCAL ITEMS

Minor Happenings Around Town and in the oCunty and Notes of Interest to Home Readers.

—Times-Mercury: "Newton is again agitating the question of a new depot. The town certainly does need depot accomodations."

—Times-Mercury: "A hog was butchered on the farm of Frank Propst last week which tipped the scales at the 640lb mark. Just think gentle reader of the sausage and bacon and good old ham and spare ribs and backbone and liver and pigs feet and other meat to feed soldiers. Does it make you anxious or are you used to it? We are anxious."

—Times-Mercury: "Friends of E. L. Shuford in Hickory are pleased of the consideration shown him by the First National bank of Lenoir. At the annual meeting recently held Dr. A. S. Kent was elected president and Mr. Shuford vice president. The people of Lenoir learned of Mr. Shuford's business ability when he was engaged in merchandising in their town. This bank at Lenoir increased its deposits last year over $100,000 and paid recently a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent."

—Hickory Record: "M. W. McCombs, of this county, and Robert Smith, for several years master mechanic in the city guarage, have purchased the business from T. W. Clay and will conduct it in the future as a partnership. Mr. McConbs will act in the capacity of secretary-treasurer and Mr. Smith will continue to devote his ability to the mechanical end. Both are splendid young men, know the repair business and will succeed without a doubt."

—Conover aldermen last night called an election on bonds for $10,000, same to beissued by the Conover graded school district, for school purposes, building, etc. Wednesday night, under the new bill of incorporation of the district, Claude C. Herman and Dr. J. J. Stewart were elected additional trustees, the other three being C. R. Brady, S. D. Sease and S. S. Rowe. Dr. Stewart is chairman and Mr. Brady secretary and treasurer.

—Yesterday morning before business hours in the pool room, four young negroes—Tom Whittenburg, Rob and Wess Wilson and "Bit,"Sims practiced a little pool to while away the early morning tedium. Bob Cline, owner of the place, was informed and slipping to the rear, he displayed an enormous gun and called their attention suddenly to the same. Simultaneously a loud crash of glass attracted attention to the uttermost parts of the square and Rob and Wes literally swarmed through a front window, sash and all while Tom cowered behind a stove much too small to hide him and "Bit" faded away under a pool table. There would have been four funerals had even a match been popped at the right moment. Scared? Well!

COURT CASES OF INTEREST

Heptasoph Suits Today in County Court—Issue as to Validity of Court Raised by Defense.

Today in county court the cases of former members of the Improved Order of Heptasophs will come up for their preliminary hearing; and the proceedings promise to be interesting for the reason, as stated in Tuesday's Enterprise, that W. C. Feimster, of counsel for the defense, has raised in his answer to complaints, the issue as to the validity of the county court. The answer alleges that the court is unconstitutional, invalid and hence incompetent to pass on these cases or on any other case whatsoever.

Plaintiffs in the Suits.

The plaintiffs are Dr. Geo. H. West, George Moose, J. B. Leonard and L. H. Phillips. The suit of D. L. Yoder has already been started in superior court All are based on issues similar to those in the successful case of F. M. Williams which the supreme court upheld some time since. This case, it is learned, may go on to the United States supreme court, or some other case involving the same issues.

Similar case have been brought in many other counties of the state. All contend that when the national council of the order set aside the older members into an insurance class to themselves, denying them the benefits accruing from the addition of new members and "fresh blood," raising their monthely premiums and forcing them to insure themselves, the insurance agreement was violated, and they want the money they have paid into the order, plus interest on same.

Had to Start in County Court.

The act creating the county court forces litigants for sums under $500 to start proceedings in county court. The plaintiffs in these cases had no choice, hence the suits were first filed in this court. Should the issue of the validity of the court go against the plaintiffs ultimately in the supreme court, they would, it seems, lose their day in court for the reason that all these suits against the Heptasoph order, must have been started during 1916; and no new suit can be started now.

Court Must Pass On Itself.

The court will be in the funny position of having to pass on its own constitutionality and validity and if the issue is pressed today as set forth in the complaint, Judge Jesse C. Sigmon will have to say whether or not he is a judge. Laymen are keenly interested, and lawyers also. It has been asked that if the supreme court should ultimately decide the court unconstitutional, what would be the status of the gentlemen who at various times have paid various and sundry fines and costs into the court; and the lawyers just smiled and said there would be nothing doing in the line of rebates—valid or not. McCorkle & Moose appeared for the plaintiffs in the Heptasoph case.

Verdict in Auto Case.

E. E. Bost and C. G. Ramseur, owners of jitneys, were awarded $25 damage and costs in county court Tuesday, against E. D. Maynard, of Gastonia with whose machine a car belonging to the plaintiffs and driven by Rome Bostian, collided on the 11th of November, in Mecklenburg county. The plaintiffs asked $215 damage, alleging that Maynard was responsible for the accident; and Maynard asked $300 damage, alleging that Bostian was responsible. Wilson Warlick appeared for the plaintiffs and Carpenter & Carpenter of Gastonia and W. C. Femister for the defendant.

Other cases handled Tuesday were: Monroe Young, adw., $5 and costs; Elmore Motz, adw., $2.50 and costs; Oliver Whitener, assault, $2 and costs; Clyde Setzer, $2 and costs; Ed. Bolick and wife, Mary Ellen Bolick, of Newton, $10 and costs, each, on charge of disorderly house.

The case alleging gambling against four young men fell down for lack of evidence and a nol pros with leave was taken. Charles Simms, state's witness, did not show up.

THE DEATH RECORD

Mrs. Cobb.

George Cobb of the firm of Cobb & Coley was called to Hickory Grove, S. C., Wednesday by a distressing message announcing the death of his mother. Only this week he had received letters from home stating that all were well, and so he supposed that death came suddenly. Mrs. Cobb was about 65 years of age. His friends in Newton will sympathize with him in his sudden bereavement.

Mrs. Martha Caroline Self of Hickory widow of J. R. Self, died Tuesday morning at 3'oclock, in her 70th year. She was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran church and the funeral was held Wednesday from the residence by Rev. W. E. Murray, pastor. Five children survive—Perry and W. H. Self of Hickory; J. W. Self of Lenoir and Mesdames Mary Collins and Lon Maynard.

Bad Fight in Hickory.

D. C. Spencer, brick mason, and Charles Witherspoon, baggageman at the union station, engaged in a terrific fight in a cafe at Hickory Monday night at a late hour and both are laid up with severe wounds as a result. They fell out over a game of pool. Spencer and Witherspoon's brother had played, and there were words, and Charles Witherspoon left the pool room at 11:30 o'clock and went to the cafe, where Spencer went later, and a furious scrap followed. Spencer was slashed about the head and neck, one lick barely missing the jugular vein; and Witherspoon required 18 stitches in his head and neck. Both men were placed under bonds of $200.

Tuesday night, following the sensational encounter, the Hickory council revoked the license of the pool room where thefight got its inspiration, and the license of two others, to boot, one of them for colored people. There seems to have been complaint and the fight , says The Record, "was the last straw."

FARMER BLED TO DEATH

Jesse Bost Accidentally and Fatally Cut With an Axe by His Brother While Dressing Cross Ties.

Tuesday night Jesse Bost died from loss of blood at his home in the Love school house community, following an accident in which his brother, Henry Bost, cut him on the leg with an axe, servering an artery. The funeral was held yesterday and burial made at Mount Ruhama.

The Bost brothers, sons of Gov. Bost, were getting out cross ties, and were working back to back. Henry's axe slipped and the force of his stroke flung the axe around and it struck the unfortunate brother. This occurred during the afternoon and that night about 9 o'clock Mr. Bost died. Dr. Glenn Long reached his bedside just before the end, too late to save him. Mr. Bost was about 40 years old and leaves a family, for whom great sympathy is felt.

ROBERT EDWARD LEE
Born January 19th, 1807

When the future historian shall come to survey the character of Lee, he will find it rising like a huge mountain above the undulating plain of humanity, and he must lift his eyes high toward Heaven to catch its summit.

He possessed every virtue of other great commanders without their vices. He was a foe without hate; a friend without treachery; a soldier without cruelty; a victor without oppression; and a victim without murmuring. He was a public officer without vices; a private citizen without wrong; a neighbor without reproach; a Christian without hypocrisy, and a man without guile. He was Caesar, without his ambition; Frederick, without his tyranny; Napoleon, without his selfishness; and Washington, without his reward.

He was obedient to authority as a servant, and royal in authority as a true king. He was gentle as a woman in life; modest and pure as a virgin in thought; watchful as a Roman vestal in duty; submissive to law as Socrates, and grand in battle as Achilles!—Benjamin H. Hill.

PROPST BROTHERS GONE TO LOOK INTO BROTHER'S DEATH

A dispatch from Morganton Tuesday said: Brothers of Ralph E. Propst, a former Newton citizen, who it is alleged to have died recently from an accident, sustained while working on a bridge at Baltimore, Md., are in that city, investigating suspicious circumstances surrounding the death, which is now believed to have been caused by a bullet wound in the head.

An examination of the body, upon the request of Baltimore friends, after it had arrived at Drexel, showed the bullet wound, according to Doctor Riddle, of this place, who made the investigation.

It is claimed young Propst, whose parents now reside at Drexel, Burke county, had considerable property and life insurance, and the disposition of his assets are being thoroughly investigated. Baltimore papers in speaking of the death hinted of the suspicious circumstances surrounding the affair.

Aviators Are Lost.

Lieuts. W. A. Robertson and H. C. Bishop, army aviators who went out in their aeroplanes January 10, have been lost in the desert and mountain region of Lower California, and cannot be found. It is supposed that they have died.

Statesville is investigating the idea of a packing house. C. V. Henkel was sent out as a scout to find what he could do. At Moultrie, Ga., he found about what Statesville wants, a plant costing $95,000 which took 8 monnths to build, with a capacity of 300 hogs and 50 cattle daily. The plant has stimuulated the hog and cattle industry and is an all around good thing for any town big enough to support it. Raleigh and Wilmington are both on the eve of establishing packing houses.

Having found that the session of Hiram lodge, A. F. and A. M., opened at Raleigh on the night of April 17, 1865, was never properly closed, because just after it was opened the Yankee soldiers there heard of Lincoln's assassination, and an officer sent word to the lodge members they better get home—the Masons gathered for the 113th convention of the state grand lodge Monday night, concluded the historic session and closed the lodge. The soldiers in Raleigh April had a mind to visit calamities on the city because of Lincoln, and an officer thought it safer for the Masons to shut up shop that night, and the members scattered without closing the session.

RETAIL MERCHANTS MEET

A meeting of the Newton Retail Merchant's association will be held in the court room Friday night, January 19, at 8 o'clock, to complete the organization and secure an expression from the business men of the town on the subject of good roads. At this meeting every business and professional man in town is invited to be present, and to join the association for membership is by no means limited to retail merchants, but men in whatever line of business and the professional men, are all urged to join the association for the upbuilding of the town. The association will be in the nature of a board of trade, or a chamber of commerce, and all business interests working together in it may accomplish much for Newton during 1917.

F. E. GARVIN, President.
G. F. COCHRAN, Secretary.

ADMIRAL DEWEY PASSES

Hero of the Seas Makes Last Voyage and Reaches His Home Port—Ranking Naval Officer.

Admiral George Dewey, America's greatest naval hero, ranking naval officer of the world, died Tuesday night at his home in Washington. After several days of illness due to breakdown and arterio sclerosis he lapsed into a state of coma still believing he would soon be up and back at his desk as chief of the naval board.

Arterio sclerosis for a year and a half had gradually been spreading over his body but he was of powerful physique and proud of his vitality, he fought it off with all his energy. Wednesday of last week he was at his office hale and hearty; the next day he collapsed as he was leaving his house

Admiral George Dewey was born in the shadow of the Vermont capitol December 26,1837, and so was a little over 79 years of age. At 17 years of age he planned to enter West Point but there was no vacancy, and there was one at Annapolis, so he joined the navy instead of the army. He served through the civil war, and when the war with Spain broke out he was sent to the east, much against his wishes, because he thought the naval fighting would be in the gulf of Mexico, and he would miss it. Instead, he had his fight in Manila bay and won undying fame. Congress made him full admiral, and he was the only one of that grade in the navy, and because of his 62 years service in the navy, was ranking naval officer of the whole world.

The burial will be at Arlington cemetery. His second wife and his son, George Dewey, jr., survive. The funeral is tomorrow.

DEEDS FILED FOR RECORD

Deeds have been filed for record as follows:

J. F. Abernethy to R. T. Hines, two transfers, one for $340 and one for $170.

W. P. Bumgarner to A. W. Wagner for $150.

W. C. Curlee to M. F. Carpenter for $300.

J. A. Seal to Ralph and H. L. Arndt, $700.

John H. Deal to W. H. Nichloson for $1,615.

Mrs .Lillie Fields to M. P. Sloup for $5,000.

D. S. Fry to U. S. Fry for $200.

H. C. Goodson to Emerson Propst for $400.

W L. Hutchens to O. V. Hutchens, two transfers, $500 and $750.

E. T. Harwell to B. A. Carpenter for $1,075

Q. A. Hedrick to E. R. Sigmon for $50.

T. M. Hoke to Mattie S. A. Deal for $500.

R. T. Hines to E. O. Blackwelder for $250

W. C. Kenyon to H. J. Clark for $1,000.

A. P. Price to A. W. Wagner for $800.

Mrs. J. F. Propst to A. W. Wagner for $300.

Arthur Webb to Olin Webb for $400.

Mr. DeButts Promoted.

Richard H. DeButts, district passenger agent for the Southern railway with headquarters at Charlotte for the last six years, has been promoted and will go to Washington city in a short time. Friends in the Charlotte district will learn with pleasure of his promotion but will regret to have him leave.

W. N. Foreacre, now general superintendent at Charlotte, becomes general manager of all the lines east of Atlanta and Chattanooga as far north as Washington. He remains at Charlotte, however. This means that a large number of clerks now working at Washington will be sent to the Charlotte office. E. H. Coapman, vice-president and general manager, will continue as vice-president with direct supervision over the entire system, as heretofore.

Railroads Lose Millions.

Test cases, regarded as decisive, of about 800 railroad claims against the government for approximately $35,000,000 additional compensation for carrying the mails from 1907 to 1911, were decided by the supreme court against the railroads. Appeals of the Chicago and Alton and Yazoo and Mississippi railroads from rejection of test claims were dismissed.

Last Dollar of a Fortune.

A cotton seed oil man in Charlotte has come into possession of a dollar bill on which is written this:

"Last dollar of a fortune of $659,000 left me by an aunt in California, June 1912. Cotton, Dec. 1916. Goodbye."

It is thouught tthe man plunged in cotton during last year and so lost his little old $659,00 that way, and then went and killed himself, which would have been the proper thing to do—for a greedy fool.

Thirteen Comin' An' 'Er Gwine.

Eph Stowe, colored citizen of Mecklenburg, helped his 13th child get marriage license in Charlotte last Tuesday; and he told the register of deeds that he had "13 mo' dat een't marr'd yit," but hoped to be if they lived long enough. He has been married three times, first wife dead, second "deevorced' and the third living with him—26 children in all.

—William Little of the Claremont section was brought to jail Tuesday night on a commitment for lunacy, and held until yesterday, when the family made arrangements for his release.

This Mail Carrier Wealthy.

Martin L. Henry, said to be the wealthiest mail carrier in the country, killed himself in New York Sunday because he was "tired of life." Although he has amased $300,000 worth of real estate, he clung to his little job of mail carrying paying $1,200 a year. He had caried the mail for 35 years. He fell some time ago and hurt his head.

CANADIANS RAID TRENCH

Attack in Snow Storm on Somme Front Brings Minor Success to Allies—Other War Fronts.

On the Somme front, winter has sealed military activities on a large scale but raiding parties and frequent bombardments still go on. The Canadian troops in a snow storm Wednesday raided a thousand yards of German trenches, capturing a few guns and 100 men, mostly Silesians and Poles. They claim to have inflicted heavy losses.

The Russians and Rumanians seemed to have stiffened up a little in Rumania and at points have turned on their enemies. It may be they are tired of running, or have worn their legs down to where they can't run. Russians are said to have been disappointed in the Rumainians as fighters and the Rumanians seem surprised at the poor show the Russ has made. Both have put up an inglorious fight.

There are indications that another big offensive is being planned by the allies on the French front and big doings in Macedonia and Serbia are expected. But this has been expected for a couple of years. The trouble seems to be in Greece. The allies fear to leave Greece in ther rear for an invasion of the Balkans.

Very little has been going on in army circles but allied merchant vessels are being sunk daily by German subs.

German Raider at Large.

Reports of another German raider roaming the seas seeking what allied ships it may devour, have been sent out. As many as ten ships are reported sunk. On two of the ships there were 63 Americans who shipped as hostlers.

Entente Files Another Note.

President Wilson has received an amplified answer to his note asking the belligerents what they wanted. This second note explains why Turkey must be expelled from Europe, Alsace-Lorraine ceded to France, why Italia must have the Italian provinces of Austria, and setsforth other territorial changes demanded. Peace is not possible, declares the note, until the shadow of future wars is banished. Treaties off r no safeguard, it declares, because they are treated as "scraps of paper."

PLAY AT GRADED SCHOOL TONIGHT—"COUNTRY KID"

"The Country Kid" will be presented at the gaded school tonight by the department of home economy and domestic science, to raise money for the purchase of a range to be used by the young ladies who are learning how to cook. The play itself is laugh-compelling; the characters have been well-trained and the 15 and 25 cents will prove a small price for the fun and then you will help a mighty worthy effort.

—Several more cars of corn have been shipped into the county, and the price has gone up, the grain being worth $1.25 by the car load. It sure is a novel thing to see such farmers as Sigmon brothers shipping in corn to feed their stock .

PLANS TO MEET DEFICIT

Increase in Revenue Epected to Exceed Half a Billion Dollars Annually—Preparedness Costly

A dispatch from Washington Tuesday stated that administration plans for meeting the treasury deficit at the end of the next fiscal year took the form of a definite program Tuesday, embracing increases in the inheritance tax, a new tax on excess profits of corporations and partnerships, and a bond issue of $289,000,000. A bill including these proposals and bearing the endorsement of President Wilson and Secretary McAdoo will be framed at once and pressed in the house.

The increase in revenue under the plan is expected to be more than $500,000,000 annually, and if it fails to take care of the deficit, a $100,000,000 issue of treasury certificates of indebtedness may be decided on.

As agreed to informally today by democrats of the ways and means committee and approved by the president and secretary of the treasury, the excess profits tax would be at the rate of eight or ten per cent on such returns in excess of eight per cent on investment, and would yield something more than $200,000,000, the inheritance tax would be raised to one and one-half instead of one per cent on minimum estates, and from 10 to 15 per cent on those of more than $15,000,000 yielding an additional revenue of about $22,000,000 and the bond issue of $289,000,000 would be designed expressly for emergency expenses, such as the Mexican trouble, the Alaskan railway, the new armor and nitrate plants, purchase of the Danish Indies and appropriations for the shipping board.

In this form the program will be submitted by democrats of the committee to their republican colleagues, who will be asked to make any suggestions immediately so the measure may be brought into the house. Leader Kitchen expects it to pass within a week.

TO CONOVER SUBSCRIBERS

Learning yesterday from numerous complaints from people living on Conover routes that they had not received their Tuesday's papers, The Enterprise tried to find the cause of the trouble and learns that the papers were not put off at Conover Tuesday morning from No. 15, being evidently carried by. The bundles were returned to Conover Wednesday and doubtless subscribers received them yesterday. We just wanted to state that the trouble was not in this office, though we regret it just the same.

—C. M. McCorkle has bought from Capt. J. W. Pope his Wilson creek water power site near Mortimer, where from 1,500 to 2,000 horse-power can be developed. It is near the railroad and an ideal site for a power development.

BRIEFS FROM EVERYWHERE

News Miscellany Covering the Happenings of the Week Here, There and All Around—Snapshots.

Judge Thomas J. Shaw sent 15 recruits to the roads in Buncombe county during the last sitting of criminal court.

At an estimated cost of $32,000 a swamp near Mt. Olive, Wayne county, can be drained and 6,000 acres of fine fertile ground reclaimed, worth, it is estimated, $640,000.

Congress does not want an extra session and there is apparent a determination toclean up the business before March 4.

J. W. Bales of Hamlet, shot just before Christmas by Tom Hare, his father-in-law, at Fulton, S. C., died Thursday night. Hare is held for murder.

The Jap cruiser Tsukuba was destroyed by an explosion in a Jap harbor this week, 53 killed and 157 wounded. The giant ship was 13,500 tons, and was only about 9 years old. She was at the Jamestown exposition.

A Danish steamer of 3,000 tons was destroyed by amine or torpedo at the very mouth of London's Thames river this week. The Scandinavian nations, all of which have many merchant ships, have lost as heavily in the war as if they had been combatants.

Thousands attended the funeral of Buffalo Bill at Denver. Masons and Elks and other organizations, citizens from many western states and hundreds of children participated in the ceremonies. The body will be laid to rest in a rock vault on the summit of Lookout mountain.

A British captain with a wooden cannon and smoke bombs believes he scared away submarines ,on his trip over to New York. If his ruse was effective, he showed poor judgment in bragging about it in public, for he may not find it worth anything next time.

The extent of the moral wave against vice, whiskey and fast living generally may be estimated when New Orleans closes cabarets and saloons on Sunday. Of course many of the saloons kept the back door open last Sunday, but closing even the front door is an innovation in the Crescent City.

A dollar and costs was all the jury awarded Deleon Smith of Lenoir county in his suit for ligel against The Kinston Free Press which published the news of a murder and the coroner's verdict that the man died a natural death, Smith being the coroner. He held that the publication aggrieved him $3,000 worth but the court thought otherwise.

Thomas H. Peeples of South Carolina has his headgear in the ring for Palmetto governor next time and Cole Blease, twice governor, defeated candidate for the senate, then defeated for governor last time, is also expected to toss his sombrero in the circle. As a candidate he is sort of an evergreen or perennial.

The Charlotte Observer editor, after a visit to Raleigh, says that while the lower rooms of the governor's mansion are well-furnished and the state pays for the household expenses, the upper rooms are barn-like in furnishings and comfort, and altogether, the state has nothing to brag of in its management of the mansion.

A Richmond hotel and bar propriator declares that prohibition has done Richmond a world of good. His hotel is running smoother and his soft drink bar is making more money than his hard drink bar did before. Bums and loafers have gone to work and the whole city has straightened up like a man sobered up after a carousal.

A robber grotesquely disguised, a man may be, but suspected of being a woman, leaped upon a taxi in Kinston Saturday, in which J. Fred Taylor, a cotton mill man, was riding with $1,800 to pay off his hands; and using a gun, forced Taylor to hand over his money. Sid French, the taxi driver, was arrested as an accomplice, and it is believed that the robber was a demi-monde with whom French has been living.

R. O. Alexander, Bible student, prophet, and maker of sensational prognostications ,declared in an address in Washington that the Bible 2,500 years ago foretold the present war ,and says the United States will be invaded. It also advises us to get ready, he says. England is doomed to lose this war, he further says, and France will gain a dominant position. Wheat, the Bible predicted, would go to $5 the bushel before the h. of l. was over.

Johns Hopkins hospital has found a use for human derelicts, which gather every winter in a charity hotel. The hospital pays them $1 a day to keep their blood in good condition for the purpose of transfusing same whenever an operation of that character is necessary, and each gets $25 for every operation. The down-and-outs are tested for blood purity, more than 100 having undergone tests this winter.

So far any pestilence in the war has been avoided save in Serbia where typhus almost completed the destruction of the nation, American physicians stopping it finally; but now tuberculosis has increased in every country over there. Ambassador Gerard says it has jumped 300 per cent in Germany. Thousands of French soldiers have it. In Belgium conditions are frightful. Eminent specialisas say this country must guard against importations of the disease. We have enough white plague of our own.

Senator Overman denounces the revival of republican efforts to cut the representation of the south in the electoral college and in congress, by having elections in the south investigated to see if any citizens are denied the right to vote. Espeically states which have a "grandfather clause," designed to disfranchise negroes, are the target for resolutions directing an investigation, all to the end that a law be enacted shaped to aid the republicans in regaining control of the national