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## CANDIDATES COMING OUT.

### Two Gentlemen Running for Mayor—Majority of Present Board of Commissioners Will Stand for Re-Election.

Town officers for the ensuing two years will be elected the first Tuesday in May, and two candidates for mayor have already announced themselves. They are Messrs. E. K. Dunlap and Pembroke Wyatt, both of whom threw their hats into the ring several days ago. Messrs. Dunlap and Wyatt have no platforms, so far as we are informed, except they promise good government for the town. Messrs. G. W. Huntley and F. M. Hightower, both of whom have been urged to make the race, decline to announce themselves, and the probabilities are that they will not enter the race.

Messrs. H. W. Little, W. P. Ledbetter and J. F. Allen, of the present board of commissioners, probably will stand for re-election, as they have served only one term. Mr. Dunlap, as stated above, is a candidate for mayor, and therefore will not run for commissioner. The other commissioner, Mr. Hightower, does not expect to run for commissioner again. He has served two terms. Dr. R. D. Hays and Messrs. U. B. Block and H. S. Allen are being suggested by commissioner to fill the places of Messrs. Dunlap and Hightower. Their names one else has been suggested.

### Must Pay Inheritance Tax on Real Estate.

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—The Supreme Court rules in the test case of Solicitor Norris vs. Cary K. Dunley, trustee of the estate of Florence P. Tucker, from Raleigh that real estate inheritances are subject to the inheritance tax under the revenue acts of 1905, 1907, 1909 and subsequent acts in spite of the ruling by Attorney General Gilmer, contained in Attorney General Bickett, that the act as then worded only applied to personal property.

This suit was brought more than a year ago at the instance of the Taxpayers' Commission, the commission holding that the revenue acts in question intended that real estate inheritances be taxed as well as personal property, selecting the Tucker estate, valued at nearly \$1,000,000 as one of the biggest involved, for the test suit purposes.

Now there will be a general movement to see to it that all the inheritances that have passed during these years are held as far as possible to the payment of the tax amounting, it is estimated to possibly \$250,000 the state over.

Judge Whidbee cited the case below and held that the tax could not be collected against real estate. The opinion of the Supreme Court reversing this is written by Justice Brown. The opinion sets out that the language of the act in question not merely declares an intention or purpose to tax real estate along with personal property inherited, but is an enactment itself by actual imposition of the tax by the expression "shall be and hereby is made subject to tax." The court holds that this plain declaration of the Legislature should not be defeated by subsequent words unless they are clear plain and emphatic.

### Robins Lead the Bird Population.

Washington correspondence. New York Herald.

Robins lead all other birds in the United States so far as numbers are concerned, according to a preliminary census of birds of the country which has just been completed by the Government biologists. The English sparrow is a close second.

In the Northeastern United States, where the census was most thorough, there were, on an average, six pairs of robins to each farm of 58 acres. English sparrows averaged five pairs a farm. Taking 100 robins as a unit, other desirable birds were noted in these proportions: Catbirds, 49; brown thrashers, 37; house wrens, 28; kingbirds, 27; bluebirds, 26.

The biologists of the department intend to repeat the census for several years and on a much larger scale if bird lovers throughout the land are willing to aid in the work. The department's biological survey furnishes the necessary instruction and report blanks to whoever wishes to cooperate. There are no funds to pay for this work, and it therefore depends on volunteer observers.

Meet me at McRae Co.'s and get seven 5c cakes of good laundry soap and 1 box of bluing for 25 cents.

## To the Teachers of Ansonville Township.

The following is the program which we wish to carry out in our township contest to be held at Ansonville March 19:

The teachers, with their pupils, are earnestly requested to be at the school building promptly at 1:00 P. M. on the above date. We trust that a very large number of the pupils of the township will be able to attend.

1. Parade through town.
2. Song, "America"—By all the schools.

3. Dialogues, story telling, songs, etc., by small children. (We want something from every school, if possible).

4. Seventh grade contest.

5. Spelling contest. (Pupils above the seventh grade excluded.)

6. Song, "The Old North State."

7. Athletic contest. High jump, running. (one fourth mile run; any boy may enter.) Potato race, only girls competing.

Premiums for successful contestants in the races, and for best speller.

It is requested that teachers bring specimens of any good work of their way. This fact, with the failure of a submarine to hit a fast cross-channel steamer at which it fired a torpedo, apparently proved to the satisfaction of British naval writers that steamers with moderate speed, which observe obvious precautions can escape the underwater craft, and such vessels are continuing to cross the seas.

Very truly,  
Ansonville Township Com. on Program.

## Recorder's Court Tuesday.

Last Tuesday the last regular session of the recorder's court was held, as the court goes out of existence March 1st. A special session of the court will be held Friday, and it is expected that all the cases on the docket will be disposed of at that time. The following cases were disposed of Tuesday:

P. A. Davis, giving mortgage on property already mortgaged, remanded to justice's court.

John Smith, alias Wm. Gallant, larceny; five months on roads.

Henry Mitchell, trespass; judgment suspended on payment of cost.

John Watts, trespass; not pressed.

Charley Starnes, carrying concealed weapon; \$10.00 and cost.

Walter Ledbetter, not pressed.

William John Bennett, gambling; 12 months on roads.

John Lilly and Cassie Lilly, affray; judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Lon Huntley, trespass; judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Walsh Flake, abandonment; not pressed.

## Diet May Decide War.

Washington Post.

"The matter of diet may play an important part in the European war," remarked Dr. J. A. Freiderich of New York. Dr. Freiderich recently returned from Europe where he spent several weeks in the battle zones. "Expert militarists agree that the question of endurance may determine the length of the war, and endurance will depend entirely upon the condition of the soldiers. Lord Kitchener, it is said, has 1,250,000 men in training for services, because he knows the importance of conditioning his soldiers. The Germans are in fine physical condition, but whether they can last is a question. I believe the Latin races are better able to stand a long strain than the Teutons or the English. Both the German and the Briton are meat eaters. The English, particularly, likes his meat, perhaps, no less than the German, but he likes it, and science has proved that meat eaters, while physically strong for a supreme struggle, cannot endure an extended strain.

"There is not a finer race in Europe than the Bulgarians when it comes to pure physical perfection. The men are big, strong grappling fellows capable of enduring all manner of hardships, and they can stand the strain much better than the pure German or the Englishman. In the Russo-Japanese war, it was demonstrated that the Japanese were marvels of physical endurance. The Bulgarians and the Japanese are essentially non-meat eaters. They live on vegetables and fish and mighty little of the latter. Meats, particularly red meats, while they have strength, subtract from the sum of endurance, and if this greatest of world's struggles comes to a question of which is going to last, I believe the force that has the largest number of non-meat eaters will win, and I think the Allies can claim this."

## THE WAR.

### Submarines Sank Eight Vessels in Past Week—Others, Including Two American, Sunk by Mines—Operations on Land.

London, Feb. 24.—The German submarine blockade of the British Isles has been in effect one week. The result, so far as is known, is that two Norwegian, one French and five British steamers have been sunk or torpedoed by submarines, with the surprisingly small loss of four lives. Two of the steamers reached port.

On the other side of the count two German steamers are reported missing and a third hit and probably sunk by a French destroyer.

Besides the vessels which fell victims to the submarines two American and one Norwegian steamer have been sunk by mines near the German coast and the Swedish steamer Specia and one or two British steamers are overdue and it is feared they have been lost.

Nearly all the steamers torpedoed by submarines were small and slow vessels and at least three were caught while at anchor or while barely under way. This fact, with the failure of a submarine to hit a fast cross-channel steamer at which it fired a torpedo, apparently proved to the satisfaction of British naval writers that steamers with moderate speed, which observe obvious precautions can escape the underwater craft, and such vessels are continuing to cross the seas.

The blockade, however, has increased insurance rates and some neutral owners are keeping their ships in neutral waters.

With such conditions obtaining the public in England and in neutral countries are curious as to the latest proposal of the American Government to Great Britain and Germany concerning the blockade and as to what reprisals the Allies will make to the blockade.

In addition to the loss of the merchantmen the British Admiralty has given up hope for the armored steamer Clan MacNaughton which has not been heard from since February 3 and which, it is believed, went down, as did another armed merchantman, the Vinor in a storm that struck English waters early in the month. The Clan MacNaughton carried a crew of 280 men.

## TAX ALL BACHELORS.

### Bill Introduced in House Providing That They Pay \$2.00 Per Year. Raleigh News and Observer.

Hurrah! Also cheers!

The daddled old bachelors of the grandest state in the Union—which is us—are going to get their just dues at last.

A tax of \$2.00 on every able bodied bachelor is the sense and purport of a bill to be introduced in the House today by that little old sassy farmer, Representative A. M. Benton of Columbus county.

Mr. Benton, when the notion seizes him, gives the honorable House of Representatives trouble. He is small of frame, large of convictions and an able parliamentarian.

Here is the bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to tax all bachelors in North Carolina between the ages of thirty and fifty for the support of the institution for fallen women.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That a special tax of two dollars is hereby levied and imposed upon each and every able bodied bachelor residing in the state of North Carolina who has reached the age of thirty years and who is not over fifty years old; said tax to be collected as other state and county taxes and held as a special fund and disbursed by the State Treasurer for the support of the institution for fallen women under such terms and conditions as may be prescribed in the bill providing for the establishment of said institution.

Sec. 2. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.

Mr. Benton is a married man himself, the father of nine children. He is a farmer, a merchant, and has been postmaster at his home town for thirty-one years.

"There are said to be from 50,000 to 100,000 men in North Carolina who would come under the provisions of this act," said Mr. Benton.

"That means a revenue to the state of from \$100,000 to \$200,000 a year."

"There are hundreds of men in the state who are able to marry and make homes, if they would."

"This bill may persuade some of them to do so."

The bill was favorably reported by propositions and grievances committee. It will be introduced in the House today.

The last bill to tax bachelors in this state was introduced by former Representative Hamilton G. Ewart, of Henderson county, four years ago.

## Senate Debates Primary Measure.

Raleigh News and Observer.

For three hours and thirty minutes last night the Senate waged war over the State-wide Primary bill introduced by Senators Weaver and Hobgood as amended by the committee. Adjournment was taken at 11:30 with the understanding that the bill will be taken up again this evening as a matter of special order at eight o'clock.

Amendments galore were offered to the original bill in addition to those of the committee. The most significant were those of Senator McRae and Senator Giles. The former sent forward an amendment to except from the provisions of the bill, county offices and legislative offices. The amendment was so framed that it will allow the addition of any number of counties. The Giles amendment provides that the application of the measure to the Democratic party alone.

Senator Hobgood and Senator Gardner led the fight on the floor of the Senate for the bill. Senator Weaver and Senator McNeely both interested in drawing the bill and in furthering its progress through the General Assembly were also kept busy during a part of the session in answering questions. A similar measure was championed on the floor two years ago by Senator Hobgood and Senator Gardner. The bill passed the Senate but was defeated in the House.

## Little Hope for Workmen's Compensation Bill to Pass.

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—The joint Committees on Propositions and Grievances this afternoon gave a hearing on the Hobgood substitute for the Nettles and the Allen and Mintz workmen's compensation bill, and the Senate committee voted 4 to 3 for unfavorable report and the House committee voted for report without prejudice. The committee heard former Judge Burgaw of Washington, N. C. in advocacy of the bill.

## Record of Corn Club Boys.

We give below the records of all the corn club boys of the county who reported last year. The list was prepared by Mr. J. W. Cameron, county demonstrator. There were a number of boys enrolled as members of the club who did not do any work, but about all of those, planted their acre gathered the corn and reported. Here is the list:

Name of boy.	No. Bu.	Cost per Per Acre	Bushel
Robert J. Northcutt	121.11	.28	
Roy Roberts	103.0	.42	
Roy Stegall	86.	.35	
Travis Northcutt	78.09	.36	
John McRae	75.33	.36	
Plumer Beachum	74.02	.42	
C. E. Braswell	72.18	.44	
Claud Brooks	70.33	.38	
Vance Tucker	70.85	.38	
Browten Lowery	67.31	.53	
Frank Beachum	50.61	.32	
James Jones	58.	.71	
C. L. Phillips	58.5	.53	
James Jones	58.	.68	
J. Bradley Ratcliff	52.8	.58	
Young Rushing	52.5	.82	
Justus F. Nance	50.	.52	
Roy Baker	48.75	.42	
Charley Gaddy	45.	.60	
Baxter McRae	43.3	.97	
Frank Ratcliff	43.	.41	
Walter Johnson	40.	1.10	
Johnny H. Russell	39.7	.39	
James T. Russell	38.14	.46	
Homer Goodwin	38.	.32	
Elmer Winfree	36.5	.52	
Seaborn Shepherd	37.	.58	
Wallace Carpenter	30.	.56	
Clayton Nance	30.	.61	
Floyd Stegall	27.8	.44	
Wm. Knotts	92.	.36 1/2	
Sidney Powell	96.	.50	

## Bills in Legislature.

The revenue and machinery act, which was passed by the House several days ago, is now being considered by the Senate.

The bill prohibiting the shipping of intoxicating liquors from points outside the state to points inside the state passed the House by a vote of 100 to 6, and is now in the Senate.

This bill prohibits the shipping of liquor to anyone, and even the possession of liquor within the state, and it is expected that the Senate will amend it so as to allow a man who wants to bring his own liquor into the state to do so. However, he probably will have to go after it.

The bill establishing a state highway commission has passed the house, and \$10,000 was appropriated to support the commission. An article stating the purposes and work of the highway commission was published in a recent issue of The M. & I. This bill has not passed the Senate.

A report of the caucus which killed the bills to elect county boards of education by the people is given in another column of this issue.

A statewide primary bill is now being considered. It is impossible to predict what kind of bill will be decided upon, but the indications are that some kind of statewide primary will be provided for.

The insurance bill which passed the House has been amended by the Senate, taking away from the state insurance commissioner the power to lower rates, which the bill as originally drafted gave him.

It is reported that an investigation of the recent affair at New Bern between Judge Carter and Solicitor Abernethy will be ordered, and that the investigation will be extended to include the private lives of the two men.

A committee has recommended that the state's stock in the A. & N. C. railroad be sold if a suitable price is offered.

## Germany Still a Big Seller to U. S.

New York, Feb. 24.—A feature of the January statement of commerce at the port of New York, made public at the Custom House by Collector Malone, in addition to the record exports for a month since the war started, was the fact that Germany practically held its own as compared with last year in imports to this country. The import trade from France on the contrary showed the heavy loss of over 60 per cent from January, 1914.

The loss in German import trade with New York for the months, as compared with the previous January, was only \$456,447 in a total trade of \$10,070,016, against a loss by France of \$6,144,114, the trade declining to \$4,460,172 for the month. Imports from Germany were over \$2,000,000 greater than those from England. Austria-Hungary appeared on the import sheet to the amount of \$1,229,348, against \$1,185,128 in January, 1914.

## MAN DIED OF RABIES.

### First Genuine Case in Charlotte in Which a Human Being Became Mad.

Charlotte Observer, 22nd.

What is said to be the first genuine case of rabies or hydrophobia that has come under the eyes of experts in Charlotte was that of Mr. Simon McDonald of Huntersville, whose death occurred yesterday morning at the Charlotte Sanatorium at 9 o'clock.

Mr. McDonald was brought to the city Saturday from his home in the upper part of the county by his family physician when he exhibited marked symptoms of rabies and a number of local physicians and several specialists were called in. There was hardly any doubt from the outset that it was a case of rabies for paralysis had developed in both of the lower limbs, both arms were beginning to show signs of paralysis, the throat had contracted so much that there was great difficulty in swallowing, the pupils of the eyes were dilated, and did not respond to tests, temperature was ranging about 102 1/2 and there were marked signs of frothing at the mouth. The physicians administered as best they could but they could do nothing save give bromides to relieve the patient until the special virus could be procured from Baltimore whence it had been ordered by wire. This did not arrive and as a result Mr. McDonald died yesterday morning in great agony in spite of the efforts of those looking after him.

There have been scores and scores of cases of reported rabies appearing in Charlotte from time to time but local specialists say that this is the first genuine case that has come under their attention. All of the symptoms of a well developed case of rabies were present, including the contracting of the throat, which gives rise to the name "hydrophobia"—fear of water, which is rather fear of choking, and also the frothing at the mouth. A cursory effort was made yesterday to find the little animalculae which cause the rabies, but they were not present in the specimens examined. The paralysis of the limbs and the dilation of the pupils, etc., were all well defined.

Mr. McDonald, according to those acquainted with the history of the case, was either bitten by the dog or only scratched by it. The dog also bit two of his children and shortly thereafter was killed. This was in December but no sign of infection showed up with Mr. McDonald until several days ago.

Neither of the children has developed any symptoms of the disease but both are to be sent down to Raleigh this morning where they will be given the Pasteur treatment under direction of Dr. C. A. Shore. It is stated that two other children in the neighborhood were also bitten by the dog. They will be sent down to Raleigh to take the treatment also.

The case of Mr. McDonald was distressing beyond description. When he developed paralysis of the lower limbs, he could only lift himself about by his arms and then as the poison gained on him he exhibited profound concern not for himself, but for his two children, who were also bitten by the dog. When it became manifest that he had rabies, the attending physician ordered the virus from Baltimore and brought Mr. McDonald to Charlotte where he hoped that life might be prolonged until it arrived. Nothing, however, could be done and as a result he died yesterday morning.

Mr. McDonald was 27 years of age and is survived by his wife and several children. He worked in the Anchor Mills at Huntersville.

## Program of Washington's Birthday Exercises at Graded School.

The pupils of the sixth and seventh grades of the graded school celebrated Washington's birthday with special exercises yesterday morning. The exercises were interesting and enjoyable. Here is the program:

1. Devotional.
2. "America"—Everybody.
3. Reading—Mary Burns.
4. Story—Louise Williams.
5. Story—Agnes Bennett.
6. Song—"Mt. Vernon Bells."
7. Reading—Charlie Lowe.
8. "America The Beautiful"—Song.
9. Reading—Anna Little Massemore.
10. Minnet.

## LOST—Open face gold watch, Elgin movement. Return to The M. & I. office and receive reward.