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## COM. GAYLORD TAKES ISSUE WITH DAILY NEWS AND CONVICTS HIMSELF

### Special Provision Was Made for the Disbanding of Chain Gang. Deficit Would Have Increased But For the Special Tax.

Editor Daily News:

A reply in part to your recent editorial utterances seems appropriate to me. In the outset I wish to say as a member of the Board for the past two years that I appreciate your belief in the integrity of that body. Yet your next statement gives it rather a doubtful meaning when you say "For the past two years a majority of the Board have really been in favor of disbanding the chain gang, but for political reasons, have been afraid to do the things which they admit should be done."

Now Mr. Mayo, I am one of the board who was willing to discontinue the chain gang—not because they were of no benefit to those county roads which are under my observation, but because it seemed a way to escape that yearly deficit. And as you are familiar with the laws passed by the legislature of 1911 I will cite you to the road laws passed by that body, which allowed the different road districts to have the force on demand. In view of the law and a demand for the force it seemed to me the commissioners were voiceless.

As to the commissioners having received an offer of \$4,000.00 and expenses for the force I emphatically deny.

You discuss very lucidly the commissioners' sin of omission and commission in regard to new bridges and as you were just talking about the board for the past two years a reader might infer such discussion applied to present board. I think sir you should be more specific, as the present board is composed of individuals of different lengths of service.

Another fact you call the attention of the citizens to is large cost of the county poor and especially do you challenge the cost of the county home. Even saying that any well regulated home for the sick and disabled poor ought to be on a self-supporting basis. Now sir I am sorry to say my experience is insufficient to make the statement. However, if you can show me with justice to the inmates I shall appreciate same.

Again you fall out with the board for failing to bond the floating debt. On general principles I oppose bonding the county. But the county is carrying an awkward floating debt it looks like business to bond say at 5 per cent than to carry it the usual way at 7 per cent.

As to your statement that we tried to bond for more than was necessary I shall only ask you to look more carefully at the figures. Furthermore you stated the legislature granted authority to issue bonds, when in fact it did not. The county attorney advised the board that it had authority to issue the bonds to take up the debt. Upon that point I have since learned there is a difference of legal opinion, when after the acceptance of bids the bond people failed to close on that account.

In regard to your statement that there is a saving of about \$3,000.00 from the salary system the complete records will not bear you out as it is well known that some of the officials are allowed fees in addition to their salary. You might also recall that the expense of the Recorder Court is borne by the general county fund and their large surplus is turned over to the school fund. Also the present board has to allow for the much greater expense of listing taxes under the new system. And again even leaving out the question of benefit or non-benefit the chain gang is to us we should ask ourselves the question are we able to accept their road work in addition to the heavy expense we are under to maintain the large number of bridges which natural conditions have demanded.

Whether I have executed the trust imposed on me as well as circumstances will permit is of course an open question. At least sir it is my intention so far as it is in my power to meet every issue presented in a just business way. I am,

Yours truly,  
W. F. GAYLORD.

Bath, N. C.

We are glad to have attention called to any discrepancies or sup-

posed inaccuracies published in the Daily News. We will deal with each item in commissioner Gaylord's reply separately.

First. We have nothing to add to or take from our statement about the attitude of the commissioners with respect to the chain gang. In so much as Mr. Gaylord refers to the road laws of 1911 he should have quoted the sections in order that he would not be misquoted.

The road law for Washington, Chowan and Long Acre Townships. Section 9 beginning on line 5 is as follows: "They shall also have authority to use and employ the county convict force or chain gang, when they so desire, upon paying to the treasurer of said county of Beaufort the full cost of maintaining said convict force during the period it shall be used by the said board of commissioners for said district. Provided, that this section shall not be construed to deprive the other townships in said County of Beaufort from using said convicts for their pro rata of their time in each year. If they so desire and upon their request for the use of said convicts, upon the same terms as herein stipulated, it shall be the duty of the board of County Commissioners of Beaufort County to allot said convicts to said township in their alphabetical order which relation shall hereafter be followed."

Provided further, that the Board of County Commissioners of Beaufort County shall at any time have and retain the right to disband said convict force or chain gang.

This is the only provision in any of the road laws for the county relating to the use of the convicts.

Commissioner Gaylord evidently failed to read the law or he would have left all reference to it from his article, this very forcibly illustrates what the Daily News has endeavored to show the people, that the commissioners have acted on matters before them without first informing themselves on those matters.

Mr. Gaylord is apparently ignorant of the fact that this act of the legislature carried a special provision permitting them to disband the chain gang at any time they desire.

The commissioners are voiceless when they desire to be. We did not make the statement that the county had received an offer of 4,000.00 and expenses for the force. Read our article again.

Second. Referring to that part of Mr. Gaylord's communication which discusses new bridges and the present board. We again request that he read our article a second time and see if the 3rd paragraph is not begun with the words "In 1910 and 11," and in no part of the article did we refer specially to the present board, however, if Mr. Gaylord desires it we will discuss with him the official record of the present board during the past year.

Third. We don't quite understand what is meant by Mr. Gaylord's query (do you challenge the cost of the County Home) if he means to ask if we charge that there has been graft in the management of the County Home, our answer is No, but we do mean just what we said and that is "with proper system it would and should be self-sustaining." As yet we are not acting in advisory capacity to the board of commissioners therefore do not feel called upon to offer suggestions as to their duty.

Fourth. Mr. Gaylord's statement that we fall out with the board because they did not bond the floating debt of the county needs no explanation as there is nothing in the article by which the most vivid imagination could draw the conclusion that we fall out with the board because they did not sell bonds. We cited the fact that they had not and could not be sold merely to show the condition of county affairs.

General principles as referred to by Mr. Gaylord seems to have been followed in the management of county affairs throughout instead of some specific principle or policy.

Fifth. For confirmation of our

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## PROGRESS ED. WEDS MISS BESSIE STOKES

### Brilliant Marriage First M. E. Church This Afternoon at 3:15 O'clock.

One of the most brilliant, as well as popular weddings of the season, was consummated at the First Methodist Church this afternoon at 3:15 o'clock, when Miss Bessie Eleanor Stokes, one of the city's attractive young ladies was married to Mr. William Kelly Jacobson, editor of the Washington Progress.

The auspicious event, due to the popularity of the contracting parties, was witnessed by a large number of well-wishers and admiring friends and they begin their wedded life together under the brightest of skies.

No fairer bride ever plighted her troth nor more gallant groom promise to protect till death them do part.

For weeks previous their large circle of friends have anticipated with the fondest expectation the uniting of their lives at the marriage altar and now that their anticipations have become a realization, it is the wish of all that for them their future will be only one "grand sweet song" and it will if well-wishers is an omen of happiness.

The church auditorium upon no similar occasion was more attractive in decorations. The chancel was a perfect bower of beautiful flowers aided by potted plants, ferns and the numerous vases shedding their soft and mellow rays over the happy couple as they faced the pastor and promised to keep their vows in sunshine and shadow.

Before the bridal party entered a delightful musical program was rendered by the organist, Mrs. R. A. G. Barnes assisted by Mr. R. A. G. Barnes as violinist.

No wedding to occur in Washington was more beautiful in its simplicity and no couple enter the marriage relation with more hope for happiness.

Promptly at the appointed hour and to the inspiring strains of Lohegrin's wedding march the bridal party entered the church as follows:

First came the little ribbon girls, Misses Anna Phillips and Lottie Dall Ross, who formed a chain of ribbons extending up to the foot of the chancel. Then came the ushers Messrs C. G. Morris and A. S. Fulford.

Following them were the bridesmaids and groomsmen who entered in couples, Mr. F. S. Worthy with Miss Ethel Shearin, of Rocky Mount, N. C., and Mr. Fred Ayers with Miss Ada Rhodes.

The bridesmaids were dressed very becomingly in white Paris muslin over pink Mesaline and carried bouquets of pink china asters. They wore white picture hats and gloves to match. The ring bearer, Master Ronald Rhodes comely attired in white linen was the next entered bearing the ring on a silver waiter. Following him was the dame of honor, Mrs. George A. Paul, wearing a gown of white Paris muslin over white emmaline and carrying White China asters.

The bride wearing a handsome and attractive going away gown of blue with hat and gloves to match and carrying an exquisite shower bouquet of bridal roses and lilies of the valley was next to enter, leaning on the arm of her Maid of Honor, Miss Nina Rhodes, who wore a beautiful creation of white Paris muslin over white mesaline, carrying a bouquet of white China asters. At the chancel rail the happy bride was joined by the groom and his best man, Mr. P. F. Maxwell, who entered the church from the North entrance.

As the soft notes of "To a Wild Rose" issued from the organ and violin the solemn and beautiful ceremony of the church was spoken by the pastor, Rev. R. H. Broom, making them man and wife for the afternoon of life as well as the morning.

As the closing words were spoken the organ quickly glided into the familiar strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march and to the chime of the

## DISCOVERS CURE FOR LEPROSY



Dr. J. T. Wayson, city physician of Honolulu and member of the territorial board of health, is being urged as entitled to one of the Nobel prizes of \$40,000 for notable scientific achievement. He is said to have discovered a veritable cure for leprosy. This cure is the carbonic acid snow pencil, a device that produces a temperature of 100 degrees below zero and when applied to the leprosis scars finally freezes the bacillus leprosy.

## FARMER'S MEETINGS IN FIRST CONG. DISTRICT

Editor, Daily News:

A series of farmers meetings will soon be held in the counties of the First Congressional District. At these meetings lectures will be made by experts upon vital topics relating to the farm, and I am very sure that every farmer who attends will be benefited. The following a partial itinerary of the pace and date of the meetings:

- Monday, August 12th. Mackeys Ferry For Washington County Tuesday, August 13th. Columbia For Tyrell County, Wednesday, August 14th. Greenville For Pitt County, Thursday, August 15th. Washington for Beaufort County, Friday, August 16th. Williamston For Martin County, Saturday, August 17th.

Very respectfully,  
JNO. H. SMALL.

Messrs G. A. Stancill, of Hill, N. C. and N. B. Dawson, of Conetoe, N. C., are business visitors today.

marriage bell Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson passed out of the church and accompanied by the bridal party and a large concourse of friends drove to the Norfolk Southern depot where amid showers of rice, old shoes and congratulations and best wishes they boarded the 4 o'clock train for Morehead City. They will attend the annual meeting of the North Carolina Press Association of which the groom is a member.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Sarah Francis Stokes of this city, and for years has been one of Washington's charming and attractive young ladies. She is a woman of charming personality and counts her friends many wherever her lot has been cast. Sweet and attractive in disposition and magnetic in manner none could wish for her only happiness and her cup full and running over.

The groom for a number of years has been the editor of the Washington Progress. Not only has he been editor of that paper but has occupied positions of trust and confidence in other avenues. Several years ago he represented the county in the General Assembly and is now one of the stewards of the M. E. Church here. He is a man of many friends here and elsewhere and he has the best wishes of all for every happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson will be at home after August 10 at their home on East Second Street.

Last evening from nine to twelve Mrs. Stokes, mother of the bride, entertained at her home on West Second Street in honor of the bridal party. The couple were the recipients of a large number of handsome and useful wedding gifts testifying the high esteem in which they are held.

## INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS TO BE HELD AT BOSTON, MASS

### Will Be the First Ever Held in the United States. Delegates Expected From All Countries.

Special to the Daily News.

BOSTON, Mass., July 23.—The committees of the Boston Chamber of Commerce in charge of the details of the preparations for the Fifth International Congress of Chambers of Commerce to be held here September 24 to 28, are hard at work carrying out the ambitious plans arranged for that gathering. The coming congress will be the first one of its kind ever held in the United States and the Boston Chamber of Commerce, fully recognizing the obligations which has this compliment to Boston by the Chambers of Commerce of the world has placed upon its shoulders, is making the most energetic efforts to make the congress a success.

The International Congress of Chambers of Commerce and Industrial and Commercial Associations is an organization representing the business men of the entire world. Its purpose is to facilitate the commercial intercourse of nations and to promote cordial relations between them. The recommendations decided upon by the vote of the delegates are carried out by a permanent committee, the headquarters of which are at Brussels, and which keeps in close touch with the constituent organizations and also with the government of all nations. Practically all important chambers of commerce of the world are represented in the Congress and at the present time forty-five American commercial bodies are affiliated with the international organization.

The permanent committee in Brussels is at present considering the recommendations and suggestions of subjects for the consideration by the coming Congress, which have been sent in by the program committees of the various nations. The American program committee, of which Prof. F. W. Taussig, of Harvard University, known throughout the world as an authority upon economics, is

chairman, has submitted a number of important suggestions, many of which will probably be incorporated in the official program. The subjects especially to be considered by the International Congress include the plan to establish a permanent court of arbitral justice; the unification of legislation relating to checks; international postal reforms; the establishment of an international Bureau of Statistics; a program for an international maritime union; regulation of expositions; an international agreement between banks of issue, and possibly a resolution looking to the suppression of measures taken against foreign merchants because of their religion.

The honorary American committee of the Congress, of which President Taft is chairman, includes the diplomatic representatives of many nations, the presidents of the principal commercial organizations of the United States and many of the leading business men of America. The most elaborate plans have been prepared for the entertainment of the visiting delegates. The Boston Chamber of Commerce has arranged for special steamer transportation to Boston. One hundred berths have been reserved for delegates to the congress on the steamship St. Louis, sailing from Southampton and Cherbourg on September 14, and twenty-five berths on the steamship Kroonland sailing from Antwerp and Dover on the same day.

It is planned that at the close of the sessions of the congress the delegates, from foreign countries, or as many of them who wish to avail themselves of that opportunity shall be taken on a special train on a tour of the leading commercial and industrial centres of the United States. The chambers of commerce and other commercial organizations in the city to be visited by the delegates are already preparing for the reception and entertainment of the visitors.

## SINGER BUZZELL CHARMS THE LYRIC PATRONS

Notwithstanding the fact that the temperature yesterday was at its height, the Lyric last evening was packed to its capacity eager to hear Mr. Buzzell who is highly featured on the program during the week as illustrated singer.

"Bob", people's favorite in songs greeted his audience with a very clever song and one that greatly appealed to each and every one. "Bob" who is better known by this name through the circuit has a reputation as being one of the greatest baritone singers east of New York, for the fact that he has booked return dates through all states north.

Tonight and throughout the week "Bob" will render new songs every night. Tonight the program offered is quite an inducement to the after supper amusement seekers.

## MISS COWELL ENTERTAINED ON LAST EVENING

Miss Mary Cowell charmingly entertained at bridge last evening at her home on West Main Street from nine to twelve in honor of Miss Erma Jeffries of Chase City, Va., who is visiting Miss J. L. Mayo. During the evening a delicious punch was served and a two-course luncheon.

Miss Cowell who is one of Washington's popular young ladies proved to be a charming hostess and no social function of the many given this season was more enjoyed. Those present were: Misses Jennie Cox, Cad die Fowie, Julia Mayo, Adeline Mayo, Erma Jeffries, Chase City, Va.; Mae Ayers, Stella Ayers, Plymouth, N. C.; Mary Tankard, Theo Welch, Jacksonville, Fla.; Kathleen Kugler, Philadelphia; Augusta Charles, Messrs Lee Davenport, C. C. Capehart, William B. Rodman Jr., Dr. A. C. Hoyt, Charles Cowell, Horace Cowell, Mr. and Mrs. John Gorham, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fisher, Norfolk, Mrs. C. D. Parker, Mrs. George T. Leach.

## THEIVING NEGRO MAKES GOOD HIS ESCAPE

Considerable excitement was occasioned on Main and several other streets yesterday afternoon. Quite a number of citizens were seen packing sand at a rapid rate and in front of them a fleeing negro. The negro proved to be the best runner and the consequence was that he escaped and is still at large.

Cliff Venters, colored, the janitor at the store of Bowers-Lewis Company for sometime has been appropriating goods to his own use and yesterday he did the trick one time too many. He had a way of sweeping out the rear door the goods he desired to take in the trash pile. Yesterday he swept half a dozen pair of silk hose. Before he could secure them they were discovered by the proprietors of the store. When an effort was made to apprehend Venters he decided without argument to take the gravel train. He was chased in all directions and finally he sought retreat under the Christian Church building on East Second Street and since that time no trace of him has been found.

## RECEIVING CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. A. C. Harrison the popular salesman for M. T. Archbell, is receiving the congratulations of his many friends.

## STILL VERY ILL

Mrs. Bettie Rollins, who has been confined at the Washington Hospital for sometime, is still very ill to the regret of her many friends.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

- IN TODAY'S NEWS
- J. K. Hoyt.
- Lyrie.
- Wm. Bragaw & Co.
- J. L. O'Quinn.
- H. Clarke and Sons.
- Wilson Freckle Cream.
- E. C. Training School.
- A. C. Hathaway.
- Sodisco.