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RECORDER'S TO RECEIVE SALARY INSTEAD OF FEES WILL BE RECOMMENDED

Committee Decides That Salaries be Paid Recorders and Clerks; That the Costs and Fees be Reduced and Guarantee of Trial by Jury When Demanded.

The committee appointed by Mr. L. C. Warren, chairman, pursuant to the resolutions adopted at the last Democratic County Convention, met on December 13th, 1912, to consider an amendment to the act creating the Recorder's Courts in the Washington, Belhaven and Aurora districts. A quorum of the appointees being present, the committee organized by electing Mr. A. D. MacLean as chairman and Mr. L. M. Scott, as secretary of the meeting. The general purpose of the meeting was stated to be to consider:

(1) The salaries to be paid the Recorders and Clerks of said courts; (2) The revision and reduction of costs and fees in said courts; and (3) The guarantee of trial by jury in said court when demanded by the person indicted.

The unanimous opinion of the committee was that these three features should be embodied in amendments to the acts creating said courts upon motion duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Recorders from Beaufort County be requested to introduce bills amending the acts creating the Recorder's Courts for the Washington, Belhaven and Aurora districts in substantially the following form:

(1) "The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact: Section One: That section eight of chapter 74, public local laws of 1911, be amended, 'An Act to establish a special criminal court in the City of Washington and in Washington Township, Long Acre Township and Chocowinity Township, etc., etc.,' be and the same hereby is repealed and said act is further amended by adding thereto the following:

Section Two: The Recorder of said court, in lieu of all other fees and costs, shall receive a salary of seventy-five dollars per month, and the clerk of said court, in lieu of all other costs and fees, shall receive a salary of twenty-five dollars per month, which salaries shall be payable monthly by the Treasurer of Beaufort County at the same time and in the same manner as now provided for payment of the salaries of county officers. Whenever a substitute Recorder or Deputy Clerk shall be appointed and serve in place of the regular Recorder, or clerk of said court, he shall be entitled to the salary of such Recorder or clerk, respectively, during the time engaged, and the same shall be deducted from the monthly salary payable to such Recorder or Clerk.

Section Three: The costs taxable in said Recorder's Court shall be the same as are now taxable in a Justice's Court for all cases of which a Justice of the Peace would have final jurisdiction, that is to say, the costs in the Recorder's Court for cases which may now be tried by a Justice of the Peace, or which heretofore were triable by the Mayor's Court, shall be the same as are now prescribed by law in Justice's Courts, and in all other cases triable by the said Recorder, the costs shall be the same as in the Superior Court, except that a fee of one dollar shall be taxed for trial and judgment upon each defendant convicted, provided that in all cases before the Recorder witnesses and jurors shall each be entitled to fifty cents per day and mileage, but only two witnesses in support of material fact shall be allowed to file. Every defendant convicted and adjudged guilty by said court, or who pleads guilty thereto, shall be taxed with the costs of the prosecution as hereinbefore prescribed; and the clerk of said court shall collect all costs and fees imposed by said court, and shall, on the first day of each month, file an itemized statement of all costs and fees imposed and collected during each preceding month, either with the Board of Commissioners of Beaufort County, or with the Clerk to the said board, and in addition thereto the Clerk of said Court shall keep a permanent record, by book, of all cases tried in or disposed of by the said Court and all costs and

fees imposed, with a minute of the proceedings and of the judgment of the court in each case, which record or docket shall be open to inspection at all times. All costs and fees so imposed and collected shall be payable weekly by the clerk of said court to the Treasurer of Beaufort County, who shall credit the same to the general county fund, but the fees so collected shall be held by the said Treasurer for the purposes now prescribed by law.

Section Four: In every case of which the Recorder may have final jurisdiction, the defendant, upon demand therefor, shall be entitled to a trial by jury, but before making such demand the defendant must have pleaded "not guilty" to the warrant or indictment, and such demand must be made before evidence is offered. The procedure in the Recorder's Court upon demand for a jury, as aforesaid, shall be the same, as nearly as may be, as is now provided by law for a jury in Justice's Courts and the costs taxable against the defendant therefor shall be the same as in Justice's Courts, except that in all cases of which a Justice of the Peace would have jurisdiction, the jury shall be drawn from the Township in which the alleged offense was committed, and in all other cases an equal number of jurors shall be drawn from Washington, Long Acre and Chocowinity Townships, but this requirement shall not apply to cases in which the defendant is summoned from the by-standers, or as the court may direct, to make up the jury if the regular panel be exhausted. The costs for a jury in the Recorder's Court shall be the same as in a Justice's Court, except that jurors shall each receive fifty cents per day and mileage; and in case of conviction, the defendant shall be taxed with a jury fee of three dollars, which sum shall be deducted when demand for a jury is made.

Section Five: The Board of Commissioners of Beaufort County may, at any interval of six months from and after June 1, 1913, reduce the monthly salary payable to said Recorder or to said Clerk, if the expense of conducting the said court shall be found to exceed the costs and fees collected therefrom.

Section Six: Said Board of County Commissioners may, at any regular meeting, appoint a substitute Recorder and a Deputy Clerk to exercise the functions and perform the duties of the Recorder and Clerk, respectively, in case of his or their absence or disability.

Section Seven: This Act shall be in force from and after its ratification, and any act or provision in conflict herewith is hereby repealed in so far as such conflict may affect the said court or its proceedings as herein prescribed.

(2) "The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact: Section One: That section five of chapter 73, public laws of 1909, entitled 'An Act to create a Recorder's Court for the town of Belhaven and Panico Township, etc.,' be and the same hereby is repealed. Section Two: That said Recorder shall exercise the functions and perform the duties of Recorder, as well as of Clerk of said Court, and shall receive, in lieu of all other fees and costs, the sum of thirty-five dollars per month, payable monthly by the Treasurer of Beaufort County at the same time and in the same manner as prescribed for payment of salaries to county officers, provided that at any interval of six months from and after June 1st, 1913, the Board of Commissioners of said county may reduce the said salary if it be found that the expense of conducting the said court exceeds the fees and costs collected therefrom.

Section Three: The costs and fees taxable and collectible by said court shall be the same as in Justice's Courts in those cases of which a Justice of the Peace would have final or concurrent jurisdiction, and in all other cases the costs and fees shall be the same as in the Superior Court.

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CONGRESS TAKES RECESS UNTIL AFTER XMAS

LIVELY MANEUVERS MARKED THE CLOSING SCENES OF SESSION—TAFT'S MESSAGE WAITED.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Congress adjourned for the Christmas holidays yesterday after some lively maneuvers to get President Taft's message into the record, secure action on the president's recent appointment of Archibald Henderson to the post office, and to get the bill for the impeachment of President Cleveland passed. The session was adjourned at 11 o'clock after a 17 minute session without even having received the President's message.

The message waited for four hours to secure entrance into the Senate. When that body convened at noon the Republican senators asked for immediate consideration again of their demand for an executive session to take up appointments. The Democrats consented to the plan and until the impeachment trial automatically took the floor at 1:30 o'clock the Senate fought over the filling of presidential offices, with the debate carried on behind tightly closed doors. It was not until the impeachment court adjourned about 4 o'clock that the President's message was received and read.

Both houses of Congress adjourned to meet on Thursday, January 2. The Senate sitting as a court of impeachment will reconvene Friday, January 3. The house money trust committee, winding up its session with J. P. Morgan at 3:30 adjourned until 2 o'clock, Monday, January 6. Practically all business of Congress will stand in abeyance throughout the holidays and a majority of the members of both houses will leave Washington for the vacation.

The Senate confirmed but one appointment, that of John H. Brown, as postmaster at Concord, N. H., in the hour and a half of executive debate. No action was taken on the reappointment of Edgar B. Clark, whose term as interstate commerce commissioner expires December 31. Senator Hoke Smith, acting for many Democrats, offered a resolution for the confirmation of army and navy appointments, but the Republican senators insisted on starting at the head of the list for the consideration of postmasters.

Objections by Senator Hitchcock, Democrat, that the postoffice appointments had not received consideration by the full membership of the postoffice committee, drew the declaration by the full membership of the postoffice committee, drew the declaration from Senator Lodge that if this point was forced, it would be embarrassing throughout the administration of Woodrow Wilson. Senator Lodge declared that the senate had always followed the precedent of confirming postoffice appointments on the recommendation of the sub-committee or individual senators to which they were referred. Senator Hitchcock finally withdrew his objection, but no action was taken on any of the other postoffice appointments.

Figures presented by Senator

MISS NUNN SPEAKS AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The usual services will be held at the Christian church tomorrow morning and evening at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Bible school meets promptly at 10 o'clock. A. F. O'Gorman, superintendent. The pastor, Rev. R. V. Hope, will preach at the morning hour. On Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, Miss Etta Nunn, corresponding secretary of the C. W. B. M. will speak. Miss Nunn is a very attractive and interesting speaker and all who hear her will be amply repaid. All are cordially invited to be present.

REGULAR SERVICES AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be regular services in the First Baptist church Sunday morning and evening at the usual hours. The pastor, Rev. H. P. Dalton, gives a cordial invitation to all to be present. Sunday school will meet at 9:30 a. m. At night, at 7:30, S. P. Willis, superintendent. Good music at both services and polite and attentive ushers. All welcome.

HOLIDAY RUSH NOW ON IN RESPECTIVE STORES

Washington today is crowded with prospective Christmas purchasers. Main street looks as if it were akin to Broadway, judging by the large number of visitors on the street. All the stores are today being thronged with spectators and bargain hunters. The Daily News has already given the visitors an insight of what was here and they are rushing to the city in consequence. From now until Xmas morning the different places of business will be open to their utmost.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS.

Miss Ruth and Vivian Hudnell are home from the Littleton Female College to spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. L. B. Hudnell, on West Second street.

The condition of Mr. R. D. Walls, who is critically ill at his home on West Third street, is reported to be no better today.

Christmas Song Service at First Presbyterian Church

There will be services as usual tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. in the morning the pastor, Rev. H. B. Bearight, will preach on I Timothy 3:16, "God Manifest in the Flesh." There will be no sermon at night. An elaborate musical program will be rendered instead, including a Christmas cantata, called "Prophecy and Fulfillment," being the story of Christ's advent set to sacred music. The choir, assisted by a large chorus, have been practicing this beautiful composition for several weeks, and it promises to be one of the best in the morning's program ever rendered in Washington. The other hymns and parts of the service will be in keeping with the occasion. Hark Herald Angels Sing, Holy Night and It Came Upon a Midnight Clear.

An offering will be taken at the evening service for the organ fund. Sunday school at 3 p. m. Visitors and traveling men are heartily welcomed.

MANY ARE MENTIONED FOR WILSON CABINET

WM. BLAIR NOT GUILTY SAYS JURY

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 21.—The jury in the case of Wm. F. Blair, charged with the murder of Geo. G. Thompson, former division freight agent of the Southern Railway, returned a verdict of not guilty yesterday.

Blair had been employed in Thompson's office and his defense was that he shot Thompson in self-defense.

ALL INVITED TO ATTEND M. E. CHURCH SUNDAY

Interesting services are scheduled for the First Methodist church tomorrow both morning and evening. The pastor, Rev. R. H. Broom, is to speak at both hours. The subject of his morning sermon will be "Living Epistle," and at night the topic will be "Christmas." Good music is promised. Sunday school will meet at the usual hour, E. R. Mixon, superintendent. All strangers in the city have a warm and cordial welcome to attend any and all services.

MISS BROWN A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE

It will doubtless be interesting news to the many friends of Miss Emily Brown, of Chocowinity, who is attending the Emerson College of Oratory, Boston, Mass., to learn that she was a member of the committee which staged the original musical farce, "When Pat Comes Home." This was presented by the freshman class and proved to be the climax of the season so far as the college is concerned.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS.

Misses Edith and Sue Broom, daughters of Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Broom, are home from Littleton Female College to spend the Christmas holidays. They were accompanied by their school mates, Miss Ira Shavender of Pantego, and Miss Clara Jackson of Pinetown.

COMPETENT TEACHER.

Miss Elizabeth Bright arrived last evening from Mount Airy, N. C., where she is one of the teachers in the public schools of that town. Miss Bright is one of the best instructors for her age in the state and her many friends are glad to know that she is making good in her new home. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bright.

GONE TO FAYETTEVILLE.

Mr. George VanLoom has gone to Fayetteville, N. C., to be at the bedside of his sister's daughter, who is critically ill. He will also spend Christmas there.

IS QUITE SICK.

The numerous friends of Miss Mary Cutler will regret to learn of her indisposition at her home on East Second street. Miss Cutler is one of the popular clerks at the firm of Bowyer-Lewis Company. All wish her a speedy recovery to health.

PUBLIC LIBRARY TO CLOSE.

The Public Library will not be open either Christmas eve or Christmas Day. Patrons of the library will govern themselves accordingly.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS.

All the young ladies and young men from the respective colleges in the state are daily arriving to spend the holidays with their respective parents.

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SENATOR OVERMAN URGES JOSEPHUS DANIELS FOR A POST-FOLIO.

Washington, Dec. 21.—"I found Governor Wilson a good listener and a poor talker," said Senator Overman, of North Carolina, who returned yesterday from Trenton with the expressed hope that Josephus Daniels, of North Carolina, would be given the Postmaster Generalship in the new Cabinet.

Senator Overman said he received no promises from Governor Wilson but that he believed Mr. Daniels would be brought into the Cabinet. Many Senators and members of the House are expected to visit Governor Wilson during the holidays. Most of them are keeping their plans secret, however, and will slip over to New Jersey with as little publicity as possible.

Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, and Gore, of Oklahoma, are two Democrats who will visit the President-elect within a few days. Cabinet discussion has brought a number of members of both houses into the range of possible secretaryships since the return of Governor Wilson.

These include Representatives Underwood, Burleson and Henry; Senators O'Gorman, Hoke Smith, Gore and others.

All of these men, and many other leaders will probably discuss the incoming administration's affairs with the President-elect before New Year's Day.

OPPORTUNITY

Opportunity is a Something—not a nothing; also something Real—not a phantom.

And, too, Opportunity is an Ever-present—here today and here tomorrow. By moments, hours, days, weeks, months, years—she hovers about, unseen and unheard—except as her Spirit is felt and—soiled! Then it is that the man moves—catches her meaning—and feeling courageously, grasps at her call and her message and moulds it into deeds.

Opportunity is the hand of progress to the alert, and the "handwriting on the wall" of failure, to the groggy and the slothful. For of all messengers of light she—Opportunity—is the one most patient, most fair, most just and most considerate.

Opportunity is no respecter of persons or of seasons. She is ever on the job and she ever waits and waits and waits. The man may fall forever asleep—but Opportunity—never.

At this actual minute she stands before YOU. All through the live long day she will be at your call. Lightning like she flashes her messages to all—but her sole appeal is to THE MAN—to you.

Think! How about it? "Stop, look, listen"—can you see, hear, feel, grip her hand? Make the most of what she holds this day for you. Think—think, think! Then ACT.

For Opportunity, converted into a Fact, is the taking hold on the simplest task at hand—and doing it to a finish in the best way you know how. It's picking up the pins of priceless minutes that the other fellow passes heedlessly over. It's doing your work BETTER than you are paid for, and tackling bigger jobs than you may think you are capable of handling.

Great is the rise of the man who makes an early friend of Opportunity and takes her with him through the paths of the common everyday.

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