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## DE ON HAND FOR VITAL DISCUSSION

Chairman George Hackney of the road committee appointed at the last meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, has called a meeting of that committee for tonight at 8:30.

The point which it is desired to emphasize is that this meeting is open to the public. The matter to come up for decision is no less vital than the setting of the date for the election on the good roads bond issue.

At the last meeting of the Chamber of Commerce there was a rather sharp difference of opinion, not upon whether or not the bond issue deserved support, but upon whether it would be more advisable for all concerned to hold an early election or to postpone voting on the issue for several months, for instance, till the middle of August.

In view of this difference of opinion as to date, a committee was appointed to settle the matter. This committee meets tonight.

The members of this committee desire to turn the meeting into a public gathering, at which any one who chooses may express his sentiments.

No man will have a right to complain of the date finally selected, if he neglects this opportunity to be present and have a voice in the decision.

The old street committee is composed of Mr. George Hackney, chairman, Mr. Frank Hollins and Dr. Joshua Taylor. These three were appointed to decide this question of date together with the five following: Messrs. Harry McMillan, C. A. Flynn, George T. Leach, E. E. Flowers, and M. T. Archbell.

A public expression of sentiment is solicited.

## CHARITABLE BROTHERHOOD; GREAT WORK REPORTED

The District Council of the Charitable Brotherhood for Beaufort County convened in the hall of Hope Lodge, No. 2, this city, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. It was a representative body of representative men from the various lodges of the county—men well equipped mentally, and thoroughly competent to transact the business for which they were assembled.

Many of the delegates being desirous of returning to their homes by the afternoon trains, the deliberations of the body were curtailed to some extent, but still much good was accomplished, and the meeting was altogether harmonious.

The report of the finance committee showed an aggregate of \$17,313 donated by the membership of Beaufort county to the dependent ones of deceased members during the past two years. This total would have been swelled to a much greater volume had the amounts expended for sick and burial benefits and voluntary contributions during that period been included.

General reports from the lodges showed a healthy state of the order, but still, to the more progressive of those present, conditions are not as favorable as they should be, especially with regard to the increase of membership. It is suggested by many in this connection that each lodge in the county appoint a committee of its best members to canvass territory adjacent to the lodge, with a view to building up the membership.

There is plenty of good material in the county, and the thousand mark could easily be reached again by judicious work upon the part of conscientious committees.

Since its organization the Charitable Brotherhood has barred the wolf from a great many homes which, but for its kindly ministrations, would have been totally unprovided for. As the greatest single charity in Beaufort county, those intrusted with the management of its affairs should not lag in their efforts to increase and maintain its membership, and thereby increase its usefulness.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Marshal, D. T. Herring, of South Creek; chaplain, George J. Swindell, of Aurora; secretary, W. H. McDowell, of Washington; treasurer, G. Ramsey, of Washington; warden, D. M. Hutchins, of Pangu.

The report of the auditor for the year ended at Pangu on the second Wednesday in March, 1912.

## REPAIRS MADE AROUND WHITE HOUSE

(By Sidney Peper.)

Washington, March 12.—Just as 1893 as President Wilson leaves Washington next summer for the summer capital, wherever it may be, a force of painters and decorators will be put to work in the White House to give it a thorough overhauling and to remodel the attic so as to provide more bedrooms for guests. This will not have the effect of changing the exterior appearance of the White House, but will fill a want much needed by President Taft. The former president often had been inconvenienced by the lack of guest rooms, and although he did not care to ask for an appropriation for a change for his own benefit, he did see to it that Congress provided for the wants of his successor.

The sum of \$15,000 has been appropriated for extraordinary repairs to the great white mansion, including recovering of walls, reupholstering and recovering furniture, painting, decorating and the purchase of draperies and chinaware.

At the end of each administration it is customary for Congress to make this extraordinary appropriation, enabling the incoming president to put the white house in first class working order. There always is at the end of each four years a good deal of furniture, which during the period of the preceding presidential term, has been much worn. At present the hangings are beginning to show signs of wear and the same is true of many of the chairs on the first floor and the ground floor.

Also a great deal of chinaware has been broken. The housekeeper complains that the silver tea kettle, which has been in use for a great many years, has become so thin through constant use that a new one will have to be purchased shortly. An obliging appropriations committee in the house has made it possible for the housekeeper to buy a new one.

There is a large number of other articles about the mansion that need replacing and the aim of the government custodians has been to keep the property in first class condition on account of the great value attached to the furniture and other historic relics in the mansion.

Reides the \$15,000, Congress has appropriated \$3,500 for remodeling the white house attic. The present accommodations of the attic consist of four servant's bedrooms, one emergency servant's bedroom and one servant's bathroom. The remodeling is expected to provide six servant's bedrooms, one emergency servant's bedroom, one servant's bathroom, five guest rooms and two bathrooms for guests.

Above the first floor which is entirely taken up with dining rooms and reception rooms, are seven large bedrooms, four of which have dressing rooms attached. Practically all the accommodations on the second floor will be taken up by the family of the incoming president. The president's suite would take two and his family three more rooms, leaving only two guest rooms, provided additional accommodations were not provided in the attic. With the remodeling complete, President Wilson will have seven guest rooms at his disposal.

Another minor improvement at the White House early in the Wilson administration will be the replacing of the present cement roofs on the east and west wings. The present roofs are leaking.

The White House also is going to have better protection from fire. Last summer when the Washington fire department was called upon to wash the walls of the mansion, the firemen found difficulty in getting a sufficient pressure of water from the hydrants in the grounds south of the White House. This led to an investigation of the water supply and it was decided that an independent water supply for fire protection should be provided. It was discovered that a number of services were depending on a single water pipe which was supplying in addition the hydrants relied upon in case of fire. This new improvement will be made at the modest cost of \$1,500.

The annual appropriation for the expenses of the white house, that is the expense of upkeep and operation, is \$35,000. For servants last year there was expended the sum of \$14,349.32. The services of ma-

## SOUTHERN AIDS LIVE STOCK GROWERS

Atlanta, Ga., March 12.—To give practical aid to live stock growers along its lines, the Southern Railway Company has secured the services of two experts in animal husbandry: Dr. Walter Sorrell, who will be stationed at Greensboro, N. C., and will work in Virginia, North and South Carolina; and Dr. C. D. Lowe, who will be stationed at Chattanooga, Tenn., and will work in Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, and Mississippi. They will be known as assistant live stock agents and will report to Mr. F. L. Word, live stock agent, Atlanta, Ga.

Both Dr. Sorrell and Dr. Lowe have had years of practical experience in animal husbandry work. Both have been in the service of the United States government and are thoroughly conversant with conditions throughout the Southeastern States.

The duties of these men will be to advise farmers as to feeding, breeding, and caring for live stock under conditions that exist in the territory along the Southern Railway; to assist farmers in organizing live stock clubs and associations, to give practical demonstrations, and to be at the service of farmers without any cost to them, giving any information, rendering assistance, and cooperating in any manner that will tend to aid and encourage the raising of more and better live stock.

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## LEGISLATURE FINISHES UP AND GOES

Raleigh, March 12.—The regular session of the General Assembly of 1912 passed into history yesterday afternoon at a quarter after four o'clock, when the words of President E. L. Doughty of the Senate and Speaker George W. Connor of the House, respectively, fell simultaneously, and the two branches of the Legislature were formally declared adjourned sine die.

So ended the sixty-fourth day of the session, the members present having remained on duty four days without pay.

The Legislature adjourned with the understanding that it will be called by the governor in extra-ordinary session within twelve months. The prevailing opinion among members of the Legislature points to next January as a preferable date for the extra session.

Senator Studdert of this district made a ringing speech in favor of granting the laborers of the legislative halls in Raleigh \$10 in cash and their traveling expenses home, during the debate on this measure, which finally carried by a good majority.

Only praise and the loudest praise could be heard from those attending the Lyric last evening, and for amusement the pictures far surpassed the majority of their class.

Feature photoplays were the exclusive offering at the Lyric as announced by the management for this week, and those shown last evening "King of the Forest," a two reel subject made by the Selig players, was a treat.

Today's offering, as those in their program on touch paper, has extra merit for each picture mentioned therein, and the impressive educational value makes them more interesting. For an hour's entertainment it would be impossible to buy more for the money, the admission prices being 5 and 10 cents.

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## TIME ASKED TO PERFECT TARIFF BILLS

Washington, March 12.—President Wilson was urged by Representative Oscar Underwood, the Democratic leader, yesterday to postpone the date of the extra session of Congress at least one week. As a result of Mr. Underwood's suggestion recently, the President had fixed upon April 1.

Mr. Underwood yesterday advised the President that the ways and means committee would require more time in preparing the new tariff bills.

Inasmuch as Mr. Wilson has said that he would be guided by the counsel of House leaders it was regarded as practically certain yesterday that the new Congress would not convene before April 7 or 8.

The Gold School baseball team will leave Friday morning for New Bern, where on Friday afternoon they cross bats with the New Bern High School team. For the past few days the team has undergone some strenuous practice. At this late hour, however, it is difficult to say what the exact line-up will be when the umpire calls "play ball" on Friday afternoon.

As yet the schedule is incomplete. The probable schedule is as follows: March 14—New Bern at New Bern. March 20—Greenville at home. March 28—Elizabeth City at Elizabeth City. April 4—Elizabeth City at Elizabeth City. April 11—Tarboro (?) at Tarboro. April 18—Tarboro (?) at home. April 24—New Bern at home.

Two games may be played with Wilmington and a second game may be played with Greenville.

During the past few days a paper has been presented to the citizens of the city asking for a contribution for the aid of the High School athletics. Several citizens have responded very liberally. For these donations the athletic association is grateful. A list of the donors will be published later.

Washington, March 13.—Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education, is alarmed at the fact that the spelling books of the present day and time do not convey to the pupil the proper command of the strong vocabulary as the old "Blue Back Spelling Book" of by-gone days.

Dr. Leonard P. Ayres, of the Russell Sage Foundation, has furnished the Bureau of Education some valuable information along this line. He has examined 2,000 business and personal letters and tabulated words actually used in them. He compared the words found in these letters and those in the usual spelling lists with surprising results. Of 414 words in common use on the National Education Association's spelling lists, 289 never once appeared in any of the 2,000 letters, showing that the average spelling book of the day does not convey to the pupil a proper and a general command of a good vocabulary. In the 2,000 letters, but 2,001 separate words were used out of 24,000 words tabulated. Forty-three words appeared so frequently as to make up half the total number of the 24,000 words used.

Both Dr. Claxton and Dr. Ayres recommend a book that will teach pupils words in common use. Hundreds of words are taught in the schools that seldom are used, and those in common use neglected.

There will be devotional services at Nicholsonville tonight at 7:30, conducted by Rev. H. B. Seagriff. The people of that vicinity are cordially invited to attend.

Chicago, March 13.—It is just possible that J. Pierpont Morgan may be called as a witness in the Alaska coal land fraud cases which are on trial here before Judge Landis in the United States District Court.

## DANIELS OPPOSES CUTTING DOWN CADETS

Washington, D. C., March 13.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced yesterday that he would seek to have the incoming Congress extend the provisions of the law of 1913 authorizing the appointment of two midshipmen to the naval academy every four years by each senator, representative and delegate in Congress. This law expires this year, and unless it is extended the number of appointments to the academy will be cut in half. In four years the number of midshipmen will be reduced from 1,089 to 533.

The Gold Mine of Lake Cummock, Capt. Willis Pettit, is lying in port. The Maud G., an oyster boat of Swan Quarter, Capt. Carawan, is in port. The Eula C., an oyster boat of Lowland, Capt. H. S. Tolan, is in port. The Mary E. Burrus, an oyster boat of Middleton, Capt. Spencer (colored) is in port. The fish boat Sterling, owned by the Sterling Fish Company, is here today. The Ceel of Leechville, Capt. W. S. Rice, is lying in port. The Nautilus of Blounts Creek, Capt. C. B. Edwards, is again in port. The Shiloh of Tarboro, owned by the Tar River Oil Co., Capt. W. A. Parvin, is in port. The Glide, an oyster boat of Lowland, Capt. J. G. Lupton, is here today. The A. Number One, a gun boat of Washington, Capt. Hobbs, was seen in the river this morning. The Lillian of Falkland, Capt. Deupree (colored), is in port discharging a cargo of cotton and taking on one of fertilizer. The Maud and Reginald of Washington, Capt. J. W. Dudley, is in port today. The Relief of Ocracoke, Capt. W. D. Ballance, is in port again today. Both dry docks were occupied this morning. The vessel, Barney of Blounts Creek, Capt. Charles F. Venters, is laid up for repairs on the Mutual Machine Co. dock. The Lena of Hyde county, Capt. Joe Rose, is undergoing slight repairs at the W. M. Chancey dock. The big lighthouse tender Holly, which has loomed large among the boats on the river at Washington for several days, has again left for the Sound. The trim little yacht, Thetis, owned by Mr. C. H. Fuller of Pawtucket, R. I., Capt. S. R. Parker, is lying in port and is likely to be here some weeks. The steamer Eloise, Capt. Howard Brooks, is doing a good passenger business between Washington and Bath and intermediate points down the river. Capt. Jones of South Creek is in port with his oyster boat, which he says has no name. The Theresa of Germantown, Capt. R. C. Midgett, is in port discharging a cargo of cotton seed and taking on one of merchandise. The Otis D. Terrell of Hyde county, Capt. H. W. Mason, is in port with a large cargo of chickens, eggs, peas, and other country produce, and will load with fertilizer for the return trip. The Famlico of Philadelphia, owned by the Southern Transportation Co. of Baltimore, Capt. Larkin, is in port, being one of the largest vessels seen in these waters.

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## BASEBALL FANS OF NEW BERN TO COME

A party of prominent New Bern baseball fans will be in Washington tomorrow for the purpose of opening negotiations by means of which Washington may yet have a baseball team.

Mr. J. Leon Williams, Secretary of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Clyde Eby and several other gentlemen from New Bern will do their best to organize a baseball team for Washington.

The proposition which these gentlemen have to make is different from any heretofore considered. If Washington yet plays league ball this summer, a noble example will have been furnished of what a few enthusiastic spirits who never say die can accomplish.

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