

Bonds For Drainage of Mattamuskeet Lake Have Been Sold

\$500,000 BONDS SOLD IN OHIO

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Word was received here this morning that the \$500,000 bonds, issued for the drainage of Mattamuskeet Lake in Hyde county, were sold yesterday in Columbus, Ohio, to a bonding company in that city.

The drainage of this lake, which is seven miles wide and thirteen miles long is one of the most important works of its kind that has ever been attempted in this State. It will mean the reclamation of about 120,000 acres of valuable farm land. 50,000 acres are now lake bottom, 40,000 are covered with swampy ground and the remaining 30,000 are now in cultivation but in rainy seasons are practically flooded all the time.

Work on the actual drainage of the lake will begin within sixty or ninety days. Preparations will be begun at once for the assembling of machinery, dredge boats and other equipment necessary.

Dikes and levees are to be erected, and a canal, 70 feet wide and about 10 feet deep is to be cut from the lake to the sound, near what is known as Juniper Bay.

After as much water as is possible, has been pumped out, a series of cuts and cross ditches will be dug, leading to a reservoir or pit, where the water will be pumped over a dam and into the large canal.

The pumping plant will be maintained permanently as it will be necessary to keep it in running order in order to drain the lands during rainy seasons. Within one year after active work is started, it is estimated that the land will be ready for cultivation.

This work will enormously increase the productive values in Hyde County. It is estimated that the land, embraced in this district, if planted with corn, at a yield of 50 bushels per acre, would produce enough corn to require three freight trains daily, with 26 cars each, to haul it to market and that if it was sold at 50 cents per bushel, would yield an annual revenue of \$3,000,000. When the work is completed, Hyde County will be one of the banner counties of the State in farming and will be capable of supporting from eight to ten times its present population.

This work will also mean the early completion of a railroad into Hyde County and the beginning of an era of great development in this section.

SPECIFIC TAXES TAKEN UP AT BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING LAST NIGHT

The Board of Aldermen met at an adjourned meeting last night at the City Hall.

A contract with Gilbert C. White, who was elected consulting engineer at the last meeting, was read. The contract had been approved by the Improvement Committee and the City Attorney. Upon motion, it was decided that it be ratified and affirmed by the board.

By motion of Alderman Morris it was resolved that a tax of 15 cents on the \$100 valuation of property and 75 cents on the poll be levied for the purpose of paying the interest on the \$150,000 Washington Municipal Improvement Bonds. The motion was carried.

Upon motion, it was also decided that the regular taxes remain the same.

The matter of "Specific taxes" was next taken up and discussed at length. Many changes were made in the rate of taxation of different kinds of business houses.

In the future, licenses, before engaging in business or trade, must be obtained from the Chief of Police instead of the City Clerk as heretofore. "Contractors per year, \$5.00" was changed to "where contracts exceed over \$50.00."

"Cotton buyers" in last years tax list was changed to "buyers of baled cotton." The tax remains the same.

"Dealers in pianos, organs, and other musical instruments" was changed to "Dealers in pianos, organs or phonographs." The tax was lowered from \$10 to \$5.

Express Company's tax was raised from \$15 to \$30.

The "fire cracker" tax was raised from \$5 to \$10.

The tax relative to exhibitions was changed to read "55 for the first performance, and \$1 thereafter, providing that the price of admission does not exceed 10 cents. In all other cases, the tax shall be \$5 per night."

A new tax was made on automobile transfers. All transfers shall pay a yearly tax of \$5 and not charge more than 10 cent fare within the city limits. Autos for hire; other than garages, shall also pay a tax of the same amount. Garages shall be taxed \$20.

The tax of itinerant real estate agents was raised from \$10 to \$50. Livery stables were raised from \$10 to \$20.

Laundries will be charged a yearly tax of \$10 instead of \$5.

Lemonade and pop stands, \$2. Fruit stands, \$3.

Marble yards and agents, raised from 10 to \$10.

Pressing clubs, \$5; where orders are taken in for clothing, \$15.

It was moved and seconded that the tax on meat, chickens, and oyster dealers be referred to the Ordinance Committee and the City Attorney for investigation.

JUNE 6 IN HISTORY.

1693—Dr. Pitcarine, published at Leyden his dissertation on the circulation of the blood through the veins.

1794—Point a Petre, Guadeloupe, stormed by the French.

1813—Americans defeated at Burlington Heights.

1814—Albumen paper was introduced for use in photography.

1862—A river action fought at Memphis, Tenn. Only one of the Confederate vessels escaped destruction and Memphis fell.

1865—The British and French government rescind their recognition of the Confederacy as belligerents.

1888—Grover Cleveland nominated by acclamation for re-election as President of the United States by the Democratic convention at St. Louis, Mo.

1893—General Elliot attacked General De Wet's forces near Reitz, capturing many war elephants, prisoners and cattle.

1902—Fascist and Clifton, swept by flood, which destroyed property to the value of \$4,000,000 and caused the death of one hundred persons.

1911—Secretary Knox signed a treaty with Nicaragua, providing for the refunding of Nicaragua's debt.

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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

DR. J. G. BLOUNT SUCCEEDS S. BRIDGEMAN AS VICE-PRESIDENT.

The twentieth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Washington was held in their banking rooms yesterday. Gratifying reports were made by the officers, and a dividend of 8 per cent was declared. The surplus account was increased to \$40,000 and about \$3,000 added to the undivided profits.

This has been the best year for the bank in its history. The net earnings are larger than they have been for years, and the reports showed a gain of over 50 per cent in deposits as compared with this time last year.

It was with reluctance that the resignation of Mr. Seth Bridgeman as vice-president was accepted. Mr. Bridgeman has been connected with the institution since its organization, and retires now on account of poor health. He is succeeded as vice-president by Dr. J. G. Blount.

Other officers elected are Jonathan Havens, president; J. K. Doughton, cashier, and Jesse B. Ross, assistant cashier.

The following well-known gentlemen constitute the Board of Directors: Jonathan Havens, John G. Blount, Wm. Bragaw, John H. Small, T. Harvey Myers, Harry McMillan, Wm. B. Rodman, J. K. Hoyt, and E. W. Ayers.

The bank now has a capital of \$50,000 surplus and profits of \$45,000 and has paid to the stockholders \$70,000 in cash dividends.

DEBATE ON HOME RULE.

London, June 6.—The Irish home rule bill is scheduled to come up for debate again in the House of Commons today. This, with the Welsh re-establishment bill, has been rejected by the House of Lords, after being passed by the Commons. Under the veto act if the bills are passed by the Commons three times without a general election, they become law, without the approval of the upper house.

MOTORMEN IN BERMUDA.

Hamilton, Bermuda, June 6.—A number of prominent yachtsmen arrived here today on the steamer Bermudian to take part in the reception of the boats participating in the motor race which leaves Philadelphia tomorrow for Bermuda. They were received by a committee of the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, which will entertain the visitors during their stay.

NORTH CAROLINA MEN TO RECEIVE IMPORTANT POSTS, IT IS UNDERSTOOD.

HALE FOR COSTA RICA

KLUTTZ TO BE OFFERED BETTER PLACE IN DIPLOMATIC SERVICES.

Washington, June 6.—It is generally understood here that Major E. J. Hale of Fayetteville will be offered the post as minister to Costa Rica, and that Whitehead Kluttz of Salisbury will be given a position in the diplomatic service a little bit better than the Costa Rica position.

These facts became known today after President Wilson had conferred at the capitol with Senators Simmons and Overman and a number of other leading Democratic senators in regard to appointments.

WELCOME PEARY IN PARIS.

Paris, June 6.—The Geographical Society of France tendered Admiral Peary a reception today, which was largely attended by scientists and other persons of prominence. The affair was brought about largely through the efforts of Dr. Charcot, the explorer, who says that it would have been an expression of doubt of the explorer's discoveries if Paris had failed to entertain Peary after London, Berlin and New York had done so. It is an open secret that the Geographical Society of Paris has not been anxious to honor Peary. He was met at the station by a delegation, following which a ceremonial was held at the Sorbonne.

STOCKHOLDERS ANNUAL MEETING

TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING OF BANK OF WASHINGTON OFFICIALS.

COURT AWARDS BISHOP \$2000

SUIT VS. ROPER LUMBER COMPANY BROUGHT UP IN COURT YESTERDAY.

The case of W. R. Bishop vs. the J. L. Roper Lumber Company was brought up in Civil Court yesterday. Bishop had entered suit against the company for damages sustained by himself while in their employ. The jury awarded him \$2,000.

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INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

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If the Americans win, the team will play against the winners of France and Germany in England about July 10. The third round must be completed by July 21, and the challenge round against England will be played on July 25, 26 and 28.

As a concession to the Australian lawn tennis players an English ball is to be used in the matches.

"I See by the Papers."

Did you ever stop to think of the deep significance of the above oft-repeated colloquialism?

It is estimated that more than 95 per cent. of the population of the United States that can read are newspaper readers.

The quotation, or rather the universal repetition, of the same thought signifies to what a tremendous extent the public depends upon the press for its ideas and daily information.

Not so very long ago "I see by the papers" referred nearly always to some news happening, but today the expression is just as likely to indicate some news advertising news.

The arrival of some choice merchandise, some change in style, a new idea in apparel, or any one of a hundred interesting and constantly changing bits of information which crowd the pages of the reliable daily papers like The Daily News.

There is, indeed, much worth while that one may "see by the papers" if he will but study the advertising pages.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL INSURANCE

Chicago, June 6.—The first American Conference on Social Insurance begins in this city today, and because of the unusual nature of the meeting, it is attracting attention throughout the country. "Insurance Aspects of Workmen's Compensation," "The Problem of Social Insurance in America" and other important topics will be discussed by distinguished speakers, including Miles M. Dawson of New York, Dr. W. F. Willoughby of Princeton University and others.

UNCALLED FOR LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in this office for the week ending May 31st, 1913:

Men—J. A. Arnold, Walter Chamberlin, Attny C. Clayton, Joe Dupertin, W. S. Emery, Frances Shores, Frank Fonville, Harris & Moore, Furn. Co., J. D. Jones, C. M. Jones, Geo. Matts, John T. Owens, Howard Vines, Jas. Williams, Alexander Vines.

Women—Mrs. S. B. Merritt, Mrs. Louis R. Miller, Annie McCree, Mrs. J. W. McCarty, Miss Margie Twitty, Miss Louise Wilkins, Miss Gertrude Waters, Mrs. Lizzie Willey.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office June 9th, 1913, if not delivered before. In calling for the above, please say "advertised" giving date of list.

HUGH PAUL, P. M.

TAX LEVY FOR COMING YEAR DECIDED AT MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS TUES.

The Commissioners of Beaufort County met Tuesday pursuant to adjournment. Present: Messrs. W. E. Swindell, chairman; W. S. D. Edge, H. C. Bragaw and W. H. Whitley.

Ordered that Louis Davis, (colored) of Pantego township, be relieved of poll tax for the year 1913. (Over age). Amount of relief \$2.

Ordered that Thos. S. Long be and he is hereby appointed assistant recorder for the city of Washington, Washington, Long Acre and Chocowinity Townships, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Collin H. Harding.

E. G. Mallison presented his resignation as clerk of the Recorder's Court for the City of Washington, Washington, Long Acre and Chocowinity Townships, which is accepted, and Elbert G. Weston is appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy.

Ordered by the Board that the following taxes be levied for the year 1913, to-wit:

Levied for State purposes by an act of the General Assembly, ratified March 12th, 1913, on every \$100 worth of property.

For State purposes, 23 2-3 cents; for pensions, 4 cents; for schools, 20 cents; total, 47 2-3 cents.

That there be levied for county purposes in addition to the State tax on every \$100 worth of property:

For general county purposes, 19 cents; for bridges and county purposes, 13 1-3 cents; total, 32 1-3 cents, which makes with that levied both by the State and county, 80 cents on each \$100 worth of property.

Levied by the State on each poll, \$1.43; levied by the county on each poll for the poor, 18 cents; levied by the county on each poll for schools, 33 cents; total, \$2.00.

That 30 cents on each \$100 worth of property and 90 cents on each poll shall be levied and collected for the following school districts, to-wit:

No. 1, Spring Creek; No. 2, Oregon; No. 3, Campbell's Creek; No. 4, Royal; No. 5, Italia; No. 6, Prescott; No. 8, Small; No. 9, Cayton; No. 11, Edyard; No. 16, Energy, Richmond Township; No. 11, Chocowinity, Chocowinity Township; No. 3, Old Ford; and No. 1, Pineville, Washington Township; No. 3, North Creek; No. 4, Gaylords; No. 6, Bath, Bath Township; No. 6, Pantego, Pantego Township.

Ordered that 45 cents on each

\$100 worth of property and \$1.55 on each poll be levied for Beaufort special school district.

Ordered that 1-2 cent be and the same is hereby levied per acre for the No-Fence territory in Washington Township.

Ordered that 25 cents on each \$100 valuation of property be and the same is hereby levied for road purposes in Washington, Long Acre and Chocowinity Townships and City of Washington.

Ordered that \$2.00 on each poll be and the same is hereby levied for road purposes in Washington, Long Acre and Chocowinity Townships.

It is further ordered that the maximum special taxes upon trades, business and professions be levied for the use of the county as are by the Acts of the General Assembly ratified March 12th, 1913, entitled "An Act to raise revenue," levied for State purposes under said acts.

Whereas, the General Assembly of North Carolina, during the session of 1905, authorized the Commissioners of Beaufort County to issue bonds in the sum of \$12,500 for the purpose of refunding the debt of the county;

And, whereas, the General Assembly of North Carolina during the session 1909 authorized the Commissioners of Beaufort County to issue bonds in the sum of \$25,000 for bridge and road purposes, both of which were issued and sold;

And, whereas, the legislative acts authorizing said bond issue contain provisions for a sinking fund to pay said bonds at maturity and the semi-annual interest on same, to-wit: said acts making it mandatory upon the Board of Commissioners to levy a tax on the property and poll to pay same;

And, whereas, through causes unknown to this Board, no tax has ever been collected or levied by past boards as required by law;

Now, therefore, in pursuance to law, the Board of County Commissioners hereby levy a tax of two cents on the \$100 of real and personal property, and six cents on each poll to be applied to the payment of interest and to create a sinking fund for the \$25,000 bond issue.

highway efficiency.

"The question of good roads is the greatest economic problem before the country," says Mr. Bourne, "and I challenge disapproval of the following assertions:

"First, the adoption of my plan for Federal aid to good roads, followed by State co-operation and completion of same, will add one hundred million dollars to our national wealth.

"Second, it will more than double the value of our American farms, now worth forty billion dollars.

"Third, it will effect a direct saving of a billion dollars annually to the farmers and country residents by the partial substitution of oil and alcohol power for horse and mule power, as today it costs two billion dollars annually to feed the twenty-five million horses and mules on our American farms. They must be fed whether working or idle, and are subject to epidemics and disease. Reflect on the difference with the motor truck.

"Fourth, even with the continuance of our present horse and wagon transportation, it would reduce our present 'mud tax' at least one hundred millions annually.

"Fifth, it would furnish occupation for over 400,000 people in road maintenance, improve rural schools and make country life more attractive and remunerative.

"Any reader interested in the subject of good roads can secure a copy of my suggested plan and explanation of same by writing me at Washington, D. C."

TEXANS TO SETTLE LOCAL OPTION.

Galveston, Texas, June 6.—Tomorrow the citizens of nine-tenths of the mainland territory of Galveston county will settle the question of whether the sale of intoxicant liquors shall be stopped. A bitter fight is expected.

Senator Bourne Says His Plan Would Add 100 Billions to Our Wealth. Washington, D. C.—Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., chairman of the Joint Committee on Federal Aid in the Construction of Post Roads, gave out an interview on his proposed scheme of Federal highways, in which he makes some especially strong claims as to the value and significance of good roads. Among other claims, he asserts that good roads mean the saving of billions of dollars, to say nothing of promoting