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SUFFRAGE PROVISION PRESENTS PROBLEM

Action in Oklahoma Case May Effect Constitution of North Carolina Says Mr. Small

SHOULD BE DEALT WITH

If Amendment as a Whole is Nullified, Registration Under Same is Also of no Effect

That the action of the Supreme Court relative to the Oklahoma constitution may present a grave problem for other southern states, including North Carolina, was the sentiment expressed by Congressman John H. Small in an interview with a Daily News representative. Mr. Small stated that this problem was of too serious nature to be neglected and that steps ought to be taken at once to see what actual effects the Oklahoma case may have on our own State constitution. His remarks in part were as follows:

The opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States constraining the suffrage provision of the Oklahoma Constitution as contrary to the Federal Constitution, and making the same void, presents a serious problem for the consideration of several southern States, including North Carolina. The first question presented is as to the effect of this opinion upon Article 5, Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution of North Carolina, as amended in 1900, and usually referred to as the grandfather clause. I prefer not to express at this time a definite opinion but simply to state that a very serious question is raised as to whether the opinion of the Supreme Court in the Oklahoma case does not make void the suffrage amendment of our Constitution of 1900. If this amendment as a whole is nullified, then the registration under the same is also of no effect. It is the opinion of the Attorney General and other able lawyers our suffrage amendment of 1900 cannot be maintained under the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, then a serious and very pressing problem is presented for solution.

Should we pursue in this contingency the policy of "watchful waiting"? If the qualifications of suffrage as they existed prior to 1901 are restored, what will be the attitude of the republican organization in the next election? We may assume there are numerous republicans in the State who are satisfied with present conditions and will make no effort to have registered the colored voters in the State but it is equally certain that the national republican organization will not entertain this attitude and that they will bring pressure to bear upon the State republican organization to take advantage of the situation and register and vote all negroes as in former days. If such a condition shall materialize the situation will be greatly complicated.

If it is not wise to meet the situation frankly and courageously? The suffrage amendment of 1901 has been jeopardized and made void, ought we not to see about it once to effect a remedy? If the conclusion shall be reached that our amendment has been nullified, then I submit the Governor should call a special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of consideration and adopting another amendment to the Constitution which will stand the test of legality. Such an amendment, when presented should be submitted to the electorate of the State at a general election for state officers to be held in August 1916. The Constitution, Article 13, Section 2 provides that any amendment to the Constitution may only be submitted at a general election, which would make necessary a legislative amendment providing for the election of state officers at the same time the amendment shall be submitted. This course was followed in submitting the amendment of 1900.

The people of the State are now at peace politically and we are progressing educationally and in all the material activities of the State. The best men in each political party are equipped with the present suffrage qualifications and the demands of the best ideals in our civilization require of us to maintain the present status and to avoid racial conflict. Our colored citizens realize that their rights of person and property are well guarded, that their children are being educated and they are happy and contented. I repeat why should we delay consideration of this acute and basic problem? Why should we not meet it at a time when the people of the State are at peace among themselves?

HAVE MADE LARGE SHIPMENTS OVER THE COAST LINE

Large Quantity of Cucumbers and Potatoes Have Been Sent Through Washington.

It is stated that over 10,000 packages of cucumbers, consisting of barrels and baskets, and 10,000 barrels of potatoes have been shipped over the Atlantic Coast Line through this city. The shipments have dropped off lately, most of these crops having been shipped from the States and being shipped at present in fairly large quantities.

MOTORED TO BATH.

A party from this city, motored to Bath yesterday and viewed the many points of historical interest in that city. Among those who took the trip were Misses Ella Lee Wright, Justine Carmalt, Stella Phillip, Margaret Dickerson, Mrs. Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Merriman, C. E. Jordan, Jr., Charles Wright and Ellis Phillips.

PICNIC SATURDAY.

People Near Hawkins' School House Had Enjoyable Time Saturday. A community picnic was held by the residents of a near Hawkins school house Saturday. A large number were present and an enjoyable time was had. Dinner was served under the trees and the afternoon was spent in playing a number of games. Rev. B. V. Hope was the guest of honor at the picnic and was called upon to make an address. He responded with a most interesting speech, which was well applauded.

NOTICE TO ELECTRIC LIGHT AND WATER PATRONS.

Patrons of the Electric and Water departments will please be notified that our collector will not call to collect their water and light bills as has been the custom in the past. All bills are due on the first of the month and payable not later than 5 o'clock on the evening of the 15th. If not paid, service will be discontinued on the morning of the 18th and a fee of fifty cents will be charged or re-connection, as prescribed by law.

H. H. CHARLES, Supt.

HEADS ADVERTISING CLUBS



Herbert S. Houston, vice-president of Dochleday, Page & Co., who was elected president of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World at the recent convention in Chicago. Mr. Houston was born in Illinois and has been in newspaper and magazine work all his business life.

WASHINGTON NEGRO TAKEN

JIM SLATON, CHARGED WITH MURDER, FOUND AT NEWPORT NEWS.

Accused of Having Shot and Killed John Howard in This City on November 13, 1914. Sheriff Gone After Him.

Word was received yesterday afternoon from police officials at Newport News, Va., that Jim Slaton, a Washington negro, who is under the charge of murder, had been taken in that city. Deputy Sheriff Windley left for Newport News this morning and will bring Slaton back with him. Slaton is accused of having murdered John Howard, another negro, in this city on November 13, 1914. He shot Howard through the head and the latter lived but for a few hours. Slaton made his escape and since then has not been heard from. Descriptions of him were sent to the various police courts in this section of the country.

DOUBLE MARRIAGE YESTERDAY

Miss Inez Tetterton and Mr. Clyde Paul and Miss Bertha Carroway and Mr. A. Windley were united in marriage yesterday. Rev. R. V. Hope, pastor of the Christian church officiating. Both couples are residents of Washington and will make their home here.

EXPECT LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS AT THE WASHINGTON INSTITUTE

Most of Old Students Have Promised to Return Next Year. New Ones Will Also Enter.

Present indications are to the effect that the enrollment at the Washington Collegiate Institute, next year will be far larger than during the last term. Word has been received from a large majority of the old students that they will come back to Washington next year and a number of them have stated in their letters to Superintendent Fletcher that they are bringing new students with them. The institute is looking forward to a most successful term.

ARE SETTLING TAXES.

Board of Commissioners is Hearing Complaints Today at Court House.

Quite a number of residents of the county were at the court house this morning in order that their claims regarding the valuation of their property might be presented to the board of commissioners. It is not believed, however, that there will be as many complaints this year as there were last. The taxes include State, county and city.

S. C. BRAGAW COMMENTS ON NOTE

MAY BE JUSTIFICATION FOR STAND TAKEN BY GERMANY.

IS "TIT FOR TAT"

Believes That If England Blockades German Coast, Germany Has Right to Blockade the British Coast.

In a discussion this morning over the contents of the German note to the United States, which was made public in Saturday newspaper, Judge Stephen Bragaw stated this morning to a representative of the Daily News that there might be some justification for Germany's method of submarine warfare and her efforts to obtain her enemies from obtaining assistance.

"If it is true that England has blockaded the coast of Germany and prevented the shipment of food supplies into that country," said Judge Bragaw, "then I do not see why it shouldn't be just as fair for Germany to blockade the British coast in order to prevent England from securing ammunition or war supplies from neutral nations. There are always two sides to a question and it is usually 'the hit dog that hollers'."

"As for the 'horrors of warfare,' of which one reads so much in the papers, I don't see much difference in a man getting shot with a rifle, being put under the influence of chloroform and gases or being sent to the bottom of the sea in a submarine. In our earlier wars it was a common practice for one side to dig pits, cover them over with branches, into which the enemy would ride and then be slaughtered. I have not given the matter much thought and cannot say what may be the results of Germany's hope. I am convinced, however, that the entire cause of the war is wrong, founded on no just cause, and I sincerely hope that the United States will not be dragged into it."

LOCAL BALL TEAM IS ARRANGING FOR GAMES THIS WEEK

Expect to Play Plymouth, Greenville, Ayden and Elizabeth City in Near Future.

Letters have been written by the manager of the Washington baseball team to Greenville, Elizabeth City, Ayden and other teams in this section, asking for games. It is probable that the locals will journey to Elizabeth City the latter part of this week and will stage a contest with the Elizabeth City club on the latter's grounds. Efforts are also being made to secure the Greenville club for a game at Fleming Park. A return game will be played with Plymouth next week, according to information given out this morning, the locals planning to make the trip to that city via automobile.

MOTORED TO ROCKY MOUNT.

A pleasant automobile trip to Rocky Mount was enjoyed yesterday by a party of local motorists. They left here early yesterday morning and returned last night. The trip was made without accident. Those in the party were Misses Latham Jones, Evelyn Jones, Sybilie Griffin, Mae Blount, Grace Jones, Messrs. William Knight and Jonathan Haven. They visited Mrs. J. B. Trenholm in Rocky Mount.

ADVOCATES TEACHING OF SPANISH IN HIGH SCHOOLS

Asheville, July 12.—Rev. Harry Bardwell, president of Candler college, Havana, Cuba, was the principal speaker at the Southern Methodist conference today at Lake Junaluska. Rev. Mr. Bardwell is enthusiastic over the missionary outlook in Cuba, and advocates the teaching of Spanish in our high schools in order to bring the next generation into closer touch with Latin-Americans in general. He declared that Cuba offers the most fertile missionary field in the world at present.

Before asking our opinion of the war, be good enough to state your own. We are some diplomat.

MRS. J. M. THOMSON IN BRIDAL GOWN



Genevieve Clark, daughter of Speaker Clark, who was married on July 10 to James M. Thomson of New Orleans, photographed in her wedding gown.

POLICE RAID SHOOTING CRAP GAME NEAR AYDEN

ELEVEN NEGROES ARRESTED IN GREENVILLE SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Six Escaped in Spite of Revolver Shots of Officers. Offenders are Being Tried Today.

(Special to the Daily News) Greenville, N. C., July 12.—At 5:30 Saturday afternoon local police officials made a raid on a gambling den near the big mill on the A. C. L. tracks in the southern part of the city and captured eleven negroes. The negroes were sitting on the tracks and are alleged to have been engaged in shooting craps. The officers, it is stated, had been notified of the gambling. Eight of them secured an automobile and drove out to the mill. They made their approach in a cautious manner and the negroes were unaware of their presence until the command of "hands up" was given. The crap shooters looked up into the barrels of eight revolvers, which were leveled directly at them. Some of the negroes made a break for cover and the officers fired. It is believed that five or six of them made their escape. The others were taken to jail and will be tried this afternoon. Among the crap shooters was Paul Dixon, the negro who hit another over the head with a gun on the Norfolk Southern train last week. The gun going off and wounding two other negroes. There was also a woman among the gamblers.

GUARANTORS MEET TONIGHT.

Every Chautauqua guarantor is urgently requested to be present at the meeting which is to be held tonight in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected and other important matters will be taken up for consideration. The meeting will start promptly at 8:30.

COWS GO FAR TO MOURN.

Wander Seven Miles to Spot Where Calves Were Killed.

(Philadelphia Public Ledger) Employees at the cattle pens at Paoli freight station were puzzled the other day when they found two stray cows near the pens when they reported for work. The cows were found and wouldn't be driven away. When F. H. Bernheisel, a cattle dealer of Newtown Square, arrived he said the cows were the mothers of two calves found trampled dead Wednesday when a car containing a herd consigned to him was unloaded at Paoli. The calves were buried soon after the unloading and Bernheisel's employer drove the herd to his farm. The two mother cows got away from the pasture during the night and made the seven-mile journey to their "babies" at Paoli in darkness.

SHOOTING NEAR AYDEN

NEGRO IS SHOT BY ANOTHER ON ACCOUNT OF "NAGGING."

Ernest Braxton puts Bullet Through Jim Johnson When Latter Refuses to Quit Joking.

(Special to the Daily News) Greenville, N. C., July 12.—A colored church near Ayden, J. C. Johnson, a negro, was shot and instantly killed by Ernest Braxton, another member of the same race. The shooting occurred when Johnson and a number of other negroes were joking. Braxton, the latter replied in a sullen manner to their remarks and told them that they'd better "keep their mouths shut." The negro kept up their taunts, however, as Braxton drew his gun and fired. After the shooting, Braxton was home. Officials at Ayden were notified. They drove to Braxton's house and found him there. He was brought to Greenville and is now in jail. He will be tried at the next session of the Superior Court.

FIND ROADS EXCELLENT.

Washington Party Motored to Lake Mattamuskeet Yesterday.

Three autos left Washington yesterday for Lake Mattamuskeet in Hyde county. They left Washington at 7:30 yesterday morning and returned at 7 o'clock yesterday evening. They report the roads in excellent condition. Those in the party were W. E. Proctor, J. O. Proctor, J. J. Eiks, Mr. Edwards, Herbert Jenkins and F. J. Bland.

"The crops all along the route appear to be in the finest kind of shape," said Mr. Bland this morning. "We couldn't help but notice the excellent stand of corn, tobacco and other crops and it looks as if the farmers of this section of the State were going to have a most successful season."

TOBACCO SEASON NEARING.

Warehouses of East Carolina Open Next Month. Kinston, July 12.—The Kinston tobacco market will open for the sales season on Tuesday, August 17. There has been no meeting of the tobaccoists this year to set the date, as a certain time was made a fixed date for opening the East Carolina markets each year at a meeting of the various tobacco boards of-trade two years ago. The day fixed at that time for opening the markets in Greenville, Kinston, Wilson, Rocky Mount and some other towns was the second Tuesday after the first Monday in August. The wage grumbler is usually paid in proportion to the services rendered.

CASHIER AT ORIENTAL SUICIDES

WILL MILLER TOOK HIS OWN LIFE THIS MORNING. FIRED BULLET THROUGH HEAD. WAS ALONE AT TIME.

REASON UNKNOWN

Investigation is Being Made of His Accounts in the Bank. Appeared to be Perfectly Normal in Every Way.

(Special to the Daily News) J. Will Miller, cashier of the bank at Oriental, shot and killed himself in his home this morning at about one o'clock. He used a .32 calibre revolver and shot himself through the head. He was in his room at the time.

His wife, who was downstairs, heard the noise of the shot and immediately rushed to the room. She found Miller lying in a pool of blood, with his brains scattered over the floor.

No reason has been found as yet for this act. Miller appeared to be normal in every way. An investigation is being made of his accounts to see whether there is any shortage. It is suspected that this may be the reason for the suicide.

LEFT FOR OCRACOKE.

Washington Party to Spend Ten Days on Island on Coast.

A party of Washington young men left Saturday night for Ocracoke, where they will spend about ten days. They left on the schooner Ellet. Among those who compose the party were Jesse Bowers, John Hoyt, Jr., Josh Taylor, J. C. Ayloe, William Respass, Clay Carr, Hilton Hudnell, N. Henry Moore and Ray Warren.

"COME KISS THE BRIDE."

Such Was Generous Advertiser's New Husband Hung Out of Window.

(New York Herald) Adopting the philosophy that "it pays to advertise," friends of J. W. Laughlin, who married Miss K. Heaver, aroused the curiosity of many residents on the heights section in Brooklyn by hanging a number of signs on the bridegroom's house, 165 Union street. The couple were married in Roman Catholic church of the Nativity, Classon avenue and Madison street.

From upper windows of the house hung inscriptions which read: "Another man led to slaughter." "When you are married and troubles begin hit him on the head with a rolling pin." An invitation for "all to come in and kiss the bride" also floated in the wind before a laughing crowd.

GUESTS AT HOUSE PARTY.

Mrs. Wesley Dudley, of 219 Gladwin street, is hostess at a house party at which Mrs. Doerr and Mrs. I. H. Smith, of Portsmouth, Ohio, and Mrs. Roy Bailey, of Huntington, W. Va., are guests.

JUST RECEIVED—1500

Bogue Sound Watermelons, for sale in Small, MacLean Building. Prices right.

New Theater

TONIGHT Last Episode of "THE EXPLOITS OF ELAINE"

"THE LYNCH TRIO" Singing and Dancing

"BUTLER AND SWAN" Singing, Dancing and Talking

PRICES—10c and 20c

House of Happiness,
BELMO
Theater
TODAY
"THE BENEVOLENT"
Broncho drama in two acts
"NO QUARTER"
Beauty Comedy-drama
TOMORROW
"THE WISHING RING"
Shubert Feature in 5 acts.
"THE SOCIAL SMASHER"
Keystone Comedy
The Belmo.
COOL, KEAN, KOMPARTNER