

## IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE BOND ISSUE PLAN FOR WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

MEANS "BONDAGE AND SLAVERY" FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS, SAYS H. E. HODGES.

### TOO MUCH TAXES

Says That City and County Are Already Bonded Far Too Much. Urges Farmers to Register and Vote Against the Issue for Good Roads.

Washington, N. C., Dec. 13, 1915. Editor Daily News:

I ask space in your paper to express my views upon the good roads bond issue. I have read with much interest the many expressions for and against same in your paper for the past several weeks upon this important question, and while I am in favor of good roads and other public improvements, yet I am opposed to bond issues, because I am in favor of Freedom and Liberty. Bonds mean Bondage and Bondage means Slavery, and I do not believe a single one of the learned and able lawyers, bankers and corporation representatives who are advocating the bond issue will deny the above facts.

I admit it seems to be an easy job for a shrewd lawyer to figure out that it will cost each individual a few cents or dollars at most by setting aside a sinking fund, for the redemption of those bonds, yet I want to say that before those bonds with their interest are paid, many poor man's heart will ache, with house rent increasing every year, with cost of living increasing every day, with prospect of being out of a job any day, with a mortgage on the homes of many of us. With all the above facts staring us in the face how, Oh how, can you, Mr. Lawyer, Banker and Corporationist, have the heart to ask us to add more burdens to the load we are already carrying? It looks like adding insult to injury for you to do so. I want to say to the poor laboring men of the town and township that it is our duty to ourselves, our families and country to see that the last one of us who are qualified to do so, see that our names are on the registration books. The very fact that a new registration is ordered for the bond issue, shows the "niggers in the wood pile." "Oh," says the Lawyers, "the law requires it." I admit it may be law, and I submit that many frauds and racially tricks, have been committed in the name of the law. There is a great difference in law, as it is sometimes practiced, and in justice. So the only thing necessary to kill this and all other bondage and slavery moves is to see that we are properly registered.

I want to say to the poor taxpayers of this township that when accident or misfortune overtakes you and for one cause or another you are unable to pay your taxes, that this class of men who are urging with you to vote \$50,000 bonds will not come to your relief but will have their agents or representatives standing at the court house door to take advantage of our misfortune or poverty and buy our land by Sheriff's sale through main force. Behind this move are lawyers and you all know they are no better than they were 2,000 years ago when it was said of them by one who knew what he was talking about: "Woe be unto you lawyers for you heap burdens upon men's shoulders, grievous to be borne and you tush not one of them with your hands." Are they any better now? So if we should neglect or refuse to qualify ourselves against the evils that I have referred to and the disasters and misfortunes of which I have spoken should overtake us then we will have no one to blame but ourselves. So let us work while it is yet day for the night cometh when no man can work and that night is not far distant unless we awake from our slumbers and prepare ourselves for the battle which is sure to come. Let us have our guns, in the form of little white ballots, ready so as to ward off this battle of bondage and slavery while we have the opportunity. You all know of those manifestations of love and sympathy and respect that have so recently come into existence is all caused by the recent multiplicity of the automobile

T. R. "GIANT MOTHER GOOSE," BY TILLMAN  
Washington, Dec. 14.—Describing William J. Bryan as "simply obsessed" and Theodore Roosevelt as the "giant of mother-goose," Chairman Tillman of the Naval committee, addressed the Senate today and assailed what he characterized as the greed of private manufacturers of war material. Senator Tillman upheld Secretary Daniels' administration of the Navy Department.

## MR. GAY SCORED BOTH MR. SMALL AND DAILY NEWS

Special Correspondent at Belhaven Sends in Principal Points Former Clergyman Brought Out in His Talk Sunday.

In his talk in favor of national prohibition through a constitutional amendment, Rev. R. L. Gay Sunday at Belhaven made several highly interesting remarks. A brief summary of his talk regarding the Daily News and Congressman John H. Small was received this morning from a Daily News representative in that city.

(Special Correspondence)  
I interviewed several parties and tried to learn if Mr. Gay had said anything about the Daily News and J. H. Small and find that he scored both a little but not badly. He remarked that J. H. Small was opposed to Federal Prohibition. Did not know whether he would be rejected or not but wanted every person to write to Mr. Small asking him to work for national prohibition. Said that he had written Small asking him to endorse it but he refused because he thought it would be interfering with states' rights. Mr. Gay did not come out and say for the people to vote against J. H. Small if he refused to endorse their plan but he left them to understand it was the thing to do unless he (Mr. Small) "came across." Scored him in a fairly decent way. He said that the Daily Washington News was against prohibition and that the cause had that paper to fight. That was about all he had to say in regard to the above.

## EDITOR YAWNED; DISLOCATED JAW

Accident Happened in Wilson Yesterday Afternoon to Tom Hearson.

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 14.—Yesterday afternoon Thomas Hearson, who is the editor of the Catholic News, published in this city, was reading an editorial when he yawned so violently that he dislocated his jaw. Mr. Hearson was sitting some distance from his sub and, setting editor, which is a good idea because it keeps them in their place, when he suddenly made sounds like: "Ug—ugoloush—ugoloush." He waved his hands, grew very red in the face and acted quite as if he had either just written something that he liked or was about to pass into the great beyond. The sub-editors tried everything from wringing their hands to patting water on the chief's temples, with no avail. Then a physician was sent for. Dr. Augenblick, of Volunteer Hospital, rapped Mr. Hearson on the side of the jaw and gave him the use of his tongue, which he first devoted to a few words of congratulation on their speed.

and we all know who it is that owns the autos—principally lawyers, bankers, corporations, wealthy merchants. Once in a great while a poor farmer owns one but I will venture the assertion some of this class are under mortgage for them. There are some notable exceptions. There (Continued on page 3)

## CLARENCE POE MAY ENTER RACE FOR GOV.

BELIEVED THAT RALEIGH EDITOR CONTEMPLATES THROWING HAT INTO THE RING.

### CAUSES TROUBLE

Dr. Poe and the State Farmers' Union are Giving Democrats Good Deal of Trouble and Anxiety in Stand They Are Taking.

(By W. T. Boat)

Raleigh, Dec. 14.—Dr. Clarence Poe and the Farmers' union are giving the Democracy a good deal of trouble. They have been at it a long time. Poe is the chief offender. And "there is a reason" as post toasties and Frank McNinch write in the advertisements. Poe's paper which is the official organ of the Farmers' union is against this ponderous preparedness business at Washington, supposed to be backed by the state and national organizations and Poe's paper is much in favor of some measures upon which the party has been a trifle subsequent in taking a positive stand.

The trouble isn't immediate. Everybody understands that Poe has no unripe aspirations. They have been accusing him of casting furtive eyes in the direction of the governor's office several years, but each time Poe was able to prove each rumor without basis. More recently better credentials have been furnished. He has been pursuing a line of thought, indirect as it is, that looks much like a move in the gubernatorial direction.

Where Poe Troubles. But here is where Poe and party trouble: The Farmers' union has talked much of rural credits, township organization, a juster system of taxation and kind segregation between the races. The Democracy made a pass at a better tax system last year, but that indisposition to amend the constitution that expressed itself in standpatism upon the word "rebellion" in the constitution and against a six months school law, asserted itself vigorously against an uncertain tax system.

The farmers were overwhelmingly against any change. In that, one set of leaders who believe them the most favored of tax-payers, think the farmers were wise. Since the union believes the farmers are disproportionately taxed, infinite room for argument comes in. The juster system of taxation needed is the puzzle of all the dominant party politicians, while the Republicans are planning for a terrible assault upon the Democracy for raising taxes and running in debt.

So, while the taxes trouble the Democracy and the farmers are taught that they are too burdensomely handled by the system in force, Republican politicians are going to promise a tax amendment that will exempt men from the payment of the poll tax and assail the Democracy for not taking care of the "fellows back in the sticks." Eighty one per cent of the North Carolina population dwells "back there."

## AID MR. ALLIGOOD TO BUILD HOUSE

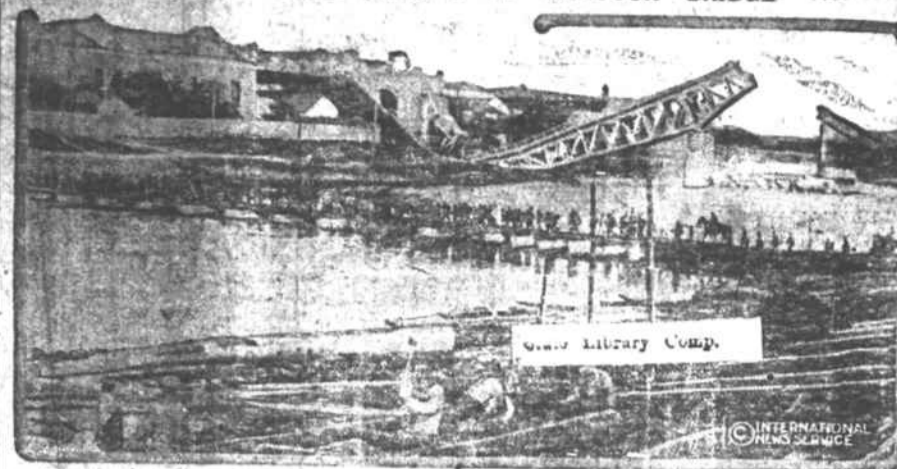
Subscription List Circulated Yesterday. Over \$100 Raised in the City.

Mr. Widmer, one of Beaufort county's farmers, yesterday, circulated a petition about the city, asking the business men to subscribe to a fund to aid Ab. Alligood to erect a new house. Mr. Alligood was burned out last week and saved but very little of his furniture. The business men subscribed liberally to Mr. Widmer's list and in a short time he raised over \$100.

STORES TO KEEP OPEN BEGINNING MONDAY

The principal stores of the city will on next Monday begin keeping open until a late hour, in order that local residents, who are unable to do their shopping during the day, may be able to do so evenings. From Monday morning until Friday, all of the stores will be open every night until ten or eleven o'clock.

## CROSSING THE GRODNO ON PONTOON BRIDGE



This photograph shows a column of German infantry advancing across the Grodno river on a hurriedly constructed pontoon bridge. The iron bridge, blown up by the Russians is seen in the background.

## MASS MEETING BEEN CALLED TO DISCUSS BOND ISSUE

We the undersigned voters and taxpayers of Washington Township request that a Mass Meeting be held in the town of Washington, N. C., at the Court House, on the 18th day of December, 1915, at 11 o'clock a. m., at which time the true sentiment of the voters can be expressed as to whether they will vote for a bond issue for good roads or not. All the people should have an opportunity to hear the issue discussed, and be made acquainted with the real issue that confronts them in this matter.

- W. J. Holland
- R. H. Hudson
- Tom Jenkins
- May L. Loggotts
- H. T. Chauncey
- A. A. Moore
- J. B. Paul
- J. B. Hodges
- H. E. Hodges
- D. L. Perry
- A. T. Perkins
- J. B. Beddard
- M. I. Burroughs
- Wiley C. Rodman
- W. M. Williams
- John T. Bell
- J. J. Civlis
- M. D. L'Aggett

## REGISTRATION SLOW IN CITY

No One Will Be Allowed to Vote at the Coming Election Unless They Have Registered Anew.

Registration for the bond issue is very slow in the city wards. Only a very small percentage of voters have registered. There appears to be mistaken ideas regarding the registration. Some appear to think that they do not have to register because they registered under the Grandfather clause. Others imagine that if they registered at any previous election, they will be allowed to vote on the bond issue. It is a positive fact, however, that no one will be allowed to vote at the coming election unless they have registered their names on the books, which opened December 3rd and which will be open until Christmas night. Every voter must register, if he wants his vote to count.

## ANOTHER BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

According to information given out this morning, plans are under way for the forming of another Building and Loan Association in the city. It is expected that definite information regarding these arrangements will be made public within the next few days.

## PAID OUT \$20,000 IN THREE YEARS

Christmas Club Members Are Reaping Harvest at the Bank of Washington.

Satisfied patrons are going out of the Bank of Washington these days with a broad smile and a neat little roll of bills in their hands. They are those who last Christmas joined the bank's Christmas Saving Club, and who are now drawing out their weekly savings for this year's Christmas. The bank has paid out over \$20,000 in the three years that this club has been in existence. It is gaining in popularity every year and it is expected that a large number will join for next year. There is no cost connected with joining the club, and the bank makes the first deposit.

## GIRL SCALPED BY HOT WATER

Ell Tyson, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Tyson, was painfully burned yesterday when she stepped into a tub of scalding water, which poured over her. A doctor immediately attended to her, and she is expected to recover in a few days.

## MADE ATTEMPT TO BREAK OPEN SAFE

Burglar Caught in Williams' Shoe Shop on Gladden Street. Was Frightened Off.

A thief broke into the shoe shop of C. E. Williams on Gladden street Sunday evening, attempted to break open the safe, was unsuccessful in his attempt and fled upon the approach of the proprietor of the shop. Williams happened to be in the vicinity of the shop and went in for a drink of water. As he entered the front door, the thief, who was at work on the safe, fled through the rear door. Williams gave chase but was unable to catch the burglar. Upon investigation, it was found that the robber had opened the outside door of the safe by the combination and had broken the knob of the steel doors inside the outer ones, which he was trying to get open when Williams caught him. There was over \$100 in the safe at the time.

## BIG BARBECUE ON TOMORROW

Everything is in Readiness for the Event. Will Start the Meeting at 10:30.

Tomorrow is the big day. With favorable weather it is expected that close to 2,000 persons will attend the big barbecue at Old Ford, which is being held in connection with the good roads movement in Washington township. Several hundred will attend from Washington and every part of Beaufort county will be represented. Many will be there from Pitt and Martin counties. No special means are being provided for taking the people to the barbecue. Those who reside in the country will hitch up their teams and drive to Old Ford and those in the city, who own automobiles, will take as many of their friends as possible. The meeting will be called to order at 10:30, at which time the barbecue will be scheduled to begin. It will end from one o'clock on.

## LET'S BUILD IN WASHINGTON PARK

10-22-15. Tues. Sat.

## REGULAR MEETING OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Members of the Chamber of Commerce are especially requested to be present at the regular meeting of the Chamber that is to be held to-night, beginning at eight o'clock.

## LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEAGION

The Loyal Temperance Legion will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 at the home of Mrs. Z. N. Loggett. All members are urged to be present.

## OWING TO A TOWN ORDINANCE

recently passed this will be the last Christmas fire works of any description will be permitted for sale. Only have a few left offer. Better buy now as they will probably all be gone by Christmas eve. CHAS. M. LITTLE, 12-14-2tc.

## BULGARIANS PREPARE TO INVADE GREECE

A LARGE ARMY IS NOW WITHIN A FEW MILES OF THE GREEK FRONTIER.

### NO RESISTANCE

Greece is Withdrawing Her Army Into the Interior. Plans to Remain Strictly Neutral. Situation in Serbia is Desperate.

Saloniki, Greece, Dec. 14, via London.—The newspaper L'Opinion asserts that Bulgarian troops are preparing to cross the Greek frontier and that Greek troops are moving toward the threatened point, apparently with the object of disputing a Bulgarian invasion.

Bulgars Pursue Allies. London, Dec. 14.—The Saloniki correspondent of Reuter's Telegram company in a despatch dated Sunday relative to the fighting in Southern Serbia says:

"The evacuation of Boiran and Helygell was completed today and the Bulgarians are reported to be within five miles of the Greek frontier following very slowly in the wake of the allies."

Situation in Serbia Desperate. Paris, Dec. 14.—The Athens correspondent of the Havas agency sends the following under Sunday date:

"Members of the diplomatic corps here describe the situation in Serbia as learned from reliable sources. There is the greatest desolation over the entire territory occupied by the Germans and Bulgarians. The Bulgarian, Austrian and German soldiers and merchants refuse to take Serbian money except at a discount of fifty per cent or more, in spite of posters officially declaring that Serbian paper money and coins retain their face value."

Australian, Bulgarian and German merchants already are over-running the country and boasting that Serbia never again will be a free nation. Their procedure is increasing the misery of the Serbians left in the country which is becoming indescribable."

Greece Not to Resist Invasion. London, Dec. 14.—The difficult effort of Greece to maintain neutrality in the face of the allied retreat on Saloniki and the pursuit of Bulgarians and Germans continues to be the chief matter of interest at the entente capitals.

The latest decision of Greece, according to Athens dispatches, is to withdraw all considerable bodies of her troops impartially from danger of contact with entente troops in Saloniki and the entente troops in Saloniki and the German allies on the northern front.

Whatever the future holds for Greece, her effort to clear her position toward the belligerents seemingly disposes of any idea that the "big forces on Greek territory are to occupy a position of open Greek support."

## CARD OF THANKS

We desire to extend to the public our sincere thanks for their kindness to us in our recent bereavement.

Captain T. P. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Woolard

## TODAY'S COTTON QUOTATIONS

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### NEW THEATRE

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