

ANOTHER LIE NAILED IN CONNECTION WITH GOOD ROADS PROJECT

James R. Pinkham Makes Affidavit. Answers Charges That Have Been Made Against Capt. Leach.

It is a great pity that a number of our citizens in Washington township will permit themselves to be duped, and blinded to their own interests, by the siren song of irresponsible politicians, who have lost favor with the public, and in a number of instances are unable to make a living for themselves and their families, and, therefore, have nothing to do save to stand on the street corners and preach their vicious economic doctrines to an innocent and unsuspecting public.

Below we give an affidavit of James R. Pinkham, who is not even a resident of Washington township, but, patriotic citizen that he is, desirous of seeing justice and fair play, in all questions involving the progress and development of the community in which he lives, feels called upon to give the actual facts in refutation of the charges made by irresponsible persons, purporting to be opposed to the Good Roads issue, against innocent parties, for the purpose of making political capital for themselves.

This affidavit was made out without the knowledge of Captain Leach and is reproduced here for the purpose of answering some of the ridiculous, insinuating and degrading assertions that have recently been bandied about by men who have deserted true facts and figures and seek to gain their end by sullying the character and reputation of individuals who have done more in one year for the welfare of the community than they themselves have done in all their existence.

Affidavit of James R. Pinkham.
James R. Pinkham, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is not a resident and tax payer of Washington Township, and has no interest whatever in the outcome of the election for Good Roads in said township, except in so far as he is interested in the cause of good roads, and being a citizen of H. A. Fort county, naturally desires to see good roads in at least some part of his native county.

That he was Secretary and Treasurer of the Road Commissioners of Washington, Long Acre and Chocowinity townships under the law passed by Col. W. C. Rodman, in 1911, for the years 1911, 1912, 1913 and 1914, during which time Captain Geo. T. Leach was Road Commissioner for Washington township.

That it was impossible during this time for Captain Leach or any one else to draw any funds from the road taxes or any other moneys appropriated for the working of the roads or said townships under said law, without the signature of this affidavit to a voucher drawn for this purpose.

That this affidavit is reliably and authoritatively informed that certain of those who oppose, or pretend to oppose, the present bond issue for good roads in Washington township, among which are numbered, some who made speeches against the measure at the court house on last Saturday, are making the statement that Captain Leach drew during the time he was Road Supervisor as aforesaid, and for the time aforesaid, the sum of six hundred dollars, or some other large amount, per year for his services as said Road Commissioner.

And knowing and realizing that said statements are made without proper information, and, wholly and

absolutely contrary to the real facts in the case, and apparently for the purpose of creating prejudice against Captain Leach and the good roads issue for Washington township; And believing, in the spirit of truth, justice and fair play in all things, and particularly in all questions of government, and all measures that make for the progress of a community, this affiant feels it incumbent upon him to make this affidavit to the end that this falsehood may be corrected, and what may be a serious stumbling block in the way of a successful issue of the coming good roads election, because of falsehood and irresponsible statements, removed.

Captain Leach actually received in money and vouchers as follows, and this is all he did receive during all the time he served as Road Commissioner or Supervisor for Washington township:

Dec. 28, 1911—\$12.00.
May 2, 1912—\$10.00.
Aug. 29, 1912—\$ 4.00.
June 6, 1913—\$20.00.
Aug. 30, 1913—\$ 4.00.
Sept. 24, 1914—\$24.00.
\$74.00.

It is further a fact that Captain Leach at the time these vouchers were tendered him, declined to accept a number of them, and after receiving them, donated fifty dollars to the working of the roads in Long Acre township. It is further a fact that Captain Leach built at his own expense, four log road drags, and donated these to the roads of Washington township. Captain Leach, therefore, actually returned to the road fund of the three townships, more in money and implements than he received, to say nothing of the time he devoted to the cause. It is the honest, frank and impartial opinion of this affiant that Captain Leach actually lost money in time and expense while he was Road Supervisor.

J. R. PINKHAM.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of Dec. 1915.
GEO. A. PAUL, C. S. C.

COLDEST DAY OF THE YEAR

Thermometer Registered 26 Early This Morning. Ice is Plentiful on Small Ponds.

Old Winter is here for keeps. This morning proved to be the coldest day of the year and at 6:30 o'clock the mercury was shivering around the 26-degree mark. Ice covered all of the shallow pools of water in the vicinity of the city and a small fringe of it bordered the Pamlico.

Weather reports indicate that the cold spell will continue over Christmas.

TURKS CLAIM VICTORY IN GALLIPOLI EVACUATION.
Belgia, Dec. 22.—Constantinople claims a great Turkish victory in the withdrawal of the British troops from the Suva Bay and Anzac regions of Gallipoli. The Turks are on the offensive in the violent fighting around Anafarta and Arbulni and the enemy is fleeing. Counter attacks on Seddul Bahr have been repulsed.

GATHERING UP THE VICTIMS OF WAR



French and German dead soldiers gathered up on the field of battle and placed on a wagon to be carried to the place of burial.

TRIED TO ROB EXPRESS OFFICE

Bold Attempt Occurred in Greenville Last Night. Prevented from Carrying Out Intentions.

(By Eastern Press)
Greenville, Dec. 22.—A bold attempt at robbing the Southern express company, located on Dickinson avenue, occurred some time last night. The would-be robber cut the glass panel in the rear door with the intent, it is supposed, of unlocking the door from the inside. Fortunately there was a pad lock and a hiss on the door which prevented him from carrying out his intentions.

There were in the office several hundred quarts of whiskey, and had the man succeeded in getting in, he would have probably been able to quench his thirst.

A larger number of packages are being stored up in the express office than ever before at Christmas time, which is probably due to the fact that drink-ers of the corn juice can only secure a limited amount at the time, consequently, a larger number are in the business of ordering.

HENRY FORD IS SICK ABED

Peace Party Will Stay in Norway Until He Has Recovered. Sentiment Has Changed.

Christiana, Dec. 22.—Henry Ford is sick abed. His illness is serious, and it is possible that the peace party will remain here till he recovers.

Public opinion veered sharply today in favor of Ford. The newspapers are praising, but still ridiculing his idea. Spies are thought to have been sent here by the belligerents. A Norwegian peace delegation is certain to join Ford's party.

NEW THEATRE WILL OPEN AGAIN TONIGHT

After being closed for two nights the New Theatre will open tonight with an exclusive picture program. They will offer a very high class 3-reel feature tonight. For tomorrow night and the balance of this week the "Harry Stewart Musical Comedy Co." will fill the boards at this house giving a very high class musical comedy each night. The performance will run about two and one-half hours, so that there will be but one performance each night. The curtain will rise at 8:30 sharp each night, so every one should try and be on hand promptly.

BIG REDUCTION IN JEWELRY

Owing to death in the family, which necessitated his store being closed, and also due to the fact that only two days are left in which to do Christmas shopping, J. S. Campbell announces today that he will offer his entire stock of jewelry at a big discount.

Those who have not yet purchased their Christmas gifts will find a big variety from which to make their selections at Mr. Campbell's store. Remember, everything has been reduced in price. A large stock of Christmas goods is in the store and all of this must be sold. (adv)

WHISKEY MAKING IS BROKEN UP

Believed That There Are Few If Any Still Now Operating in Pitt County.

(By Eastern Press)
Greenville, Dec. 22.—Stills—in other words—manufacturing plants for whiskey, better known as booze, are becoming a scarce article in this county according to the local county officers who say that about all the stills which were recently being operated in this county have either been broken up or the owners have grown faint hearted and deserted their work.

Early in the fall not less than five stills were taken by the Pitt county officers, and at an average of about one per week, Deputy Sheriff Hyman this morning stated that so far as he knew at this time that all the stills had been taken that were once in operation. "There may be a few scattering ones," he said, "but they are far apart and none of the county officers have gotten wind of their whereabouts."

It was expected last spring when the quart law went into effect that illicit distilleries would spring up all over the different counties in the State and this was true, but owing to the never-ceasing efforts of the respective county officers, these illicit distilleries are a thing of the past, except in very isolated localities where it is almost impossible for the officers to reach.

Kinston Man Has Disappeared

Kinston, Dec. 22.—There is great grief in the little house at 408 North Heritage street, from which J. T. Barnes, 40, the husband and father of a family of seven, disappeared Sunday morning. Barnes is a section boss of the Norfolk Southern railroad. He was last seen, so far as the family knows, about 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. He was then at a bridge over Neuse river a mile or two from the city, in company with two strange men. Mrs. Barnes declares that her husband had \$75 with him, and she fears there has been foul play.

TOBACCO SALES AT WILSON HAVE BROKEN ALL RECORDS

Wilson, Dec. 22.—Wilson is breaking all records with leaf tobacco sales this season—to date the total sales are 31,249,664 pounds—an advance of 294,744. The increase over the sales to this date last season is 4,828,637. The tobacco men are happy.

W. J. RHODES, JR.

From The Savings Account to The Christmas Stocking
How many stockings are you going to fill on Christmas morning?
In how many of them would you like to put bigger, better, prettier things?
Don't we all wish every Christmas that we could give father a nicer house coat, or mother a finer dress, or the dozen and one other members of the family, something a lot richer than our pocket book allow?
To help all who have such worthy desires we have opened
Our Holiday Savings Fund Which Starts December 27th
This plan is so admirable that saving becomes an easy matter. You pay only a few cents a week for 50 weeks and then receive our check two weeks before Christmas for all your savings, plus 4 percent interest.
Come to the Bank any day between now and December 31st, and start your savings account in our Holiday Fund. It is the one sure way to "fill the stockings" with the things you want—the one sure way to have the kind of Christmas that makes us merry.
THE SAVINGS & TRUST CO.

HELP IS GIVEN THOSE IN NEED

All Four Cases Reported in the Daily News Have Been Taken Care Of.

All of the four cases of families in need, which were reported in Monday's and yesterday's issues of the Daily News, have been taken care of. Several telephone calls were received yesterday afternoon, shortly after the papers were delivered, asking for the names of the persons whose cases were reported. Other calls were received this morning.

This goes to show that while there may be a number of families in the city who are in need of help, there are also many persons who are willing to give them assistance.

We urge our readers, if they know of any cases that are worthy and need help, to let us know of them so that they can be published and aid given.

The following case was reported this morning:

Case No. 5.
An aged widow, with one child, who finds it exceedingly hard to make a living.

Case No. 6.
Parents in poor circumstances. Large family of children. Are supplied with the necessities of life. Toys and gifts suggested.

Case No. 7.
Man has been out of work for some time, but has recently secured position. Is in debt. Several small children who will be without any Christmas joys.

WILL GIVE MONEY TO CHARITIES

Amount Raised is Not Sufficient to Carry on Work of Empty Stomach Fund.

Some building the list of those who subscribed to the "Empty Stomach Fund," an additional contribution of two dollars was made by Congressman Small.

The fund as it stands at present, however, is not sufficient with which to undertake the work that was planned. It will be turned over to the Associated Charities to see if they see fit. Those who donated and object to this method, may have their money refunded them.

SENATOR SIMMONS HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Arrived from Washington Last Night. Glad to be Back in New Bern.

(By Eastern Press)
New Bern, Dec. 22.—Looking more hale and hearty than his friends have seen him in many months, Senator F. M. Simmons, chairman of the Finance Committee of the United States Senate, arrived in New Bern last night to spend the Christmas holidays and is at present the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Wade Meadows.

Asked today for an interview, Senator Simmons declared that he had nothing to say further than that he was glad to be back in New Bern and that he intended staying here just as long as possible.

Mrs. Simmons did not accompany the Senator but will probably arrive in the city from Washington later in the week.

SAVS BAKER.
Don't forget your coupon tickets you hold against our studio. Only two more days and they will be no good.
BAKER'S STUDIO.

RUSSIANS TO MAKE ATTACK ON BULGARIA

TROOPS ARRIVE ON BULGARIAN COAST. VESSELS BOMBARD CITY OF VARNA.

BRITISH WITHDRAW
Gallipoli Fronts Evacuated With Few Casualties. Believed That Austro-Germans Will Cross the Greek Frontier.

London, Dec. 22.—Russia has brought troops by sea to the Bulgarian sea coast, according to a circumstantial report from Athens to a London news agency. Sixteen transports filled with soldiers arrived off Varna under escort of a cruiser and two destroyers, which began a bombardment of the city, the despatch states.

Unofficial accounts from Constantinople of the British withdrawal from the two Gallipoli peninsula fronts evacuated declare the British had been driven to the sea by a Turkish general offensive movement in which heavy losses were inflicted.

British accounts of the Gallipoli withdrawal reiterate that it was effected with few casualties.

Serbian officials arriving in Rome, says a despatch from that city, agree that the disaster to Serbia was largely due to the failure to attack Bulgaria before the latter was ready, owing to insistence by the allies that such a step be avoided.

Everything indicates that the Greek frontier will be crossed by the Austro-German, Bulgarian and Turkish forces as soon as they are ready despite the protests of Greece, a correspondent at Saloniki declares. The Turks are reported to have concentrated two divisions to the border.

BURY DAYS AT THE POSTOFFICE
The postoffice employees are gratified at the commensurate the local public is showing in "mailing early." The past three or four days have been busy ones at the office, which dictate a note that the rush of the 23d and 24th will not be so great. Deliveries are large for four days before Christmas, and the carriers think there will not be nearly so much for them to do on Saturday as on Christmas of last year.

The public, however, is not posted in the matter of addressing. Wrapping generally is very good, but one simple requirement is often neglected—the marking of the package with the return address. Persons who go to the window with packages without the sender's address are wasting just so much of their own the clerk's and more apt than not, other persons' time. That return addresses must be there, and it is useless to try to get a package through the window without it.

BULGARIANS INTRENCHING NEAR GREEK BORDER

Amsterdam, Dec. 22.—Bulgarian troops are intrenching on the South-Greek frontier, and 10,000 or more Austro-German troops are approaching the border.

Are You Interested In a HOME?
A new Series of the Home Building and Loan Association will open on
January 8th, 1916.
SEE
W. E. SWINDELL, Pres., or J. B. SPARROW, Sec'y.

NEW THEATRE TONIGHT
A 3-REEL FEATURE AND OTHER PICTURES
Continuing Tomorrow
"Harry Stewart Musical Comedy Company"
8:25—Feature—8:30
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