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845 REGISTERED FOR THE COMING BOND ELECTION

REPORTS FROM THE REGISTRATION PLACES IN COUNTRY RECEIVED TODAY.

WILL BE CLOSE RACE

Outcome is Matter of Considerable Conjecture on Part of Those Who Are Acquainted With Ins and Outs of Proposition.

Complete returns from the country show that the total registration for the coming election is 845. The figures given in yesterday's Daily News, which stated that the registration was 805, included all of the city and was an estimate of the three country registration places. Accurate information as to the exact number was available this morning and shows the total registration to be 845. Following are the figures for each polling place:

First ward: 190. Second ward: 164. Third ward: 83. Fourth ward: 106. O'd Ford: 127. Pinaville: 70. Tranter's Creek: 105. How the vote will be cast at the election is a matter of considerable conjecture on the part of those who are interested in the outcome. It is generally believed that the city boxes will give a majority in favor of the issue. It is also believed that the country boxes will pile up a rather strong number of votes against the project. However, there are a number in the city who are opposed to the bond issue and there are many in the country who favor it. Preliminary estimates of the results indicate that the election will be extremely close.

CRITICISES WATER; WRITES UP DOORS

Kinston Newspaper Man Believes Dam Will Have to Be Built to Keep River Water From Going Up Creek.

One item, criticizing the condition of Washington water, and another article relative to the doors in the Federal court room, appeared in a Kinston paper under a Washington date line yesterday and were evidently written after the visit of a Kinston newspaperman to this city during Christmas. The articles are as follows: Washington, N. C., Dec. 27.—The citizens of Washington are hoping for more rain. Tranter's creek, new source of the public water supply, is lower than usual. The water from Pamlico and Tar rivers has crept up into the creek and that which the housewives now get from the taps in their homes is salty like old ocean's. The past three months have seen little rain, and Tranter's creek, usually a swift-running stream, is like a pond. The officials say the trouble might not be repeated in many years. If it is a dam will have to be constructed to keep the river water out.

Washington, N. C., Dec. 27.—The most expensive pair of doors in North Carolina are in the Federal courtroom here. Made by a special contract, a Federal inspector turned them down. The doors are of pig-skin, sound-deadening, with glass windows through which the marshal's messenger looks to be ready when the clerk beckons. After the doors were condemned another contractor went to New York and selected more than a dozen pigskins from which to get the cover for the doors. When finally accepted the pair of doors, smaller than the ordinary doors, had cost right around \$500, according to the custodian.

DEATHS FROM PNEUMONIA IN RICHMOND THIS MONTH

Richmond, Va., Dec. 28.—Forty-one persons having died here this month of pneumonia, the health department today published a warning against "boozing," "drinking," damp or cold feet and similar aids to a higher death rate. A daily bath of the mouth and nose is strongly recommended.

ARMY LEAGUE URGES MILITARY TRAINING OF MEN

WOULD HAVE IT APPLIED TO YOUNG MEN BETWEEN 18 AND 21 YEARS OF AGE.

EXPLAINS PROJECT

Former Assistant Secretary of War Believes Scheme Would Be Most Effective in Improving Military Strength of Country.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The Army League is urging upon Congress that universal military training of the young men of the country—18 to 21 years of age—is the only solution of the question as to realizing a force of citizen-soldiers other than the organized militia. Gen. Robert Shaw Oliver, former assistant secretary of war, president of the executive council of the Army League, today gave out the following statement in explaining of the position of the league: "The Army League of the United States has decided that universal military training of men from 18 to 21 years of age is the only true solution of the question as to the method of raising a force of citizen-soldiers other than the organized militia. The executive council has passed a resolution embodying this policy and recommending a general plan which avoids the demand for a large standing army and disposes of the bugaboo of militarism in a moderate and reasonable increase of the regular army. The plan is generally conservative and in line with the various recommendations, both of the secretary of war and the general staff. The method of obtaining the necessary men for the citizen army constitutes the principal difference, and this question is believed to be fundamental. "A careful study of expert opinion would appear to require for the defense of our overseas possessions a regular army of at least 80,000 men. Such a force, when divided between the Panama canal zone, Alaska, the Philippines, Hawaiian Islands, Porto Rico and other navy bases, could hardly be considered excessive even by the extreme 'little army' men. "The regular army at home would consist of the coast artillery of one relief, and the mobile force (i. e., cavalry, artillery, infantry and special troops) skeletonized to train the citizen-soldiers, and, for that purpose, distributed in a number of division districts. Every branch of the mobile army constituting a division would be included in each of these units. About 700 regulars would be included in each district. A complete division would be built up in three years by enlisting each year about 7,000 young men 18 years old in each district. Twenty-five divisional districts would then supply a force of 50,000. "For the last three years of the six year enlistment, these troops would pass into the reserve, subject to call by the President, and then be given full discharge. Thus there would be always 500,000 of the reserve. This would mean the training and cost of 167,000 men each year with the colors and in the schools. These men should receive army pay for that number of men the first year, two weeks the second and third years, or 12 months in all. The plan of the secretary of war calls for pay two months a year for three years, or six months in all; therefore the cost of the proposed scheme will be a little more than double that of the secretary. "It is hoped that a sufficient number would volunteer for active service; but failing that, the quota required would be filled from the enrolled list in each district. "The organized militia would not be interfered with in any way. On the contrary, as it is proposed to exempt men in that service, young men would practically have a choice of service in that body or the proposed continental army."

BABY WAS FOUND ON ROADSIDE NEAR GRIMESL'D

UNEXPECTED CHRISTMAS PRESENT COMES TO J. L. WHITE OF NEAR GREENVILLE.

PARENTS UNKNOWN

Infant Was Only a Few Days Old and Had Been Placed on Road a Short Time Before Mr. White's Car Came Along.

An unexpected Christmas present was given John L. White, of near Greenville yesterday morning as he was driving his car from this city to his home. The present was in the form of a baby, snugly wrapped up in a basket, which Mr. White found on the roadside a short distance from Grimesland. He stopped his car, picked up the basket and took the infant to his home. If no one comes to claim the child, it will probably be sent to some charitable institution. The baby was evidently about four or five days old. It was wrapped in a good quality of linen. A five dollar bill was found tucked in one corner of the basket. The infant was not suffering from the cold and the person who placed it on the roadside had evidently done so a few minutes before Mr. White's car arrived on the spot and had them run away.

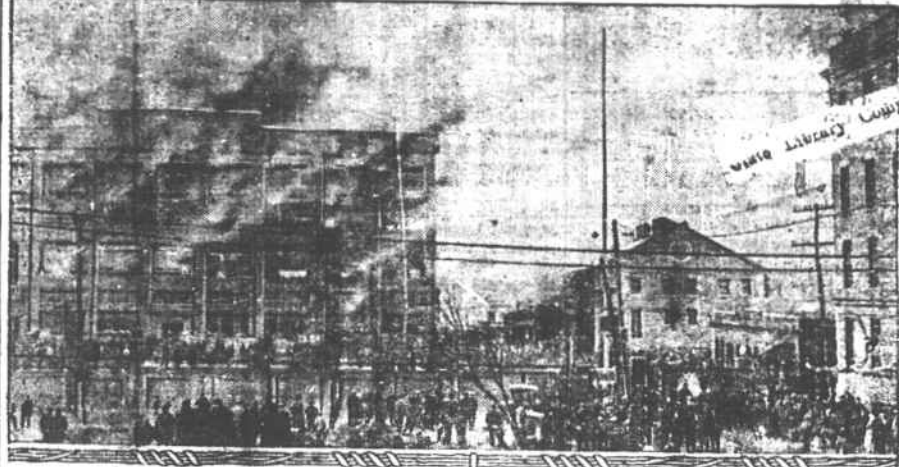
MAY MAKE MANY IMPROVEMENTS AT PAMLICO BEACH

Reported That Resort on Pamlico River Will Be Greatly Added to Next Summer.

That Pamlico Beach, located near the mouth of the Pamlico river will undergo considerable improvement and changes next summer, is the belief of several local residents, who are interested in building up that locality. It is reported that the hotel is to be enlarged and accommodations made or more guests, that new cottages will be built, a dancing platform erected, bath houses put up and various other improvements made. If properly advertised, local men believe that Pamlico Beach can be made into a resort that will draw a large number of vacationists from this section of the State. The bathing beach and the fishing is excellent and the locality possesses many advantages that cannot be surpassed by any of the other well known resorts in Virginia or North Carolina. Several hundred visitors from Washington and other points in Beaufort county spent some time at the beach last summer and all heartily enjoyed their stay. If the contemplated improvements are made, many more will undoubtedly spend their vacations there.

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GREAT FIRE IN BETHLEHEM STEEL PLANT



Photograph taken during the progress of the conflagration in the Bethlehem Steel company plant at South Bethlehem, Pa. The machine shop was destroyed, together with much valuable machinery and hundreds of tons of small guns in process of manufacture for the United States and the allies. The burning up probably to \$2,500,000.

WANTS COL. LAMB FOR DELEGATE TO NAT'L CONVENTION

J. F. Taylor Believes Democrats of This District Should Show Colonel This Courtesy.

That it would be an act of courtesy and appreciation of past services to elect Col. William G. Lamb of Williamston a delegate from the first congressional district to the National Democratic convention at St. Louis next year, was the opinion expressed this morning by Joseph F. Taylor of this city. "Colonel Lamb has not said anything about this matter to me," stated Mr. Taylor, "and I feel sure that he will make no personal effort in his part to secure the nomination. He was a delegate at the Baltimore convention four years ago and helped to nominate Woodrow Wilson and has always taken a keen interest in the welfare of the democratic party, contributing greatly to the success of the party in this section of the State. "I do not know of any other applicants for the office of delegate at this time and I feel that it would be an act of courtesy to again allow Colonel Lamb to represent us at St. Louis. I believe that he will accept the office and will attend the convention."

FORD PEACE PARTY MAY DO SOME GOOD YET

Warm Greeting for Oscar's Company at Stockholm. Trying to Close Up Breaches in Banks. Stockholm, Dec. 28.—The new management of the Ford party is endeavoring to close the ranks to prevent successions following the withdrawal of Governor Hanna and Miss Inez Micholand Boissevain. It is believed there is a chance for the mission's partial success since the warm greeting in Sweden.

EAST CAROLINA HAD GOOD YEAR

Year Has Been Most Beneficial One, Say Federal Experts. Farming Has Been Diversified.

(By Eastern Press) Kinston, Dec. 28.—The year 1915 has been an exceedingly beneficial one to the farmers of the eastern part of North Carolina, in the opinion of experts, according to a demonstration of the United States department of agriculture. "Diversification. Few parts of the south made such radical departures from the 'necessity' of raising 'money crops' as did the counties comprising the Carolina bright leaf tobacco belt and those adjoining the belt on the east. As a result, say the government agents, stock raising is coming into its own. The number of hogs raised during the past summer, if accurate statistics were obtainable, would prove a revelation to the average city man. The attestation given to fruit was gratifying to the experts. Grain other than corn received earnest trials. Many thousand more pecan trees were planted. Within ten years the hundreds of thousands of pecan trees planted during the past five years will make this section the world's center for that finest of temperate zone nuts. The paper shell product of eastern Carolina is superior to any other pecan grown. Neighborhoods which had been 'drifting' toward cotton and tobacco again cultivated corn and truck, with excellent results, the growing season having been ideal. Just about a happy sufficiency of tobacco was produced in the eastern counties and, wary after 1914's disappointing selling season, the planters treated cotton as a suspicious character, with the result that the output was well below that of the preceding year in some of the counties.

THREE FIRES IN NORFOLK-SOUTH'N RAILROAD SHOPS

Occurred at Kinston. Are Believed to Have Been of Incendiary Origin.

(By Eastern Press) Kinston, Dec. 28.—A series of fires in the central part of the city were undoubtedly of incendiary origin according to Fire Chief Tom Mosley. He has no clue, however. The Norfolk Southern men in charge of the local offices entertain the same belief as Chief Mosley, but say they have not the slightest evidence. An employee had been in the freight station, the scene of the first blaze, about an hour before the department was called from box 82 to extinguish a burning desk, work and valuable records which were burning briskly at 5:30 o'clock or thereabouts. There was no sign of a fire when the employee, a trusted man, was in the building. The damage was probably \$100, by the Chief's estimate. About 8 o'clock p. m. the firemen were called, also from box 82, to a car containing hay, which was burning near the freight house. One company handled this fire, but before it was well extinguished the East Kinston company, waiting on the scene, had to be sent to the vicinity of Heritage and Railroad road streets, where a car of straw was afire. This was quickly out. The damage in the hay fire was about \$50, and to the straw about \$20. This morning about 7 o'clock, according to the official record, the department was called to Mason street to put out a blaze of unknown origin, in the home of E. K. Patterson, colored. Patterson said the fire occurred around 6:30 o'clock and that the damage was about \$200, covered by insurance. The fire was in a sleeping room. Chief Mosley put the damage at about \$50 a side from broken furniture.

WILL FOLLOW UP DETECTIVE WORK

Davis is Now Employed as a Painter in New York But Will Take Up Sleuthing Again.

Friends of Bill Davis, of local "Sherlock Holmes" fame, were given news of his whereabouts and activities by a resident of this city, who returned from New York City yesterday. He said that Davis was now employed as a painter in New York but that he was awaiting an appointment from one of the big detective agencies in New York City and would undoubtedly secure a job in the near future. Davis intends to follow up the detective business and is confident that he will make a success of it.

CHANGE IN HOUR OF BOOK CLUB MEETING

The O. Henry Book Club will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. A. M. Dumas of West Main street. The meeting will start at three o'clock. Members are requested to note the change in the hour.

ILL AND STARVING RUSSIAN FORCES DEMORALIZED

REPORT FROM THE CAUCASUS SHOWS BIG BEAR ARMY IS IN WRETCHED CONDITION.

OTHER WAR NEWS

Montenegrins Are Continuing Offensive Against Austrians. Germans Are Active Along the Western Front.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—"Reports from the Caucasus received here from Constantinople state that the Russian army is demoralized as a result of cold, hunger, cholera, typhoid and poor equipment," says the Overseas News Agency. "Poles in the Russian army whose homes are in districts occupied by the Germans are deserting or begging that they be sent home." Montenegrins Continue Offensive. Paris, Dec. 28.—The Montenegrins are continuing their offensive and have gained considerable territory in the Sanjak taking numerous villages and inflicting large losses upon the Austrians, according to an official statement given out by the Montenegrin consul here today. The statement, dated December 26, follows: "Our troops in the Sanjak continued their offensive and captured several villages from the enemy, including Goudouche, Douvo, and Dubina. The Austrians sustained heavy losses in the violent struggle for the positions." Germans Minutec. Berlin, Dec. 28.—Only mining operations along the Princes-Balkan front are mentioned in today's official statement by German army headquarters. Quiet prevailed along the other fronts, according to the statement which follows: "A crater made by a French mine explosion in front of our positions northeast of Neuville has been occupied by us. An enemy mine explosion at Combrès Hill caused little damage. On twice there have been no incidents of importance. "There is nothing to report from the Eastern and Balkan theatres of war."

VAUDEVILLE AT NEW THEATER

Special Engagement Made With Vaudeville Company for Performance Tonight.

Due to a disappointment in contracts there has been selected for tonight at the New Theatre one of the best musical comedy companies on the road. The Finnigan & Dean company comes highly recommended. It consists of ten high class artists, featuring the Jean trio, in popular and high class singing selections. Mr. and Mrs. Red Mack are also of the company, introducing their original comedy creation, "The Human Joke." Mr. Billy S. Finnigan, the Irish comedian and vocalist, and the Irish Lilliputian Extravaganza, is also one of the comedy features. Mr. Irwin Hampton, the silver tenor, in high class selections, song, dance, music, comedy, with special scenery and pretty girls. Five high class and stilt acts will be introduced during the action of the musical comedy, "Hotel De Royal," in which the entire company will appear.

An Advertiser in the Daily News.

Use That \$5.00 Gold Piece TO JOIN Our Holiday Savings Fund Bring the \$5.00 Gold Piece you received among your gifts Saturday to open an account in our Holiday Savings Fund. Or any other money you received large or small--will open a savings account in the new Fund starting today. The Fund has met with tremendous success--hundreds are joining--hundreds who will have more money next Christmas than they had this year. The payments are made each week or may be made in advance. You do not have to come yourself--a child may bring your deposits. Everything about the plan is easy, safe, convenient. Come down today and join--get your friends and neighbors to join--get every member in the family to join. Make today the starting point for next year's Merry Christmas. The Savings & Trust Co.

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.

WILL HEAD TO-NIGHT "DEAN & FINNIGAN" Musical Comedy Company in Singing Comedy Dancing 3 Reels Pictures--3 Price 10c-20c