

BRAGAW URGES TOWNSHIPS TO GET SHARE OF CITY'S TAX IN BUILDING GOOD ROADS

Opportunity is at Hand For Them to Improve Road Within their Limits.

DELAY MAY FRUSTRATE PLANS

After Bonds Have Been Issued and Sold in Washington Township, May be Too Late Legally for Other Townships to Participate

Editor Daily News:

In the discussion which arose during the campaign for a bond issue for good roads in Washington township, I unhesitatingly stated that I was heartily in accord with those who advocated that every township and every city in the State should have the opportunity to come in and receive their proportionate share of the taxes to be collected in the city of Washington for good roads. Indeed, if the entire county would join in this movement, no much the better.

The election has been carried in Washington township. Now let the other townships start petitions with-out delay and present same to the Board of County Commissioners at the meeting to be held the first Monday in February, and thus pave the way for them to get their share of the town tax. The people of this town are thoroughly in favor of such a plan, and will aid in every way possible to accomplish it. I know this. Chances are, and long ago and ever ready, Bath and Pantego can, by acting NOW, obtain this same benefit.

HAVE ARRANGED THE PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

Celebration of Lee-Jackson Birthdays to Be Held Under Auspices of the U. D. C.

The celebration of the Lee-Jackson birth anniversaries will be held in Washington under the auspices of the U. D. C. tomorrow night at the court house. An interesting and entertaining program, consisting of musical selections, readings, and addresses, will be rendered and will begin promptly at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited to be present. The program will be as follows:

- Prayer: Rev. E. M. Salpas.
 - Song, "The Old North State," Children of the Confederacy.
 - Reading: Mrs. Harold Washburn.
 - Solo: Miss Bea Connolly.
 - Introduction of speaker: Frank Bryan.
 - Address: H. C. Carter, Jr.
 - Solo: Miss Glasgow.
 - Song, "America," by the choir.
 - Benediction: Rev. N. Harding.
 - Masses of ceregates: Mrs. Call.
- PRAYER MEETING TONIGHT.**
A prayer service will be held at the Payne Memorial church tonight, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. H. B. Seagriff will conduct the services.

failed by taxes in Washington. None can deny the need for good roads in the entire county. Each township, by this plan, determines for itself whether it will join in this movement.

Let the Washington Township Bond Bonds Association continue its existence and efforts under a more general name, and co-operate with each township which will signify its wish and purpose to start a good roads movement.

Conversation with members of the Board of County Commissioners convinces me of their readiness to respond absolutely to the wishes of the people, but the people must express themselves.

Let petitions be started at once and let the people express themselves. Let those townships which wish to come into the movement now, ACT AT ONCE.

Do not remain idle until too late and then complain if the opportunity is lost by delay.

Bids have been asked on these bonds, and what is to be done at all should be done before February 7, when bids will be received.

Let each township that so desires present to the Commissioners on February 7th its petition, signed by 25 per cent of its qualified voters, asking for an election, and that the sale of bonds be postponed until such elections can be held.

STEPHEN C. BRAGAW.

DREAMS COMES TRUE AT NEW THEATRE

Play at Local House Tonight is One of the Best of Its Kind on the Road Today.

When the curtain goes up promptly at 8:30 tonight on the big musical comedy, "When Dreams Come True," at the New Theatre the patrons of this house will see the best musical comedy that has ever been to this city. The company coming here is the same one that has made all of the larger cities of the south during the past few months, and the singing and dancing numbers are far beyond the average that are usually seen in the best musical comedies. The management of the New Theatre states that they do not hesitate to fully guarantee that every one present tonight will go away after the performance feeling that they have seen the best show of the season. It is hoped that they will have a full house tonight, such is hard to secure other good attractions on small houses.

MR. CUMMINS WOULD HAVE ZONE OF SANITY

"Homesteads Between William of Prussia and William of Nebraska."

Washington, Jan. 20.—A zone of sanity, in preparedness "somewhere between William of Prussia and William of Nebraska," was advocated on the senate floor today by Senator Cummins, speaking on his resolution for a government monopoly in munitions manufacture.

In this zone, he said, the great body of people took their stand, but the great munitions manufacturers, he had found, were rapidly lined up for a maximum of armament production.

While deprecating the pacifism of "William Nebraska," as dangerous to national safety, he charged that this nation's "growing Kruppian" had a two-fold menace, the one to difficulties with foreign powers and the other to an internal source of danger, which were to bring the military.

"WHEN A VILLA NEEDS A FRIEND."



—Fitzgerald in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

WON'T OPERATE SPECIAL TRAIN

Washington Is Only City Along Norfolk Southern Willing to Send Sufficient Number to Raleigh.

Norfolk Southern railroad officials announced today that the proposed special train to Raleigh on the 24th of the month, which time Geraldine Farrar will sing at the capital city—will not be operated.

Word was received in this office this morning from the general passenger agent to the effect that only very few of the cities along the line had expressed any great desire to co-operate in the matter. It would cost \$200 to run the train and Washington is the only city which was willing to do its part, over twenty persons having signified their intention of going to Raleigh from here.

THREE MEMBERS CREW KILLED

London, Jan. 20.—The liner Ryndam, damaged at sea, arrived today carrying the bodies of three stokers killed and four injured persons.

ARE ARRESTED FOR RIDING ON WALKS

Citizens Who Gaily Pumped Their Bikes Along Sidewalks Are Brought Into Court.

"Riding sidewalks" was the principal charge against defendants in the recorder's court yesterday afternoon. The following cases were brought up and disposed of:

- Randall Brown, colored, riding sidewalk; costs.
- Joe Cherry, colored, soliciting for passengers; costs.
- Henry Barr, colored, riding sidewalk; costs.
- Tom Davis, riding sidewalk; costs.
- E. L. Hoper, riding sidewalk; costs.
- J. H. Ackley, allowing dog loose on the streets; costs.

INCREASE IN CATTLE AND HOGS REPORTED

Washington, Jan. 20.—The Department of Agriculture's annual estimate of farm cattle in the country January 1, issued today, shows 21,988,000 milk cows, an increase of 2.4 per cent over 1915; 39,459,000 other cattle, an increase of 6.4 per cent; 49,192,000 sheep, a decrease of 1.8 per cent, and 58,047,000 swine, an increase of 5.3 per cent.

FISHING CRAFT SUBMERGED

London, Jan. 20.—The Lowestoft fishing smacks Forrester and Sunshine have been submerged, but their crews rescued probably, in the North Sea.

TWO ZEPPELINS DAMAGED

Amsterdam, Jan. 20.—Two Zeppelins, damaged by French shells, and the German liner at Rostock, say dispatches. They were taken to Germany and repaired.

ELECT BOWERS PRESIDENT

Meeting of Stockholders of Washington Building and Loan Association Held Last Night.

At a specially called meeting of the Washington Building and Loan Association, at which practically all the stock was represented, officers and directors were elected as follows:

- President: B. F. Bowers.
- 1st Vice Pres.: J. G. Bragaw, Jr.
- 2nd Vice Pres.: W. H. Ellsworth.
- Secretary: John A. Mayo.
- Treasurer: A. M. Dumay.
- Attorneys: Simmons & Vaughan.
- Directors: Capt. Geo. T. Leach, A. M. Dumay, W. H. Ellsworth, D. T. Fowle, E. S. Worley, Lee Davenport, R. F. Bowers, C. F. Harris, C. M. Brown, Jr., James A. Hackney, F. T. Woolard, F. E. Mayo, N. L. Simmons, John H. Honner, J. G. Bragaw, Jr.

BROADWAY-UNIVERSAL FEATURE AT BELLMO

Miss Marie Tempest, the most noted comedienne on the English speaking stage is appearing in a superb 5-reel feature comedy at the Bellmo this afternoon and tonight.

NEW OFFENSIVE MOVEMENT INAUGURATED BY RUSSIANS

Berlin, Jan. 20.—By wireless to Saville.—A new offensive movement was inaugurated by the Russians to the east of Czernowitz, near the Rzesarabian frontier. The official Austrian statement of today says the Russians made four successive attacks at several places, but were repulsed.

TURKS HALT RUSSIANS

London, Jan. 20.—The Russian offensive in the Caucasus was halted by the arrival of Turkish reinforcements. It is announced that the news of the halt came from the weather and other hardships.

STRANGE ASSYRIAN MAY BE WORKING FAKE GAME

Is Raising Contributions for "Orphanage." Refuses to Have His Credentials Investigated

There are probably a number of business men in Washington who either yesterday or today, contributed to an "orphanage fund," petitions for which were circulated by a strange Assyrian in the city. Whether they have thrown their money away or not is a matter of considerable speculation.

It is stated that an Assyrian, who talks broken English, arrived here yesterday and visited a large number of the merchants here. He had credentials signed by men in various parts of the country and also photographs of the "orphans" and the children in it, for whom he claimed to be raising funds.

This man visited one of the merchants on Main street and explained his proposition to him. The merchant looked at his credentials and then proceeded to make a note of the signatures. The Assyrian immediately snatched the papers away and asked what he meant. The merchant replied that he merely desired to write to the men who had signed the documents and find out whether they were real.

The Assyrian stated that such investigation was entirely unnecessary and that if the merchant did not desire to help him he could say so. He then went out.

This afternoon, another merchant on Main street did the same thing and the Assyrian again became very much excited and angry. He left the merchant's office and is still in town or not is not known, but the residents of the city are warned that they are running considerable risk in contributing to his "orphanage," for the man's actions evidently speak for themselves.

GREAT INTEREST IN PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED TRIP

Various Reasons Assigned for His Decision to "Talk to the People"

A POLITICAL TRIP

Some Think That It Will Be His Preparation Campaign. Others Believe That Preparedness Program Is to Be Explained.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The administration program of national defense is believed in danger. The active opposition of the pacifists, led by Bryan, thus the wide differences of view among those who think some steps for national defense should be taken, are said to be jeopardizing the administration's defense proposals. The continental army, as outlined by Secretary Garrison, is meeting with strenuous opposition.

That one of the purposes of the President in making his contemplated trip throughout the country is to fortify his legislative program, including preparedness, revenue legislation, and other matters is accepted here. When he was governor of New Jersey, he used to go out and appeal to the people on state matters. He has been told, so it is said, that in the present situation the people of the country are looking for leadership, and that if he will go out and talk to them he will meet an enthusiastic response.

But the political wise ones here refuse to believe the President is going to tour the country solely for legislative reasons. They think big politics is wrapped up in the newly developed plan.

They see in it, first, a direct challenge to Bryan, a challenge to the enemies of the President within the Democratic party. They aver that President Wilson is going out to "mop the earth" with Bryan and all Democrats who are trying to stick a knife in him as a candidate for re-nomination, and thus to clinch this renomination.

Further, they take the view that in addition to making a reconversion campaign at this time, the President is going to make a large share of his pre-election campaign now. If this viewpoint is correct, every mile of the President's tour is expected to possess political value.

U. D. C. MEETING

Was Held Yesterday Afternoon at the Home of Miss Marcia Myers. An Interesting Session.

The U. D. C. met yesterday afternoon at the home of Miss Marcia Myers and had a most interesting and enjoyable meeting. Several new members were elected.

PROMINENT MEN MAKE ADDRESSES

Students Are Standing Mid-Term Exams This Week.

Rev. John R. Matthews who has been holding a mission in the Epist. copal church made a very interesting address at the morning exercises on Wednesday. At the close of the address Mrs. Wolfe sang a very appropriate solo.

SCHOOL NOTES

4B grade carried on the following exercises on Friday morning: Reading of the 23rd Psalm. Hymn, "Wake Sweetest Strain." "The Windmill," a part of the grade.

Hymn, "Praise Him, Praise Him." "The Night Wind," Louise Sheld-burne.

Hymn, "Waking Out of Silence." On Monday morning, Rev. Mr. Jenkins, of the Baptist church of Asheville, visited the school and made a short address.

The whole school is standing the mid-term examinations this week.

BELLMO TONIGHT
Broadway-Universal Feature presents
MISS MARIE TEMPEST
England's most noted comedienne in a wonderful 5-reel feature comedy
"MRS. PLUM'S PUDDING"
Supported by
Eddie Lyons and Lee Moran
MATTIE DAILY—1 P. M.
SCHOOL CHILDREN 5c
PRICES 5c and 10c

NEW THEATRE TONIGHT
Comedy and Tennis presents
Musical Comedy of Youth
"When Dreams Come True"
The season's success.
Prices 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50
Curtain 8:30 sharp