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Three Districts To Vote on Stock Law January 15

Capital Highway Thro' Cumberland

Interesting and Important Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners—Fayetteville to Pinehurst Link of Highway to Be Completed By The County, Employing Free Labor Jury List.

Cumberland county, through the action of her board of commissioners, has expressed her willingness to join hands with her sister counties to complete the "capital-to-capital highway" on condition that this highway pass through the county and through Fayetteville, coming from Raleigh, through Harnett, down on the east side of the Cape Fear river to the New Clarendon bridge, across this bridge, through the city, over Haymount, through Seventy-First township and along the line of the old plank road to the Moore county line, to Southern Pines and Pinehurst and thence southward.

If this route shall be adopted by the "Capital Highway Association," of which Mr. Leonard Tufts, owner of Pinehurst, is the principal spirit, Cumberland will at once set about completing the line from Fayetteville to Pinehurst, by making a first-class sand-clay road of the plank road from here to the Moore county line. All but about eleven miles of this road is already complete, and the county will at once put a force of free labor, under the supervision of Mr. P. P. Baker, on this eleven miles to complete it as soon as practicable. While no estimate of the cost is made public by the commissioners it is estimated by others that the cost of the eleven or twelve miles of road to complete the stretch will be somewhere between \$3,000 and \$5,000. Good road already extends for a considerable distance toward Fayetteville from Southern Pines.

This is the result of a hearing given by the county commissioners yesterday, the second day of the regular December meeting, to a committee of citizens on the proposition "to make Fayetteville and Cumberland county an integral part of the 'Capital-to-Capital Highway Association,'" which is promoting the plan ultimately to perfect a highway from north to south across the state. The association was represented at the hearing by Mr. Frank Weldon, secretary, who came here Monday for the purpose. After he had laid his proposition before the board, asking that they take steps at once to complete the link necessary to make a first-class road from here to Pinehurst, Mr. F. R. Rose, who had introduced him, called upon representative citizens present to express themselves.

Messrs. W. L. Holt, J. O. Ellington, F. H. Cotton, A. L. McCaskill, W. S. Cook, V. C. Bullard, John Underwood, Frank H. Stedman and W. F. Blount made speeches endorsing the proposition and urging the commissioners to take immediate action.

Then the commissioners adopted a resolution or order that the board retain the services of P. P. Baker to work free labor on the Yadin (plank) road leading to the Moore county line, if this road is decided on as part of the Capital Highway route.

Another important order of the board in connection with the road work of the county was passed Monday. This order consolidates the two convict forces and places the larger force in charge of Superintendent R. M. Wise. As soon as the force completes the road from Liberty Point to the river it will be transferred to Blue's sand hill in the eastern part of the county, where it is perhaps needed worse than any-

where else.

On January 15, 1910, three elections are to be held in Cumberland county on the question of stock law. These elections were called by the commissioners at their meeting this week in response to petitions signed by at least one-fifth of the qualified voters in each of the several districts. One of the districts embraces a portion of Rockfish township, another a portion of Seventy-First and another a portion of Carver's Creek.

A large delegation from Seventy-First was present to urge the calling of the election.

This proposed territory commences at a point where the present fence crosses the 71st line near the Pearce place, and extends with said line to Little Rockfish, thence to Galatia church, thence by N. B. Lindsay's, thence south including Dr. Ray's farm, to the Raeford and Rockfish road, thence with north-west edge of said road to Raeford stock law fence, thence with said fence to Parker's gate crossing plank road at 16 mile post, and north crossing Puppy creek, to south edge of Morganton road, east to Cross Creek fence at Chas. Odum's, and thence to the beginning.

Another petition from 71st was filed embracing above territory and that part of the township lying near Rockfish depot, to Robeson county line; a separate election was ordered for that portion of the boundaries not included in the first petition.

The petition for election on stock law or no stock law in certain territory in Rockfish township signed by one-fifth of the qualified voters of said territory was allowed and the election ordered for January 15th, 1910.

The proposed new territory embraces nearly all of Rockfish township and a small portion of 71st and Pearce's Mill townships. If the election is carried the gates across the Lambertson Road will be abolished.

The petition for election for stock law or no stock law in certain territory of Carver's Creek, signed by one-fifth of the qualified voters, was allowed, and the election ordered on January 15, 1910. The proposed new territory, which begins on the west side of the Raleigh plank road, includes the residence of J. D. Warner, Eureka Springs and Lakewood.

The following jurors were drawn for the January term of the Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases: Carl McGill, Quewhiffle; D. W. Sandlin, Cross Creek; J. A. Cain and J. T. Ellis, Seventy-First; J. D. Barber, Rockfish; R. R. House, Black River; T. R. Horne, Beaver Dam; W. R. David, James T. Holden, W. H. Ray, James Bullock, Seventy-First; J. A. Geddie, C. C. McLaurin, Flea Hill; F. H. Hobbs, C. R. Monroe, A. W. Brafford, Cross Creek; Connor Bullard, W. H. Ringold, C. M. Johnson, Cedar Creek; Sam Jones, Rockfish; J. E. Covington, Quewhiffle; W. M. Lowry, Rockfish; J. C. Culbreth, Flea Hill; Frank Gales, Rockfish; Daniel Carter, Cedar Creek; R. F. Newland, Rockfish; W. T. Raiford, Cross Creek; John H. Culbreth, Cross Creek; R. C. McDonald, Rockfish; S. A. Wade, Black River; C. N. Dunn, Cross Creek; Neill Cameron, Quewhiffle; A. E. Rankin, Cross Creek; W. A. McLean, Quewhiffle; T. J. Hornady, Rockfish; T. J. Underwood, Beaver Dam; R. T. Wise, Black River; M. G. Hair, Cedar Creek; W. B. McLaughlin, Quewhiffle; C. V. Campbell, Quewhiffle; W. L. Holt, C. E. Ayer, R. L. Holland, Cross Creek; Marshal Cashwell, Gray's Creek; Alex. Jackson, Cross Creek; D. McL. Holt, Rockfish; E. E. Huggins.

Other matters were disposed of as follows: Mr. W. N. Tillinghast presented the report of the auditing committee on the county treasurer's books, and it was received. An election was gone into by the board for standard weight keeper, to succeed the late J. A.

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What The World is Doing This Week

War With Nicaragua Seems Imminent — Congress Again in Session — Numerous Conventions.

Shall we have war with the small Central American "republic" of Nicaragua? Uncle Sam's ships and soldiers are lined up on either side of the little country ready to give the kid a spanking if he does at "be good." Last week Secretary of State Knox handed Nicaragua's representative at Washington his passport and a letter branding President Zelaya as a violator of solemn international conventions, disturber of the peace and a tyrant, and holding him personally responsible for shooting to death two Americans who were allied with the revolutionary forces in Nicaragua, and virtually announcing the recognition on the part of the United States of the revolutionaries. The severance of diplomatic relations between the United States and Nicaragua, the despatch of additional war vessels to Nicaraguan waters and the start of considerable forces on marines for Central America seems to indicate further developments in that direction.

The assembling of Congress and the president's message furnish the most important news of the week. Seldom has the meeting of the national body of lawmakers been looked forward to with more public interest, due largely to the general expectation that the session will deal with railway legislation, the amendment of the Sherman anti-trust act and other matters of wide spread interest and importance. Congress assembled Monday for the "long session," which probably will run into the summer. Senators and Representatives express a determination to take up the work of the session vigorously at the beginning with the hope of having it well advanced before the holidays. The House was already organized by the election of Speaker and officers at the extra session, and the appointment of committees, so there will be no excuse for that body not getting down to business at once.

Simultaneous with the meeting of Congress several important national gatherings assembled in the capital to impress upon the lawmakers the necessity for legislation along various lines. The Southern Commercial Congress met during the first two days of the week and will be immediately followed by the annual meeting of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress to-day when President Taft will deliver the opening address.

Other conventions of general interest scheduled for the week include the meeting of the American Anti-Saloon League in Chicago and the American Civic Alliance Congress in New York. The annual meeting of the National Civil Service Reform League will be held in New York Thursday and Friday. Among the subjects to be discussed are civil pensions, consular reform and the application of the merit system to the higher municipal offices.

STATE TREASURY DRY

Sheriffs Urged to Hurry on With Tax Collections.

State Treasurer B. R. Lacy is anxious about the status of State finances, in that between now and January 15th he will have to pay out something like a million dollars, including \$450,000 in pensions to Confederate veterans, and the money for taxes being collected by the sheriffs throughout the State is coming in unusually slow. He says that he has no money lying idle in the banks now and that it is up to the sheriffs to push their work and comply with the requirements of Section 84 of the Machinery Act, by reporting regularly at the end of each month to the State Auditor the full amount of State taxes collected during the month and pay such amounts into the State treasury within ten days.

The B. P. O. Elks' Lodge of Sorrow

Fayetteville Elks' Memorial Service Sunday Afternoon — Address by Editor Joseph E. Robinson.

All over the world, wherever there is an organization of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the annual memorial service is held every first Sunday in December.

Fayetteville Lodge, No. 1081, Elks, held its annual memorial services in the LaFayette Theatre at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon before a large, appreciative and cultured audience, the services lasting just one hour. The LaFayette orchestra rendered a fine selection, followed by the hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," from a splendid choir of male and female voices, led by Mr. W. Frank Blount.

Next came the lodge ceremonies, conducted by Exalted Ruler J. G. Hollingsworth. The opening ode, "Great Ruler of the Universe," was then sung by the choir and the audience. Rev. W. B. Hannon, priest of St. Patrick's [Catholic] church, invoked God's blessing in an eloquent prayer. A beautiful anthem, with solo and duets, was then rendered. Then Hon. H. L. Cook introduced the speaker of the occasion, Mr. Joseph E. Robinson, of Goldsboro Elks Lodge No. 139, and editor of the Goldsboro Argus. Mr. Cook's introduction was very fitting, and in the course of it he paid a beautiful and touching tribute to departed Elk Mike Folb.

Mr. Robinson's address was a dissertation on "Life." It was eloquent, chaste, scholarly and eminently logical and withal permeated with the thought that life was but "a means to an end," and that end was God. Seldom is a Fayetteville audience given the privilege of hearing so fine an address, and it was greatly appreciated. Mr. Robinson spoke for 30 minutes.

Fayetteville lodge has been blessed in having no death in its ranks the past year, Mr. Folb, mentioned above, having died last year. The personnel of the lodge is from our best citizens and the order is steadily growing in popular favor.

Southern Commercial Congress.

Washington, Dec. 6th.—A greater nation will come into being through a greater South. This is the slogan of the Southern Commercial Congress, which convened here to-day. The Congress has announced that it has two objects—to hasten a clearer self-knowledge throughout the whole South, and to compel the balance of the United States and of the world to set a greater valuation on the South as a region of opportunity.

LEE BATTLE NOT GUILTY

Former Cashier of Defunct City National Bank Acquitted by Jury.

A verdict declaring Lee H. Battle, former cashier of the wrecked City National Bank, of three years ago not guilty of abstractions, false entries and misleading reports for which he was indicted, was returned Saturday by the jury which for two weeks had listened to the evidence in the case before the United States court at Greensboro.

When the verdict was announced Battle was overwhelmed by his friends who had stood steadfastly by him during the trying ordeal. He gave way to his emotion when the pastor of his church who had sat with him throughout the entire trial, embraced him in his joy at the outcome.

Wedding in Bladen.

On Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 24, Miss Laura Cromartie, the attractive daughter of Mr. M. L. Cromartie, of Clarkton, and Mr. M. C. Stegall, a prominent young man of Marshville, were quietly united in marriage at the home of the bride, Rev. A. McFadyen officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Stegall left on the 5 o'clock train for an extended trip through Florida.

Contest Closes Friday Afternoon at 2 O'Clock

SHERIFF WATSON STRICKEN

Suffers Sudden Rush of Blood to the Head and Is Taken to Hospital.

The entire community and this section at large will regret to learn that Sheriff N. A. Watson suffered a stroke yesterday morning that suddenly disabled him and made it necessary that he be taken quickly to the hospital. He is now (Tuesday night) resting easy in Highsmith hospital, and those immediately concerned say it is probable that he will be himself again in two or three days. While working he became very hot and had apparently a congestion of blood in his head.

WEDDING AT SALEMURG

Professor Bennett, of Elm City, and Miss Florence Parker, each of the faculty of the Salemburg Academy, were united in marriage at 8 o'clock on the evening of the 29th, in the church at that place, the Rev. W. J. Jones, principal of the school, acting as the officiating clergyman. We here extend the wish that their wedded life may be long, and as it were, like a "stream with an incessant flow" of happiness. — Clinton Democrat.

WILLIAMSON-HERRING

Handsome invitations to the marriage of a popular couple, near Clinton, have been sent out, reading as follows:

"Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Herring request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Nora, to Mr. James Bedford Williamson, on Wednesday afternoon, December eighth, nineteen hundred and nine, at four o'clock, at their residence, Clinton, N. C."

Hall-Rudisill

Mr. Walter A. Hall, of Landis, son of Mr. Heman Hall, of Fayetteville, was married November 25th, to Miss Julia E. Rudisill, of Cherryville. The marriage took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rudisill, who are very prominent people of that section of the State, and was a very quiet affair.

The Box Supper at Oakdale

Since the second page of this issue was printed we have been requested to announce that the date of the "Box Supper" at Oakdale has been changed from December 10 to December 17.

FIRE IN FAYETTEVILLE

Mr. C. L. Ingold's Residence Badly Wrecked

Only the splendid work of the Fayetteville Fire Department, Capt. J. D. McNeill's, prevented the complete destruction of the large residence of Mr. C. L. Ingold, on Dick street, and perhaps a number of other handsome residences Thursday morning. As it was, Mr. Ingold's residence was seriously wrecked the upper story being gutted by the flames, while all the lower story was drenched in water and much furniture either destroyed or ruined. The fire started, Chief McNeill says, in the closet to the room occupied by Mr. Arthur Armfield, who lost his trunks and all his wearing apparel except what he had on his person at the time. The loss is estimated at \$1,500 to \$2,000.

BAPTISTS AT WADESBORO

State Convention in Annual Session This Week—Over 200,000 Members Represented.

The Baptist State Convention, representative of the more than 200,000 white Baptists in North Carolina, is holding its annual session at Wadesboro this week. That town has bestirred itself and the news has been heralded abroad that ample preparation has been made to entertain the 500 delegates. The Convention has closed its year out of debt and a great meeting is anticipated.

Only Two More Days Yet to Work

Names of Winners Will be Made Known Saturday A. M.—Each Dollar Counts 1000 Votes—If You Don't Get the Piano Make Sure of the Organ.

After the liveliest newspaper campaign ever conducted in this part of the State THE INDEX Big Popularity Contest will close at two o'clock Friday afternoon, December 10. No votes received in THE INDEX office after that hour will be counted, except such as actually come on one of the trains due to arrive here about the noon hour Friday. This exception is only to apply in the event that one of those trains should happen to run very late that day so that the mail intended to arrive here at noon would be late.

The awards of prizes will be made known at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, thus allowing time to thoroughly canvass the hundreds of thousands of votes cast, before announcement is made. All winners of prizes will be notified by phone, or mail or telegraph, so that every one may get the news before Sunday.

Only two more days now are left in which to make the last desperate effort for that \$300.00 Kimball Piano and that \$85.00 Kimball Parlor Organ and those seven handsome and elegant writing desks for ladies. Don't miss your prize by just a few. If you don't get the piano get the organ or a desk.

No bonus will be given on votes turned in from now on. Each dollar will count for 1,000 votes—no more, no less. This is in keeping with our statement some time ago.

Now for the last rush.

But, listen! To the girl or woman in Cumberland, Robeson, Bladen, Sampson or Harnett county who has the SECOND HIGHEST number of votes at the close of the contest we will give a fine Kimball Reed Parlor Organ—one of Kimball's very latest \$85.00 models. Now, see what a chance YOU have to win a fine Parlor Organ, even should you miss the piano, which is first prize. Now hustle for the organ and you MAY win the piano. If not, you stand a great chance of winning this beautiful organ. It is a beauty. Go to Frank Blount's music house on Hay street and see it. The case is elaborately decorated, canopy top, oval French plate mirror, solid oak finish; height, 78 in.; width, 45 in.; depth, 24 in.; weight, boxed, 375 pounds. This organ is described in the catalogue as follows: "Eleven stops—having two full sets of reeds of five octaves each, bass and treble octave couplers, vox humana, knee swell and grand organ lever. Stops as follows: Principal, diapason forte, diatonic bass coupler, diapason forte, vox humana, flute forte, treble coupler, echo horn, melodia, and celeste." The catalogue price is \$115.00. You can easily sell it for \$75.00—at a great bargain.

Remember, too, that a desk is going to each and every one of the seven districts. If both the piano and organ should go to the same district, then the desk for that district will go to the lady in that district having the third highest number of votes. If the piano and organ should go to separate districts, then the desks will go to the second highest in each of the two districts.

The desks are on exhibition at the Fayetteville Furniture Company's store. The piano and organ are now on exhibition at W. F. Blount's music house. See them!

WHERE THE PRIZES GO.

For the purposes of this contest we have divided our territory into seven districts, and will give one desk to some woman or girl in each district. The districts are as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT—Cross Creek township.

SECOND DISTRICT—All of Cumberland

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