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REPUBLICANS IN GUM SHOE CAUCUS IN RALEIGH HOTEL

Reports of Secret Session Leak Through Closed Doors—Stoney Mountain Company Wants to Remove Body of Federal Soldier—Jackson Introduces Tax Amendment for Henderson—Other Items of Interest from State Capital

SPECIAL TO THE HUSTLER

Raleigh, N. C., Jan., 20, 1919.—The Senate and House of Representatives have been meeting for brief sessions each day the past week, but the legislative mill has practically been idle and no legislation of state-wide significance has been cleared. All important committees have been completed and the machinery for real business is thought to be in fine running order. A few minor measures have been ratified, but nothing of general importance has completed the journey through both branches except the Federal amendment restricting the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors within the domains of the United States of America. More than forty states have taken similar action and the new amendment becomes effective twelve months hence, after which no liquor can be legally manufactured or sold in any state of the American Union.

John Motley Morehead, Marion Butler and his brother George, E. Carl Duncan and other "outsiders" met here in caucus on Friday night with the republican members of the General Assembly and "orated" until one o'clock in the morning behind closed doors. Newspaper reporters were excluded from the meeting, but the boys got the dope "some how or other."

The meeting was called, presumably for the purpose of discussing legislation to be proposed by members of the minority party in the General Assembly, but Butler and Morehead evinced more interest in trying to defeat the confirmation of Chairman Tom Warren for United States District Attor-

ney than anything else and no definite legislative program appears to have been agreed upon. Butler paid his respects to Senator Simmons in vigorous fashion, called him all the mean names in the catalogue and charged Mr. Warren with accepting the district attorneyship in order to prevent the prosecution of election frauds. He could see nothing good in the Democratic administration of educational affairs and roasted Dr. Joyce for shifting responsibility for the system, of attempting to do so, upon other shoulders. All of which came with fine grace from the man who gave negro magistrates, negro school commitments, and negro government generally to the people of Eastern North Carolina from 1885 to 1893, when the white people of the State could stand the oppression no longer and determined to drive the despoilers from place and power. Senator F. M. Simmons, then chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, led the fight and afterwards defeated Butler for United States Senator, a position he had disgraced by selling out to bond grabbers who, through him and his associate, Senator Pettigrew of North Dakota, brought suit against he state.

It is small wonder that Mary Ann Butler is not fond of Senator Simmons. The Senate members of the committee to oppose the confirmation of District Attorney Warren is composed of Fisher, of Sampson, and Haymore, of Surry. The House members are put down as Jackson, of Henderson; Swann, of Polk, and Herring, of Sam-

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FRANK WALDROP IN FRANCE

Mrs. J. M. Waldrop has received a letter from her son Frank Waldrop, who is with the famous Fifth Marines in France. The letter states that although he is now in a hospital he is rapidly convalescing and expects soon to rejoin his regiment, which forms a part of the Army of Occupation now in Germany. Frank says that this unit has seen some terrific fighting since he joined it in June 1918, and that the marines are the genuine article when it comes to a man's size scrap.

CLOSE SHAVE FOR LEE ALLEN

Oscar Lee Allen, who has been serving one of the gun crews of the U. S. S. Galveston, is now in the Naval Hospital in Washington after a terrible experience in which he missed death only by a hairs-breadth. On his fourth trip across on the Galveston Lee was stricken with influenza and pneumonia. In an unconscious condition he was put ashore on an island off the coast of Spain and later brought back to Washington, wrapped in cotton batting, with two drainage tubes in his side and weighing sixty pounds. Doctors and nurses had given up hopes to save him, but had not stopped trying. Latest advice is that he has squeezed through and is on the upgrade, having regained 25 pounds of lost weight and being in a generally convalescent condition.

HENDERSONVILLE NEGRO ARRESTED AT KNOXVILLE

Jake Mahan, colored, of Hendersonville, is in jail at Knoxville, charged with assaulting Anna Carson, aged 20, colored. He was bound over to Criminal court in that city at a hearing last week, under a bond of \$1,000, which he was unable to give. Mahan denies the charge and declares that the girl had him arrested on a frame-up.—Asheville Times.

Delicate Compliment by Dear Wife.

There is nothing so soothing to an elderly registrant as to have his dear wife pat his slippery crown and say that he needs a haircut desperately.—Grand Rapids Press.

COMMITTEE GOES TO ATLANTA TO FIGHT FOR RIG SURVEILLANCE

A committee of the Board of Trade composed of Clarence Latham, C. F. Eiland and W. A. Smith left Monday afternoon for Atlanta to keep an appointment with the authorities of the Georgia Military Academy for the purpose of laying before the school authorities the proposition which Hendersonville and the Board of Trade offers as an inducement to the location here of the institution's branch school and naval college. While the committee preferred that their exact proposition be not disclosed before it was laid before the directors of the Georgia school it is pretty well known that they will practically offer them the site for the school. A wire from Mr. Eiland received by the editor of The Hustler yesterday stated that a meeting had been held Tuesday afternoon without a final decision, and that a further meeting would be held that night. This proposition, without exaggeration, probably holds the greatest possibilities for Hendersonville of anything the town has ever really been in reach of, and further advice from the committee will be awaited with something more than ordinary interest by Hendersonville people.

Later, the committee has returned and reports that owing to unavoidable absence of several members a quorum of the board of trustees was unable to meet with them in Atlanta. However, the members showed an attitude distinctly favorable to Hendersonville. The school will send a committee of Colonel Woodward and other trustees to Hendersonville within the next few days, and the matter will be decided. Enough is known to permit the statement that if Hendersonville wants this school here it can be had. Let's all pray for a pretty day when the committee hits town.

SOME FLOOD DAMAGE ALONG MILLS RIVER

Mr. H. R. Holden, of Horse Shoe Route 1, one of our Mills River readers, says that the recent high water resulted in considerable damage to his farm. The river cut across one piece of low-lying land which had just been plowed ready for wheat, and stripped the soil off several acres. He plans to build a bank across the head of this part of the property to prevent future damage. Mr. Holden had two sons in service. One has already received honorable discharge, but the other is still held in service in a New Jersey camp, and Mr. Holden says is badly needed at home to get ready for the coming crop.

STOLEN CLARINET UNCOVERS CRIME

A small colored boy in possession of a valuable clarinet attracted the attention of a Hendersonville lady some days ago, and investigation by Chief Otis Powers revealed the fact that it and a number of other articles had been stolen from the closed home of Mr. L. P. Carter about two miles out on the Clear Creek Road. The little darkey said the instrument had been sold to him for the sum of five cents by his elder brother, Tom Bird, a 14-year old colored boy, who admitted his guilt when questioned by the Chief. Missing articles from the plundered home were recovered from many hiding places such as a little darkey would select, and it is thought that everything has been gotten back with the exception of some old family pictures which for sentimental reasons are highly valued by Mr. Carter. One of these is a small picture carried by him in his pocket during the Civil War, and has one corner missing, which was carried away by a Yankee bullet which gave Mr. Carter a close call. It seems that Tom has a previous record of similar offenses, and this fact will probably result in a pretty stiff sentence in spite of his youthful years.

LOCAL BUSINESS MOVING AROUND

The store room on Main street formerly owned by Homer Hawkins and occupied by the Western Union Telegraph Company is undergoing alterations and will be opened as a ready-made store by Mrs. Brownlow Jackson and Miss Birdie West about the first of March. Miss West and Mrs. Jackson have been using a part of the J. D. Huff store for their military business, but the growth of their business makes larger quarters necessary, and Mr. Huff also finds that he needs all the floor space available. The Western Union office is now located at the corner of Main street and Fifth avenue in the former quarters of the Home Electric Company, which last year owned and occupies the Community Club building.

THIEVES AND VAGRANTS BUSY IN DARK HOURS

Hendersonville is suffering the regular annual depredations of vagrants and thieves who make unoccupied houses their mark. Within the past few days several homes have been broken into. The Lewis bungalow on Fleming street has been entered, Mail Carrier J. M. Brown discovering that thieves had effected an entrance through a back door. It is not known what, if anything, has been stolen in this instance. Out on the Willow road the home of Mrs. A. B. Knowlton of Columbia was forced by miscreants, who also seem to have used the nearby Tatum or Bethea property as sleeping quarters. In Laurel Park Mr. William Wright, caretaker, reports that the Wilson cottage has been broken into and silverware stolen. It appears practically impossible in a widely scattered town like Hendersonville, to protect all the property of absent owners, but from information in possession of Chief Powers it is probable that at least a few of the criminals will shortly be enlisted in the good-roads movement, whether they are enthusiastic on that subject are not.

It is now reported that the Ball cottage on Hyman Heights and one of the cottages out at the South Carolina Club have been entered.

ANOTHER HOT-WATER BAG TOTER COMES TO GRIEF

Wayman Beard, reported to be a leader in Weaverville colored social circles, was arrested by Chief Powers Friday afternoon just as he was boarding the Carolina Special with the intention of celebrating back-home day in dear old Weaverville. An examination of Wayman's wardrobe and person disclosed many new wrinkles in gents furnishings not ordinarily carried by the dealers in those articles. For instance, in the pockets of Wayman's trousers reposed two quart bottles full of forty-rod white lightning, while beneath each arm hung a half-gallon hot-water bag filled to capacity with the same dynamic compound. On trial before the Mayor Saturday he was fined \$25 and costs for vagrancy, and placed under \$300 bond for Superior Court to explain how come he had so much more than the ordinary citizen's allowance. Joe Summey, also colored, was held under \$500 bond to explain his connection with Wayman's enterprises, it being alleged that the two were partners in transactions with blockaders out in the Etowah section. Aside from the letter of the law, many natives of Henderson County resent any attempt to export whiskey to Buncombe.

SHOOTING NEAR DEPOT SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Quite a good deal of excitement was caused in the depot section of town about five o'clock Saturday afternoon when Pelham Corn, white, of the Clear Creek neighborhood, indulged in a little off-hand pistol practice with a target in the shape of a Balder colored boy, Ed McGee. It seems that Corn was coming out of Pace & Shipman's Market and made some remark to the passing negro, and not meeting with a response which was considered satisfactory unlimbered his artillery and went into action. After the first shot McGee replied with a good-sized rock. The second shot, however, although not injuring the darkey punctured one leg of his overalls, and showed that Corn was getting the range better, and the colored boy made a fair shot distance record in the bag to a quieter section of the city. Corn will be tried before the Mayor at 3:30 this afternoon.

G. M. GLAZENER BUYS J. O. WILLIAMS STOCK

In a deal closed last Tuesday G. M. Glazener purchased the entire stock of J. O. Williams and will offer it for sale immediately, a display advertisement of the sale appearing in this issue. Mr. Williams will for several months at least be connected with the Glazener store, and after that time it is thought that he will devote his time to the development of his farming and orchard properties. The sale of Mr. Williams' stock marks the close of a long and honorable career in Hendersonville retail business, one which has for thirty years commanded the confidence and patronage of a multitude of people in Hendersonville and Henderson county. A host of friends will wish him success as a farmer and fruit grower. The stock, consisting mainly of a high grade line of dry goods, shoes and ladies' wear, is now being inventoried, and the sale will commence Saturday morning, the 25th.

AARON WISEMAN CHARGED WITH HENNESSE MURDER

Arrested at Morganton Last Friday—Was Star Witness in Trial of Pitts Boys—Carried Scabbard and Cartridges but no Gun—Said to use Pistol with Either hand.

Morganton, Jan. 17.—A sensation was sprung here when Solicitor Huffman had Aaron Wiseman arrested on a bench warrant from Judge Long charging him with the murder of Dr. E. A. Hennessee, at Glen Alpine, several months ago, for which the Pitts boys were tried and acquitted. Wiseman was the star witness in the Pitts trial and created a stir by failure to appear and court was delayed until an officer hunted him up in Mitchell county.

Wiseman was arrested on train No. 35 last night by Officers Scott and Duckworth, as he was returning from Salisbury federal court where he had been on trial for transporting liquor from North Carolina into Tennessee.

When arrested a pistol scabbard was found under his arm but no pistol, according to the officers, who said he had in his possession a full box of .38 special cartridges. It was developed in the previous trial that this is the size and type of shell used in the killing of Dr. Hennessee.

While the public in general has lost sight of the famous Hennessee tragedy, the solicitor has never let up on the investigations, and for several months has been preparing to spring the trap which again opens and centers interest in one of the most brutal murders in the history of the state, that of Dr. E. A. Hennessee, one of the state's most prominent physicians, who was shot 12 times in the back as he stepped from a train at Glen Alpine at night.

The Pitts boys were tried on circumstantial evidence, but the chain of evidence was not conclusive and they were acquitted. The famous Pitts-Hennessee feud of several

years previous naturally linked the Pitts with the murder of Dr. Hennessee.

Wiseman is a sturdy mountaineer, who, for some reason, was in Glen Alpine the night of the tragedy and knew a lot about the case, as was developed on the witness stand.

The trial of the Pitts boys also brought out by eye witnesses that the shooting was done by one man and that a man was seen to board the moving train after the killing. This evidence was a factor in clearing the Pitts boys.

Nothing has ever wrought up Burke so much as the long chain of fatalities and trials in connection with what has generally been known throughout the country as the Pitts-Hennessee affair.

Now an outsider, no relation to any of the parties, so far as can be learned, a grim, sturdy mountaineer, is to play a part, and the eyes of the country once again are centered on the famous mystery of the murder of Dr. Hennessee.

It is said that it can be proved that the defendant is an expert gunman, able to shoot with one hand as well as the other.

Another point which a rumor says will be made is that though the statements were made that Wiseman went to Marion that night (the Pitts boys swore they were at the train to see him off) the conductor and flagman are positive that he did not ride as a paid passenger. It is understood that other witnesses can be introduced to show that a man was seen crouching on the rear of the train between Glen Alpine and Marion.

MR. E. L. EW BANK NARROWLY ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY

Mr. Ernest L. Ewbank had a very narrow escape from serious or possibly fatal injury last Tuesday while helping to move the big steel office safe of Ewbank & Ewbank into the firm's new quarters. Mr. Ewbank was in front of the safe while it was being moved through a doorway, and a sudden shove with a bar caught his head between a corner of the safe and the door frame. He escaped with a cut on one side of the head and a badly lacerated ear, but the injury was released fairly soon to avoid much more serious consequences.

HORSE TRADER TRIED ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Henry Ward, white, a horse trader and railroad worker whose residence appears to be scattered around over several adjoining states, was tried before Magistrate B. F. Hood Monday on charges of highway robbery and assault. The robbery charge was dismissed and on the assault charge the defendant was released under \$200 bond for court, the bond being furnished by J. H. Creaman of Asheville.

It seems that Ward and his wife and a 12-year old boy, James Reynolds left Asheville for Greenville, November 23rd; Ward and his wife in a buggy and the boy in charge of several led-horses; that they had a quart and a half of liquor when they left Asheville and none when they got along in front of Lee Smith's house near Hill-girt, where an altercation between the man and woman is alleged to have occurred. The boy testified that the woman jumped or was thrown from the buggy, and was then struck in the head with a bottle; that she then attempted to climb into a passing truck headed toward Asheville and was violently pulled out and thrown to the ground by her husband. The husband flatly contradicted this testimony, saying that there was no quarrel; that the woman was drunk and he himself had been drinking, and that she fell from the buggy. At any rate, the woman died in a Greenville hospital December 14th. Ward testifying that death resulted from an attack of influenza, although further investiga-

TO HONOR HENDERSON COUNTY BOYS WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES.

The local chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, are anxious to learn the correct full name and address of every Henderson County soldier who was killed or died in service during the war. The chapter will erect a marble slab or tablet in the court house on which will be engraved the names of the Henderson County soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice in defense of the nation, and it is the earnest desire of the members of the chapter that this memorial be complete and accurate. Relatives of the soldiers who died in service are asked to communicate at once, either by letter or telephone, with Mrs. Thomas Shepherd. It is earnestly hoped that this notice will come to the attention of all such relatives, and that they will at once communicate with Mrs. Shepherd.

CABLE REPORTS HENDERSON CO. BOYS SAFE AND WELL.

"Ladd and Henderson Boys Safe and Well. We all send Love."

The foregoing cable, received Tuesday night by Mrs. W. A. Smith from her son Lieut. Walter Smith, will tend to relieve much anxiety on the part of local people who have sons and brothers under Capt. R. V. Ladd's command in France. The message was sent from St. Lazaire, a port on the southeast coast of France, and the fact that Capt. Ladd's command has been moved to St. Lazaire from the big embarkation point at Brest would appear to indicate that the Henderson County boys are going to be shipped home direct from the former port. Regardless of guesses as to home-coming the cable will bring relief to many worried mothers here.

Delicate Compliment.

Charles received a wagon on his birthday and promptly broke a wheel. His father soon mended it. "Papa," he said, "you are smarter than you look."

tion of the cause of death will probably be made it seems likely that Ward's statement on this point will be substantiated.