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Reading Is To The Mind What Exercise Is To The Body

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WASHINGTON NEWS ITEMS

Merchant Marine Matters To Be Considered Very Soon

Washington, Dec. 31. (Special Correspondence) Senator Wesley L. Jones of Washington, Chairman of the Commerce Committee, announces that his committee will begin hearings January 12 on general ship policy legislation. It is the intention to take up at that time the various proposals that have been submitted dealing with the transfer of the huge merchant marine fleet now owned by the Government to private interests. It is the consensus of opinion that the Federal government should not continue in the business of operating merchant ships but just how completely it should divest itself of control over the fleet now owned by it is a question on which there are many different opinions. Senator Jones intends to hear all sides of the controversy and reach a conclusion that will be just to all parties concerned. The problem is second only in its importance to the railroad bill just passed by the Senate.

WOULD REDUCE GOV. USE OF PRINT PAPER

Chairman Steenerson of the House Post Office Committee has introduced a resolution in the House calling upon the Government departments to report what reductions in the use of print paper can be made by their establishments. Specific inquiry is made as to whether a ten per cent cut would be too severe. In view of the immense quantity of paper that is used in the publication of the periodicals issued by nearly every bureau, and which have been charged to be largely propaganda, it would appear that Mr. Steenerson's estimate of ten per cent is a very modest one.

H. C. L. HITS CENSUS TAKING
The cost of census taking has gone up like every other item that enters into the expenses of the Government. The Director of the Census has asked Congress for an additional appropriation of \$2,550,000 for taking the fourteenth decennial census next year. He has already been allotted \$15,000,000 for the purpose but declares that the amount will not be sufficient to cover expenses.

ADDING \$475,000,000 TO OUR TROUBLES

The Secretary of the Treasury has written a letter to Chairman Fordney of the House Ways and Means Committee giving his reasons for not insisting on the immediate payment by European countries of the interest due on their obligations to the United States. The interest amounts to \$475,000,000 per year, but Secretary Glass believes that while the rate of exchange is so adverse to foreign countries demand for its payment should not be made. Mr. Glass also contends that if immediate payment were insisted upon it would result in "not only seriously retarding economic restoration of those countries but also destroying their power to make purchases in our markets." Many Republicans are of the opinion that Americans should not be taxed that huge amount annually merely to assist in restoring the Old World. They claim that our own economic restoration will be retarded to just that extent if we do not receive

FRUIT TREES NEEDED

Much More Fruit Should Be Raised in North Carolina

Raleigh, N. C. Dec. 28th.

The present high prices of fruits should have the effect of stimulating larger plantings of both home and commercial orchards throughout North Carolina, is the opinion of the horticultural specialist of the North Carolina Extension Service.

Though a fine fruit State, North Carolina has never produced a sufficient amount of fruit for local use. It is a fact that numerous farm homes, both in our lowlands and mountains, do not even have the semblance of an orchard, and that our city and country people alike are greatly dependent upon outside sources for their fruit supply.

North Carolina is not excelled by any state in the diversity of its fruit crops. It is possible to produce choice fruit of one kind or another from the mountains down to the lower mucklands.

Of course, no one locality in the State is adapted to the commercial production of all the different kinds of fruit, but every section may produce at least one or two, or perhaps more, for market use, and a much greater number for home use. It is simply a question of selecting those kinds which are adapted to the particular section.

In order to assist in the proper selection of different varieties, and to eliminate the common complaint of those who state that they do not know what to plant, the Department of Agriculture has issued a bulletin on "The Home Orchard", which gives the varieties of fruit recommended for planting in the coastal plain, piedmont and mountain sections.

This bulletin also gives the plan of the orchard, and the number of trees needed for a certain area. By following the recommendations outlined, it will be possible for the home owner to supply fruit for his table, as well as to have some for the local markets. In addition, a well kept orchard will add greatly to the appearance and salability of any plantation. Most any one wishing to buy a farm will be glad to pay an advanced price for the land when it has a well kept orchard.

This bulletin, which was issued in February, 1918, is available to any citizens of North Carolina, free upon request, as long as the present supply lasts.

In addition to the bulletin, the Extension Service has now added an Extension Horticulturist, Mr. Paul T. Schooley, who is ready to assist the fruit growers of the State on any of their problems.

Captain Thos. Gillkin Passes Away

Captain Thos. Gillkin of Marshallburg a well known citizen of Carteret county died at his home there Tuesday morning. Captain Gillkin had been in declining health for some months and his end although greatly regretted was not unexpected. He was about sixty three years of age. His widow and several sons and daughters survive him.

The money due us.
The House has ordered 100,000 copies of Gen. Pershing's recent complete report on the war to be printed for distribution. Send to your Congressman for a copy.

Sealevel News.

John Franklin Hamilton at the present time is engaged in the oyster business will soon erect a large grocery store on the corner of the central and main highway just in the business section of the town.

Mr. and Mrs. Almon Hamilton of New Bern are spending the holidays with their parents.

Keeper and Mrs Mitchell Hamilton returned to Portsmouth Friday after spending the holidays with their parents

U. L. Rose left Friday for Morehead City where he will place an order with a local auto dealer for a fine car but I expect that it will rust out before he gets a chance to drive it on any county road.

Capt. W. H. Gaskill bird of the sound left Monday on his way to New Bern to carry the oyster King a fine cargo of oysters.

A. B. Taylor has a smile that has about ruined his mouth since the stork left there a fine girl.

A very delightful party was given at the home of Mrs. D. J. Gaskill Christmas eve night quite a number of young people attended and they all report they had a very good time.

Mrs. M. A. Taylor and son returned Saturday after spending Christmas in New Bern with her husband.

Winstein Lewis of Beaufort is spending the week end here visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Small left Monday for an extended visit up the state.

Miss Fannie Robinson left Monday for Pine Level to spend the week end with her uncle Rev. S. H. Styron.

W. R. Taylor who attends College at Norfolk Va. will leave Wednesday to resume his studies after spending the holidays with his parents.

Julian Gaskill will leave this week for Ayden to resume his studies after spending the holidays with his parents.

Fulford Hamilton has been awarded the position as General manager of Smalls large grocery store.

North River.

Adrow Wade Orinetal returned home Sunday after spending several days here with relatives.

Miss Neva Willis who is teaching near Newport spent the holidays here with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. George Collins of Wildwood spent week here.

William Piner of Washington is here for a few days visit to his brother E. W. Piner.

Mrs. Paul Beachem returned home Monday from Alliance where she was called at the death of her nephew.

Mrs. Cnas. Smith and son of Beaufort spent the week here.

Charles, William & E. C. Duncan of Raleigh who have been here for a few days, returned home Monday afternoon.

STOCK HOLDERS MEET.

Ice Company Will Double Size Of Plant Increase Capital Stock.

A meeting of the stockholders of Beaufort Ice Company was held Monday night at which it was decided to take steps at once to double the size of its plant.

The present capacity of the factory is ten tons a day and this will be increased to twenty tons a day thus assuring Beaufort of a plentiful supply of ice for next Summer. A stock dividend of 33 1/3 per cent was declared and \$4000 worth of new stock will be sold. This increases the capital stock from \$12,000 to \$20,000. The directors were also authorized to borrow additional funds to use in making the enlargement of the plant. When the ice factory was first built and for a number of years afterwards it was plenty large enough to meet all demands but the increased fish business here and other demands have out grown the producing capacity of the plant. The contemplated enlargement will probably be sufficient to supply all the ice needed by the community for some time to come.

Real Estate Men Here

C. G. Strieder of Fort Wayne and G. C. Moore of LaFayette, Indiana, two large real estate dealers of that section arrived here yesterday and are spending a few days inspecting the lands of the Virginia-Carolina Farms Company. These gentlemen will represent the company in their localities and are expected to send a number of settlers here before the year ends. No effort will be made to sell the open grounds property to any body except capable farmers. Several sales have already been made and the buyers will arrive here between now and the first of March. These new farmers will put some of their lands under cultivation this spring and will show what can be done with them. It is the intention of the company to resume drainage operations at an early date.

A stockholders meeting of the Bank of Beaufort will be held at 12 o'clock M. January 15th, 1920, at the office of the Bank for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year, and for such other business as may come before the meeting. This 29th day of December, 1919.

T. C. Wade, Cashier.

Marriage Licence

There was a considerable ringing of wedding bells around this part of the county during the Christmas holidays. Assistant Register of Deeds J. R. Jinnett issued marriage permits to the following named couples:

Ivey Guthrie and Annie L. Delamar of Beaufort.

Jas. V. Caffrey and Bettie Lee Richardson of Beaufort.

D. J. Word North Harlowe and Lera Garner of Newport.

H. L. Taylor of New Bern and Sallie E. Wilson of Crisfield, Md.

Watch as Compass.

To use the watch as a compass, bring the watch into a position so that the hour hand is pointing toward the sun. The south then lies midway between whatever hour it may be and the numeral XII on the dial of the watch.

Guthrie-Delamar.

On Christmas night, December 25th, Mr. Ivey Guthrie and Annie Delamar were united in marriage at the home of the bride on Marsh street. The wedding was a quiet affair, only members of their families being present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. F. Bumpass. The young couple are both of this place and have a large circle of friends here.

Announcement

Mrs. Loreno Richardson announces the Marriage of her daughter, Bettie Lee to Mr. James Vernon Caffrey Friday December the Twenty Sixth Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen Beaufort, North Carolina.

TO RESTORE HISTORIC SPOT

City of New Orleans Taking Steps to Preserve and Beautify Bienville's Landing Place.

An effort is being made in New Orleans to restore the old historic spots around the city. With the restoration of the old Place d'Armes, the rehabilitation of the Cabildo and the Pontalba apartments which surround it, and the preservation of all as an artistic center for the old French and Spanish quarter, an effort is being made to restore and preserve the landing place of Bienville, where he first set foot on the high land in 1720, at the place he was destined to convert into Nouvelle Orleans. This landing place, which lies on the river directly facing the Place d'Armes, which is now Jackson square, is covered with the switch tracks of the Southern Pacific and public Belt railroads, and with a part of the large steel warehouse belonging to the board of commissioners of the port of New Orleans.

Supporters of the Louisiana State museum have appealed to the mayor and the various civic organizations to have these sheds and railroad tracks removed at once, inasmuch as the land, clear from the Cabildo to the river itself, was expropriated some time ago to be put in historical and artistic reserve. As all the water front of New Orleans and the east bank of the river belongs to the city and state forever, the completion of the artistic center is sure of accomplishment.

ACCEPTED MANDATE OF FATE

Young English Soldier Proved Himself Worthy When Called to Position of Responsibility.

When Rudyard Kipling's "The Man Who Would Be King" was published it was regarded as an excursion into the improbable, if not the impossible. It was the Anglo-Saxon imagination accepted by the colorful Hindustani civilization.

But the sober chronicles of the war have outdone Kipling. Thorneycroft, a twenty-two-year-old British trooper, found himself stranded in Turkey after Townsend's ill-fated offensive. Nothing daunted, he accepted his predicament as a mandatory of Fate. He proceeded to rule over a territory containing 60 villages and 60,000 people, and he ruled them until relieved by the martial law brought by Allenby's troops. The son of a hotel keeper of Bristol, he proved at the test that he was of imperial fiber.

Truth is stranger than fiction. It always has been and always will be, with Tommy Atkins or his first cousin, the doughboy, as protagonist. Each possesses the comic spirit that means adaptability, no matter what the emergency.

Marshal Joffre a Catalanian.

Possibly with more reason than the seven claimants to the birthplace of Homer, Catalonia makes out a good case for asserting that Marshal Joffre belongs to her by right of birth. The great stopper of the German first offensive is a native of Perpignan, where the Catalanian race predominated in past ages and where today are found many families which still retain Catalanian customs and language. Leading business firms of Catalonia, seeking to establish a tangible claim, have appointed a committee which is to proceed to Paris and present a sword to the great warrior, unless he fulfill a promise made at the peace conference that he will visit Catalonia, in which case the presentation will be made at Barcelona. This, of course, would be the occasion of a great celebration.

RE-SELL THOMAS PROPERTY

Higher Bids Having Been Offered--Farm and Water Lots to Be Sold

By reason of fact that increased bids over the former sale prices have been offered, Clerk of the Court K. J. Respass has ordered that a part of the real property of the late Alonzo Thomas shall be sold again. The notice of sale and description of the property appears elsewhere in this issue of the News. The watter lot with a frontage of 66 feet on Front street and the farm property on the New Bern road are to be sold. A ten per cent raise was put on the water lot by A. F. Doane and a raise of five per cent on the farm by Dr. C. L. Duncan. This starts the watter lot at \$3,300 and the farm at \$28,350. There was talk that some other parts of the estate might be sold again but nothing else is included in the new sale and the other sales have been confirmed. The sale as advertised is to take place at the courthouse door at noon on January the 19th.

Sermon By Dr. Ivey

Dr. T. N. Ivey editor of the Christian Advocate of Nashville, Tennessee preached an eloquent sermon to the congregation of the Methodist church here on last Sunday. Dr. Ivey is here on a visit to his daughter Mrs. M. Leslie Davis Special services will be held in this church on Wednesday night to welcome the New Year in.

Wallace Family Reunion

Christmas was very much enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wallace they both being old but still able to enjoy pretty good health. Mr. Wallace has seen about 82 Christmases Mrs. Wallace has seen about 66 Christmases. There were thirty five of the family and family connection there for dinner they being their children, grand children and great grand children and their families. Then there were some of them that did not get home Xmas. During the day there was at one time 51 there in all. There was plenty of dinner for all and something that was good too and then lots of good things left. Everybody enjoyed themselves fine as though it had been a picnic. After dinner was served and everything cleaned up the crowd was all bunched and had the picture of them made in a group. It has not been finished yet but when completed it will be worth looking at.

A Guest.

Greetings From Electric Plant

To our customers: We wish a very happy and prosperous new year. We thank you for your patronage during the past year and assure you that it has been appreciated. To give you better service during the coming year. We will close at twelve o'clock Monday night Jan. 5th to install our new engine.

Beaufort Light and Water Dept. C. R. Manson, Supt. Phone 3.

Almost Invisible.

It is estimated that four miles of an ordinary spider's thread would weigh scarcely a grain.