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Collector Bailey Takes Up Inefficiency Charge

Demands Proof That Men Are "Notoriously Unfaithful." Does Not Deny It Though.

In its issue of December 18th. The Beaufort News carried an article which made the charge that some persons in the Revenue Service were not fit for such positions and intimated that the service was not doing its best in the work of breaking up liquor distilling. Internal Revenue Collector J. W. Bailey took exception to this article and sent the editor of the News a letter on the subject which is printed below. This letter he also gave out to the Raleigh News and Observer and the Greensboro News. The communication which Mr. Bailey objects to was sent to this paper by B. B. Bouldin of Greensboro. Mr. Bouldin who bears the reputation of an absolutely fearless and honest man, was formerly in the revenue service and held a very responsible position. Any statement that he might make should receive the consideration of the public because he is not likely to make one, that he cannot back up. The present controversy therefore which is attracting considerable attention, is between Mr. Bouldin and Mr. Bailey. The public is entitled to hear both sides and make its own decision as to which is in the right. Letters from both gentlemen are herewith reproduced:

Editor of the News

My dear Sir:—The number of the Beaufort News for December 18th. has an article raising the question of "Revenue Officers trying to break up block-aders?" Please let me assure you that they are. In the past two years the Revenue Officers of North Carolina have destroyed 1700 distilleries, and we have the dockets of the Federal Courts so congested with criminal prosecutions for blockading that special terms are necessary.

You ask, "Will the Revenue Department agree to a show-down?" I answer, yes. Our records are at your disposal. You may inspect them at any time. I invite the fullest investigation from any source.

You state that it is broadly asserted that men employed in the Revenue Service are "notoriously unfaithful."

I respectfully request that you lay before me the facts to sustain this statement. You will recognize that, in fairness and justice and self respect, you must do this or withdraw your charge. I do not know the politics of your paper, and I shall assume that your statements are made in good faith. If so, you will accept my invitation to investigate, and you will meet my demand that you make good your charges.

Respectfully,

J. W. Bailey, Collector.

Editor of the News

Sir:—I have today received your esteemed favor of the 18th. inst. enclosing a letter addressed to the Editor of the Beaufort News, signed J. W. Bailey, Collector.

As this letter referred to a communication from me, published

in your paper of the 18th. of December last, you have forwarded it to me for such reply as I may wish to make.

Collector Bailey refers to the large number of distilleries reported as seized and destroyed during the last two years, and invites an inspection of the records of his office.

He fails however to answer the real charge made, that by the appointment of persons notoriously unfit, and placing in charge of the work a man who is known to have been unfaithful and untrue to the government, the recent organization appears to lend force to the conclusion that there is a lack of sympathy on the part of the new organization with the work to be performed.

Let him deny if he will that a man untrustworthy and unfit was appointed at the time of the re-organization of the forces. Collector Bailey, in a communication to The News and Observer of yesterday answering this charge simply stated that the matter did not relate to his office as the entire force at the time of re-organization was taken from under the control of Col. Vanderford and himself, and was handed over to Mr. S. R. Brame.

I do not blame him in the least for passing the buck.

Since the publication on the 18th. in your paper, a complaint has come from Eastern Carolina published in the News and Observer from a lady begging that something be done to save her section of the State from the manufacture of illicit whiskey. I refer you to my reply to Collector Bailey which should appear in tomorrow's News and Observer.

Delightful Dance Given

Misses Hellen, Mae Bell and Georgia Neal delightfully entertained at an informal dance a number of friends Thursday night at their home on Ann St.

A delicious frozen salad course was served. Those enjoying the dance were: Misses Emily Duncan, Annie Duncan, Mary Morris, Nancy and Lucy Lay, Elizabeth Hendrix, Mrs. A. D. O'Bryan, Mrs. Bayard Taylor, Miss Wilhelm, Messrs Grady Arfweh, and Boyden Siske, John Royall, Nelson Taylor, James Hutton, James Clawson, Grayden Paul, Elliott Ewell, Joe House and David Duncan.

Miss Marie Clawson Entertains

Miss Marie Clawson entertained a number of her friends Friday night at her home.

Many games and a dance was enjoyed after which a delicious ice course was served. Those who enjoyed the evening were:

Misses Rose Murray Potter, Alice Potter, Martha Pierce, Margaret Pierce, Carolyn Robinson, Lillian Ewell, Clyde Neal, Francis White, Messrs Stephen Robinson, Gerald Dickinson, Francis Hatsell, Charles Skarren, Joe Morris, Jack Potter, James Potter, Charles Clawson, and Daphne White.

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JOE TAFT IS JAILED

Man Wanted For Murder Of Frank Suggs Jr.

Joe Taft who has been in much demand since the 16th. day of November when he slew Frank Suggs Jr. gave quite a surprise to this community on Saturday morning at eight o'clock by walking into town and surrendering. Taft came to the electric light plant and after getting warm started for the court house. In the meantime Superintendent Manson telephoned that Taft was at the electric plant. Mayor Bush directed Chief of Police Longest to go after the man. Mr. Longest started to look for Taft and met him near Stanley Brother's store. Officer Longest told the man he was looking for him and at the same time leveled his pistol on him. Taft made no resistance and was not armed. He did however at first put one hand in his pocket but this appears to have been a bluff as he had no weapon but seeing that the officer had the drop on him he surrendered and went along very quietly to the jail. He is in jail and will probably stay there till March term of court.

The crime for which Taft will be tried was committed on Saturday night November the 16th. According to the evidence of witnesses before the coroner several negroes had assembled at a little store on the North River road. There was some moonshine liquor in the crowd and Taft had evidently had considerable of it. He ordered all the men present to march in review before him and when Suggs was a little slow about obeying he stepped up and shot the boy in the back of the head from the effects of which he died next day. Since the crime was committed Joe Taft has been dodging about the country. He has been seen several times and officers have gone after him but he managed to keep out of their way until Saturday when he decided to come to town. Not long since a reward of \$100 was offered for Taft by the county commissioners. Chief Longest claims that he is entitled to the reward.

Board Of Education Meets

The county Board of Education held its regular meeting here Monday. Those present were R. T. Wade, C. P. Dey and Superintendent L. B. Ennett. C. T. Bell was appointed school committeeman at Wildwood. Reverend A. H. Outlaw of Morehead City was recommended by the board to the board of County Commissioners as a suitable man for County welfare Officer. Some other matters of a routine nature were disposed of.

Cold Weather

The coldest weather that has been experienced in this part of the county in two years was felt here Sunday night or rather early Monday morning. The official thermometer at the laboratory on Piver's Island registered fifteen degrees above zero at the time referred to. The cold weather really began last Friday night when the temperature began to go below the freezing point and on Saturday it got down to about twenty. Since Monday the temperature has been raising and getting back to normal which at this time of the year runs from thirty to sixty degrees.

Real Estate Transfers

M. A. Gillikin and wife to O. C. Lawrence, one half acre in Straits township, consideration \$5.00.
H. C. Edwards to B. E. Elliott lot in town of Newport, consideration \$300

W. S. Simson and wife to Blanche F. Willis, 2 acres in Hunting Quarter township, consideration \$10 &.

J. F. Craft to J. S. Smith 26 acres in Morehead township consideration \$750.00

Thos. Collins and wife to Jesse Wilson, 12 acres in Beaufort township, consideration \$10 &.

J. H. Carraway and wife to A. A. Garner, 62 acres in Newport township, consideration \$10.

Jury Burdon and wife to Lonnie Jones 1-2 acre in Beaufort township, consideration \$10

H. H. Hamlin and wife to M. R. Springle, part lot on Craven street in town of Beaufort, consideration \$150.00

W. R. Herrington and wife to J. C. and Claud Garner, all right and title in estate of S. C. Garners estate in Newport township consideration \$400.

M. S. Snowden and wife to W. G. Taylor 102 acres, con. \$16,000.

G. P. Hood and wife to A. B. Morris lot 6 in town of Morehead con. \$5,500.

G. A. Willis and wife to E. H. Gorham lot No. 10 in town of Morehead, con. \$10.00

Jennie Bell to M. S. Snowden lot No. 51 in town of Beaufort con. \$300.

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Topsail Club Elect Officers

The annual meeting of the Old Topsail Club was held in the club rooms Tuesday. The election of officers for the ensuing year took place and resulted as follows: President; W. G. Mebane, Secretary-treasurer J. C. Gardner, Board of Governors Dr. C. S. Maxwell, F. E. Ramsey, G. W. Duncan, C. R. Wheatlev, D. W. Morton. The club has been in existence here for a number of years and is pretty firmly established. Those present at the meeting were enthusiastic for carrying it on and expect to make considerable improvements during the year.

New Cashier Secured.

Ino. A. Hornady Jr. of Warrenton is to be the new cashier of the bank of Beaufort. Mr. Hornady was elected at a meeting of the directors last Friday night and has accepted the position. He has for several years been connected with a bank in Warrenton. Mr. Hornady lived in Beaufort some years ago and is very well and favorably known here. T. C. Wade the former cashier will end his services with the Bank of Beaufort Saturday and will enter upon his new duties with the Bank of Morehead City Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ino. Rommell of Philadelphia are recent arrivals at the Davis House. Mr. Rommell is here for the purpose of putting in the stone front of the new bank building.

Captain Jack Willis left today for Beulahville where he will work for several months.

Teachers' Meeting

A meeting of the teachers of the county has been called by County Superintendent L. B. Ennett. The meeting is to begin Saturday at eleven o'clock and will last most all day. The object of the meeting is to discuss Reading Circle work. Miss Hattie Parrott of State Board of Examiners is expected to be present and take part in the meeting.

Spiderweb Party Given

Miss Annie Virginia Duncan delightfully entertained last Wednesday evening at her home on Front street. The house was beautifully decorated with Christmas decorations and the evening very much enjoyed by all who attended. One other feature of the evening was the dance. Fruit, punch, cake and candy were served. Two out of town guests were present, Miss Katherine Boyd and Chas. Abernethy of New Bern. The others who attended the party were: Misses Nancy, Lucy, and Elizabeth Lay, Hellen, Mae Belle, Georgia and Clyde Neal, Emily Duncan, Mary Morris, Elizabeth Hendrix, Mildred Jones, Emma Mason, Grace and Clyde Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. O'Bryan, Messrs David Duncan, Arfweh, Borden, and Grady Siske, John Royall, Nelson Taylor, James Hutton.

High Prices For Tobacco

Lands

Farmers around Beaufort who would like to try their luck at raising tobacco can if they like do so under a guarantee from a known citizen of Beaufort. This gentleman who believes that tobacco raising about here can be made very profitable desire to make this proposition through the News. He will give \$300 an acre for any land around here which will produce as much as one thousand pounds of tobacco to the acre provided the tobacco is of a grade that will sell for as much as fifty cents a pound. Tobacco prices for last year's crop in this State ranged from forty cents to a dollar and a quarter. Some very high grade tobacco was grown around Newport in this county and it can probably be raised elsewhere.

S. S. Class Entertained

Mrs. Thos. Duncan and Miss Annie Morton entertained their Sunday School Classes Thursday evening January 1, 1920, at Mrs. Duncan home on Front Street.

Many games were played after which refreshments were served. Those present were Misses Rose Murray Potter, Irez Willis, Margaret Gibbs, Iva Davis, Frances White, Alice Potter, Annie Guthrie, and Mamie Wolfe. Messrs. Ben Jones, Gherman Holland, Dick Duncan, Francis Hatsell, Willie Sanford, Jim Davis, Ralph Noe, Stephen Robinson, Paul Jones. Guests present other than class members were Misses Martha Pierce, Mattie King Hancock, Estelle Yoffie, Grace and Lena Duncan and Mrs. Jack Fith.

W. G. Mebane left yesterday for Greensboro where he will attend a meeting of the N. C. Press Association.

Geo. S. Speer of Chicago arrived here Tuesday and will spend several days in the county looking after the affairs of the Virginia-Farms Co

MURDER TRIAL SATURDAY

Sealevel Boy To Be Tried On Murder Charge

Quite a good sized delegation of citizens from Sealevel were here Monday to attend a hearing of the case against Mitchell Willis charged with murder. Mitchell Willis is the 15 year old boy who some weeks ago killed Graham Willis a nine year old boy at Sealevel.

A coroner's jury investigated the affair about two weeks ago and reported that the killing was accidental. There has been considerable talk in the neighborhood about the matter and the outcome was that the dead boy's father swore out a warrant against the older boy charging him with murder. The warrant was returned to Justice L. J. Noe for a hearing Monday afternoon and counsel was engaged for the defense and the prosecution.

After considering the matter the attorneys who were J. F. Duncan for the defense and C. R. Wheately for the prosecution called up Judge Conner in New Bern and asked his opinion as to what should be done. He decided that the case should be tried by Judge K. J. Respass of the Juvenile Court so it will be disposed in that way. The hearing has been set for Saturday morning at eleven o'clock.

NO BRIDGE BIDS

Seems Rather Difficult To Get County Bridges Constructed

The Board of County Commissioners held their usual meeting at the court house here Monday. Those present were Chairman Wallace and Commissioners Lewis, Gillikin, and Taylor and Clerk J. R. Morris. There was considerable business before the board and so it was found necessary to meet again Tuesday.

Sheriff Thomas made his report which showed that taxes to the amount of \$46,526.51 had been collected. Reverend J. W. Alford resigned as Superintendent of Public Welfare and Reverend A. H. Outlaw was appointed in his place. Chief of Police Walter Longest was awarded \$100 for the arresting of Joe Taft. Bernice Goodwin was appointed to make repairs to roads and bridges in Cedar Island township. Dr. P. B. Lofton was appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics. Engineer Hooper reported that no bids had been received for bridges but some contractors have ask for specifications. He is instructed to ask for bids for bridge across Horlowe canal, also bids for bogue Sound road Stella to Morehead City. The right of way for this road to be cleared up at once. A note to Bank of Beaufort for \$8,546.76 was ordered renewed also one to Beaufort Banking and Trust company for \$5150. A note due the latter bank for \$5000 was ordered paid.

Making a Stand.

Cactus Joe announces that he will not play penny ante, believing as he does that the game ought to be big enough to keep people's minds on it so they won't quarrel.

And Succeeding.

Most of the economic sorrow which a nation suffers arises from the greed of men trying to sneak selfish advantages over others for profit.

Immensity of Oceans.

So vast are the contents of the oceans that it would take 2,000,000 years for all the sea water in the world to flow over Niagara.