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THE NEWS BOND ISSUE ELECTION.

A few who have carelessly read what The News has had to say on the question, have drawn the conclusion that we are unalterably opposed to bonds.

As stated very clearly upon more than one occasion we are neither in favor nor are we opposed to a bond issue at this stage in the game, for the simple reason that sufficient information to guarantee an intelligent opinion has not been offered on the subject.

We await details and reserve our opinion. One thing is unalterably true—we stand for progress, and for improvements. As to the modus operandi we are endeavoring to fall upon the wisest, most economical and most probable solution.

None can deny that funds must be raised for a better water supply. If we go to the river (and this seems the most favorable project just now) for a supply, a large amount of money will be necessary. It may be necessary to issue bonds for same.

There are other pressing needs for improvements. There is a perfectly normal demand for sewer extensions, for street improvements and for other public needs.

Unless there is some means of increasing the city revenue to the extent which will make possible a good surplus, above expenses, with which to supply the demands it will be necessary to issue bonds if these needs are supplied.

One plan, which we have repeatedly suggested, is to place a fair assessment upon valuable property in the city—one which harmonizes with the law on the subject. It is our honest conviction that if this is done, a very substantial amount will thereby be obtained with which to make necessary improvements. This would preclude the necessity for a million dollar bond issue. As to whether or not this will be done, we cannot say; it is a matter devolving upon other hands.

If the present low assessment status is to be maintained, then bonds are necessary. Whether to the extent of a million dollars we do not know.

A detailed statement, covering actual necessities, and giving detailed cost of same, is necessary before any one can intelligently form an opinion as to the wisdom of a million dollar issue.

One thing is true, unless revenue is increased by some means, it will be impossible to carry the interest on an additional million of indebtedness, on top of present current municipal expenses.

A "million for improvements" is entirely too vague. No business man would borrow to the limit of his credit unless he first decided whether such a step was absolutely necessary, and second whether he felt able to meet the demands of the obligation taken on.

As for ourselves, we favor bonds only to the extent that is absolutely necessary, that is if there is no other means of obtaining funds needed, and if some way can be devised to handle the added obligation. A full statement covering the needs and the plans for supplying the same, along with information as to how the bond money is to be handled, and by whom would, we feel sure, be relished by the public.

Appreciating the interest taken in the subject by the general public, The News starts today an election on the question of issuing one million dollars in bonds.

A coupon appears on the front page. Each voter is asked to fill this out, and either mail same to this office, or drop his ballot in boxes stationed in various parts of the city. Conditions governing the ballot are fully explained on the front page today.

Commends News Editorial—The "Passing on System" Is Rapidly Being Discarded

Editor The News: I consider that a great editorial in Sunday's News on "May Utley and Her Kind." It is a great problem and the country has been slow in solving it. New York state is just now in the midst of a great experiment under its new "Page bill." The "Passing on System" is abominable. It has been practiced with homeless men and professional beggars until it has become notorious. Only yesterday evening a young man came to me at the Associated Charities' office who had been forwarded from Chester, to Chester he had been sent by Columbia, to Columbia by Barnwell, etc. I am holding him here and have wired his father in Indiana asking for a ticket for the boy through to his home.

Secretly a week goes by without a case of this kind. It may interest you to know that the Associated Charities of Charlotte is in a covenant with between 400 and 500 charitable and benevolent societies in the United States and Canada, never to practice and to do all in its power to break up this "Passing on system." When these people will not reform, will not take work, or go to the place of their proved legal residence, there is only one thing to do, and that is tell them they cannot ply their trade in Charlotte. As soon as all cities take this attitude, as they are rapidly doing, we will see the last of this class of offenders. Very truly yours, I. B. MYERS, Gen. Sec. Associated Charities.

VOTE IN THE NEWS' BOND ISSUE ELECTION.

Every citizen in Charlotte should be deeply concerned in the proposition to issue one million dollars in bonds for improvements, as each one will have to carry his proportionate share of the responsibility if such step is taken. There is such a diversity of opinion on the subject that The News has decided to hold an election, the idea being to ascertain just what the attitude of the voters (particularly those who do not give their opinions in print) is on the subject. This election will go far to show the popular attitude on the matter, and each voter is asked to sign the coupon either "yes" or "no" and return to this office, or deposit it in boxes to be placed at various points in the city. This is an election which requires now paying of poll tax. Let every one, at all interested in the proposition, take part in the election.

The Semi-weekly Atlanta Journal wins its case with the government. Suit had been filed against the paper charging that there was a conspiracy to defraud the government of "divers large sums of money." The Journal took the bold position that instead of violating any law itself, they were violating the constitution. The outcome was that the suits against the paper were quashed on yesterday. A great ad was made over the suits, especially by the Journal's competitor, the Georgia. That paper, seizing upon the opportunity to attack its enemy in bad, sent out stories, under flash heads, telling of the Journal's troubles with Uncle Sam. They have all kinds of competition in Atlanta. It strikes us, however, that this is going about to the end of the limit.

THIS PASSENGER GIVES TROUBLE.

By Associated Press. Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 31.—Officials of the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad are at a loss to know how to dispose of J. E. Himes, a passenger on one of their Pullmans, who refuses to leave the car. Himes, who had paid for a berth in that particular car from Joplin, Mo., to San Francisco via Los Angeles and Los Angeles, refused to leave when he was told at Ogden that passengers would be transferred to the Southern Pacific on account of a washout on the San Pedro line.

The Pullman was hauled to Salt Lake City and still Himes remained in the car. He takes his meals out but he reads, smokes and sleeps as a guest of the Pullman Company and says he is perfectly willing to pass the summer here if it takes that long to restore traffic to San Francisco via Las Vegas and Los Angeles.

Alleged Swindler Taken.

By Associated Press. San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 31.—John Murphy, alias "Rene" Lewis, an alleged swindler from New York, who eluded the police of many cities for over a year, fell by accident into the hands of Lieutenant of Detectives Barney Flood, of the New York police force, yesterday.

Flood was passing through this city on his way to Los Angeles. He was sight-seeing when he saw Murphy.

Murphy simultaneously saw the detective and immediately began to run but was captured.

The police say that Murphy jumped his bond while he was awaiting trial on a charge of robbing a farmer of \$1,500 in a card game.

Death of Miss Justice.

Rutherfordton, Jan. 31.—Miss Annie C. Justice, daughter of the late Rev. C. B. Justice, and niece of Judge M. H. Justice, died quite unexpectedly yesterday at the home of her brother, Mr. J. D. Justice. Miss Justice was found by members of the family in an unconscious condition about 9 o'clock this morning and passed away in a short time. She is survived by three brothers, Messrs. M. L. Justice, J. D. Justice and C. N. Justice of Rutherfordton. Miss Justice's father, the Rev. C. B. Justice, pastor of the Rutherfordton Baptist church for a score or more of years, died about a year ago. The funeral services will be held from the Baptist church, where she has been a faithful member for many years, conducted by her pastor, Rev. R. H. Herring.

CHEENEY'S EXPECTORANT CURES COUGHS AND COLDS

THE UNBROKEN VOW.

The vow I made on New Year day is right side up with care; the good old pipe I threw away is gone beyond repair. The house no more is filled with smoke from basement to the tiles; the wife who used to wheeze and choke, is beaming now with smiles. She often pats me on the back, on finding me in reach, and says that I'm a crackerjack, a looloo and a peach. I tell my neighbors how I quit that habit most obscene; I reach until I have a fit against Old Nicotine. I bore my friends with many a spiel until their bosoms bleed; I tell them all how good I feel, since I cut out the weed. But often, when I am alone, with none whom I can bore, I wring my toil-worn hands and groan, and sigh and walk the floor. I feel as though I'd gladly swipe a widow's house and lot, if that would bring the good old pipe, the pipe that hit the spot!

WALT MASON.

State Asked To Pay Court Cost

Special to The News. Raleigh, Jan. 31.—The general assembly is to be asked to provide for the payment of the costs in the case just terminated in the Raleigh police court against the Standard Oil Company in which the Standard was prosecuted at the instance of Attorney General T. W. Bickett, for violation of the state anti-trust law in cutting prices of oil here below the cost of getting the oil here in order to put the Indian Oil Company out of business and then getting the prices back to high standard again. The suit failed in that the police justice ruled that the state failed to disprove the contention of the Standard that the prices in Raleigh were lower than elsewhere and that they are due to over supply. The costs in the case run up to several hundred dollars, there having been numerous witnesses here from a distance. A benefit that Raleigh consumers of oil may reap from the hearing is that retailers may now put down prices in proportion to the lower wholesale prices, a thing they say they have not done before because they expected the prices to rise again just as soon as "the war was over." The contention of the Standard that there is no war and that their prices are down to stay indefinitely leaves them no excuse to hold their prices up longer.

Judiciary committee No. 2, of the house, announced Tuesday afternoon of this week as the time for hearing the final argument and passing on the Connor bill for uniform bill of lading for cotton shipments, a measure for which the bankers are fighting and which the railroad officials.

Another important committee hearing set for this week already is the Baggett bill for eliminating the mileage ticket nuisance by requiring that any railroads that persist in refusing to pull mileage on their trains shall not be allowed to sell tickets generally for more than two cents per mile.

Condition of Archbishop Ryan.

By Associated Press. Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 31.—Archbishop Ryan had a restful night and this morning shows a slight improvement. His heart is weak, however, and he is still in a serious condition.

For Rent

- 1 16-room house, corner Davidson and 14th Sts. \$25.00
1 10-room house, corner Tryon and 12th Sts. \$25.00
1 8-room house, N. Clark St. \$15.00
1 6-room house, W. Fifth St. \$20.00
2 6-room houses East Vance St. \$12.50
1 5-room house, corner Graham and 12th Sts. \$15.00
1 4-room house, East Oak St. \$12.50
1 4-room house N. McDowell St. \$9.00
2 4-room houses, East Liddell St. \$3.00
2 4-room houses, N. Brevard St. \$5.00

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No. 1009 U. S. N. DRESS. Made of nice quality White Linen, trimmed as illustrated with cadet blue chambray and P. E. buttons (one of our great sellers). Sizes, 6 to 14. Price, 98c.

No. 103 GINGHAM NOVELTY DRESS. Made of good quality Gingham in pretty plaid effects, Blue and Brown. Trimmed with neat cord and buttons as shown in illustration. Has separate guimp, which is included; can be worn either with guimp or as a low neck dress. Sizes, 6 to 14. Price, 98c.

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