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CABARRUS COUNTY HIGHWAY MEASURE

TO BE HEARD BY COMMITTEE
ON PUBLIC ROADS.

Much interest manifested in the Bill. It provides for a highway commission which will have complete charge of road affairs in the county.—A lively fight promised.

The Cabarrus County Highway bill will be considered before the legislative committee on public highways either this afternoon or tomorrow. Much interest is evidenced in the bill, which, if it becomes a law, will completely change the present methods of managing the road affairs in this county.

The bill provides for a highway commission for the county composed of three commissioners. The commissioners are appointed by legislature for terms of six, four and two years. Under the act they are empowered with the full management of the roads of the county, having charge of the expenditure of the road fund, the management of the chain gang and also given the right to contract for road work in the various townships. The commissioners are required to meet the second Monday in each month and are allowed \$2 a day for their services.

There is a division of sentiment locally on the bill, the division being marked chiefly by political differences. The roads at present are under the management of the county commissioners, men selected by them having direct supervision of road work. Naturally the men who hold the various positions connected with the roads are strongly opposing the measure.

On the other hand there are many here who have for years contended that the present system of road management in Cabarrus is antiquated, unbusiness-like and does not give the best results. They look upon it as a system of road management for political purposes only. Their chief argument in favor of a change in the road management being that the county needs a trained engineer to look after the roads. In the new bill they see an opening wedge for securing such a man.

Under the State highway bill, which will no doubt become a law, the State will furnish a trained road man to the counties desiring one and in this way Cabarrus could take advantage of the opportunity of getting a good man, whose work would be under the direction of the supervisor of State highways.

Senator Cook introduced and will champion the bill in the Senate. It is understood that Representative Williams is opposed to the measure and will make a vigorous effort to defeat it in the House.

The parties here who are opposing the bill have retained Mr. J. Lee Crowell and he has gone to Raleigh to oppose the measure before the committee. Mr. W. G. Means has also come to Raleigh and he will appear before the committee in behalf of the bill.

FOUND NEAR TRACK.

Unidentified Man Found at Lexington After Passing of No. 35.

Sherrill, Feb. 26.—A young man, having in his pocket an envelope addressed to J. H. Johnston, Bessemer City, but otherwise unidentified, was found beside the railroad track, near the city limits of Lexington, tonight after the passing of No. 35, the back of his head was crushed and it is thought that he fell off No. 35, was knocked off or run down.

In response to a wire received here a railroad engine was sent after the unidentified man in an effort to rush him to a Salisbury hospital for treatment. However, help came too late and he died on the way, the body being delivered to Wright's undertaking establishment pending attempts at identification.

He was well-dressed and appeared to be about 21 years of age. In addition to the envelope, there were a number of postcards in his pockets.

TEACHERS' MEETING.

Meeting Last Saturday Fairly Well Attended.—Work Accomplished at The Meeting.

The teachers' meeting Saturday was pretty well attended. Those having the farthest distance to come showed proportionately a better attendance than those nearer. It was decided that the examination of applicants for a public school diploma would be held at the schools that had pupils who had completed the seventh grade, on 13th and 14th of March. The questions for the examination will be prepared by the High School principals. The teachers will conduct the examination and send the papers to Superintendent Boger. The papers will be graded by the High School principals. A number of schools reported having pupils wishing to take the examination. Any school that has pupils who wish to take the examination but has not reported this fact, will please do so at once. No questions will be sent to any school that does not make this report.

It was decided to hold the county commencement on Saturday, April 5. At this time all those entitled to a public school diploma will receive them. Declamations and recitations from members of the seventh grade will be had and a spelling contest will be had, from members of the sixth grade. Each school is asked to send as a representative a declaimer or reciter from the seventh grade, and a speller from the sixth grade.

Reed's Word Speller will be used in the spelling contest. An educational address and the delivering of diplomas will constitute the exercises of the day. Full announcement of the programme for the day will be made later. Everybody is invited to get ready for the county commencement Saturday, April 5th.

Prof. W. J. Weddington, who had charge of recitation, handled the subjects in such a manner as to cause the teachers to take part in the discussions. A good recitation is something measured not by what the teacher does, but by how much the teacher makes the pupil do. Measured by this standard, Prof. Weddington conducted a good recitation.

No more regular teachers' meetings will be held this year. The county commencement will take instead of the next teachers' meeting. The date April 5, 1913.

RE-ASSESSMENT OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

To Begin May, 1913.—To Be Placed at Actual Money Value.

Special to The Tribune. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 28.—Bill introduced by Chairman Williams, of the finance committee provides a re-assessment of all real and personal property beginning May, 1913. This is to be the actual money value. It is stipulated that the aggregate of taxes levied for 1913 under full value assessment shall not be more than five per cent more than the aggregate of 1912.

The bill prescribes that the present assessment is inadequate and unjust. The tax rate is too high and must be reduced so that property will be at full value, giving a business like basis for the State revenue with all classes of property.

A favorable committee report was given on Kellum bill for the people to vote on establishing State rural credit bands.

The revenue bill is being considered in the House committee of the whole, very few changes being made on second reading in Senate.

Phillips introduced a bill to authorize county commissioners to levy a special tax of \$100 on manufacturers and dealers in narrow-tired vehicles.

Hundreds Fall in China's Anti-Opium Campaign.

Peking, Feb. 26.—Hundreds of people in Fukien Province have been killed in the past week or so while offering armed resistance to the government troops engaged in destroying poppy plants.

In many parts of the empire the people themselves have rooted up the poppies.

An American missionary, the Rev. Arthur H. Smith, says that China has made more progress in the fight against opium than has any country which he has any knowledge ever done against similar evils.

Dr. Grier Still Improving.

The Tribune received a message from Charlotte this afternoon stating that Dr. Grier's condition was greatly improved. His temperature has not been over 100 in several days. He is resting very comfortably today and appears much brighter than in several days.

OPTION EXERCISED ON SMITH BUILDING

CAMPAIGN FOR HOME FOR LIBRARY ENDS SUCCESSFULLY.

A Deed Has Been Drafted For The Building And as soon as it is signed will be turned over to Library Association.—Members of The Association Jubilant Over Their Success.—The Library Will Probably Move Saturday.

Glory to the ladies who conducted the campaign for a home for the library. They have won. The option on the building—the Smith office building—expired today and at its expiration the necessary amount, \$3,250, was secured. Mr. L. T. Hartsell, a trustee of the library, has drafted a deed and it will be sent at once to Mr. J. B. Clegg, of Texas, trustee of the estate of the late W. M. Smith, and as soon as it is signed it will be turned over to the library association.

A more suitable home for the library than the Smith building could hardly be secured. It is centrally located on Union street, only a short distance from the postoffice and court house and can be conveniently reached by patrons in all parts of the city. It is a one-story brick structure and contains three rooms. The building is well constructed and finished and by the time it receives the "womanly touch" by the ladies of the library association it will be a most attractive place. The three rooms provide ample space for the books, but in case the growth of the library demands more space an additional room can be made at small cost at the rear of the building.

The work of the ladies of the library association is a matter of public knowledge. They met, decided what they wanted and went to work and secured it. The money was raised by popular subscription, the ladies making a thorough canvass of the town. Their enthusiasm and energy in conducting the campaign won for them the admiration of the community and their success was a deserved reward.

The library will likely be moved Saturday. The librarian, Mrs. J. D. Lentz, is planning to remove the books from the room in the Phifer building and by Monday the library will be installed in its own home.

'A STRANGE DEVICE'

A Sugar Manufacturer Insists That the Tariff on That Article Should Be Removed.

When the manufacturers begin advertising the fact that tariff does not help anyone but the trusts and causes an increase in price even the staunchest standpatter must give notice. Yesterday a large mercantile firm here received a car load of sugar. Part of the goods were left on the street for a time and from the end of the bags a representative of this paper pulled a tag with the following inscription on it:

"Tariff on sugar is of advantage to the sugar trust and its allies only. "With free raw sugar this sugar would cost you about two cents per pound less. "Urge your Congressman to insist on removal of tariff on sugar."

Mrs. Fleming Hostess at Thimble Party.

Mrs. R. W. Fleming entertained a few friends at her home, "Elmwood Farm" in No. 3 township, at a thimble party last Tuesday afternoon from 1 to 4 o'clock. The house was beautified with decorations of ferns and evergreens. Each guest was asked to bring some fancywork and the afternoon was passed merrily, the interest and pleasure in the social hours progressing rather more than the fancy stitching. Mrs. Fleming delighted all present with her music, both vocal and instrumental. Miss Margaret Moutt assisted Mrs. Fleming in entertaining and added to the pleasure of the afternoon by her recitations.

An elegant three-course luncheon was served. Those present were: Messdames Everett Brown, Mabel Alexander, G. J. Gouger, M. A. Emerson, H. B. Emerson, W. A. Chester, C. H. Hamilton and Miss Madge Alexander. Each guest was presented by the hostess with a hand made souvenir. The charm of Mrs. Fleming's manner and the tasteful bounty of her house make her an ideal hostess and to the assembled guests this occasion proved no exception.

Judge Edward Swann, who has been known for years as the foe of the "police system" and men of evil deeds, is being discussed in Democratic circles as a possible nominee for mayor of New York city in the next municipal election.

KANNAPOLIS NEWS.

New Mill Getting Ready to Start Up.—Ground for Other New Mill Broken.—Other Items.

The new mill is getting ready to start up. The machinery is nearly up, and the belts on, and only a few finishing touches to be given to complete the work. Hands are moving in from all quarters and soon the music will begin. More houses are being built, and Kannapolis is still expanding.

The ground for another mill has been staked off in South Kannapolis, near the baseball park, so we will have building going on for some time yet.

Work is still being done on the grounds around the Y. M. C. A., as the weather will permit, and soon the driveways and walks will be finished as well as the fountains which are being put in.

The Y. M. C. A. is active. The new equipment for the boys' room has arrived and been set up which attracts the boys. They now have two indoor basketball games, and a new shuffle board, together with the many other games to suit every one.

The band had a crowded house at its concert Saturday night, and all enjoyed the entertainment.

Rev. G. A. Stamper, of Salisbury, will address a mixed audience in the evening. We expect a large audience for Mr. Stamper, as he is an able and consecrated speaker and his services are always in demand.

The Boy Scouts are busy making themselves useful. They are distributing health literature every Saturday evening, taking health pamphlets to every home. This literature is furnished the Y. M. C. A., by the State board of health, and every one would do well to read it with care.

The Boy Scouts had their regular meeting Wednesday night, and took in four new members, Fred Phillips, James Rogers, James Johnston and Walter Sides. They will meet in Dr. Cauble's office Friday night to take lessons on "First aid to the injured" which Dr. Cauble is giving them from time to time.

The membership contest closes Saturday night, at which time there will be a moving picture show and concert, with some vaudeville attractions. Miss Margaret Smith, of Coddle Creek, a graduate in elocution, will recite. After the entertainment the prizes will be given to the successful contestants. The entertainment will be free to all members of the Y. M. C. A., but others will be charged the usual fee which is nominal.

Mr. Owens expects to have plenty of flower seeds soon, for all who wish to beautify their yards.

Rev. Lacy Hoge, of Richmond, Va., lectured in the Baptist Church Monday night. His subject was "The Law of Life," and was enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience.

Mr. Charles Murph and Miss Minnie Atwell, both of this place, were married in Charlotte Saturday. We extend to them our best wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Richardson, of China Grove, spent Sunday here visiting friends.

Mr. Basil Bostian has resigned his position with Patterson-Young & Co. and accepted a position with the Cannon Manufacturing Co.

Walter & Alexander have opened up their new cafe next to their meat market with Mr. B. W. Durham in charge. This is a new and up to date cafe and will no doubt do a good business as all the men connected with it are popular.

The entertainment in the Y. M. C. A. last night was a success. This entertainment was given by the Kannapolis graded school, and the programme which we have already seen in The Tribune was carried out in first class style. We wish these school entertainments would come oftener. February 26, 1913.

TROOPS ORDERED TO EAGLE PASS, TEXAS

BECAUSE OF THREATENED BATTLE NEAR PRODRAS NEGRAS

Between the Rebels Under Carranza and the Huerta Forces.—Two Thousand Refugees Have Crossed the Border Seeking Refuge in the United States.—Fighting General Throughout Four States.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Under orders of Secretary of War Stimson, a detachment of troops was ordered immediately to Eagle Pass, Texas, because of a threatened battle near Prodras Negras, between rebels, supposedly under Governor Carranza, of Coahuila, and the Huerta forces. Brigadier General Bliss reported that a severe battle might occur. Two thousand refugees have crossed the boundary line seeking safety in the United States.

El Paso, Feb. 28.—Fighting is general today throughout the States of Sonora and Coahuila. Morelos Martyro, who resigned the governorship of Sonora late yesterday, has fled. The State Congress has declared war on Huerta government. Maderist troops are being armed in practically every town in the State of Coahuila. Raoul Madero and Governor Carranza, leading the rebellious forces, captured the Salto capitol.

CARRANZA WILL RECOGNIZE THE HUERTA GOVERNMENT

Pasqual Orozco Also Sends Message Declaring Allegiance.

Mexico City, Feb. 27.—Carranza, revolting governor of Coahuila, today expressed his willingness to recognize the Huerta government. Pasqual Orozco, governor of Tabasco, a powerful rebel, has sent a message to Huerta declaring allegiance to the Huerta administration. Plans will be made immediately to urge the United States to recognize the new government. The Zapatists are waiting Huerta's answer to their peace proposals.

MADERISTS WIN VICTORY.

Annihilate Small Federal Force.—Hundreds Said To Be Joining Them.

El Paso, Feb. 27.—The Maderists attacked and annihilated the small Federal force at the Garrison Concha. Chihuahua reports indicate that the Maderists now control practically all the country along the Mexican Central railroad from Chihuahua City to Torreon. Hundreds of Mexicans are said to be joining them.

More Money for Railway Mail Transportation Due to Parcel Post.

The Senate committee on postoffices has increased the postoffice appropriation bill \$3,000,000 making a total of \$283,442. Of the increase \$2,500,000 is to pay railroads for carrying the mails. It is provided that beginning September 10, next the mails shall be weighed for 30 days and as the parcel post has greatly increased the weight of the mails it is anticipated that the railroads will be entitled to more pay for transportation.

The plan of allowing communities to nominate their postmasters is embodied in the bill and would apply to all fourth-class postoffices where the postmaster's salary is more than \$300. The bill does not make such nominations compulsory.

Speaker Dragged From Platform by Police.

Paterson, Feb. 27.—When Wilson Killenbeck, of Orange, Socialist candidate for Governor of New Jersey in the last election, attempted to address the strikers in headquarters at noon today, he was dragged from the platform by the police. The Chief of police had ordered that no foreign labor leaders be allowed to address the strikers within the city limits. The strikers are indignant.

Annual Spring Silk Sale at the Parks-Belk Co.'s.

The big Annual Spring Silk Sale at the Parks-Belk Co.'s store will begin tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. In this sale they will sell silks dress goods at prices ranging from 19 cents to 89 cents, worth much more. In both The Times and Tribune today they tell you about this sale. They have many other big bargains in their store, too.

Lady Scott Arrives at Wellington.

Wellington, New Zealand, Feb. 27.—Lady Scott, widow of Capt. Robert E. Scott, the explorer, who perished after reaching the south pole, arrived here today. She said: "I must be as brave as my husband wished me to be," when met by commander Evans and Lieutenant Bruce.

"Easy Money." Read the ad. of the Store That Satisfies. Go and see the wonderful combination sweeper and cleaner and guess—right. That's all.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

The Debate Last Week.—Meetings at Baptist Church.—Annual Debate Tomorrow Night.—Week of Prayer.—Personal News.

Mt. Pleasant, Feb. 27.—The Collegiate Institute is one of the fortunate schools to be represented at the University debating next week. The affirmative team won from Monroe here and their negative team won from Sanford. Messrs. Thomas and Langley represent the affirmative and Messrs. Davis and Edwards the negative. The work of the young men is especially creditable from the fact that they went into the preliminary debates almost without preparation. Two of the schools with which they were at first associated dropped out. It seemed that no further arrangements could be made and the debaters laid aside their word, not expecting to have the pleasure of a debate. At the last moment it was found that there was a vacant place in the Monroe-Stanfield triangle. Through the exchange of hurried telegrams, the arrangements were completed. The Institute came off victorious. The Institute has good reason to feel well satisfied with the teams that will go to the University.

The Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church will begin a series of meetings on the second Sunday in March. The pastor, Rev. D. P. Morris, will be assisted by Rev. J. C. Black. The public is cordially invited to all the services.

The Gerhardt Literary Society will give their annual debate Friday night. This debate is usually held on Washington's birthday, but was postponed this year on account of conflicts.

Rev. C. P. McLaughlin, of Concord, presented the claims of the gospel ministry on young men in a strong sermon at the Lutheran Church Sunday morning. This sermon was especially for young men of the Institute and was delivered by direction of the N. C. E. L. Synod.

The week of prayer of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Lutheran church was brought to a fitting close by an inspiring sermon Sunday night, by Rev. C. R. Pless, pastor of St. John's.

Mrs. W. M. Axley, who has been spending a fortnight with friends here, will return to her home in Murphy, Saturday. She is stopping with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Foil on North Main street.

Mrs. Henry Robertson, of Charlotte, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. R. P. Miller.

Mr. Frank Kindley, who went to Florida a short time ago, has joined Uncle Sam's boys in blue and is perhaps getting ready for a look into the faces of the Mexican peace disturbers.

Miss Ruth Misenheimer, who is with "Fishers," is spending her mid-winter vacation with her mother, Mrs. J. F. Misenheimer.

Miss Mamie Beattie, of Charlotte, returns home today, having spent the week here with relatives.

Mr. L. J. Foil is spending the week in Baltimore in the interest of the Cook & Foil Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. J. Eudy are at home to their friends on East Franklin street.

Among the Sunday visitors, we note: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sappenfield and Mr. Jesse Peck, of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Alphon Peck, of Concord, Prof. S. J. Ludwig, of Albemarle, and Mr. Paul Lentz, of Salisbury.

Rev. and Mrs. B. L. Stanley are spending a few days at Faith with Rev. and Mrs. Causey.

Miss Ethel Corriher, of Mooresville, is visiting Miss Bessie McEachern.

ORGANIZED LABOR TO BE RECOGNIZED BY WILSON.

Wm. B. Wilson to Be Made Secretary of the Department of Labor.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Organized labor will be recognized by President-elect Wilson, according to close friends of the incoming President. Representative William B. Wilson, an official of the American Federation of Labor, former secretary of the United Mine Workers of North America, will be made secretary of the Department of Labor under the Borah bill just passed. It is said that Brandeis is leading the lists for secretary of commerce.

Salisbury to Have Four Elections. Salisbury, Feb. 26.—An election has been called for March 18, at which time Salisbury will determine whether the city shall continue under aldermanic rule or pass under the commission form of government. Between the middle of March and the middle of May Salisbury must pass through four elections.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Cannon will begin housekeeping March 1 in their new home, corner Franklin avenue and Spring street, which they recently purchased from Mr. Claude C. Ramsaur.