

Charge Counties Lose Much By Present System of Collection

The Tribune Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Nov. 28.—Counties in North Carolina have been and still are losing hundreds of thousands of dollars annually—and perhaps millions—through the failure of boards of county commissioners to compel sheriffs to make a full accounting of tax collections each year, according to the findings of the County Government Advisory Commission, as a result of its investigation of governmental and fiscal conditions in the various counties.

But the County Government Advisory Commission, because its functions are just what its name states—advisory—is absolutely without any power or authority to compel sheriffs to make complete settlements each year, or to compel the county commissioners to do so, although the law gives the county commissioners ample authority to force the sheriff to make a complete settlement each year, though the majority of the boards do not exercise this law. For largely through carelessness or negligence, they accept the tentative settlement made by the sheriff, accept what cash he has collected, and then proceed to forget about the uncollected balance.

What, then, is to be done to correct this condition? Should the state continue to permit these counties to cheat themselves out of thousands of dollars of revenue, or should it, through additional legislation, give the state power to compel the various county commissioners to force the sheriff to settle in full?

Unless the county commissioners show greater energy within the next year or so than they have in the last five or six years to compel sheriffs to make full, instead of tentative settlements for back taxes, there is a feeling in some quarters that the state may have to take a hand, as it has in Virginia. In Virginia, of course, some ad valorem tax is collected for state purposes, and there the state is compelled to supervise the collection of taxes, as well as the yearly auditing of the county books. And up until 1921, when the state of North Carolina also collected ad valorem taxes for state purposes, the state exercised some supervisory functions, and saw that a far greater proportion of taxes

were settled for by the sheriffs in the various counties than is now the case. But with the discontinuance of any ad valorem property tax for state purposes in 1921, the collection of these taxes was made a purely local matter in each county. It is usually true, too, that the sheriff and the county commissioners are personal as well as political friends, so that when at the end of the tax year, the sheriff makes the tentative settlement, and carries over a few thousands of dollars on his books as uncollected taxes, the county commissioners frequently carry this amount over from year to year, and in time it becomes forgotten and lost.

A number of counties have been found, according to Charles M. Johnson, secretary of the County Government Advisory Commission, where no complete settlement has ever been made by the sheriffs since 1921, and where from \$10,000 to \$50,000 are still being carried on the books as uncollected taxes, with a number of the sheriffs already out of office.

In one county several years ago, the sheriff was unable to make final full settlement and gave the county commissioners a mortgage for about \$6,000 for the remainder. This mortgage has never been paid, not even the interest, though it is listed on the books, and the actual mortgage is now missing and cannot be found. And similar conditions might be multiplied in many other counties. An effective incoming board of commissioners does not even know of the deficits that have accumulated under previous boards, and thus through lack of information and lack of interest, permit these losses to continue from year to year.

As the law now stands, even under the new county government laws, the boards of county commissioners must compel full and complete settlement by sheriffs each year when they turn over their tax books. But even now, many of the boards of commissioners are continuing to accept tentative settlements, as in the past, and are making no effort to enforce the law. Thus it would seem that eventually the state must step in and compel these boards of county commissioners that will not enforce the law, to enforce it anyway, in spite of local political affiliations or conditions.

Text Book Problem Is Not Settled In State

Publishers Are Meeting in Raleigh Today and Books to Be Chosen Will Be Determined Probably, at the Meeting.

The Tribune Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Nov. 28.—The State Board of Education has by no means solved the text book question, even though it has already disposed of the question of what form of contract is to be used, and today will begin its meeting with the six publishers whose texts have been recommended by the State Textbook Commission, to hear these publishers present the relative merits of their books.

Under the present system, the State Textbook Commission will recommend changes to be made in two texts each year. This year the changes are in English and Health texts, and the commission has recommended three texts, or series of texts, in each of these two subjects. From these three recommendations, the State Board of Education must select one English text or series, and one Health text or series, for which a contract will be let for a five year period, extending from June 1, 1928 to June 1, 1933.

Thus nearly a dozen, representatives of the six publishing houses whose books are under consideration are on hand ready and primed for the fray, and it is expected that several days, if not several weeks may be consumed before all these publishers are heard in detail, and final decision reached by the board as to what books will be selected. Since most of the books in the Grammar and Health series will be in use in almost all of the grades in the elementary schools, the contract when finally will entail the supplying of approximately 80,000 books a year in the State—a plan which is being speeded at by any of the publishers.

But the letting of these two contracts is not all. For as soon as they have been let, the board will then continue its efforts to contract for the remaining textbooks, already, for terms of not less than one year and not more than five. All of these contracts will be of course, on the retail price contract basis, which form was approved within the last few days. This contract contains the price at which the books must be sold to the school children, which is approximately 20 per cent higher than the wholesale price, 10 per cent going to the central depository in Raleigh, and 10 per cent to the local dealer.

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DRUNKEN DRIVERS ON INCREASE IN NORTH CAROLINA

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329 ARRESTED IN LAST 5 MONTHS

Other Charges Lodged Against Drivers Include Speeding, Reckless Driving and Manslaughter.

Raleigh, Nov. 28.—(P)—Twice as many automobile drivers were arrested for driving while drunk in November in North Carolina than were arrested last month, the State Highway Department's tab sheet showed today. A total of 78 were arrested during November.

To date, from July 1, 1927, when the new law went into effect, calling for the keeping of these records by the department, 329 drivers have been drunk while driving, and when arrested.

Other automobile driver convictions for this period: speeding, 170; reckless driving, 107; miscellaneous, 61; violation of the automobile license law, 29; assault with deadly weapons, 6; manslaughter, 6.

SESQUI OBSERVANCES FOR BARON STEUBEN

Numerous Cities Will Hold Celebration in Honor of Noted Pioneer.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—In Washington, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Detroit and numerous other cities the patriotic societies have arranged to hold meetings and exercises this week in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the arrival in America of Baron Frederick William von Steuben, one of the few men without whom American independence probably would not have been achieved.

Baron Steuben, a soldier who had fought with distinction under Frederick the Great, resigned honorable titles and lucrative rank in his native country of Prussia and came to America to make an army out of a horde of awkward squads who had only the most rudimentary ideas of discipline or organization.

Arriving in America Dec. 1, 1777, after a dangerous voyage of 55 days in a French gunboat, Steuben, after landing at Portsmouth, N. H., wrote to Congress, offering his services. He made only one condition; that if the colonists were successful in obtaining independence he was to be remunerated for his services. If the colonists failed he asked for nothing.

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BRATIANU BURIED WITH FULL HONOR AS PEOPLE MOURN

Late Premier of Roumania Given Full Honor By People of Country He Served Many Years.

QUEEN MARIE IS AMONG MOURNERS

When Guns Boomed Salute Young King Michael Wanted to Know if War Had Come to Country.

Bucharest, Nov. 28.—(P)—When the guns boomed out in salute to the late Premier Bratianu as his body was borne through the capital, six year old King Michael who had been kept at home, turned to his mother and said: "Oh, mamma, do you hear the cannons? Has war come?"

Princess Helen replied reassuringly: "No, no, my child. Peace has come to your great, good friend, Mr. Bratianu. He is dead, and the nation is saluting him for the last time."

A tearful tribute to the late Premier was paid at the funeral by Queen Marie, who lamented the death of M. Bratianu as a great loss to the country which she said he had served well for many years.

SHRINERS PLAN GREAT OCCASION

Nobles To Journey From All Over Western Part Of State To Charlotte.

Charlotte, Nov. 28.—One of the greatest ceremonies ever held by the Shrine Temple of the Mystic Shrine will mark the end here January 19 of a pilgrimage of nobles from all over the Western part of the State for their first formal gathering in six months.

An announcement issued today at the business offices here of the temple said several committees at Charlotte already have begun preparing for the approaching two-day session, the dates for which were determined here several days ago by C. M. Vanstory, of Greensboro, illustrations potentate, at a conference with members of the temple's divan.

The usual fall ceremonial of the Shrine Temple was deferred and the nobles were called by Potentate Vanstory to attend the recent dedication of a Shrine hospital for crippled children at Greenville, S. C. A large class of candidates, who had anticipated making last fall the memorable journey across the hot sands of the desert which all other Shrines have trod, yet is awaiting the call for the caravan to form. Their numbers steadily are being increased by others whose great desire is to share the secrets and the joys of the red-robed nobles, according to officers of the temple.

This situation bids fair to result in one of the largest classes of novices in the history of the Shrine Temple being initiated at he next ceremonial. Much of great interest to the nobles is expected to be brought up for consideration at the business session of the temple, according to Potentate Vanstory and Recorder Thomas Griffith, of Charlotte. One of the most important of these prospective matters of business will be the proposal to operate a special train to Miami, Fla., next May for the accommodation of the members of the Shrine Temple who will attend the annual meeting of the Imperial Council of the Shrine. Present indications are from 250 to 300 members of this temple will join in that pilgrimage, which probably will attract from 20,000 to 25,000 Shrines and many thousands of other visitors.

The nobles of Oasus who will take this trip will be absent from this state about one week.

Miss Mercedes Gleitze, first English woman to swim the Channel, won a championship at knitting during the late war.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Reported by Finner & Beane. (Quotations at 1.30 p. m.)

Atchafalpa	191
American Can	70 3/4
Allied Chemical	173 3/4
American Smelting	173 3/4
American T. & T.	180
American Coast Line	193
Baltimore & Ohio	117 1/4
Chesapeake & Ohio	208 3/4
Chrysler	57
Dupont	163 3/4
Fleishman	62 1/2
General Electric	132
Gold Dust	70 3/4
General Motors	126 3/4
Gen. Ry. Signal	120
Houston Oil	156 3/4
Hudson Motors	69 3/4
Mo-Kans. & Texas	42 3/4
Kennecott Copper	62 3/4
Kans. City Sou. Ry.	62 3/4
Liggett & Myers	121 3/4
Lorillard	40 3/4
Mack Truck	108 3/4
Mo-Pacific Pfd.	114 3/4
Montgomery-Ward	96 3/4
Nash Motors	89 3/4
Packard Motors	53 3/4
Penn. R. R.	42 3/4
Phillips Petroleum	42 3/4
Reading R. R.	108
"B" Ry. Tob. Com.	157 1/4
Rock Island R. R.	106 3/4
Sears Roebuck	80 3/4
Southern Railway	139 3/4
Stand. Oil of N. J.	40
Sou. Pacific R. R.	120
Sou. Dairies Pfd.	2 1/4
Studebaker Corp.	58 3/4
Tobacco Trade	107 3/4
Union Carbide	147 3/4
Vicks Chemical	61 1/4
Westinghouse Elec. Co.	89 3/4
West. Maryland R. R.	53
Woolworth	193
U. S. Steel	145 3/4

A "COMPANIONATE MARRIAGE"



Aubrey Clay Roselle and Josephine Haldeman-Julius of Kansas City become man and wife in first "companionate marriage" on record. The unique pact is made with full consent of the parents of both of the young people.

"JUNIOR SPEAKING" WILL BE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR

Costly Features of Davidson Holiday Have Been Eliminated This Year.

Davidson, N. C., Nov. 28.—Score another for the collegiate iconoclasts. At Davidson College they have discarded another tradition, and for once in their lives they seem to have received the approbation of everybody concerned.

From time immemorial members of the junior class at Davidson have celebrated an annual spring festival and known as "Junior Speaking." Hard-pressed students have turned their pockets inside out to support this most important of all social events on the college calendar. Hundreds of dollars have been thrown to the winds each year in splendor and extravagance.

But, Davidson students are largely Presbyterians, and their Scotch penchant for thrift has at last conquered their love of thrills. There will be no junior speaking at Davidson this year, insofar as the social whirl is concerned. Mac King, of Bristol, Tenn., president of the class, is authority for this statement.

Schermined juniors have expressed themselves in favor of a more dignified and less costly celebration. They will observe the occasion purely out of respect for tradition, but look at the program planned. An oratorical contest in the college auditorium, a special program by the college dramatists, and an inexpensive reception on the college lawn. All the glamour and splurge of former speaking will be missing, and there are those who speak with confidence, saying that junior speaking at Davidson is headed for the dump-heap to take its place among the numerous other discarded customs of the past.

WILL UNVEIL TABLET TO LAFAYETTE ON WEDNESDAY

Will Be Unveiled at Georgetown, S. C. Where Lafayette Landed First in America.

Georgetown, S. C., Nov. 28.—(P)—A tablet commemorating the first landing of the Marquis de Lafayette in America will be unveiled here at noon Wednesday.

Speakers on the program include Brigadier General Frank Parker, U. S. A.; the French consul general at New Orleans, Rear Admiral Newton A. McCully, Thos. R. Waring, Charleston editor, and the Rev. H. D. Bull, rector of the Church of Prince George Winyah. Mr. Bull is chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Two United States destroyers will be in the harbor for the occasion, while the Marine band from Paris Island will participate in the ceremonies.

The flag covering the tablet will be drawn aside by two little girls of French descent, Miss Caroline Bull and Miss Margaret Siau. A parade will precede the unveiling.

COLBURN HEARING IS SET FOR WEDNESDAY

Asheville Man Charged With Death of Samuel Mitchell at Valdele Last Friday.

Morganton, Nov. 28.—(P)—Preliminary trial for Burnham S. Colburn, Jr., of Asheville, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death last Friday of Samuel Mitchell at Valdele, is scheduled at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning before Magistrate W. F. Hallyburton. It was announced here today. The trial was set for this afternoon, but upon motion of counsel it was continued until Wednesday.

A Hickory law firm has been retained to appear for the family of the dead youth, who was fatally injured when the car alleged to have been driven by young Colburn side-swiped a truck on the opposite side of the road and crashed into him. Colburn will be represented by Morganton and Asheville law firms.

Publishers of Textbooks Heard

Raleigh, Nov. 28.—(P)—Hearing of publishers of textbooks occupied the state board of education today, preparatory to opening of bids here on December 14th.

New texts are to be adopted in language and hygiene under a new system of taking up one major and not more than two minor subjects each year, instead of going over the whole list every five years as formerly.

The price of cotton on the local market today is quoted at 19 1/2 cents per pound.

STATE RESTS IN REMUS CASE DURING DAY

Motion For Directed Verdict of Not Guilty Denied by Judge Shook.

Cincinnati, Nov. 28.—(P)—The State rested its case against George Remus, on trial for his life for slaying his wife, at 11:22 a. m. today.

A short time before the alienists appointed by Judge Chester R. Shook officially reported that they found Remus was sane when he killed his wife here October 6th, and is sane now as he is on trial for her murder.

With an hour and ten minutes of today's court session left, the first witness was called for the defendant. He was Leo A. Burke, a Cincinnati attorney, who represented Remus at various times during the last several months.

Immediately upon Chas. P. Taft's, II, declaring the State had completed its direct case, Chas. H. Elston, co-counsel with Remus who acts as his own chief of counsel, leaped up with the motion usual in such cases, one for a directed verdict of not guilty.

It was denied by Judge Shook.

Elston next moved to have much of the State's evidence stricken. He asserted that the State had failed to prove that Remus acted as an agent of a four-sided conspiracy when he shot his wife. The State maintained that it had proven at least part of its conspiracy charge.

Judge Shook reserved decision on that point.

Elston moved that the three alienists who just previously had given their report, be removed from the judicial dais. They took their seats there just back of the judge a few days ago.

Judge Shook explained that he had requested the doctors to sit with him. "I have advised with them from time to time," he said, "but if either side objects to their presence here, why of course I shall request them to take seats elsewhere."

With Elston still explaining his position, Remus got to his feet and suavely and smoothly begged the court to disregard Mr. Elston's request and to continue to permit "these honored alienists" to sit where they were.

Despite Remus's tone, Elston was plainly nettled by the interference of his client, co-counsel.

He summoned Sheriff William Anderson to the bench.

"Sheriff," the court directed, "I want you to see hereafter that but one attorney for each side addresses remarks to the bench. That applies equally to the prosecution. If more than one attorney for each side arises at the same time, I direct you to use the proper force to stop it."

False Pretense In Selling Speedway Bonds Is Charged.

Winston Salem, Nov. 24.—Charged with false pretense in connection with the sale of Charlotte speedway bonds, Fred J. Lassiter, 45 of this city, has been arrested and released under \$5,000 bond.

Lassiter surrendered to police after a warrant had been issued at the instigation of Nathan Harris, of this city. The warrant alleges that Lassiter sold Harris \$5,500 worth of bonds, representing them to be worth par value. It is charged that he told Harris he received the bonds as commission for selling the Charlotte speedway and that the speedway was a sound corporation, making money on each race.

Lassiter came to Winston-Salem yesterday and surrendered to police. Bond was arranged and he asked for continuance of his case until Saturday.

King George's Plate.

King George's Plate at Windsor palace is valued at something like \$10,000,000. It includes a gold service, ordered by George IV for accommodating 140 persons, and one of the finest wine coolers in the world, a shield formed of snuff boxes worth \$45,000, and 30 plates worth \$50,000. There is also a variety of pieces brought from the colonial and East-Indies possessions.

With a kitchen apron over her black dress, Queen Mary recently put in a busy day helping to check and sort thousands of garments collected by the Needlework Guild for distribution among London's sick and poor.

ANOTHER INSANITY RULING FOR REMUS AIDS PROSECUTION

Court Says That Independence of Insanity Must Precede Opinion of Lay Witnesses.

LONG ARGUMENT OVER QUESTION

Jury Was Sent From Room While Arguments Over the Point Continued For More Than Hour.

Cincinnati, Nov. 28.—(P)—Independent evidence that George Remus' mind was diseased when he shot and killed his wife in Eden Park, October 6th, would be necessary before the defense could present opinion of lay witnesses or testimony concerning causes, Judge Chester R. Shook ruled in the former "king of bootleggers' murder trial today.

The ruling came after an hour of heated arguments.

They started when Franklin Howard Shaw, a timer of races horses at various tracks, was called by the defense. Preliminary questioning indicated that he was to tell of the actions of the slain woman at various places.

Interrogation of Shaw was not pursued. The jury was excluded during the argument of more than an hour. The argument of more than an hour and was brought back immediately after the argument was finished, and Judge Shook had announced his ruling.

Wm. Mueller, for eight years caretaker at Remus' \$750,000 mansion here, was called, but another argument developed immediately and again the jury was sent out.

Mueller told of a changed Remus upon the defendant's return from the Atlanta penitentiary.

He was asked whether he had observed indications of a diseased mentality.

Charles P. Taft, II, chief prosecutor, maintained successfully that a lay witness could not be asked for expert medical or legal testimony.

Mueller testified that upon Remus' return home from Atlanta he started raving at times.

He would raise his hands above his head and say "My God, could it be possible that woman could do this?"

Mueller said he observed such conduct on four occasions.

At those times Remus' face would be "all red and puffed up like," Mueller said.

It was his opinion that Remus was "completely out of his mind."

Court Rules For Remus.

Cincinnati, Nov. 28.—(P)—Sufficient evidence had been introduced to show that the defendant once had a diseased mind, Judge Chester R. Shook ruled in George Remus' murder trial today.

He permitted the defense to begin citing the alleged causes, thereby opening a very wide field.

The ruling was the second important one of the session. Judge Shook previously ruled that the defense would have to show independently that there had been signs of diseased mentality before the causes of it could be proved.

After three witnesses in a row had testified that in their opinion Remus had been insane prior to the time he shot and killed his estranged second wife, Imogene, in Eden Park here last October 6, the court ruled that the other matter could be gone into.

THE COTTON MARKET

Market Opened Easy 7 to 12 Points Lower, Later Making New Low Records For the Movement.

New York, Nov. 28.—(P)—The cotton market opened easy today 7 to 12 point net lower, and early in the day continued downward, making new low records for the movement and for the entire month.

Quiet general selling was attributed to weakness in Liverpool and in Alexandria, also on unfavorable interpretation of trade accounts in general, including the tendency toward curtailment in dry goods trade and poor demand for spot cotton in the South, where the basis was reported to be showing some signs of weakening.

Prices continued downward with only temporary rallies, making further low records and showing losses of about \$1.50 per bale from the final of last week. New Orleans, Liverpool and the South generally were the principal sellers, while aside from trade buying and covering the demand was slow. January sold at 19.02 and May at 19.42 around midday.

Cotton futures opened easy: Dec. 19.27; Jan. 19.23; March 19.17; May 19.14; July 19.17.

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Bell's carries a big line of men's furnishings and the prices are unusually low. Broadcloth shirts from 75 cents to \$1.98, socks from 10 cents to 48 cents and neckwear from 25 cents to 98 cents. Read ad. carefully.

Eldred's has men's and young men's suits at \$14.95. Also all wool suits from \$18.50 to \$19.50 and boys' suits at \$11.45 to \$14.95.

WEATHER

Generally fair tonight and Tuesday, warmer tonight in west portion.