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CAPITAL CITY NEWS BUDGET

Doings of The Legislature In Raleigh

Special to The Sun. Raleigh, N. C., Mar. 15.—The funeral of Col. A. Q. Holladay, for ten years president of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts and a man well known and beloved throughout the South, will take place from the First Presbyterian church, Raleigh, this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Col. Holladay died early Sunday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Pickel, in West Raleigh, after a sudden attack of pneumonia. However, he had been in feeble health for a quite a while. He was a native of Cherry Grove, Spotsylvania county, Virginia. He graduated from the University of Virginia and prosecuting his studies still further in the University of Berlin. In the civil war he practiced law in Richmond and served four terms in the Virginia State Senate. After the death of his father who was an eminent Virginia lawyer, Col. Holladay abandoned practice and devoted himself to teaching and writing. Col. Holladay's ten years service here as president of the A. & M. College won for him many admiring friends here and although his home was at his country place Bagely, Nelson county, Virginia, he spent his winters here with his daughter, Mrs. Pickel. His children with him when he died were Mrs. Pickel, Raleigh; W. W. Holladay, Wilmington; A. K. Holladay, Richmond; other children surviving him are Mrs. Peyton W. Hogue, Louisville; C. B. Holladay, Wilmington, Del. Announcement is made of the promotion of Dr. A. H. Harris, of Wilmington, from the position of Captain Surgeon to Major Surgeon, succeeding Dr. F. H. Holmes, of Clinton, whose resignation has been accepted by Governor Kitchin. It is thought probable that Governor Kitchin will announce the remainder of his military appointments within the next week, these having been deferred since the inauguration. Baggage Master Ernest Duval died Sunday from the injuries he received in the terrible wreck on the Seaboard Air Line thirty-five miles South of Raleigh caused by the head-on collision of the fine Florida Limited passenger train No. 33 and a northbound freight, the engineer on which overlooked meeting orders for the passenger train. When first taken from the wreck the physicians thought that Duval's injuries would not be fatal. However complications developed on examination at the Sanford hospital, and death followed Sunday. It is understood that Express Messenger Rowe who was the next most seriously injured, is recovering satisfactorily. Capt. Cox, conductor of the passenger train, who had his leg broken, has been carried to his home in Portsmouth. Engineer Elsiehart, who saved his life by jumping from the freight engine when he saw the glow of the electric light ahead of him, is in very much of a state of nervous collapse over the accident. The position of law clerk to the attorney general, an office created by the recent general assembly, has been offered by Attorney General T. W. Bledsoe to Mr. G. L. Jones of Franklin, Macon county, and it is understood that he will accept. Mr. Jones was here for quite a while filling a clerkship in the office of the corporation commission and has since been practicing law in Franklin. Considerable criticism is being passed by people of the city on a "tag day" enterprise launched by enthusiastic promoters of a movement for better equipment for the Raleigh High school, the plan being to have the children, especially the young girls, to go through the principal streets and pin tags on the gentlemen they meet standing from each a fee of 25 cents for this fund. Wednesday is the day this unique collection is to be taken, the only indication being big cards in the show windows about the city to the effect that "tag day" is "very near."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Short Items of Interest Condensed into Small Space

Chairman of Street and Pumps Committee C. J. McCarthy stated today that the work being done around the Confederate monument had been about completed. For some time past this plot so much honored by the citizens of New Bern was not up to the desire of many and Mr. McCarthy made an effort to take chances on what he thought would be an improvement and the city's counsel gave him the privilege to use enough of the city's funds to make it what it is today. The work shows that the trees have been removed and grass is growing over the mound allotted to mark the memory of the heroic Confederates of this part of the Old North State. Around the plot a complete circle has been made with granite curbing about 60 feet across which places the monument directly in the center of the circle. The plan as carried out shows a pleasing sight and those with reason to look upon the sacred spot will but think the more of Mr. McCarthy.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neuner, of Iliou, N. Y., are visiting in the city, for a couple of weeks, and are the guests of Mrs. Neuner's sister, Mrs. Theresa Swert, on Broad street.

Miss Mamie Burks, of Pittsburg, Va., arrived in the city last evening to take charge of the millinery department at J. J. Baxter's store. This morning she received a phone message announcing the death of her mother in Norfolk. She left immediately for Norfolk, and will return to New Bern the latter part of the week.

Two offenders of the city ordinances were hauled up this morning before Mayor James A. Bryan in the city police court on a charge of being disorderly in the city limits. His honor adjudged them guilty which meant they had to donate their mites to the city treasurer.

Weather forecast for North Carolina: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Frost tonight.

Messrs S. M. Aaskin, of Greensboro, N. C., and S. C. Transday, of Monroe, La., are in the city on business and registered at the Gaston hotel. Mr. A. S. Tarr arrived this morning from Baltimore, and is a guest of the Gem hotel.

An examination for the position of clerk and carrier in the postal service was held under the direction of the local board of civil service examiners in the U. S. Court room Saturday morning. There were eight applicants who took the examination; five male and three female. Of the five males, one was colored.

The oyster market for the balance of the season will be a little dull. Today the 15th of March, is the last day that the law allows any dredging and tonging in the public waters. The only oysters that will be brought to the market during the remainder of the season will be caught from private beds that had been planted by parties.

Rev. and Mrs. Leslie P. Howard of Morehead City, passed through New Bern this morning for Kingston, where they will make a short visit with relatives and friends.

The steamer Perle May is on Meadows' railway undergoing some repairs.

Mr. Thos. Dixon is building a pile-driver at Wolfenden's dock preparatory to driving piling for a foundation on the vacant lot between the Trent River N. & S. shed and the building occupied by Mr. S. G. Roberts. A brick building will be erected on this plot and when completed will be occupied by the Hyman Supply Company. The structure will be built by Mr. J. J. Wolfenden.

Duff White, a negro of Dover, N. C., was brought to New Bern and lodged in Craven county jail to await the results of injuries he inflicted on one John Morgan, colored of Dover, last Saturday night at a negro dance. The nature of Morgan's injuries are pistol ball wounds in the shoulder and about his body, having been shot several times. Late reports from Dover as to Morgan's condition is that he is in a critical condition and not expected to live.

LIBS STILL BETWEEN TRAINS.

Struck by One of Them, Fellow Male Libs Presence of Mind.

Shannon, Pa., Mar. 14.—Struck by a heading locomotive, John Despay was flung between two tracks, today, as trains passed in opposite directions.

Although badly bruised he lay quiet until the last ray of one train had passed, when he rolled onto that track and escaped.

REV. MR. HAM FAVOR TARIFF ON LUMBER

International Bible Conference in Session

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Ham left this morning for Atlanta, Ga., to attend the Thirtieth Annual Bible Conference, to be held at the Tabernacle Baptist Church of that city, of which the famous Dr. L. G. Broughton is pastor. These conferences are inter-denominational, both in attendance and speakers. There will be such men as Dr. Stuart Holden, of Farmington Square Episcopal Church, London, Dr. Joseph Kemp, a Baptist, from Scotland; Rev. S. D. Gordon, a Presbyterian, from Massachusetts, Rev. Melville Trotter, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Miss Prier, of Australia, and many other great Bible teachers.

Mr. Ham promises The Sun two articles describing the conference.

"LOVE BITE," HIS DEFENSE.

Accused Hubby Says He Chewed Wife's Cheek for Affection. Baltimore, Mar. 15.—"I have heard of the soul kiss and kisses of other kinds, but I never heard of a man biting his wife's as an evidence of his affection for her," remarked Justice O'Neill today, when George Phoebus, aged 27, of East Baltimore street, endeavored to explain the biting of his wife, for which offense she had him arrested.

Mrs. Phoebus said her husband deliberately bit her on her cheek, and though the pain was excruciating, he said it was a "love bite."

The Justice fined him \$5 and gave him 10 days in jail.

IN JAIL FOR BROTHER'S SAKE.

Let Accused Man Escape From His Home. Philadelphia, Mar. 15.—Calling at the home of William Sweeten, Eighth and Walnut streets, Camden, with a warrant for the arrest of Sweeten, on a charge of breaking and entering, City Detective John Brothers stated in the Police Court Saturday that he was stopped by Sweeten's brother Arthur, who closed a door in his face so that William could escape.

Arthur was committed in default of \$500 bail on a charge of interfering with an officer. William had not been located up to last night.

ROW OVER PORTO RICO BUDGET.

Legislature Recalled to Pass the Appropriation.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Mar. 15.—The Legislature adjourned at midnight Saturday night without passing the budget for the coming fiscal year. The three conference committees of the House could not arrive at an agreement on the Appropriation bill, and Governor Regis H. Post immediately after the adjournment, called the legislature in extraordinary session at 10 o'clock today.

Heavy reductions in the salaries of insular employees, including those of officials of the United States Court, were responsible for the disagreement between the legislators and the Council.

New Bern Building and Loan Association.

We, the undersigned stockholders of the New Bern Building and Loan Association, endorse the present management of the Association and being desirous of seeing the usefulness of the association continued unhampered we desire to state that we intend to remain in the same and meet payments necessary to mature the stock, and would advise other stockholders to do the same.

- O. Marks & Son, John D. Patterson, A. F. Patterson, N. W. Jones, M. L. Jacobs, A. L. Willis, Lewis & Lewis, F. B. Duffy, L. H. Cutler, Jr., Wm. T. Hill, M. D. W. Stevenson, Jr., Chas. E. Swert, H. W. Simpson, J. A. Jones, L. A. Davis, Isaac Cohen, A. L. Hyman, F. C. Roberts, L. A. Smith, C. Eby, H. DeVal Jones, J. H. Booth, E. W. Goodfriend.

FAVOR TARIFF ON LUMBER

Letter From Mr. Thomas To W. G. Boyd

House of Representatives, U. S. Washington, D. C., Mar. 12, 1909. W. G. Boyd, Esq., Secretary Chamber of Commerce, New Bern, N. C. Dear Sir: Your letter duly received enclosing copy of resolutions of the Chamber of Commerce of New Bern against the "repeal of the present tariff on foreign lumber." I have given this question very careful consideration, obtaining all the information available. I have had many other letters of like kind not only from my district, but throughout North Carolina and the South in regard thereto.

In reply I have to say I shall oppose the repeal of the existing tariff on lumber. I so stated at a meeting of our delegation early in the year. Our industries in Eastern North Carolina are so interwoven that whatever affects one, necessarily affects another. The merchants, farmers, laborers and all classes of our people are more or less interested in the lumber industry in Eastern North Carolina.

My speech in Congress February 7, 1908, shows that the value of lumber cut in 1906 at the North Carolina mills was about \$20,000,000, that nearly three-fourths of the lumber produced in North Carolina at present is yellow pine; that the State ranks sixth in point of yellow pine production, and twelfth in point of total production among all lumber producing States. One-half of the total manufactures of lumber comes from the South.

Large investments have been made in mills in the South and many laborers employed therein. There are between sixteen and seventeen hundred saw mills in North Carolina and a large majority of them are small mills. There are about 30,000 sawmills in the United States, and of that great number the South has a large proportion. Nothing should be needlessly done to affect this industry of our State and the South.

The extra session of Congress is for the purpose of revising the Dingley Tariff Law passed in 1897. It is a Republican revision and the responsibility is upon the Republican party. The best that can be expected is to re-adjust the duties under the tariff schedules so as to correct inequalities and secure sufficient revenue to be derived from customs.

According to the estimates of the Secretary of the Treasury, the revenues for the current fiscal year will be at least \$120,000,000 less than the expenditures. A tariff for revenue is necessary to meet the expenses of the Government. The tariff upon lumber is now, in my opinion, upon a revenue basis. The duty on rough lumber is now \$2.00 per thousand feet, which is only about 12 per cent ad valorem. In a long list of tariff schedules lumber is about the lowest on the list. It would be unjust and sectional to repeal the tariff on lumber while leaving undisturbed practically other schedules. The average rate under the Dingley Law is about 50 per cent ad valorem. In some schedules it ranges from 50 per cent to 250 per cent. If a horizontal reduction of the tariff was made according to the Morrison idea, you would never touch lumber as it is so low down on the list.

Again, the duty on iron, steel, cement and almost all other structural and building materials that come in competition with lumber, some of which in form of machinery enter largely into the cost of its manufacture, range under the present law 25 per cent ad valorem.

Again, by reason of proximity to the lumber markets of the North and West by water and rail, Canada has a decided advantage in transportation charges and rates over Southern lumber producers, which is a proper subject of consideration in a tariff bill to be framed by the Republican party, with some reductions, but in the main along protective lines.

It has been suggested that the removal of the existing tariff on lumber would benefit the consumer and preserve our forests. Mr. Pinchot, Chief of the United States Bureau of Forestry, declares in a recent letter to Mr. Payne, chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means: "That if the duty were removed there would be little, if any, benefit to the ultimate consumer."

MR. HARGET AND HOWARD

Make Announcements for Chief

To the Democratic Voters of the City of New Bern: I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the position of Chief of Police of the City of New Bern.

Having served during the administrations of ten mayors, I feel, with an experience of thirty years, that I am fully qualified to discharge the duties of the office and appeal therefore to my old comrades with whom, shoulder to shoulder, we upheld the flag of our Confederacy, and passed through the dark days of reconstruction, and to my many friends who knew me then and have known me since, to give me their support.

If I am elected, I promise to give my entire time and best efforts to the upholding of the law, and its rigid enforcement. Thanking my friends for their past favors, I am Respectfully, J. M. HARGET.

To The Democratic Voters of the City of New Bern: I beg to announce myself a candidate for the office of Chief of Police of the City of New Bern, subject to the Democratic primary, the principles of which party my life's work has been to help carry out. I heartily endorse, and have aided as best I could, the progressive movement that is now building our city.

If elected to the office, I shall be where duty calls me—at the head of the department—and see that the law is executed without fear or favor. Sincerely, SAM'L M. HOWARD.

Two announcements are made today for the office of Chief of Police. J. M. Harget, the present incumbent, calls upon the friends who have carried him to victory, in the thirty years past, and feels confident there has been no break in the ranks. The Chief was rather reluctant about his opposition, saying that if there were any chances against him they would be obliterated owing to the number of aspirants. "I would rather have four against me than one," said the Chief.

Mr. Howard, who also makes his announcement today, and who, it will be remembered, resigned from the police force some time ago for the purpose of becoming a candidate for the office, seemed exceedingly encouraged at the prospects for his election. Mr. Howard also spoke of the encouragement of his friends who were instrumental in bringing him out for the office. He said he had worked with the party in all its battles and had stood and defended its rulings. Whether defeated or not for this office he would be a democrat just the same. "I believe that my almost four years experience in the police department was sufficient to show me where I could aid this department in its effort to become proficient as the city progresses. I realize that the office I seek is decidedly important and that the position is at the head and that there are laws bearing upon the officers under me just the same as there is law bearing upon the citizens. In other words it shall be my duty to look after the police department as well as the violations of the law outside of that," was about the sum and substance of Mr. Howard's statement.

New Bank for Morehead.

A new bank has been organized at Morehead City. The managers and owners of this institution will conduct their business in the same building formerly occupied by the Bank of Morehead City, which a few weeks ago became extinct. The following directors have been selected for the new banking concern: Messrs. J. D. Morton, W. E. Headen, R. T. Willis, Peter Schmesik, W. J. Wyatt, T. D. Webb, W. S. Chadwick, T. A. Uzell and L. L. Leary. The directors met and elected the following officers: President—J. D. Morton. Vice-President—T. D. Webb. Cashier—E. H. Gorham.

This bank expects to be ready within a few days to open its doors for business to the general public.

LOST—ON MIDDLE STREET OR S.

Front street, two \$5 bills; one \$1 bill and one \$2 bill. Finder will please return to Sun office.

of this tariff would promote their interests. Yours very truly, CHARLES R. THOMAS.

THAT WEEKS LETTER.

Rev. Whitman, of Seattle, Washington, Explains.

Rev. Whitman, of Seattle, explains how Weeks got into it by putting it all on the newspaper.

Seattle, Wash., Mar. 6th, 1909. New Bern Publishing Co., New Bern, N. C.

Dear Sirs: Your valued favor of February 22nd is before me. I have read with great interest the copies of The Sun you were good enough to send, partly because of my general interest in many of the items, the papers occasionally recalling to me the days when I had the privilege of knowing the old North State more intimately than I have in these recent years, and partly because of the painful interest I feel in the situation that has arisen over Mr. Weeks' letter.

Mr. Weeks is largely the victim of circumstances. A reporter of the Seattle Times was in my office when Mr. Weeks' letter reached me last month. This reporter was interested in certain measures of practical reform, and we have often talked of programs of improvements for different elements in the community. The appeal of Mr. Weeks seemed to suggest a special need, and I said to my friend, the reporter, that the letter I held in my hand was quite of the nature of some matters we had discussed before, and I read the letter to him. When I had finished he said: "I wish you would let me have that letter for the paper. It is quite possible that the publication of it would do good." It seemed to me an excellent service. The reporter took the letter and presently a part of it appeared in the paper under the somewhat startling headline to which such bitter exertion has been taken. There also appeared a comment following the letter concerning the situation, which the reporter credits to me, but which was really an expression used by himself in our conversation.

What I wish to suggest is that the headline and the comment following the letter were no part of the letter, and for them Mr. Weeks is in no way responsible. The letter apart from the interpretation of the headline was a comparatively harmless document. I wish that I could send the original copy. Unfortunately, however, the reporter did not return it to me and he has since left the paper. Diligent search has been made to find the original letter, but evidently in clearing up his desk before leaving the office he disposed of this manuscript with other papers whose use he judged to be past. There appeared, however, in the New Bern Daily Journal Sunday morning, February 21st, a copy of the letter which I should not hesitate to endorse as the original communication from Mr. Weeks to myself. Doubtless you have this at hand, but I enclose the copy, saying again that as I read it it seems to me an exact copy of Mr. Weeks' letter, the only difference being this copy is in type whereas the original communication was type written letter.

I am glad to add that I have never before heard question raised as to Mr. Weeks' character, or as to the value of the service he is rendering the community through his school. Repeatedly I have had reports of the school and while I have never myself visited New Bern I have accepted the testimony of men who know Mr. Weeks and his work is entirely satisfactory. Enclosed you will please find a booklet giving strong endorsement of the Institute by men who ought to know the Institution well. I feel the less hesitation in sending this booklet on as I have no doubt it has been freely used in the State as well as in places at a distance. The names of men who endorse Mr. Weeks and his work would carry weight any where, and I venture to hope that in spite of the outburst of indignation against what has been regarded as an attack upon the negroes of the old North State, it will be found that the Institute and its principal are as worthy of support as I have always believed.

The largest service I can do toward allaying the resentment of Mr. Weeks' offended friends is to ask that you will give as wide reading as possible to the letter against which such widespread protest has been raised, calling attention again to the fact that the expressions to which exception has been taken most sharply are no part of the letter, and for which it seems to me that Mr. Weeks can in no way be held responsible.

Believe me, Very sincerely yours, B. L. WHITMAN.

Altoona, Pa., Mar. 15.—Riding on the rear of a moving van, Charles Armstrong, aged 5, almost lost his life today. He fell off and the rear wheel passed over his head, breaking his nose and crushing the flesh almost beyond recognition.

An extraordinarily hard skull saved his head from being crushed to a jelly.

PLANNED TO ASSASSINATE

Thought They Have a Black Hand Leader

By Wire to The Sun.

New York, Mar. 15.—Believing that there was a conspiracy to assassinate Lieutenant Joseph Petrasina was planned in this city, the police have made eleven arrests and expect to capture several other suspects today. Four were arrested in Brooklyn, seven in Manhattan and the Bronx.

One of the men made a desperate struggle to escape and in him they believe that they have a notorious black-hand leader, until recently commander of a gang in Chicago. Papers were found in Petrasina's pockets that will probably lead to arrests in Palermo, though warnings warnings have been issued by Mafia in the city.

New York, Mar. 15.—With his throat cut and his skull fractured, the body of Isadore Debolende, night clerk at the Eastern hotel, was found early today.

The police think he had been killed by two men who registered at the hotel about four o'clock. Robbery was the motive, as the clerk's watch and money is missing.

Young Thieves at Work.

The mercantile store of Mr. H. P. Hardy in Riverside was burglarized by young negro boys, between 9 and 14 years of age on Sunday morning between midnight and day-break. Entrance was made to the store by the breaking of a large front window with a stick. The proprietor says he was relieved of a large number of hams, a pair of shoes, pocket knives and several boxes of cigars. The midnight robbers burst open the money-drawer, but their pockets' desire for the coin was disappointed. Officer Strickland was notified and started on trail for the youthful criminals. By his shrewd and clever work he managed to capture two, who are held in the lock-up pending securing the necessary evidence. The officer discovered a youth crawling under some box cars on the Norfolk and Southern track near the store. He at once seized him. The lad told the story but says he did not enter the store, but stayed on the outside to keep watch for anyone on the inside. He gave the names of two boys who he says got the goods, and that they were prompted by a man who the officer has not gotten up with yet. Police Officer Erickland is on to his job and expects to land the whole push very shortly.

New York Cotton.

Table with columns: Month, Open, High, Low, Close. Rows: Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb.

New Bern Market.

Prices of various goods, 6 to 9c. Sales, 2 bales.

Port Receipts.

Table with columns: Location, Amount. Rows: Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk.

Liverpool Market.

Table with columns: Month, Open, Close. Rows: Mar, Apr, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb.

SENTENCES PEDDLERS TO BATH.

New York Mar. 15.—After fining 18 peddlers \$1 each for not having licenses, Magistrate Harrman, in the Harlem Court today changed his mind. "I'll make the fine 50 cents apiece," said the Magistrate, "and I suggest that each of you use the other 50 cents in getting a bath."

This decision on the part of the Magistrate proved a boon for the Court clerk, as each of the prisoners paid his fine in pennies.