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CAPITAL CITY NEWS BUDGET

Joinings of The Legislature In Raleigh

Raleigh, N. C., Mar. 17.—There is much rejoicing here over the result of the election on the Raleigh township special tax for the schools. It looked like one time yesterday afternoon like the special tax might be defeated but the workers "got busy" during the closing hours and rounded up a majority of 459 for the tax, the total vote for schools being 1,154 against a registration of 1,849. There were only 345 votes actually cast against the special tax, but the registration was what counted, a majority of this being necessary for the success of the special tax movement. The tax voted is fifteen cents on the hundred dollars valuation of property and forty-five cents on the poll. The schools closed March 6th for lack of funds to run longer than six months, owing to the loss of the revenue from the erstwhile Raleigh dispensary.

Passing from the voting of a special tax yesterday for the schools the people of the city are today reveling in the excitement of "tag-day" a unique sort of a "hold-up" of the citizenship to raise money needed to pay off an indebtedness for the furniture in the new \$25,000 high school building. This handsome building was completed a year ago and the school authorities found themselves with the building on their hands and no money with which to equip it for use. Business men got together and contributed and the furniture was bought, a debt of something more than \$1,000 being left. It is to liquidate this that "tag-day" is resorted to, large numbers of the school girls being on the streets under proper chaperonage, tagging the gentlemen they meet and requiring donations which are dropped into sealed boxes to be opened tonight. Some of the opponents of the special tax are complaining that it is rather hard to have extra tax saddled on them one day and then be "made to stand deliver" next day in this "tag-day" manner. As a rule, however, the people are entering heartily into the spirit of the affair and the indications are for very creditable grand total of contributions when the results of the frolic are footed up tonight.

An especially important charter just issued by the State, is for the Marion Manufacturing Company, McDowell county, for the manufacture of cotton and other textile work. The capital is \$500,000 authorized and \$200,000 subscribed by D. D. Little, R. H. Bennett and others, Mr. Little holding 1-250 shares of the stock. The schedule for the Eastern Carolina Base Ball League adopted today—the season to open May 17th with Raleigh at Fayetteville, Goldsboro at Rocky Mount and Wilson at Wilmington. The season continues to August 28th and the outlook is declared to be especially bright for a successful season.

C. E. Watson, a valued attendant at the State Hospital for the Dangerous Insane, died suddenly today from apoplexy. J. D. Kerr and F. R. Cooper, of Sampson county, are here conferring with Governor Kitchin relative to the effort that is being made to have the governor change the sentence of former Sheriff Amen, of Sampson for ambushing county funds from six years in the State prison to the same term on the roads of Sampson county. The governor some days ago ordered Amen kept in the county jail of Sampson county until he decides the matter instead of his being brought on the penitentiary, as would have been the case without this special order by the Governor.

Not the slightest trace of O. R. Peterson has been discovered hereabouts since he was seen for a few minutes here by an old friend yesterday under such peculiar circumstances last evening. He is the young man who disappeared some weeks ago from his home in Wilmington and was thought to be lost if not dead in the neighboring counties. He was at the time a shipyard and nervous wreck. He was seen here, having spent a year of his life here as a telegrapher in the employ of the local office and as a brakeman for the railway paper here. Mr. Fisher, who was seen and talked with him, says he was in the employ of the local office and as a brakeman for the railway paper here.

Jones, of Macon county. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, served two years in the office of the corporation commissioner, has since been a law partner of Mr. Fred Johnson in Macon and is a young man of most amiable disposition, studious and energetic and is sure to give the State good service in this new position, which was created by the legislature. Mr. Jones has decided not to wait until April 1st to take up his work and really started in today. Exceptionally good reports come from Davis county as to educational progress. He is advised that several new school houses of substantial character have been completed recently, three others are in course of construction while others have been painted and otherwise improved, including the installation of patent desks. The consolidation of districts continues and a number of local tax elections are pending. The two public high schools at Coolemeade and Farmington are very largely patronized, and doing fine work. There are, he says, indications all over the county of a general forward movement in educational work.

NEGRO PORTER SHOOT A MAN

Fires on Carroll With out Warning

By Wire to The Sun. Indianapolis, Mar. 17.—Patrick Carroll, a saw-maker, was deliberately shot to death this morning by James N. Shelton, a negro Pullman car porter. Shelton walked up behind Carroll and fired a bullet into his back. Fired again into his chest as he fell. Shelton made no attempt to escape but talked so incoherently that the cause of the shooting could not be learned.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Short Items of Interest Condensed Into Small Space

The ladies selected St. Patrick's day as tag day because it is a patriotic day in America as well as in Ireland. They have instructed the young people to tag no person who does not enter into the spirit of the day—News and Observer. The three-mast schooner Grace G. Bennett arrived in port yesterday from Norfolk, Va., mastered by Capt. L. H. Larmore, with a cargo of general merchandise for dealers in this city. She is discharging part of her cargo at the Trent river warehouse.

Ex-Sheriff A. B. Campen, of Bayboro, Pamlico county, is among the prominent business callers in the city today. He is looking over some live stock. Weather forecast for North Carolina: Fair tonight and Thursday; colder tonight with freezing temperature in the interior, and frost near the coast. Mayor James A. Bryan disposed of three cases of disorderly conduct this morning during the session of the city police court. In one case the defendant indulged too freely in strong drink, giving the officer who made the arrest a lively time. The three defendants went to the mourner's bench and paid the penalty by donating their mite to the city treasurer.

The officers and directors of the Eastern Carolina League met in Fayetteville and adopted the by-laws and a schedule for the season, which will begin May 17th and close on August 28th. The opening games to be played on the 17th of May will be Wilmington at Wilson, Rocky Mount at Goldsboro, Fayetteville at Raleigh. A late report from the home of Mr. J. M. Spencer brings the sad information that his condition last evening was not so good, having spent a very disagreeable night. A number of freight schooners are at the different docks and wharves, taking on cargoes of merchandise for merchants in the surrounding counties, Pamlico, Carteret and Onslow.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF J. F. MERCHANT. All persons having claims against J. F. Merchant will please present same to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of May, 1909, New Bern, N. C. J. F. MERCHANT, Assignee for J. F. Merchant.

EXACT COPY COUNTY BILL

Provides for Election of Half Commissioners

A Bill to be Enacted. An Act to Regulate the Election of Commissioners for the County of Craven and to Fix their Terms of Office. The General Assembly of North Carolina do Enact: Section 1. That the five members of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Craven elected at the general election to be held in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten by the duly qualified electors of said county shall be divided into two classes. The terms of office of the members of the first class which shall consist of two members of said Board shall expire the first Monday in December, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, and the terms of office of the members of the second class shall consist of three members of said Board shall expire the first Monday in December, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

Section 2. There shall be elected in said county at the general election to be held in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve, and every four years thereafter, by the duly qualified electors thereof two persons to be chosen from the body of the county to succeed the commissioners of the first class, and three shall be elected in said county at the general election to be held in the year one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and every four years thereafter, by the duly qualified electors thereof three persons to be chosen from the body of the county to succeed the commissioners of the second class. The persons so elected shall be styled "The Board of Commissioners for the County of Craven," and shall hold their office for four years from date of their qualification and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

Section 3. That all laws and clauses of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Section 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification. The above is handed The Sun as a copy of the now famous county bill, though not introduced in the legislature. Replying to questions it was denied that there were any intentions upon the part of anyone to perpetuate either one of the commissioners in office, in fact Representative Green gave as his excuse for the bill not being introduced was due to the fact that it reached Senator Ormond too late and at the time he was in Washington, which, it was mentioned, was during the closing days of the General Assembly, there being a rush of much important business during these hours.

In another column Mr. Green recites the work accomplished in the assembly of interest to his county over his own name.

Chicago, Mar. 17.—Wheat firm and higher, 5-8 to 7-8 over yesterday. Opening: wheat, May 116 1-8; corn, May 67 1-8; oats, May 54 3-4. New York, Mar. 17.—Cotton opened firm 4 to 5 points higher. Opening: Mar. 9.37; May 9.32; July 9.25; Oct. 9.16. New York, Mar. 17.—Stock market continued first few minutes showing irregularity. Changes influenced by covering short contracts. By ten-fifteen 1-8 to 1-2 gains scored in smelting, reading, national lead and other active list averaged firm.

City Democratic Executive Committee. Take notice there will be a meeting of the committee at the City Hall Thursday evening, March 18th, 1909, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of making a date for holding the city primary election for the several city officers and such other business that may come before the meeting. THOS. F. MCCARTHY, Chm. Committee.

Table with market data including New York Cotton, New York Spots, New Bern Market, Liverpool Market, and Hotel Arrivals.

BILLS OF LOCAL CONSIDERATION

Mr. Green Recites His Work in Legislature

Editor Sun. For the benefit of the public, who perhaps are not thoroughly informed as to the bills passed at the recent session of the legislature, I take this opportunity of briefly explaining the several most important ones. The Recorder's Court bill provides for a Criminal Court for New Bern and the 8th and 7th Townships with some amendments to the original bill permitting Justices of the Peace of other townships to make warrants returnable and triable before and at the Recorder's Court. The Recorder's salary is fixed at \$1200 per annum. The prosecuting attorney's is left to the joint Board of Aldermen and County Commissioners. Clerk's is fixed at \$40 per month. All the officers to be elected by the joint Board of Aldermen and County Commissioners on the first Monday in June 1909 should the bill be ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of the city of New Bern at the regular election on the first Tuesday in May, 1909.

This bill is in all its essential features and provisions the Durham Recorder's Court bill drawn by Senator Manning. The chief difference is that Mr. Manning named the Recorder, the prosecuting attorney and the clerk in the bill and the bill became a law upon its ratification, without submission to the people. This is the only Recorder's Court bill I know of passed at this session to be submitted to the people for ratification. Right here I would say that I have no personal interest in the bill and whether or not, it is ratified at the city election is absolutely immaterial to me, personally. I am not a candidate for Recorder. If the bill is ratified I would not accept the position.

This court has proven to be a good thing both in saving money to the people and clearing the dockets of the Criminal Court in other towns much smaller than New Bern. What I desire, is to let the people have it if they desire it, or reject it if they don't. I did not think that the present Board of Aldermen had an exclusive right to speak for the majority of the people, neither do I deny their right to have proposed it, nor do I criticize the Board on account of its opposition. But what I do want is the expression of a majority of the people. With that I am content—whatever the verdict.

Before leaving the subject of the Recorder's Court bill, perhaps it would be well to say that all court costs and fees are to be paid into the hands of the county treasurer to be kept by him in a separate fund out of which is to be paid the salary of the Recorder, prosecuting attorney and clerk, thus making the offender pay the expenses of the court, which it does as I am informed in other towns of less population than New Bern. However, if not sufficient the city and county bear equally the deficiency, which at most would not be great. Now the county salary bill simply pays the county officials salaries instead of fees. Of course, the fees now collected by the various county officials will still be collected by them but under the bill they turn those fees over to the county treasurer to be kept by him in a separate fund called the "Salary Fund," out of which are to be paid the salaries of the county officers.

A new office is created under the bill called a "County Auditor," to be elected by the Board of commissioners, whose duties are very numerous and important, but chief among which is the duty of supervising and auditing all the books of the county officers, monthly. The salaries of the county officers are as follows: Clerk of Superior Court \$3,000; Register of Deeds 3,000; County Treasurer 1,200; Sheriff 3,700. The sheriff in addition is allowed to choose a jailer whose salary is to be paid by the commissioners out of the salary fund thus making the sheriff's salary \$4,000 at least. Out of these salaries the various county officers must pay their own deputies and clerks.

The county auditor's salary is left to be fixed by the board of commissioners. This bill must be voted on at the general election in November, 1910 and must be ratified by a majority of the qualified voters at said election; and if ratified will go into effect on the

ENGINE RUNS INTO STATION

Between 10 and 12 Were Killed

Montreal, Mar. 17.—The Boston and Montreal express train, reaching here at nine o'clock today, ran wild into the terminal station at forty miles an hour and crashed through a granite wall and landed the engine in the ladies waiting room. Between ten and twelve were killed and many more were seriously injured. Most of the victims are women and children. When the train was two miles out from the city, the breaking of a stay-bolt hurled the engineer and fireman from the cab, and the train thundered on without drivers.

Hotel Arrivals. Gaston, W. R. Crook, Frankfort, Ky. F. H. Guerrant, Danville, Va.; J. M. Royal, Richmond, Va.; T. A. Richards, Jr., Baltimore; A. H. Hugnet, U. S. Army; H. P. Derrah, Goldsboro. Hamilton, A. Borg, Oriental, N. C.; R. Johnson, Oriental, N. C.; R. H. Apple, Baltimore, Md.; J. C. Johnson, N. C.; Miss Annie Johnson, N. C.; Mrs. Ruth Elliott, N. C.; Miss Hattie Dixon, N. C.; Mrs. F. C. Rayler, N. C.

FIRST CASE IN NEW HANOVER

First Fine Pays Expense of Court

Wilmington, N. C., Mar. 17.—The initial session of the Recorder's Court of New Hanover County, was held yesterday morning at 11 o'clock in the Superior Court room at the Court House, Recorder John J. Furlong presiding and Mr. F. T. Skipper at the desk as clerk. The novelty of the inauguration of the court and the fact that one or more cases of more than passing interest were docketed for trial attracted an unusually large number of spectators including the Mayor, County Attorney, Chairman McEachern, of the Board of County Commissioners, and others. Six cases all told were docketed for trial, but none was of importance save that of Rowland W. Young, proprietor of a near-beer saloon at No. 5 Market street, charged with violation of the State prohibition law in selling at different times two pints of gin to Philip Statts, a soldier from Fort Caswell, who has been detained by the police since Friday afternoon as a witness in the case. Young was represented by Brooke G. Empe, Esq., and upon being found guilty by the Recorder was fined \$50 and costs, which he paid without appeal to the Superior Court.

The bill which provided for two-year and four-year commissioners, so as to always have experienced commissioners on the board, was not introduced, I understand, owing to the delay in sending the bill to Senator Ormond. I was in Washington at the time and did not see the bill. However, the principle underlying the bill is good, and I most heartily endorse it. Had it come to me earlier in the session it would now be law. Its purpose was in nowise to perpetuate anybody in office, but looked to the best interests of the people in the administration of the county's business, wisely and economically. It was a step forward in progress, the bill is published elsewhere in this issue.

It is lamentably true that our people are unaware of the fact that our Board of Commissioners in general, and its chairman in particular is regarded throughout the State as the most progressive, and best administrative in the State. How true is it that a "prophet is not without honor save in his own country." Before closing I wish to say that after fighting for days to take the Dutch nets out of the Pamlico side of Neuse river against the bitter opposition of the democratic representative of Pamlico county, Mr. Martin, I effected a compromise by agreeing upon a substitute to Mr. Wooten of Lenoir's bill by which fishing of set nets is prohibited above the confluence of the Neuse and Trent rivers—that is above Union Point in this city—and Dutch nets are prohibited above Wilkeson's Point. This shoves the Dutch net twelve miles farther down the river, on the Pamlico side—they are not allowed at all on the Craven and Carteret side of the river. This isn't much, but its an entering wedge and narrows the territory within which they may be fished.

After a desperate fight led by the gallant gentleman from Carteret, Mr. Wallace, we succeeded by a narrow margin in killing the bill to tax the fisherman's nets to keep up a fish commission. This is now in force along Albemarle Sound, and it was sought to extend it to the counties on the Pamlico sound. To tax the fishermen on the nets by which he makes his livelihood is a grave injustice, and ought not to be done—so we have killed it for two years at least.

In all matters pertaining to our people and their interests I have done the best I could to advance what I believed to be their interest. Wherever I was in doubt I have left it to them to decide. Very respectfully, ERNEST M. GREEN.

LARGEST CHARGE

Nashville, Mar. 17.—Judge Hart read his charge to the jury this morning. It is said to be the largest charge ever delivered to a jury in this country. It contains 16,000 words. It defined at length four grades of homicide and carefully explained the law as regards malice and threats. It discussed the law as to self-defense and as to circumstantial evidence, credibility of witnesses, etc. The latter part of the charge dealt with respective theories of the case as held by State and defense.

Fred Miller Again. By Wire to The Sun. Raleigh, N. C., Mar. 17.—Fred Miller, white, of this city, was arrested this morning, charged with stealing \$14 from Gordon Morgan. They went to Morgan's room and Morgan charges that Miller doped him and took his money. Miller was arrested in connection with the Smith murder case some time ago, but the warrant against him was dropped.

HOLIDAY TO EMPLOYEES

Observes the Birth of St. Patrick.

By Wire to The Sun. New York, Mar. 17.—St. Patrick's Day here was celebrated principally by a parade, in which nearly 75,000 people marched. Thousands of spectators gathered early on Fifth Avenue included in the line of march. For the first time in the history of the city, the federal government observed the day by granting holiday to those post-office employees who wished. Mass was held this morning and there will be various entertainments tonight.

WARNING TO DETECTIVES

Mafia Threatens the Americans

By Cable to The Sun. Rome, Mar. 17.—With incredible boldness, members of Mafia have issued a warning to any other American detective who may come here to complete the work begun by Petrasino. Death warning follows close upon the heels of a report that other detectives will come here from the United States. Piccinardi bearing the escutcheon of Mafia have been circulated and are posted in prominent places and notices have been sent to the newspapers. The police seem powerless in the face of this avalanche of threatening letters.

Impetuous to the investigation was lent today by another assassination, thought to be the work of Mafia. The body of an unidentified man, well dressed and apparently educated was found in the outskirts of Palermo with two stab wounds in his body.

New Tariff Bill. By Wire to The Sun. Washington, D. C., Mar. 17.—A new tariff bill was introduced today. The striking feature is an inheritance tax, direct inheritances \$10,000 to \$100,000 be taxed one per cent. Coffee is placed on free list. The duty on lumber, steel rails, and other steel products reduced 50 per cent. Reduction of five cents on refined sugar. Iron ore and hides go to free list. Duty on shoes is reduced 40 per cent. The world's actors and actresses appear in the pictures at Amusea.