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THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

AN ADDRESS TO VOTERS BY THE STATE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

On Election Day, November 3rd next, ten amendments to the Constitution of North Carolina will be submitted to the voters. It is our earnest desire to inform you of these amendments and to urge you to vote for or against them, according to your judgment.

The undersigned have examined these amendments, and believing that every citizen who understands them will gladly embrace the opportunity to vote for them, we offer the following statement of them.

The Truth About the Proposed Constitutional Amendments.

In the General Assembly of 1913 more than twenty amendments to our Constitution were introduced. This gives an idea of the demand for changes in the Constitution. As that General Assembly did not have time to consider these amendments, it authorized the appointment of a Commission of twenty citizens to carefully go over the present Constitution and to prepare and report to the General Assembly in special session such amendments as they might deem good and sound. This the Commission did.

The General Assembly, in session in the fall of 1913, carefully reviewed the report of the Commission, and after thorough discussion, passed for submission to the voters the amendments now before us. The fact that these amendments received almost unanimous support in the General Assembly is one of the best assurances that each of them is calculated to advance the interests of the people of North Carolina.

Further evidence to the same effect is the fact that these amendments are heartily endorsed by the Governor and leaders of the political parties, the State Press Association and official leaders of the Farmers' Union, who declare that if adopted they will "make for progress in this State and for the advancement of our farming interests and all other worthy interests in the State." These leaders especially endorse the taxation amendments because they "sets free our people to work out necessary reforms in taxation while leaving in force the present restrictions in rate."

Another fact of great significance as to the merits of the proposed amendments is this: That notwithstanding that they were proposed by a General Assembly overwhelmingly Democratic, they have received the emphatic endorsement of the Republican State Convention.

So much in general. We propose now to briefly set forth the meaning of each of the ten amendments, in the order in which they will be voted upon for the purpose of informing the reader.

I
The first amendment proposes to strike out of the Constitution the phrase "Insurrection or rebellion against the United States," and to substitute for that odious characterization of the Civil War, the phrase, "War Between the States."

This will appeal to every patriotic North Carolinian.

II
The second amendment proposes to increase the pay of members of the General Assembly from four dollars per day to six dollars per day, and of the respective presiding officers of the House thereof from six dollars per day to eight dollars per day.

It is hoped thus to make it possible for more of our people to afford the expense of being members of the General Assembly, as the present compensation does not begin to meet the necessary campaign expenses, board bills, and the time a citizen must lose from his regular duties.

III
The third amendment has for

its object the restriction of local, private and special legislation with the twofold view of (1) having many of these matters referred to boards of county commissioners and the governing bodies of our towns, (2) of affording the General Assembly liberty to engage in the consideration of matters of State-wide importance.

Every session of the General Assembly is congested with thousands of bills of no general importance; matters that should be the subject of uniform legislation, on the one hand, or local self-government on the other. If this amendment shall be ratified by the people they will emancipate the General Assembly from its present bondage of local and special legislation and endow it with liberty to attend to matters of interest to all the people.

This amendment gives the General Assembly power to "pass general laws regulating the matters set out in this section;" that is, local, special and private matters will be disposed of once and for all in general acts.

Let the reader consider what it will mean to the Commonwealth to have its General Assembly rid of the thousands of little bills of no general value in order that it may treat the matters of great concern to all the people.

IV
The fourth amendment changes the date of the inauguration of the Governor from the "1st day of January" to "the second Wednesday after the first Monday in January."

This is to correct an error in the present Constitution and to fix the date of the inauguration subsequent to the canvassing of the election returns by the General Assembly.

V
The fifth amendment empowers the General Assembly to provide for the selection of special or emergency judges of the Superior court. As matters now stand, if a judge of the Superior court falls sick the Governor has to call in a judge from another district, or court is suspended. This amendment will enable the General Assembly to relieve against this—thus saving time and money and making for the general public convenience.

VI
The sixth amendment merely strikes from the Constitution certain obsolete articles.

VII
Article seven strikes out the present Article on Revenue and Taxation and substitutes therefor an article designed to give the General Assembly power to reform our present inequitable, burdensome and inefficient taxation system.

This new article holds the present rate of taxation at 60 cents on the \$100 for State and county purposes. It also fixes the rate in cities and towns for all purposes at 75 cents on the \$100. The only way to increase the rates so fixed is by popular vote.

There is now no constitutional limit upon the tax rate a city or town may fix. Under the proposed amendment the limit would be fixed at 75 cents on the \$100.

So much for the rate. It is further proposed to enable the General Assembly to classify subjects of taxation—all subjects of a class to be uniformly taxed; and to separate subjects of taxation for State and local purposes, that is, assigning one sort of property for local taxation and another for State taxation.

Now the effect of this provision is to free the hand of the General Assembly from the paralyzing effect of the present requirement of uniformity.

As matters now stand, the burden of taxation falls upon the

THE "TIGER" HUNT GROWS WARM

Four of the Beasts Captured up to Thursday Noon -- Warrants for Others Now Pending

The "tiger hunt" in Roanoke Rapids, conducted under the auspices of Chief Baird, grows more and more productive of results. That the Chief is a good hunter and knows where to look for his game is shown by the fact that warrants up to Thursday noon had been sworn out and served against four reputed "tigers" with sufficient evidence on the side to justify Magistrate W. C. Allbrook in binding them all over to Halifax.

The first man falling in the clutches of the law was M. R. Jacob, against whom were marshaled an all too strong array of witnesses. Gussie Rook, chief witness, testified to having purchased "flicker" from the defendant and his testimony was corroborated by eyewitnesses, Charlie Cook, G. W. Sashbury and B. D. Gray. Judgment of the court placed the defendant under bond of \$100.00 for his appearance at the Superior Court of Halifax County and the witnesses were recognized under a bond of \$50.00 for their appearance.

Charlie Moody, victim No. 2, witnesses Gussie Rook, M. R. Jacob, Charlie Cook, B. D. Gray, bound over to Halifax Superior Court under bond of \$75.00, witnesses recognized under a bond of \$50.00 for their appearance.

Jesse Merritt likewise implicated in the illegal selling of spirituous liquors, as testified by Charlie Moore, Pat Floyd and B. D. Gray, was bound over for a hundred dollars to explain it to the judge in Halifax. Witnesses all recognized under \$50.00 bond for their appearance.

B. J. Twisdale, indicted for selling a pint, had only one witness and very reluctant one at that to testify against him, Percy Edmondson couldn't swear he bought the pint from Twisdale. He picked the pint off the ground beside a pine stump and paid a party he thought was Twisdale, but couldn't be sure.

A. L. Clark testified that Percy Edmondson had stated to him that he did buy the whiskey from Twisdale. Defendant bound over under \$50.00 bond and the witnesses all recognized under bond of \$50.00.

Warrants for six or eight other "tigers" are pending. The illegal sale of whiskey in this community has attained a magnitude not realized by the majority of the people. The officers are determined to stamp out this lawlessness and will spare no pains to secure evidence leading to the arrest and conviction of that most repulsive of law-breakers—the blind tiger.

If the authorities will continue the work at the present gait it will be only a question of a short time when the majority of the blind tigers now doing business in this community are apprehended and convicted.

Note of Thanks
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Welsh.
Take this means to thank their friends for the many votes they so kindly gave them during the contest. We appreciate your kindness one and all and beg to remain
Your very truly,
Chas. Welsh.
Advt.-It.

Joseph Vaughan
Died at his home in Rosemary on last Monday night, Joseph Vaughan, married, aged forty eight years. Mr. Vaughan was survived by a widow and children. The body was taken to Conway, N. C., and the interment took place there in the family burying ground.

Unclaimed Mail at Roanoke Rapids
Mr. Fuller Crutchfield, Mr. Z. F. Crutchfield, Mrs. Maude Brown, Mr. John Midgett, Mrs. Settie Morrow, Miss Elizabeth Wilkins.

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETS

Formulates Plans and Policies for Future Work, Increased Activities in all Departments. All Members Present

At 10:00 o'clock this morning, the members of the State Board of Health met in the new offices of the Secretary, Dr. W. S. Rankin, in the new State Department Building, to consider the affairs of the Board and formulate plans and policies relative to its future work. All members of the Board were present, including Dr. J. Howell Way, President, Waynesville, Dr. Richard H. Lewis, Raleigh, Dr. Cyrus Thompson, Jacksonville, Dr. Edward J. Wood, Wilmington, Dr. A. A. Kent, Lenoir, Cal. J. L. Ludlow, Winston-Salem, Dr. W. O. Spencer, Winstonsalem, Dr. Thomas E. Anderson, Statesville, Dr. Chas. O'H. Langfurniture, Caryville. With the Board met the heads of the different departments, namely: Dr. L. B. McBrayer, Superintendent of the State Sanatorium; Dr. C. A. Shore, Director of the State Laboratory of Hygiene; Dr. J. R. Gordon, Deputy State Registrar of Vital Statistics Department; Dr. W. P. Jacobs, Director of the Hookworm Bureau and Mr. Warren H. Boddy, Chief of the Bureau of Engineering and Education. These men presented to the Board brief outlines of their work and the needs that the carrying forward of the work necessarily entail.

The State Dental Association was represented at this meeting of the State Board of Health by Dr. Stanley, of Wilmington, Dr. M. C. Horton and Dr. J. M. Fleming, of Raleigh. They spoke in the interest of the Board's giving special attention to Oral Hygiene, or hygiene of the mouth, especially among the school children of the State.

HALIFAX FARMERS MEET
Resolutions Favor Amendments and Cotton Relief Measures

Enfield, October 11.—The Halifax County Farmers' Union in convention assembled passed a number of very progressive measures. They went on record as favoring the amendments to the constitution, instructed their secretary to wire their representatives in Congress to use every legitimate means to have passed the compromise to the Henry bill, and passed a resolution requesting the editors of the National Field of Atlanta, Ga., the National organ of the Farmers' Union, to secure the vote on the cotton bills pending in Congress and publish the same so every man could know how his representative voted.

In compliance with another resolution passed, the county secretary sent three telegrams to Hons. F. M. Simmons, Lee S. Overman and Claude Kitchin at Washington, D. C., requesting them to support the compromise to the Henry bill agreed upon by the House committee on banking and currency.

Miss Virginia Hart left Wednesday for Greenville, N. C., where she goes to enter the East Carolina Teachers Training School.

Adams Greater Shows is the Carnival Company secured by the management of the Emporia Association, as one of the midway attractions. They will have a big brass band, and a splendid free act in addition to Merry-Go-Round, Ferris Wheel, Side shows, Fortune Tellers and other attractions.—Advt.

Julian M. Powell after a few days visit to Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Jenkins returned Saturday to his home in Hampton, Va.

Besides the local races at the Emporia Fair, the Association is offering six purses of \$300.00 each. Emporia is in the circuit with Richmond, and Petersburg, and a good many horses from these two places will come to Emporia, including Judge Palmer, and others owned by A. A. Slagle, Rosebud, McKenney, and others owned by C. W. Mangum. Advt.

Wheeler Bros. Show which exhibited here on last Friday experienced a partial railroad wreck on the Northampton and Hertford Railroad Saturday night. The wreck occurred about three miles from Gumberry, one of the flat cars loaded with tents and poles being turned over and rolled down a high embankment. Three of their employees were slightly injured. Drs. Pierce and Morehead from Weldon, being called over to the scene of the wreck to attend the injured.

Rt. Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire Bishop of North Carolina preached last Sunday evening at the Episcopal Church on the Parable in the fifteenth Chapter of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, and administered the rite of Laying on of Hands to the following: Rosella Short, Jennie Mary Short, Samuel Henry Whittaker, Mrs. Annie Sue Butler, Edward Grey Butler, William Whittaker Wood.

Davis-Hasty
Mr. Lum Davis and Miss Irene Hasty, both residents of Rosemary were married on last Sunday evening at the residence of Magistrate S. M. Thompson, who performed the ceremony. It was a runaway affair and came as a distinct surprise to the friends of the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Davis will make their home in Rosemary.

Be of good cheer—remembering that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never happen.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL MENTIONS

Items of Local Interest in and Around Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary, and Patterson Mills

W. C. Williams spent Monday and Tuesday out of town on business.

Just received a new line of notions. Prices are right.—Rosemary Grocery Co. Advt.-It.

Miss Mary Langston entertained a party of friends on last Monday night in celebration of her sixteenth birthday.

Messrs. Hurley King, Stanley Welch, Lynion and Hubert Cox, spent Sunday afternoon in Weldon.

H. W. Cherry paid a flying visit to Philadelphia on last Friday taking in the championship games between Boston and Philadelphia. He returned home Sunday.

J. A. Cree, of Littleton, spent Tuesday afternoon here. He was called over by the Hancock-House Company to do some embalming work for them in the absence of their embalmer, W. C. Williams.

Several horses are now in training at the Emporia Fair Grounds race track for the local races. The local races bid fare to be better this year than usual.—Advt.

S. M. Thompson motored to Richmond on Thursday of last week and took in the Virginia State Fair. He was accompanied by J. M. Thompson, J. J. Johnson, J. H. Garris and W. E. Lewter and they made the round trip to Richmond in eight hours running time.

H. L. Bell spent a few hours in Littleton Monday on business.

A. P. Thompson left for Rocky-Mount Tuesday, where he goes to attend the Baptist Association, which is being held in that city this week.

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Died at the home of his parents in Roanoke Rapids, on last Tuesday night, Jesse Whitley, aged fourteen years. The body was taken to Oak City, N. C., for interment.