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LEGISLATURE CALLS ELECTION ON REMOVAL OF COUNTY SITE

FROM WEBSTER TO SYLVA—PEOPLE WILL DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES MAY 15TH, 1913

The Senate passed the Jackson County Court House Election bill on its second reading by a vote of 24 to 5 after a heated and prolonged discussion. Senator Hannah, of Haywood, championed the bill on the floor of the Senate and made a masterful speech in favor of the bill.

When it came to the third reading the bill passed by practically an unanimous vote, only 3 Senators voting against the bill while 31 voted aye when their names were called.

The bill had come up to the Senate from the committee on counties, cities and towns, of that body, on a minority report, this being the reason for such a hot contention on the floor.

The house had already passed the bill and the action of the Senate gives the people of Jackson county the right to settle the question for themselves. The Senate made only one amendment, it providing for the purging of the registration books of all names of voters who on account of death, removal or other causes, are disqualified.

The bill provides for an election to be held May 15, 1913 upon the question of removal of the county site from Webster to Sylva, provided, that, in the event that the people shall express themselves in favor of removal, Sylva shall donate to the county a site for the public buildings. The cost of the erection of said buildings shall not exceed \$30,000, \$10,000 of which is guaranteed by the people of Sylva.

Miss Margaret Hastings leaves tomorrow to visit friends in Murphy.

FOR SALE—Large, beautiful building lots on the east side of my farm, overlooking Sylva, and about twenty acres of very rich land on the west side. Geo. P. Miller.

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WORK BEGUN ON NEW DEPOT

The Southern Railway carpenters arrived in Sylva Wednesday and began the work of erecting Sylva's new depot.

The work will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible and will be completed by the last of March.

For some time the Southern has been promising to build a new freight and passenger depot here, as it has been badly needed, but for divers reasons they did not get around to it as soon as had been hoped.

The old part of the depot will be remodeled and fitted with a roof of fire proof material and will, with some extension at the east end, serve as a freight depot, while new offices and waiting rooms will be built at the west end of the present structure.

This will give Sylva one of the best and most convenient depots on the Murphy Division.

FREIGHT RATES.

News and Observer

Charlotte, Feb. 24.—Chairman E. L. Davis and Judge George P. Pell, of the state corporation commission and Chief Clerk A. J. Maxwell held an important meeting here today with representatives of the shippers of freight for the purpose of procuring important data to be used in the trial of the cases brought before the interstate commerce commission by the North Carolina corporation commission to secure fairer interstate rates. It is the purpose of the commissioner to prosecute these suits with vigor should the conference at Raleigh Wednesday between the railroad men and the legislative committee prove futile.

Among those present today were J. L. Graham, representing the Winston-Salem board of trade, and T. J. Ryan, representing the Southern Furniture Association and W. S. Creighton, of the Charlotte Shippers and Manufacturers Association.

WILSON'S CABINET.

We gather from the daily exchanges that the following will be a partial list of the cabinet of President Wilson. The president-elect, himself, has made no statement in regard to any cabinet portfolio. However this is generally accepted as being authentic.

Secretary of State, William Jennings Bryan, Nebraska; Secretary of treasury, William G. McAdoo, New York; Secretary of Navy, Josephus Daniels, North Carolina; Postmaster General, Albert Sidney Burleson, Texas.

A LITTLE CHILD.

Jerdie, the 7 year old daughter of Mr. Jno. Ashe, died at his home Monday morning after a brief illness. She was at school Friday but was taken sick Friday evening and died Monday morning. The funeral was held here Tuesday and her remains were laid to rest at Webster Tuesday afternoon.

WILL WEBB LAW HURT LIQUOR BUSINESS?

The Pitt, Norfolk, Va. Norfolk distributors of whiskey and beer look with unconcern on the law just passed by Congress affecting shipments from wet into dry-territory. Of several questioned not one expressed any fear that it will hurt business.

The bill, which was introduced by Representative Webb, of North Carolina, underwent radical revision before its passage. This stilled, say the distributors, any apprehension they might have felt.

"In the first place," said B. F. Metzger of Metzger Bros., yesterday, "the law carries no penalty. Even if its provisions are violated, which we shall not have to do to continue shipments, no action can be taken. The law, again, is aimed only at shipments which are to be used in violation of state, county or municipal laws. It has no effect on shipments for personal consumption, which are the sort of packages that go out of Norfolk in the main."

Shippers in Norfolk do business in North and South Carolina and Georgia. In North and South Carolina there are laws limiting the amount of whiskey a man may have in his possession. The purpose of these laws is not to prohibit a man's having all the whiskey in his own home he wishes, but to give the right of seizure to officers of the law if it is suspected that a man has whiskey to be used in violation of the State prohibition laws. These laws are similar to a Virginia statute giving the right of search and seizure of officers when it is believed a man is selling whiskey without license.

As amended the law just passed by Congress does not give the right to interfere with shipments when in the hands of a common carrier. Although this was one of the things demanded by those favoring a federal statute, no such provision was made in the law. Had it been done, it is claimed the law would have been unconstitutional.

Even as it is the claim is made that the law will not stand a test, but as there is no penalty for violation it is said by distributors there will not be an occasion to test its legality.

WEBB GIVEN AN OVATION

Gazette-News.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Representative Webb, father of the Webb liquor bill, was given an ovation when he appeared at the Vaughan Bible class at the Calvary Baptist church. The Vaughan class is one of the oldest and by far the largest Sunday school class in the United States. The thousand or more members of the class pledged the ninth district congressman their support in upholding the Webb liquor bill. When Mr. Webb had finished his speech he was cheered for 15 minutes.

CULLOWHEE TO GET \$60,000

Representatives Crottiarie, Ferguson and Wike and Senator Davis, the committee of the Legislature sent to inspect the Cullowhee school expressed themselves as being well pleased with the work being done there and with the conditions.

They will recommend that the General Assembly appropriate \$60,000 for Cullowhee this year to be used in building a dormitory for the boys, and administration building together with other improvements. This will be a long step in the right direction looking towards the education of the boys and girls of Western Carolina.

GOOD ROADS FOR JACKSON, SYLVA, DILLSBORO AND CULLOWHEE

TO BUILD ROADS.—COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED

The General Assembly has made provision for road improvement, in Jackson County, by the passage of two bills, one is entitled an act to amend the charter of Sylva and provide for building roads. The other to provide good roads in Sylva, Dillsboro and Cullowhee townships, by a bond issue.

The bill appoints road trustees, whose duty is to look after the road work in their township.

The bonds when issued will be township and not County bonds.

As it is impossible for us to get copies of these bills this week, we can not publish them in this issue but will do so next week.

One of the roads to be built is from Sylva to the Cullowhee School another from Sylva to Beta and still another from Sylva to Dillsboro.

STIRRING TIMES IN MEXICO.

Francisco I. Madero and Jose Rivo Suarez, Ex-president and farmer vice-president of Mexico, were killed in Mexico City Feb. 22, as the culmination of the unsettled conditions existing in that unfortunate country.

It is charged that the revolutionists, who now have the upperhand, are responsible for the double murder, while they claim that they knew nothing of the act until it had been perpetrated and that it was due entirely to unforeseen circumstances. That in an attempt to escape they were cut down by bullets of the two opposing parties.

It is not known and probably never will be, just how the awful act, that has shocked the sensibilities of the civilized world, occurred.

The United States is holding troops, at Galveston and other points, awaiting any eventuality that may make it necessary for this country to intervene and take charge of affairs in Mexico.

There is a strong feeling which seems to be growing in every part of the United States that it is time for this government to send troops to Mexico and put an end to the numerous atrocities that have been perpetrated in that poor bleeding country.

President Taft does not think that the time has come for America to interfere with the affairs of her neighbor, but admits that the occasion is likely to arise at any time, to cause him as commander-in-chief of our armies and navies, to order American soldiers to march on Mexico City.

Both Great Britain and the United States refuse to recognize the provincial government with the leader of the latest revolution, General Huerta, until they can the facts of conditions existing.

General Huerta has given his promise that a speedy and thorough investigation, as to the death of Madero and Suarez will be held and the blame, if there be blame, will be placed in its right place and the assassins, if such there be, will pay the penalty.

COL. COHEN PLEASED WITH THE OUTLOOK

Colonel Sanford H. Cohen, the manager of the Greater Western North Carolina association, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon from the west coast of Florida, where he has been working in the interest of the Land of the Sky. Colonel Cohen has been away almost a month and he has visited practically all of the Florida, tourists resorts. He had several papers containing interviews and advertisements in prominent papers of Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Palm Beach, Augusta and other resorts.

In speaking of Florida, Colonel Cohen said: "I took with me two trunks, three boxes and five or six packages of literature which was distributed from Miami, on east coast, to St. Petersburg, on the west. Not only was advertising distributed but newspapers were used freely and posters were placed in conspicuous places throughout the state. I found that the business coast had been bad but the country is filling up rapidly with people returning from Panama and Cuba. The only place I found in Florida where I was hard to get accommodations was St. Petersburg. I found a great many people through Florida who are thinking of coming to Western North Carolina on their way home. At St. Petersburg, arrangements have been made for a car direct to Western Carolina in March and another in April. Indications are that a late winter and early spring will bring large crowds to the Land of the Sky. While will be good crowds during the spring, the majority of the people in Florida and other sections which I have visited are talking of visiting this section during the coming summer."—Citizen.

SIX MONTHS SCHOOL.

The Senate by a vote of 44 to 1 passed the Thorne-Majette school bill and every child in North Carolina will have access to at least six months of public schools in every year.

The only dissenting voice in the Senate was that of Senator Little of Anson.

Senator Bryant proposed an amendment, which was accepted by the Senate, providing that in any county where there were insufficient funds, the commissioners may levy a special tax not to exceed 5 cts on the one hundred dollars to be used for school purposes.

According to the law as passed by the General Assembly, there shall be a school of not less than six months duration in every school district in North Carolina.

By a vote of 81 to 5 the house passed the Kellum bill providing for the semi-annual issuance of \$300,000 four per cent state bonds to be used in financing the road bonds issued by counties at 5 per cent for road building, the bonds to run for forty-one years by which time the the 1 per cent sinking fund will have provided for liquidation. The bill passed its second reading with very little discussion and took its place on the calendar for the final reading Saturday.