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## TOPICS OF THE WEEK

### The Approaching Millennium of Privilege.

In the language of the United States Supreme Court, "the power to tax is the power to destroy."

It is a power to destroy either the bad or the good, accordingly as it is used rightly or wrongly.

It is a power to foster a sound public policy or to contravene it.

Most conspicuously and emphatically, it is a power whose control and direction by the masterful few makes for the progressive aggrandizement of the rich and the corresponding impoverishment of the poor.

Instances the now well defined policy of this State that makes investments in corporate securities practically tax-free. This is a form of investment peculiarly favored by the wealthy classes and which in practice is all but inaccessible to the persons of small means who constitute the great body of the taxpaying public.

For ninety-odd per cent of the people of North Carolina—the laboring and breeding masses upon whose political virtue and economic efficiency the welfare of the State principally depends—for these under-millions, we say, the high mark of investment ambition is realized in the ownership of the family roof-tree; and unfortunately this modest goal is beyond the reach of the great majority.

We are of a race whose craving for home-ownership overmasters the lust of gain that runs to investment in tax-free corporate securities. Hence it is that the savings of the masses seek that particular form of investment that "revaluation" taxes at 150 to 200 per cent of its normal value, with the result that the tax-free corporate securities are left as a sweet morsel for the rich.

This is the economic process that is rapidly concentrating all corporate wealth in the hands of the masterful few, who are thus constituted as a privileged class enjoying almost total exemption from taxation.

And this discrimination by the laws of the State in favor of the obligations of corporations, as against the obligations of natural persons (which latter are subject to all State, county and municipal taxation), can have no other effect than to bring all forms of property except homes into corporate ownership as rapidly as the investment market can absorb the new issues of corporate securities thus brought into existence.

It will not require many years' operation of this policy of tax-discrimination in favor of investments in corporate securities to work a transfer of the great bulk of the productive property of the State both real and personal to corporate ownership.

With the corporations owning the wealth of the State and the wealthy classes owning the corporations—with an aristocracy of wealth substantially untaxed and a grunting sweating proletariat to bear the burdens of government—then shall be brought to pass the Millennium of Privilege conceived of the cunning manipulators who now pull the wires of State policy in taxation.

### GREETINGS!

The Federal Suffrage Amendment has been ratified by the necessary thirty-six states. The certificates so announcing are on deposit in the office of the Secretary of State and he has proclaimed the fact.

Are the women of the nation then free to vote in November?

Yes, provided they meet the qualifications for voters within their respective states.

Is it possible for any state to refuse its women the vote in November?

Not honorably. Some state election board may claim that the time for registration has passed or that there is no poll tax assessed upon women.

Then a special session of the legislature should be demanded in order that any legislation necessary may be enacted.

Every qualified woman, should understand that she is a voter, the equal before the law of any and all voters. Women are no longer subjects of the nation; they are sovereigns. They possess the only legitimate tool with which to maintain the institutions of which they approve and to destroy those of which they do not approve.

The vote is the emblem of your equality, women of America, the guarantee of your liberty.

That vote of yours has cost millions of dollars and the lives of thousands of women. Money to carry on this work has usually been given as a sacrifice, and thousands of women have gone without things they wanted and could have had in order that they might help get the vote for you.

Women have suffered agony of the soul, which you can never comprehend that you and your daughters might inherit political freedom.

That vote has been costly. Prize it. The vote is a power, a weapon of offense and defense, a prayer. Use it conscientiously, intelligently, prayerfully.

Understand what it means and what it can do for your country. No soldier in the great suffrage army has labored and suffered to get a PLACE for you. Their motive has always been the hope that women would aim higher than their own selfish ambitions; that they would SERVE the common good.

The vote is won. Seventy-two years the battle for this privilege has waged, but human affairs with their eternal change move on without pause. Progress is calling on you to make no pause. Act.

—Carrie Chapman Catt in The Woman Citizen.

### TOWN FATHERS MEET—E. E. ELLER NEW SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular monthly session Tuesday night, present T. J. Phillips, Mayor, J. C. Grayson, J. C. Wallace, C. F. Lineberry, F. P. Blair and Clem Wrenn, Commissioners.

Rev. S. S. Jennings appeared before the board and asked that the board co-operate with the citizens on Hinchaw street in putting oil down to lay the dust. It was ordered that the town would put up a dollar for each dollar raised by subscription for the purpose of putting oil on Hinchaw street from the end of the paving on Sixth street to the forks of the road at Jennings' store.

The clerk was instructed to refund to J. J. Gainer a license tax paid by him in 1917, which should not have been collected. Mr. J. B. Norris appeared before the board and asked the board to pay for one-half the grading done at his place on the sidewalk. The request was referred to the street committee and asked to report at the next regular meeting.

It was ordered that the town, through the street committee, enter into a contract at once for laying concrete from the end of the paving on D street to the Reddies River bridge, the Grier Cotton Mills agreeing to advance the money for doing the work.

Mr. E. E. Eller was elected as graded school trustee to take the place of C. C. O'Daniel, who has resigned.

The board ordered that 8th street north of E street be put on a grade. The board allowed J. E. Deans to lay one hundred and thirty-five feet of cement sidewalk from I street north on the east side of 9th street, he to advance the money for doing this work, and the town to pay one-half the cost of construction of said walk.

The clerk was instructed to sign an order with the James Lefell Co., for a new water wheel and shaft as submitted by them.

It was also ordered that the sidewalk at J. M. Lowe's place be built out to the wall; voting ye, J. C. Grayson, C. F. Lineberry; voting no, J. C. Wallace.

The clerk was instructed to order a car of electric lights from the Williams Co., as per their quotation.

### DR. HIGSMITH COMING.

Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, State Inspector of High Schools, and party will arrive in the city today, and this evening Dr. Highsmith will deliver an address in the graded school auditorium at 8:30.

At a recent meeting the following committees were appointed to officiate while Dr. Highsmith and party are in the city: Reception, Messdames Absher, Blackburn and Eller, and Messrs E. G. Finley, Hurst, Blackburn, Hackett, Eller; publicity: Messdames Vyne, Ulrich, Moore and Marlow, Messrs Eshelman, Eller and London; entertainment: Messrs Absher and Crews; speakers, Judge T. B. Finley.

Dr. Highsmith will also deliver an address in the school auditorium in Wilkesboro Saturday evening.

### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY AND CONVENTION CALLED.

Pursuant to the call of the Democratic executive committee, held on Monday, Sept. 6, the Democratic primaries are called for Wilkes county to meet at 2 o'clock P. M. Saturday, Sept. 18, at their respective voting precincts and elect delegates to the county convention which will meet at the court house in Wilkesboro on Monday, Sept. 20, 1920, at 1 o'clock P. M.

All Democrats are urged and requested to attend the primaries and county convention.

The Democratic leaders are especially invited to participate in the primary and convention as the object of this convention will be to select candidates for the various county offices and for such other business as may come before the convention.

F. C. Forester, Chairman.  
H. A. Cranor, Secretary.

This Sept. 6, 1920.

### TWO THEFTS OF AUTOMOBILES GET YOUNG BOYS IN TROUBLE.

Claude Deal, aged 19, and Truman Hall, aged 17, on last Tuesday night succeeded in stealing a new Ford roadster from Dr. S. T. Crowson, in Taylorsville, and later sold the machine to Mr. L. A. Kiser, a prominent merchant of Stokes county for the sum of \$400. While near Winston-Salem the boys also took a Chevrolet machine and drove it from Winston-Salem, leaving it in the woods near the residence of Mr. C. C. Gambrell, east of the city. The boys do not deny that they took both machines.

Claude Deal, it is said, had been summoned to appear before the mayor last Tuesday and in order to get away from trial, he and the Hall boy walked to Taylorsville, and seeing Dr. Crowson's car decided to take it. The doctor had just filled the tank with gas and had left his key in the switch. Before taking the machine, however, one of the boys took his medical case and placed it on the porch. In the rear of the machine Dr. Crowson had about \$100 worth of medical equipment and this was thrown into a tobacco patch as the boys sped along the road. They also removed the State license number.

Officers had no trouble in locating Deal, but the Hall boy attempted to escape, but was caught at Dellaplane. He had Mr. Kiser's check in his pocket.

Dr. Crowson and several other citizens of Taylorsville came over Tuesday and took the boys back with them. They will probably be tried at the approaching term of Alexander Superior court.

### REV. PRESLEY R. BLEVINS KILLED INSTANTLY TUESDAY

Rev. Presley R. Blevins, a former Wilkesboro young man, was killed instantly Tuesday afternoon at his home in Riverton, Wyo., by coming in contact with a live electric wire, according to a message received by relatives early Wednesday morning.

Rev. Blevins at the time of his untimely death, was pastor of the First Baptist church in Riverton. He was a graduate of the Wilkesboro high school, Wake Forest College and Crozier University, of Chester, Pa. He had been pastor of churches in Wilkesboro, Elkin, and Seawell, N. C.

The deceased was 31 years of age, and is survived by a wife and one child, his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Blevins, of Wilkesboro, and several brothers and sisters. It is not definitely known that the remains will be brought here for interment, however, the family has requested that the body be sent here and if this is done the corpse will probably arrive about Monday.

The news of Rev. Blevins' death was a shock to friends here, and will be learned with deep regret by his many friends in the county and state.

### PRIZE WINNERS IN "WHO'S WHO" CONTEST.

The best answers in the "Who's Who" contest were sent in by R. G. Finley, who is entitled to receive the award of \$10 in gold.

The next best answer came from Eugene Sebastian, and wins \$5 in gold. A number of excellent answers were received, and creditable mention goes to Mrs. W. J. Allen and Miss Grace Finley.

If the prize winners will call at the office of Carter's Weekly, they will receive orders for their prizes, payable in gold at the Deposit and Savings Bank. "Who's Who" Editor.

### FORMAL OPENING OF CITY SCHOOLS HERE WEDNESDAY.

Notwithstanding the fact that the teachers and pupils gathered at the school building Monday morning to resume their work after vacation, the formal opening was not held until Wednesday morning at 9 a. m. in the spacious auditorium, which was filled to capacity. Quite a number of persons attended the exercises, but it is regretted that many others were not present for the occasion was a source of much inspiration to all.

The exercises opened with "America," sung by the audience, after which Rev. W. F. Staley read a portion of the 12th chapter of Romans. This was followed by an earnest and forceful prayer by Dr. W. R. Ware, who asked that God's blessings might rest on all interested in the welfare of the school during the coming year. Miss Burns then favored the audience with a solo, with Miss Homet as accompanist.

Prof. Joseph H. Hurst, who so ably conducted the school last year, is back with us again, with the same progressive ideas that have characterized his splendid work here.

During the course of a few remarks he stated that the school was only taking up its work where it was left last spring, and when the time comes, the speaker continued, when the school year is considered as continuing the entire year, better educational conditions will prevail. Prof. Hurst urged the citizens to think of the school as their school, and that they visit the school often throughout the year. Continuing he urged that something be done in the future to overcome the crowded condition of the school. He also mentioned the fact that domestic science equipment would be installed shortly, as well as a science laboratory.

Following Prof. Hurst's talk the school sang "My Captain Never Lost a Battle," to the gratification of all present.

Miss Margaret Wright, director of Community Service Work in this county, was present and gave an interesting and timely talk on the work being done in the rural districts of this county. Miss Wright is here under supervision of the State Board of Education and she is anxious to develop the community spirit in every section and she is certainly making progress in her work and creating interest on the part of the people wherever she gives programs. Miss Wright was followed by Dr. W. R. Ware, pastor of the Methodist church, Dr. P. J. Brame, and Rev. W. F. Staley, pastor of the First Baptist church. These talks were filled with inspiration and were timely.

The members of the faculty follow: High school department: Miss Callie Squires, acting principal; Miss Janie Lee Hart, English; Miss Moore, domestic science; Mrs. Lang, science; Miss Edna Homet, commercial; Mrs. John G. Prevet, Latin and French.

Grades: Misses Burns, Bumgarner, Aiken, Reper, Hamlett, Manson. Misses Gena Church, Bess Cameron Finley and Grace Finley are filling vacancies until teachers are supplied.

### ANNUAL MEETING OF DAIRY ASSOCIATION HELD SATURDAY

The second annual meeting of the dairy association for Wilkes and adjoining counties was held in the court house last Saturday. A number of citizens who are anxious to see the dairy business grow and expand in our county were present. At the morning session all business was transacted, with Mr. R. E. Caudill, president of the association presiding.

Dinner was served on the court house lawn. In the afternoon Mr. H. C. Bates, Southern Railway Livestock Developing Agent; Mr. J. A. Arey, of the State Dairy Department; and Mr. W. L. Cleveger, of Knoxville, Tenn., spoke on the dairy cow and the adaptability of Wilkes county to the dairy business. County Demonstration Agent A. G. Hendren and Prof. C. C. Wright, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Franc L. Ives were present and made interesting talks.

### HARRY M. BLAIR ADMITS GOV. COX'S QUOTA-FIXING CHARGES

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9.—Charges by Governor Cox that the Republicans had fixed quotas and planned intensive fund-raising drives in at least 51 cities, and that the national committee had had a part in assessing the city's quotas, were admitted on the stand before the senate investigating committee today by Harry M. Blair, assistant to Fred W. Upham, Republican national treasurer.

### RIVER ROAD TO BE TOP-SOILED—OTHER COUNTY ROAD NEWS.

The Good Roads Commission met at the court house in Wilkesboro Sept. 6, 1920, all members being present. The following business was transacted:

An order was made instructing our engineer, Mr. Scroggs, to complete the surveys on work being done in Stanton, Elk, Lewis Fork, and Wilkesboro townships just as early as possible, and C. C. Gambill was employed as assistant superintendent to superintend the construction work while Mr. Scroggs is finishing said surveys.

An order was made to set aside out of the Traphill top-soil funds \$500, to be used exclusively in Traphill township, the balance of said funds to be used in Walnut Grove and Rock Creek townships.

An order was made to discontinue a road in Reddies River township through the lands of Purvis and Robinson Nichols unless said road is constructed according to a former agreement with this road.

An order was made to top-soil the road from the corporate limits of Wilkesboro to Brown's Ford on the River road.

The board ordered that a survey be made beginning at Warrior's Creek in Boomer township running via Ferguson and through Elk township to the Caldwell county line and the citizens were authorized to organize a local grading force, to grade said road.

An order was made for a survey beginning near Grover Hamby's to a point in the old road near Otto Minton's in Lewis Fork township.

A survey was ordered made in Wilkesboro township beginning near the E. O. Mastin residence to Arbor Grove church, said road to be constructed by the citizens of the community without cost or expense to the county.

An order was made to instruct our chairman to write the State Highway Commission and ask them not to send any surveyors to the county to make any surveys on which State aid is expected until more funds are available.

### HON. WILLIAM H. COX HERE WEDNESDAY CAMPAIGNING.

Hon. William H. Cox, of Scotland county, Republican nominee for Congress of the Seventh Congressional district, was in the city Wednesday looking over the political field in Wilkes county, and to hold conferences with the leaders of his party. He will oppose former District Attorney W. C. Hammer, of Asheboro, N. C., in the November election.

### FORMER JUDGE CARTER AND J. W. HAYNES IN LAW FIRM.

Asheville, Sept. 1.—Frank Carter, former judge of the Superior court and at present editor of Carter's Weekly, a N. Wilkesboro publication, has formed a limited partnership here with J. W. Haynes for the general practice of law, moving yesterday into the offices occupied by Mr. Haynes in Temple court. Judge Carter stated that the partnership would be of a limited nature and both he and Mr. Haynes would practice under their own names, but that they would soon enlarge their office suite.

### OPENING OF WILKESBORO SCHOOL NEXT MONDAY.

The opening exercises of the Wilkesboro school will be held next Monday morning, Sept. 13, in the graded school auditorium, at 9:30. It is especially requested that the school board and all patrons be present at this hour. Miss Laura A. Scott, principal of the school, is a graduate of Trinity College, and has had eight years' successful experience as superintendent and principal of schools. The faculty for this year follows:

Miss Laura A. Scott, of Concord, principal; Miss Jennie Lee Apperson, of Sileam, N. C., ninth grade; Mrs. R. B. Pharr, Wilkesboro, eighth grade; Miss Annie Mae Barnes, Kittrell, N. C., seventh; Miss Eloise Starr, Wilkesboro, fifth and sixth; Miss Mabel Hendren, Wilkesboro, third and fourth; Miss Adeline Hendren, Wilkesboro, second; Miss Clara Blevins, Wilkesboro, first grade.

### NEW CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED

On the third Sunday in this month, Sept. 19th, the new Baptist church at Mountain View will be dedicated. Dr. A. E. Brown, of Asheville, superintendent of Mountain Mission School, will be present and preach to the congregation. Everybody is cordially invited to attend the setting apart of this church for sacred purposes.

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAKE LEVY OF 89 CENTS FOR 1920.

The board met at the court house September 6, 1920. Those present were D. C. Sebastian, chairman; D. V. Nichols and C. M. Caudill, members. They transacted the following business:

The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved.

It was ordered by the board that the following claims be paid and charged to the various funds of the county:

R. E. Faw, judge primary, \$2.00; N. E. Carlton, destroying distillery, \$20.00; Smithy's Dept. Store, mds for county, \$12.82; Hotel Smithy, boarding jury for county, \$14.80; Wm A. Stroud, C. S. C., postage, \$51.81; D. O. Beshears, judge primary, \$2.00; G. B. Bradley, destroying distillery, \$20.00; Walker, Evans & Cogswell Co., stationery for county, \$82.86; A. L. Messick, burial expense of Mary A. Messick, soldier's widow, \$18.00; Frank D. Hackett, tax supervisor, Aug. and Sept, 1920, \$51.00; W. M. Sebastian, Supt. P. W. & S., salary Aug., \$53.00; Walker, Evans & Cogswell Co., index sheets, \$0.83; Geo. D. Barnard, stationery for county file case for county, \$28.00; W. H. Foster, postage, incidental expense, etc., for county, \$47.68; J. L. Turner, burial expense, E. T. Harris, ex-soldier, \$18.00; Edwards & Broughton P. Co., dog tax ledger for county, \$15.25; Edwards & Broughton P. Co., bal. on tax receipt books, etc., \$5.54; Walker, Evans & Cogswell Co., ticket books for C. S. C., \$51.65; Horton Telephone Co., phone rent, \$6.50; C. H. Dancy, destroying distillery, \$20.00; S. H. Jones, destroying 3 distilleries, \$60.00; W. E. Carlton, conveying William Shall to jail, \$12.75; Wilkes Plumbing Works, work for county, \$11.63; T. S. Bryan, judge primary and making returns, \$4.00; J. E. Winkler, work on county tools, \$2.50; W. C. Triplett, judge primary, \$2.00; R. H. White, mds for county, \$2.00; Dr. J. M. Turner, salary, \$21.84; J. M. Brown, janitor salary Aug., \$50.00.

The petition of H. M. Haynes et al asking for a cartway from Henry Haynes mountain field through the Ben Keys, so as to intersect a public road at or near Wm Bessons' going over the lands of Ben Keys, Henry Haynes and Monroe Haynes, was filed, taken up and granted and E. F. Brown, A. Brown and M. F. Absher are hereby appointed to lay out said cartway, assess any damages and report to the board at the September meeting.

The following jury was appointed to assess damage done to the property of C. C. Gambrell by dog of I'd Reins; J. B. Norris, E. B. Barkley, F. P. Blair.

Jurors for the October term of court were drawn by the commissioners as follows:

First Week.  
C. R. Triplett, J. B. McNeill, T. M. Hawkins, June D. Phillips, T. E. Blevins, T. O. Hays, Mace Johnson, R. Don Laws, Levi McNeill, L. M. Jarvis, W. J. Brookshire, Sam Roberts, M. D. West, C. Call, W. R. Hubbard, J. A. Triplett, W. F. Lowe, S. M. Adams, L. A. Harris, J. A. Kennedy, John Cottrah, E. C. Everage, J. M. Casey, J. T. Prevet.

Second Week.  
C. F. Bishop, T. N. Green, John Holcomb, J. A. Billings, I. T. Barnett, D. S. Gilliam, R. E. Burcham, J. F. Coffey, C. L. Sockwell, W. A. Nichols, W. V. Caudill, J. W. Brooks, W. W. Gentry, A. O. Deal, J. H. Hendren, W. H. Church, L. W. Shumate, Dock Ferguson, F. G. Holman, J. C. Critcher, J. M. Gaiter, C. F. Henderson, F. E. Brown, J. M. Hester.

The tax levy for State school and county for the year 1920 under the revaluation act will be 89 cents on the \$100 valuation of property, and \$2.50 on the poll.

### LEGAL ACTION TO TEST ABSENTEE VOTING LAW.

Raleigh, Sept. 7.—Republican Candidate J. J. Jenkins, of Siler City, today started an assault on the absentee voters act in the Wake county Superior court by enjoining the state board of elections from sending out absentee voters' blanks and further restraining the state treasurer and the state auditor from paying for these scraps of paper.—W. T. Bost in Greensboro News.

Ex-Sheriff Clarence Call one of the members of the State Board of Elections has received a summons to appear at Wake County Court on September 16th, to answer to the complaint of Mr. Jenkins. Other members of the State Board of Elections, as well as Treasurer Lacy and Auditor Wood, have also been subpoenaed to appear on that date.