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### HOUSE GRINDS THROUGH ITS DULL SESSION

#### Owing to Absentees No Committees Were Ready to Report

### TO DEBATE INCOME TAX

#### Amendment to U. S. Constitution Set As Special Order for January 26. Woman's Building Proposed For Soldiers' Home—Joint Democratic Caucus Called For Tomorrow Night—House Calendar Cleared of Another Mass of Local Measures. Absenteeism Has Its Effect on the Work of the House—No committee Reports.

Absenteeism had its effect on the work of the house today, the two score representatives who went home over the week-end leaving conspicuous vacancies in the seats. As a result there were no reports from committees and no new matter of any great importance.

The joint resolution to ratify the income tax amendment to the constitution of the United States came up for final vote in the house, but on motion of Judge Ewart was carried over until January 26 to give the members time to prepare for the consideration of the bill.

Mr. McGill introduced a bill to make an appropriation of \$5,000 for the erection of a woman's building at the Soldiers' Home, and \$5,000 annually for its maintenance. The bill is endorsed by the Daughters of the Confederacy of the city.

Judge Ewart's bill raising the age for work on the public roads from 18 to 21 years was passed to apply to Henderson county and several others that desired the law.

The amendment to the charter of the North Carolina Agricultural Society permitting it to increase its property holding to \$150,000 passed on its third reading in the house.

A joint caucus of the democrats has been called for tomorrow night to consider matters of legislation to come before the two houses.

Former Governor Jarvis will address the joint committee on education in the hall of the house Wednesday night.

#### House Routine.

The house was called to order at noon by Representative Doughton in the absence of Speaker Dawd.

#### Petitions, Etc.

Battle of Wake: From Capt. S. A. Ashe, relating to his history of North Carolina.

Bill of Cumberland: Resolution of members of Confederacy endorsing home for Confederate widows.

Memorial of New Hanover: From Cape Fear women, asking for aid in erecting monument to Confederates.

Livingston of Polk: Asking for charter for Lynn.

#### Resolutions and Bills Offered.

Battle of Wake: Joint resolution (Continued on Page Five.)

### BALLINGER SCORED BY SENATOR PURCELL

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Washington, Jan. 16—Senator Purcell, of South Dakota, today scored Secretary Ballinger in a resolution which he introduced in the senate.

The resolution says: "Resolved, that the findings of certain democratic members of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee, which declared that Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, has not been true to his official trust, that his administration has been marked by a lack of fidelity to the public interest, that he does not deserve public confidence and that he should not be retained in the public service are in substantial conformity with the evidence in the case."

Postmaster at Kernersville.  
Washington, D. C., Jan. 16—Edward M. Shilville has been appointed postmaster at Kernersville, N. C.

### MEETING OF SENATE

#### Bill by Sikes to Pave Blount Street

Senate Holds Short Session—But Few Bills Introduced, Mostly of Local Nature—Several House Bills Received and Referred.

The senate devoted the time of its brief session today to local matters, nothing of general state interest coming up for consideration. The bill relating to fishing in Albemarle Sound passed and the senate adopted a joint resolution inviting Logan W. Page to address the general assembly on "Good Roads" Thursday evening, January 26th, in the hall of the house.

The senate met at 12 o'clock, Rev. Wm. McC. White, of the First Presbyterian church, offering prayer.

Senator Sikes of Wake offered a resolution authorizing the board of public buildings and grounds to have Blount street paved in front of the governor's mansion. Referred to the committee on public buildings and grounds.

#### Bills Introduced.

Reynolds of Lincoln: Providing punishment for making false statements to obtain credit. Judiciary.

Rascoe of Bertie: Amending road law of Bertie; also amending same law of Bertie.

Barham of Wayne: To preserve records of Wayne county. Judiciary.

Johnson of Duplin: To facilitate the probate of wills by non-residents in certain cases. Revisal.

#### Bills From the House.

Bills were received from the house as follows and referred to appropriate committees:

Allowing commissioners of Alleghany county to levy a special tax for building a new court house.

Authorizing the mayor and commissioners of Rutherfordton to refund bonded indebtedness falling due August, 1910.

Authorizing commissioners of Stokes to apply surplus taxes levied and collected.

Amendment authorizing a bond issue by Hoke.

Ratifying an election at Murphy, Cherokee county, for \$25,000 of water-works and sewer bonds.

Relating to jury fees before justices of the peace in Johnston county.

Protecting game in Gaston county. Allowing county commissioners to make appropriations for farm demonstration work.

Regulating fishing and hunting in Burke county.

Protecting wild turkey in Swain county.

Promoting growing live stock in Beaufort county.

Protecting rainbow trout in Graham county.

Amending law relative to hunting deer in Dare county.

Amending law relative to killing cattle on the range.

Amending the law relative to the time for hunting opossums in Sampson county.

Relative to the time for holding courts in Sampson.

Providing an additional term of court for Scotland.

Amending the law providing a squirrel law for Perquimans county.

Establishing division line between school districts in Beaufort county.

Allowing commissioners of Martin to appoint committees to make contracts for the county and to inspect work done under such contracts.

For the relief of Miss Maude Berry, court stenographer of Macon county. Providing for the appointment of a court stenographer in Macon.

Providing that a majority of qualified voters shall hold stock law election in Macon.

Relative to the service of summons. Mr. Page invited to speak.

### GOOD ROADS MEETING

#### Met Today At Noon to Consider Proposed Bill

Judge Robert H. Winston Presented the Bill and Explained it to Members of Association—Dr. Richard H. Lewis Elected President—Many Discussions on Bill—Representatives Are Cold-footed on Matter.

The Wake County Good Roads Association, consisting of twenty-six men of Wake county met here today at noon in the room of the Chamber of Commerce to consider the bill.

Mr. B. P. Montague called the association to order, acting as temporary chairman, asking Mr. M. A. Griffin to act as temporary secretary.

At the roll call the following men responded to their names: Messrs. Lewin Rollins, of Buckhorn; G. B. Norwood, of Barton's Creek; Dr. J. M. Templeton, of Cary; Dr. L. P. Sorrell, of House's Creek; T. R. Hall, of Holly Springs; Dr. G. M. Bell, of Little River; M. A. Griffin, of Mark's Creek; J. B. Johnson, of Middle Creek; J. R. Wiggins, of Neuse River; J. Hillman Mangum, of New Light; B. F. Lynn, of Oak Grove; Theo. Turner, of Pantney Branch; J. T. Bronghton, of St. Mary's; A. G. Green, of St. Matthew's; Dr. J. J. L. McCullers, of Swift Creek; C. P. Sellars, of White Oak; V. O. Parker, of L. Maan; W. A. Simkins, Dr. R. H. Lewis, J. E. Pogue and B. M. Gatliff, of Raleigh.

Mr. Montague stated that he corresponded with men in every township and received answers from all the townships except Wake Forest. Prof. J. B. Carville would have served but his traveling prevented.

The name of Col. Joseph E. Pogue was placed as the president of this organization, but he stated that he was not sufficiently experienced along the road lines to serve, thus there were many other men who would commit probably no errors, as they know all about the road, and success is desired along this line. He asked that a committee be named to select the president.

Mr. Montague stated that probably Col. Pogue did not know what the president had to do, it was only to serve as chairman.

Judge Winston came forward and explained his position in the matter, only as one who desires good roads, and read the bill that is intended to be introduced in the general assembly.

The bill names the committee of twenty-six men that shall have in charge the explanation of all moneys and general supervision of the building of the roads. He stated that it would be a miracle if the bill gets passed, for the representatives now have cold feet, they do not know which way the cat is going to jump to make them warm. At length he went over the bill, explaining different phases of it. He took the time to pay a tribute to Wake county, its people, resources, etc. He said he did not own any automobiles, horses, to travel over these roads, but he was at heart laboring hard for the roads. He ended by saying that he heard there were some serious objections to the bill, especially in Wake Forest township; that he did not think it can be passed, nor did he think the people would vote for it. He said he did not mean to reflect any discredit upon the members of the legislature, for they were up against it proper.

Mr. Montague stated that he was not a member of this committee and could not serve as president.

Mr. V. O. Parker was placed in nomination, but he said he had no experience and thought it best to get some one else.

After presenting several names, Dr. R. H. Lewis was elected president by a rising vote.

Upon accepting the office, Dr. Lewis stated that he appreciated the confidence expressed in him in making him presiding officer.

Mr. V. O. Parker was elected secretary of the association.

Mr. Gatliff stated that an amendment was probably needed to let the committee have charge, whether the bill gets through or not.

Dr. J. J. McCullers, of Swift Creek thought the bill should be read at a meeting when the representatives are present, but had no objection to its being read today.

Secretary Parker read the bill by sections.

Quite a discussion arose over section 22, which dealt with the roads that would belong to the commission.

After completing the reading of the entire bill, Mr. A. C. Green, of St. Matthew's, stated that he thought

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### COURT HOUSE

#### GUARDED BY THE MILITARY

#### Trial of Nathan Montague In Progress With Soldiers On Hand

#### PEOPLE ARE QUIET

#### Nathan Montague Taken Back to Oxford from the Penitentiary to Stand Trial for Assault of Miss Sanders and Murder of Family—Military Company From Raleigh Accompanies Negro to Oxford and Another Joins Them There and Guard Court House—Precautions Taken Because of Intense Feeling in the County.

Nathan Montague, the negro charged with the murder of J. L. Sanders, his daughter and granddaughter, near Oxford, Granville county, was this morning taken from the state's prison under heavy guard of militia and taken back to Oxford for trial on a special train.

Sheriff Wheeler and Deputy Sheriff Roberts, of Granville county, came for the negro, and Company B, under command of Capt. W. E. Moody, with 67 men, went with the sheriff as a guard and will remain on guard until the trial is closed to avoid possible lynching.

Company E at Oxford met the special and it is the purpose to railroad the case through as quickly as possible.

#### Arrival at Oxford.

(Special to The Times.)  
Oxford, Jan. 16—The special train with Nathan Montague arrived in Oxford about 10:30. A large crowd was waiting at the depot, which consisted mostly of curiosity seekers. The Oxford Military Company was lined up and the negro was taken from the train surrounded by the militia and marched to the court house. The curiosity seekers swarmed the streets, all in a great desire to get a look at the negro.

The court house was placed under military guard and no one was allowed to enter except an officer or an attendant of the court. It is the general opinion of the people of this vicinity that it was well such precaution was taken with this negro, as they fear the worst would have happened, as the whole community is very indignant over the crime.

At 11 o'clock the grand jury filed into the court room and gave a true bill of indictment. Judge George W. Ward immediately appointed D. G. Brunmitt, mayor of Oxford, to represent the defendant and when the charge was read by the solicitor he pleaded not guilty. The selection of the jury was then begun.

#### Prisoner Enroute.

Henderson, N. C., Jan. 16—It is rather a sensational feeling to be housed in a railroad coach speeding over the country enroute to a trial of a negro murderer, and you don't

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### DISASTROUS FIRE AT SANFORD TODAY

#### (Special to The Times.)

Sanford, Jan. 16—The most disastrous fire in the history of Sanford occurred at three o'clock this morning, when fire broke out in the large brick building on Chatham street owned by the Insurance Realty & Investment Co. This building and three adjoining frame buildings were destroyed before the flames could be checked. The fire started on the second floor of the building and had made considerable headway when discovered.

Loss as follows: Insurance Realty & Investment Co., \$16,500; W. T. Buchanan, general merchandise, \$10,000; E. T. Buchanan and J. F. Morgan on building and stock \$700; Dr. I. H. Lutterford, frame building, occupied as Chinese laundry, \$1,000; Lambeth Building Company, who occupied the brick building, succeeded in saving their stock by moving out, the building new and only partly occupied. No insurance except \$6,500 on the Insurance & Investment Co's. building. The firemen did good work in saving other buildings nearby.

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Consider in the necessities threatened with the loss of millions of dollars—slump in prevailing prices set in.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
New York, Jan. 16—Gamblers in the necessities of life are today threatened with a loss of millions of dollars as a result of the over-gorging of cold storage houses with eggs, butter, meat and other foodstuffs. A slump in the prevailing high prices and the consequent cheapening of the cost of living has already set in so far as the wholesale dealers are concerned, although the charge was made today that the retailers are making a last stand in an effort to hold up prices to a point which will enable them to profit on the prices they were compelled to pay before the cold storage plants became jammed.

This conditions is not peculiar to any locality for market dispatches from points as far west as Kansas city, St. Paul, Chicago and Cincinnati stated that circumstances were similar and that drops in retail prices are scheduled to occur at once. Production crops lowered the price of grains and the season for the production of fresh eggs is almost due, coming at a time when the storage houses already contain great quantities of this commodity.

Although the prices of fresh fruits and vegetables have not yet begun to decline, these prices probably will fall as soon as the people begin buying the cheaper foodstuffs.

During the summer the gamblers in foodstuffs bought up great quantities of eggs, butter, meat stuffs, fruits and other foodstuffs, which they stored. When this buying first started, eggs were selling at fifteen cents a dozen but the farmers, getting wiser, held out for higher prices.

As a result of the conditions that have followed the cold storage men must dispose of their packed eggs within the next thirty days if they would escape a vast loss upon this single commodity.

The same conditions prevail in the milk and butter and the thickly settled centers such as New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and other cities. When the prices were boosted the ultimate consumer cut down the amount of his purchases, consequently more milk is being shipped into these centers than can be used.

Millions of pounds of butter, poultry, cheese and other foodstuffs will be thrown on the market between now and May 1st, and the result of this can only be the cheapening of prices. The storage houses must be emptied for the new supply. Since government and state inspectors have been aroused the owners of stored foods are careful not to allow their products to remain packed too long.

Prices are generally ten cents lower than at this time last year, although this does not apply to meat. Among the packed foodstuffs in the Chicago district alone are 44,000,000 pounds of butter.

#### KILLED WRONG NEGRO.

Warrant Issued for Negro Who Killed Another, But Not the One He Was After.

A warrant has been issued by Justice of the Peace Euphras for the apprehension of Ernest Jones, colored, charged with murder. Jones' crime was committed in Neuse township during Christmas week and owing to the circumstances of the case no warrant was issued immediately. The homicide occurred at a negro "function" in that locality. Jones became involved in a quarrel with another negro named Shaw, and in the altercation drew his gun and fired. He missed Shaw but struck another young negro who was standing by. Death followed the wound and now Jones must answer the charge of murder.

#### New Charters Granted.

An amendment has been authorized to the charter of the Sikes-Singleton Company, of Red Springs, Robeson county, changing its name to the Sikes-Johnson Company.

The W. L. Noles Company, of Ninsville, Gaston county, has been granted a certificate of incorporation, authorizing it to do a general mercantile business. Its authorized capital stock is \$25,000. The incorporators are: W. L. Noles, R. F. Craig, C. E. Hutchinson and the Nins Manufacturing Company, all of Mt. Holly.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 16—"I feel confident so far of acquittal," declared Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenck, as the second week of her trial on a charge of attempting to poison her millionaire husband opened today. "There has been nothing shown against me that I consider of damaging nature so far. My attorneys have inspired confidence."

Mrs. Schenck was alert and smiling as she entered court and walked sulkily to her chair. Juliette Kline, alias Eleanor Zoelker, the detective-nurse, who swore on Saturday that Mrs. Schenck had tried to bribe her to kill her husband, was again called to the stand by Prosecutor Handlan when he renewed his attack on the defense.

Mrs. Kline knew that today she would be subjected to a grilling ordeal through cross-examination by Mrs. Schenck's counsel. They have declared that they would be able to shatter the evidence given by the woman but prosecutor Handlan says he is sure of his case and that he will put Dr. W. Myers on the stand to show that Mrs. Schenck purchased arsenic which she subsequently gave to her husband.

No sooner had Miss Kline taken the witness stand and resumed her story than counsel for Mrs. Schenck engaged in a bitter wrangle with Prosecutor Handlan, Attorney B. O. Boyce, claiming that the prosecutor was going over the same ground covered Saturday. Finally the court stenographer was compelled to read a large portion of Saturday's evidence and the prosecutor was allowed to continue his line of questioning.

The witness told of a quarrel which she and Alma Evans had with John O. Schenck in the hospital on November 4. She said that Mr. Schenck ordered them both out of the room but Miss Evans later returned to soothe the patient as it was feared that the excitement might prove fatal to Mr. Schenck.

Asked as to various conversations with Mrs. Schenck Mrs. Kline testified: "Mrs. Schenck told me that the doctor had told her that Mr. Schenck was liable to drop dead any minute. She said she was going to stick it out to the end and have just as good a time as she could waiting for husband to die. 'I am getting ready for the performance when Schenck dies and I believe I can go through with it' said she 'but wait until after he dies and then see me hit the high places'."

The witness then told of asking Mrs. Schenck how she should hide her guilt (Continued From Page Six.)

#### MISSING BALLOON FOUND IN LAKE

(By Cable to The Times.)  
Berlin, Jan. 16—The German balloon Hildebrand, which has been missing since December 29, was found today in Lake Joern, in the Brandenburg province of Prussia. Two bodies were found imbedded in the mud at the bottom of the lake. The balloon carried four persons when she set sail from Schmagendorf, Germany, for a forty-eight hour trip.

The last report of the Hildebrand was received January 5 when it was reported from Sweden that an object was seen in the sky over Hogenaes which spectators thought to be a balloon. However, the finding of the remains of the balloon in Prussia make it evident that the Hildebrand did not reach Sweden. The balloon carried provisions for the trip of forty-eight hours.