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NEWS IN SHORT FORM SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE.

Organization of women's auxiliaries of the American Legion is authorized through action of the national body in convention at Minneapolis.

Federal court, which convened in Raleigh Tuesday, had on its docket six cases sent up from Vance county charging illicit distilling or the illegal handling of whiskey in some way.

A show down on profits made by bituminous operators is needed for the American people to form a just opinion on the coal situation, William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, declared in a speech at New York.

Closing of additional manufacturing plants in the Middle West with others placed on a further curtailed fuel ration, and lessening of production, even in the mines which have been worked since the bituminous coal strike went into effect three weeks ago.

With less than 40 per cent of the normal output of bituminous coal being produced, the nation is facing its most serious period since the strike of soft coal miners was ordered, according to reports received by the railroad administration.

Enforcement of national prohibition will be placed squarely up to state and municipal authorities and the federal government will not intervene until conditions make it absolutely necessary, the Board of Temperance of the Southern Methodist Church was told by Director Kramer.

Miss Elizabeth Johnston, graduate of the Richmond School of Social Work and Public Health, a specialist in juvenile work and for some time attached to the Richmond Juvenile court, has accepted an appointment as county and city woman probation officer, and will enter upon her duties in Winston-Salem on December 1st.

The national committee in charge of the steel strike meeting at Pikesburg Wednesday voted unanimously to continue the steel strike, "shocking and indefensible" profits in 1917 and there is "grave doubt" that they are entitled to increase prices because of the proposed 31 per cent increase in miners' wages, William G. McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury, declared in a telegram to Federal Fuel Administrator Garfield.

The Federal Court of the Eastern North Carolina district convened in Raleigh Tuesday with the largest docket in its history, more than 250 cases being set to be tried during the term. About 175 of these carry charges of illicit distilling, and there are numerous defendants charged with removing and concealing whiskey, retailing or having whiskey in their possession. The term will last until Christmas, and then it will be necessary for a special term to be held to dispose of the heavy docket.

HAPPY CHILDREN RIDE TO SCHOOL IN A TRUCK.

Three Trucks in Operation and the Fourth Has Arrived

The County Board of Education has secured three handsome passenger trucks for the purpose of transporting children to and from school. One truck is in operation at Winton, one at Creedmoor and one at Stall. The fourth truck arrived this week and it will probably be assigned to the Oxford schools.

These are the first trucks to be bought in Granville County for the transportation of children to and from school. Franklin and Vance counties have a number of them, as well as other counties in the various parts of the state. The trucks are snugly fitted up and will ply from the schools daily. Each truck has a passenger capacity of 35 or more.

THANKSGIVING WAS OBSERVED HERE AS A HOLIDAY.

Banks, Post Office Public Places and Stores Closed—Many Attend Football Contest.

Thanksgiving in Oxford was observed as a general holiday. All of the banks, the post office, the freight depot, all public offices and most stores were closed for the entire day, as were the schools also, which have a holiday for the remainder of the week, following the closing of the session Wednesday.

Scores of Oxford people spent the day out of town. The football games of the various colleges attracted many of these. The Carolina-Virginia game at Chapel Hill was perhaps the strongest drawing card, with the A. & E.-Wake Forest game at Raleigh another general favorite.

There were no sales on the tobacco market, all business having been suspended after Wednesday's sales for the remainder of the week.

HIGH COST OF SMOKING NOW GOES STILL HIGHER.

Higher Cost of Cigarette Tobacco Is Blamed for the Advance

New York, Nov. 27.—The high cost of smoking is going still higher. One of the largest retailing concerns with branches in all parts of the country has announced that the retail price of various popular American "blends" of cigarettes, now retailing at 18 cents a package of twenty, would be advanced to 20 cents, or something over 11 per cent about December 1. The raise it is declared, is necessary to make up an increase of 40 cents a thousand in the wholesale price. Higher cost of cigarette tobacco is blamed for the advance.

ORGANIZATION NOW IS COMPLETE BY LABOR'S PARTY

Women to Have Equal Representation With Men in all of Its Deliberations—Want Government-Owned News Distributing Agencies—Membership of Millions Seen After One Year.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—Organization of the Labor party of the United States was practically completed at the first national convention here this week.

Robert M. Buck, of Chicago, won his fight for equal representation for women on the governing board of the party. A plan to elect members of the national committee along industrial lines giving the industrial trades different representation were rejected.

The convention recinded its action taken calling on every member of the party to give one day's pay to the campaign fund.

Clarence White, of Kansas City, spoke in favor of governmental ownership of all news distributing agencies of the country.

John H. Walker, of Chicago, predicted that the new party would have a membership of several million within a year.

Declaration of Principles Included in the declaration of principles are the following:

Abolition of the United States senate.
Election of federal judges by popular vote for term not exceeding four years.
Internal solidarity of labor.
Maximum hours of labor for men and women to be eight hours a day and 44 hours a week.
Maximum wage for workers to be fixed by law.
Opposition to declaration of war against Mexico.

Demand that negroes be given political, industrial and economical equality.

Non-commital on prohibition.
Government to own and operate the banking business of the country.

Nationalization of unused lands.
Incomes of individuals to be limited by law.
National initiative, referendum and recall.

Application of the "home rule" principle in state, county and city governments.

Condemnation of government by injunction.

Repeal of the espionage law and other repressive statutes passed during the war.

Condemnation of universal military training and conscription.
A demand for international disarmament to prevent future wars.
Immediate release of all political and industrial prisoners.

Nationalization of all public utilities and all basic industries.

RECRUITING OFFICER HERE

Will Be Found At the Post Office.

Sergt. Cornell, of the United States Recruiting Service, will be found at the local postoffice until tomorrow evening, Nov. 29th, and is prepared to give information to former soldiers concerning government insurance, unpaid allotments, and issue victory buttons, and will enlist men for all branches of the service from the age of 18 to 55.

It's getting cold here and with the shortage of coal Hawaii looks good. The Secretary of War has authorized the local Recruiting Officer to accept men for the Medical Department for service in Hawaii. Only one hundred men are wanted and men all over the States will have an opportunity to grasp one of these bunches of sunshine and fair weather. So the young men of North Carolina will have to act quickly if they want to visit "the garden spot of the world."

GEN. ROYSTER AT REHOBATH

Elegant Dinner Served to Large Number in the Grove.

Usually when Gen. Royster addresses a large gathering of people they call it a speech. According to an appointment he went over to Rehoboth Chapel Thanksgiving Day and they do say that "he preached an elegant sermon to a large congregation."

The Rehoboth section is noted for its elegant dinners. The spread in the church grove on Thanksgiving Day was no exception to the rule.

OXFORD TEACHERS ATTEND ASSEMBLY IN BODY.

The following teachers of the city schools attended the Teachers Assembly in Raleigh during the week: Prof. G. B. Phillips, Misses May White, Mary Webb, Ella Clement, Ruth Taylor, Sarah Clement, Lucy Culpepper, Fan McKinnon, Lena Barber, Lillian Hunt, Jeanette Biggs, Laura Clement, Helen Harper, Carle Fuller, Lucile Hunt, Edna Crews, Prof. James Bradsher, Prof. I. H. Butts.

The Bank Statements.

Attention is called to the bank statements in this issue of the Public Ledger. It would seem that the farmers have been saving for a rainy day.

LIBRARY CASE THAT WILSON WAS DEAD.

Georgia Authorities Search for Perpetrator of Hoax on Vice President.

The Georgia and Atlanta officials are investigating the hoax perpetrated in Atlanta last Sunday by an unidentified man who telephoned to the city auditorium where Vice-President Marshall was speaking, that President Wilson was dead and that Washington was calling Mr. Marshall on the long-distance telephone.

After Mr. Marshall had announced the message to the audience women began to weep, and at the request of Governor Dorsey, who was present, a minister offered a prayer. As the audience filed out the organist played "Nearer, My God to Thee."

Persons leaving the auditorium spread the report over the town and services at several churches were abruptly ended. Meanwhile Mr. Marshall communicated with the Associated Press and learned that the report of the President's death was without foundation.

Mr. Marshall's credulity is hard to understand. Why any one should accept such a report out of the thin air and give it the force of a public declaration before making an effort to verify or disprove it passes comprehension.

The hoax, however, enables President Wilson to realize that he has a warm place in the hearts of the people.

TO ENLARGE THE IMPERIAL TOBACCO PLANT

Col. Ballou Acquires Valuable Real Estate.

Col. Ballou has purchased the White & Floyd factory and other property in the vicinity with a view of enlarging the business.

All things being equal, said Col. Ballou, the building operations will be pushed next spring and summer so as to be able to handle a larger volume of tobacco next fall and winter.

When the foundation of the local Imperial plant was laid four or five years ago, Col. Ballou remarked that it would grow from year to year and that it would eventually be as large as any of the company's plants.

When the last purchase of Col. Ballou is developed next spring and summer, the Imperial will have spent a million dollars in equipment in Oxford. A few more enterprises like that would put Oxford over the fence.

WOULD CUT PAPERS TO SAVE NEWSPRINT

Reduce Size of Type, Limit News Heads and Decrease of Advertising Space Used.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 27.—Cutting down the size of papers by reducing the size of type, limiting the space for news heads and reducing reading matter and illustrations, decreasing advertising space by pyramid advertising and increasing advertising rates and increasing subscription rates to cover the cost of white paper and expense of delivery to readers, in order that the use of print paper may be reduced ten per cent during the coming year were urged upon all members of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association at the extraordinary session here this week.

THREE NEW POLICE ELECTED TO HENDERSON FORCE.

J. M. Williams Made Assistant Chief; Australian Soldier Is Another.

(Henderson Daily Dispatch) Three new policemen were elected by the City Council Monday evening to fill vacancies that have occurred during the past month as a result of resignations. One of the new men chosen is J. M. Williams, former chief of the police department, and another is Frederick King, a former Australian soldier who saw service on five fronts in the Great War, and who is something of an author in relating his own experiences. The third man is a sanitary inspector, W. L. Rogers being the choice of the board for this place.

GEN. MARCH SAYS ARMY OF HALF MILLION IS NEEDED.

Chief of Staff Corrects Statement Contained in Analysis of Report Issued Sunday.

(Washington Special.) The opinion of the army general staff and the administration is that a peace time army of 500,000 men is necessary to care for the national interest, General March, chief of staff, said correcting an interpretation of his annual report published Sunday. General March said he never had changed his estimate of 500,000 as the smallest force the country could afford to get along with.

CARNIVAL COMING NEXT WEEK

An Aeroplane Will Make Daily Flights.

There will be a carnival in Oxford all next week. There are a dozen different shows in the aggregation. The management announces that an aeroplane will make daily flights over Oxford. The show grounds are in the rear of the Oxford Bugby Company's plant.

REV. R. C. CRAVEN AND DR. E. T. WHITE IN RAILROAD WRECK.

The Cigar Was Dislodged From the Mouth of Dr. White.

Two wrecks on the same day occurred on the Seaboard Air Line railway Monday. The first was near Littleton early in the morning, when passenger train No. 16, bound for Norfolk from Norfolk, crashed into the rear of a freight standing on the main line.

The second of the two wrecks occurred at Wake Forest Monday evening when the shoo-fly crashed into an open switch and struck a freight that was on the siding. No one was injured, but the Oxford passengers were three hours late. Rev. R. C. Craven, Rev. B. C. Thompson and Dr. E. T. White were on the Shoo-fly. Dr. White was smoking a cigar when the crash came, and it will always be a mystery what became of the cigar, but he is sure he did not swallow it.

Dr. White always sees the funny side to everything. He was talking to his old friend Mr. Taylor, of Louisburg, when the crash came. When the noise and confusion had subsided, Dr. White asked Mr. Taylor what they were talking about when the railroad company disturbed their conversation.

"Oh, yes," said Mr. Taylor, "I will tell you what it was—why it was about—I cannot think what it was just now."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The eighteen pieces of property sold by Mr. Leak Peace at public auction last Monday at a handsome price, indicates that suburban property is in demand. Some of the property is situated on Raleigh road and some just beyond the Southern end of Hancock street and along a new street, which extends west from Raleigh road, known as Franklin street, which was opened up and graded by Mr. Peace. The property was sub-divided into 26 lots, eighteen of which were sold last Monday.

Real estate men say that the property "lays well to the town" and has a bright future.

Mr. Phil Kearney, the mail carrier purchased the place on Raleigh road known as the Murray home.

Mr. J. J. Medford bought the place on Raleigh Road recently occupied by Mr. Evans. He also purchased four vacant lots.

Dr. J. L. Bullock bought the Looan place on Raleigh road.

Mr. R. L. Hamilton bought the house and lot on Raleigh road recently occupied by Mr. Poythress.

J. W. Moss and L. A. Mathews purchased building lots.

DANISH VIOLINIST HERE.

Skovgaard Will Appear at Oxford College at 8 O'clock Saturday Evening, Nov. 29.

The eminent artist needs no introduction to the American public, having filled more than a thousand six hundred engagements from coast to coast. The first violin and teacher young Skovgaard received was when he was five years old. He was first Concert Master with the Berliner Philharmonic Orchestra in 1902; first Conceptor Master of the New York Symphony Orchestra in 1903 and since then has devoted his time exclusively to the concert platform of America and Europe.

Skovgaard plays on a violin that cost \$13,000 and his left hand is insured for \$50,000. Madam Skovgaard, who accompanies him received from her mother, a distinguished pianist and musician, not only her early musical training, but also a liberal endowment of that inborn gift, the mark of genius.

A rare opportunity to hear the world's distinguished violinist is offered music lovers at Oxford College at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening.

RED CROSS XMAS SEALS.

Mrs. Graham Roberts Is the Chairman of the Commission.

The drive for the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals in Oxford and Granville county is now on. Mrs. Graham Roberts has been appointed chairman of the commission and asks a hearty cooperation of the people in Oxford and the county. The proceeds from the sale of Christmas seals is to stamp out the white plague and other diseases. The seals should be purchased liberally and placed on every letter and package you mail from now on throughout the Christmas holidays. For sale at all drug stores and many other places.

CAROLINA DEFEATS VIRGINIA.

Tar Heel Gridiron Warriors On Native Soil Take Scallops of Ancient Rivals By Score of 6 to 0.

In the annual gridiron classic played at Chapel Hill Thanksgiving Day, Carolina defeated Virginia 6 to 0 in one of the most brilliant and hardest fought football games ever staged between eleven of the two colleges.

The attendance was estimated at between ten and twelve thousand people. Twenty-five cars left Oxford for the scene of battle early in the morning. It is estimated that 200 Granville county people saw the classic.

—Messrs B. W. Farham and A. W. Graham, Jr. argued cases in the Supreme Court Wednesday.

LETTER FROM THE CAPITAL OF TALLY HO.

(W. R. MANGUM)

Stem, N. C., Nov. 27. —Miss Minnie Goss, of Route 1, returned Monday from an extended visit to relatives in Apex.

—Mr. N. L. Clevents, one of the excellent farmers and splendid citizens of Route 3, moved this week to the D. G. Bullock place near here.

—At a recent meeting of the town commissioners, Mr. E. S. Parrish was elected chief of police in the place of Mr. C. G. Nelms, resigned.

—Mr. Connie Winters, of the Stem Garage Co. while shoving a plane a few days ago stuck a splinter about an inch long in his hand.

—Mr. R. C. Daniel, salesman for Mr. Lem Day, of Oxford spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Daniel.

—Mr. R. W. Wilkerson, of our vicinity, sold two loads of tobacco a few days ago on the Oxford market for the neat sum of \$2,300.

—Mr. Roy C. Crumes, who is taking a course in Richmond Business College, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Crumes.

—Mr. Roy T. Walters, who has been a most successful young farmer has opened up a grocery business in the store house he recently purchased, formerly occupied by Walters & Sherman.

—A new up-to-date garage will in short time be opened on the site of the old Stem Mercantile Co. The new concern, The Stem Auto Co., will be equipped with all the latest modern auto accessories.

—In Tally Ho church conference last Saturday Mr. W. T. Curran tendered his resignation as treasurer as he intends leaving this section and Mr. C. H. Washington was chosen in his place to fill this position.

—Miss Mary Webb, accompanied by Miss Lucy Culpepper, both teachers in the Oxford Graded School, spent the week end with Miss Webb's mother, Mrs. J. H. Webb of Tally Ho.

—Prof. J. G. Feezor, Mrs. A. M. Daniel and Miss Rebecca Long, of Stem High School and Miss Janie Clayton, of Hester School, left Wednesday to attend the Teacher's Assembly in Raleigh.

—Jordan Moore, colored, has purchased from W. H. Lytle his farm on Route 2. The latter, who is well known to both white and colored, for his square dealing and upright character, has moved to Raleigh and accepted a position as head cook at the Yarbrough Hotel.

—The Seventy-five Million Dollar Campaign in Tally Ho church is making satisfactory progress. The allotment of this church for the five years is \$5,500. Of this amount \$3,750 has already been subscribed and an active campaign of solicitors will be made beginning next Sunday.

—A public debate was held in the Stem High School building Tuesday night on the query: "Resolved that the Constitution of North Carolina should be so amended as to include the initiative referendum." Speakers for the affirmative were Misses Irene Stem, Floy Daniel, and Ora Parish. The negative: Wesley Veasey, Stanton Hardee, Edward Jones and Raymond Bullock. Judges of debate were Prof. Green of Knap of Reeds, Mr. Jackson and Captain J. B. Mayes, Jr., of Oxford. After a most spirited contest in which both sides acquitted themselves with great credit, the judges decided 2 to 1, in favor of the affirmative.

—The Southern Railway issues a monthly news bulletin from the headquarters in Atlanta, which contains many interesting items concerning the employees. The following is in reference to the agent at Stem:

"Agent L. M. Crymes, of Stem, N. C., has a very novel method for reducing the loss and damage account. A shipment of two coffee mills reached Stem broken and the consignee, refusing to accept them, filed claim for \$1.25. Mr. Crymes took the good parts from one of the broken mills and used them to fix the other. The consignee accepted the repaired mill and the claim was thereby reduced to 63 cents.

"We believe the same idea," says Staff Officer W. H. Gatchell, "could be used successfully on chairs, stoves and other commodities which are reaching destination broken and refused, and we trust that more of our agents will display the commendable initiative Mr. Crymes has shown."

NO REMOVAL OF BODIES FROM FRENCH SOIL NOW.

Foreign Office Promises To Consider Latest Request of the American Nation.

Paris, Nov. 27.—The 65,000 American dead in France must be left in the graves they now occupy until the French are ready to exhume their own dead, which it is hoped will be before January 1, 1922.

The foreign office has promised to consider the latest request of the American government for the return of its fallen soldiers, but later the following official announcement was made:

"It has been definitely decided that the Allies who fell together for the same cause should remain together in death until circumstances permit of the returning of the bodies to the families for whom they sacrificed themselves."

GRANVILLE SUPERIOR COURT

This Report Was Unavoidably Delayed.

Superior Court adjourned last Friday after devoting the week to the trial of civil cases. A number of cases were compromised and finally settled and there was a mistrial in one.

Probably the most important case tried at the term was that of Mrs. Mattie A. Lyon and others vs. A. T. Aiken. This case involved the question of the capacity of the late Mrs. Lou Daniel to make a deed under which Aiken was claiming about 47 acres of land near Creedmoor. The plaintiff asked that the deed be set aside and that those who would have been the heirs of Mrs. Daniel take the land. The jury answered all the issues as the mental capacity of Mrs. Daniel, undue influence, etc., on the part of Aiken, in Mr. Aiken's favor. Messrs. Hicks & Stem represented the plaintiffs and Gen. Royster and Mr. Hester appeared for Mr. Aiken.

The case of Henry Bumpass vs. W. S. Ellixson involved a question of rent with respect to about 7,000 hills of tobacco. The jury found in favor of Mr. Ellixson. Messrs Hicks & Stem appeared for Bumpass and Gen. Royster for Ellixson. There was a verdict for the plaintiff in the case of Wood vs. Southern Railway. Gen. Royster was attorney for Mr. Wood while Hicks & Stem represented the Railway.

There was a mistrial in the case of Hedgpech vs. H. G. Coleman. In this case the plaintiff, a young boy, alleged that defendant has slandered him in a letter which he alleged had been written him by the defendant. Mr. Coleman denied having written the letter in question. Mr. Brummitt and Mr. Hester were attorneys for plaintiff and Gen. Royster and Graham & Son appeared for defendant.

A large number of cases were left for trial and there is a suggestion to dispose of them it will be advisable to have a special civil term in the near future.

TOBACCO LEAGUE FORMED TO FIGHT LEGISLATION.

Users of Alleged Evil Weed Launch Campaign and Organize an Official Organ.

News comes from Washington to the effect that Tar Heel tobacco producers and crushers are interested in a movement where the National Tobacco League of America, a new organization launched for the purpose of "defending" the use of the weed, has literally taken time for the forelock and opened headquarters and a campaign in Washington.

The league, it is asserted was brought into existence "by tobacco users to combat anti-tobacco legislation." It publishes an official organ called The Defender. The purpose of the movement is "to wield into a concrete organization the tobacco consumers of this country, the league believing that is the only practical way to defeat anti-tobacco legislation whether federal, state or municipal."

NOVEL METHOD EMPLOYED TO SAVE FREIGHT CLAIM.

The Agent at Stem Commended By the Officials of the Southern

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DISTINGUISHED LADY VISITORS

Address Large Congregation at the Oxford Baptist Church.

Miss Kathleen Mallory, of Baltimore, and Mrs. W. N. Jones, of Raleigh, both prominent in church work, addressed a large congregation at the Oxford Baptist church Thursday night in the interest of the Seventy-five Million Dollar Campaign.