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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE PEOPLE

Every Elector Should Give Conscientious Study to the Whole Problem.

Interest in other features of the approaching election should not be permitted to distract attention from the constitutional amendments submitted for the approval of the people. One of these provides for an income tax and limits the property tax for state and county purposes to 15 cents on the hundred dollars worth of property; the other limits the poll-tax to two dollars and removes the requirement for its payment before voting.

The income tax amendment is part of the Democratic programme for honest and fair taxation. At present a cotton mill may make a net income of \$100,000 per year and the state cannot levy a tax on that income, but it can require the payment of such a tax by the bookkeeper who works in its office or the laborer who stands by its loom. In other words under our present Constitution the state may levy a tax on earned incomes no matter how small, but it cannot levy such a tax on incomes from property no matter how great.

The proposed amendment would allow the levying of such a tax on all incomes above \$2,000. Coupled with this is the limitation of the property tax for state and county purposes to 15 cents instead of 66 2/3 cents as at present. The two are placed together for the very manifest reason that without the income tax limitation cannot be safely reduced to the 15 cents, and with it the limitation ought not to stay at the present figures.

The income tax is the fairest form of taxation. If you don't make it, you don't have to pay it; if you do, you ought to be willing to do so. The combined income and property ought to carry with it the obligation to bear the burdens of government in some relative proportion to its value, but since the same piece of property will in one year yield more revenue or income than in another, the owner's total contribution to government will be based, as it should be, partly upon his mere ownership of property that can be converted into so many dollars and cents and partly upon what that property has produced during the particular taxing period.

By the amount that the income tax yields revenue the burden will be lifted from property simply as such. Observant students of political movements in North Carolina some time ago reached the conclusion that the effort to create dissatisfaction with revaluation was designed for use in defeating the income tax amendment. Of all classes of our citizenship the farmer and the small property owner will be most benefited by the income tax. If these classes can be deceived into believing that revaluation is unjust to them, they may be induced to vote against this amendment. That is the main purpose of the agitation against revaluation. It is therefore vitally important that the whole subject be presented to the voter before election day, and that every elector give the most conscientious study to the whole problem.

WARNING SENT OUT AGAINST FAKE FRUIT DRINKS

Many of the Orange Beverages Consist Only of Sweetened Carbonated Water.

Warning against "fake" fruit beverages which have flooded the soft drink market since the advent of prohibition, was issued this week by the public health service.

Many of the orange beverages now being sold, it was said, consist only of sweetened carbonated water, flavored with a little oil from the peel of oranges and artificially colored.

The department of agriculture has ruled that provisions of the pure food act will be held to have been violated in case such drinks are sold under trade names which lead the purchaser to believe they contain the edible portion or juice of the fruit named.

THE TOWN OF KITTRELL LOST IN POPULATION

Henderson Has a Population of 5,222, An Increase of 719 in Ten Years.

The census bureau announces the census of Vance county. Henderson's population was previously announced at 5,267. The revised figures are 5,222, a slight increase. The change is due to duplication, the bureau said.

By townships and incorporated places the population is as follows: the first figure representing the 1910 count and the second that of 1919:

Dabney, 853-1,100; Henderson, including Henderson city, 11,085-8,321; Kittrell, including Kittrell town, 2,834-2,910; Middleburg, including Middleburg town, 1,627-1,721; Nuthush, 883-710; Sandy Creek, 1,838-1,794; Towns, including Townsville town, 1,597-1,489; Watkins, 599-blank; Williamsboro, 1,483-1,380.

Incorporated places: Henderson, city, 5,222-4,503; Kittrell, town, 223-242; Middleburg, 206-blank.

Your battery should have water about every two weeks. Stop at Wheel Service Station.

OXFORD POSTOFFICE ROBBED

Thieves Made Their Exit Through Package Window

The Oxford post office was entered by thieves last night and robbed of about \$10 in cash and a number of parcel post packages. The thieves rifled the packages and removed everything of value that they ran across. The loss has not yet been determined.

The place of entrance is not known, but it is evident that they made their exit through the package hole in the lobby of the building.

DEMOCRATIC SPEAKERS THRILL LARGE AUDIENCES AT STOVALL AND CREEDMOOR

Many Ladies Were Present And Will Register and Vote in Greater Number Than Was At First Expected.

The Democratic county candidates opened the campaign at Stovall Friday night. A good crowd of men and women greeted the speakers and there was much interest and enthusiasm. It was very apparent that the people are still deeply concerned as to the future government of the country.

Mr. A. A. Hicks, the old Democratic war-horse, and present chairman of the county Democratic executive committee, was present and presided. He presented Sheriff E. D. Hunt and Register of Deeds Charles G. Powell and both of these gentlemen made short speeches of appreciation of the confidence the people have reposed in them and promised honesty and efficiency in office for the next two years.

Mr. Hicks then presented Mr. B. W. Parham, candidate for the House of Representatives. Mr. Parham spoke forcefully and entertainingly and presented to the audience the record and program of the Democratic party. He showed the change in the idea of government from that of a purely protective state to that of a provisional system. During the last twenty years in North Carolina under the wise administration of the Democratic party the welfare, the health, the education, the morals, and all the conditions of life of the people have been considered as never before. Mr. Parham closed with an appeal for the support of the national ticket and the League of Nations.

The Clarion Call.
Hon. D. G. Brummitt was introduced and made a clear and convincing explanation of the re-valuation act and the taxation program of the Democratic party. We wish that Mr. Brummitt's speech could be published in full for he talks logically, clearly and is in position to give the people much real information on this subject. He was received with much enthusiasm and the people who heard him went away with their minds satisfied as to the matters of taxation which are before the people.

There were many ladies present and it would seem that the ladies are preparing to vote in much greater numbers than many at first supposed.

At Creedmoor.
At Creedmoor Saturday night Hon. S. M. Gattis delivered a telling speech in support of the Democratic party and its present program. A large crowd gathered in the graded school auditorium to hear Mr. Gattis and the county candidates. Mr. Joe Peed, the precinct chairman called the meeting to order and presented Mr. A. A. Hicks who presided. After the county candidates were introduced Mr. Gattis, who is exceedingly popular in Granville was presented.

Mr. Gattis renewed the record of the Democratic party nationally and made an eloquent defense of Woodrow Wilson. He also discussed the taxation program of the party and showed its justice and honesty.

Mr. John W. Hester of Oxford was then called upon and made a splendid short speech in support of the League of Nations.

Mr. Parham was present but did not speak. He will fill an appointment at Creedmoor late in the campaign.

DEMOCRATIC SPEAKING IN GRANVILLE THIS WEEK

The political campaign having begun, Chairman Hicks announces that there will be speaking in the county every week from now until Election Day. For this week the appointments are as follows:

Thursday night, Oct. 7—Court House at Oxford.

Friday night, Oct. 8—Wilton.

Saturday night, Oct. 9—Stem.

Major Chas. M. Stedman will speak at the Court House in Oxford on the night of Oct. 7. He is the last surviving Confederate veteran now in Congress from North Carolina. Those who reverence the deeds of Southern soldiers should come out and give him a capacity house on that date.

Senator Powell W. Glidewell is an orator of force and power, and Chairman Hicks is fortunate in being able to secure him for these two speeches. The ladies are cordially invited to attend all of these meetings.

Meeting of Woman's Club
The October meeting of the Woman's Club will be held on next Friday afternoon in the Oxford Library at 4 o'clock. This is an important meeting and a large attendance is earnestly requested.

SEVERAL WOMEN REGISTERED HERE SATURDAY FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION

The registration books in Oxford, as well as at every precinct in the county and the state were opened early last Saturday. Early in the day three prominent ladies entered the sheriff's office and announced that they desired to register. Deputy Crawford Davis administered the oath and placed their names on the book. Several men who were formerly opposed to woman suffrage watched the ladies register and depart. "I will tell you what," said one of the men. "I was as bitterly opposed to woman suffrage as any man you could find, but since it is here I am for it heart and soul and I shall urge my wife and three daughters to register and vote."

In anticipation of the early arrival of the women to register, Sheriff Hunt requested the janitor to scrub the hearth, dust the furniture and rearrange the cuspidors. A clean new copy of the New Testament lay upon the desk of the registrar.

No definite information could be had as to the exact number of women who registered in Oxford and the county last Saturday, but it was understood to be fairly well in keeping with the number of men who usually register on the first day.

It has been suggested to the registrars that it would be a good idea to have a special time and occasion set aside for the ladies to call and enroll their names, and it is thought that this will very probably be done. Announcement of such times and places will be made later if the general policy is adopted.

DEMOCRATIC SPEAKERS WILL COVER THE STATE

Biggest Men in the Party Being Lined Up For Thorough Canvass Of Counties.

Raleigh, Oct. 4.—The Democratic campaign from this time until election day will make the liveliest news of the state, for Chairman Tom Warren has booked speakers for practically every county in North Carolina and many of the counties have as many as five and six engagements during the month of October.

In addition to a number of speakers from other states, the candidate for governor, Cameron Morrison, Max Gardner, Clyde Hoey, Attorney General James S. Manning, Aubrey Brooks, Senator Tasker Polk, and a number of other men have offered themselves to the committee for the month of October and Chairman Warren has planned to use them all. In addition to these appointments, the congressional campaign is being conducted independently of the state headquarters office. The various congressional candidates will be in the field during the whole month as will local speakers in every county.

TOBACCO SALES LARGE ON THE ROCKY MOUNT MARKET

Three Million Pounds Average \$20.77 Per Hundred Pounds.

Rocky Mount, Oct. 4.—Tobacco sales on the local market have been the largest of the season during the past week, the total offerings being considerably over 1,000,000 pounds having been disposed of, according to the regular weekly report of the Rocky Mount tobacco board of trade Monday Tuesday and Wednesday the sales lasted all day.

According to the figures for the month of September as compiled in the report, 2,886,390 pounds of tobacco were sold on the local market during that month. These offerings brought a total sum of \$599,594.11, which means an average for the month of \$20.77 per hundred pounds.

LEADERS ASK FOR AID FROM PEOPLE

Democratic National Committee Urges Bank and File To Contribute.

New York, Oct. 4.—The Democratic National Committee wants help, wants it in an open, above-board, public way. The Cox-Roosevelt managers are in great need of funds—not millions as are available to sands with which to offset the effect of immense funds being used to confuse and misrepresent the true issues of the present national campaign.

DR. MOREHEAD EMMITT LOCATES AT CLIFTON FORGE

Elected Manager and Surgeon of Large Hospital.

Friends in Oxford are grateful to hear of the honor conferred upon Dr. Morehead Emmitt a former resident of Oxford. He has been elected Manager and Surgeon of one of the largest hospitals in Virginia, at Clifton Forge. We feel confident that he will creditably perform these important duties and win even more distinction in his chosen profession. His mother, Mrs. S. H. Brown, will spend several weeks in Oxford before joining Dr. and Mrs. Emmitt in their new home at Clifton Forge.

VETS AND SONS LEAVE FOR HOUSTON, TEXAS

Three veterans of the War Between the States and six sons of veterans entrained here last Saturday for the reunion at Houston, Texas. They will be gone about ten days.

GRANVILLE COUNTY MEN THAT WE SHALL VOTE FOR

Carlton.
For the senate from this district, embracing Granville and Person, the Democratic nominee is Luther M. Carlton, of Roxboro. He was for years associated with ex-Governor W. W. Kitchin in the practice of law and is recognized as the leading lawyer of Person county. He is a man of clean personal character, professional attainments and affable and pleasing in manner and address. He will reflect credit upon this district in the next General Assembly.

Parham.
For the House B. W. Parham, of Oxford, is the Democratic nominee. To the people of this county Parham needs no introduction. He was born and raised among us. After finishing at Horner's Military School he attended Wake Forest from which institution he graduated with distinction. After teaching a few years he attended the Harvard Law School. Having secured his law license he located at Thomasville, N. C., for the practice of his profession and served Davidson county for one term in the Lower House of the General Assembly. So we are not sending a man who knows nothing about legislation and the methods of the Assembly.

Hunt.
Sheriff E. D. Hunt is asking for re-election, and the people will not fail to show their appreciation of the courteous and faithful service heretofore rendered by this big-hearted, lovable gentleman. Everybody knows that Dee Hunt is all right.

Hall.
Jno. R. Hall is asking for re-election as Treasurer and he will get the votes as heretofore, for Hall is the man for the office, as his books and records will show. Hall is a most painstaking, accurate accountant, and that is what the office needs.

Powell.
For Register of Deeds the Democrats offer Chas. G. Powell, son of our former registrar James Powell, Jim, for short. And about the most complimentary thing can be said about him is that he is a real chip off the old block. Charlie Powell is making a splendid record in the office of Register of Deeds. He is efficient and at the same time polite and courteous almost to a fault, if such were possible. He deserves election at the hands of the people of the county, and he will get it readily.

Bullock.
Dr. J. H. Bullock, Jr., known as Doctor Jack, is the candidate for coroner. He is the son of J. H. Bullock, one of the towns best and most favorably known tobacconist of ten years ago. Jack is a quiet and unassuming man, but constantly at his work. Though he has been here but a short time, yet he is now recognized as the equal of any of his profession in the town or county. Jack will make you a splendid coroner.

Commissioners.
For county commissioner the Democrats offer J. Ennis Davis, chairman of the present board, T. G. Taylor, C. G. Daniel, B. F. Currin and W. L. Clark. All these men are from the county except Mr. T. G. Taylor, and are recognized as leading men in their communities. The county will make no mistake in entrusting the business of the county to these gentlemen.

HOWARD DORSEY PROPERTY

Land and Home Place Sold For \$29,000.

At public auction in front of the court house Monday the Howard Dorsey property, situated on the Oxford-Henderson road, two-miles east of Oxford, brought \$29,000. Mr. W. M. Gulick, of Brooklyn, bought the home place, which contained 106 acres, for \$15,000.

In order to satisfy a one-fourth interest the Farmers warehouse was sold, which as a whole, brought \$28,000.

Good Advice To Farmers.
Mr. H. E. Crews, who is widely known and much beloved in Granville county, was in Oxford Monday.

"Much can be accomplished by the farmers themselves toward financing the tobacco crop," said Mr. Crews. "If they will place their money in the bank and pay by check."

BACK TO NORMAL

The Perkinson-Green Company Announce Substantial Reduction On All Goods.

Elsewhere in this paper the old reliable firm of Perkinson-Green Company announce a 20 percent reduction on all goods in their two stores. A twenty percent reduction means that what you would have paid \$5.00 for in their store ten days ago, you can now get the same for \$4.00.

THE COUNTY FAIR

As we go to press this morning Oxford is filling up with people from the surrounding country to attend the County Fair. The Fair will continue through Wednesday and Thursday, rain or shine.

Masons Furnish Room
Oxford Lodge No. 396, A. F. and A. M., at their regular meeting Monday night voted to furnish a room at Brantwood hospital.

NORTH CAROLINA TOBACCO GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Drive For Membership In Granville Starts At Creedmoor Next Saturday.

Dr. E. T. White, president of the local unit of the North Carolina Tobacco Growers Association, announced today that the Association is now a reality and is organized for business. Granville is ready and waiting for the pledge cards from state headquarters, said Dr. White. The canvass for membership will be put on at Creedmoor next Saturday, October 11.

YEGGMAN BLOW POSTOFFICE SAFE AT STEM

Get Away With \$150 In Stamps, Money and Notes.

(W. R. MANGUM)
When Miss Lucy Hardee, postmistress, entered the Postoffice last Friday morning, she was amazed at the sight which greeted her eyes. The large Mosler safe, in which government securities were kept, was wide open and papers and valuables scattered around. It was at once apparent that it had been blown open, nitro glycerine being used at the safe which together with a combination was blown off and the front completely wrecked. Upon examination it was found that approximately \$150 in stamps, money and etc., had been stolen.

Miss Hardee had about five dollars in change and some very valuable rings in a box in the safe apart from the other securities, but they were not taken and no other damage inflicted except to the safe and contents.

Quite a number of tools belonging to Mr. W. I. Wheeley, wheelwright, were lying near the safe which were evidently used in the robbery.

The thieves entered through the front window and left through the rear door. Not long after the postoffice raid was discovered, word reached the deputy sheriff here that a Ford touring car had been stolen the same night at Stagsville, a description given and the public here advised to be on the lookout for same. About this time Mr. O. T. Mangum, who had his Ford touring car in the room adjoining the Stem Mercantile storage house, discovered that his car had also been stolen. This was practically new, had only been used about two months. The Stagsville car was found in front of Anthony Bullock's, a colored farmer's house just a few hundred yards from here on the road leading to Tally Ho. The gas had given out in this car, and the same parties are supposed to have stolen Mr. Mangum's car, in order to get away. No clue to the thieves has yet been discovered.

Interest In Revival

Twenty two persons were added to the membership of Tally Ho Church as a result of the meeting held there recently, which was conducted by the evangelist, Rev. H. T. Stevens, who is sent out by the Home Mission Board. All of them were baptized Sunday afternoon in Montagues pond near Hester.

Mr. H. J. Wheeler Dead.

Mr. Henry J. Wheeler died in Watts hospital, Durham, Thursday morning, September 30th. For several years Mr. Wheeler had suffered with high blood pressure but kept at his work and the day before he died was at his regular work as foreman in the steaming department of Duke's factory. At six o'clock in the afternoon he had a sinking spell and was rushed to the hospital. The remains were interred in the city cemetery in Durham Friday afternoon. Mr. Wheeler was a native of this county and was twice married, his first wife prior to her marriage, a Miss Vneel, his last wife Miss Pearl Tomason of route 3, by whom he is survived with one little boy, and four children by his first marriage.

Hester School

Hesters Graded School opened Monday morning with nearly a hundred pupils. Rev. L. M. Hobbs, principal, Mrs. A. M. Daniel, intermediate, and Mrs. Naomi Honeycutt primary grades. All are well experienced teachers and the school opens under most favorable auspices.

Mr. O. C. Clayton, of Route 3, missed two of his cows from his pasture Monday morning and he, with three other men, made a diligent search of the surrounding country all day and into the night, but no trace of them had been found. Mr. Clayton had reached the conclusion that they were stolen, but his brother, who was passing one of the out houses on the premises, found them shut up inside helping themselves to fodder. The door is supposed to have shut behind them.

Personal Mention.

—Mr. J. H. Gooch left Friday morning to attend the Kekukee Primitive Baptist Association in Martin county.

—Misses Allene Stem and Maye Barker, of Oxford Route 6, and Floy Daniel of Tally Ho left Monday for the East Carolina Training School at Greenville.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE WILL SPEAK IN OXFORD

Mr. John Parker, Republican candidate for governor, will deliver an address in the court house on one o'clock on Thursday, October 14th.

BUYING PUBLIC MORE EXACTING

Reserve Board Foresees Lower Prices To Consumer.—Already Extensively Felt In Wholesale Trade In Textiles, Shoes and Other Goods.

(Associated Press)
Washington, Oct. 4.—Price cutting has taken hold of the wholesale trade to an extent that soon must be felt substantially in lower prices to the consumer, according to the federal reserve board's monthly business review.

Although the board believed the buying public was largely dominating the market now, it is said that labor and production were having a marked effect on prices. There was much evidence, it is said of increased efficiency on the part of labor and as a result production was on the increase and factory operation beginning to approach normal.

On Road To Stability.
Summed up, the board's findings, which were that "business conditions now are definitely on the road toward stability of as great and confirmed a nature as the disturbed position of the world at large permits." "Continuance of the process of readjustment in business and industry has been an outstanding feature of the last month," the review said. "This has been accompanied by price reductions and by the resumption of work in branches of industry where hesitation as to future outlook has led to suspension."

Drops in Textile Lines.
Drops in prices have featured almost all textile lines, agents of the various reserve banks reported, and they added that, due to reductions and jobbers the retailers are buying carefully and not in large quantities. The retailer's attitude was deplored as necessarily conservative for the reason a market with a downward trend leaves him the alternative of taking a loss or keeping his shelves stocked with high priced goods.

Shoes and Leather Industry.
Similar influences were shown to be bearing on the shoe and leather industry. Because of this apparent sentiment, the review stated, retailers are postponing buying or are buying only for current requirements.

HOLD TO YOUR NEWSPAPERS

A farmer who was here Wednesday said that since tobacco had gone down in price he had quit reading. His papers are still coming, but he does not read them. As we see it, he is making a mistake. It is true, some bad news comes out in the newspapers, but they do not make it any worse than it really is. We should be willing to look at the dark side of the picture as well as the bright side. In other words, we should want to see things as they really are without thinking too much about how they should be. It is useless to worry about conditions. If things are wrong, we should try to get them right. After doing the best we can our responsibility ceases. Newspapers cost but little and the farmer should not begin to economize by cutting them off. The thing to do is to decide on what papers the family needs and get them. No paper should be stopped if as many as one member of the family reads it. A man should not take away the mind food of the family any sooner than he would take away from them the food for the body. Regardless of hard times, you should subscribe to your papers and buy a few good books occasionally. Do not let the home be dark for want of some reading matter which would cost you but little.—Smithfield Herald.

FARMING FORTY YEARS AGO

You Can See Whether Farming Pays When Properly Attended To.

The Statesville Landmark published the following from one of its correspondents:

"A Blum's Almanac for March, 1879, came into my possession a few days ago, with the following report of the crops harvested by the late C. L. Shinn the previous year:

"As many young men are emigrating to the West, seeking better land and country, I propose to give you a statement of my neighbor, Calvin L. Shinn's crop last year, who is one of our best farmers, attending to it himself. He ran four plows, principally by his own family; expenses for hire was about \$165. He harvested 416 1-2 bushels of wheat from 31 1-2 sowed; cribbed 1,110 bushels of corn; made 22,500 pounds seed cotton on 27 acres of land; used six sacks of fertilizer. On the 22nd inst., killed the last of his hogs, 25 head, which weighed 4,417 pounds. These hogs were raised at a very small cost on clover and grasses, with the aid of pea pasture. I had forgotten to state that he had gathered 150 bushels of peas off of his corn land before pasturing, and made 38 loads of hay. You can see whether farming pays when properly attended to."

A WHITE PINE STAND GROWS 1,000 BOARD FEET A YEAR

Two acres of white pine, near Keene, N. H., were sold three or four years ago, before the war prices, for \$2,000 on the stump. The total stand was 254 cords, which equals 170,000 board feet or an average of 85,000 feet per acre. The trees were from 80 to 85 years old; so the growth on each acre was about 1,000 feet per annum and the gross returns about \$12-20 per acre per annum.