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J. W. Bailey Submits Food For Thought

Former Candidate For Governor Gives Out Statement That Causes Much Comment Throughout State

State's Investment In Automobiles Enormous

Bailey Urges North Carolinians To Check up on Administration Of State Governmental Affairs.

Raleigh, Feb. 5.—Calling on the people of North Carolina to check up on administration of the State's affairs and for the Democratic party in the State to take stock of itself, Joseph W. Bailey of Raleigh, for a score of years a leader of the Democratic party and one of its foremost orators in campaigns, in a statement issued here tonight declared "that we are spending money at a rate that indicates an extravagant disregard of principles of economy as well as the condition of the taxpayer and demands investigation." Mr. Bailey issued his statement as a commentary on the recent report of the State Auditor outlining the expenditure of the various departments of the State Government and in it remarked on what he termed "extravagance" shown in some of these departments.

"Before the State levies one dollar of additional taxes," he declared "or issues a dollar on additional bonds, it is the duty of the legislature to make a thorough investigation with a view to cutting down the cost of government, and if possible, recovering money wasted. Good faith requires this."

The Raleigh took up the proposed increase of the tax levies to meet additional appropriations of close to five millions a year during the next biennium and asserted that it was a question what year the people "will be able to bear the burden" and "it is certain that the burden will press heavily upon them."

Mr. Bailey went at length into the reports of expenditures of various departments of the State government to prove his contention that money is being wasted in operations of the State's affairs. He counseled caution in the making of appropriations and economy in administration in order that taxes might be held as low as possible. He gave as his belief that "we are spending on public administration in North Carolina—and practically wasting—somehow between \$700,000 and \$1,000,000 a year more than is necessary; and I do not think we should put taxes on anybody until we cut this waste."

The statement issued by Mr. Bailey follows:

"This statement is addressed to the people of North Carolina and particularly to the Democratic Party, since it is control of the State, and is responsible:

"We know now that the deficit on current account in the State's finances is at least \$9,515,786.62; this is the finding of the Budget Commission. It is recognized as a fact by all sane citizens. How the State Auditor of this State will ever reconcile the public statement heretofore made by him to these facts, is a matter for him to explain. It is a reproach to the Democratic party that it has required two years to ascertain the true condition of the State's finances.

"It is now known that the bonded indebtedness of this State is over one hundred million dollars; and by the time the present General Assembly adjourns, it will be \$120,000,000 or \$150,000,000.

"It is now known that the finance committee of the General Assembly are laboring desperately to devise a tax scheme sufficient to meet the situation; and that under any circumstances, taxes will be very greatly increased, since the State taxes are to be about \$5,000,000 more per year than heretofore. This increase will be in addition to the large increase made the last six years; and it is a question whether the people will be able to bear the burden. It is certain that the burden will press heavily upon them.

"Before the State levies one dollar of additional taxes or issues a dollar of additional bonds, it is the duty of the legislature to make a thorough going investigation with a view to cutting down the cost of government, and if possible, recovering money wasted. Good faith requires this."

"The State are being run extravagantly beyond all questions in the minds of those who know the facts. I am prepared to say that the latest Auditor's report shows a state of extravagance that is a reproach to the State and to the Democratic Party; and I believe we will be held to answer for it."

"I wish to point out some expenditures of the State:

"The State Auditor's Department, for example, is costing the State \$140,000 a year. There is no reason whatever why this office should cost the State over \$40,000 a year. A reference to the records will show that it has cost less than \$40,000 a year within the last ten years.

"The State Department of Revenue is costing the State \$180,000 a year. In its expenses account is the sum of \$13,236 for hotel bills and \$10,270 for automobile hire, and clerical salaries, \$117,780.

"The Automobile License Bureau of this State, under the Secretary of State, is costing the State over \$200,000 a year. I am informed by the Secretary of State that he has purchased nine Packard cars—the Packard car being one of the most expensive types. The Secretary of State has one of these for his personal use; his chief clerk has another of these for his personal use; and one of his clerks here in Raleigh has another of these for his personal use. If there is want of law for his sort of thing, I have not been able to find it.

"I find on page 37, Automobile Department, under 'Chief Fund,' an expense of \$105,000; this is in addition to the license department expense—this expense being over \$200,000, making a total on account of automobile licenses and theft fund over \$300,000.

"The Auditor's report, page 26, shows that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, the State paid attorney's fees for professional services under expenses of bond sales, \$16,931.93. On the same page, it shows that in addition to the ordinary expenses of the office of the Attorney General—including salary of himself and his clerks—the State agent for lawyers services and expenses the last fiscal year, \$16,254.79.

"Page 32 shows that the cost of maintaining the Governor's Mansion the last fiscal year was \$17,732.51; of this, \$6,317.50 was for servants—

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CUT OFF BOOZE FROM CONGRESSMEN

One Week Would See 18th Amendment Repealed, Says Stayton.

New York, Feb. 2.—If members of Congress were compelled to abstain from intoxicants for one week the 18th amendment would be repealed at the week's end, William H. Stayton, head of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, Inc., said tonight at an enlightenment dinner at the hotel Astor under auspices of the citizens committee of 100.

"A group of wealthy men recently called upon President Coolidge, and invited him as a total abstainer and invited all other government officials to come forward and take the pledge," said Mr. Stayton.

"The polls are still open, but not one single vote has been cast. Representative Upshaw has repeated his earnest call that members of Congress come to the mountr's bench but no one has bulged."

"These gentlemen who went to see the President unit with reformers of the United States in crying for enforcement. So far the authorities have failed to give enforcement. Perhaps it is impossible to enforce the law in the whole United States. I suggest that they try a more limited task."

"I recommend that they try to enforce the prohibition law as it concerns members of Congress. That gives them about 530 individuals upon whom to try enforcement. It ought to be practicable to have a set of watchers to make sure that these 530 obey the law for one week. At the end of the week the law would be repealed."

Womans' Club Hold Regular Monthly Meeting.

On Monday, February 9th, the Womans Club held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. C. C. Ward, hostesses for the occasion being Mesdames B. J. Downey, A. D. Odom, J. R. Dumas, M. L. Davenport and G. C. Ward. Thirty members including several new ones were present, also several visitors. The new president, Mrs. B. J. Downey, presided, and after the opening exercises Mr. Harry Fagan, president of the Kiwanis Club, gave a very interesting talk on what the Womans Club could do in various ways to help the town.

A very lively business session followed. One of the most important actions taken during the meeting was the Club unanimously voted to donate \$25.00 to the Boy Scout organization in the town.

The Club was delighted to have Mrs. Effie Vines Gordon as a guest, and who made a very timely talk on Home Gardens and the Home Garden contest.

After the club adjourned the hostesses served delicious sandwiches and hot chocolate.

LAW-MAKERS ARE GRINDING AWAY

Solons Will Doubtless Assist Governor in Cutting Off Enormous Expense.

(By M. L. SHIPMAN.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 9.—Angus Wilton McLean's first victory as Governor was scored during the week and his position as the real leader of the State considerably strengthened thereby; Josiah W. Bailey, some time candidate for Governor issued a statement deprecating what he termed "extravagances" in the operation of the State's affairs; Former Governor Cameron Morrison appeared before the finance committee to defend his "accrual" system of financing the State; expenses of legislative commissions was made public; the "bus" bill got by the Senate and went to the House with a prediction that its passage is assured; the Supreme Court told the legislators that they had not the power to create "special" judges to relieve court congestion and the House committee on Courts and Judicial Districts announced the purpose of re-districting the State with a bill creating seven additional judicial districts; these were the high spots of legislative week which was more prolific of results than any thus far in 1925.

Tam Bowie, ardent hard surfaced roads proponent, showed himself to be as good a politician as he is a friend of good roads. Tam saw the current was set against him in the matter of a \$25,000,000 bond issue for roads. Governor McLean came out in his second message and said twenty millions for the next two years with income from gas and licenses and county and Federal aid bringing it to approximately thirty-two millions would carry the program along and at the same time NOT endanger the State's credit. He pointed to the "fourth" of nine and a half millions for highways, both next and asked for common sense, in legislation, in order that the whole future of road building might not be endangered. The logic of the Governor's stand was too much for the Bowie-Heath group and when Frank Page backed up Mr. McLean's argument the larger bond issue advocates saw that they would have to overcome not only those who believe McLean has the right idea, but also those who have implicit confidence in Frank Page as builder of roads, said confidence having been gained by the splendid methods he has used during five years in building the State's roads. Mr. Bowie saw the opposition growing and he capitulated rather than go down to what would have been almost certain defeat. Mr. McLean won his victory and Bowie failed to lose any of the prestige which he has gained as one of the strong figures of the General Assembly.

Former Governor Morrison presented his side of the deficit issue, made a speech that will long be remembered for its eloquence and its unusually kindly treatment of his political opponents, was given respectful attention by a large crowd and left the matter with the finance committee, who it is believed, will go ahead and carry out their original intentions of recognizing a deficit to exist and arrange for amortizing it. The chief argument against Mr. Morrison was that his administration is over. Mr. McLean now is Governor, wants to figure on the cash basis, has presented in elegant terms his executive budget system for balancing the State's financial books and is entitled to his turn at the bat without any side line coaching by Mr. Morrison. The former governor was received by a plainly hostile crowd that gave him credit for an excellent speech which though he seems to think so, has NOT misjudged his administration, and which is willing to concede his right to criticize in a constructive manner, but not to dictate to the McLean administration. The net result of the Morrison speech will probably be nil and if he keeps at the issue some of his own following undoubtedly will drift away. The sentiment here seems to be that he should close his mouth and stop interpreting differences of opinion on State policies as personal attacks upon himself.

Josiah William Bailey issued a statement charging various kinds of extravagances against the State government. Undoubtedly many of the Raleigh lawyer's contentions were true, and there are many improvements to be made in the administration of departments. Mr. McLean has promised, if the executive budget system is passed to give his personal attention to the situation of the State's affairs.

WILSON OFFICIALS TO GIVE HALF THEIR PAY

County Commissioners Assist That Way In Road Building. Petition Bond Issue.

Wilson, Feb. 3.—Petitions, signed by hundreds of citizens from every section of Wilson county, were presented to the board of county commissioners Monday asking that an election be called Thursday, March 5, for the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$1,250,000 for the construction of hard surface roads and concrete bridges, \$1,000,000 for roads for bridges, \$250,000.

The proposition is endorsed not only by the people in the rural districts but by every civic organization in the county.

A patriotic sacrifice will be made by the county commissioners in the event the election is carried. Each member voluntarily will give half of his salary which will be sufficient to pay the road commissioner that will be appointed to superintend the work.

The question of putting the sheriff, clerk of the Superior court and register of deeds on salary was discussed by one committee which cited Guilford county as an example. Another committee favored the fee system now in vogue. However, the commissioner decided to make a change reducing the sheriff's fees considerably, to take effect in the fall of this year. For the collection of the 1925 tax the fee will be two and one-half per cent, and for 1926 and thereafter two and one-fourth per cent. At the present rate the sheriff gets 5 per cent on the first \$50,000 and two and one-half per cent on the remainder of tax collected. No change in the other officers were made.

Kiwanians Prepare to Stage An Unusual Attraction.

On Friday evening, February 20th at the High School Auditorium the Kiwanis Club expect to stage the largest, snappiest, and most brilliant home talent production ever witnessed by a local audience. The cast will number over one hundred and twenty-five people, including the entire membership of the Kiwanis Club in a wonderful harmony chorus, thirty-five little girls in a gorgeously costumed butterfly pageant, ten beautiful dancing flappers, and other notably gifted professionals in the city of Nashville, accompanied by the peppiest jazz orchestra ever assembled under above-mentioned roof.

The first part of the program will be an olio of novelty acts closely resembling the famous Keiths circuit Kiwanians. If you haven't ever heard the famous Kiwanis quartette A. W. Futrell, S. F. Austin, C. L. Benson and G. L. Jones; or if you haven't seen Parson Upchurch and

Public Interest Centers In Fate Of Cave Man

Man Entombed In Cave For Over Ten Days Has Little Chance of Being Rescued Alive

Louis Davenport tripping the high fantastic in petite ballet skirts, then the burlesque rehearsal will be worth your while. Little Miss Frisco in a Tuxedo, high silk hat and walking stick kicking out the fly lights, musical comedy, grand tragedy and slap-stick comedy, closing with the famous dance of the Argentine Tango taken from the "Whirl of Life."

The second part of the program will be the grand ensemble combining Al. G. Fields cleverest comedians, Flo Zeigfield's prettiest chorus girls, and Metropolitan's sweetest singers. Each of the Kiwanians armed with a jingling red tambourine will assist considerably in adding to the racket even if they can't sing. Rehearsals got under way in earnest early this week, and Kiwanians hold forth nightly at the school auditorium at 7:00 o'clock.

Proceeds will go to the Kiwanis Charity Fund. Admission is only thirty-five and fifty cents, and from present indications, everybody from miles around will be there. Fun will run riot for two hours, and Kiwanians wish to take this opportunity of expressing the sincerest appreciation of the splendid spirit of cooperation shown thus far by the citizens in helping them out with this, their maiden attempt before the footlights.

Huge Boulder Grips Leg Of Cave Explorer

Workers Still Try To Extricate Floyd Collins From Imprisonment In Sand Cave.

For more than a week practically the nation has been on tip-toe concerning the rescue of Floyd Collins, who was imprisoned in a narrow passage 300 feet from the mouth of Sand Cave, Kentucky, by an 8-ton boulder on his foot. Collins had been exploring the cave and was crawling out when the cave-in of the huge subterranean rock pinioned his foot in the passageway. Unable to extract himself, he began calling for help, but was not discovered until twenty-one hours later. Rescuers immediately set to work but owing to the lack of tools and the narrow passage little headway was gained. Numbers volunteered their services in this dangerous work, but only persons of small stature have been able to reach him.

The cave is little more than a hole-pit where Collins is pinned, half erect and half in a reclining position, face upward. For twenty-four hours he was alone, the constant drip, drip, drip of the water from melting snow and ice on the surface creating a torture chamber such as was known in ages past. Collins' brothers, Marshall and Homer, carried oiled cloth to the cave and put over their brother to protect him from the dripping water, any newspaper correspondents and everything possible was done to remove his body. A dispatch to the Louisville Post stated that Homer Collins offered \$500 to any reputable surgeon who would crawl into the cave, chloroform the imprisoned man and amputate his leg.

Last Thursday all communication was cut off from Collins when an uplift in the floor about forty-five feet from him sealed the entrance to the cave. Experienced drillers from the Kentucky Asphalt Company plant have been trying to sink a hole directly through the hillside at a point estimated to be above where Collins is pinned in. Radio has been resorted to as a means of finding out if Collins is still alive and almost every day some little noise has been heard in the cave which is thought to have come from movements of Collins. Nothing definite is known, however, and meanwhile the work of sinking the shaft is slowly going on.

Several years ago Collins discovered a cave on his father's farm which has since been visited by many tourists. Collins and his father were equal owners of this cave, which is known as Crystal Cave, and he was exploring Sand Cave with a view to using it as a show place for tourists when he was entrapped. He was to have been married last week, according to reports.

There is a general belief that, if red tape business and unnecessary delays had not occurred, Collins' brother, with the assistance of a fearless newspaper man from Louisville would have freed the man long ago from his perilous position.

Judge Sinclair Hands Hot Rebuke To Old Offender

Joe Bisette Convicted In Wilson County Court.

Joe Bisette, well known Nash County man and who has figured conspicuously in the courts of Middlesex Recorder Court District, as well as in the higher courts of Nash County during the past and who has a very checkered record intermingled with road and jail sentences, was convicted in the Wilson County Court last week on a charge of having been the instigator and participant in the flogging of Percy Liles at his tobacco barn in Wilson county some months ago, and was given a sentence of two years on the Wilson County roads, from which sentence Bisette has taken an appeal, his bond being fixed at \$5,000.

The case was thrashed out before Judge N. A. Sinclair, who presided at the recent term of Nash Superior Court. It is said Judge Sinclair expressed himself very freely concerning Bisette's conduct and in passing sentence said: "Old man, it is lucky for you that you were found guilty of simple assault. I believe you to be guilty of secret assault, and had you been found guilty on that count, only for your age I would not hesitate to send you up for 30 years. Your conduct was most cowardly. Two years on the roads of Wilson county."

In addition to the \$5,000 appearance bond, Bisette was required to give a fifty dollar game bond.

Tam Tatnell says when he wants the county agent to help him, he calls on the agent to come to his farm and show him what the farmer is doing in the field.

Tar Heel Missionary Must Leave Roumania.

Rev. Ben T. Hurley, Ordered Out of That County.

Wake Forest, Feb. 2.—Een T. Hurley, mentioned in Saturday's associated Press dispatches as having been ordered by government authorities to leave Roumania within 15 days is a graduate of Wake Forest college in the class of 1921. He attended the Southwestern Theological seminary after leaving Wake Forest, and for the past year has headed a theological seminary in Bucharest as a missionary for the Southern Baptist convention. Hurley is a native of Millboro, Randolph county, and married an Anson county girl. The press dispatches out of Bucharest state that no charges have been preferred against Mr. Hurley, but add that under the law of Roumania, aliens may be deported for teaching doctrines contrary to those accepted in the country, the American consular officer of Bucharest is interfering for Rev. Mr. Hurley, the report continued.

Baptist Church Sunday Services.

Sunday School 9:45 A. M. Preaching at 11:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Subject "Our Church Covenant."

Evening subject: "How Grace and Sharp Teeth." The pastor will try to say something at both services—especially at the evening.

Public notice.

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Department Experts To Visit Nash During Coming Month

HONOR FOR ROCKY MOUNT KIWANIS

Will Be Featured In March Issue of Organ of The Society.

The Rocky Mount Kiwanis club, winner of the Harry Adams cup for sponsoring the greatest number of new clubs in the Carolinas district during the year 1924, not only captured this honor but set a new international record for Kiwanis propagation, according to advice and congratulations which have been forwarded the local club from headquarters of Kiwanis International.

In recognition of its performance of organizing four new clubs and assisting in the organizing of three others, the local club is to be given an entire page in the March issue of the Kiwanis Magazine. Pictures of officers of the club and considerable data on its activities have already been forwarded the editor of the magazine and a most attractive layout, to say nothing of great publicity for Rocky Mount, is expected.

Street Car Buses To Run In Goldsboro.

Goldsboro, Feb. 5.—At the regular meeting of the city aldermen held last night, a ten-year exclusive franchise was granted to H. G. Bales, president of the Highway Motor Traction company, a concern operating buses between Goldsboro and Warsaw, to operate motor driven buses of the street car type with a maximum carrying capacity of from 25 to 35 passengers from the street of Goldsboro.

Plans Being Perfected For Milk Campaign In Nash.

Following close in the wake of the announcement that the Board of County Commissioners cooperating with the Dairy Division of the State Department have inaugurated the cattle tubercular campaign in Nash, whereby all cattle of the county will be subjected to rigid tests, comes the announcement that March 18, 19, and 20, has been designated as dates for prosecuting a well-planned milk campaign in the county and that representatives of the various state departments will visit the county at an early date to make preparations for the campaign.

On these days trained speakers will deliver messages showing the benefits of milk as a diet, and various schools in the county will be visited by these experts in bringing the message to the people. The announcement is made that on March 2nd, a school for speakers who will on March 19th, sound their message of "Drink Milk" at every school house and community center in the county will be held at Nashville, and Miss Maudie Wallace, assistant State agent will have charge of the course of instruction, while A. C. Kimrey, head of the dairying division of the state department of agriculture, will be present to confer with the dairymen of the county.

At a meeting of the Women's County Council held in Nashville on Tuesday Mrs. B. D. Halseck, of Rocky Mount, was named chairman of the campaign and will cooperate with Mrs. E. E. Gordon, home demonstration agent, in carrying out the plans.