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## BILL INTRODUCED TO TAX DOGS

### MR. COTTON WANTS TO PUT A TAX ON ALL CANINES.

Bill to Punish Persons Who Make False Statements to Procure Credit—To Incorporate North Carolina Detective Association—Additional Chairman of Committees Appointed. Special to The Tribune.

Raleigh, January 14.—In the House today the new member from Halifax (Green) to succeed Stambuck, dead, was sworn in.

The Chair announced additional chairmen of standing committees as follows:

Immigration, Moving, Chairman. Federal Relations, Rose. Election Laws, Gay. Manufactures and Labor, Cox. Claims, Kirkman.

Blind Institutions, Kelley. In the Senate Boyden introduced a bill to incorporate the North Carolina Detective Association.

The following bills were introduced: Cotton, general act to tax dogs.

Rinehardt, to punish persons making false statements to procure credits.

Graham, to print in its entirety the report of tax the commission submitted to the Legislature of 1887, portions of which were adopted, but none are in existence in the State offices as official documents at present. It is hoped to secure a copy from some private source.

Mr. Connor introduced an important bill concerning notaries public when they are stockholders in banks or other corporations. The design of the bill is to clear any doubt as to the legality of the acts of such notaries and is recommended by the National Bankers' Association.

Ray's Mason county near bear bill, as amended by the Senate, passed the House finally. Ray says he is not afraid of the Senate amendment nullifying act.

Resolution asking Congressmen to vote for New Orleans as site for World's Fair was enrolled for ratification. LLEWXAM.

### Dinner Given by Miss Montgomery.

Miss Melissa Montgomery delightfully entertained a number of guests at a 6 o'clock dinner last evening at Laura Sunderland Hall. An elegant farcy dinner, with all the accessories, was served and during the evening the guests were delightfully entertained by Miss Sempie, a very accomplished musician, who rendered a number of beautiful selections. Miss Montgomery's guests were: Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Coltrane, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Houston and Miss Nannie Alexander.

After the dinner Mr. D. B. Coltrane made a short talk to the girls comprising the student body of the school. His remark proved of deep interest to the audience, as evidenced by the close attention given them.

Probably no institution of equal facilities is doing a greater or nobler work than Laura Sunderland School under the guidance and direction of Miss Melissa Montgomery, a woman of extraordinary talent and ability, who is devoting her life to the work of this school.

### Death of Mrs. D. M. Isenhour.

Mrs. D. Monroe Isenhour died today at 11 o'clock at her home in No. 4 township, after an illness of eight months duration. She was 74 years of age and is survived by her husband and three children, Mesdames John Tanker and B. M. Weddington and Mrs. Daniel Isenhour, of this county. The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at Trinity Lutheran church, conducted by the pastor of the deceased, Rev. G. H. Cox, D. D., of Enochville.

### The Boston Store.

The Boston Store opened this morning in the Allison buildings. From the time the doors were opened visitors began coming in and all through the morning hours a throng of customers visited the new store. Mr. M. Haldeman is manager and has an efficient clerical force. The management is well pleased with the successful opening and is confident of increasing the number of his patrons each day.

Mr. P. G. Cook has returned from Cross Roads, in No. 6 township, where he installed Friday night officers of Camp No. 16, P. O. S. of A.

## INTERESTING DEMONSTRATION.

Stamp Pulling and Sub Soiling Demonstration Friday Attracted a Large Crowd.

The stamp pulling and sub soiling by dynamite demonstration yesterday at Mr. Charles Harris' farm near Rimerstown, conducted by Mr. A. F. DuPont, assisted by Messrs. H. G. Horton and J. B. McCabe, was witnessed by about 300 farmers of the county and great interest was manifested by them in this new process of treating agricultural lands. In the subsoiling demonstration 20 holes were dug from 12 to 15 feet apart and one half stick of dynamite was placed in each hole. The dynamite was discharged, breaking the ground underneath the surface over the entire area between the holes.

Mr. Horton stated that 12 feet apart was sufficient distance for the holes, as the object is not to throw the subsoil on the surface but to crack it up and let it remain underneath, making it susceptible to moisture and air. He also stated that dynamite killed worms and other pests that were harmful to vegetation. The cost per acre to subsoil land by dynamite is from \$12 to \$15.

The gentlemen were very highly pleased with the results of their work here, as they succeeded in getting quite a number of the farmers of the county interested in this process, who state that they will begin at once to make demonstrations on their own lands.

The stump pulling demonstration with a Hercules stump puller was equally successful and a large number of stumps were removed. Under the larger stumps dynamite was used and in this way the stump was split in smaller parts, making it much easier to remove from the field after being pulled up, and also leaving a smaller hole in the ground to be filled where the stump was removed from.

## Harmony in Democratic Ranks in Washington.

Washington Dispatch, 13th.

There is joy and harmony in the Democratic ranks once more. The bird of peace landed amongst the Democrats of the House late yesterday afternoon, and the contest that was being waged over committee assignments was brought to a happy termination.

Everybody is pleased, and it is the general comment that the contest did good, for it is better that the fight occurred now than during the consideration of tariff legislation at the next session of congress.

North Carolina was the biggest gainer as the result of the peace agreement entered into today between Democratic leaders of the next House. It is now definitely determined that Representative Claude Kitchin will be a member of the Ways and Means committee, while Mr. Poirer is to be the chairman of one of the big committees of the House, as well as a member of the rules committee. Mr. Poirer admits that he has consented to the harmony agreement, and he will probably make public a statement announcing his position with regard to the friendly contest that he has waged.

## Opera in English With a Noted Cast and Orchestra.

An attraction, delightful in many ways—in fact a veritable musical feast, looms up on the horizon of the near future as the oasis in the present desert of the local theatrical season.

The English Grand Opera Company and orchestra, in a scenic production of Mascagni's immortal "Cavalleria Rusticana," has evidenced a desire to appear here. Following the usual custom, to relieve the general strain of dramatic intensity, the opera will be preceded by an amusing one act operetta. This is certainly a combination with which to conjure an ideal social and educational entertainment and the opportunity, perhaps of a lifetime to some of us, to hear and see a vital presentation of the masterpiece of the greatest living composer of the Italian School. This opera will be given at the opera house here January 30.

## Died as He Predicted.

Philip Burkhardt, aged 90, of English, Ind., is dead. He had been insane about 50 years and had not spoken a word in that time. During the Civil war he lost his mind and became superstitious on the question of witches. He believed witches were always trying to put bars in his horse's mane and tail, and he kept his gun loaded with needles to shoot the witches.

Three days before he died he broke his long silence and told his attendants that within three days he would die, and he did within an hour of the time he predicted.

Bank robbing appears to be one of the most profitable industries in Kansas. In the last three months thirty banks have been robbed in the Sunflower State. These robberies have netted the robbers \$100,000.

## PROMOTERS ARRESTED?

Alleged use of the Mail for Fraudulent Purposes.

News has reached Albemarle that J. C. Masters, secretary and treasurer of the Albemarle Development company, of that place, and Thomas H. Sibley, a former resident of Albemarle, were arrested in Jackson, Miss., Thursday night at the instigation of postoffice inspectors stationed in North Carolina for the alleged use of the mails for fraudulent purposes. The Albemarle correspondent of the Greensboro News says of the company:

This concern came here about three years ago pretending that they intended to erect a thoroughly modern hotel and sanitarium, in fact, they claimed that when completed it would be one of the foremost summer resorts in the south. Since that time they have had agents in various sections of the country selling stock in the concern, also lots near the sanitarium and hotel. They have about completed excellent buildings and have laid the foundation for what they say is to be a hotel. They have purchased quite a lot of shrubbery and planted it on the grounds and have also built a dam, making an artificial lake. All told, they have spent several thousand dollars on the project and despite the fact that the manager has been arrested on a charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes many of our citizens still hope that the undertaking will be completed according to what they have claimed. Investigation fails to reveal what particular statements the authorities contend have been fraudulently made by these people.

## Boost Harmon for President?

That the Democratic dinner in Baltimore January 17, planned as a harmony affair, which will be attended by Democrats from all parts of the country, will result in the formal launching of the boom of Governor Harmon, of Ohio, for President is the growing belief.

Harmon is the favorite of the Maryland contingent and will be the guest of honor. Just how his name will be presented has not been determined, but it is more than likely that the toastmaster at the banquet will take the initiative when presenting the Ohioan, and the thousand voices will do the rest. A representative of the Ohio boomers who are pushing Harmon to the fore has been here several days. Governor Wilson, of New Jersey, will not be present.

## The Tobacco Farmers Plan to Pool Their Crops.

Nearly every tobacco growing county in the state was represented at an executive meeting in Winston-Salem Friday of the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union. Following the conference, which was held behind closed doors, it was stated that the object of the conference to inaugurate a movement for the tobacco farmers to pool their crops upon the Kentucky plan. It was stated that several meetings probably would be held before the cooperative plan would be made effective.

## A Lonesome Time.

Charity and Children. Sometimes great newspapers lead and sometimes they do not. The News and Observer has had a lonesome time trying to lead a crusade against the Baptists. That paper has discovered that the Baptists have some friends who refuse to follow.

Judson C. Clements, of Georgia, was elected chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission to succeed Judge Martin A. Knapp, of New York, at a special conference of the commission held Friday. Mr. Clements is the senior member of the commission and is a Democrat.

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## WILL ADOPT INCOME TAX AMENDMENT

### MATTER WILL SOON COME UP IN LEGISLATURE

Constitutional Convention Proposed—Heavy Supreme Court Docket—Veto Power May Be Given Governor—Speaker Dowd Making Fine Record. Special to The Tribune.

Raleigh, N. C., January 14.—It appears at present that the North Carolina Legislature will ratify, with very little opposition to the contrary, the proposed sixteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The Senate committee has reported favorably, by unanimous vote, the Barcos resolution to that effect and there is hardly a doubt that the measure will receive favorable treatment at the hands of the House of Representatives, so that, as far as this State is concerned, the Income Tax Amendment to the Federal Constitution is very sure of adoption. The Legislature will probably dispose of the matter within a week.

A great deal of interest is manifested in the measure of Representative Stubbs looking to the holding of a State Constitutional Convention, which has been set as the special order for Wednesday, January 25th in the House, the committee to which it was referred having reported it favorably. By the terms of the Stubbs measure it is proposed to hold the convention two years hence, and on the date of this depends that of the Ewart bill and others to follow looking to the adoption of certain amendments to the Constitution of North Carolina.

The five justices of the State Supreme Court are said to be overworked and appearances certainly appear to confirm this statement. The dockets in some of the counties of the sixteen judicial districts have been badly congested for years and if the Legislature turns down the proposition for a Constitutional Convention, it seems that necessity will demand the adoption of several of the proposed amendments and by the terms of one of the pending measures it is proposed to make the number of Associate Justices of the Supreme Court six, instead of four, as at present, thus giving the higher court (with Chief Justice) seven members instead of five. The proposition to add three Superior Court judges for "general utility" purposes, in order that they may be assigned to hold extra terms of court in such counties as their services are needed, also appeals strongly to the lawyers of the Legislature and those familiar with the situation.

It is a strange condition which obtains here in the State capitol concerning two propositions that on their face appear to be meritorious not to say pressing. The governor of North Carolina remains the lone Chief Magistrate of all the States of the Union from whom the exercise of the veto power is withheld, and his salary is still kept down to the niggardly sum of four thousand dollars per annum. It would seem that the suggestions to increase his salary (applicable only to governors to be elected in the future, of course, because of the Constitutional inhibition of applying the increase to the occupant of the office when the increase is made) and to invest him with the veto power ought to meet with ready approval by the majority. But the opposite is true at the present juncture and unless sentiment changes neither proposition will be adopted.

Speaker Dowd is making an admirable presiding officer, although the machinery in the House has been slow into getting into motion. It is beginning to make things hum now, however. Lieutenant Governor Newland, as the presiding officer of the Senate is making a fine record and he is greatly beloved by all his associates, for he is one of the most companionable and lovable of men personally as well as officially.

Koonce, of Onslow, with his fire insurance investigation bill, developed the first of the anti-trust floor leaders in the House within the past week. Others will come to the surface soon in both House and Senate and the trust-busting bill will generate much of the verbal steam of the session. LLEWXAM.

## Oldest Rural Carrier in the Service.

The editor of the Rural Carriers' Messenger, published at Winston-Salem, in a write-up of the western part of the State says: "At China Grove we met one of the oldest carriers in the service. On route one of that town John W. S. McConnell has carried the mail as long as any man in the South, if not a little longer."

Other local matter on third page.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.

Mrs. J. P. Allison is visiting friends in Salisbury.

Mr. R. S. Query, of Charlotte, is visiting relatives in the city.

Dr. Armfield, of Marshville, is here to see Dr. B. L. Griffin.

Misses Oma and Beulah Klutz, of Salisbury, are visiting Mrs. W. A. Foil.

Messrs. J. C. Williams and Baxter Williams, of Monroe, are business visitors in the city.

Messrs. H. C. Calloway, W. A. Carpenter, Walter Crowell and Lee Dancy are spending the day in Charlotte.

Mr. J. A. Moore, of Abilina, Texas, who has been visiting relatives in the county left this morning for his home.

Mr. W. A. Erwin, of Durham, spent yesterday afternoon in the city, the guest of his brother, Mr. J. Locke Erwin.

## Setback Party.

Mrs. J. W. Cannon entertained at a setback party last night in honor of Miss Catherine Wharton, of Raleigh, the guest of Mrs. Eugene T. Cannon. Mrs. Cannon's guests were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Jr., Mrs. J. F. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Cannon, Mrs. C. G. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jones York, Misses Catherine Wharton, Lucy Brown, Elizabeth and Ellen Gibson, Isabelle Turpin and Margaret Leitz; Messrs. Richard Gibson, Maury Richmond, F. L. Smith and Luther Brown.

Henry Gibson, aged 16, wearing knee trousers, was taken to the Missouri penitentiary last Thursday to serve a 12-year sentence from St. Charles county for murder in the second degree.

Charles F. Johnson, a Democrat, will in all probability succeed Eugene Hale, Republican, in the United States Senate from Maine.

Other local matter on third page.

## NOTES FROM CAROLINA NEWS

Items of Interest from all Parts of the Old North State.

Owing to the continued illness of Mr. W. A. Bailey, Davis county will not be represented in the present legislative session.

Editor Clarence Poe, of the Progressive Farmer, who is making a tour around the world, expects to reach home in March.

It is understood that Thomas A. Edison, the great inventor, is expected to arrive in Raleigh within the next few days. He is touring in an electric car.

The House committee on roads and turnpikes has decided to report favorably the bill to establish the Lenoir-Blowing rock turnpike with the use of State convict labor, the State to receive stock in the road.

"We have about one hundred magistrates in my county who are costing over \$700 and don't want to be burdened with any more," declared Representative Ewart Friday in offering a resolution in the House protesting against any more justices of the peace for his county. Some colleagues provided him with the suggestion that these justices' being Democrats rather than of his political persuasion accounted for his protest.

## CONCORD MARKETS.

### Cotton Market.

Good Middling ..... 14.50  
Cotton Seed ..... 46

### Produce Market.

Pork ..... 12  
Bulk Meat Sides ..... 15  
Beeswax ..... 30  
Bulk Meat Sides ..... 13 1/2  
Chickens ..... 25 to 26  
Corn, new ..... 75  
Eggs ..... 20  
Lard ..... 15 to 17 1/2  
Flour, North Carolina ..... \$2.50 to \$2.60  
Meal ..... 1.00  
Lady Peas ..... 2.00  
Cow Peas ..... 1.50  
Tallow ..... 3 to 4  
Oats ..... 20  
Salt ..... 20

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