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FROM THE STATE CAPITAL TODAY

TO START SUIT FOR TAX ON INHERITANCES.

Corporation Commission Will Start Action to Determine Whether or Not Inheritances of Real Estate Are Liable to Inheritance Tax. — Attorney General Had Ruled That Law Would Not Affect Real Estate Inheritances, But Commission is Now Convinced That He Was in Error.

Raleigh, March 31.—It is understood that the corporation commission will soon start a suit in Wake Superior Court to determine the question whether inheritances of real estate are liable to the inheritance tax under the 1905 revenue act. When the act became operative the attorney general ruled that it did not affect real estate inheritances and no collections were made. Now, after making investigation, the commission is convinced that the Attorney General was in error. There are a number of large estates in Wake county inherited since 1905, notably the Toeker estate, worth over a million dollars, and suit may be directed against one of these. This means thousands of dollars for the State treasury should the commission win.

Oil More Costly Than Coal.

Albany, N. Y., March 31.—That under present conditions oil is not likely to be substituted for coal as a fuel for railroads in this part of the country is indicated by evidence furnished at a hearing before the Public Service Commission here today. The hearing was on request from the New York Central road for permission to use coal instead of oil in the locomotives running through the Adirondack forest reserve. The company asserts that the provision requiring oil for fuel during certain months with a view of preventing forest fires increased the operation expenses more than \$100,000 last year, and that the use of coal with precautionary measures as have been prepared would not increase the fire risk.

Ten New Members.

At the Girls' Friendly Society's rooms last night ten girls, who had finished their time of probation, were admitted to full membership in the society and received their badges. The simple service was conducted very impressively by Rev. Mr. Brown, of Coolemeec. He concluded the service with a few earnest words of instruction and counsel in regard to the duties and benefits of the society.

Court in Stanly.

Albemarle, March 30.—The March term of Stanly county Superior Court convened here today with Judge Shaw presiding. Solicitor A. M. Stack, of Monroe, is prosecuting. It looks like there will be a heavy docket as five homicide cases are to be tried. In two of the cases the grand jury has already returned true bills for murder in the first degree.

ELKS' MINSTREL.

The Fame of Fields and Evans Hung in the Balances as Local Elks Performed in a Minstrel Show Last Evening.

"A feast of melody and a fountain of fun" was the description of the Elks' Minstrel as appeared on the programme at the opera house last evening, when the local lodge of Elks gave their first minstrel. The fountain of fun was there. In fact the fun was more pronounced than the melody. It was a big fountain and bubbled copiously. And the audience liked the bubbling and soon after the curtain took an upward flight it was bubbling too-bubbling with mirth and laughter.

It was an audience of magnanimous proportions as audiences at the local playhouse go, especially for a local talent performance. In size it was amply sufficient to inspire the best efforts of the performers and incidentally (big I on the incidentally) swell the treasury, which delighted the watch dog of the treasury. H. G. Gibson, who guarded the strong box, smiled a smile that resembled a dollar mark and foisted a roll at the box office of such proportions that a greyhound of jumping propensities might be forced to take up aviation to scale its height.

But, coming back to the fun, that's what the audience wanted. It started when the curtain flew upward and revealed a big battleship manned to the limit with Elks, attired in white sailor suits and Capt. Archie Goodman standing in the center, tall, dignified and commanding, with a regular John Paul Jones attitude. Down either side was a row of sailors until near the ends when the black face comedians were reached, who were outfitted in red and looked dark and mischievous. It was a well manned ship, in fact it was an aggregation of "Steamboat Bills."

After Commander Goodman and the black face "Bills" had given the audience a few laugh-producing jokes, most of which were young and none of the stone-age variety, the orchestra struck up the tunes of "Down in Chattanooga," and with Lloyd McKay leading the singing was gingerly rendered and the minstrel was under way.

From that time on it was stunt after stunt, joke after joke, song after song and dance after dance with a number of clever specialty hits which had a tendency to change the audience from an appreciative to an enthusiastic one. The applause was lavish and each number received a portion but among the numbers that drew the most "glad hands" were Gene Caldwell's "Rap, Rap, Rap on Your Minstrel Bones," Roy Sappenfield's "Where You Going," Campbell Cline's school, Rastus Smith's negro meeting and John Benfield's and Gene Caldwell's buck and wing dancing.

Charlotte talent also added to the programme. Mr. R. L. Keesler came and brought a young musical prize, Vernon Pittman, whose vocal solo accompanied with Mr. Keesler at the organ, was well rendered. The minstrel was under the direction of Mr. William R. Pattie, who was assisted by Mrs. Pattie and to them is due a large part of the credit for the success of the show.

The minstrel will be repeated at the opera house this evening, beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

MADE IN CONCORD

ARMISTICE BETWEEN REBELS AND FEDERALS

VELASCO TO TREAT FOR SURRENDER OF TORREON.

General Velasco Went Wildly Insane While Raging Up and Down the Trenches at Gomez Palacio During the Battle.—The Federal Soldiers Were Compelled to Lock Him in His Room Until He Came to His Senses.—It is Said That Huerta's Son Was Killed in the Battle.

Juarez, Mexico, March 31.—Reports that an armistice is in effect between the Mexican federals and rebels at Torreon so that General Velasco, the federal commander, may treat for the surrender of the city to Villa, were practically confirmed by officers close to General Carranza. It was impossible to learn from Carranza himself whether or not the report was true, but it was stated on high authority that he had received news to that effect from Villa. General Velasco went wildly insane while raging up and down the trenches at Gomez Palacio during one of the seven assaults by the constitutionalists, according to the report of Robert Doman, a newspaper photographer, on reaching El Paso from the battlefield. The federal soldiers were compelled to lock him in his room until he recovered his senses. Doman also said that Huerta's son was killed at Gomez Palacio.

There is considerable apprehension here over the safety of British Consul Cummings, of Torreon, who Doman says was sent by Villa on Friday to ask Velasco to surrender. His failure to return when Doman left Saturday night has caused the rumor that Velasco had executed him for coming with such a communication. Doman said the newspaper correspondents at the front agreed that the seven attacks by Villa on Gomez Palacio would go down in history as the most sanguinary battle of the revolution and one of the most striking exhibitions of valor in modern history. He said it was finally captured by the rebels charging about carrying old fashioned hand grenades which would not be thrown until they ran right up to the enemy's rifles.

PRESIDENT TO INQUIRE INTO MISS TYLER'S CASE

Granddaughter of President Tyler Charges That "Clique of Politicians" Displaced Her.

Washington, March 30.—President Wilson today promised to inquire personally into the case of Miss Mattie Tyler, granddaughter of President Tyler, who appealed to him to continue her as postmistress at Courtland, Va. Postmaster General Burleson, recently appointed B. A. Williams, who has his commission but has not taken charge.

Miss Tyler charged that a "clique of Virginia politicians" had displaced her and that if civil service were to be applied Miss Sadie Cole, her assistant, who, she said, headed the list on examinations, should be appointed. The President promised to do what he could. Miss Tyler was confident, as she left the White House, that she would not be displaced.

The postmaster general acted on the recommendation of Representative Holland. Once, in the Roosevelt administration, a successor to Miss Tyler had been appointed, but Mr. Roosevelt intervened, continuing her in office.

OLD DISTILLERY BURNED.

Spectacular Fire at Salisbury. — Dental Office Shot Into.

Salisbury, March 30.—A spectacular fire Sunday destroyed an old distillery plant in Salisbury entailing a loss of about \$1,000. The plant had not been in use for the past four years and was a dry shell. The origin of the fire is unknown but several tramps were arrested near the scene while the fire was in progress and it was thought they may have fired the place.

Some time late Saturday night unknown persons fired a bullet through a window of Dr. H. C. Daniels' dental offices in the Grubb building in Salisbury, the ball being found Sunday in the office. It is not known what the purpose was for shooting into the office. No one was injured.

Don't use kerosene in lighting free.

ALABAMA CAMPAIGN NOW NEARS ITS END.

Longest and Most Exciting in the History of the State.

Alabama Campaign Nears End. Birmingham, Ala., March 31. The longest and most exciting political campaign in the history of Alabama is near its close. One week from today the Democratic primaries will be held for the nomination of candidates for United States senator for the six-year term, beginning March 4, 1915; for United States senator to fill the unexpired term of the late Joseph E. Johnston, for representative from each of the nine Congressional districts, from governor and other State officers, judges of the supreme court and court of appeals and members of the legislature. The candidates nominated in the primaries will be voted for in November. Nomination of the Democratic ticket in Alabama is regarded as equivalent to election.

The contest for the long-term senatorship has almost overshadowed the other features of the campaign. In this contest Oscar W. Underwood, the Democratic leader in the national house of representatives, is pitted against Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson, now representing the Sixth congressional district of Alabama. Seldom in the history of American senate, between two contestants of national interest, representing wholly opposite traditions and theories of government.

Hobson's strength lies largely in his success as a campaigner. With a realization of this fact he has been industriously stumping the State for many weeks past, covering much ground, making many speeches and arousing considerable enthusiasm among the ruralites. He has made prohibition the leading issue of his campaign, supplementing it with attacks on his opponents as the representative of Wall street.

Throughout practically the whole of the campaign Mr. Underwood has remained in Washington. He has persistently declined to take the stump, leaving the direction of his campaign to his friends at home. During the congressional holiday he returned to Alabama and delivered one or two public speeches in which he defined his views on the liquor question. He referred to his record in Congress for proof of the fact that he had advocated a prohibition amendment to the Constitution, though he believed that in various States more practical and satisfactory results could be obtained through local option, with the county as a unit.

The success or failure of Mr. Underwood in the senatorial campaign is expected to have a more or less important bearing on national politics. The Democratic leader in the House and the framer of the tariff bill which bears his name is generally regarded as the first man from a Southern State since the civil war who has been within striking distance of the presidency. His friends believe that if he is elected to the senate he will eventually become a candidate for the presidency of the United States.

There are several candidates in the field for the short-term senatorialship, but as the successful one will have less than a year to serve the contest is attracting comparatively little attention. Nearly all of the present representatives in Congress have no opposition for renomination, but indications are that the most of them will be returned.

More bitter than the Hobson-Underwood contest is the battle for the governorship. The question of State-wide prohibition, the policy of the State Railroad Commission and a number of other State issues have contributed to make the contest an exceedingly spirited one.

Former Governor B. E. Comer appears as the most conspicuous figure in the fight for the gubernatorial nomination. He claims to be making the race for the governorship against the field. The several others who are seeking the nomination are conducting vigorous campaigns and the result of the primary, so far as the governorship is concerned, cannot be foretold with any degree of certainty.

Appearing as opponents of former Governor Comer in the race for the governorship are Walter D. Seed of Tuscaloosa, the president lieutenant governor; R. F. Kolb of Montgomery, long a notable figure in Alabama politics and at present State commissioner of agriculture and industries, and Charles Henderson of Troy, who is now the head of the State Railroad Commission.

Negro Woman Lynched

Wagoner, Okla., March 31.—A hundred masked men lynched Marie Scott, a negro, by hanging her to a telephone cable. She stabbed to death a white man Sunday night.

TWENTY TEA CHESTS OF MAXIM GUNS

ARE LANDED IN BELFAST BY THE ULSTERMEN.

The Continued Warlike Preparations of Ulster and the Fighting Spirit Shown by Premier Asquith, Who is Now Also War Secretary, May Yet Have Serious Results, It is Feared.—Danger of Dissolution of Cabinet Temporarily Arrested.

London, March 31. Temporarily at least Premier Asquith had arrested the danger of dissolution of the cabinet when the House of Commons met today to resume the Home rule aggressive campaign, looking toward straightening out the army affairs, which is expected to be conducted by Asquith in his new post as war secretary, the actual passing of the Home Rule bill is still the serious issue. A Belfast dispatch declared that maxim guns in twenty tea chests had been landed there. The continued preparations of Ulster and the fighting spirit shown by Premier Asquith may yet result in serious eventualities, it is feared.

Quarterly Meeting at St. Pauls.

The people of Boston Mill took great interest in the quarterly meeting at St. Paul's Methodist Church last Sunday and Monday. Good congregations attended the services both days.

The presiding elder, Rev. W. R. Ware, was at his best in his sermons Sunday and Monday morning. After an elegant dinner on the church lawn on Monday, the business session was held in the afternoon. The circuit is composed of a strong official board and the reports were good and the work is being carried vigorously forward. The pastor, Rev. C. F. Sherrill, reported that during the past three months he met all his appointments, officiated at five marriages and six funerals, had made 208 pastoral visits, received two into the church on profession of faith and baptized twelve infants, and that the church, for all purposes, had raised \$1,045 during the past three months. The presiding elder spoke of this charge being one of the strongest and complimented the aggressive work of this earnest people.

Democratic Mass-Meeting, Raleigh, April the Eighth.

Win. J. Bryan, Josephus Daniels, Governor Locke Craig, ex-Governor Glenn, and other Democratic leaders of State and National reputation are to speak at the great Democratic Mass-Meeting in Raleigh, Wednesday, April 8th, beginning at noon. A State-wide legalized primary, the adoption of the proposed Constitutional Amendments, a better system of taxation, improved legislation affecting roads, schools, health and country life, a better child labor law, and many other big issues are to be discussed. Every Democrat in the State is invited, and special railroad rates are expected. There will doubtless be a great attendance.

Gambling at The University.

Raleigh News and Observer.

The News and Observer has received undisputed information that gambling by many has been going on at the State University during the winter months, and it unreservedly condemns this, calling upon the authorities of the University and the officials of Chapel Hill to use every effort to have punishment inflicted upon those guilty. It is a disgrace to the University, to Chapel Hill and to the State of North Carolina that such conduct goes on in the University for which the people are taxed, and that it is aided and abetted by citizens of Chapel Hill. It ought to be stamped out, the parties responsible for the gambling should be prosecuted to the extent of the law.

Miss Van Buren Will Arrive This Evening.

A letter from Miss Van Buren states that she will arrive this evening on No. 12. Mrs. J. F. Cannon requests all the officers of the Civic League to come to her house at 8 o'clock this evening to meet Miss Van Buren.

CHAIRMAN PUB. COM.

Rosecrans W. Willsbury, twice the Republican candidate for governor of New Hampshire and candidate for United States Senator two years ago, has announced his candidacy for the Republican gubernatorial nomination again this year.

WILSON TO THE STUMP.

President Will Defend His Policies in Speeches.

Kansas City Star. President Wilson, it is intimated by his close friends, is considering taking the stump in various sections of the country next summer and fall to defend his party and his own policies against expected attacks from political opponents. Friends of Mr. Wilson say the executive cannot avoid going to the people to ask that he be upheld in the many great projects under way and the issues that now confront his administration.

Although sincere in his belief that the country is back of him, the President is said to feel that to go to the voters, explain many questions they do not fully understand and blaze the way for further progressive policies he plans to introduce, will go a long way toward insuring confidence for the remainder of his term.

There are a good many things ahead to pester the President, it was said recently. His hope that Congress will adjourn early and give the party a chance to frame its fight before the people is sure to be disappointed, according to news from the capitol. There it is said that things are moving so slowly that adjournment is an impossibility before sometime in July and quite likely in August.

SERVICES AT CENTER GROVE.

Missionary Service to Be Held Next Sunday Evening, April 5th.

There will be two services at Center Grove Lutheran Church next Sunday, April 5th, preaching and communion in the morning and missionary service in the evening. The following is the programme for the evening:

- Song: "Love Divine All Love Excelling."
- Scripture and prayer—Pastor.
- Quartette.
- Recitation: "America" — Miss Maude Cook.
- Solo—Miss Ollie Castor.
- Reading: "Careless Daughters," — Mrs. D. B. Castor.
- Song.
- Recitation: "Brothers in Christ" — Miss Grace Furr.
- Collection.
- Benediction.

From Washington Today.

Washington, March 31.—The climax of the Panama tolls repeal battle was reached today, ending the five days bitter debate. The final roll call in the House on the passage of the Sims' resolution is certain before tonight.

Voting upon the resolutions scheduled to begin shortly before six o'clock and the final result is expected to be known about 7:30.

Speaker Clark is the center of the fight today. He planned to leave the Speaker's chair between three and four o'clock and appeal to the House to deny the President's request for repeal.

H. L. Parks & Co. have just received a new handsome line of stylish clothes for young men. They want you to take a look at their line. See big ad. on first page.

THRIFT AND ECONOMY

"If a man does not provide for his children, if he does not provide for all who are dependent upon him, if he has not that vision of conditions to come and that care for the days that have not dawned, which we sum up in the whole idea of thrift and saving, then he has not opened his eyes to any adequate conception of human life. We are in this world to provide not for ourselves alone, but for others, and that is the basis of economy. So that economy and everything which ministers to economy supplies the foundations of national life."—Woodrow Wilson.

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