

Supreme Court of State Rules With This County

In Case Brought by Cannon Manufacturing Company Relative to the Tax Assessment of 1920.

COMPANY MUST PAY \$22,343.17

Court Rules That Corporation Commission Had No Right to Reduce Assessment of Company's Mills.

The State Supreme Court has ruled with the county in the case of county vs. the Cannon Manufacturing Company relative to 1920 taxes. The decision was handed down yesterday, and the News and Observer of today carried the following story concerning the case.

Dissolving an injunction issued by Judge McElroy, the Supreme Court yesterday held that the Cannon Manufacturing Company of Cabarrus must pay to the county of Cabarrus \$22,343.17 of taxes for the year 1920.

Alleged Commission Error

The report of the alleged error of the Corporation Commission sitting as a State Tax Commission on January 4, 1921, reducing the valuation as fixed by the Commissioners of Cabarrus in September, 1920.

The defense set up by the commission, the sheriff and tax collector was that the amount assessed against the four mills was \$10,480,308; that the plaintiff appealed from this and the State Tax Commission instructed the local authorities to reduce the valuation to \$10,961,308; that subsequent to the State Tax Commission called the county supervisor and county board of assessors and review to Raleigh for further consultation and as a final concession ordered the county supervisor to allow a further reduction of \$3,000,000 to cover any variations that might arise, thus reducing the valuation to \$13,961,308.

The plaintiffs maintained that on January 4, 1921, after the General Assembly in 1920 had accepted the valuation in the county of Cabarrus, including the assessment of the Cannon Manufacturing Company property at \$13,961,308, the State Tax Commission, sitting as the State Tax Commission, further reduced the assessment by \$4,000,000, leaving the valuation at \$9,961,308.

The defendant filed an answer denying that in fact the State Tax Commission on January 5, 1921, had made the defendant also accepted that it was lawful if it had been made. The defendant also accepted to the evidence in that there was no statement certified down by the State Tax Commission of such alleged reduction by the signature of either the Tax Commissioners nor under the seal of the Tax Commission and they objected to the introduction of evidence upon those grounds and also because there was no evidence of the signature even of the clerk who had written the letter making such statement, and they also introduced the affidavit of a former clerk of the State Tax Commission in whose hands all appeals had passed down to November, 1921, that there was no appeal pending in which said reduction could have been allowed and that the chairman of the State Tax Commission had admitted that there had been no such order of reduction attempted by the State Tax Commission as alleged by the plaintiffs.

In view of the issue of fact raised on the evidence and by the pleadings, said Chief Justice Clark in his opinion, "It was error in my view for the judge to grant a permanent injunction against the collection by the sheriff of \$22,343.17 which had been duly assessed by the tax list against the property of the plaintiff for the issue of fact could only be determined by a jury."

However, it is not necessary to grant a new trial upon this ground, for upon consideration of the report of the Tax Commission made to the Governor and transmitted by him to the General Assembly on the final assessment of the property in the final condition of the State, and of the assessment by the Legislature on the

BUSINESS ACTIVITY SHOWING INCREASE

According to Reports on Employment From All Parts of Country to Department of Labor.

CONDITIONS IN THIS STATE GOOD

Report Shows There Is Practically No Unemployment Here—The Entire Country Shows Improvement.

Washington, May 25.—A picture of steady reviving business activity throughout the country is drawn by Secretary Davis in a statement today based on reports of employment conditions to the Department of Labor. The reports indicate that unemployment has been "practically eliminated" in New York state, the secretary said; that it has been reduced more than 50 per cent in the last three months in Pennsylvania; while the "swan song of business depression has given way to a cheerful note on improved industrial activity" in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, Illinois, Kansas and Missouri.

NORTHERN PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY ADJOURNS

Report Says Catholics Are Waging a War on Protestantism in South America.

Des Moines, Ia., May 25 (By the Associated Press).—Interference with Protestantism, especially Presbyterian evangelization in South America, was charged today in a report to the board of foreign missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, submitted to the 124th General Assembly on the last day of its session.

STILL SEARCHING FOR GRADY FERGUSON TODAY

High Point, May 25.—Police in High Point and other nearby cities today continued the search for Grady Ferguson, wanted in connection with a daylight holdup of the Peoples Bank at Randleman early yesterday afternoon.

High Point, May 25.—This city was host today to the Spring Ceremonial of Oasis Temple of the Ancient Arabic Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, fully 3,000 members and their ladies registering before noon. The principal features of the program included a street parade at 2 o'clock today, drills by Oasis patrol, and the coronation which was held in a large pavilion. Local hotels are crowded and hundreds of guests arrived early this morning in a state car.

Blind Interests Lease Robert E. Lee Hotel

Rocky Mount, May 25.—T. L. Bland today announced that he and his associates had leased the hotel Robert E. Lee at Winston-Salem, and that the new management would assume control July 1. Mr. Bland said the lease which was consummated yesterday, was for 20 years.

Moore County Peach Crop Worth \$1,000,000 This Year

Carthage, May 24.—J. W. Self, held in jail here for a shooting affair, has been given a hearing and his bond fixed at \$1,000, but as yet none has provided bail for him.

Jury in Small Case Threatens to Strike

Waukegan, Ill., May 24.—The trial of Gov. Len Small was halted a few moments this afternoon when the jury threatened to go on strike unless allowed to stay out late at night.

German Representative Pleaded

Paris, May 25. (By the Associated Press).—Optimism over the progress being made by the international bankers' conference considering the German financial situation was voiced today by Karl Beggmann, the German representative.

Two Killed in Auto Accident

Jacksonville, May 27.—Charles Harvey Kersay and Edward McKel, both of Atlanta, were killed and eight other men injured in an automobile collision shortly before dawn today on the highway between Jacksonville and Pablo Beach.

PAB CLEARANCE CASE

Opinion That Exchange Bill Was Invalid Got Unanimous Opinion of the Supreme Court.

CHICAGO MAN GIVEN 20 YEARS IN PRISON

On Charge of Inciting Recent Disturbances in French Territory in Syria.

Chicago, May 25.—Sentence of 20 years in prison on charges of inciting recent disturbances in French mandated territory in Syria has been meted out to Chas. R. Crane, of Chicago by a French military court in Damascus, according to a copyrighted dispatch from Cairo, Egypt, published today in the Chicago Daily News.

CONTRACT INVALID

This Is Opinion of Attorney General Relative to Steam Power Plant at Gorges, Ala.

Washington, May 25. (By the Associated Press).—An opinion by Attorney General Daugherty, submitted to Secretary Weeks, and forwarded today to the House military committee, holds that the contract executed by the government with the Alabama Power Co. is "invalid" with respect to the provision which the Power Company officials contend gives them the right of exclusive purchase of the government's interest in the steam power plant at Gorges, Ala.

THIRTY-TWO PERSONS HURT IN ACCIDENT

Freight Engine Crashes Into Inter-Urban Car Near Birmingham.

Birmingham, Ala., May 25.—Thirty-two persons were injured, a number seriously, when a Tidewater Car, on the lines of the Birmingham Railway, Light and Power Co., was struck by a fast freight train on the Alabama Great Southern Railroad at Woodlawn, a suburb.

Would Change Unlimited Debate Rule

Washington, May 25.—A movement said to have the backing of a large number of Senators to change the ancient Senate rule permitting unlimited debate, was initiated today by a conference of republican senators.

Defense Holds in Blizzard Case

Charlottesville, Va., May 25.—(By the Associated Press).—The defense rested its case this morning in the trial for Wm. Blizzard on charges of treason, after three witnesses had testified before. Rebuttal was begun immediately by the defense.

"CYCLONE MACK" SAYS HE IS SENSATIONALIST

Claims It Is His Natural and Best Way of Preaching, and Tells of His Early Trials as Preacher.

DELIVERED TALK IN CHARLOTTE

Says Many Instances in Bible Show That Some People Have to Be Sensational to Be Effective.

In speaking to a Charlotte audience Wednesday at noon, "Cyclone Mack" told why he is a sensationalist. The address the evangelist delivered at that time follows: "When I first started out in the ministry I made up my mind that I was going to be original or be nothing, and in a few weeks I found out that I was going to be both. I had been in a preacher factory for one year, and when I returned home a Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian pastor from a little town above my home gave me a call for a certain Sunday night. I think now the brethren, instead of calling me, short-circuited me, but however, they notified me that their people were going to have a union service on this Sunday night and, they all felt disposed to suffer my presence for an hour or so.

THE COTTON MARKET

Easy Liverpool Cables Led to Scattering Liquidation at Opening.

New York, May 25.—Relatively easy Liverpool cables and reports of better weather in the South led to scattering liquidation on an opening decline of 11 to 14 points with July selling off to 20:13 and October to 19:91. There was some covering by near months shorts, however, while New Orleans was a buyer of new crop positions and about half the initial losses were recovered shortly after the call.

With Our Advertisers

Phone to Wm. N. Orrin for your appointment to get your baby in the Baby Contest. Read ad today for particulars.

There are two sides to every question the Concord and Kannapolis Gas Company points out in a new ad. Hear the company's side about service.

The Gibson Drug Store will offer another big week end special this week. New ad gives particulars.

The Bell & Harris Furniture Co. is offering many fine Summer Specials. New ad today gives a list of some of them.

All persons who are to take part in the pageant, "The Light of the Candle," to be given Sunday night at the First Presbyterian Church are asked to meet at the church this afternoon at 5:30 for rehearsal.

"The Pines" Swimming Pool

Will Open Sunday, May 28th

on its second year for Ladies and Gentlemen.

"The Pines Swimming Pool" is situated one mile from town, just off the Kannapolis road, across the great head bridge on the Southern Railroad. Pool is safe for children and ladies who can't swim and plenty of deep water for gentlemen.

H. L. FURR, Manager

Last Exercises Pleasant's Two Schools

Members of Graduating Class of Seminary and Institute Given Diplomas at Wednesday's Exercise.

AWARDS FOR YEAR ALSO ANNOUNCED

Miss Miriam Shirey Gets the Seminary Scholarship and Claude Morton Gets Institute Scholarship.

By Editorial Correspondent.

Mt. Pleasant, May 24.—Final exercises of commencement at Mount Amosa Seminary and Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute were held here this morning when certificates of graduation were presented to the members of the senior class. There were 13 members of the graduating class at the Seminary, and 24 at the Institute.

In addition to the awarding of certificates of graduation, the exercises this morning were featured by the orator's contest and announcement of prizes won at the two institutions during the year.

Miss Ritchie, of Churchland, Va., won the orator's medal, the decision of the judges being unanimous. The declaimer's medal was presented to M. C. Davis, of Savannah, Ga.; the Ludwig scholarship and Latin medal was won by Claude Morton, of Albemarle; the declaimer's medal was won by W. R. Quartermaster, the French medal was won by R. L. Grandy, of Columbus, Ga.; the military medal was won by E. C. Fisher, of Davidson, and the Loving Cup for the best company was awarded to Company B, C. D. Moretz, Charlotte, Captain.

Members of the senior class winning first distinction were: C. B. Worthington, E. C. Thomas, R. C. Harris, J. A. Kern, and F. R. McEachern.

Members of the senior class receiving distinction for not missing a class during the year were: R. C. Harris, C. G. Hellig Jr., J. M. Holmes, P. E. Moore, M. L. Pennington, W. C. Thomas and J. W. McKinley.

All medals except the military medal and Loving Cup were presented by Prof. J. B. Moore, instructor of History and Greek.

The diplomas were presented to the thirteen members of the graduating class of the Seminary by Prof. J. H. C. Fisher. He also announced the prize winners and awarded the prizes.

To Miss Miriam Shirey, of Mount Pleasant, went the honor of receiving the scholarship, for the best average. Miss Ethel Eddy, of Cabarrus, won the English prize, with the highest average for two years, and Miss Ethel Bell Farmer, of Faith, won the essay medal.

The Alpha Literary Society won the scholarship cup given each year to the society with the highest year's average.

Miss Alma Furr, of this county, won second honors in scholarship.

First distinction in scholarship was given to Misses Alma Furr, Miriam Shirey, Kate Klutz, Thelma Walker and Mary Zimmerman. Those winning second distinction were: Misses Julia English, Ethel Eddy, Ethel Bell Farmer, Mary Virginia Fisher, Mary Fray, Kate Harrell, Mayone Harkey, Lena Keller, Daisy Klutz, Ruby Lentz, Mary McEachern, Virginia Lee Patterson, Ruth Ritchie, Pearl Ross, Thelma Seaford, Ruth Shirey, Salome Shirey, Mary Stewart, Mary Trexler and Betty Williams. The list includes all class members in the Seminary.

First distinction in music was won by Misses Verna May Hahn, Ruth Ritchie and Wilma Stretwalt. Second distinction was won by Misses Estelle Eddin, Ethel Eddy, Violet Honeycutt, Mary McEachern, Helen Hoyle, Ruby Lentz and Salome Shirey.

At the alumnae meeting Tuesday at the Seminary plans were taken up for securing funds to cover the note assumed last summer when the building was repaired.

The following officers of the Alumnae Association were elected: Miss Ada Stretwalt, China Grove, President; Mrs. J. Y. McEachern, Mt. Pleasant, Vice-President; Miss Beas Hellig, Mt. Pleasant, secretary and Treasurer.

A feature of the alumnae luncheon was an address by Mrs. Robert L. Patterson of the class of '88.

Again today the exercises were attended by hundreds of interested friends and relatives of the members of the two senior classes. The attendance throughout commencement was the best in history.

Finals of Grammar School Commencement

The final exercise of commencement at Central Grammar School will be held this evening at 8 o'clock when the graduating exercises will be held. The following will be the program: America—Audience standing and joining in the song.

Prayer. Address—Mrs. H. S. Williams. Address—Mrs. S. A. Wolf. Song, Jambaloo—The class. Address—Rev. W. C. Wauchop. Address—Mr. W. A. Foll. Song, Concord Beats Them All—The Class. The American Creed—The Class. Roll call by Miss Constance (Miss) Principal. Presenting Certificates and Address—Hon. L. T. Harbrell. Valedictory Song.