

PRESIDENT WILL BE CANDIDATE AGAIN IN THE 1924 RACE

Convinced That Half a Dozen Men Are Preparing to Run, Friends of Mr. Harding Start Campaign.

MOVEMENT IS NOW IN ITS INFANCY

But Every State Will Be Acquainted With It Before Summer is Over, Under Present Plans.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Convinced that half a dozen aspirants already are making cautious overtures to test their strength as republican presidential possibilities for 1924, some of the friends of President Harding have begun work to assure him a re-nomination.

SENATOR CARAWAY IN A REAL BATTLE

The Arkansas Senator Becomes of Fended at Workers in Veterans Bureau—Eight Follows.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Senator Caraway of Arkansas and Harry A. Wallerstein, a Veterans' bureau employe exchanged blows on a street corner today after they had left a street car in which the senator claimed Wallerstein had jostled him and used offensive language.

MORRISON PROGRAM BEING FOLLOWED IN STATE ASSEMBLY

Most of the Bills Sponsored by Governor Morrison Have Been Passed or Are Under Consideration.

SHIP LINE BILL WAS NOT PASSED

But Its Possibility is Being Considered for Future Action.—Bills Outlined in Regular Message.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 28 (By the Associated Press).—With the North Carolina General Assembly now in the closing days of the present session, the major part of Governor Morrison's legislative program, with changes affected in some instances, either has been enacted or is up for consideration.

By far the most important section of the governor's recommendations, in his opinion, was his advocacy of a state-owned shipping line, to be established through an appropriation of \$2,000,000.

ALBEMARLE VISITED BY TWO BIG FIRES

Store of L. C. Russell Completely Destroyed During Monday Night.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opening was 4 Points Higher on March, But Generally Lower.

DIRECTORS CHOSEN BY LOCAL REALTY COMPANY

Directors Will Meet This Afternoon and Choose Other Officers of New Company.

The first meeting of the stockholders of the Concord Realty Company, which was organized here last week, was held at the Merchants and Manufacturers Club, Tuesday afternoon.

The following directors were elected at the meeting: A. E. Tartsell, I. T. Hartsell, J. D. Coltrane, J. A. Cannon, C. W. Swink, C. B. Waggoner and J. M. Richmond.

THREE HELD FOR SHEPHERD DEATH

Jury Accuses Luke Britt of Firing the Fatal Shot.

Lumberton, Feb. 27.—The inquest over the remains of E. R. Shepherd, which were found near Parkton Monday of last week, came to a close at 5:30 o'clock with the verdict that he came to his death as the result of a pistol shot wounds in the hands of Luke Britt, aided and abetted by Dock Rozier and F. M. Huggins.

CIVIL SERVICE PLAN CRITICISED BY WORK

Postmaster General Wants Changes Made in the Law Governing Appointment of Postmasters.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Postmaster General Work recommended to President Harding today that the selection of postmasters should no longer be considered a political prerequisite of Senators and Representatives, but should be vested in the postoffice department alone.

WALTER FISHER FREED OF MURDER CHARGE

Not Guilty Verdict Rendered in Superior Court in Sylva.

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HOUSE FURNISHINGS AT PARIS-BELK COMPANY

It is not too early now to think about spring cleaning.

ADVERTISING SIGNS ON HIGHWAYS BANDED

Winston-Salem, Feb. 27.—The State Highway Commission has decided to do away with the big advertising signs along the national highway in North Carolina.

Lutherans of State Will Consider Lenoir's Needs

(Special to The Tribune.)

Hickory, N. C., Feb. 28.—What has been called the most important meeting ever held by the Lutheran Synod of North Carolina will take place at Hickory, March 7th and 8th.

According to announcements from headquarters in Hickory, over 200 pastors and lay delegates will attend the meeting.

The conference opens Wednesday, March 7th at 1 p. m. with a reunion of Lenoir graduates and former students.

SENATE SEEKS MORE DATA ABOUT PLANS

Of President Harding to Get America Officially in the League of Nations.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Formal consideration of President Harding's proposal for American membership in the international court set up by the league of nations, apparently came to an end today for this session of Congress.

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ROTARY MEETING

Business Session by Miss MacLaughlin and Stunt Led by Lawrence Features.

Several solos by Miss Mary J. State Library Lauchlin, attention to routine last and the building of a modern village by club members, under the supervision of Tom Lawrence featured the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club at 7th Y Tuesday night.

The meeting brought to a close the contest with the Salisbury Club for attendance during January and February.

The club decided to send the next President, to be elected next month, to the International Convention in St. Louis.

At the conclusion of the lunch Miss MacLaughlin beautifully rendered three solos with piano accompaniment by Miss Margaret Hartsell, the club pianist.

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ROTARY BRANCHES OF STATE ASSEMBLY WORKING HARD NOW

Several Matters of General Importance Presented During the Day.—Trying to Clear Calendars.

HONOR PAID TO BICKETT'S MEMORY

Bill by Varner Dealing With Sinking Funds of the State Was Defeated in the Lower House.

Raleigh, Feb. 28 (By the Associated Press).—Under suspended rules by motion of Senator Woodson, of Rowan, the Senate concurred today in the resolution originating in the House to reimburse Col. A. D. Watts, former Commissioner of State Revenue, in sum of \$5,785.25 which he paid into the State treasury, according to the resolution, to protect the state from loss of that amount which was on deposit to the credit of the State in the Commercial National Bank at Wilmington, when the institution's doors were closed by the examiner.

The resolution recites as a fact that Col. Watts borrowed the money with which to pay the State. No debate preceded the vote today, and the resolution passed unanimously.

An effort was made earlier in today's session to table the "solitor's salary" bill, which passed the House, and has gone upon the senate calendar with a favorable committee report.

On motion of Senator Giles the Senate passed a resolution of honor to the memory of the late Governor Thomas W. Bickett, today the birthday of the deceased, the resolution providing that the General Assembly stand in silence for one minute at noon.

The bill proposing to add the State Superintendents of Health and Public Welfare to the board of directors of the State prison was tabled today on motion of Senator Scripps, who stated that his action was at the request of the present prison authorities.

WORK OF HOUSE

Raleigh, Feb. 28 (By the Associated Press).—Consuming nearly an hour on debate the House today passed the bill introduced by Senator Parker, of Wayne, which would provide for the sanitation of manufactured bedding by requiring that manufacturers label mattresses by showing the material used, whether new or renovated, their source, and the fumigation of the material.

Representative Parker, of Alameda, championed the measure and met with opposition from Representative Peron and Matthews of Mecklenburg County, who declared such a measure would form a monopoly. The bill, however, passed the third reading and became a law.

The House also concurred in a Senate resolution in honor of the birthday of the late Thos. W. Bickett, former Governor. Both houses suspended for one minute at 12 o'clock in honor of the former governor's memory.

The House passed on third reading the Justices of the Peace bill which now goes to the Senate for final action.

The Varner bill proposing an amendment to the constitution to provide that any sinking fund law passed by this General Assembly should be irrevocable, failed to come to a vote when objections were lodged and a question arose as to whether the bill should provide for the enactment of this General Assembly to be covered by the proposed law, or the fund the enactment would carry. The bill then went over until printed copies could be had and distributed to the membership for study.

Representative Townsend of Harnett had set as special order for tonight immediately following the Grist soldiers aid bill, the omnibus school bill and general equalization bill. The resolution was introduced by Senator Burgwyn of Northampton County asking that the University of North Carolina convey its interests in 10 acres of land in Reanoke Rapids to the board of county commissioners that it might be devoted to a colored school.

The maintenance appropriations bill was introduced by Representative Murphy, of Rowan, and Representative Connor of Wilson, introduced a bill which would require banks to furnish securities for all state funds deposited.

A long discussion on whether a certain portion of Casestrick County should be exempted from the operation of the stock laws featured consideration of the local calendar. The bill was passed.

BITTER DEBATE

Raleigh, Feb. 28.—(By the Associated Press).—Opposition to the proposed in the general revenue bill to exempt from taxation stock in "foreign corporations," held in this state, developed into the most strenuous engagement of conflicting forces of the term in the Senate when the bill reached its second reading today.

After debating the Varner amendment offered to strike out suspended rules, the Senate passed at 4 o'clock on a motion, with the stipulation that it debate be continued at 7 o'clock.

DEBT FUNDING BILL SIGNED

Washington, Feb. 28.—President Harding today signed the "Debt Funding Bill," which provides for the payment of the national debt by sinking bonds.