

WORLD COURT WILL BE HELD IN FOUR PRIMARIES TODAY

The Nation Watching With Keen Interest Fight Between Sen. Lenroot and Gov. John Blaine.

LAFOLLETTE IS AGAINST LENROOT

New Hampshire and Arizona Voters Also Will Go to Polls During Day for Primary Contests.

Washington, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Adherence of the United States to the world court figured among prominent issues today as voters in four states went to the polls to nominate various party candidates including those for United States Senator.

Wide interest centered on the fight in Wisconsin, where Senator Irving L. Lenroot, leader of the administration's successful campaign for American membership in the court, is opposed for the republican nomination by Governor John J. Blaine, and the concentrated forces under the banner of the late Senator Robert M. La Follette.

In the van of the opposition to Senator Lenroot has been his colleague, Senator Robert M. La Follette, Jr., who conducted an extensive speaking campaign against the court. A number of purely state issues also had a part in the pre-primary struggle which was described as one of the most interesting in years.

Although in disagreement on the court issues with Senator Lenroot and Governor Blaine agreed apparently upon one question, modification of the Volstead act, and particularly the return of beer. Governor Blaine asserted he would do everything possible to bring back beer, while Senator Lenroot said that if nominated and elected he would work for modification of the Volstead act if it were the wish of his people.

The New Hampshire contest of Senator George H. Moses, president pro tempore of the Senate, to retain his seat, has been featured by the charge of his principal opponent, former Governor Robert P. Bass, that the Boss campaign budget had been exceeded at night and several documents stolen.

Prohibition and Senator Moses' stand on several administrative proposals also entered into the pre-primary discussions. A third senatorial candidate, James W. Remick, of Concord, former judge of the State Supreme Court.

Charges of excessive expenditures have been made by candidates in both the Wisconsin and New Hampshire campaigns. In Arizona Senator Ralph E. Cameron was unopposed for the republican nomination, but in the Democratic Column Representative Carl Hayden.

Representative Carl Hayden was opposed by Chas. H. Rutherford, a Phoenix attorney. In Nevada, Senator Tasker L. Oddie, who voted for admission to the court, was opposed for the republican nomination by Mayor E. E. Roberts, of Reno, court opponent, and father-in-law of Walter Johnson, Washington American League baseball team pitcher.

Four candidates stood for the Democratic nomination: Raymond T. Baker, director of the mint under President Woodrow Wilson; Patrick McCann, former justice of the state supreme court; Dr. W. H. Brennan of Eureka; and C. H. McIntosh, former chairman of the democratic central committee.

THE COTTON MARKET

Active and Excited at the Opening. Which Was 15 to 20 Points Higher.

New York, Sept. 7.—(AP)—The cotton market was active and excited at the opening today, owing to reports of rain in the western belt over the holidays and relatively firm Liverpool cables. The opening was 15 to 20 points higher. Active months sold 22 to 29 points above Friday's closing figures before the end of the first hour, December selling up to 18.03 or within 9 points of the high price touched on August 28th while March and later deliveries made new high grounds, March selling at 18.20. This advance naturally brought in considerable realizing because of uncertainty as to showing of tomorrow's crop report, but it was absorbed on moderate setbacks.

Three more private crop reports were issued with condition figures ranging from 67.4 up to 61.3 and crop indications from 14,837,000 up to 15,325,000 bales.

Cotton futures opened firm. Oct. 17.75; Dec. 17.95; Jan. 18.05; March 18.20; May 18.43.

Cannot Reopen Newton Road Case. Raleigh, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Associate Justice Brogden of the State Supreme Court declined to grant a petition by the State Highway Commission to reopen the Newton road case, which was decided against the commission several weeks ago.

Air Races Called Off. Philadelphia, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Because of the swampy condition of the field making the take-off almost impossible, today's air races were called off. Heavy rains last night left many pools of water on the field.

Pershing Abroad



General John J. Pershing is shown in Paris leaving the funeral of Herman Harjes, international banker, killed in a polo fall.

SCHOOL BOOK QUESTION

Meeting of State Board of Education Last Night. Tribune Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Sept. 7.—Further consideration to the school book price situation was given last night by the State Board of Education, with Governor A. W. McLean present and presiding. Some of the counter offers by publishers who have not yet indicated their willingness to put the Tennessee prices in effect in the State were considered, as were several other phases of the situation.

Governor McLean made it very plain in discussing the situation that those companies who refuse to put the Tennessee contract prices in effect in this state will be prosecuted under the anti-trust laws and that if the matter will be taken before the legislature.

Although for awhile it looked as if all the remaining four publishing companies would follow in the footsteps of the Johnson Publishing company of Richmond, Va., and voluntarily put the Tennessee prices in effect in this State, developments have not been so favorable, and at present it seems that one of more of the matter in court. At present, all books published by these publishers are being sold in this state at the Tennessee prices under the temporary injunction obtained by the Attorney General against the offending companies, and which will remain in effect until September 13, when argument will be made to make it permanent. Even if the restraining order is not permanent, sufficient time will have been given the majority of the school children in the State to purchase their textbooks at the Tennessee prices, which vary from 17 to 1 cent less than the prices formerly charged for nine textbooks in North Carolina.

But irrespective of the attitude of the remaining publishers and of the course they pursue with regard to suits which have been brought by the State to compel the companies to make the Tennessee prices effective in their North Carolina contracts, the board and the Governor in this State shall not cost as much as they have in the past.

AGREE TO SELL THE SCHOOL BOOKS CHEAPER. Two of Suits Instituted Against Publishers Withdrawn. Raleigh, Sept. 6.—Two of three suits instituted by the state of North Carolina to compel school book publishers to sell their books in North Carolina as cheaply as in any other state were ordered withdrawn tonight by the state board of education.

The action was taken after a three-hour session and when the two publishers involved had agreed to adopt the lower prices in the state. The suits withdrawn were those instituted against R. E. Heath & Co., whose first book in United States history had been selling for 30 cents in North Carolina and for 74 cents in Tennessee; and Silver Burdette & Co., whose progressive music series had been selling for 76 cents in North Carolina and 68 cents in Tennessee.

The suit against the American Book company will be taken up tomorrow with state officials by representatives of the company.

Charlotte Youth Is Ground to Pieces. Asheville, Sept. 4.—David Porter, 18, of Charlotte, was ground to pieces beneath the wheels of a Southern railway freight train he was attempting to board at Black Mountain tonight at 10:40 o'clock, according to reports reaching here.

The youth, who was employed as a steam shovel driver at Ridge Crest, had been in the Black Mountain section about three months. His father and mother lived at Polkton. He was employed by the Brown McWendall company, at work on the new Black Mountain reservoir.

Col. Major Transferred. Washington, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Col. Duncan K. Major has been relieved of the Fort Eustis, Va., command and will assume new duties on September 20th as chief of staff of the fourth corps area at Atlanta, Ga.

SELECTING JURORS IN DAUGHERTY AND MILLER TRIAL NOW

Special Panel of 200 Talesmen Summoned to Provide Jury in Case of Former Government Official

LONG TRIAL IS NOW PREDICTED

It Will Require Three Weeks for Prosecution to Present All of Its Evidence in the Case.

New York, Sept. 7.—(AP)—A special panel of 200 talesmen were summoned to provide a jury today for the trial of former Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty and former Alien Property Custodian Thomas W. Miller, on charges of accepting a \$301,000 bribe.

Contrary to federal court custom of having prospective jurors questioned by the court, Judge Mack agreed to permit direct questioning by attorneys, with the result that prospect of an entire day or more being given over to selection of a jury.

Federal Attorney Emory R. Buckner expects that representation of the government's case will require about three weeks, but defense attorneys were unable to say today how long they would require as defense testimony will depend upon what the government offers.

Richard Merton, German copper magnate, is here as a star witness for the government, and is expected to testify as to his participation in the return of \$7,000,000 cash and Liberty Bonds to alien claimants of stock in the American Metals Company.

The late John T. King, Republican national committeeman from Connecticut, attended with Mr. Daugherty and Mr. Miller in May, but he died a week later. The late Jesse W. Smith, who was a close associate of Mr. Daugherty and who committed suicide in Washington in May, 1923, has often been mentioned in connection with the case.

Post-War Fraud Charged. New York, Sept. 7.—(AP)—The outstanding case involving post-war fraud opened today in New York court.

Selection of jurors to try Harry M. Daugherty, attorney general in Harding administration, and Thos. W. Miller, former alien property custodian for conspiracy to defraud the government began shortly before noon. A special panel of 200 talesmen had been summoned.

The court room was crowded long before the appearance on the bench of Judge Julian W. Mack, who is presiding.

But the defendants entered the court room early. Mr. Miller was accompanied by his wife. He took a seat at counsel table opposite his lawyer Robert S. Johnston.

Mr. Daugherty, whose hair seemed a bit grayer than when he was arraigned, occupied a front seat near the counsel table with Max D. Steuer, his trial counsel, sitting opposite at the table.

U. S. District Attorney Buckner, who personally is directing the case for the government, also appeared early, accompanied by his assistant, Kenneth Simpson, who was an important figure in obtaining the indictments in the case.

The indictment on which Daugherty and Miller are being tried charges them with "conspiracy to defraud the United States of their unrepudiated securities officials" by accepting a bribe of \$301,000 in the return of \$7,000,000 in cash and Liberty Bonds to German claimants of stock in the American Metals Co. It is charged the alleged bribe was accepted within a month after their appointment by President Harding in 1921.

DELIVERY OF FIRST BALE IS SEVEN DAYS LATER. Than Last Year—Robeson County Man Sold It. Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 7.—(AP)—Delivery of the first bale of cotton to the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative association was seven days later this year than last. B. F. Eyer, of Maxton, Robeson County, was credited with bringing in the first 1926 bale on August 20. Last year the first bale came in on August 19 and the second bale on August 24.

Anson county, which has heretofore enjoyed the distinction of getting in the first bale, lost the honor this year by five days. The Anson bale, grown by L. D. Robinson, of Wadeboro, was delivered to the association on August 31.

The state headquarters of the association here report that deliveries are now coming in from all sections of the state. The cotton is being received at more than 30 warehouses and 300 receiving points.

Advances for the present are said to amount to about sixty per cent of the value of the delivery, and runs as follows: On bales weighing 500 pounds or more, \$55; weighing 451 to 499, \$50; 451 to 490, \$45; 401 to 450, \$35; 351 to 400, \$25.

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YARN MARKET NOW IMPROVED, STATE GASTON SPINNERS

It Is Said That 1,500,000 Spindles in Gaston Association Will Be Busy for Some Time.

PRICES SAID TO BE IMPROVED

As Result of Orders Some Mills Are Running Full Time and Others Will Be Doing So Before Long.

Gastonia, Sept. 7.—(AP)—A survey made today reveals that about 1,500,000 spindles in the Gaston County Spinners' Association have sufficient orders for yarn on their books to keep them in operation for an average of six to eight weeks from now.

Spinnings are freely declining business offered near the price levels of the summer, textile men said. Stocks of yarn are now the lowest since May. Some mills are running full time and others are preparing to resume regular hours.

The checkup has brought an apparent spirit of optimism.

THE SHEIKS BODY NOW AT HOLLYWOOD

Young Girl Hid in Chapel Since Sunday Night in Order to Gilgaspoe Body. Los Angeles, Sept. 6.—Rudolph Valentino, the screen's foremost lover, returned today in death to the land where he rose from virtual obscurity to unbounded fame.

The body of the actor reached the end of its journey from New York just before 3 p. m.

Friends and picture comrades, fearing a repetition of disorderly scenes which occurred in the east, had the body removed from the train at Richfield station, a suburban point, and taken directly to an undertaking parlor here.

Pola Veyr, film actress, who was to have wed Valentino next year, left the train while the body was being placed in a hearse and was driven to her hotel. She appeared to be in an extremely nervous condition.

Before the hearse was removed from the train, Miss Negri placed a large sheet of yellow roses upon it. Then, accompanied by Marion Davies, film actress who had boarded the train earlier today, she entered an automobile with her nurse and physician.

Albert Guglielmi, Valentino's brother, and George Ullman, the dead actor's manager, rode in an automobile just behind the hearse.

KILLED IN AUTO RACE

Frank Perry, of Greensboro, Loses His Life at Danville. Richmond, Va., Sept. 6.—The death of one race driver and injuries to five others today marred the racing program staged at the Labor Day celebration at the state fair grounds.

Frank Perry, 45, of Greensboro, N. C., went to his death when, blinded from dust and unable to see the turn in the bowl, his machine skidded and turned over. His neck was broken and he died en route to a hospital.

Charles Holly suffered bruises in a practice spin and Garnet Holly, motorcycle driver, was treated for injuries at a hospital and later returned to the track.

Fred Fretwell, Arthur Adams and Walter George were injured, none severely, as a result of a series of accidents occurring during the racing program.

The machines of Charlie Davis and Ernest Moore crashed while traveling at breakneck speed, but both miraculously escaped injury.

With Our Advertisers. Is your foot turned up and ready to enter the contest for \$300 in gold to go around to the Reid Motor Co. and then tell you how to enter.

Last time of "Up in Mable's Room" at the Concord Theatre today. See new ad today of the Cabarrus Creamery Co.

Vote on Raising Pay of Kansas Legislators. Topeka, Kan., Sept. 7.—(AP)—Citizens of Kansas will decide at the general election November 2nd whether the services of their law makers are worth more than \$3 a day. They will vote on a proposed amendment to the state constitution providing for the payment of \$8 a day to members of the legislature for a period of sixty days every two years.

Machine Guns Used on Rhode Island Strikers



State troopers are shown unloading machine guns at Manville, R. I., in preparation for battle with strike sympathizers at a mill there. John Rounansky, right, had two fingers shot away in a riot.

PRIMARIES IN FIVE STATES

Primaries Being Held Today in Widely Separated Sections. Washington, D. C., Sept. 7.—Five state primaries are being held today in widely separated sections of the country, the results of which will be scanned with close attention by the party leaders.

In each of the five states a United States senatorship is at stake. George H. Moses, president pro tempore of the senate, is up for renomination in New Hampshire, Tasker L. Oddie is seeking a renomination in Nevada, Irvine L. Lenroot in Wisconsin, Ralph H. Cameron in Arizona, and William M. Butler in Massachusetts.

Senator Moses' opponent in the Republican primary in New Hampshire is Robert P. Bass, a former governor of the state. Mr. Bass represents the progressive wing of the Republican party. Mr. Moses, the "regular" Republican, Mr. Bass was governor in 1911 and 1912 and was one of the "seven little governors" who in 1912 memorialized Theodore Roosevelt to be again a candidate for the presidency.

New Hampshire is a Republican state by a substantial majority and it is regarded as a certainty that the Republican candidate will be elected in November.

In the Wisconsin primary President Coolidge and the World Court face another severe test. Senator Irvine L. Lenroot, whose seat is at stake, is one of the administration's lieutenants in the upper house. He is waging the hardest kind of a campaign to retain his place, but opinion is divided as to his chances of success.

His opponent for the Republican nomination is Governor J. J. Blaine, a lieutenant of the late Robert M. La Follette and commanding the support of the LaFollette machine.

Senator Oddie, of Nevada, likewise faces a hard fight to retain his seat. His opponent is "Ed" Roberts, mayor of Reno and a former representative in Congress. To some extent the prohibition issue figures in the contest. Senator Oddie, though not an enthusiastic "dry," is standing on a law enforcement program and favors a state-wide referendum to ascertain the sentiment of the people. Mr. Roberts, on the other hand, is an out-and-out "wet."

From this distance the contest between the two appears to be close and the result uncertain.

The Democratic contest for the senatorial nomination in Nevada is also attracting considerable attention. Three candidates are seeking the nomination—Ray Baker, Judge Pat McCaren and Bert McIntosh. Mr. Baker is the best known nationally, as he served under President Wilson as superintendent of the United States Mints. The consensus is that the contest is between Baker and McCaren.

Senator Butler in Massachusetts and Senator Cameron in Arizona are attracting little attention, so far as the primaries are concerned. It is generally expected that Senator Cameron will be re-nominated. Senator Butler, who is a close friend of the President, has no opposition for the nomination in his own party.

Both Massachusetts and Arizona, however, are expected to attract wide attention during the election campaign. Senator Cameron's chances for re-election are not regarded as sure as his chances for the renomination, since the political records show that Arizona is as likely to go Democratic as Republican, particularly in an off-year election. In Massachusetts, Senator Butler will face a hard fight for re-election. He will have as his opponent on the Democratic ticket David L. Walsh, a former governor of the Bay State and later a United States senator, whose personal strength and popularity are general conceded.

Bachelor Trial Opens. Wetumpka, Ala., Sept. 7.—(AP)—A crowd so large that it appeared at times to be out of control of officers, gathered here today at the opening of the trial of Clyde Reese Bachelor, charged with murder in connection with the death of Judge Lamar C. Smith, his father-in-law.

The defense lost in the first round of the fight, Judge George F. Smoot denying a motion for postponement.

GOVERNMENT COST PER INDIVIDUAL, \$8.20

Department of Commerce Statistics Are Made Public. Washington, D. C., Sept. 7.—(AP)—A per capita cost of \$8.20 for the operation and maintenance of the government of the 48 states of the Union during the fiscal period closing January 31, 1926, or the first fiscal period closing hereto, was revealed in department of commerce statistics on State government costs issued today.

The total amount expended to run the different states during this period was \$1,035,478,035, the report shows. This was apportioned from \$256,060,428 for education to \$55,854,578 for payment of soldiers' bonus in 21 states.

The per capita maintenance cost has displayed a steady increase since 1917 when it was only \$4.19. By 1924 it has risen to \$9 and jumped 21 cents additional in 1925.

Payments for maintenance and operation of public service enterprises amounted to \$8,398,279; interest on debt to \$67,061,048; and outlays for permanent improvement \$503,023,071. Total payments for 1925, therefore, amounted to \$1,614,562,230; for 1924 to \$1,513,628,021, and for 1917 to \$517,503.22. Interest charges increased \$11,814,000 over 1924.

These figures show that during 1925 the total payments were divided into 64.1 per cent for operation and maintenance of the general departments; 0.5 per cent for the operation and maintenance of public service departments; 4.2 per cent for charities, hospitals and corrections; 13.8 per cent for highways; 8.3 per cent for general government; 5.4 per cent for protection to person and property; 5.5 per cent for development and conservation of natural resources; 2.4 per cent for health and sanitation; 0.3 per cent for recreation, and 0.6 per cent for miscellaneous, which includes the soldiers' bonus.

The outlay for permanent improvements were principally for highways, constituting 83.2 per cent of the total. The next in importance were the outlay payments for education, amounting to \$36,072,861 and charities, hospitals and corrections amounting to \$25,400,155.

To meet this cost of operation the total revenue collected by the 48 states in 1925 was \$1,485,242,240. This was \$373,708,981 more than the total payments of the year exclusive of the outlay payments for permanent improvements, but \$129,319,990 less than the total payments including those for permanent improvements.

In only 17 states was there sufficient revenue to meet all payments during the year, the difference in excess of revenue being met from proceeds of debt obligations.

The wide deficiency existed after the states as a whole had increased their revenues \$115,176,000 over the past year.

The total per capita revenue receipts were \$13.19 in 1925, \$12.32 in 1924, and \$5.14 in 1917. Property and special taxes represented 40 per cent of the total revenue of 1925. Special taxes in 1925 included \$85,894,080 from inheritance taxes in 45 states and \$27,535,105 from income taxes in 13 states.

These collections made on an assessed valuation of \$136,184,400,483 in the 48 states. The per capita levy for 1925 was \$3.28, in 1924 it was \$3.31, and in 1917 it was only \$1.83.

During the past year there were no general property taxes levied for state purposes in Pennsylvania, North Carolina and California.

The increase for 1925 in the assessed property valuation for the 48 states was \$4,850,832,000 and the increase on the levy on this valuation was \$1,285,000. The aggregate valuation also gives the assessable valuation in the three states which do not levy a general tax for state purposes.

Orchestra Ordered Out on Strike. Chicago, Sept. 6.—(AP)—Orchestra in 45 leading vaudeville and motion picture houses were ordered out on strike today by the Chicago Federation of Musicians. The orders affect all vaudeville theatres and all moving picture theatres offering matinee and evening performances.

FEWER BUT LARGER COTTON GINS THE RULE

According to Study Completed by U. S. Department of Agriculture. Raleigh, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Fewer but larger cotton gins are now the rule in the south, according to a study recently completed by the United States department of agriculture. The study was undertaken in order to determine factors that influence gin efficiency for the purpose of eliminating waste.

In 1912 there were 28,358 ginning plants in the cotton belt. By 1925 this number had slumped off to 18,202 but the increase in individual capacity gives the smaller number the same operating capacity as for the total number of gins in 1912, the report disclosed.

The more detailed portions of the study were carried out in the north central Texas belt, but the observations are thought to furnish averages that will hold over the entire cotton belt.

The study shows that the average cost of ginning a bale for 21 plants in the territory investigated, having a capacity of 1,001 to 1,500 bales is \$6.96. In the larger gins the cost is shown to decrease until in the 3,001 to 3,500 class it drops to \$4.58. The average for 74 plants ginning a total of 141,666 bales is \$5.70 per bale.

Of the 74 ginning plants included in the study, 19 were four-stand plants, 40 five-stand plants and fifteen were eight, nine and ten-stand plants. In total number of stands the four-stand plants had an average of 301, the five-stand plants 370, and the double battery plants 646. The four-stand plants ginned on an average of 22,000 hundred weight, or approximately 1,500 bales, the five-stand plants turned out approximately 1,800 bales, and the double batteries ginned about 2,600 bales per plant.

The average for all plants was approximately 1,900 bales.

The conclusions point out that volume is unquestionably the principal factor in determining total costs per unit.

"THE GOLDEN WEED"

Opening of Tobacco Markets in Eastern North Carolina. Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 6.—(AP)—The flood of "The Golden Weed" will begin tomorrow in Eastern North Carolina with the opening of the tobacco markets of the New Bright Belt. Warehouses are scheduled to open at 22 cities and towns and tonight thousands and millions of pounds of tobacco had been conveyed to the markets in readiness for tomorrow's activities.

Growers generally were optimistic on the eve of the opening and good prices were looked forward to in tomorrow's sales. The high prices realized on the South Carolina Belt and in Georgia during the past two weeks have heartened growers and in addition the crop of this year is said to be in fine shape and of excellent quality.

Much Tobacco at Wilson Market. Wilson, N. C., Sept. 7.—(AP)—Approximately 750,000 pounds of tobacco were on the floors of the local auction warehouses for sale today when the bright belt tobacco market opened. The product in the sales of the first three hours brought the average price of 23 cents to 25 cents per pound. Quality was said not to be so good, due to dry weather in this particular section.

1,000,000 Pounds at Greenville. Greenville, N. C., Sept. 7.—(AP)—With an opening average estimated price of 22 cents per pound, the auction tobacco markets opened here today. Approximately 1,000,000 pounds of tobacco were on the floors of the warehouses. Prices ran from 35 per cent to 50 per cent higher on the common grades than that paid last year.

Mecklenburg Tax Rate Raised. Charlotte, Sept. 6.—Ninety eight cents on each \$100 worth of property was fixed by the board of county commissioners today as the tax rate for Mecklenburg county for the ensuing year. This is a raise of two cents from last year. The rate was based on the expectation of \$105,000,000 worth of taxable property.

PREMIER DECLARES UNFOUNDED REPORT ABOUT REVOLUTION

Spanish Premier Says Only Trouble in Country Caused by Artillery Officers Who Mutinied.

DECREE CAUSED THE TROUBLE

Officers Wanted Seniority Rule in the Promotions While Government Favored Another Plan.

London, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Premier Primo de Rivera, of Spain, in a message to the Evening News, declared emphatically there has been no revolution in Spain but merely a movement among artillery officers against constituted authorities. Outlining the situation he says:

"On June 6th a royal decree was published modifying the system of promotions in the army whereby it was made possible for the government to reward its best servants of military merit instead of adhering strictly to the rule of seniority.

"The artillery showed itself in disagreement, impending the work of the government, and refusing to recognize the orders of the authorities. To conduct rendered necessary rigorous measures already made known, measures which were necessary to re-establish the prestige and authority of the government.

"The rebellious artillery men subsequently submitted to disciplinary measures, and promoters of the trouble will be tried by a special military court."

MARTIN CANNON BUYS 7 ACRES DUKE PROPERTY

Transfer of Large Tract of Land Following Long Negotiations. Charlotte Observer. Approximately seven acres of land, constituting part of the domain of the former J. B. Duke estate in Myers Park, will pass to the ownership of Martin L. Cannon, 520 East Morehead street, when confirmation of the court completes the legal transfer of the property from the Duke estate.

Mr. Cannon said last night he had made an offer to the Duke estate, which he had transmitted through his agent, Gaston C. Galloway, while he himself, went to Europe.

He had not been in touch with Mr. Galloway, who is in Blowing Rock, but said it had been rumored unofficially to him that his offer had been accepted.

Agents' Version. Agents for the Duke estate, on the other hand, tended to confirm the sale by the statement that all that would be required to complete the sale would be a necessary court act, which would probably be completed in a few days.

The property in question lies along Queens road, on which the Myers Park car line runs, Edgehill road, and Adley road in Myers Park. The acreage extends from Queens road back toward the hedge of trees which form a fringe on the west side of that part of the Duke domain, recently purchased by C. C. Coddington.

Negotiations for the deal were begun some months ago, before Mr. Cannon made a trip to Europe. He entrusted the negotiations to Gaston C. Galloway, real estate agent, who is in Blowing Rock at present. The acceptance by the Duke estate of the offer made for the approximately seven acres is understood to have been accepted by the agents of the Duke estate.

The sum of \$115,000 is the amount said to have been offered by Mr. Cannon for the acreage, which is without a dwelling upon it at present. Mr. Coddington is understood to have paid \$250,000 for the remaining 10 acres of the 17, originally constituting the Duke domain.

The 10 acres bought by Mr. Coddington included the palatial Duke house and grounds.

Mr. Cannon has not announced plans for the developing of the property, he is negotiating for, but it is understood to have plans for developing it at an early date.

Statesville Aldermen Fix Tax Rate at \$1.39. Statesville, Sept. 6.—At a meeting of the board of aldermen of Statesville, the budget for the year was adopted and the tax rate for the year 1926 was placed at \$1.39, which is the same rate in effect for the past three years.

The board also passed an ordinance calling for an