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SALE OF TOBACCO IN LEAF.

Tobacco Manufacturers Appear Before Sub-Committee of Senate Finance Committee and Protest Against Removal of Restrictions.

Washington, July, 4.—A sub-committee of the Senate committee on finance to-day heard a number of tobacco manufacturers in opposition to the removal of any of the restrictions governing the sale of tobacco in the leaf. The hearing was on the Branley amendment, which would permit the first purchaser to sell the leaf without the payment of a tax and all subsequent purchasers to make similar transfers so long as the tobacco was not manufactured in any form. Tobacco manufacturers contend that this would open the whole subject to possibility of great fraud and also that it would materially reduce revenues.

Members of the sub-committee said that they would be glad to give the tobacco grower the enlarged market for which he asks, but they consider it to be doubtful whether a safe provision to accomplish this purpose can be enacted.

The proposition to increase the rates of tax upon smoking and plug tobacco, cigars, cigarettes and snuff was discussed further by the committee. The increased rates proposed by the Beverage amendment were submitted to government experts for an estimate of the probable increase in revenues which the adoption of such rates would provide. The rough figures furnished place such revenues at \$25,000,000, which is regarded as too great an increase to be drawn from this one product. It is probable, therefore, that a lower rate will be recommended. The subject will receive the consideration of the entire committee on Tuesday.

FARMERS INSTITUTE

A Farmers Institute will Be Held at the Court House in Roxboro on Wednesday July 14th.

The object of a Farmers' Institute is to bring together the farmers in order that they may discuss and study the subjects relating to their business, such as the best methods of using fertilizers on various crops, the preparation and cultivation of the soil, stock raising and stock feeding, diseases of stock, grain and grass growing, trucking, fruit growing, improvement of worm soils, etc.

There will be present at these institutes Mr. R. W. Scott of Alamance County, Mr. Frank Blackford, an expert tobacco grower from Ohio, and Mr. F. C. Reimer, Horticulturist of the N. C. A. & M. College, and discuss questions of interest.

An interesting program has been arranged. All farmers and those interested in farming are invited and urged to come and ask questions and join in the discussions.

Morning session will open at 10 o'clock sharp, and afternoon session at 1:30.

DR. SCHENCK TO GERMANY.

Asheville, July 4.—Dr. C. A. Schenck, who recently resigned his position as chief of the forestry department of the Biltmore estate, will, it is said, establish a forestry school in the Black Forest, Germany. It is Dr. Schenck's intention to give his students six months schooling in Germany and three months in the forests of several American States. Dr. Schenck opened his forestry school on the Biltmore estate 15 years ago.

ARE GRANTED NEW TRIALS

Supreme Court Reverses Verdict in the Cases Against the Murderers of Captain Quentin Rankin on Technical Grounds.

Jackson, Tenn., July 3.—The cases of eight night riders, 6 of whom were under the death sentence charged with the murder of Captain Quentin Rankin, at Walnut Log, on Reel Foot lake, October 19 last, were reversed by the State Supreme Court to-day and were remanded for new trials.

The six men, who were under the death sentence are Garrett Johnson, alleged leader of the night riders, organization in Obion county; Arthur Cloar, Fred Pinion, Sam Applewhite, Tid Burton and Roy Ransom. The other two, Bud Morris and Bob Huffman, were convicted of murder in the second degree.

The opinion in the case was delivered by Special Justice Henry A. Craft, of Memphis, appointed in the stead of Justice M. M. Neil.

In reversing the case, he assigned two principal reasons. The first was that the grand jury which found the indictments against the alleged night riders, was not selected in a proper manner. The grand jury was selected out of a panel named by Judge J. E. Jones, the trial judge, whereas the law provides the panel must be chosen by at least three members of the county court. The second error on which the reversal was based is that the State did not allow the defendant a sufficient number of challenges. The 8 were tried on one indictment and trial court upheld the State's contention that the eight defendants were only entitled to the legal number of challenges, twenty-four which would apply if one man was on trial.

When Justice Craft concluded his opinion a storm of applause broke out in the court room, but was quickly stopped by the marshal and his deputies. The prisoners will be taken back to Union City and an effort will be made to secure their release on bail pending a second trial on their cases.

Situation is Serious.

Union City, Tenn., July 3.—Those most active in the prosecution of the alleged night riders of Reel Foot lake consider the situation now such as may again assume a serious phase. That it will be difficult to secure a jury to again hear the cases is conceded and as yet no decision has been reached by the representatives of the State as to their future plans. An immediate trial of other pending cases of a similar nature, however, is not looked for.

EARLY GOES TO NEW YORK.

Washington, July 3.—John R. Early, the alleged leper who has been quarantined in a camp near this city, since last August, and whose case has attracted widespread interest because of the sharp controversies into which noted specialists have been drawn, over the nature of his ailment, left Washington at 10:45 o'clock to-night, locked in a baggage car attached to the regular Pennsylvania Railroad train. Early will enter the skin and cancer hospital of New York for treatment under Dr. L. Duncan Bulkley.

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Yours truly, &c.,
WM. M. CUNNINGHAM.

DUKE'S GIFT TO NEGROES.

Donates Twenty-Five Acres of Land On Which National Religious Training School and Chautauqua Will Be Opened in Durham.

Durham, July 5.—A gift by Brodie L. Duke to the negroes of twenty-five acres of land will enable Dr. James E. Sheppard, the incorporator, to locate and open a national religious training school and chautauqua here in November next.

The school is for the elevation of the colored ministry and training of missionaries. Prominent among the white members of the advisory board are Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, of New York; Rabbi Abram Simon, of Washington; Senator Overman, D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte; General Julian Carr, of Durham; General C. W. Green, of Little Rock, and Judge Prichard, of Asheville.

The immediate construction work will consist of two dormitories, costing \$20,000 each, and an auditorium at a cost of \$15,000. An endowment fund of \$150,000 will support the faculty for the present.

There was a great contest for the location of the school. A conditional gift of \$50,000, when \$100,000 had been raised already has been made.

CUBA CELEBRATES FOURTH.

Newly-Organized Army Receives Stands of Colors From American Colony—President Gomez Present.

Havana, July 4.—The feature of the celebration of the fourth of July in Cuba was the presentation at Camp Columbia to the newly organized Cuban army of stands of colors, purchased by popular subscription by the American colony in Cuba, under the auspices of The Havana Post. The ceremony was attended by President Gomez and his Cabinet, many of the members of Congress and a great concourse of spectators.

The presentation address was made by Albert Wright, president of the American Club; Major General Pino Guerra, the commander-in-chief of the army, responded. The colors were presented by 12 American girls to 12 Cuban boys, who handed them to the color guards of the various regiments, which paraded before the President the bands playing the American and Cuban anthems.

The ceremony was preceded by a breakfast at the yacht club, at which the American minister, Edwin V. Morgan, was the guest of honor.

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