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THE DELAY IN TRAINING SCHOOL DECISION.

While it is now known that no decision in the matter of the Eastern Carolina Training school location will be given before July 10th, the delay in this decision has provoked a good deal of unfavorable comment in this section.

"That the selection of the site of the East Carolina Teachers' Training school be postponed until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, July 10, 1907; that, on account of a variance and discrepancy in the offers made by the different bidders for the location of the school and misunderstanding by the members of the board as to these offers made at the meeting on June 5th, the board decided that, in fairness to all and that there might be no misunderstandings and no advantage given to any bidder, all be allowed, if they see fit, to state in writing what they are willing to do, allowing them to add to or explain the bids heretofore made; that, confusion having arisen on account of the ambiguity of the bids heretofore made, no alteration or increase shall be considered except as clearly made in writing; that no further oral argument is requested by the board but each bidder so desiring may appoint one representative to be present on July 10th when the bids are submitted to the board."

Remembering the original proposition, that bids were to be sent to Raleigh, June 5th, that the towns making the bids were to have representatives at Raleigh, on that date, to present their several claims, all this being carried out by those places seeking the school. Then, as per rule, the committee makes the circuit, and instead of a speedy decision, over two weeks delay continues, and with it the strange resolution sent out, as a reason. What the "fairness to all," means, and the "confusion," "ambiguity of the bids," is to be taken for, is not explained. The places seeking this school followed the rules laid down, or were not eligible. What place has failed? What place is confused? And if any place is confused, what has it to do with the bids made?

Either the original plan of rules laid down for those seeking this school was faulty, or there is something in this delay which is going to give some place an advantage. It is to be hoped that the end, when the decision comes, will not reveal "peanut politics."

THE COSTLY "PRIVILEGE" TO DO BUSINESS IN NEW BERN.

The local aspirant to start in business for himself or herself, had best look well into the matter, of what the cost is to be. Not the rent, the purchase of goods, county or state tax, but the tax so-called the city "privilege" tax, which must be paid for in advance.

The notice of the city clerk, that this tax must be paid this week, by every one doing business, should arouse more than the whisper of protest from a few small dealers. If there was any kind of a local business organization, there would be some concert of action that could get some fair reduction in this "privilege" tax matter. But as it is, two things, at least, are certain to follow, this very costly "privilege" to do business in New Bern. One, the literally wiping out of numerous small merchants, who beginning in a small way, in some locality is the outskirt

of the city, hoped to build up a business by economy and personal effort, and some day acquire a large trade, and be able to move into the large business district. But no chance now, and meet this "privilege" tax, which is in advance and in amount equal to some cases, a quarter, third or half, the value of the small dealers stocks.

The second effect, following the enforcement of this costly "privilege" tax, means higher prices on all necessities of life, groceries, dry goods, etc. for every merchant that can survive is certain to raise the prices on every article he sells. Ask any merchant in New Bern today, and every one will agree that this "privilege" payment is an additional weight, like the straw that broke the camel's back, it means desperate work for every merchant to meet it.

Another feature of this "privilege," and it is a ghastly financial joke to term it a "privilege" to pay this tax, is that there is an unjust discrimination in it. That is, some may pay quarterly and semi-annually, while others must pay annually, in advance. Not every merchant can be certain of being in business for the year, and to pay in July to do business the following June, is a long stretch, an unjust one, for a merchant might be out of business six months after paying the twelve months "privilege," while the merchant that is a permanency, who contributes to every local effort to promote his city's welfare, has to be out of his money at least six months, without having a cent's worth of municipal protection, or any certain guarantee of a protection during the twelve months.

Does the city need this money so badly, that it is worth crippling its mercantile dealers to get it? For once let this "privilege" enforcement go into full effect, as ordered by the present city administration, and there will be empty stores and empty offices, that mean serious loss in every way to the interests of New Bern.

When it was said by a local merchant, that the "privilege" license tax established by the present board of aldermen, if enforced, would mean the extermination of the small merchant in New Bern, a bystander remarked, "so much the better for you."

THE SMALL MERCHANT IMPORTANT TO THE COMMUNITY.

It would be unjust to charge the present board of aldermen with the design, in making the "privilege" license tax they have, with any such purpose, as that of trying to put the small merchant out of business, and so throw all the trade to the large merchant, who might be able to pay the tax assessed against him. But this large "privilege" tax, surely and effectively operates to the elimination of the small merchant.

The passing away of the small merchant would in some degree help the larger merchant. But the small merchant, that is the one whose yearly sales might run from one to two thousand dollars, what is his status in the community? In the first place, he is located in a section away from the larger stores. His stocks are usually those for daily consumption, groceries, soft drinks, some few articles of dry goods. His customers are those whose purchases are small, because they are people of moderate means, working on wages. The small merchant is all important to them, because they can buy of him in quantities to meet their wages, that they would have trouble in doing, if they had time to go the large merchant. The large merchant jobs to the small merchant, and some large merchant indirectly sells to the poorer class of trade, that would not be his, if the small merchant did not exist. The small merchant is an additional tax payer, if he is not assessed beyond his source of revenue. The small merchant is the beginning in most instances of the large merchant. It is a field that presents a possible opening for the young man of moderate means, but who is possessed with energy and ambition. One who is honest and economical. It is a mercantile field that ought to be encouraged, not taxed out of existence for the present "privilege" tax means that the small merchant must go.

The charming woman. It is not necessarily one of perfect form and features. Many a plain woman who could never serve as an artist's model, possesses those rare qualities that all the world admires: neatness, clear eyes, clean smooth skin and that slightness of step and action that accompany good health. A physically weak woman is never attractive, not even to herself. Electric Bitters restore weak women, give strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, rosy skin, beautiful complexion. Guaranteed at all Druggists 50c.

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Heart Strength

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Dr. Shoop's Restorative F. S. DUFFY.

July 3.—Messrs. Waters and Dunn, who have been spending a few days on Lake Ellis Farm, at Camp Bryan, returned to New Bern Monday evening.

Mr. J. E. White and daughter, Mary Nora, were in New Bern Tuesday.

Miss Clara Morton of Harlow who has been spending a few days at Morehead City passed through here Sunday morning on her way home.

Mrs. Eulah and Cecil Rooks were visitors of Mrs. Murdock of Wildwood, Thursday.

Mrs. White and children, Mary Nora and Carl were visitors of Mrs. Armstrong Sunday evening.

Mr. Roland Satterthwaite who has been in South Carolina for a considerable time returned home last week.

Mr. A. D. Rooks was in Newport Thursday.

I'll stop your pain free. To show you first—before you spend a penny—what my Pink Pain Tablets can do I will mail you free a Trial Package of them—Dr. Shoop's Headache Tablets.

Best Medicine in the World for Colic and Diarrhoea. "I find Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy to be the best remedy in the world," says Mr. C. L. Carter of Skirum, Ala.

A Happy Man. Is Amos F. King, of Port Byron, N. Y., (85 years of age); since a sore on his leg, which had troubled him the greater part of his life, has been entirely healed by Bucklen's Arnica Salve; the world's great healer of Sores, Burns, Cuts, Wounds and Piles. Guaranteed by All Druggists. Price 25c.

A Madrid-cable dispatch says that King Carlos of Portugal is about to abdicate in favor of his brother, the Duke of Oporto; another report says in favor of his son the Duke of Braganza.

Take the Postmaster's Word for It. Mr. F. M. Hamilton, postmaster at Cherrylee, Ind., keeps also a stock of general merchandise and patent medicines. He says: "Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is standard here in its line. It never fails to give satisfaction and we would hardly afford to be without it." For sale by Davis Pharmacy and F. S. Duffy.

Ambassador Jussaraud, of France, before sailing for home yesterday, referred to President Roosevelt as "the greatest man of the Western Hemisphere—head and shoulders above every one else."

The Doctor Away from Home When Most Needed. People are often very much disappointed to find that their family physician is away from home when they most need his services. Diseases like cramp colic and cholera morbus require prompt treatment, and have in many instances proven fatal before medicine could be procured or a physician summoned. The right way is to keep at hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. No physician can prescribe a better medicine for those diseases. By having it in the house you escape much pain and suffering and all risk. Buy it now; it may save life. For sale by Davis Pharmacy and F. S. Duffy.

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MEDITATED A CRIME

Timely Discovery of Tampering With Engine at Roper Lumber Co's Mill on Griffith St. Saves a Disaster.

Recent incidents in the engine room of the Roper Lumber Co., lead to a suspicion that some enemy is planning to do the corporation great mischief. Several times, the latest being last Friday, there has been found in an extremely dangerous position a large sized bolt which had been placed so that it would cause the cylinder to blow out, wrecking the engine and all adjacent machinery and also cause injury to the men if not lost of life.

About the Holiness Sect. The Journal has received a communication from a subscriber at Reelsboro referring to the new religious sect whose doctrine has recently been spreading throughout the coast counties of the state.

Daughters and the Fourth. All members of the local chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, are requested to be on hand, promptly at 9 o'clock, tomorrow, Thursday morning at the E. C. D. dock foot of Craven street.

Bad Burn Quickly Healed. "I am so delighted with what Chamberlain's Salve has done for me that I feel bound to write and tell you so," says Mrs. Robert Mytton, 457 John St. Hamilton, Ontario.

The French unit of horsepower is one-seventh less than the English.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. The open door lets the knocker out of a job.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. The searchlight of the British Dreadnaught has a new feature in that it projects beams at the same time in opposite directions to facilitate signaling.

Deafness Cannot be Cured. By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies.

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GRAVEN COUNTY

Proceedings Meeting of County Commissioners July 1, 1907. Official Reports.

Board met in regular session at 10 o'clock a. m. Present Chairman Foy, Commissioners Wadsworth, Harvey, Richardson and McGowan.

Ordered by the board that Mrs. Amanda Toler be allowed \$2 per month in rations and Mr. Silas Fulcher be instructed to furnish same.

Ordered that Freeman Arnold be empowered to furnish Mrs. Julia A. Powers \$1.50 per month until further orders.

Ordered that the report of F. S. Ernul, treasurer, be accepted and spread upon the minutes to-wit:

REPORT OF F. S. ERNUL TREAS. For month of June, 1907. GENERAL FUND. To balance on hand \$6,051.56

INTEREST ACCOUNT. By balance over drawn 36.63 FENCE NO. 1. To balance on hand 83.73

FENCE No. 3. By balance over drawn 26.24 Respectfully submitted this day of July 1, 1907. F. S. ERNUL, Treas.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of July, 1907. W. B. FLANNER, N. P.

Ordered that the report of J. W. Bidle sheriff be accepted and spread upon the minutes, to-wit:

May 1. To balance on hand 1,836.90 June 30. To tax collected 12,304.48 June 30. To tax "B" 229.50

CREDIT. May 21. To F. S. Ernul, Treas. general fund 2,000.00 28. To F. S. Ernul Treas. general fund 2,000.00

June 20. To F. S. Ernul, Treas. general fund 3,000.00 20. To R. A. Richardson Fence No. 3 200.00

25. To H. R. Bryan Fence No. 7 70.00 30. Commission 12,533.98 at 4.22 528.93

20. Balance on hand 5,571.95 \$14,370.88 Respectfully submitted, J. W. BIDDLE, Sheriff.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of July, 1907. A. E. WADSWORTH, J. P.

A Square Deal

It is assured you when you buy Dr. Pierce's Family Medicine—for all the ingredients entering into its composition are selected from the most valuable native medicinal roots found growing in our American forests.

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NOT MUCH SURPRISE

At Court's Action in the Railroad Litigation at Asheville.

Greensboro, July 1.—Nobody here was surprised at the outcome of the railroad hearings at Asheville last week. The continuance of the injunction until October for the purpose of taking evidence and receiving a report from ex-Judge Montgomery is regarded as a deferential way of letting the state and the legislature down by degrees.

There are several citizens of Greensboro, one of them the mother-in-law of Judge Douglas and grandmother of Editor Douglas of the Industrial News, who have been specifically enjoined from bringing suits against the railroad to test the railroad's right to build a double track where a single track runs over their lands in this city.

But to say citizens cannot bring a suit against the railroad in the shape of a proclamation in the nature of a warning that it might be a contempt of Judge Pritchard's court, this lawyer says is going entirely too far and will serve more to arouse than frighten many freemen.

New Bank Acts in Effect July 1. The following statutes, passed by the general assembly of 1907, to be in force from any after July 1, are of interest to banks:

An Act to Amend Section 2234 of the Revised. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. Every negotiable instrument is payable at the time fixed therein without grace (except as allowed by the succeeding section). When the day of maturity falls upon Sunday or a holiday the instrument is payable on the next succeeding business day.

Section 2. This act shall be in force from and after July 1, 1907. An Act Relating to Days of Grace When Allowed. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That section twenty-two hundred and thirty-five (2235), Revised of one thousand nine hundred and five, of North Carolina, be amended so as to read as follows:

"All bills of exchange payable within the state, at sight, in which there is an express stipulation to that effect and not otherwise, shall be entitled to days of grace as the same are allowed by the customs of merchants in foreign bills of exchange payable at the expiration of a certain period after date on sight: Provided, that no days of grace shall be allowed on any bill of exchange, promissory note or draft payable on demand."

Section 3. That this act shall be in force from and after July 1, 1907.

Widespread Popular Interest in National Irrigation Congress. The widespread interest evoked by the approaching session of the National Irrigation Congress which meets in Sacramento in September, is shown by the constantly increasing volume of correspondence pouring into headquarters. Every mail brings its quota and a large one, from all points of the compass. Every section of our own country and insular possessions and many foreign centers are represented in the contents of the postman's delivery. This postal service is supplemented by a telegraphic service of almost equal dimensions, correspondents seek information concerning the meeting of the congress itself, and particulars and details of the arrangements for that and the incidental features of the event. Inquiries with regard to the accommodation of visitors and preparations for handling big crowds, etc., form a considerable part of this voluminous correspondence.

Yancey News. July 11.—There has been plenty of rain in this locality for the past few days.

The north bound freight train on the N. & S. had a wreck Saturday evening at Palmesto swamp a few miles from here, no one was seriously hurt.

Mr. Charles Baker of Shelmerdine, was in our city Sunday. Mr. Baker might have had other business than coming after his pet but who knows? Come again Charlie and stay longer. Miss Annie Warren of Shelmerdine has been visiting relatives here.

Miss Anita Nelson who has been visiting relatives near Winterville returned home Sunday morning with the delight of her many friends. There is a clever young man in our town who has been quite miserable for the last week or two, but he is all smiles now. CARL RUTHERFORD.