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WILL PROCLAIM NEW AMENDMENT

Secretary of State Bryan Tomorrow Will Announce Change in Nation's Constitution.

DIRECT VOTE ON SENATORS

Will End Contest Begun In First Constitutional Convention Itself.

Washington, May 29.—On Saturday of this week Secretary of State William J. Bryan will officially proclaim the fact that the Seventeenth amendment to the Federal Constitution, providing for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people, has been ratified by three-fourths of the States and is from this time on a part of the organic law.

This act will end a contest begun in the first constitutional convention itself. It will bring to a close the more recent contest begun 30 years ago to amend the Constitution and take from the Legislatures of the State the power to name Senators.

This proclamation will mean that within six years not one Senator who has been elected by a State Legislature will hold a seat in the upper branch of Congress. It will mean that one-third of that body, whose terms expire on March 4, 1915, will be elected by the people of their respective States.

Also the proclamation will be the signal to the entire sisterhood of States to overhaul the present local election laws and make it possible for candidates for the Senate to have places on the ballots. It will, too, be incumbent upon the States to provide proper safeguards for the popular election of their Senators.

Not only that, but many States will be compelled to readjust their nominating machinery. Legislative caucuses will be no more. Senatorial conventions may be held, of course, but the primary system will ultimately prevail throughout the Union. Under the new amendment no nomination at all is required of a candidate who wishes to run for the Senate, but it will be a rare thing for an aspirant for the Senate to make a race without some party organization behind him.

Probably the first Senator to be elected by the direct vote of a State will be the successor to William P. Jackson, of Maryland. And this promise to be a historic precedent. The many phases of the Jackson case have been and are being studied by leading lawyers in the Senate, and the action of the State in finding a means of carrying the amendment into effect will be watched by the entire country.

There is only one other case now existing in any way parallel to that of Senator Jackson. That is the mix-up over the seat now held by Senator Bacon, of Georgia. He is holding office by appointment of the Governor of his State, his term having expired on March 3. His Legislature meets in regular session in June and it must provide the machinery for the election of Senator Bacon's successor.

It is a matter of great gratification to Secretary Bryan that he is privileged to proclaim the new amendment. He has campaigned for 20 years for the direct election of Senators and it now falls to his lot to officially announce to the country the ratification of a measure that embodies one of his most cherished policies.

Originally the Secretary intended to make the occasion of the proclamation a ceremony. He has reconsidered that idea, however, and will on Saturday sign the state document in the presence of only a small group of friends who have stood with him in his long fight for the reform. This party will include Senator Borah, who led the amendment fight in the Senate, former Congressman H. St. George Tucker, who urged a similar amendment when he was a member of the House, and Representative Rucker, of Missouri.

The Seventeenth Amendment is the second change to be made in the Constitution within the past year. The first modification of the organic law since the Civil War period was the ratification of the Sixteenth Amendment, providing for the levy of an income tax. This was proclaimed by Philander C. Knox, Secretary of State in Taft's Cabinet.

As soon as Secretary Bryan issues his proclamation announcing that 36 States have ratified the Seventeenth Amendment the Secretaries of State of the individual States will be officially advised that after that date all Senators must be named by the direct vote of their people.

Sixty-Six

This is a fund-raising campaign, especially for the benefit of the blind and feeble-minded. The money will be used to purchase books and other literature for the blind and feeble-minded. It is a most interesting and profitable work.

MCCARTY LEFT \$30,000

Estate Will Go To Prize Fighter's Widow And Daughter.

Chicago, May 29.—Luther McCarty, the heavyweight boxer killed in his fight with Arthur Pelky at Calgary on Saturday, left an estate worth \$30,000, according to the estimate of Attorney V. R. Lovell, of Fargo, N. D., who came here in the interest of the fighter's widow.

The lawyer believes that McCarty made \$100,000 from his fights on the Pacific Coast and in the East and his stage appearances in the last 18 months. He understands that McCarty was under contract with "Billy" McCarty, his manager, who received in the neighborhood of one-third of the fighter's earnings.

"McCarty spent considerable traveling and living and I don't think there is much more than \$30,000 left," said the lawyer. "This belongs to the widow and the fatherless daughter she has been caring for in Fargo for the last two years. Mrs. McCarty still works in a restaurant there. So far as we know, McCarty did not leave a will."

SOLDIER DESERTS TO HELP MOTHER

UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUND APPLICATION FOR PARDON.

Washington, May 29.—Congressman Edward Keating called on Secretary of War Garrison and urged that Alfred Brandon, a minor, who deserted from the army, be pardoned and permitted to return to his home in Denver to assist his mother in providing for an invalid father and husband.

Brandon's case is one of the most unusual ever brought to the attention of the War Department. Young Brandon enlisted in the army from Denver and served only a short time. His father is in the last stages of tuberculosis and his mother strips tobacco leaves in a cigar factory to support her sick husband.

Brandon, realizing the hardships his mother was undergoing, decided to buy his way out of the army and obtain work in Denver, where he could be with his parents and help his mother. He applied to the captain, who approved of the discharge by purchase, and the application went through the various ranks and was approved.

When forwarded to the War Department it was discovered that Brandon had not served the required one year before release may be obtained through purchase. The application was denied. When told he would have to complete a year's service, the boy disappeared.

The boy is anxious to return to Denver, where a good position awaits him, but he fears he will be arrested and tried for deserting.

NEW BERN TO BE REPRESENTED

MANY LOCAL ELKS WILL GO TO WILMINGTON NEXT WEEK.

New Bern will be well represented at the annual convention of the North Carolina Association of Elks to be held at Wilmington on Thursday and Friday of next week.

Several members of the local lodge will go over on Thursday and on Friday a special train will be used in transporting the members of the antlered tribe to that city. A low rate will be made on this train for the round trip and it is expected that a number of citizens will go over and witness the big parade to be held on that day.

The members of the local lodge will participate in this parade and expect to make a fine showing. They will be dressed in blue serge coats, white trousers and shoes and will wear sailor hats around which will be a purple band bearing the inscription "New Bern Lodge No. 764." Each member will also wear a purple necktie.

The special train will leave Wilmington at night after the close of the festivities and will reach New Bern about midnight.

T. C. Jackson of Washington, formerly connected with the firm of F. M. Hoyt at that place, will arrive in the city tomorrow and take charge of the dry goods department of S. Coplin & Son's store. Mr. Jackson is said to be thoroughly acquainted with every department of the dry goods business and comes to New Bern with recommendations.

YOUNG MAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Walter Wiggs Looked Death In The Face Late Yesterday Afternoon.

BADLY BRUISED AND SCARED

Thrown Beneath Train And Dragged Over Rocky Road Bed.

Three accidents which have resulted fatally for the unfortunate victims have occurred in New Bern during the past ten days and but for the interference of a kind Providence the fourth would doubtless have taken place yesterday afternoon. Fortunately the victim in this escaped with only a few scratches and bruises and a very bad scare.

As the eastbound train was running through the city, Walter, the young son of N. S. Wiggs, road supervisor for the Norfolk Southern Railway Company on this division, rode alongside one of the coaches on his bicycle and grasping one of the guard rails on the steps of the car, allowed the train to pull his wheel along the street. There were several people on the platform, including a Journal reporter, and they cautioned him against riding in this manner.

However, the young man paid no attention to their warnings and continued on down Hancock street. Between Broad and Pollock streets, the front wheel of the bicycle struck some obstacle and the rider was thrown to the ground, almost beneath the heavy wheels. In some manner his body was lodged between the steps and he was dragged over the newly ballasted road bed for a considerable distance. He was badly bruised and scared when extricated but the fact that he was caught between the steps probably saved him from being crushed to death.

A number of people saw the young man fall and in their opinion his escape from death was little short of miraculous. There is an ordinance prohibiting all persons from riding alongside of trains and automobiles in the above mentioned manner and violators of the ordinance are not only risking their lives but put themselves in a position to be placed under arrest by any officer of the law.

STREET CAR RUNS INTO AUTOMOBILE

DRIVER OF MACHINE APPLIED BRAKES AND STOPPED ON TRACK.

A hobble skirt, an automobile and a street car formed a combination that came near producing a serious outcome yesterday afternoon shortly after six o'clock at the corner of Broad and Craven streets. As it eventuated, however, nothing important happened beyond the smashing of the fender of the automobile by the street car. Car No. 6, Conductor Gwaltney, was hitting it up at a lively clip headed for the depot. A lady in a hobble skirt was crossing Craven street diagonally from the Southeast corner of Craven and Broad. William Smith, colored, was driving one of J. W. Stewart's automobiles down Broad street toward the New river.

The lady, the street car and the automobile might have all three met in the middle of the street but for some other things that happened. Motorman Gwaltney when he saw the automobile coming applied his emergency brakes. Smith appears to have been undecided as to whether he should try to get across in front of the car, try to make the corner into Craven or stop before reaching the car track. He chose the latter alternative and put on his brakes. But instead of stopping before reaching the track he came to a halt squarely on the track. However, the car had almost stopped when it ran into the automobile. Had the automobile been three feet farther away the car would not have touched it. Smith was more or less shaken up and frightened but was not injured.

It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good. But for the mix-up of the automobile and the street car, the lady in the hobble skirt might not have gotten out of harm's reach as easily and gracefully as she did.

Preparations are now being made for the laying of the foundation of the gymnasium building to be erected on East Front street by Jesse S. Claypool. The work of laying the foundation will begin during the next few days.

MANY ATTEND THE FINALS AT DOVER

Commencement Exercises Came To a Close Last Night.

MANY INTERESTING EVENTS

Prof. E. C. Brooks Of Trinity College Delivered The Annual Address.

(Special to the Journal)

Dover, May 31.—The commencement exercises of the Dover High School came to a close this evening with the exercises of the Primary Department. The commencement began Thursday evening and the large auditorium of the school was crowded to its utmost capacity with spectators. A careful estimate places the number present at one thousand, and there were probably more.

After the singing of "Come General Spring" by a school chorus, Rev. M. B. Pattishall led in prayer. The address of the evening was made by E. C. Brooks, professor of Education of Trinity College. Prof. Brooks spoke on "Laws of Childhood Development" and his address was both entertaining and instructive.

This address was followed by an instrumental duet by Misses Mae Carter and Etta West and then came the awarding of medals and certificates. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of that patriotic song "Dixie."

On Friday morning a tournament was held on the school grounds. A number of interesting events took place during the morning among which were potato races, bicycle races, etc. The following are the various contests and the winners:

Tennis: best couple, nice straw hat to each, awarded by Goldsboro Lumber Co.'s store, Prof. W. G. Gaston and Nathan Rich.
100 yard dash: \$2.00 hat awarded by G. V. Richardson; R. S. Tilden.
50 yard hop race: pair of men's slippers awarded by Marvin Daugherty; R. S. Tilden.
75 yard potato race, 7 holes: box of cigars awarded by W. R. Kelley; Prof. W. G. Gaston.
Broad jump: two dress shirts awarded by H. E. Daugherty; G. W. Gaston.
High jump: nice umbrella awarded by Eli Nachanson; C. C. Croom.
Three flying jumps: box of cigars awarded by C. H. Haddock; Will Richardson.
Rural route race on bicycles: swing lamp awarded by W. A. Wilson; W. A. Wilson.
Ladies' running race, over 17 years, 40 yards: pair gold cuff buttons awarded by T. J. Rouse; Mabel West and Winnie Merritt.
Girls' running race, under 17 years, 50 yards: pair of shoes awarded by Hawkins & Griffin; B. Richardson.
Boys' running race, under 14 years, 50 yards: a silver dollar awarded by Dover Athletic Association; Hall Ewell. The Baseball Game.

In the afternoon the Dover Baseball Team and the Richland Baseball Team crossed bats. This game was a thriller from start to finish and was well attended. The Richmond boys played a stiff game but were no match for the locals and were defeated by a score of eleven to seven. This concluded the program for the day. At 8 o'clock the big auditorium in the school was again filled to its utmost capacity with interested spectators who had come to witness the play, "The Race Horse Belle" which was given by the school.

The cast in the play performed their respective parts cleverly and the piece was greatly enjoyed by all who were present.

The program rendered by the Primary Department tonight consisted of recitations, choruses, drills, solo, a play, "Grown Ups" and an operetta "Cinder Maid." As on the previous nights an unusually large number were present and the program was greatly enjoyed by all.

This commencement has been one of the most auspicious in the history of the town and will be remembered by those who participated. There have been many visitors here during the week and the town has had a gala appearance. The term just closed has been one of the most successful in the history of the school and the superintendent, teachers and pupils will for the next few months take a much needed rest.

INVITATIONS RECEIVED.

Invitations to the commencement of the East Carolina Teachers Training School have been received here. The full program of the commencement was printed in the Journal a few days ago. The school was so fortunate as to get Bishop Collins Deany of Richmond to preach the commencement sermon. The time and date for which will be in a few days.

J. R. WILSON TAKES NEW JOB

President's Brother To Manage Bonding Co.'s Baltimore Office.

Baltimore, Md., May 31.—Joseph R. Wilson, of Nashville, Tenn., brother to the President, has accepted a position with the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, and will come to Baltimore to live on June 1. John R. Bland, president of the company, said that Mr. Wilson would be assistant manager of the company's New York office and manager of the promotion and development department of Baltimore.

Mr. Wilson is a newspaper man, and assisted in the publicity end of his brother's campaign for the Presidency. For several years he was city editor of the Nashville Banner, and resigned that position to enter the service of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company. He was an unsuccessful candidate for the secretaryship of the United States Senate in March.

John B. Pettoway was named as postmaster at Jacksonville Thursday by President Wilson.

SUIT INVOLVES FIVE MILLIONS

CHICAGO BANKS BEGIN ACTION AGAINST G. K. G. BILLINGS.

Chicago, May 29.—Attempts to hold C. K. G. Billings, banker of New York and Chicago, responsible for approximately \$5,000,000 due to the failure of the John R. Walsh banks, the Chicago National and the Home Savings, have begun in the Circuit Court here.

Stockholders who brought the suits charged that Billings' negligence as a director permitted Walsh to operate schemes which led to the wrecking of both banks.

The amount lost by the Chicago National Bank is placed at \$3,500,000, and the Home Bank losses at \$1,500,000.

The demurrer of Mr. Billings is on file attacking the sufficiency of the allegation and asking that the other directors be made parties to the suits. A plan to accept \$152,125 from Mr. Billings in full settlement of his liability was prevented by an order of Judge Tutthill, who appointed W. C. Niblack receiver for the banks. Arguments on the suits were set for next Tuesday.

ENGINEER WATSON IS BADLY INJURED

THIGH CRUSHED YESTERDAY WHILE COUPLING CARS ON ROPER ROAD.

E. J. Watson of Riverdale, engineer on one of the locomotives of the Roper Lumber Company, was seriously injured yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at Barr's Sliding, near Riverdale. He was coupling some log cars and in some way was caught between them, his left thigh being badly crushed. The Roper Company quickly rigged up a special train and with Dr. Joseph F. Patterson on board sent down for the injured man. He was brought to the city and carried to Stewart's sanitarium. Drs. Patterson and Jones there made a careful examination of the injuries.

It is thought very probable that amputation of the leg will be necessary. Final decision of this will be made this morning.

The Worth Orchestra, which has recently located here has been engaged to furnish the music for the commencement of the East Carolina Teachers Training School.

SUNDAY AND WEEK END EXCURSION RATES, NEW BERN TO WILMINGTON.

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co.
\$1.25 Tickets sold each Sunday, limited to date of sale.
\$2.35 Tickets sold each Saturday and for excursion trains Sunday, limited to reach New Bern returning prior to midnight Tuesday following date of sale.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD.
"The Standard Railroad of the South"
T. H. BENNETT,
Ticket Agent.
F. C. WHITE,
General Passenger Agent,
Wilmington, N. C.

ARAPAHOE MEN ARE BOUND OVER

Noah Lee and Sheppard Taylor Must Face a Higher Court.

HEARING BEFORE S. R. STREET

Violated Law By Having Several Gallons Of Whiskey In Their Possession.

Noah Lee, white, and Sheppard Taylor colored, of Arapahoe were given a hearing before Justice of the Peace S. R. Street yesterday afternoon, on warrants charging them with violating the law by having more than one gallon of whiskey in their possession.

Journal readers will remember that Lee and Taylor were arrested last Tuesday just after they had emerged from the Southern Express Company's office on South Front street and a package consigned to Taylor and which contained four gallons of whiskey was found in their possession.

It turned out that Lee had signed for this whiskey and according to Taylor's testimony he had ordered one gallon for him. Lee stated that he had only ordered one gallon and that the firm from which he had ordered the "wet goods" had made him a present of the remaining three gallons.

The hearing was postponed until yesterday afternoon and the men gave bond for their appearance. Yesterday afternoon Attorney D. E. Henderson represented the State while the defendants were without counsel. The two men told practically the same story as that related when first placed under arrest but "Squire Street" decided that this was entirely too improbable and bound them over to the next term of Craven county Superior Court, Lee under a bond of two hundred dollars and Taylor under a bond of one hundred dollars. The defendants gave bail in this amount and were released from custody.

Lee has been mixed up in previous escapades in which whiskey played an important part and the local police have been keeping him under surveillance for some time. The fact that he is in possession of a government license to retail whiskey is known to them and they carefully observe his movements on his frequent visits to New Bern.

NEW BERN MEN TO MANAGE PARK

GEORGE B. WATERS AND J. C. THOMAS TO BE IN CHARGE OF GHENT PARK.

With the exception of the hardwood floor which is to be placed in the building, the mammoth casino being erected at Ghent Park is complete. C. J. McCarthy, one of the local owners of the park, informed a Journal reporter yesterday afternoon that the order for this flooring had been in the hands of the lumber dealers for several weeks but that they had failed to deliver it promptly on account of the fact that such material is not easily obtainable. However, it is expected that the flooring will be placed on the grounds this week and the work of laying it will begin at once.

It is hoped that the park will be in readiness to be thrown open to the public by the fifteenth of this month. George B. Waters and J. C. Thomas will be in charge of the park and these gentlemen assure the public the best service.

Mr. Waters had had considerable experience in the operation of amusement resorts and there is not the least doubt but that he will conduct the Ghent Park in such a manner that it will be exceedingly well patronized. Mr. Waters will see to it that there is no disorderly conduct on the grounds and all loafers and rowdies are warned to "keep off." "This park," said Mr. Waters, "is designed to fill a long felt want of the people of New Bern and only the patronage of the best people is solicited."

The park will be open for inspection today and those who go out will be tendered every courtesy. Cold drinks will be sold on the grounds today. Colored people will not be allowed to enter the grounds from this date on, the park being exclusively for white people.

Work on the residence to be erected at the junction of Middle and Craven streets by Dr. Raymond Pollock will begin tomorrow morning. The building will be modern in every particular and will add much to the appearance of this locality.

CLUBWOMAN WANTS BACHELORS TAXED

Thinks Those Over 27 Should Pay Premium For Freedom From Matrimony.

NAMES ELIGIBLE BACHELORS

Colonel Ed Green, Son Of Hetty Mentions As One Of The Brazen Offenders.

New York, May 31.—"Bachelors should be taxed. I would be delighted to see every man over 27 years old forced to pay a premium for his freedom from matrimony."

Thus did Mrs. Anita Comfort Brooks, president of half a dozen clubs and well known as a social worker, take her stand against the men who fail to undertake the responsibilities of married life and fatherhood.

She also said that a man could well afford to marry and live in New York on \$1,000 a year, provided he marries "the right sort" of a girl.

In her statement, which was made following her reading of Senator John Sharp Williams' proposed amendment to the income tax measure, Mrs. Brooks also named several "eligible bachelors" who should not only be taxed, but should also be sued for damages, because they failed to marry.

"Col. Ed. Green, son of Mrs. Hetty Green, is one that ought to be sued and the proceeds turned over to the State," said Mrs. Brooks. "He is the worst of the lot, though he would make an excellent husband. Several times I have offered to get him a suitable girl for his wife, but he always evades the issue by saying that he's too busy to think of marriage."

"I think it would be a fine idea to tax all bachelors over 27 or 28 years old. After that age a man loses much of his boyishness. He becomes callous and settled and forgets how to love properly, and it is hard for him to become accustomed to married life after that age if he has not had experience before."

"What do you think about Vincent Astor?" asked her interviewer.

"Well," said Mrs. Brooks after several seconds thought, "he is still pretty young and certainly is not in the same class with Colonel Green. He still has some time in which to select a helpmate."

Mrs. Brooks, by the way, even goes so far as to suggest that Senator Williams' income tax bill be amended to include a provision for the taxation of unmarried men. She says that Senator Williams left it at \$4,000, the point fixed by the drawers of the tariff measure, but Mrs. Brooks says that no bachelor receiving \$3,000 a year should be exempt from paying his share. She considers the other part of the proposed amendment as just—that is, \$5,000 for married men and \$500 additional for each child in the household.

GOT OVER MERCURY POISON

Bicarbonate Of Soda Solution Saved Detroit Engineer.

Detroit, May 30.—Thomas McCabe, a Detroit engineer, who swallowed 40 drams of bichloride of mercury a week ago, has recovered.

A solution of bicarbonate of soda, injected into his veins by Dr. Andrew T. Sherman, saved the life of the engineer, who took the poison because B. Sanders Walker of Macon, Ga., said death from its effects was painless. "I believe if bicarbonate of soda is used in such cases a large percentage of them will be saved," said Dr. Sherman. "The injections can be made in any vein. I made eight punctures in all, the injections being given every five or six hours. Fourteen drams of bicarbonate of soda in three pints of 'normal water' solution was used."

"The thing of most importance in administering the treatment is to be certain the solution is absolutely aseptic, otherwise the patient would be killed by it."

After swallowing the poison and suffering intense agony McCabe decided he wanted to live and asked the physician in every way possible.

NEW BERN MAN HONORED.

Dr. L. L. Dameron Elected Essayist State Dental Society. At the annual meeting of the North Carolina Dental Society held last week at Winston-Salem, Dr. L. L. Dameron of this city was elected an essayist for the year. Among the interesting papers read before the society was one on "Partial Palsia" compiled by Dr. Dameron. Dameron's name was decided upon as a place for meeting to be held between June 13 and July 13 next year, but provision was made that Asheville would be selected in case suitable rooms could not be had at both Asheville and