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THIS STATE FAVORED BY INSURANCE CO'S

Commissioner Young's Annual Report Shows That Huge Sum of Money Was Collected From That Source--Other Raleigh News.

(BY W. T. BOST)

Raleigh, June 15.—Insurance Commissioner James B. Young has issued the advance sheets of his annual report which show the collections by his department for 1914-15 to be \$352,047.20.

This is the finest of the sixteen years which began 1890-1900 with \$34,878.28 as the highest figure reached. Immediately after the insurance business began as a real department the revenues went to \$91,000 and a few hundred dollars. Only once in the whole administration of the laws has there been even a slight decrease and that was the second year. The outlook now is for \$260,000 for 1915-1916.

The department believes, however, that supervision has done more good than the revenue collections. "Of course," Mr. Young says, "the taxes collected made a good showing, but the amount saved to the citizens of the State by proper supervision brings more benefit to them and in the end makes a decidedly greater total than the revenue collected." Mr. Young thinks the insurance companies should pay only their pro rata of the cost of running the State Government. He does not think they should pay only the actual expense of running their department.

New Companies

Twenty two new companies of all sorts was admitted to do business the last year. Twenty four either ceased business or did not renew their license last year. The company licensed were 370 last year. They cover every possible phase of insurance and fraternal associations doing insurance.

Much of the report is based upon recent legislation which Mr. Young has discussed in a series of articles. The last legislature dealt more freely with the insurance issue than any preceding body, had more measures up and went more deeply into the controversy as to rates. There are all touched in the book of nearly 100 pages.

Judge H. G. Connor has discharged the jury trying the Parker-Bond suit against W. L. Gilbert and J. D. Johnson.

It was an action for \$7,500 but the jury was hopelessly divided. It struggled until late last night and failed to get nearer together than 7 and 5.

The secretary of state today chartered the Vincine-Bounds company of Weldon with C. P. Vincent, H. V. Bounds the chief stockholders. It begins business with \$2,500 paid in.

The Roanoke Island Fuel Company of Rosemary begins business with \$4,500. S. M. Thompson, Miss Maud Thompson, Mrs. Lizzie Thompson and W. S. Whitaker take the stock.

RAINS HURT CROPS

Potatoes in the South Have Been Injured

Wilmington, June 15.—On account of the excessive rains of the early spring, disease has caused considerable damage to the potato crop in several Southern States this season. At least this is the opinion of Mr. J. M. R. Adams of the Department of Agriculture after some investigations in South Carolina and Georgia. Mr. Adams has been in this section for the past two days and is leaving today for the Norfolk section. The farmers report the crop to be reduced from 25 to 33 1-3 per cent in the sections visited by Mr. Adams.

The work like cover of the potato and ordinary circumstances prevents it against disease causing germs that are found in the ground, but with excessive wet weather the cover of potato becomes porous, and the infection is lost. It is only under abnormal conditions that this happens and of course the result is bound to be destroying to a part of the crop.

As a result of this disease, causing backward crops in the Southern part of the potato raising section, the crops in the Northern sections were ready for the markets as soon as those of the Southern parts and now four states are shipping potatoes at the same time, a condition, says Mr. Adams, that had not existed in five years.

Miss Myrtle Dismore returned last evening from Raleigh and Rocky Mount where she visited friends.

THREE-PART NOTE FROM W. J. BRYAN

Ex-Secretary Has Too Much to Say for One Message

Washington, June 15.—W. J. Bryan, back from Old Point Comfort, announced today that he will issue a three-part statement beginning tomorrow on "The Causeless War and Its Lesson for Us." He intimated that he will live in the East, at least during the coming winter. He said he expected to spend the winter hereafter at Miami, Florida. Mr. Bryan laughingly denied that he had been offered \$100,000 by a moving picture concern.

MANY COMPLYING WITH HEALTH LAW

Sanitary Officers Here Get the Help of the Public

Sanitary Officer H. T. Brinson, states that he is having less trouble this year in getting the people to comply with this law than he has ever had before. He is having to serve less notices than last year, and practically all of these are complying with the notice. There have been very few people indicted for not complying with the sanitary laws and the charges in some of these should have been made against the landlord instead of the tenant.

Officer Williams, states that his greatest trouble is with white people, who refuse to supply their back yards with the proper garbage cans. Mr. Williams stated that the people use any kind of a can and often one without a cover. The covers that are used can be easily knocked off by a dog, which gives the flies access to the waste matter from the kitchen.

GERARD TO TALK WITH THE KAISER

Ambassador Expects to Confer With Him Soon

Berlin, June 15.—Ambassador Gerard expects to confer with the Kaiser before Germany's reply to the American note is made. The reply is not expected for a fortnight. It is believed here that portions of the second note regarding the President's willingness to mediate between Germany and England representing ocean shipments are based on a formal intimation from England. London is understood to have informed the United States that it was willing to modify the blockade of Germany and permit food supplies to enter, if Germany would modify the submarine campaign against British merchantmen.

NOTED ANGLERS VISIT OCRACOE

Broke All Previous Records in Catching of Fish

Felix Harvey, of Kinston, D. W. Richardson, of Dover; Caldwell McKel, of Clark; T. G. Hyman and G. A. Nicoll, of New Bern and W. B. Allen, of Havelock, returned yesterday from Ocracoke where they spent several days angling.

All of these gentlemen are noted anglers and usually have the best of luck, but this time they broke all records in landing three hundred and thirty nine pounds of drum fish in four hours. The majority of these were large ones, but the largest weighed forty seven pounds and was caught by T. G. Hyman.

The party was very much carried away with the luck with which they met while on the island, and it is very likely that they will try their hand again before long.

ZEPPELIN RAID ON BRIT. COAST

London, June 16.—Fifteen were killed and fifteen wounded in a Zeppelin raid on the northeast coast of England last night, the admiralty today announced. "Some fires were started."

PAMLICO COUNTY HIGHLY PRAISED

N. C. Agricultural Department "Puffs" Our Sister County

(From N. C. News Letter)
With a record of \$31.12 per acre Pamlico outranked 95 counties of North Carolina in per-acre crop producing power in the census year. More than that, in this particular it outranked seven of the eight banner agricultural counties of the United States. The per-acre yield of crop values in Pamlico is more than twice that of the rich prairie states of the Middle West.

The corn, cabbage, Irish and sweet potatoes, peas, snap beans and other crops are just now a feast to the eye in Pamlico.

A Very High Rank

Pamlico county outranked 91 counties of the State in its 1910 Irish potato crop; 80 counties in its sweet potato crop; 91 counties in per capita corn production; 76 counties in the per capita production of pork; 35 counties in pigs per 1,000 acres; and 94 counties in the increase of pigs during the census period.

The daintiest sea foods are abundant the whole year round. The climate is ideal. Artesian water can be easily obtained everywhere. The soil is fertile and living is unbelievably cheap; and yet the per capita wealth of the people is only \$263.

With fewer natural advantages, the farm people of Iowa are worth \$3,000 a piece, or thirteen times as much as Pamlico.

A Sparse Population

Pamlico, a little more than most counties in the State, needs more people to the square mile. There is in the county abundant elbow room for 2,000 Middle Western farm families. They could be settled in 75 acres apiece, and 50,000 acres of the present wilderness would still be left to its ancient solitude.

Brisk little shipping and trading centers, more business, and a larger volume of circulating cash are in order in Pamlico. It needs what every county needs—a capable leader with a big brain to spell out the big problems of community life and business. Community builders who are genuinely and generously interested in community wealth and welfare! Everywhere there are politicians enough and to spare.

A Brave People

In spite of the meagre per capita wealth of Pamlico, the money spent upon public education amounts to \$11.39 per thousand dollars worth of property. Only ten counties of the State make a better showing, in 50 per cent more than Wake and nearly 100 per cent more than New Hanover is spending for this purpose.

The new school building in Oriental, a town of 650 people, is handsomer than that of most towns three times its size.

The lumber business is dwindling; but the fishing industry and agriculture offer still greater opportunities.

The business way out lies in a larger population, in trucking, beef cattle, and pork production.

SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST AUSTRIA

Claims That She Is Openly Fostering Brigandage

Rome, (via Paris), June 15.—Charges that the Austrian military authorities are fostering brigandage in districts to the rear of the advancing Italian army are contained in an official statement issued tonight at the war office. The communication follows:

"It is certain that Austria has left in territory actually occupied by us emissaries who have been given orders to practice brigandage. Men of the landsturm, gendarmes and forest guards are disguised and provided with munitions. In addition they are paid 1,000 crowns (250) or more.

"These men have fired here and there and continue to fire into the backs of our troops, at isolated soldiers and officers and provision convoys. Following the attacking columns, especially in wounded regions which permit waiting in ambush without difficulty these brigands even have fired at doctors while they were treating wounded, upon the wounded themselves and upon ambulances staffs."

The note says an Austrian agent who was concealed in the vicinity discharged two shots from a revolver at an observer who was directing a battery of heavy Italian artillery but without effect. The communication closes with the assertion that it is the purpose of the Austrians "to obstruct Italian operations, to carry on spying operations and also lead the Italians to several great reversals."

DESPONDENT, VA. MAN SHOTS SELF THROUGH HEART

W. W. Dickey Tires of Life and Commits Suicide

ONCE IN THE NAVY

Became Mixed Up in Scandal and Sent to Prison Ship

Norfolk, June 15.—William W. Dickey, former chief commissary steward of the U. S. S. Kansas, who was convicted of misconduct by a naval court martial two years ago, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart at the home of his friend, Charles Grover, New Jamestown, last night. Despondent at inability to secure work so as to support himself and wife and the sting of disgrace are reasons given by members of his family for the act.

Dickey was one of the principals in the navy commissary scandal which was investigated by a naval court and the federal grand jury here two years ago. Dickey was convicted by the naval court and sentenced to five years on the naval prison ship at Portsmouth, N. H. He was pardoned early last December by Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, and since then has been living in Norfolk, trying to get a new start in life.

Deed Premeditated

Since his release from prison he has been residing with his wife at the home of her father, W. R. Trower, 116 Highland Avenue. That his suicide was premeditated is shown by the fact that he wrote several letters two or three hours before his death. One of them was an open communication, assuming all responsibility for the deed. Another to his father-in-law gave directions as to the disposal of his estate and a third was addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Grover, at whose house in the old Jamestown Exposition grounds he had been staying for the past week.

The letters he left on the table in the bed room where he shot himself and were written yesterday afternoon after he returned from a business trip to Norfolk. He secured the envelopes from Mrs. Grover.

Grover, a chief commissary steward of the navy, now attached to the St. Helena training station, returned home about 6 o'clock and went up to the bed room to talk to Dickey. He and Dickey had been shipmates for several years and both were members of the crew of the battleship Kansas when the commissary trouble occurred.

Shot Self Through Heart

Grover said that he chatted with Dickey for a few minutes and told him to come down to supper in a moment or so. Grover then went down stairs to help his wife set the table. He heard a pistol shot, but thought it was a screen door slamming. Then he heard groans upstairs and when he entered the bed room where he had left Dickey, found him lying on the bed, blood flowing from a wound over the heart. On the floor by the bed lay a Colt automatic pistol. Dickey was breathing, but unconscious. He hurried to a neighbor's house and summoned Dr. C. W. Doughtie by telephone, but when the physician arrived Dickey was dying. K. Q. Backus, justice of the peace, was also notified and viewed the body. He decided an inquest was unnecessary.

The open letter, addressed "To Whom It May Concern," reads as follows:

"In the event of any complications arising from my death, I, W. W. Dickey, wish to assure you no one is in any way responsible but myself. I wish to die by my own hands."

Leaves Estate To Wife

The letter to his father-in-law, W. R. Trower, directed the latter to qualify as administrator of the estate and asked Trower to see that Evelyn, Dickey's wife, received the proceeds of an insurance policy for \$2,000 and any other revenue from other sources. He also said he owed "his dear friend, Charlie Grover," \$300 which he wished paid.

Mrs. Dickey was at the home of her father and mother when her husband killed himself. She and her parents were notified at once, but Dickey was dead when they reached the Grover residence.

Disagreed With Wife

According to a statement made by Trower Dickey killed himself because he was unable to support himself and wife. Dickey and his wife had disagreed about 10 days ago on her continuing to work. He wished her to stop work. She told him, so her father said, that as he was not making enough to provide for them both if she quit work both of them would be living off her father.

To this Dickey replied, that if such was the case he would stop living off his father-in-law for a while and would go to visit his friend, Grover.

Trower said that when Dickey was yarded by Secretary Daniels last December he came at once to Norfolk and took up his residence with them and had been living there ever since. Dickey had secured the agency for Virginia of the United States Slicing Machine Company, but had not been able to do anything much by selling the machines, which are used for slicing meat. Dickey was a native of Sherman, Texas, and had been in the navy about eight years when he was tried by the navy court martial. He was 30 years old.

BEAUFORT WANTS BETTER ROADS

Particularly Desirous of Improving Thoroughfare From New Bern

Washington, June 15.—All parts of Beaufort county are joining in the clamor for good roads. Interest in the movement is increasing daily. A number of meetings have already been held in the rural districts and others are planned for the near future. There has been a greater agitation for the improvement of the highways in this section.

Reports from Aurora state that a series of meetings are being planned by the residents of that city. The first will be held there within the next few days. Other meetings will be held at Blounts Creek, Clay Bottom, Chowan county and Washington. A delegation from Aurora will meet with the commissioners of Craven county and take up the matter of improving the road leading from that city to New Bern. A joint committee from Washington and Aurora will meet the week with the road commissioners of Chowan county township to enlist the assistance of these men in the project. A general meeting is to be held in Washington, to which residents from all parts of the county have been invited. Many men have promised to contribute liberally and it is expected that no serious trouble will be encountered in raising the necessary funds.

SENATOR SIMMONS MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT DYESTUFFS

Is At Washington Making An Investigation Into the Subject

BUT LITTLE CHANGE

Situation Now Hardly Any Worse Than When War Began

Washington, June 15.—Senator Simmons has been looking into the questions of dye stuffs here. The situation has not materially changed except that more American concerns are undertaking to supply some dye that Germany used to ship to this country. Cotton mill men are still clamoring for dyestuffs but nobody seems able to move the British lords of the seas. Senator Hoke Smith has done a great deal of talking but the net results are very small.

A large amount of American cotton consigned to buyers in other countries was tied up in Italy when it declared war against Germany and Austria and shippers have invoked aid of the State Department to secure the release.

Some estimates place the number of bales involved at more than 100,000. It is believed doubtful that the Germany and Austrian consigned cotton will be released, unless it would be for return to the seller with assurances that it will not go forward to original destination. Since declaration of war there has been a general seizure by the Italian Government of property belonging to citizens of belligerent nations, and the government has been putting to its own uses everything available. Through unofficial sources it is understood that the Italian government is proposing to pay where the title of the property remains in a citizen of a neutral country, and that this rule involves much of the cotton.

Langdon Harris of Dallas and Robert Harris, of Galveston, of the Harris-Irby Cotton Company, one of the largest cotton exporters in the United States, were in consultation with officials of the State Department, and Robert F. Rose, the State Department's foreign trade adviser, seeking aid for securing release of a large amount of cotton which they had recently shipped via Italy but which was caught by the declaration of war. The Harris-Irby company has offices in Oklahoma City, Dallas, Galveston, New Orleans and New York, Havre, Milan, and Liverpool.

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OUT OF DANGER

Duplin County Man Will Probably Live

Kinston, June 16.—Herbert Carter, the young man who lived near Leon in Duplin county and had his throat cut Sunday night by Mrs. Albert Baker and her son, Harvey Baker, according to a statement made by Carter, is responding nicely to the treatment in the hospital in this city and it is said now that he will recover. As stated, Carter's windpipe was nearly severed when the attempt on his life was made. When put on the operating table, the anesthetic had to be administered through the severed windpipe instead of the usual manner through the nostrils and mouth.

After a preliminary hearing Monday, Mrs. Baker and her son Harvey, were placed under \$500 bond for appearance in court at Kenansville.

W. T. Hadder, who has for several weeks been critically ill at his home on South Front street, died at 6 o'clock this morning. Arrangements for the funeral are not complete and will be announced later.

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High Grade Stock for Those At St. Helena for Dairying

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While the cost is considerably more than for unimproved cattle, each of the heifers to be shipped this week costing from \$130 to \$155, the difference in cost is more than made up in the results obtained. These cows require better care than those of the ordinary breed but with men who have had wide experience in dairying it is believed to be possible to develop an industry at this colony that will prove a valuable object lesson for those interested in the development of the dairying interests of this section.

AUTOMOBILE TOUR FOR BUSINESS MEN

Nothing Better for An Outing—A Few More Hints

Nothing in the world is so good for the business man and his family as to get out on the highways for a two weeks' automobile tour. There is a rest about it, a recreation in the changing scenes and in the beautiful vistas, that is unequalled by any other form of vacation. And there is no reason why the trip should not go smoothly if a few essentials in preparation are looked after.

Baggage should be placed in suitable cases, and these should not be thrown into the tonneau but should be strapped out of the way. If spare tires are carried, the opening in their center offers an excellent opportunity to stow away impedimenta. Ordinary suitcases, if placed in the bottom of the car will soon become footstools and by the end of the trip will be so badly disfigured that they will be unfit for respectable use.

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