

## THE COMMONWEALTH.

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The legislature is afraid to tackle a dog tax law for the State.

Are we going to do anything for the improvement of our public roads?

The Greensboro Daily News, under the management of Hildebrand and Philips, is not much in love with Marion Butler.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt is the only living ex-President. He is ever before the public eye and is a live wire all the time.

The Nevada legislature has repealed the law authorizing acceptance of North Carolina carpet bag bonds. Marion Butler will have to hunt for another State on which to unload his bonds.

Rev. J. H. Hall, pastor of the Methodist church at Kinston, has been appointed Presiding Elder of the Raleigh District, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Rev. W. L. Cunningham.

We see it stated that the political friends of Chief Justice Walter Clark are quietly letting it be known on the side that he will probably be a candidate for the United States Senator next year. Look out.

We have received a copy of the first issue of the Pitt County News, published at Greenville, N. C. The plant is owned by a stock company and John F. Stokes is editor. The first issue is bright and newy and we wish the new venture much success.

The Stubbs bill providing for a Constitutional Convention for North Carolina was killed in the House Wednesday night by a vote of 22 to 69. We believe the legislature acted wisely in this decision. There is no need for such a convention and the people should be allowed to rest in peace and quiet.

The friends of Mr. T. R. Manning, editor of the Henderson Gold Leaf, will be delighted to know that he is again at home and is very much improved in health. Mr. Manning was compelled to give up his work about four weeks ago and went to the hospital in Richmond for treatment. We hope he may soon resume his work as editor of the Gold Leaf.

Listen at brother James A. Rhobinson, of the Durham Sun how he sings:

"Rain-drops kiss the lily and trembling linger upon its alabaster lips, until the sunbeams chase the sparkling jewels into the lily's heart to refresh and invigorate. So with the tears of affliction upon the cheeks of grief. Hope brushes them away and drops a sweet balm in the cup of sorrow."

The country near-beer saloons are getting in their deadly work with rapidity. A murder in Granville and another in Cabarrus county Saturday night is putting it in fast and thick. If the legislature needed any further argument to wipe them out it has two fresh appeals in the past week. They are making murderers as rapidly as they produce drunks.—Durham Sun.

We hope the legislature will put these near-beer joints out of commission and let the law go into effect March 1st.

### Notice to Farmer's Union Members.

You are hereby notified that the next meeting of the Halifax County Union will be held in the Court House at Halifax, N. C., February 11th, at 11:00 o'clock.

Elect delegates at once and provide them with credentials. Every member in Halifax county is urged to attend.

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### Kitchin Doesn't Want Democrats to Assist Taft.

Representative Claude Kitchin, of North Carolina, who will be one of the Democratic members of the ways and means committee in the next House, gets ruffled every time he even thinks of legislators in his party being willing to help President Taft and the Republicans in Congress to enlarge the duties of the tariff board. Mr. Kitchin says that when he first found that Representative Champ Clark had voted for the bill relating to the board he was so surprised and upset over the information that he felt like resigning his seat in the House.

"I thought," he went on to explain, "that if prominent Democrats were beginning to favor any such scheme as that there was little, if any, hope in the near future for real tariff reform in this country. Anything that Speaker Cannon, President Taft, would advocate in reference to the tariff should not, in my opinion, be endorsed in the slightest degree by Democrats."

Mr. Kitchin insists that President Taft's tariff board, which will really be composed of nothing but protectionists, will necessarily be under the domination of higher powers whose sympathies and antecedents are all antagonistic to Democratic policies, and that no Democratic Senator or Representative should either directly or indirectly give his support to this administration measure.

Claude Kitchin is generally recognized as one of the strongest debaters on the Democratic side of the House. His speech on the tariff during the extra session in which the Payne-Aldrich tariff law was passed was given wide circulation in the campaign of last year, for it was considered one of the most convincing arguments against the Republican so-called revision that were made during that memorable struggle in Congress.—Special to Baltimore Evening Sun.

### The House Committees.

The rules committee in the next House will be composed of six Democrats and four Republicans, reversing the party complexion of the committee in this House. According to the Democrat decree for the next House, the ways and means committee members cannot be members of other committees. Accordingly Oscar W. Underwood, who is to be chairman of the ways and means committee, and Lincoln Dixon, of Indiana, will not serve on the rules committee. Only three of the present six Republican members of the rules committee were re-elected to Congress—Dalzell and Lawrence, of Massachusetts, and S. C. Smith, of California.

The commerce committee of the Senate has completed the river and harbor bill which will be taken up in due season and passed. Throughout Congress there is a growing feeling that there should be an annual river and harbor bill and both committees stand pledged to this policy which has been the slogan of the national rivers and harbors congress since its organization more than ten years ago. The rivers and harbors bill, it is believed, will be perfected in conference to guarantee its approval by President Taft.

According to a current report of the United States Geological Survey Pennsylvania produces more coal than any other country in the world except Great Britain. In fact Pennsylvania's coal production exceeds the combined production of all other countries of the world outside of Great Britain, Germany and Austria-Hungary. The state produced last year 219,025,950 tons, valued at \$279,501,084. The aggregate value was nearly evenly divided between anthracite and bituminous coal.

### Oak City Items.

Oak City, N. C., Feb. 6th—Mrs. J. J. Long returned from Scotland Neck Wednesday.

Miss Melissa Worsley went to Williamston one day last week to visit her sister, returning home Saturday.

Miss Olivia Early and mother were here some days ago.

Miss Hattie Everett has returned from Greenville where she visited her sister at the E. C. Training School.

Miss Hettie Johnson returned home Tuesday from Everetts where she visited friends.

Miss Ada and Blanch Council were in town Friday.

Rev. T. J. Crisp filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church here Sunday.

Miss Ethel Peel spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Melissa Worsley.

Mr. T. T. Council is very ill at this writing and his death is expected. We are glad to say Mr. Buck Piland is out again after a long illness.

### TERRIBLE TRAGEDY AT WILSON

Negro Kills Deputy Sheriff and Wounds Chief of Police.

### POSSES ARE SCOURING THE COUNTRY.

Wilson, N. C., Feb. 4—Deputy Sheriff George Munford was shot and killed, and Chief of Police A. O. Glover probably fatally wounded yesterday, while with other officers, they were attempting to arrest a negro wanted by the Dunn authorities for breaking into a hardware store.

The Wilson county and city officials received notice to be on the lookout for a gang of negroes who had broken into stores in the towns of Fayetteville and Dunn. At once, when it was learned that the desperadoes had arrived in Wilson county and city officials, jointly, began to devise ways and means to apprehend the rascals.

Officer Wynne was the first to get a glimpse of them going in the direction of a near-beer joint, known as the "Bell Place," on South Goldsboro street, about half a mile from the court house. He communicated his find to Chief Glover and Deputy Munford, and these three, with Police Officer Wynne soon started on the trail, and learned while near the Norfolk Southern depot that two of the gang had just gone into the home of a negro woman near the depot.

Quickly the house was surrounded, Officers Warren and Wynne guarding the back way while Deputy Munford and Chief Glover entered the front way. When the door was entered the brave officers met a fusillade of bullets (parties who heard the firing say that least 25 shots were exchanged.) The officers came out and covered the exits, though badly wounded. Louis West, the most desperate of the pair, went to the back window, when officer Wynne shot at him. He then dashed out of the front door, when Deputy Munford sent two balls in his direction.

From loss of blood from wounds this brave and fearless officer sank to the ground, when the brute passed by him and said: "Damn you, you are not dead yet, but I'll finish you," and shot him in the head two or three times.

Chief Glover was shot in the shoulder, and, it is thought, through the lungs. Both were taken to the Wilson Sanatorium. It is said that the deputy died before reaching this institution.

The woman, Mary Young, in whose house the tragedy occurred, is under arrest.

Both parties evaded the angry crowd and made their escape, going past the Contentnea Guano Factory. John D. Mercer's bloodhounds were sent for.

Lewis West is a tall yellow negro, and wore, when he committed the crime, a red sweater and a cap. Officer Warren shot at him four times when he dashed from the house.

The other negro, according to Mary Young, answers to no other name than "Stetson."

Several negroes, one said to be from South Carolina, have been committing depredations at Dunn. They broke into a hardware store at that place, and it was for that crime that they were wanted.

The Wilson Military scoured the woods in every direction soon after the tragedy, but could find no trace of either of the gang. Six arrests have been made, three women, who may be able to throw some light on the matter as to the identity of the gang, and three men—one at Middlesex and two at Baileys. A negro from Edmondson's bridge reported that a negro answering the description of West was in that neighborhood when he left, and that he was badly wounded. Sheriff Sharp and a posse in automobiles left at once. There is no clue as to the whereabouts of any of the others of the gang. West is an escaped convict from the South Carolina penitentiary.

At the time of going to press no arrest has been made. The officers are searching everywhere for West.—Ed.

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