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PROGRESS

BOND ISSUE MATTER SETTLED.

The Governor Called a Special Session of the Legislature to Provide for the Payment of the Bonds Due July 1st. But the Bankers and Others Came to the State's Aid And the Governor Revoked the Call for the Extra Session.

On Friday, June 3rd, Governor Kitchin issued a proclamation convening the Legislature of North Carolina in extra session to provide payment of the 30-year bonds falling due on July 1st. The Legislature of 1909 provided for a series of 30 year 4 per cent bonds to be sold to pay the indebtedness above mentioned, but there was a proviso in the act that forbade selling of the bonds below par. Bids had been advertised for and not enough bids had been received to secure enough money to pay the \$3,430,000 due July 1, hence the call for the extra session.

Last week the State bankers were called to meet in Raleigh to see if the bonds could not be placed and thus save the trouble of convening an extra session of the General Assembly. The American Tobacco Company subscribed for \$1,000,000 of the bonds and the bankers quickly took the remainder of the amount necessary.

The following from Saturday's News and Observer tells the story of the opening of the bids:

The entire issue of State refunding bonds, with \$425,000 bid in excess, have been sold, the call for an extra session of the General Assembly of North Carolina has been withdrawn.

That such would be the case at the formal opening of the bids yesterday had been shown by the results of the conference of bankers and business men with the Governor and Council of State on Wednesday, when more than the needed bids were made. With an excess that day stated at \$50,000, there came in on the succeeding day bids for \$193,500 more and yesterday the excess bids had grown to \$435,000 above the \$3,430,000 needed. At the first accepted opening of bids the amount was \$1,308,500 added, making a grand total of \$3,865,000.

The bids were opened in the office of the State Treasurer at noon, and it took an hour and five minutes to read and tabulate them, the bids received being 9 in number.

North Carolina has a right to feel a pride in the result of the sale of the bonds, each bid for which was accompanied by a certified check for two per cent of the amount bid, or the bonds to be refunded, being enclosed. Not including the bid of the American Tobacco Company only four bids have been received from out of the State, these from New York, Philadelphia and Newark, N. J., amounting to \$300,000. The American Tobacco Company bid for one million dollars, or such sum up to that amount as should be awarded to it.

All Democrats Elected.

Richmond, Va., June 15.—Elections for Aldermen and Councilmen were held in all the towns and cities of Virginia yesterday, and in some cases, where vacancies existed mayors were chosen.

The result shows that for the most part it was a case again of the Dutch taking Holland.

As a rule there was little or no opposition to the Democratic nominees.

In Richmond there was no opposition to the regular Democratic nominees, except in the newly annexed Washington ward, which did not pan out much.

PATIENT COMMITS SUICIDE.

Inmate of Insane Asylum at Raleigh Hangs Himself.

Raleigh, N. C., June 14.—James H. Lambeth, a patient in the State hospital for the Insane here, committed suicide to-day by hanging himself with a sheet, which he tied to a heavy wire guard at the window of his ward, fastening the other end about his neck with a noose and jumping from a window sill.

Death was caused by strangulation. He was all but dead when discovered. Lambeth was thought to be too weak to do himself violence. He left a note not made public, but it is understood to have been an insane sort of reference to supposed family trouble.

HAMILTON WINS \$10,000 PRIZE.

Goes From New York to Philadelphia and Return in Aeroplanes. Greeted by Thousands in the Quaker City—the Motor Breaks Down on Return Trip.

New York, June 13.—Charles Hamilton, the American aviator, arrived in New York 7 o'clock tonight after having made a trip from New York to Philadelphia then back again in an airship. Hamilton won the \$10,000 prize offered by the New York Times and Philadelphia Ledger. Hamilton left here this morning and made the trip to Philadelphia without mishap, presenting a message from Governor Hughes to Governor Stuart. This afternoon he started back again but his motor broke down at South Amboy, N. J. Hamilton alighted and patched the motor then started again. Hamilton made the trip from New York to Philadelphia in one hour and fifty-three minutes. The distance is 86 miles.

Starting on what was declared by expert aviators to be one of the most ambitious aeroplane trips ever attempted, Charles K. Hamilton, the most daring of American airmen, left Governor's Island, in upper New York bay, for Philadelphia and return, at 7:38 this morning.

As he flew across the upper bay and headed straight over Jersey, he was flying about 800 feet in the air and running nearly a mile a minute. Not a breath of air was stirring when the flight began and the sun was hidden under overhanging clouds, which, however, did not seem to pressage rain.

Hamilton landed at Front and Erie avenues at 9:28, covering the 86-mile flight from New York in one hour and fifty-three minutes.

When Hamilton alighted his first request was for a cigarette. A moment later the vast throng of 20,000 gathered on the field and surged about him, striving to grasp his hands and cheering madly. Governor Stuart was one of those who congratulated him.

After a big cordon of police had been placed about the aeroplane, Hamilton hurried into an automobile and was rushed to the Bellvue-Stratford where a luncheon was served.

OVERMAN FOR PARTY LEADER.

Washington Times Says He is Fast Developing Into a Leader of the Democratic Hosts.

A new Democratic leader is developing in the Senate. This is Senator Overman of North Carolina. He has figured more prominently during the last two months than any Democrat on the floor. That is to say, he has obtained more results.

It was he who a few weeks ago initiated the filibuster against the Lodge resolution asking for \$65,000 with which to pursue the cost of living inquiry. He convinced his Democratic associates that the movement of the Massachusetts man was designed to provide the Republican party with campaign material. Before the filibuster had proceeded ten days, Senator Lodge withdrew his bill.

The latest legislative achievement to the credit of Senator Overman was his success in putting through the anti-injunction amendment to the railroad bill. This prohibits the Federal courts from interfering with the judgments of State courts without due notice and a hearing. This resolution was presented as a surprise and its adoption was a complete shock in some quarters.

Just now when the Democrats are looking for a floor leader to succeed Senator Money, who is to retire next March, Overman looms up big. This is true in spite of the prominence of Senators Bailey, Rayner and Bacon, all of whom are discussed for the floor leadership of the minority.—Washington Times.

Negro Sent Two to Jail.

Anniston, Ala., June 15.—For the first time since reconstruction days two white men have been convicted before a negro magistrate. Dunk Odell and Eugene Wade were arrested in Hobson City, a negro town, on the charge of violating the prohibition laws. Each pleaded guilty at the trial before Mayor Addison Snow, a negro. They could not pay the fine and were sent to jail.

GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION.

Held Interesting Session Last Week At Wrightsville Beach With Delegates Present From Thirty-five Counties.—C. E. Foy, of New Berne, Elected President and Editor Varner Vice-President.

The following account of the meeting of the North Carolina Good Roads Association which was held at Wrightsville Beach last week is made up of extracts from the Wilmington Star.

With delegates in attendance from 35 of the 98 counties of the State, the ninth annual meeting of the North Carolina Good Roads Association was held at Tarrymore Hotel, Wrightsville Beach, and Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist and secretary, than whom there is no better good roads enthusiast in the State, says that it was the most pleasant and profitable as well as the largest attended convention in the history of the organization. The delegates were fired with enthusiasm and a new determination to return to their homes and wage a more vigorous campaign for the improvement of the highways in their respective counties.

Hon. M. L. Shipman, Commissioner of Labor and Printing, discussed in a most enlightening way the subject, "Bond Issues for Good Roads." Mr. Shipman has given the matter of good road building considerable study and has delivered many addresses throughout the State on the importance of improving the highways, and whatever he has to say on the matter is always heard with deep interest. In course of his remarks he referred to the splendid roads of New Hanover county.

This was followed by a discussion of county road work, being led by Mr. C. E. Foy, of New Berne, president of the State Association of County Commissioners, who made a most interesting talk, being followed by representatives from 12 other counties with five-minute talks. Among those who spoke were delegates from Craven, Onslow, Jones, Pender, Rowan, Halifax and New Hanover counties.

"Good Road Problems," was the subject assigned Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt. In the beginning Dr. Pratt stated that "although we take first rank in civil government, manufactures, commerce, and in the world's air generally, yet, improved road construction—the one material phase of American life which affects more than any other the prosperity and social comfort of a large majority of our citizens—has been neglected in a most inconceivable manner.

Dr. Pratt said that there were five problems which confront the good roads movement: First, the creating of demand by community for good roads; second, to provide funds for construction; third, to locate roads in the right place; fourth, to get road officials to realize the need of employing road engineers to supervise their work; fifth, to provide the maintenance upon each of these.

Prof. W. C. Riddick, in charge of the civil engineering department at the A & M. College, spoke on the subject of "The Need of Road Engineering" and kindred questions relating to good road building, and it was a thoughtful address, delivered with great force.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President—C. E. Foy, New Berne. Vice President—H. B. Varner, Lexington.

Secretary—Joseph Hyde Pratt, Chapel Hill.

Treasurer—Joseph G. Brown, Raleigh.

The following were named as the executive committee: Joseph Hyde Pratt, Prof. W. C. Riddick, Leonard Tufts, John Patterson, S. H. Webb, C. E. Foy, H. B. Varner, A. W. Graham, P. B. Beard, Geo. F. Harper, Lenoir; R. R. Cotten and Joseph G. Brown.

If President Taft has forgotten those campaign pledges of his, he will have his memory rudely awakened by reading the speech which Senator Dolliver made on Monday. A vast number have been printed for distribution and they are handy for the White House.—Wilmington Star.

Mr. Francis Burton Harrison can well afford to drop the issue between the President and himself. It is Mr. Taft, not he, who has something to explain.—Providence Journal.

APPOINTEES NOT RECOGNIZED.

Vanderbilt Trustees Wouldn't Seat Conference Appointees. Bishop A. W. Wilson Resigned. By Action Taken Body Put Itself on Record As Favoring a Self-Perpetuating Board.

Nashville, June 14.—By a vote of 19 to 8, the board of trust of Vanderbilt university this afternoon refused to recognize the three men elected by the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the Asheville meeting to fill the vacancies on the board. The board of trust later elected the following eight members, filling that body to its full quota:

Claude Waller, Nashville; R. F. Jackson, Nashville; Bishop W. B. Murrah, Jackson, Miss.; J. A. Robbins, McKenzie, Tenn.; Bishop W. R. Lambuth, Nashville; W. C. Ratcliff, Little Rock; R. W. Millsaps, Jackson, Miss.; Allen R. Carter, Louisville.

Following the vote refusing to seat the conference-elected members, Bishop A. W. Wilson tendered his resignation as a member of the board, which was accepted, and the vacancy filled along with the others. By refusing to recognize the selections made by the Methodist conference, the board of trust put itself on record as standing for a self-perpetuating board. The board at its meeting this morning repealed a clause in the bylaws which provide that elections to its membership must be approved by the general education board of the Methodist church. In taking this step the majority of the board claimed that the clause had already been nullified by the general conference through the course pursued at the Asheville meeting.

The gentlemen refused recognition by the board of trust to-day have not intimated what course they expect to pursue in the matter, but those in a position to possess information say they would not be surprised to see the institution of mandamus proceedings to compel the board of trust to recognize as members those men designated as such by the general conference.

EDUCATED ON CONSUMPTION.

One-Eighth of Churchgoers Heard Health Gospel on Tuberculosis Sunday.

Over 4,000,000 churchgoers, nearly 40,000 sermons and preachers, and more than 1,250,000 pieces of literature, are some of the totals given in a preliminary report issued by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, of the results of the first National Tuberculosis Sunday ever held, on April 24th.

The report states that fully one-eighth of the 33,000,000 listed communicants of the churches of the United States heard the gospel of health on Tuberculosis Sunday, and that the number of people who were reached by notices and sermons printed in the newspapers will aggregate 25,000,000. Hardly a paper in the country failed to announce the occasion.

From clipping returns received at the National Association's headquarters, it is estimated that fully 20,000 newspapers, magazines, religious and technical journals gave publicity to this national event. For this assistance on the part of the press, the National Association desires to express its thanks.

Although the movement for Tuberculosis Sunday was handicapped by a lack of time and funds, the National Association feels that the campaign has been worth while. Many foreign countries observed the day also. Plans are now under way for a wider observance of the day in 1911. The active co-operation of every religious denomination, besides that of the governors, mayors and public officials, as well as that of other agencies will be sought.

The promoters of this movement announce that they do not wish to interfere with the church calendar of any denomination. It is not planned to have a special Tuberculosis Sunday as a regular church day. The plan is to have the subject of health, and particularly tuberculosis, brought up in the churches for any service or part of a service and as nearly simultaneously in all parts of the country as possible.

A SUNDAY FIRE KILLS 35.

Many Carried Down to Their Death by Falling of a Big Water Tank. Bindery Girls and Linotype Men Fell Through Gap in the Floors And Were Buried Under Machinery.

Montreal, June 13.—The Herald building was destroyed by fire to-day. It is reported 35 persons are dead in the ruins.

The loss on the building it is estimated will amount to fully \$200,000.

Many of the 35 persons reported to be dead in the fire-swept ruins are said to have been carried to death by a big water tank which crashed through the building when the fire started.

Bindery girls and linotype men fell through the huge gap in the floors of the building and were quickly buried under machinery and timbers.

The crowds assembled outside the burning building could plainly hear the cries of the dying inside, while the flames were slowly traveling toward them, but practically nothing could be done to save them.

All the members of the editorial department escaped uninjured, the dead and dying being mostly confined to the employes of the bindery and composing rooms.

The flames were first confined to the upper floors of the building, but although all the available fire apparatus turned out it was impossible to control the fire, which was fanned by a strong wind.

Inspector McMahon of the police force called upon those around him to organize a rescue party, but a tremendous wall of flame suddenly rising from the basement made it impossible to enter the building.

STATE NEWS.

Miss Moore, 17 years old, attempted to cross Thompson's creek, Anson county, Friday, and was drowned. The creek was swollen by heavy rains.

Mrs. Baldy Powell, of Greensboro, 22 years old, committed suicide Sunday morning by cutting her throat. She was ill with fever and her mind was unbalanced.

Mr. H. W. Lucas died suddenly at his home in Sampson county a few days ago. He had been in feeble health for some time but his death was unexpected. Next day his wife died of typhoid fever.

Rev. M. E. Parrish, a Baptist minister well known in this State, formerly pastor at Salisbury and Shelby, died Friday at Portsmouth, Va., of pneumonia. He was pastor at Portsmouth, having gone there from Shelby. He was a native of Virginia. The Concord Tribune says that Mr. Frank Teeter of Cabarrus county, shipped \$600 worth of wool to the Elkin woolen mills a few days ago.

At New London, Stanly county, Friday evening, lightning struck the large barn of Mr. T. C. Harris, killing his youngest son, Floe Harris, 18 years old. Mr. Harris was in the barn during the storm and after the storm passed found his son had been killed.

During a thunderstorm at Fayetteville Friday evening the Holt-Morgan cotton mill was struck by lightning and set on fire. James Garven, an operative, was found dead near the entrance and is supposed to have been killed by the bolt. The fire was extinguished without great damage.

The President has commuted the sentence of Arthur Ipock, convicted in the Federal Court at New Berne last October of illicit distilling and sentenced to 18 months in the Federal prison in Atlanta. The President was moved to sympathy by the fact that the man had old persons depending on him for support.

CAPT. R. H. BROOKS DEAD.

Superintendent of Confederate Soldiers' Home at Raleigh.

Raleigh, N. C., June 14.—Capt. R. H. Brooks, twelve years superintendent of the Confederate Soldiers' Home here, died to-day after a critical illness of five weeks. He had been in failing health for more than a year, was 69 years old, a member of the Tenth North Carolina Artillery, "Manly's Battery," a brave soldier and an excellent citizen. He leaves a wife and three sons. The funeral will be from the First Baptist Church at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

SOLVING OUR MANY PROBLEMS.

One Way of Solution Is the Bringing of Our Country Homes Closer Together and Thus Provide Better Social Advantages.

Perhaps no one in the State, or in the whole South for that matter, is doing more to help improve the conditions of county life than Clarence Poe, the talented young editor of the Progressive Farmer and Gazette. Mr. Poe recently made a trip through the northwest studying conditions as they prevail in that thriving section. During this trip he wrote to this paper, depicting the conditions he found and making many observations. The following extract is taken from one of his letters:

"At the bottom of most of our rural problems is the fundamental trouble of rural isolation. If we can bring farmers nearer together, we shall do more than we can do in any other way to stop the drift to towns where living is twice as hard as it is in the country. Only yesterday a professor in Chicago University, whose special study is improving the conditions of poverty-stricken people, declared that poverty is solely a city problem. Compared with the vast number of city destitute and half-starving, the number of hopelessly poor in the country is insignificant.

"Our problem, then, is to see if we cannot provide in the country better advantages for social contact as well as better financial returns. Out here in Wisconsin one of the most important factors has been the rural telephone. The women chat with each other at night, after the day's work is done. No matter how bad the roads or how busy the horses, Mrs. Farmer Jones can talk with her sister ten or twenty miles away just as if they were face to face. The farmers, too, own the lines in most cases—putting up their own poles and stringing their own wire, a co-operative company controlling the system. Usually each farmer has one share of stock for each phone. He uses and the average cost per phone on these party lines is only about \$5 a year."

12 HUNGARIANS BURN TO DEATH.

Origin of Fire Supposed to be From Carelessness Following an All-Night Carousal.

Niagara Falls, June 15.—Twelve Hungarians were burned to death in a shack at Falls View, Ont., early today. Eight others were badly burned and are in a Niagara Falls hospital. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is presumed it was caused by carelessness, following an all-night carousal. The men had gone to a carnival in the town in the early part of the night, returning to their shack about midnight in various stages of intoxication. Shortly after they returned the fire broke out in a small wooden shack, burning like tinder, and even those that got out were badly burned.

Press Association Officers.

At a meeting at Wrightsville last week the State Press Association elected the following officers:

President, M. L. Shipman, editor Hendersonville Hustler; first vice president, J. J. Farris, High Point Enterprise; second vice president, James H. Caine, Asheville Citizen; third vice president, T. G. Cobb, Morganton Herald; secretary and treasurer, J. B. Sherrill, Concord Times; historian, D. J. Whichard, Greenville Reflector; orator, James H. Cowan, Wilmington Dispatch; alternate, J. P. Cook, The Uplift; poet, W. L. Hill, Fatherless Ones, Barium Springs; executive committee, Major H. A. London, Pittsboro Record; R. M. Phillips, Greensboro News; R. W. Vincent, Charlotte Observer; H. B. Varner, Lexington Dispatch; D. T. Edwards, Kinston Free Press.

Congress to Adjourn Soon.

Washington, June 15.—Congress is expected to adjourn one week from next Saturday, or on June 25th, according to plans made public by Senate leaders to-day, after consultations with House leaders, a careful canvass of both branches, and a revision of the Senate's legislative programme.