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## DEMOCRATS PASS PRESIDENT'S MEASURE

RECIPROCITY BILL ADOPTED BY  
VOTE OF 265 TO 89.

Measure Sent Over to Senate Is Same in Context As When Introduced, the Strenuous Efforts of Both Minority Insurgents and Regulars to Amend Being Futile—Debate Lasted for Six Days in Lower Chamber.

Washington, April 22.—Supported by all the Democrats who were present, except ten, and by a minority of the Republicans, President Taft's Canadian reciprocity agreement, at the close of a debate that has lasted six days, was passed by the House yesterday evening by a vote of 265 to 89. The Republicans were divided along the same lines as in the recent session, when the bill was passed by the House. Of their number, 67 voted in favor of the bill and 78 against it. The two vaguely classified members of the House were divided on the question: Victor Berger, the Socialist member from Wisconsin, stood for the bill, and Representative Akin, the independent member who succeeded Mr. Drury, was opposed.

The reciprocity bill emerged from the House after the overwhelming vote indorsing it in exactly the same form in which it was introduced. Not an amendment was accepted by the triumphant majority. The measure, as it goes to the Senate, is practically the same bill which was sent over during the closing days of the Sixty-first Congress. It has only one additional section. This contains a request that the President shall make further efforts to extend the reciprocal trade relations between the United States and Canada.

The principal interest of the session was in the vote against the reciprocity measure, especially that of the Democrats. The ten who stood against their party leaders were Representatives Bathrick, Claypool, and Whitacre, of Ohio; Dough-ton, Gudger, and Webb, of North Carolina; Fowler, of Illinois; Hammond, of Minnesota; Pajo, of Louisiana, and Rucker, of Colorado.

### BENSON NEWS.

Benson, Apr. 27.—Mr. Pat Moore, of Chapel Hill, spent Sunday in town with friends, returning to the University Monday morning.

Mrs. Lura Tolar and Miss Mary Cooke visited in Fayetteville Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Ethel Hooks and Bessie Denning, of Dunn, visited at the home of Mrs. Willie Boone this week.

Mrs. T. B. Justice returned Monday from an extended visit to Raleigh and Franklin.

Messrs. W. E. Barbour and John Stroup, of Four Oaks, were in town Monday night to attend the show.

Mr. C. C. Walton, of Richmond, Va., was in town Monday night. He is traveling salesman for the Royal Typewriter Company and sold several of their machines here.

Mr. U. F. Wallace, of Fayetteville, was here Tuesday.

Misses Icola Sanders, Irene Strickland, Syrena Oliver and Mrs. Oliver, of Four Oaks, were here Sunday, the guests of Mrs. J. A. Johnson.

Miss Bessie Prince, of Dunn, is visiting at the home of Mr. Alonzo Parrish.

Mr. John Sanders and Dr. Stanley, of Four Oaks, were in town Tuesday.

A game of base ball played between the Benson boys and the Bules Creek team on the latter's diamond, Tuesday afternoon, resulted in a tie between the teams, the score standing 8 to 8. The High School team here has not been defeated this season.

Mr. Jake Greenthal, of Green-thall's Underselling Store, returned Monday from Baltimore, where he has been spending several days with his parents.

The home of Mr. R. I. Austin, on West Church Street was burned Monday afternoon. The origin of the fire is not known. The building and the entire contents was

totally destroyed by the fire. The loss was about \$2,000.00 with only \$500.00 insurance.

Dr. J. C. Caldwell, president of the Atlantic Christian College of Wilson, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the commencement of the school here, in the school auditorium on Sunday, May 14th, at eleven A. M. He ranks among the best speakers in North Carolina.

The inter-society debate at the closing exercises of the school here will take place on Friday night the 17th of May, in the school hall. The subject for discussion is, Resolved: "That United States Senators Should be Elected by Popular Vote." The affirmative will be represented by James Raynor and Jesse Turlington; the negative by A. L. Goodrich and Henry Lambert. The boys are all excellent speakers for school boys and deserve much credit for their society work.

### MILL CREEK ITEMS.

The farmers of this section are mostly through planting corn and are beginning to plant cotton.

Almost all the young people of this section attended services at the Catholic Church at Newton Grove, on Easter Sunday.

Mr. John H. Langston has been appointed as mail carrier for route No. 2 from Beasley, which service was resigned by Mr. Seth W. Lasser, March 1st.

Rev. R. H. Massengill preached at Mill Creek Church, the 4th Sunday in the absence of Rev. J. T. Owen, the pastor, who is very sick. It was announced that the place for Union Meeting for the Mill Creek Circuit had been changed from Dunn to Pleasant Union, in Sampson County, on account of small pox in the town of Dunn.

Mr. S. P. Phelps, who recently gave up his business as a machinist at Apex, on account of poor health, and moved to the home of his son, Mr. A. H. Phelps, to recuperate, we are glad to say is so much improved that he is at work every day in the blacksmith and wood shop of his son.

The Mill Creek Literary Society had a public debate on last Saturday night. The query discussed was, Resolved: "That Woman Has More Influence Over Man Than Money." Speakers for the affirmative, were Messrs. J. H., D. S. and O. B. Langston; for the negative, were Messrs. H. V. Rose, E. F. Weaver and I. R. Langston. The contest was hot and the judges decided in favor of the negative.

Our section was saddened to learn of the death of Mr. Fraud Tart, of Meadow township, which occurred on the 17th inst. He was about 40 years of age and for several years past his health had been declining. About eight months ago enosumption set in and never loosed its grip till it claimed its victim. He leaves a widow and a very aged mother and a family and several brothers to mourn his untimely demise. He was one of the finest of the "old time fiddlers" we have ever known and was a general favorite of all who knew him.

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### To Fight the Fly.

So completely have house flies been exterminated in England that screens are no longer used in windows and doors. This shows what can be done. A solution of formalin or formaldehyde in water is the best and cheapest exterminator. Put a spoonful of formalin in half a tea-cupful of water and expose it in a saucer in your room. Try it once and you will see. Burn pyrrhnum powder in a room and sweep out the stupefied flies. Or put twenty drops of carbolic acid on a hot shovel. The vapor is deadly to the pest. Put a dram of bichromate of potash in half a glass of water and sweeten. Expose a little of the solution in saucers. Sticky fly paper also will do the work.—Louisville Courier Journal.

### Residence Burned in Benson.

We regret to hear of the burning of the residence of Mr. R. I. Austin at Benson last Monday. He was at his farm in the country. The fire is supposed to have started from a defective flue. Very little was saved from the house. He had only five hundred dollars insurance.

## BLIND TIGERS SENT TO ROADS

RECORDER'S COURT HAS BUSY  
SESSION THIS WEEK.

Several Cases Disposed of. Six Are Given Road Sentences But Two Appeal to the Superior Court. Selma Negro Gamblers Are to Help Build Roads for Thirty Days.

The Recorder's Court had a busy session this week, not adjourning till Wednesday. This week's session helped along the road building in this county by sending four others to aid the force now at work. Two others were sentenced but took an appeal to the Superior Court.

The following are the cases disposed of:

The case of the State vs J. B. R. Johnson, mention of which has been made in these columns before, was taken up and disposed of. The defendant submitted and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost and the amount of the board bill over which the case arose.

State vs J. B. R. Johnson and J. P. Temple. Sci fa. Judgment for costs. An appeal was taken to the Superior Court.

State vs Caesar Gusbuehler. Carrying concealed weapon. Guilty. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs and the defendant's regular appearance to the Court and show that he has been of good behavior.

State vs Allen Norris. The defendant was adjudged guilty of the charge of malicious injury to personal property and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs.

State vs Allen Norris. In this case the defendant was adjudged guilty of the charge of carrying concealed weapon. He was fined ten dollars and taxed with the costs of the action.

State vs George Manuel. George is a Smithfield negro who was found guilty of retailing and selling liquor. He was sent to the roads for six months, with the provision that after three months had been served he could be released by paying the costs.

State vs D. J. Stanley. The indictment was for disposing of mortgaged property. The bill was changed to trespass. The defendant submitted and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs.

State vs Lee Miles. Gambling. Guilty. Fined five dollars and costs.

State vs Mack Adams, Henry Hodges and Charlie Scott. These three Selma negroes were charged with gambling. Being found guilty, they were sent to roads for thirty days each.

State vs Hyman Fort. Hyman is a Smithfield negro drayman, who was adjudged guilty of selling liquor and given a road sentence of eight months. Being somewhat adverse to working on the roads during the summer months he took an appeal to the Superior Court.

Will Futrell, another Smithfield darkey, was up for selling liquor. He was found guilty and given a sentence of eight months on the public roads. Will, like Hyman, was not anxious to spend the summer months working on Johnston county's roads, and took an appeal to the next September term of the Superior Court. Will and Hyman have both been before the courts before charged with selling the liquid that exhilarates, but have been more fortunate heretofore.

If our Recorder's Court keeps up its record, Johnston county will soon have a large road force.

### Child Killed by Whiskey.

Last Thursday the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McNaft McArten, of Parkton, drank some whiskey that he found in a trunk and died from the effects a few hours later.—Maxton Scottish Chief.

### Too Many.

Too many men have the courage of other people's convictions.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Canadians are rapidly annexing the Northern ice.

## THE SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

AN EXPLANATION OF THE AN-  
NEXED TERRITORY.

Prof. Turlington Writes About the Old School Building and the Cost of It. He Urges the Need of a New Building.

An election has been called for May 16, 1911, to give the citizens of the Smithfield Graded School District an opportunity to vote for a bond issue to secure funds for the erection in Smithfield of an up-to-date brick school house, a building that will be the pride of the district and town. At the same time the citizens, of territory adjoining the graded school district will be given an opportunity of attaching themselves to this district. The people living in what is sometimes known as the Pilkinton District, just beyond Buffalo, now send their children to this district, or at least, they have the opportunity of doing so. But this is an arrangement made by the County Board of Education and is not permanent. The Board of Education can at any time detach the district from our district. This ought not so to be. The people over there ought to belong to this district permanently or not at all. They have an opportunity to become permanent citizens of this district on May 16th.

As I see it, this is a great opportunity to educate their children, at small cost. Here the children have opportunity of a long term of school, while in that small district with the same cost, they cannot hope to have half as long a term. Our district is saying, "come to our school and share the advantages here with our boys and girls." I fail to see where it would help our school for them to come.

Now, fathers and voters of that district, the responsibility is with you. What will you do? The territory across the river, formerly belonged to old district, No. 40, white, called later, district No. 1, white, Smithfield township. When the graded school district was established, this territory was not included. The County Board of Education did not know what to do with the children living in this territory. I was County Superintendent at that time and advised that they be numbered in the graded school district, and allowed to send here four months. This was all that I could suggest. The trustees of the graded school were not consulted and therefore had no opportunity of objecting. Under the law creating the graded school district, no one was allowed to send to the graded school, except those who live in the district or who have been attached by the trustees or who pay tuition, and the trustees were not allowed to attach any one till that person had listed his property for taxation in the district.

Now, the citizens of this district have an opportunity of becoming citizens of the graded school. If they do not vote to join this district, they may find themselves a great distance from a school that their children can enter. The County Board of Education has no right to attach this territory or its citizens to the graded school district and the Board of Trustees of the Smithfield Graded School District has no right to attach them. I took the liberty of having them attached when the graded school district was established because the citizens of that territory had not been given an opportunity of coming into the district. It was I that suggested that they have this opportunity. Now, citizens of this territory, what are you going to do about it?

The other two annexations are made to give their citizens an opportunity of becoming permanent citizens of this district. The section of the law giving the Trustees the power to attach citizens living outside of the district has been repealed.

### The Old Building.

It may be thought by some that the old building is good enough. Some may dislike for it to go from mere sentiment. I must confess that I would regret to see the old building torn down from sentiment. That old building is dear to me. It

grates upon me to hear it spoken of in words of disgust by those who know nothing of its cost. I love the old building for what it has cost me. It has cost me many an hour of anxiety, many an hour of worry, many an hour of sleeplessness. It is a costly building.

When it was put up just twenty years ago this summer, it was the best, most commodious, most stately school building within twenty-five miles of Smithfield, nearer than Wilson, Goldsboro or Raleigh. It was the pride of the town and of a large part of the County. Many of the people here referred to it as the "college." Then Smithfield had 550 people, white and black. It had been but two years since the town was burned out almost "root and branch," as to the business section. The school then known as Turlington Institute was about the most important institution in town. It attracted far more attention the county over, and over a good portion of the eastern part of the State than all else in the town.

But this old building has had its day. It is no longer adequate for the needs of the school. It is not large enough. The rooms are too small. It must be repaired every year. If a new house is not built, soon one or more rooms must be added to this one. Rather than spend money year after year on this old building, it would be wiser to erect a modern school building with modern heating apparatus, modern ventilating apparatus that would better protect the health of the boys and girls and give them better opportunity for training their intellects. It is almost impossible to keep a school room comfortable with the ordinary stove. Some of the pupils will be too hot and some of them too cold. Many a child has taken cold from going out of a too highly heated room into the cold air. This is all avoided in a building heated and ventilated by modern methods.

Let us have the new building.

Next week I shall write something about the bond issue.

IRA T. TURLINGTON.

### A TRAIN DROPS 250 FEET.

Twenty-One Passengers Killed in South Africa.

Cape Town, April 22.—A passenger train on the Kowie Railroad plunged to destruction in a rocky gorge 250 feet deep through the collapse of the Blaauwkrantz Bridge, thirteen miles from Grahamstown, to-day.

Twenty-one passengers were carried down with the coaches and killed. Their bodies were torn to pieces and inextricably mixed with the debris of the cars, which were ground to splinters.

The Kowie Railway follows the general direction of the River Kowie from Grahamstown to Port Alfred, on the southern shore of Cape Colony. It is forty-three miles long and was opened in 1884, being owned by a private company.

The Blaauwkrantz Bridge crosses the deep ravine in one span at a great elevation. In point of design the bridge was the most graceful in the colony, the mountainous character of which makes necessary the bridging of many ravines in the construction of railway lines.

### IREDELL WANTS GOOD ROADS.

Vigorous Campaign Under Way For a \$400,000 Bond Issue.

Mooresville, April 22.—A strong and vigorous campaign is now being made throughout Iredell county for the bond issue of \$400,000 as a fund to be used for building a system of public roads. South Iredell will go almost solidly for the issue as this end of the county sustains her reputation for progressive road building. A splendid meeting was held this afternoon at the Brawley school house, in Davidson township, largely attended, and another meeting was held in Barringer township at Pine Valley school house.

### Death of An Aged Woman.

Mr. A. C. Johnson and Mr. Lemuel Hardee were here yesterday for a coffin for Miss Rachel Johnson, a very old lady, who died at the County Home, Wednesday. Her remains were interred in the graveyard at Johnson Chapel, Free Will Baptist church, yesterday afternoon.

## AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY PLANNED

MAYOR WELLONS AGAIN CHOS-  
EN PRESIDENT.

The Chamber Gives Its Enthusiastic Support to the move for the New School Building and Endorses the Central Highway Proposal.

At the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held in its offices April 21st, 1911, James A. Wellons was re-elected president, F. K. Broadhurst re-elected secretary and H. L. Skinner was elected treasurer to succeed A. M. Noble, resigned. The vice presidents were re-elected to succeed themselves as follows: W. M. Sanders first vice president, H. L. Skinner, second vice president, W. L. Woodall, third vice president, F. H. Brooks, fourth vice president, J. H. B. Tomlinson, fifth vice president.

The following directors were re-elected: T. R. Hood, L. D. Wharton, Ira T. Turlington, and J. D. Underwood; Dr. N. T. Holland was elected to succeed the late E. J. Holt.

The reports of the officers showed the Chamber of Commerce to be in good standing and to have done considerable work during its existence.

The following were elected as new members: H. C. Hood, Chas. Davis, D. H. Creech, O. V. Booker, Jas. H. Abell, T. S. Ragsdale, T. C. Jordan, L. T. Royal, A. M. Sanders, H. P. Hill, Walter Parrish, Joe Marler, L. G. Patterson, Dr. Thel Hooks, A. S. Johnston, S. T. Honeycutt, A. Vermont, W. D. Avera, J. R. Waiton, Boyett Bros., W. S. Stevens, F. H. Parrish, R. O. Cotter, J. A. Campbell, Claud Smith, R. R. Holt, A. V. Gulley, Jas. H. Woodall.

C. R. Raud, F. H. Brooks and Dr. L. D. Wharton were appointed a committee to draft resolutions respecting the death of one of the members, E. J. Holt.

The Chamber of Commerce decided to organize an Agricultural Society for Johnston County. One of the purposes of which will be to hold in this county an Agricultural Fair.

Also ringing resolutions were adopted endorsing the movement to build the Central Highway from the Tennessee line to the ocean.

The Chamber of Commerce also endorsed the movement to build a new school house for our town, and appointed a committee whose duty it is to see that our people are properly registered and that they attend the election to be held here on May 16th for the purpose of issuing bonds to erect said school house.

The Chamber of Commerce has done many things for our little town and by adopting for its slogan the slogan of our town, "United and Onward," there are many other things that it will accomplish during the next twelve months. Every citizen of our town should send in his name to the Secretary and become a member of this Chamber of Commerce.

### DIRECT VOTE IN MINNESOTA.

Governor Signs Bill for Popular Nomination of United States Senators.

St. Paul, April 22.—Governor Eberhart signed the Keefe bill to-day, passed by the Legislature at its closing session. It provides for the nomination of United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

The measure provides that each candidate for the Legislature shall take a pledge to support the senatorial candidate receiving the popular indorsement, or sign another pledge declaring his unwillingness to do so. A Senator is to be elected in 1912 to succeed Senator Nelson.

### Car Blows Up and Seven Die.

St. Louis, April 22.—Four persons, two men and two women, died in a hospital to-night, making the deaths resulting from an explosion of a tank car of gasoline to-day number seven. Six others are seriously burned.