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BONE DRY BILL PASSES HOUSE.

Prohibition Measure Gets Through Congress That Will Mean Something. Passed by a Vote of 319 to 72. Messrs. Small, Pou and Hood Vote Against Bill. No More Liquor Can Be Legally Shipped Into Dry States.

Absolute prohibition took a long step forward last Wednesday when the House passed the Reed Amendment to the Post Office bill, providing that "whoever shall order, purchase, or cause intoxicating liquors to be transported in interstate commerce, except for scientific, sacramental, medicinal and mechanical purposes into any State or Territory the laws of which State or Territory prohibit the manufacture or sale therein of intoxicating liquors for beverage shall be punished as aforesaid. The fine provided shall not exceed \$1000, nor shall the offender be imprisoned for a term longer than six months, or he may be fined and imprisoned. The Senate had already passed the measure and when it came up in the House a lively discussion ensued. The measure carried by a vote of 319 to 72. Of the North Carolina Congressmen all voted for the measure except three—Messrs. Small, Hood and Pou.

The Washington correspondent of the News and Observer quotes Messrs. Pou, Page, Godwin and Hood as follows:

Representative Pou, who voted against it, said it was a matter that ought to be settled by the States. "I think Congress should not have passed a law which takes away from the State its jurisdiction of this position. Under the law passed today I understand the States have no jurisdiction to prosecute offenders against the interstate commerce law. My opinion is it will retard the course of real temperance for which I have always stood in the State. Half a dozen prohibitionists I saw in the House today feel the same way. One man said today that it was the bluest day for temperance in his entire service. I adhere strictly to the principle I have always followed of leaving to the respective States such matters."

Representative Page: "It makes effective actual prohibition in North Carolina and in my judgment the great majority of our people are in favor of it."

"I believe the majority of the people wanted me to," said Mr. Doughton. "I have received many letters protesting against the shipments from wet territory into North Carolina."

"Where the people pass on that question," Mr. Godwin said, "it ought not be infringed upon by importation."

Views of Hood.

Representative Hood: "I was informed by members of the legislative committee of the Anti-Saloon League that they did not ask for the measure and thought it unwise to pass it at this time."

"Another reason why I strongly opposed the adoption of the Reed amendment was that it was a direct invasion of States' rights. We are gradually depriving the States of the rights delegated to them under and by virtue of the Constitution of the United States of America. Under the Webb-Kenyon act, as construed by the United States Supreme Court, each State has absolute control of the importation of liquor into its dry territory."

"The Legislature of North Carolina has seen fit to limit the quantity of liquor to be shipped into the State and the people of the State, after experimenting with it, elected a General Assembly which refused to repeal this law. I did not, therefore, purpose by my vote as a member of the Federal legislative body to nullify, repeal and abrogate the laws that were placed on the statute books as a result of the sovereign people of North Carolina."

"I was anxious to vote for that portion of the law suppressing liquor advertisements through the mails, where the State law made it unlawful, but the two propositions were inseparable and I therefore was compelled to vote against both, although I voted for an amendment to separate them."

"I expect to vote for the amendment for national prohibition."

Shipments of fresh and cured meats from Chicago last week totalled 46,818,000 pounds.

KENLY HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Professor Wannamaker, of Trinity College, Will Give Lecture. Baraca-Philathea Class Gives Entertainment in High School Dormitory. Other Items of Interest.

Kenly, Feb. 22.—A most delightful Rook party was given in the large reception hall of the Kenly High School dormitory, Wednesday evening. This was the second of a series of social gatherings inaugurated by the Baraca-Philathea Class of the Missionary Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Johnson entertained. Mr. R. L. Richardson, Principal of the school, made the highest score. A silver offering was taken which amounted to \$4.00. This money will be turned over to the class treasury for the purpose of furnishing the Sunday school room. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Edgerton, Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Turlington, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Brickhouse, and Mrs. G. B. Woodard; Misses Bessie Sasser, Marie Kirby, Ina Morris, Daisy Outlaw, Emma Matthews, and Gladys Wallace; Messrs. Tyra Bailey, Tony Barnes, F. A. White, Printes Ezzell and C. K. Clark.

Miss Daisy Outlaw, of Kinston, has been spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Brickhouse, of the Kenly High School faculty. Miss Outlaw is sister to Mrs. Brickhouse.

Next Sunday afternoon at three-thirty o'clock, a home talent program will be rendered in the High School auditorium for the entertainment of the people of the community. Supt. M. B. Andrews himself will speak on "George Washington, an American Hero." A large number of the students of the school will take part in rendering suitable exercises, and a pleasant musical program has been arranged. Two weeks from next Sunday Professor W. H. Wannamaker, head of the department of German at Trinity College, will speak on "Some Lessons we May Learn from Germany."

BETHANY NOTES.

Mrs. Zilphia Rose, of the Glendale section, died the first Sunday in February, at the advanced age of 106 years.

Mr. Dolphus Raper killed a mad dog last Saturday, near Stancil's Chapel.

Measles are still raging, but a lot of the children have gone back to school, so the attendance is much better this week.

We think the girls of Price's school are planning to have a box supper soon, and they want their friends to come and buy their boxes.

Rev. A. A. Pippin preached Saturday at Antioch church to a large and appreciative congregation. The Antioch church people have completed a large and beautiful house of worship, and now they are arranging to have seats put in the house at a cost of \$600.00.

The Little River Council of Journeers keeps steadily growing, new members coming in every meeting. The Lodge has been established two years and now has about 80 members.

Mr. D. L. Boyette has returned to his home from Florida, where he has been spending the winter among the oranges and flowers.

Miss Bertie Tyndale spent the week-end at home in Newton Grove. Little Miss Elsie Boyette accompanied her.

Mr. A. V. Watson and family have moved to Wendell. We hear he has sold his farm to Messrs. Cullen Creech and Burrell Whitley.

Mr. Giliam Stancil, of Middlesex, was in this section Tuesday to buy land.

Mr. Moses Creech spent Monday with Mr. L. L. Liles, of Corinth.

Mr. Carmel Creech has returned home well, after five weeks' stay in the Sibley Hospital in Washington City.

Mr. Julian Creech, who has a position in Akron, Ohio, writes that he likes that part of the country fine.

BETH.

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Predictions that cotton acreage in Texas will be the largest with one exception, in the history of the State are made from Austin. Estimates of a total of about 12,000,000 acres are made. The weather has been favorable for preparations of the soil.

Billy Sunday's first meeting in New York will be held on April 8.

AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER.

City Fathers Must Reckon With A Petition Asking for Bond Issue to Put In Sewerage and for Paving Streets. Benson Defeats Jonesboro In Basket Ball Game. Local and Personal Items of Interest.

Benson, Feb. 22.—Mr. J. E. Wilson left today for Sampson County where he will be for a day or two on business.

Prof. L. T. Royall, of Smithfield, is in the city today on matters of an educational nature.

Mr. J. C. Stancil, of Smithfield, was here today on a short visit to relatives and friends.

Rev. J. M. Duncan, of Mount Olive, N. C., was here Sunday and Monday on matters appertaining to his church work.

Miss Bertha Johnson left today for Greensboro and Oxford where she will spend a few days visiting.

Mr. C. S. Henry, Benson's efficient Chief of Police, went down to Goldsboro Monday, bringing back with him two men who are charged with shooting strapes.

Mr. C. C. Jernigan went up to Raleigh Sunday afternoon, returning home Monday afternoon.

Messrs. J. E. Wall, James Henry, Jim Raynor and others were in Smithfield Tuesday attending Court.

Senator Ezra Parker was called home from Raleigh Tuesday afternoon on account of the illness of his little son, who is now much improved.

Mr. R. T. Sures went up to Smithfield Monday on business matters.

Messrs. A. L. Barefoot, Sam Stone, J. R. Barbour and others attended Court in Lillington today.

John Hudson, who was arrested here Monday by Deputy Marshal George Moore, was taken to Dunn and placed under a bond of one thousand dollars for his appearance at the preliminary hearing there today, charged with violating the Federal laws.

Miss Emma Wellons, of Smithfield, who teaches near Benson, spent Sunday at her home with her parents.

Messrs. Randal Turlington and Jesse Turlington, of Wilson, were here Sunday at the home of Mr. Eli Turlington spending the day.

Mrs. R. C. Pool left Sunday with her little son for Goldsboro for a few days visit to relatives.

Mr. Billie Flowers, of Elevation township, spent Saturday in the city on business matters.

Mr. Russel Bryant went up to Wilson Friday, spending Saturday and Sunday with relatives.

Mr. Alonzo Parrish went up to Greensboro and Durham Monday, returning yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Preston Woodall left Tuesday night for Philadelphia, Baltimore, and other markets of the North where he will buy his Spring and Summer stock of goods.

Mrs. W. D. Boon and son, William, left Monday for Elizabeth City to spend several days with relatives who live there.

The game of basket-ball played here Saturday afternoon, between the team of our school and the Jonesboro team, resulted in a score of three to twenty-three in favor of Benson.

A petition will be filed with the City Fathers of our town at the next meeting, signed by practically every citizen of the town, asking for the issue and sale of bonds for the purpose of paving the streets and putting in sewerage.

Pertinent To Farmers.

Every hour seems to draw this country nearer to war. No man can assure us that we will escape, for no man knows.

The year 1917 may see us shut off from all source of supplies from the outer world, and dependent entirely upon local production.

Facing such a possibility, it is incumbent upon every farmer to cultivate to the limit his acreage and ability, and the town person who has a vacant lot should do the same.

The time to begin is now. If we place armies in the field those armies must be fed—and the products come from the farms.

The Navy Department has authorized contracts with the Crucible Steel Co., and with the Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co., for 5000 14-inch shells and a contract to the Washington Steel & Ordnance Co. for 4,200 14-inch shells.

CLAYTON NEWS LETTER.

Mrs. W. H. McCullers Delightfully Entertains. The Entertainment to Be Given at Graded School Friday Night. Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Those Who Go.

Clayton, Feb. 21.—Misses Sulon McCullers and Barbara Gulley attended the anniversary at Wake Forest last Friday. They returned home Sunday night.

Mrs. Will R. Smith and children, of Selma, are visiting their parents here this week.

The entertainment which was postponed last week on account of sickness, will be given in the graded school auditorium, Friday night of this week. This will be a good entertainment and hope it will be well attended as the proceeds will go to beautify the school grounds.

Mr. Elmo Gattis, of Enfield, visited his mother here last week.

Dr. T. A. Griffin left last week for Baltimore where he entered Johns Hopkins Hospital for the purpose of taking a three weeks' post-graduate course specializing upon the diseases of children.

Miss Hettie Wilder spent last week-end in Smithfield visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stallings and children left last week for Florida, where they will make their home in future. Their many friends here regret to see them leave, but hope for them much happiness there.

Mr. Willard McCullers, of Wake Forest College, spent a few days this week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McCullers.

On Wednesday night of last week Mrs. W. H. McCullers delightfully entertained the members of the Halcyon Club and their husbands. This being Valentine night everything was carried out very artistically. Various amusements were provided in the way of numbers, and hearts to be matched, thereby getting their mate to help write Valentine verses. Rev. A. C. Hamby won the prize for writing the best verse, it being this:

"When hearts are trumps, I follow suit,
But otherwise decline;
I hold them now, my dark-eyed beaut,
My lovely Valentine."

Mrs. Hardee Horne was judge. Mr. Hamby won as his prize a lovely copy of "That Old Sweetheart of Mine." Mr. Dwight Barbour won the booby, a red pencil, for writing the following verse:

"Of all the things I hate the worst,
It is to write a Valentine verse."

Mrs. McCullers was assisted in serving delicious refreshments by Miss Lawrence, of Franklin, Va., and Mrs. Glenn Pope, who presided at the punch bowl. Marshmallows pudding with attractive Valentine souvenirs was served by Miss Cleve Barnes, Mrs. E. L. Hinton and Mr. B. M. Robertson. Fortunes were told by Misses Belle Graham and Ruth Young.

FOR TEACHERS CERTIFICATION.

Measure Gets Favorable Report From Joint Committee on Education.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Wilmington Star reports that the joint committee on education voted favorable report Wednesday evening for the Teachers' Assembly bill for the certification of teachers. The Senate vote was unanimous and the House voted favorably and then sent the measure to the appropriations committee without prejudice.

It would provide six examiners who would also hold the teachers' institutes that are now held by the various counties at least bi-annually, and county funds now expended by the counties for these institutes would be turned over to the State to bear the expense of the examiners. R. H. Wright, Dr. J. Y. Joyner, C. C. Wright, Miss Mary Graham, H. B. Smith, of New Bern, and others advocated the bill. The single opposition speech was by Prof. C. L. Coon of Wilson.

Cleveland County Sells Bonds.

Cleveland County has just sold \$80,000 worth of bonds to replace the bridges washed away last July. The bonds bear 4½ per cent and were purchased by the First National Bank of Shelby. A small premium was paid.

A GREAT FAMILY REUNION.

When Family of B. W. Hodges Assemble There Are Present Fifty-three Grandchildren and One Hundred and Ninety-three Great-Grandchildren.

Benson, Feb. 20.—There was held at the home of B. W. Hodges, who lives five miles from Benson, on Saturday, the 17th day of February, a reunion of the family of James Hodges, there being present on the occasion seven children, B. W. Hodges, George R. Hodges, H. A. Hodges, Cornelius Hodges, Mrs. Sarah McLamb, Mrs. Mollie Sorrell and Mrs. Cynthia A. Lee, of the late James Hodges, and fifty-three grandchildren and one hundred and ninety-three great-grandchildren, which included all the descendants of the late James Hodges. The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren all engaged in singing, after which services were conducted by Rev. A. R. McQueen, of Dunn. A sumptuous dinner was prepared from the numerous baskets which had been brought by the different members of the family, and a most enjoyable day was spent by the large crowd present. The reunion will be held annually with some one of the children of the late James Hodges.

THE NEWS IN SELMA.

Selma, Feb. 22.—Mr. John Q. A. Jeffreys visited Conetoe last Sunday.

The Selma Merchants Association met Mr. C. L. Porter, Superintendent of the A. C. L., Wednesday, here to talk over the situation in regard to the new freight depot on which work was stopped in 1914 when the war began. Mr. Porter promised to recommend that it be built as soon as the passenger depot was finished.

Mr. C. E. Kornegay spent Monday in Raleigh.

W. W. Hare & Co., have moved their stock to the store in the rear of the Selma Manufacturing Co.

Mrs. E. J. Tew and Misses Essie Grady and Lena Grassy, of Goldsboro, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Perkins, as was Mr. C. L. Garrison, of Wilson's Mills. The good news comes that Miss Naomi Richardson, who has been quite sick with pneumonia in Birmingham, Ala., is improving slowly.

Mr. J. W. Stout, who has the contract for erecting the office building for Drs. Person and Vick, is in town.

Mr. R. E. Richardson spent Sunday with his daughter, Miss Mavis, who is teaching at New Hope, about six miles from Four Oaks.

Mr. R. E. Morris and Miss Novella Ivey were married Tuesday night at the Lizzie Cotton Mills, Squire Robert W. Etheredge officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Talton, of Oneals township, spent Wednesday night here, the guests of Mr. Charles Talton.

Mrs. J. H. Griffin is on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Chamblee, at Wakefield, this week.

Master Gwynn Driver, son of Mrs. Donia Driver, who has been at Rex Hospital for the past 6 weeks, returned home last Monday much improved in health.

There was a meeting of the citizens and teachers of the Selma Graded School in the auditorium today, Washington's birthday, where very interesting exercises were had. Mr. M. C. Winston, one of the enthusiastic members of the Board of Trustees of the graded school, gave an eight-course luncheon to the Faculty of the school this evening at the school building, which was very much enjoyed by those present. All expressed themselves as having had a good time, and wished that the birthday came as often as did the birthday of a certain old fellow who took up a collection of birthday presents about four times a year.

The idea to turn the old Selma graded school building into a hospital grows as time goes on. In a week or two active steps will be taken about the matter. Your correspondent would suggest that the ladies of the town be asked to move in the matter and take the lead. It is needed here and needed bad.

We hear that our soldier boys will soon be coming back and we must meet them and give them a hearty welcome. We must give them a good time when they arrive and give them a good time, one that will long be remembered. We have several of the boys at home now, and they must be in the "band" when the others arrive. Let them have a regular Selma

STATE-WIDE GOOD ROADS BILL.

General City Government Bill Considered at Length; Extension of Limits Brings Contest. Ouster Measure Gets O. K., So Does the "Open Formula" Bill for Fertilizers and for Cotton Seed Products.

There was passed on final reading Tuesday by the Senate and ordered enrolled for ratification the Clark bill for the semi-annual issuance of \$400,000 of 4 per cent bonds by the State to cover 5 per cent county bonds for road improvement by whatever counties avail themselves of the co-operation with the State, the county bonds and interest to liquidate the State bonds within 41 years.

There was a lengthy consideration of the Pegram bill Tuesday afternoon for providing a general law for organizing and governing cities, towns and incorporated villages. The Brenizer, or committee, bill also was discussed, but left open for fuller individual study. The Pegram bill was considered by sections and minor changes marked and the bill reported favorably.

Ouster Law Gets O. K.

The House committee on liquor traffic has reported favorably the bill for an ouster law to aid in the enforcement of prohibition laws, an amendment being that five instead of one reputable citizen must file charges against a delinquent officer in the court process of ouster for failure to discharge official duty in law enforcement.

The agricultural committee reported favorably the "open formula" bill for fertilizers and for cotton seed products that prescribes penalties for delinquencies in the minimum ingredients.

The Senate received a special message from Governor Bickett Tuesday, urging the immediate passage of the bill to modify the crop lien law by limiting profits of time merchants to 10 per cent over the cash price and allowing a charge of 10 per cent commission in lieu of 6 per cent interest where money is supplied.

Senator Person moved immediate consideration of the bill. This was done and the bill finally passed, 33 to 11, without amendment.

The Senate passed the House bill providing for 20 additional trustees of the University; also, a bill authorizing the condemnation of lands to maintain water supply and designed especially to relieve a situation at the Western hospital for the insane.

Bills passed final reading: Enable the State Board of Education to protect itself in land sales.

The new school board bill passed without amendment. It provides that both parties in every county shall nominate members of the county school board in party primaries, and that the Legislature shall appoint its choice of the two primary nominees.—Raleigh Correspondence Wilmington Star.

SANDERS CHAPEL.

We are hankering for collard and turnips in this ranch. Red Rippers and Grease-alls are our fillers now.

An ice cream licking and "feet" measuring party came off at Mrs. Stout's last Saturday night, but owing to bad weather was thinly attended. One fellow had a "feet" a foot long, which was about one-seventh his stature. The ice cream was eaten in common as there was so few purchasers. The object of the party was to raise funds for the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh. About three dollars was realized.

Sure enough Bud Souters' wedding came off in due time and the infare was a dandy, about twenty-five people partook of the feast and all agreed that it was a layout fit for the President or Gov. Bickett. Chocolate, orange, cocoanut and red cake flanked by as many kinds of custards and all the chicken and dressing and bread-fillings and sweetened coffee desirable, and the fine part of the tune was the abundance of it. All of us wish the couple bright skies and happy voyage through this life.—X. X. X. February 21, 1917.

Welcome, which means a plenty to eat.

Prof. M. C. S. Noble and daughter, Miss Alice, passed through here Wednesday on their way to Georgetown, S. C., to spend a few days with Dr. Isaac Emmerson, an old college mate of Prof. Noble, who has made millions out of bromo-seltzer.