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BILL FOR NEW COURT HOUSE AND JAIL.

County Commissioners to be Authorized to Build New Court House and Jail for Johnston County—Not to Cost More Than \$500,000.

A bill authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Johnston County to issue bonds to build a new court house and jail is to be introduced in the present session of the General Assembly, if it has not already been introduced. The first section of the bill reads as follows:

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Sec. 1. That the board of commissioners of Johnston County are hereby authorized and empowered to have erected in the town of Smithfield, Johnston County, on the public square where the present courthouse is now situate, a new courthouse and jail of sufficient size to accommodate the present and future needs of the county, both as to a courtroom, and offices for all the public officers of Johnston County, including a courtroom, at least two jury rooms, judge's chamber, two consultation rooms, and separate offices or apartments for the clerk of the Superior Court, sheriff, register of deeds, treasurer or auditor, board of county commissioners, grand jury, superintendent of public instruction, and such other officers as in the judgment of said commissioners may be necessary, which said new courthouse and jail shall cost not less than two hundred thousand dollars, and not more than five hundred thousand dollars; and shall erect and construct said courthouse with adequate, safe, and suitable fireproof vaults, furniture and appliances for the use and preservation of the public records, and provide said building with hot water, steam, or other proper means of heating, so as to avoid the danger of fire incident to the use of fireplaces and stoves; provide said courthouse with proper closets, water and sewerage conveniences and electric or other lights, and properly erect, furnish, equip, and finish the said courthouse in a manner suitable, convenient, and adequate for the public business of Johnston County. That the jail shall be constructed and erected on top of the new courthouse, and the material used therein shall be fire proof, and the cells shall be stone. That said jail shall be safe, and suitable in size and dimensions for the confinement and keeping of all persons thereto committed. That said jail shall be provided with lights, water, heat and such conveniences as shall make the same sanitary.

The second section of the bill authorizes the board of commissioners to employ a competent and reputable architect who shall prepare and furnish plans, etc., and after such plans have been accepted to advertise for bids for the erection and completion of such courthouse and jail.

The third section authorizes the said board of commissioners to issue not less than two hundred thousand dollars worth of bonds to pay the cost of building and completing said courthouse and jail. They are to bear not less than four per cent nor more than six per cent interest. Or they are given power, in their discretion, to borrow money and give notes or other evidences of indebtedness for the building of said courthouse and jail.

Section four provides for the levying and collecting of taxes to pay interest on these bonds and create a sinking fund, not to exceed ten cent on the hundred dollars worth of property and 30 cents on the poll.

The succeeding sections of the act amplify and explain the machinery for carrying out the principal provisions of the act.

The Herald will carry a complete copy of the bill as drawn in its issue for Tuesday, August 17.

The Geological Survey reports that the soft coal production for the month of July in the United States is 44,000,000 tons over July 1919. If the miners will go to work and the railroads can get in position to haul the coal there need be no shortage of coal this winter.

COX'S SPEECH OF ACCEPTANCE

In his speech of acceptance at Dayton, Ohio, last Saturday Governor Cox, the Democratic nominee for President, presented a strong political document. It is plain and to the point. It is not evasive, but is clear cut and rings clear on the great issues before the people. The following summary of the speech is given in Sunday's Wilmington Star:

Peace for America and the world by this nation's entrance into the league with "interpretations."

"Ratification of pact first duty, for we are in a time which calls for straight talking, and straight acting."

Prohibition amendment and Volstead law not specifically mentioned, but nominee promised strict law enforcement.

Referring to the abuse of the writ of injunction the governor declared "morals cannot be produced by statute."

"Senatorial oligarchy," selected Harding as the republican choice. Senators Penrose, Lodge and Smoot charged with dictating a creed "of bitterness, hate and the vacillating policy that possesses it."

Republican stand generally scored as reactionary.

Republican congress charged with failure to pass a constructive law or to reduce war taxes.

Urges change from old world of yesterday "where international intrigue made people mere pawns on the chess board of war."

Advocates fair returns for both capital and labor and the development of both into large units—without injury to the public interest. Collective bargaining by labor through its own representatives was strongly approved.

In support of woman suffrage, he said "Women are entitled to the privilege of voting as a matter of right, and because they will be helpful in maintaining wholesome and patriotic policy."

American soldiers praised for war services, and declares the nation owes a debt to those who died, and their dependents and to the wounded who should be trained and rehabilitated.

"The Mexican situation," he said, "had been trying our patience for years, but now begins to show signs of improvement, since it is realized that America has no disposition to disturb their sovereign rights."

On the railroad question he advocated giving "a thorough test to private ownership" under government regulation.

"Heavy" and immediate reduction of federal taxation urged. With economy more than \$2,000,000,000 could be cut from the present schedules, he asserted.

The federal reserve act was commented on at length as the greatest factor in America's war efforts next to the personal sacrifices of the people.

Repeal of war laws restricting freedom of speech and assembly and liberty of the press was urged, together with Americanization of alien residents.

Conservation of children by prevention of child labor, adequate pay for government employees, drastic efforts to eliminate anarchistic agitators and development of waterway transportation were other affirmative policies.

President Wilson was paid a graceful compliment when Governor Cox scored the republican platform for absence of "a line that breathes emotion of pride" in the nation's war achievements.

EXPRESSMEN GET RAISE

Eighty Thousand Men Not Provided for in Recent Railway Award Are Affected

Chicago, Aug. 10.—The United States Railway Labor Board today handed down a decision increasing wages of employees of the American Railway Express Company \$30,000,000 yearly.

Eighty thousand men not provided for by the recent \$600,000,000 railway wage award are affected.

The award is retroactive to May 1, 1920. The wage increase amounting to sixteen cents an hour will give messengers and other train service employees an increase of \$38.40 a month. All other employees will receive an increase of \$32.64.

Train service employees work on a 240-hour month basis, while all other employees work on a 204-hour basis.—Associated Press.

GRADED SCHOOL TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 8.

Bill for Bond Election for Proposed High School Building Considered—Superintendent H. B. Marrow Announces the Teachers for Coming Year.

Mr. H. B. Marrow, Superintendent of the Smithfield Graded Schools, who has been at Chapel Hill during the session of the University Summer School, was here Wednesday to attend the meeting of the town school board that night.

At this meeting the date of school opening was fixed and the bill for the bond election for the proposed high school building was considered. The board decided to open the fall term of the school on Wednesday, September 8.

The board decided to have a bill introduced in the legislature providing for a bond election in the Smithfield Graded School District providing for an issue of bonds not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars worth to run for a term of not less than twenty years and not exceeding thirty years, for the purpose of purchasing additional grounds and erecting and equipping suitable school building or buildings. Mr. Marrow went to Raleigh yesterday morning to turn the bill over to our representatives to be introduced in the legislature.

Mr. Marrow announced the teachers for the coming year as follows:

Primary Department:—First to the third grades inclusive—Misses Madge Kennette, of Chapel Hill, supervisor; Irene Myatt, Luna Lassiter and Eula Parrish, of Smithfield; Martha Oneal, of Scranton; Esther Dinglehoff, of Lenoir; Janie Lyaerly, of Hickory, and Elsie Sparger, of Mount Airy.

Fourth Grade: Miss Emma Wellos, of Smithfield, and Miss Sarah Miller, of Mocksville.

Fifth Grade: Miss Laura Holt, of Bahama, Durham county.

Sixth Grade: Miss Nettie Smoak, of Wilkesboro.

Junior High School: Miss Ruth White, of Stovall, Granville county; Miss Maude Lassiter, of Mechanic, Randolph county; Miss Ruth Coble, of Guilford College.

Senior High School: Miss Laura Weddell, of Tarboro; Miss Ora C. Cansler, of Newton; Mr. George T. Whitley, of Smithfield, and Mr. Thomas H. Franks, of Wake county.

Miss Sarah Kennedy, of Ridgeway, South Carolina, will again have charge of the music department.

Supt. Marrow considers that he has the best faculty he has ever had and considers the Smithfield school very fortunate in having secured a faculty that will measure up with the faculty of any graded and high school in the State.

The new members of the faculty are Misses Elsie Sparger, Laura Holt, Nettie Smoak, Ruth White, Maude Lassiter, Ruth Coble, Laura Weddell, and Mr. Thomas H. Franks. Miss Weddell was a member of the school faculty two years ago and made a large number of friends here who will gladly welcome her back again.

The school will have to run again this coming session on a double schedule like it did last year. It is not a very satisfactory way to run the school, but it is the best the board and superintendent can do at the present. The great need for more room grows more and more evident each year.

How Many Ready to Die.

La Porte, Ind., Aug. 10.—"If lightning should strike this tent tonight how many would be ready for it?" as Rev. John Timber, evangelist, asked a congregation of free Methodists crowding a tent at Springfield near here last night. Outside a storm was threatening.

A few moments later a bolt of lightning entered the canvas top, killing two ministers on the platform, burned the Rev. Mr. Timber dangerously and knocked down many of the worshippers.

The dead are: The Rev. Henry Lenz, presiding elder, Belvidere, Ill.; the Rev. L. W. Huston, field agent of the Evansville, Wisconsin, Seminary.—Associated Press.

Give the cover crops a good start before cold weather comes.

UP TO DEMOCRATIC SOUTH TO RATIFY.

Failure Would Present Issue To Republicans Who Hope North Carolina Will Present Deaf Ear—Harding Could Secure Ratification in Conn. or Vt.

Washington, Aug. 10.—Ratification is now up to the Democratic South, said Secretary Daniels today, in outlining the urgent necessity of ratification of the suffrage amendment by North Carolina and Tennessee. The Republicans, went on the Secretary, have no real issue in this campaign, and they are hoping that North Carolina and Tennessee will reject woman suffrage so that they can have a sectional issue to rally the North and West against the Democratic party.

They cannot get up a race or bloody shirt issue. Two years ago, when they captured Congress, they made much of the charge in the North and West that Southern Democrats were in control in the government at Washington. But in the present campaign they have nothing of the kind to revive sectionalism unless North Carolina and Tennessee turn a deaf ear to the rightful claims of the women of the nation. If these two Southern Democratic States fail to ratify the Republicans will have an issue that they are secretly hoping and working to secure.

The Secretary said the Republicans had never been sincere on this woman suffrage question. They know that four years ago it was the women who elected Wilson. The Republicans are mortally afraid that if the women in 20 States where they are still disfranchised are allowed to vote, they will vote for the Democrats on the League of Nations issue. On such a clear-cut moral issue Harding and his leaders will never trust the women, especially in doubtful States.

Secretary Daniels said that every person acquainted with the situation in the Republican States of Vermont and Connecticut knew that these two States could be got to ratify the suffrage amendment if Harding only said it must be done. The Legislatures in these two States have been polled, and the members stand overwhelmingly for ratification. Governors Holcomb and Clement's refusal to call the Legislatures into extra session is only done to save the Republican party from well-nigh certain defeat in many of the doubtful States.

Take Connecticut as an example. The Republicans are almost sure to be defeated in that State if the women vote. One of the men they could slaughter with great pleasure is the "bitterender," Senator Brandegee, who never lost an opportunity in the Senate to assail the League of Nations. Chairman Hays is urging Governor Holcomb to call the Legislature into session to ratify, but it is not likely that Hays can move the Governor of Connecticut.

The South, through the Legislatures of North Carolina and Tennessee, never had such an opportunity presented to it to present the issue of sectionalism as a free gift to the Republican party which is now bankrupt in issues. Of all places in this world, the South should be the last to give the party that has fattened on sectionalism for a generation such an advantage in a campaign, when the country's greatest moral issue is at stake.

Ratification by Tennessee, said the Secretary, should make ratification by North Carolina all the more certain. The fact is ratification by the daughter State ought to remove all opposition to ratification by the mother State. Tennessee's ratification will make suffrage an accomplished fact. It cannot hurt North Carolina to recognize an accomplished fact, but it will not help the Democratic party and the high idealism it stands for in this campaign for North Carolina to reject ratification. North Carolina cannot morally evade the issue. There is too much at stake, and, above all, so far as the State is concerned, is its good name for progress, the advancement of Democracy and human freedom. For North Carolina to enfranchise eight millions of women in 20 States or to approve of the enfranchisement under the political and moral circumstances which now confront

PRINCETON—BOON HILL.

Princeton, Aug. 11.—Miss Erma Pitts from Enfield is the guest of Misses Frances and Margaret Ledbetter this week.

Dr. Jim C. Joyner from Rainey Hospital, Burlington, is at home with his parents for a day or two.

Mr. Will H. Joyner from Chicago is spending a few days at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Joyner.

Doctor and Mrs. A. G. Woodard have returned from New York, where they have been for the last few months. The Doctor expects to locate in Smithfield for the practice of his profession.

Rev. W. G. Farrar has returned from Charlotte. Mrs. Farrar and children will remain there for a few days.

Mrs. Bettie Pittman from Goldsboro is visiting in town this week.

Mrs. J. C. Thomas from Apex is spending the week in town with relatives.

Many persons here are highly pleased to note that an effort will be made to enforce the state law which prohibits persons under 16 years of age from operating automobiles.

There were five automobiles in Princeton within an hour last Saturday that were without any license number.

Rev. J. P. Guley from Nashville closed a week's meeting here Sunday night at the Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Mr. Everett. Several additions to the church as a result of the meeting, and those who heard Rev. Mr. Guley were most favorably impressed with his preaching ability.

Miss Gladys Gurley is visiting at Kenly this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Snipes from Washington City are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John W. Snipes, the parents of Lester. Mr. Snipes married a charming young lady in Washington City some months ago, but she is a native of Virginia, we are informed.

Mr. J. L. Fennell from Clinton has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Henry Pearce, the past week.

Mrs. L. D. Gramham and small children have gone to Sumter, S. C., to visit her married daughter.

Miss Bettie Lee Sanders and Miss Bessie Coats from Smithfield are the guests of Mrs. E. A. Holt today.

Mr. Luther Pearce has returned from a trip to Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Flossie Wells is spending several days at Fuquay Springs.

Mr. Walter Baker's new gin will soon be ready for business with a new 50 horse-power drive wheel, and the latest improved machinery. He will be fully prepared.

Mr. Jessie Snipes is building a nice new cottage one mile east of town and as soon as it is completed he expects to move into it.

The excessive rains in this section are doing heavy damage. Cotton is shedding the fruit and tobacco is being ruined. Many farmers say they do not expect a half crop.

The Peele Drug store will soon move into new quarters—the brick store owned by Mr. N. B. Hinton and which is being remodeled and nicely fitted up inside.

The friends of Mr. W. S. Stevens were glad to see him in town for a short while Monday evening.

Two tobacco barns were burned in this section the past week.

Former Governor Locke Craig, in a recent letter, says that if he were a member of the present legislature he would vote for the ratification of the Suffrage Amendment. He says that he is a democrat and stands by the principles enunciated by the platform, that he does not like to be disloyal or antagonistic to the constituted leaders of his party. Governor Cox, the selected leader of the Democratic party earnestly desires the adoption of the Suffrage Amendment. He further says that he hopes that North Carolina will be the thirty-sixth state to ratify the Anthony Amendment.

Sanitation is necessary to prevent losses from hog cholera—keep sick animals away from healthy ones, and vaccinate too.

How about loading up the pantry shelves?—Extension Circular 76, about canning with 4 H recipes, is yours for a postal to the Extension Service, Raleigh.

The country would be one of the greatest achievements in the State's history.—News and Observer.

GINNERS ENJOY FISH FRY AND BARBECUE

Large Number Gather at Holt's Lake—Price of Ginning to Be Increased to \$6.75 Per Bale of 500 Pounds—1½ Cents Per Pound in Excess of 500.

A large number of cotton gin owners of the county, attended a barbecue and fish fry at Holt's Lake, near the town of Smithfield, on Wednesday of this week.

Owing to the advanced costs in bagging and ties—in fact, in everything that is employed in ginning cotton, it was the opinion of those present that it will be necessary to increase the price of ginning and wrapping the growing crop.

It was also the opinion of those present that a minimum price of \$6.75 per bale, including bagging and ties, ginners to pay the 25 cents per bale state tax, would be a fair and just price to all concerned, 1½ cents per pound to be charged extra on all excess weights over 500 pounds.

Several ginners reported that their presses were damaged during last season, by attempting to pack large bales.

The ginners of the county desire to use better bagging and ties, and to render better service. They therefore earnestly request the farmers to help protect their machinery against unusually large bales and wet cotton. In loading wagons, it is an easy matter to get around 1400 pounds of seed cotton on each wagon. That would ordinarily make a bale of cotton weighing about 500 pounds.

The ginners of the county realize that it will be a difficult matter for them to run their plants during the coming season, and they solicit the co-operation of the farmers of the county, in their efforts to handle the growing crop with promptness and efficiency.—X. Y. X.

FOUR OAKS NEWS.

Four Oaks, Aug. 11.—Miss Josephine Bandy left Tuesday afternoon for Fayetteville where she will visit friends.

Mrs. W. J. Woodall left Wednesday morning for the Cumberland Hospital where she goes for treatment.

Mrs. C. W. Bandy and daughter, Miss Martha, left Thursday for Dillon, S. C., to visit relatives.

Miss Floreid Woodard leaves Saturday morning for LaGrange, Farmville and Kinston where she visits relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon A. Adams left Sunday for a few days stay in Richmond, Va.

Mr. G. K. Massengill and Rev. E. B. Craven spent Tuesday in Raleigh.

Mr. N. A. Keen is visiting friends in Richmond, Va., this week.

Mrs. W. H. Tucker and children, Marvin and Sally May, are visiting relatives in Florence, S. C.

Mrs. J. W. Paschal and children Ruby and Irene, are visiting friends and relatives in Lucama and Wilson this week.

Mr. W. H. Tucker and Kermit Paschal left Monday for a few days stay at Jackson Springs.

Mr. S. W. Brown spent Tuesday in Raleigh.

The many friends of Mr. B. B. Adams will be glad to know that he is steadily improving.

Mr. William Adams spent Tuesday in Raleigh.

Mrs. H. B. Adams is spending some time in Atlanta, Ga.

The Philathea class of the Methodist church was delightfully entertained by Mrs. T. F. Watkins Tuesday night. The guests were met at the door by Miss Betty Davis. After spending some time in conversation, delicious cream, almonds and cake were served by Master Albert Watkins and Hubert Allen. The guests departed about ten o'clock declaring Mrs. Watkins a delightful hostess. Among those present were: Messrs. B. I. Tart and T. F. Watkins, Messdames C. H. Wellons, R. C. Canaday, Wilson Massengill, R. B. Strickland, J. A. Keen and J. S. Hudson; Misses Floreid Woodard, Gladys Adams, Maggie Tart, Mattie Pearce, Mildred and Eva Allen. The guests of honor were Misses Betty and Patty Davis.

From newspaper reports, the bay is the driest spot around New York.