

EXPRESS COMPANY WILL PAY \$10,000

CLAIMS OF STATE FOR BACK TAXES SETTLED BY COMPROMISE FOR 50 PER CENT.

DISPATCHES FROM RALEIGH

Doings and Happenings That Mark the Progress of North Carolina People Gathered Around the State Capitol.

Litigation of the State of North Carolina against the Southern Express Company involving over \$20,000 of back taxes owing to the state by the company for the years from 1909 through 1912 was settled in conference between representatives of the state and the express company in the office of Governor Craig.

A compromise of \$10,000 was reached and agreed upon by parties.

Those appearing before Governor Craig in the matter under settlement were Corporation Commissioner E. L. Travis, Attorney General T. W. Bickett, State Treasurer B. R. Lacy, and General Counsel Robert Alston of Atlanta, Julius Martin of Asheville, A. B. Andrews of Raleigh and Agent J. J. Bowen of Raleigh.

The charge for collection of back taxes was made in 1913 following an investigation by the corporation commission. According to the order which was issued by the corporation commission then, it appeared that for 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, there was imposed upon the express company, "upon its gross revenue derived from business done wholly within this state," an annual tax of two and a half per cent for 1909 and 1910 and three per cent for 1911 and 1912.

The gross revenue for the Southern Express Company for this time, according to its own reports made to the commission, was 1909, \$313,052.73; 1910, \$348,865.57; 1911, \$385,900.27; 1912, \$432,310.01.

In making report to the corporation commission, however, the Southern Express Company, it is charged, deducted for those years the amounts paid railroad companies for transportation as follows: 1909, \$148,550.04; 1910, \$168,520.27; 1911, \$183,657.11; 1912, \$219,512.49.

By this method the company arrived at the amounts which it reported as gross revenues for the four years and upon which its franchise tax was computed and paid.

The corporation commission contended that the reductions made by the express company were neither proper nor lawful; and if the company were allowed to deduct transportation charges, other expenses might as properly be deducted.

With this state of affairs facing it, the corporation commission adjudged the Southern Express Company to be indebted to the State of North Carolina in back taxes for those four years the amounts of \$3,716.25 for 1909; \$4,213 for 1910; \$5,509 for 1911; \$6,575 for 1912. All of it totaled \$20,014.32.

This order was issued on August 1, 1913, and since that time the attorney general of North Carolina instituted suit.

Warren County New Dog Law.

Notable among the opinions delivered recently by the supreme court was on the Warren county dog law passed by the last legislature that imposes a tax of \$2 on each male and \$3 on each female dog in the county. It was introduced by the representative from Warren originally to apply to the entire state and after many committee hearings and amendments, laws passed to apply only to Warren. There was a restraining order by F. B. Newell and others against the county game warden, charged with collecting the tax, and this was dissolved by Judge Ferguson and his action is now upheld by the supreme court. Chief Justice Clark, in writing the opinion, took the position that in such matters, if the people don't want such a law, must be handled through the legislature.

No Decrease in Assessment.

In the matter of the equalization of the assessment of real estate of Mecklenburg county with other counties in the state, as the commission expresses it, the corporation commission gave out, through Chairman E. L. Travis, the order of the commission declining to modify in any way its order for the 15 per cent increase in the Mecklenburg assessment. This action follows the strenuous hearing of the big Mecklenburg delegation when there were also present representatives from a dozen other counties.

Fire Prevention Day Circulars.

Circulars on Fire Prevention Day are being sent out from the office of the North Carolina Insurance Commissioner J. R. Young to county clerks, mayors of cities, fire insurance commissioners, journals and state papers.

General Lee's Address to Army.

The State Historical Commission has received from the Hall of History a steel engraved copy of General Robert E. Lee's farewell address to the army of Northern Virginia on April 10, 1865.

Tax Assessments Given by Counties.

The recent order of the corporation commission affecting tax assessments in the counties is given in full because of the general interest throughout the state in its contents. The increase by counties is as follows:

Alleghany, thirty per cent; Anson, ten per cent; Ashe, twenty per cent; Beaufort, five per cent; Bertie, fifteen per cent; Bladen, ten per cent; Buncombe, five per cent; Burke, ten per cent; Cabarrus, five per cent; Caldwell, twenty per cent; Camden, ten per cent; Caswell, ten per cent; Catawba, fifteen per cent; Chatham, ten per cent; Chowan, ten per cent; Clay, five per cent; Cleveland, fifteen per cent; Columbus, five per cent; Craven, five per cent; Cumberland, ten per cent; Currituck, five per cent; Davidson, fifteen per cent; Davie, five per cent; Duplin, ten per cent; Durham, ten per cent; Edgecombe, ten per cent; Forsyth, ten per cent; Franklin, ten per cent; Gaston, ten per cent; Gates, five per cent; Granville, ten per cent; Greene, five per cent; Guilford, ten per cent; Halifax, five per cent; Harnett, five per cent; Haywood, five per cent; Henderson, five per cent; Hertford, five per cent; Hoke, five per cent; Hyde, five per cent; Iredell, ten per cent; Jackson, five per cent; Johnston, five per cent; Jones, ten per cent; Lenoir, five per cent; Lincoln, ten per cent; Macon, ten per cent; Madison, five per cent; McDowell, ten per cent; Mecklenburg, fifteen per cent; Mitchell, five per cent; Montgomery, ten per cent; Northampton, five per cent; Onslow, fifteen per cent; Orange, ten per cent; Pamlico, five per cent; Pender, ten per cent; Perquimans, five per cent; Person, ten per cent; Pitt, ten per cent; Polk, five per cent; Randolph, fifteen per cent; Richmond, twenty-five per cent; Robeson, ten per cent; Rockingham, five per cent; Rowan, ten per cent; Rutherford, five per cent; Sampson, five per cent; Scotland, thirty per cent; Transylvania, five per cent; Tyrrell, five per cent; Union, ten per cent; Vance, five per cent; Warren, five per cent; Wake, five per cent; Wayne, five per cent; Wilkes, ten per cent; Wilson, ten per cent.

It was further ordered that the assessment of all real property in Pasquotank county be reduced five per cent.

The assessment as made and returned by the assessors and respective boards of equalization are approved as made in the following counties: Alamance, Alexander, Avery, Brunswick, Carteret, Cherokee, Dare, Graham, Lee, Martin, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Stanley, Stokes, Surry, Swain, Watauga, Yadkin and Yancey.

Several exceptions as to certain property in some counties, was made.

Opinions of the Supreme Court.

There were opinions delivered in 13 appeals by the supreme court. The opinions follow: Card vs. Mason, Pasquotank, no error; Cutler vs. Cutler, Beaufort, affirmed; Cook vs. Veneer Company, Pasquotank, no error; Sexton vs. Duff, Pasquotank, affirmed; Horton vs. Light & Water Co., Beaufort, new trial; Fowle vs. Warren, Beaufort, new trial; Elliott vs. Railroad & Lumber Co., Beaufort, no error; Hobgood vs. Hobgood, Edgecombe, modified; Iron Company vs. Bridge Company, Nash, reversed; Brown vs. Telegraph Company, Edgecombe, new trial; Marsh vs. Early, Hertford, reversed; Newell vs. Green, Warren, affirmed; Blue Ridge Interurban Railway vs. Light & Power Co., Henderson, error.

Plan Forest Fire Protection.

Special from Asheville—Owners of timber lands of this section of the state expect to save thousands of dollars during the coming fall and winter months as the results of the adoption of a co-operative plan of protecting their holdings against forest fires. State Forester J. S. Holmes spent some time here in conference with the lumbermen of this section of the state discussing plans for the employment of patrolmen and rangers by the individuals owning timber lands, the city of Asheville and the state.

For Cause of Moonlight Schools.

Dr. J. Y. Joyner, superintendent of public instruction, has received a contribution of \$100 from a former North Carolinian residing in New York now, for the cause of Moonlight Schools. Having read the bulletins on the subject and the press notices of the movement, the New Yorker felt disposed to help in the work. Under no condition, he said, would he consider allowing his name to be used.

Secretary Issues Several Charters.

Buaffo Packing Company, of Warrenville. Capital stock, \$50,000. Subscribed stock, \$1,750. Incorporators, R. L. Ballou, Jefferson; W. H. Jones, Warrenville; A. F. Robinson, Warrenville.

Asheville Development Company.

Asheville Development Company, of Asheville. Capital stock, \$25,000. Subscribed stock, \$4,800. Incorporators, J. M. Chiles, Kenilworth; D. R. Millard, Asheville; E. T. Beich, Asheville.

Lenoir Mills, of Lenoir.

Lenoir Mills, of Lenoir. Capital stock, \$75,000. Subscribed stock, \$7,000. Incorporators, J. H. Beall, J. C. Seagle and T. T. Broghill.

Waterways Men to Make Step.

Congressman John H. Small of the First district and Congressman J. Hampton Moore of Pennsylvania spent one afternoon at Raleigh conferring with city authorities and Governor Craig in preparation for 200 or more delegates to the Savannah convention of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association to stop over here November 8 for a few hours en route to Savannah. They met with the heartiest co-operation and every possible arrangement will be made for the occasion.

Reports to War Department.

Adjutant General Young of the North Carolina National Guard forwarded to the war department reports from the captains of the companies of the North Carolina National Guard and the commanding officers of the regiments as to steps taken to eliminate the deficiencies charged up to each in the annual inspections held last spring. General Young says the deficiencies have been satisfactorily met.

New Hosiery Mill.

Hendersonville—James P. Grey and his son, James P. Grey, Jr., of Johnson City, Tenn., have announced their plans to have a \$10,000 hosiery mill in operation in Hendersonville by the first of the coming year. A site has been purchased on Fourth avenue near the Southern tracks and plans and specifications are being drawn for the plant, machinery for which has been ordered for shipment on November 1. Mr. Grey states that it is his purpose to employ about 25 operatives to begin with.

HARDING EXPECTS 12 CENT COTTON

BROAD FOREIGN DEMAND FOR STAPLE WILL SEND PRICES UPWARD.

DELIVERS STRONG ADDRESS

Before Raleigh Chamber of Commerce He Praised Southern Banks And The Good Judgment of Bankers.

Raleigh—Hon. W. P. G. Harding, member of the Federal Reserve Board in a forcible address delivered at the annual banquet of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce at which there were honor guests representing numbers of the leading commercial organizations of the state, declared that "it is no longer a secret that there is a broad foreign demand for cotton. Estimates show range from 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 bales and a price of 12 cents looks less improbable tonight than 10 did a month ago."

Continuing Mr. Harding said on this subject: "For the first time the crop movement has begun with an abundance of cheap money available for Southern bankers and upon their judgment, advice and co-operation depends, to a great degree, the question of whether or not farmers shall receive intrinsic values for cotton this season."

"My friends," declared Mr. Harding, "the financial emancipation of the rural South is no longer an iridescent dream. It can be made a glorious reality and surely you of North Carolina whose forefathers at Mecklenburg framed the original declaration of political independence will not be laggards in this movement for the new freedom."

Mr. Harding's address was an illuminating presentation of the purposes and the work of the Federal Reserve Board.

He opened with an expression of appreciation for the opportunity to visit the Capital City of North Carolina, a State rich in colonial and national traditions and history and especially powerful in national prestige at this time, with the President a North Carolinian in boyhood, with Josephus Daniels in the cabinet and "with one of your senators chairman of the Senate committee on rates and the other chairman of the great Finance Committee of the Senate, and with a Representative of your State, Congressman Claude Kitchin, soon to be called to assume the duties of chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House and the majority leadership in that body."

Continuing Mr. Harding declared that "the important chairmanships held by your Senators and Representatives will give your state a commanding influence in legislative affairs during the term of the next Congress."

Hotel For Mount Mitchell.

Asheville.—That local investors and visiting capitalists have made arrangements to build a modern hotel of 50 rooms at the summit of Mount Mitchell was the announcement authorized at this city. Work will be started on the structure in time to permit its opening by the beginning of next spring. Boulders from Mount Mitchell will be used in the construction of the foundation and the wall will be constructed of immense logs from the mountain top. The rustic style of architecture will be used and modern conveniences will be provided.

Point Lookout, a short distance from the grave of Dr. Elieha Mitchell, has been chosen as the site for the hotel and Perley & Crockett, owners of the railroad to Mitchell, state that they will extend their line to the location of the hostelry.

Dies From Burns.

Snow Hill.—Attempting to extinguish a blaze started where her five-year-old son emptied a can of kerosene oil on the kitchen range, Mrs. Sam Cobb, of Maury, near here, received burns from which she died several hours later. The child also was burned, but is expected to recover.

Seventy-Five Bushels Per Acre.

West Raleigh.—Seventy-five bushels an acre is what the North Carolina Corn Club boys are putting as their this year's average. Last week the officer in charge at the experiment station at West Raleigh asked each of the boys to report an estimate of the year's yield, and up to the latter part of the week about 1,000 had reported. It seems that this will be a good year for the corn crop, although it was rather unfavorable for a good stand to be obtained in some parts of the state this spring.

KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Mrs. Beulah Hoover, of Weaverville, Instantly Killed When Auto Strikes Tree By Roadside.

Asheville—Mrs. Beulah Hoover of Weaverville, a well-known resident of this section of the state, was killed when the automobile in which she was riding was hurled into a tree and demolished. The machine was driven by Kenneth Gill of Weaverville, and belonged to his father, Dr. J. N. Gill. The driver was bringing Mrs. Hoover and her daughter, Miss Virginia Hoover, to Asheville. The young woman was to take a train to Spartanburg where she intended to enter Converse College.

Want New Highway

Fayetteville.—For the purpose of inspecting Cumberland county's sand-clay roads as a part of their preparation for inaugurating an energetic good roads campaign in Bladen, a party of prominent men from Bladen county were in Fayetteville recently. Their trip will carry them over the counties of Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke and Lee, where pointers as to the value of the different kinds of road-building material will be picked up. J. Beatty, chairman of Bladen's board of county commissioners, is at the head of the party.

Patents For Tar Heels.

Washington.—Davis & Davis, patent attorneys, report the grant to citizens of North Carolina of the following patents:

Speak University Day.

Chapel Hill.—Dr. James Hampton Kirkland, chancellor of Vanderbilt University, will deliver the University Day address October 12. Dr. Kirkland will speak on "Patriotism—A New Interpretation." The program for the University Day exercises has not been completed; but in a general way the customary ceremonies will be carried out. October 12 marks the 121st anniversary of the opening of the University.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 3 ELIJAH IN NABOTH'S VINEYARD.

LESSON TEXT—1 Kings 21:1-20. GOLDEN TEXT—Be sure your sin will find you out.—Num. 32:23.

Ahab disobeyed God and failed to follow up his victory over Ben-Hadad (ch. 20:31-34). Thereupon one of the prophets resorted to a plan whereby Ahab was rebuked and also received a message that sent him "to his house heavy and displeased" (v. 43). All of this needs to be borne in mind when we study Ahab's course of action related in this lesson. Learn by heart the tenth commandment; also Luke 12:15.

I. The Schemes of Men, vv. 11-16. Ahab had been king for twenty years (B. C. 908?). Jezreel was his summer capital, about twenty miles northwest of Samaria. The chief actors in this tragedy were Naboth, a well-to-do citizen; Ahab, a petulant monarch to whom Naboth refused to sell his vineyard; Jezebel, the Lady Macbeth of Ahab's court; elders and nobles of Jezreel, willing tools in the transaction; false witnesses, executioner, and Elijah, the servant of God, who confronted the monarch in his newly gained possession. Ahab was constantly in conflict with the purposes of God and with his Word. Naboth had no right to sell his vineyard (see Numbers 36:7; Lev. 25:23; also Ezek. 45:16) and sturdily stood out for his God-given rights. These land laws were rigid, but at the same time wise and beneficial. Instead of yielding to God's law Ahab sulks like a petted child (v. 4) and thus again runs counter to God's Word (see tenth commandment). At this juncture Jezebel, his wife, appeals to his pride and power as the king (v. 7), and offers to procure the coveted possession. The methods of mankind whereby vast possessions are accumulated do not always bear investigation; murder and rapine, broken hearts and shortened lives, weakened bodies and stunted children can largely be traced to the sin or covetousness, against which we all need to be on guard (Luke 12:15; Eph. 5:5). The first sinner was covetous (Gen. 3:6), so also were the chosen people of God (Josh. 7:21), and it was this that caused the first division among Christian believers (Acts 5:1-3). Jezebel most graciously gave Ahab that which belonged to others; how free we all can be with the property of others! She also cloaked her designs with the mantle of religion (8-13).

II. The Sentence of God, vv. 17-20. The dead Naboth was happier than his neighbors of Jezreel, the king and queen or any of the other evil participants. Ahab began by breaking the first commandment (1 Kings 16:31; Deut. 5:7) and thus laid the groundwork of the whole train of evil for which he and his household and his reign are famous. The elders readily obeyed the word of Jezebel and Ahab profited thereby, but now he was to hear the Word of God and it was not to be so welcome. Recently we saw Elijah set aside, following his flight from Jezreel, but he is not entirely beyond us and God now gave him a new commission, one more task in connection with his old opponent. There is nothing indicating cowardice in Elijah's bold challenge of Ahab and there is also a suggestion of a guilty conscience in Ahab's exclamation, "Hast thou found me, O mine enemy" (v. 20)? Ahab had "gone down to the vineyard of Naboth" (v. 16) to enjoy the pleasure of possessing his ill-gotten treasure only to hear again his word of doom (ch. 20:42; 21-19). It was a poor exchange Ahab made (Mark 8:37), a throne and his life in exchange for the carrying out of his own will and the possession of a vineyard. In that exact spot where Naboth had been foully stoned the dogs would lick up the blood of the king. As is usually the case, the guilty sinner called the righteous servant of God his "enemy," yet had Ahab obeyed the Word of Jehovah as so frequently spoken by Elijah he would have discovered him to be his true and best friend, not his enemy. Ahab's sin had found him out (Golden Text, Num. 32:23).

III. The Summary. Covetousness is not the mere desire for things we do not possess, but a deep longing which is willing to do wrong, to injure others, to profit by the evil deeds of others in order to come into possession. Covetousness seeks to gain at the expense of higher and better things; it is the extreme opposite of the spirit of him who "gave all."

The greatest danger of our land and the chief source of sin is covetousness. The source and fountain of covetousness is selfishness. Hence the one and only cure is in a changed heart, one consecrated to God and devoted to the service of others.

Love God, obey his Word, strive with all our ransomed powers to build up and advance his kingdom and covetousness will vanish as mist before the summer sun.

Covetousness is insatiable, it is never satisfied.

It is like the drug habit, it grows by leaps and bounds.

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