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Big Political Scrap Now In Progress Over Tax Refund To Big Tobacco Companies

To those who have heard the political discussions, seen the smoke, felt the fire and smelled the political stink for a long while, the press news has been very interesting.

Briefly, it seems that the 1921 General Assembly thought it wise to create a new Department of State, the function of which would be to manage and control the taxing end of our Government and since this Department has grown so large it looks as if it was very wise legislation. This scheme seems to some extent to have come from the fruitful mind of Mr. A. J. Maxwell, chairman of the Corporation Commission which had at that time all the duties now borne by the Tax Commission. It was generally thought that Mr. Maxwell would be appointed State Tax Commissioner since he was the best informed man in North Carolina on the tax question.

But a greater question of taxation arose, that of taxing the public interest to pay political debts and Governor Morrison seemed to say in his heart, "Mr. Watts has done just a little more for me than Mr. Maxwell," so A. D. Watts, the old war horse, is appointed the first State Tax Commissioner of North Carolina.

From that time it was evident that something was wrong. Clouds of dust could be seen here and there at a meeting of the great forces was looked for, certainly not far from the election for the next ballot box. The real chess game and the screen of battle raged throughout the ears of the citizen of the State last week when Watts issued his famous order to the State of North Carolina and the County of Durham to return to The American Tobacco Company and The Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., more than \$110,000 taxes paid in 1920.

At this juncture of the fight, Josephus Daniels advised the Governor to come home and look after his servants. We all know it is pleasant in Asheville, the summer capital, yet the least of the public demands the close attention and the guiding power of the executive sceptre. Besides, it is pleasant in Raleigh under the shade of the oaks in Capital Square. Mr. Morrison read the words of advice, thought them kind, kept his mouth shut and laid down his pen which is usually a fine record for politicians to travel.

In the meantime A. D. Watts make his entrance on the stage and to Mr. Maxwell, "You tax the poor fellows too high. Col. Osborne and others looked over the stock of tobacco and found the assessments your commission made in 1920 were an imposition, therefore I am returning to the companies the sum of \$110,000 in good money, which is the amount you overcharged them." There is little doubt but that the decision of Mr. Watts was based on sound reason from the light of the case before him for who can put up a stronger case than the rich tobacco companies and their friends? He exonerates himself, gives the companies a clean record and proceeds to take a refreshing nap.

While he slumber, Mr. Maxwell goes to the closet and rolls out the old ghost, the Tobacco Companies' statements to the Insurance companies in which they, themselves, had valued their property at a much higher figure than it was assessed for tax. So now the Colonel sleeps again and what his dreams are is a matter for speculation. One thing has again proven itself. That is Josephus Daniels has always given the mighty rich lots of trouble and stand for the rights of the people and for that reason

Preparing Now for The Norfolk Fair

The week commencing Monday, Sept. 5, will see many visitors from this section in Norfolk. The Norfolk Fair, which is bigger and better this year than ever before, will be the chief attraction. Coupled with it will be the week of special inducements offered by the wholesale and retail merchants of that city to all out-of-town visitors.

The free entertainment offered by the Norfolk Agricultural and Industrial Fair Association is the most elaborate which this section of the United States has witnessed in years. Leading the spectacular stunts will be Miss Mabel Cody, a niece of the famous "Buffalo Bill," who will perform hair-raising feats of courage. She will stand on the wings of her aeroplane, while it is flying at rapid speed, and will drop in a parachute from a height of fifteen hundred feet. Lieutenant "Daredevil" McGowan will also exhibit daily, standing on the wing of his aeroplane while it is looping the loop and jumping from one plane to another while in full flight. These are only two of the daily amusement features which will include also chariot races, horse races, automobile races and daily concerts by General Pershing's official band, etc.

The exhibits have been gathered from far and wide, and in addition to the industrial exhibits, will include the best and largest display of live steel ever gathered in the Eastern Virginia. Thousands of dollars will be offered as premiums and prizes. The Norfolk Fair is the biggest event of its kind ever presented in this section of the United States.

The merchants of Norfolk are co-operating to make the week of Sept. 5-10 a gala occasion. The city will be decorated and practically all of the business houses and hotels will assist in making this week one long to be remembered by all visitors. Special excursion rates will be offered on all railroads.

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THREE PEOPLE BURNED TO DEATH IN BIG FIRE IN MACON

Macon, Ga., Aug. 22.—Twelve or more persons are believed to be dead from a fire which early this morning destroyed the Hotel Brown. House Rescuers are searching the smouldering ruins for bodies. Twelve injured persons are in a local hospital. Women guests who were trapped leaped from the windows into the arms of men on the sidewalk. Two of the known dead are John K. Hays, a former justice of the peace, H. A. Turpin and his wife. Another name has not yet been learned. The fire started from a chemical explosion in an adjacent drug store and wrecked the side of the hotel.

NOTICE

Martin County is entitled to two scholarships, giving free tuition in the State College of Agriculture and Engineering. Of these, one can be used by students in the agricultural course and one in the other courses. This is a good opportunity to get a good technical education and should be taken advantage of.

I shall be very glad to give these scholarships to deserving young men. Any young man who desires to accept one of these scholarships will please write to me at once.

A. J. MANNING, Superintendent of Schools, Martin County.

DRAFTED TO CLASS A

The Old Man was harboiled and the regimental sky pilot knew it. But he thought he would make one try. "Colonel," he said, "I'd like to hold a baptism service this Sunday."

"Nothing doing," roared the Old Man. "You'll have lot of time for that sort of thing after we lick the Japs."

"But Colonel, the Eighth's Chaplain baptized seven men last Sunday and I hate to have his monthly report beat mine."

"Is that so? Is that so? There isn't a blink-blank thing in that blink-blank Eighth can beat my blink-blank outfit in. Sergeant, detail ten of your blink-blank best men and tell them to report for baptism formation at 7:30."—American Legion Weekly.

son is much cursed by the high brow politicians, their small fry and dupes and the monopolistic rich.

TRUST RETURNING FOR MORE GIFTS

The Tobacco trust will be back in Raleigh next Thursday to ask for an addition of approximately \$10,000 to the gift of \$110,327.52 handed over to it last Wednesday in related taxes by Revenue Commissioner A. D. Watts and the State Board of Equalization.

Not all of the American Tobacco Company's property is in Durham county. The State Tax Commission found two million dollars worth in Rockingham county on January 1, 1920, according to the book value applied to it. From this value the company wants a reduction of about \$700,000.

Thursday's proceeding is placed on the same basis as of that of last week, and the Reidsville valuation was included in the initial exception filed by the tobacco company. Commissioner Watts said several days ago that he had advised the county and city authorities that a hearing would be held, and if any were minded to protest, to be here on that date.

County May Fight Rockingham County had a tax rate of 59 cents in 1920; Reidsville a rate of 50 cents, and the Reidsville school district a rate of 30 cents, making a total of \$1.39 for all purposes. Applied to the \$700,000 rebate sought by the American Company this aggregate of the new larger sought by the corporation is about \$10,000.

Things may not move so peacefully Thursday when the Reidsville case comes before the board. It is here that Rockingham county officials are coming down to protest the reduction, and that the municipal authorities, having fiscal difficulties of their own, will not see their funds reduced without protest. The municipal bids fair not to be altogether unopposed.

Yesterday passed without statement from anybody, and without development of the fight between Commissioner Watts and Commissioner Maxwell. Rumors of secret councils of war, where plans were formulated for upholding Mr. Maxwell's currency, but no tangible result was in evidence.—News & Observer.

A TELEGRAM AND AN ANSWER

Hon. Hallet S. Ward, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

Like that Winslow Town and Bill H. R. 7994 to loan railroads five hundred million dollars be given favorable action soon as possible. Certainly during present session of Congress. This relief to the railroad vital if early recovery of industry is to be hoped for.

North Carolina Pine Ass'n., Norfolk, Va., Aug. 17, 11 P. M.

Answer North Carolina Pine Ass'n., Norfolk, Va.

Have shown telegram to Winslow. Understand bill will be reported tomorrow or next day. I am not supporting the bill and shall vote against it.

H. S. WARD, Washington, D. C., Aug. 17, 1921.

POLICE COURT NEWS

State vs. T. I. Midgett. Violating automobile law. Fined \$1.00 and cost.

State vs. C. O. Moore and John Respass, Sr. Affray. Defendant Respass charged with the cost.

State vs. Iola Barnes and Effie Patterson. Affray. Defendant Patterson fined \$2.00 and one half of the costs. Defendant Barnes fined \$4.00 and one half the costs.

State vs. Monk Bagley. Affray. Found over to Recorder's Court in the sum of \$50.00.

State vs. Handy Rosie. Violating automobile law. Fined \$1.00 and the costs.

JORDAN S. GREEN

Jordan S. Green died at his home Sunday morning after a lingering illness of several months, though he had been confined to his bed only a short week. He was the son of the late Jessie V. Green and leaves three brothers, John M., Jesse and Jas. E. Green, and three sisters, Mrs. N. T. Woolard, Mrs. R. S. Rogerson and Mrs. Gland of Pitt County.

He married Miss Fannie Odard, who died about thirty years ago, leaving three small children, all of whom have died since except Mrs. John M. Hopkins. He then married Miss Elizabeth Godard, who still survives him and by this marriage he leaves two children, O. S. Green and Bessie Green. He was sixty-eight years old and had been a successful farmer all his life.

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Local News and Personal Mention

Rev. and Mrs. Hetha of Brinkleyville, Misses Lottie and Blanche Hardee and Ralph Reeves, Eli Bellamy, and Dr. Hardee of Enfield, Miss Musgrave of Charlotte, Miss Hammons of Elot College, Miss Ethel Clements of Scotland Neck and Mrs. H. M. Neville of Weldon, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hardy Monday while en route to Lake Phelps, near Creswell, on a camping trip.

Miss Jewell Burnett has returned to her position as stenographer for Critcher and Critcher after visiting relatives and friends in Farmville, Spring Hope, Wilson and Greenville.

Mr. Harry M. Stubbs has returned from a visit to his family in Wake Forest.

Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, accompanied by Mrs. Herman Horthal returned yesterday by motor after visiting her sister, Mrs. E. C. Lewis in Norfolk for two weeks.

Mr. Frank Margolis has returned from a very extensive trip North. After completing his visit with relatives and friends, Mr. Margolis spent several days in New York making his purchases for Margolis Bros. & Brooks. The few models now on display are evidence that his selection were good.

Miss Sue Leggett of Washington spent the weekend in town with her parents.

Messrs. J. L. Williams, C. D. Cartwright, Jr., and Earl Wynne motored to Greenville and Grifton Sunday.

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Mrs. Keene has returned from a business trip to Wilmington.

Mrs. Knight of Scotland Neck is visiting Mrs. Leslie Fowden this week.

Messrs. Dick Taylor and J. W. Watts motored to Norfolk Sunday.

Roscoe Cowper returned to his home in Raleigh Monday after spending several weeks here with his grandmother, Mrs. Jenny Moore.

Mr. Frank Hitch has returned from a visit to friends in Hobgood.

Mr. Thurman Cowper, of Raleigh who has been visiting Mrs. Jenny Moore, is all at her home with diptheria. Physicians say that his case is light and he will soon be convalescing.

Miss Jamie Edwards of High Point is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Kager Perry this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watts returned yesterday from Norfolk where Mrs. Watts has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Watts.

Mr. James H. Johnson of Oak City was in town Monday. Mr. Johnson is a veteran of the Civil War but is in fine health and seems to have progressed of many more years.

Dr. E. L. Long of Hamilton is in town today on business.

Dr. W. H. House, who was prior to the war, located in Oak City was a visitor in our town yesterday. He entered the war at an early stage and did distinguished hospital service. Since the war he has been taking an advanced course in surgery and expects to locate in some large city in the near future.

The Alphin-Dunn Plumbing Co., received the bid for plumbing and heating the twenty-five thousand dollar school building now being erected in Oak City. This local company gives good work and quick service so its reputation is spreading. Mr. Dunn plans to increase the territory for his work and have a large central plumbing plant in our town.

REVIVAL SERVICES AT REDDICK'S GROVE

The pastor, Rev. A. V. Joyner, began last night a Revival at Reddick's Grove Baptist church. He will preach there each night at 8:00 o'clock. All the people in the community are most cordially invited to attend.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

An examination for teachers will be held in Williamston on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 30 and 31, 1921.

A. J. MANNING.

A VISIT TO AN OLD COLONIAL MANSION

While sitting quietly talking to friends and watching the dancers on the ball room floor at Buffalo Springs, Virginia, my attention in some unusual manner was attracted to a face which was most appealing in its refinement and beauty, even the rhythm of her movements was different from most of the others, and my curiosity got the best of me, and I inquired who the young lady was. I learned that she was Miss Skipwith, the sixth in line from Sir Peyton and Lady Jean Skipwith, who came to Virginia from England about 1698 and settled in Mecklenburg County. Upon investigation I learned that the magnificent house which Sir Peyton built near Buffalo and I was seized with curiosity to visit it, as I was told that its architecture, furniture, painting and general surroundings were the same as in the colonial days.

I went to this wonderful estate, and found it to be everything that one could expect a nobleman from England to have. Its furniture surpassed that at Mount Vernon or Monticello; seekers for antiques would find the former home of Sir Peyton a haven of delight. Its mahogany tables, chairs, book cases, its mirrors, its floors, its paintings are most wonderful and all are kept in a most remarkable state of preservation. The dining room interested me greatly, the old-fashioned side-board laden with silver of old design attracted my fancy, the table itself was most unique, it could be used either as a round table or a square, and of course it was mostly used as a long square table as I was told that Sir Peyton was most hospitable, there were every evidence of his lavish entertainment.

One of the few pieces of furniture which I have seen was a wine chest lined with cork, the chest was sitting on legs like a table, and in my fancy I imagined the wonderful scenes of merriment which were in this wonderful dining room, as I am told that Virginians of the early days were much given to the wine cup. Another thing in this wonderful dining room which appealed to me as I had never seen the like of it before, was a mahogany fly fan of huge design which was suspended from the ceiling, and on each side of it was attached brass chains which the slave used to pull the fan as the family and guests ate. The paintings of this room were most remarkable. The entire room was surrounded by a series of paintings of deer hunting scenes, the colors were of great brilliancy and represented every phase of the chase, the calling of the hounds at the beginning, the stops for refreshment, and finally the deer was killed, the color were as fresh as if they had been painted but a year ago.

The music rooms, drawing room and guest chamber all showed the luxury of an English Knight who came to America in the Colonial days. The library was full of interest, to be of every description, some of the different books were to be found, and one could well spend a month looking over these interesting bits of literature. The paintings of this room were all of birds, and in fact most of the paintings of the house were of birds. I was told that the collection of bird paintings is perhaps the most remarkable in America outside of the Metropolitan Museum, of New York. Lady Jean was a woman of much business ability, as her diary shows, and her desk is sitting near a large window, from which, I was told, she looked into the distance and kept accurate account of the passengers who crossed her ferry, and she was most particular in getting from the negroes the full amount of the money paid. It is reported that the reason Sir Peyton came to America was that he married beneath his station, having married a housekeeper or a nurse, but there is no record of this to be found in the house, though this report is given out in Clarksville and the surrounding country. At any rate Lady Jean was a woman of most keen insight, and her record show that she was a woman of the world and up to the standards of her days. There is much more records of her doings than of Sir Pey.

One of the principal reasons this wonderful mansion interested me was that it faces the Roanoke river, just after it is formed by the Dan and Stanton, and of course every one in Martin county is interested in the scenes and places along the Roanoke which has been flowing by our town for so many years. I often wondered, while I was in the house, if these people ever came down as far as Williamston, but I suspect they were so well content with their surroundings that they lived a life of ease and pleasure, and never wandered down the course of the stream upon which they lived.

A visit to the graveyard was of

Revival Meeting To Close Friday

Dr. J. J. Taylor will close his meeting Friday night. Large crowds are attending and people are listening with splendid attention. His sermons are clear, forceful and filled with messages of love. No sensations or lurid just plain, simple Bible truths. Part of the way to present the spectacular side and fill the sermons full of jokes, fun and ridiculous sayings, people would attend better even though they know that they will not get such a high ideal or conception of the Christian religion.

FORCE OF 100 MARINES LEAVE FOR CANAL ZONE

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 21.—A force of 400 marines embarked from here today on the U. S. Pennsylvania for duty in Panama.

The decision to augment American forces already in the Canal zone reached so suddenly that officers at the Navy Yard here were not ordered to prepare supplies for the Marine until yesterday, when rush orders were received by telephone from the Navy Department in Washington.

The Pennsylvania was used for the transportation of the force in order to expedite its arrival in Central America. That vessel was en route from New York to Pacific waters and was ordered by wireless yesterday to proceed to Philadelphia and receive the contingent.

The Pennsylvania was stopped at the Delaware Breakwater and the Marine companies, which arrived Philadelphia Navy Yard shortly before noon today, were taken directly from their trains to the warship.

Large quantities of supplies had preceded them. Navy Yard forces worked until late last night loading lighters with equipment for a prolonged stay away from the base.

Every effort was made to keep the destination of the force a secret and Navy Yard officials declared not even officers commanding knew the exact duty they were to perform upon their arrival in the Canal zone.

Rumors that a second contingent might arrive later in the week could not be confirmed.

much interest, the tombs of Sir Peyton and Lady Jean Skipwith and many of their descendants are there, and when I learned that eight years ago this handsome estate passed from the hands of their descendants, my mind could not help but conjecture as to what Sir Peyton and Lady Jean would think if they knew their descendants had drifted down the scale as so many other famous families have done in America. They lived for seven generations in magnificent splendor, but each family became poorer and poorer until at the time it was old I was told the family could not buy enough corn to feed their horses. In the distance, about four miles away another Peyton Skipwith and his family live, they do not live in the splendor of their ancestors and I was curious to see what they looked like, so I drove by their house, a house of comfort, though not built of such lines as the original Skipwith place. When I passed all the family were sitting under the trees in swings, some reading and others chatting gaily. I wondered if they thought of their former splendor, if they were regretful that it had slipped from their hands, but I suspected that in their minds they were satisfied, they were Skipwiths, descendants of an English Knight, and were living upon the past glories of their ancestors as are so many of the ridiculously proud and haughty persons of Virginia today. They forget that the world is progressing, that new names have become famous, that the world is still turning around, and that they are forgotten to a great extent.

The present owners of Sir Peyton and Lady Jean's famous mansion are Col. and Mrs. Hughes, now of Danville, Virginia, who come to this wonderful spot every summer for a period of rest. I was fortunate to have known Col. and Mrs. Hughes before so for this reason I was shown over this elegant mansion of the by gone days.

While I was talking to them I wondered if Col. and Mrs. Hughes were not really the re-incarnation of Sir Peyton and Lady Jean Skipwith, surely they were just as gracious and charming, just as hospitable and kind so I thought what difference does it make if one is not descended from a nobleman, after all, each of us is a human being, each of us has similar ambitions, prejudices and similar loves and dislikes. All of us are just mer and women and in some way we die, then even the greatest of us are forgotten and others come to take our places—(Robert Fitzgerald).

THE TEXTILE WORKERS NOT GETTING A FAIR DEAL FROM THE STATE

Last week we heard the call from the great mill interests asking the Governor to send his warriors over to the Charlotte district. "We are going to start up our mills and as our business methods are out of harmony with the thoughts and interests of the common herd send over your men with their guns and their bayonets so that we may make them work on our terms."

Mr. Cannon, of Kannapolis, the greatest mill man in the state, seeing the usefulness of the Governor, at once said, "Send me some soldiers, too, who can shoot if I need be. My machines must be protected even if those poor people who have been running them for years have to be shot to make them do my bidding." Well, those people who are hungry really think they have just as much at stake as the mill kings, but they have no other desire but to be orderly and law abiding. We fail to see any reason whatever, justifying the Governor of our great State to dispatch troops to any place where no riot exists and only at the behest of some great property owners. Mr. Governor, you should feel the pulse of the poor as well as the rich.

CHANGE IN STANDARDS FOR SHELLED CORN

Announcement of a change in the official grain standards of the United States for shelled corn was made recently at the United States Department of Agriculture. Under an order signed by Secretary Wallace, effective October 3, 1921, the size of the perforations in the screens used for determining foreign material and cracked corn is fixed at twelve sixty-fourths of an inch instead of fourteen sixty-fourths of an inch as at present.

Action was taken after a thorough investigation of numerous complaints made to the department by merchandisers of shelled corn that the larger holes permitted a considerable percentage of small whole kernels and fair-sized pieces of broken kernels of corn, which are entirely suitable for milling and feeding purposes, to pass through the sieve and be classified as foreign material and cracked corn. This was especially true of kiln dried corn, which fractures easily in handling. Officials believe that the smaller perforation will overcome these objections and meet the approval of the trade.

The date set for the change to become effective is before the bulk of the next corn crop starts to move on its way to the markets.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

A large number of Williamston people attended the Greenville-Newbern baseball game in Greenville yesterday. The games which will decide the winner of the pennant will be played as follows:

Tuesday, August 23rd and Thursday, August 25th, at Greenville. Wednesday, August 24th, and Friday, August 26th, at Newbern.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

North Carolina, Martin County: In the Recorder's Court. B. F. Peel vs. Charlie Spruill.

The defendant above named will take notice that summons in the above entitled action was issued against the above defendant on the 28th day of June, 1921, by R. J. Peel, Clerk of the Recorder's Court of Martin county, North Carolina for the sum of seven hundred and thirty seven dollars and fifty two cents (\$737.52) due said plaintiff by account which summons is returnable before the Recorder's court on Tuesday the 2nd day of August, 1921, and that the defendant will also take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued by said R. J. Peel, Clerk of the Recorder's Court on the 28th day of June, 1921, against the property of said defendant which warrant was returnable before the Recorder's court at the time and place above named for the return of summons when and where the defendant is required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff or the relief will be granted.

This the 30th day of June, 1921. R. J. PEEL, Clerk of the Recorder's Court.

Have taken up a heifer about two years old, color red, ear mark, crop over and under bit in right, smooth crop slit and under bit in left. Owner can get same by paying cost. BEN SCOTT, Williamston, 8944 pd.

LUMBER OF ALL KINDS FOR SALE, FOR CASH See N. P. Daniel at the Plains Mill.

STRAND THEATRE

—THURSDAY—
DOROTHY DALTON in "DEEP WATERS" and "The Guide" 20c and 40c

—FRIDAY—
Sunshine Comedy—"Janitors" CLYDE COOK in "The Guide" "Double Adventure"—Episode 3 20c and 30c

—SATURDAY—
TOM MOORE in "A GREAT ACCIDENT" "The Rockies"—Episode 9 20c and 30c