

OUR RALEIGH COMMUNICATION

Criticism of A. D. Watts Over Tobacco Company Other News.

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 3. — Revenue Commissioner A. D. Watts is being "cussed and discussed" quite a little bit these days, but appears to be deporting himself reasonably well. He was first taken to task for the rebate of \$110,000 in taxes to the American Tobacco Company and Liggett and Myers Company. Criticism in this instance came from the Raleigh News and Observer, Corporation Commissioner A. J. Maxwell and others who could see no reason for re-opening a proposition which had been settled by the old tax commission more than a year ago. In this case Mr. Watts is charged with the entire responsibility of capitulating to the big tobacco concerns when, as a matter of fact, the other two members of the Equalization Board are equally blamable, if any adium attaches to the decision. This Board, under the act creating it, is composed of the Commissioner of Revenue, the Chairman of the Corporation Commission and the Attorney General, and the now famous tobacco cases were passed upon by a full meeting of the Board, with Chairman Watts presiding. Therefore, Mr. Watts should not be held accountable for the entire proceeding, whether right or wrong.

A little while after the decision in the tobacco cases was handed down, Commissioner Watts passed on railroad valuations in the State and his conclusions has proven entirely unsatisfactory to at least two of the common carriers. The Southern Railway Company and the Atlantic Coast Line are seeking to join all tax gathering officials in the State and Counties, through which their lines run, from the collection of taxes against them. The railroads have appealed their cases to the Federal court and, three Federal Judges Boyd, Connor and Waddill, are soon to decide whether the injunction shall be dissolved or made permanent. In this controversy the press and people generally are "laying off" the Commissioner of Revenue and turning their guns on the railroads. The contention of the railroads is to the effect that real estate values have been horizontally reduced by the county authorities through which their lines pass and that the State has made no objection. Commissioner Watts made practically no change in the 1920 assessment of the railroad property in the State. If railroad earnings have decreased in proportion to land values in many counties they may profit by resorting to injunction proceedings. This, the court must determine and the case will be watched with interest.

Raleigh heard with interest that former Lieutenant Governor, Chas. A. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, had been chosen successor to District Attorney Frank A. Linney as chairman of the State Republican Executive Committee. The new chairman is not a stranger in the capital city of North Carolina. He was a prominent figure here during the days of fusion four years as Lieutenant Governor under Russell. After retiring from office at the capital city he served as postmaster for several years in Winston-Salem. Chairman Reynolds is a bitter partisan, but a hard-headed man and well liked personally by members of both parties. He will try to boss the State Republicans until the state convention convenes next year. That he will enjoy the distinction goes without saying.

The annual reunion of North Carolinians from the mountains to the sea is to be held here beginning October 17th and will last one week. The Great State Fair is usually a very pleasurable occasion and attracts to Raleigh from 30,000 to 50,000 people. The president this year is Mrs. George Vanderbilt, of Asheville, the first woman to receive this much coveted honor. Mrs. Vanderbilt has manifested keen interest in the big preparations that are being made for a mammoth exhibition this year and it is going to be worth going hundreds of miles to see.

TYPHOID FEVER AND DIPHTHERIA.

The first a disease that stands, or rather stood, high on the mortality list, ranking fourth in the death list for the United States. Modern research has put into one's hands a means of preventing it almost altogether, or if not fully, it is so much lighter in its course as to be negligible as compared with a few years ago. I refer now to the vaccine which is used to render the person upon whom it is used immune from typhoid fever. It is a very gratifying thing to note that the people of Transylvania county are interested in this vaccine as evidenced by the increased demand for the vaccine furnished by the State without charge. The writer is in a position to know whereof he speaks as he has been the medium for ordering supplies and would be only too glad to order a great deal more if there was, as there should be, a demand for it. As stated in other articles, there is no question to-day of its worth.

Diphtheria in the past has been a dread to fathers and mothers, for some epidemics have left homes childless. But for diphtheria antitoxin in the medical profession would be as in the past, powerless to render the desired aid. It can be as a curative as well as a preventive. It has recently been determined that a form of this remedy can be used to prevent it almost absolutely. Literature on the subject can be obtained and sent from schools as a center to the homes. Advertising is a well known method of acquainting the people at large with any commodity. In this case there is no desire on the writer, or for that matter any other physician, for promoting personal, but a hope that the people of our county will be benefited as a whole in every way as a case of prolonged illness is a great drain upon the resources of every family.

Very sincerely,
W. J. Wallis

BREVARD INSTITUTE NOTES

Mrs. C. H. Trowbridge and daughter, Eloner, returned last Wednesday after a little more than a year's absence from Brevard. They were with Mr. Trowbridge in Iowa City most of the time, but spent some time Mrs. Trowbridge's relatives at Palmyra and St. Louis, Mo.

Quite a number of our students and teachers attended the Sunday School Convention at the Baptist church and Mr. Sims delivered an address at the Institute, at the sepulchral chapel exercises on Friday, A. M.

Miss Baber, who is a delegate from the Fortnightly Club to the Federation Convention at Canton, left on Tuesday A. M. to attend the meeting. She was accompanied by Mrs. Banks Nicholson, Mrs. Milton Nicholson and Mrs. James Waters.

The Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. associations gave a "tacky" party at the administration building last Saturday night. Many of the costumes were very funny and games were played. Everyone enjoyed the evening thoroughly.

Quite a party of girls, chaperoned by Miss Smith and Miss Floyd, attended the ball game at Davidson River, on Monday, which resulted in a victory for B. I.

Athletic and "setting-up" exercises are practiced every morning before breakfast by the B. I. girls. They are divided into three squads, under Miss Davis, Miss Smith and Miss Floyd and take the exercises in the open air.

AETHELWOLD HOTEL TO CHANGE MANAGEMENT

Mrs. S. A. Albert, who has had charge of the management of the Aethelwold Hotel the past season, has given up her lease, effective last Tuesday, but will remain in charge until her successor arrives. Mrs. Albert and family will leave Brevard, but have not formulated any definite plan, so Mr. Albert stated to a "News reporter" last night, as to their future location and occupation.

It has been rumored that Mrs. Wheeler, and experienced hotel woman from Bryson City has leased the property and will arrive to take charge in a few days.

The Red Cross is spending Ten Million Dollars a Year to help the ex-service man and his family

Annual Roll Call Nov. 11-24, 1921

In Hospitals under Government care

To bring before the country in visual form the vast problem it is helping to solve, the American Red Cross has prepared for its Annual Roll Call, Nov. 11 to 24, a poster showing how rather than diminishing the total of World War veterans entitled to Federal aid continues to grow. Red Cross Service to these men is costing \$10,000,000 a year.

SOME SOUTHERN HISTORY

Mr. Hamlin Writes Interestingly About the Olden Days in The Past.

Mr. Editor: As indicated in my last communication the camp-meeting was pre-eminently the religio-social gathering in the days of yore and the only general gathering marked by the presence of ladies. The presence of the mothers with their daughters of the best families enlivened, restrained and dignified the occasion. They were home-helps, refrained from mixed assemblies and were happy in isolation. The sterner sex was more assertive of social instinct and substituted for recreation the biennial election days, the first day of the semi-annual courts and the annual regimental militia musters.

On election day, the first Thursday in August, the farmers sowed their turnip patches, took the boys and spent the entire day. After casting their ballots, they drifted into congenial groups, discussed current events, men and measures, and chuckled over the antics of the jesters. The boys ran foot-races, pitched quoits, jumped and wrestled. The first day of court was attended by more men without business than men with business in the court. They felt the need of a social outlet. The boys, as a general rule, didn't attend the regimental muster, coming in May and held in the field fronting Capt. Killan's dwelling, now the Mills property, was largely attended by those of 18 to 45 years of age by law, the elder ones by choice. Harry Guinn, a free colored man, furnished ginger-bread and beer. Some whiskey, only a few jugs, and pure, was at all these places. It made men funny but not vicious. A fisticuff was rear. Uncle Joe Dunn played the fiddle with his left hand and four or five elderly men danced. A man who drank whiskey and those who got drunk as well as the few who advocated teetotalism in those days were not popular.

Speaking of games, the school boys got all the fun they could amibe out of town-ball, built-pen, base and cat. Such a thing as contests in these games by different schools or communities was not known. To have informed the future sometime in the future become national, that many would be vocation the pleasure loving work tribute means to pay and provide play have been eager

"What a hum-drum life," thinks young America. "But contentment is great gain," says use-to-be. "Ignorance is bliss," sighs young America.

Not so with our grandmothers; the camp-meeting with them in this country was the ultimatum. They were accorded and highest seats. The Southern woman, you know, was always and by everybody admired for her beauty. Her inherent modesty and graceful diffidence, symmetrical figure, pleasing visage and affable manners made her queenly by common consent. She was the pride and strength of the home. Brothers conspired with parents to preserve her physical beauty. Such a thing as sun-tan was unallowable; consequently she was neatly attired from chin to wrists and when out of doors, gloved and hid under a long projecting "split" bonnet. Unfortunately, if any difference were made in education, the brother ostensibly for her better protection, was given the advantage. Long, long time before church or state bethought themselves of the importance of female education. Vocational training for her was thought impracticable. Miss Elizabeth Patton (Miller) not of necessity but from choice distinguished herself by stepping out of the rut and became a school teacher, doubtless the first female teacher of what is now the present county. It is probable that our neighbor, J. E. Duckworth, Geo. F. Glazener of Atlanta and J. R. Hamlin of Missouri, are surviving pupils.

Fassing out of the camp-meeting era through the derbis of the reconstruction period the girls found them selves in a new world impoverished and prostrate. Do or die seemed to be the inevitable. Shyness began to give way as necessity tightened claims. The leap out of the ornamental into the useful had to be made and was. She becomes her brother's compeer in business and doesn't so keenly feel the need of his protection nor does he regard her as needing or desiring his old time tenderness. Both think and correctly she is competent of managing her own affairs. Socially her position was an exalted one; now she has acquired an equal position in business and recently she found herself an equal in politics and officialdom — the trend seeming to indicate her as one of us. But this last step toward masculine equality, so far as the it said to her glory was neither sought nor achieved; it was thrust upon her and she has accepted the same. The octogenarians will be astounded at the changes in womanhood.

ROSMAN ITEMS

Mrs. Hattie Mull and sister, Miss Delitha Morrison, spent Monday in Rosman.

Rev. Ed. Summey, of Pickens, S. C., has returned to help Bro. Manley hold a revival meeting at Lake Toxaway Baptist Church.

Everybody is invited to attend all the services.

We are glad that the Baptist people of Connesse have got the foundation for their new church built. They expect to have the building completed by the first of the year.

Mrs. O. A. Kitchen underwent an operation only a few weeks ago and she came home and apparently was getting along fine; but last week she became ill again and was carried Saturday to the Biltmore Hospital for treatment, where she is doing nicely.

Mrs. Jordan Whitmire of this place was carried to Biltmore Hospital last week where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. She is getting along nicely.

Rev. A. J. Manley was called some time ago to Wolf Creek in Jackson County to hold a revival meeting, in order to get sinners saved, and the church, which has been torn up so long, revived again. He preached two weeks and fifteen were baptized and a large number reclaimed. So they all have agreed to pull together and build a new church house for the first time.

There will be an all day singing at East Fork the third Sunday in this month. A broad invitation is extended to all to come and bring your song books with you. We are expecting some visiting singers from South Carolina and, as we are unable just at present to call the names of those who we will be able to get, we will wait until next week. I wish to say that we are expecting this to be the best singing that we have ever had.

E. D. Randolph

SCRUGGS-COLEMAN

The marriage of Miss Susie Scruggs to Mr. Ben P. Coleman of Greenville, which took place at the residence of Rev. C. C. Smith at 5 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon was of interest here and in South Carolina, where the contracting parties are well known.

The simple but impressive ceremony was performed in the presence of a few friends, the wedding being a quite one. The bride looked lovely in a suit of brown with accessories to match.

Mrs. Coleman has spent all her life in Brevard, and is a young woman of charming personality.

Mr. Coleman is from Greenville and is prominently connected in South Carolina where he has business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman left on Wednesday for a short wedding trip by motor to points in South Carolina.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and relatives for their kindness during the illness and death of our little infant.

Mr. and Mrs. Radford Nicholson

IMPORTANT MEETING:

Transylvania Chapter, U. D. C., Saturday, October 8th, 4 P. M., at the Library.

Yearly report of Delegates to Salem and St. Louis conventions.

Plans for Holloween.

Annie Jean Gash, Pres.

Mrs. J. S. Silversteen and Miss Miriam Silversteen have gone to New York, where Miss Silversteen will enter school. Mrs. Silversteen expects to return after a short visit to friends and relatives.

Miss Mary Whitmer was a delegate from the Brevard Presbyterian Church to the meeting of the Asheville Presbytery held in Hendersonville on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. Agnes Wood Marchant, who has been with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Case at Swannanoa, returned to Brevard on Saturday on account of the illness of her son, William Marchant.

BETTER SHAPE IN THIS STATE THAN IN NORTH

Commissioner of Labor Returns From Buffalo Employment Conference.

BREAD LINE SOON

Employment Bureaus in North Found Jobs For 285 During The Week.

There were fifty-four more requests for men than there were applications for jobs in North Carolina, according to the report the five free employment bureaus of the State for the week ending September 10, which was made public today by Director M. L. Shipman. The number of requests for workers was 352 and the registrations at the five offices for the week totaled 298. Of those registering jobs were found for all but thirteen.

That, of course, Mr. Shipman points out, does not mean that there is not still unemployment in North Carolina, for it happens often that some large employer of labor asks for more workers of a particular class than can be supplied, while on the other hand there are more workers in another class than there are jobs for them to fill. But the Commissioner of Labor and Director of the Bureaus is better pleased with conditions in this State since his return from Buffalo, New York, where he attended the conference of International Employment Service Representatives.

"Unless conditions change materially for the better sometime soon, you are going to see bread lines and soup kitchens in the larger cities of the country," Mr. Shipman declares. The Commissioner is convinced that employment conditions are much better in North Carolina and possibly other Southern States than they are in Northern States. He found more people unemployed in the North than the reports from the various bureaus indicate there are in this State, when population is compared.

The main trouble with the situation just now is the inability of the employers and the employees to get together on a reduction in the cost of production, and the tendency on the part of some of the larger employers of labor not to be willing to take a smaller profit than they have been getting. He believes the Hoover conference of the employers which has been called an early date, will help conditions considerably if it is possible to get the employers of labor to see that unless they open their shops and make the business which will keep them open, conditions will get very much worse instead of better. The Commissioner of Labor believes the Hoover conference has much potential good in it, if it can put across some of the things Secretary Hoover has in mind in asking for the meeting.

In connection with his discussion of the unemployment conditions generally Mr. Shipman makes public the results of the work of the employment bureaus in five North Carolina cities during the week ending September 10. During the week there were requests for work from 232 men and 63 women. Employers of labor, asked the different bureaus to find men for 290 jobs and women for 62 jobs. The five bureaus referred 263 men and 63 women to possible places where they could secure jobs, and actually found jobs for 239 men and 46 women. Which is pretty fair batting average as compared with the registrations. The division of the cities follows: Charlotte 55, Greensboro 40, Raleigh 72, Wilmington 67, Winston-Salem 51, or a total jobs found for 285 people. Of this number 87 were skilled laborers, 125 unskilled clerical and professional 30, industrial 8 and domestic 25.

C. B. Glazener of Rosman has put on a unique sale starting October 12. Mr. Glazener says that while he realizes that everything is advancing on account of cotton, at the same time he is a trifle overstocked and must sacrifice some goods in order to make room for another large shipment of Fall and Winter merchandise.