

CONTINUE EFFORT TO LAND NEGROES

Quiet But Persistent Campaign To Provide Three Choice Places For Them

Washington, May 3.—Though there has been no blowing of trumpets by the negroes lately in the fight they are making to land in office negroes as registrar of the Treasury...

Little talk has been heard of any particular candidate for the other offices the negroes are seeking to have allocated to themselves, the fight now seeming to have President Harding agree that the three positions named are set aside for negroes...

Englishman Brings Up Old Southern Debts

Says United States Will Be Called On To Settle Repudiated Obligations

The United States will be called upon to assume responsibility for the repudiated debt of eight southern states when the question of settlement of England's debt to her is adjusted...

The aggregate of such debts of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina and South Carolina is estimated at \$60,000,000 by the unpaid writer who evidently is a financial expert...

"America's views on the subject of European indebtedness to herself, including our own, are curiously diverse. One is the hard standpoint of regarding such a debt as a business transaction pure and simple...

BLAZE DOES DAMAGE TO SAMPSON COURTHOUSE

Clinton, May 3.—Fire this morning did considerable damage to the Sampson county courthouse. Judge Bond convened court yesterday afternoon. The fire evidently originated in the bar or jury box, probably catching from a cigar or cigarette stamp and smoldering in the jute covering till it had got a hold on the floor...

Honest Work Needed

Daughters of the American Revolution at the annual session of the organization at Washington adopted resolutions declaring the clearest vision of the nation recognizes the urgent need of honest work, systematic saving and sane spending...

DEMOCRATS WIN TOWN ELECTION HERE TUESDAY

Newberry And Goldstein Defeat Green and J. M. Lee of Citizens Ticket

William H. Newberry and Ellis Goldstein, members of the Board of Town Commissioners, were re-elected to office from the third and fourth wards, respectively, by an overwhelming majority in Tuesday's town election...

The election gives two new members to the board. Mr. Warren will succeed W. Judson Jones, who declined to become a candidate for reelection. Mr. P. A. Lee will succeed Loftin A. Tart, who was eliminated in a second primary held to decide who of the two would be the party's candidate in the second ward...

Some other things to be taken up later by the new board includes the proposal of two power companies to furnish light and power to Dunn. The board will also be asked to issue \$100,000 worth of municipal bonds to be used for the building of a municipal park at the western edge of town...

SOME LEGAL FACTS

We have had several inquiries of late in regard to the general question of rights. The following from the Farmer's Business Handbook by Robert C. Gibson gives a general idea of the subject.

In many localities the value of water is such that special laws have been framed and passed regulating water rights. In general, however, it is the law that the riparian owner—that is, the one whose lands are bounded or crossed by a stream—has the right to the use of the water of that stream for all domestic or farm purposes, or other reasonable purposes...

It is impracticable here to go into the matter of the rights of mill-owners. For one purpose it is sufficient to say that, beginning at the source of the stream, each riparian owner, in his turn, has the right to the use of the water for domestic purposes. He must not divert it or pollute it or interfere with it in any way except to take what is necessary for his reasonable use, nor may he materially interfere with the natural flow. No person has a right to divert any water by sluice, ditch or otherwise from its natural channel to the damage of another; and, if he does, he is liable for all damage caused by such diversion, except that one may change the channel of a stream upon his own land if he returns it again to its channel so as not to affect the flow on another's land...

In case a person has wet lands in his farm, it is very generally provided that he may bring a proceeding to authorize the construction of a ditch across any adjoining lands, for the purpose of draining the wet places. The proceeding in such a case are quite technical, and a lawyer should be consulted before any steps whatever are taken. It has been held, in some states, that this proceeding constitutes a taking of private property for public use, and is therefore unconstitutional; but as a general rule some way can be found to force a ditch or drain across the adjoining lands, and the benefit is often so great that the matter is well worth investigating.

A discovery of elpher manuscripts of Roger Bacon indicates that the people of that time were not unfamiliar with the use of telescopes and high-powered microscopes.

SINGING CLASSES INVITED TO JOIN IN CELEBRATION

Riddle Sends Letter To Leaders Of All Organizations That Took Part Last Year

In an effort to round up all the singing classes in the Dunn District for participation in the big celebration and veterans reunion to be staged here on July 4, Secretary T. L. Riddle, of the Chamber of Commerce, has forwarded a letter to every class leader who entered the contests last year inviting them to compete for the prizes offered.

The singing class contests have always been one of the most enjoyable and entertaining features of Dunn's celebration of Independence Day. This year Mr. Riddle hopes to see more classes than ever entered. His letter to the leaders reads: "Included in the elaborate program which the Harnett County Agricultural Fair Association is staging to pull off here on July 4th, is a Singing Contest between the various singing classes in the territory surrounding Dunn."

"The same amount, which was given last year here on the 4th of July in prizes, will be offered this year, to wit: First prize \$25.00 Second prize 15.00 Third prize 10.00 "You are urged to get your singers together at once to select your songs to sing in the contest, to select, and practice the songs that you will sing in the contest. "We are very anxious, indeed, to have you enter this contest. Let us have the name of your class, the name of its leader, and number of persons that will sing in it in the contest here on the above named date so that we may register you properly on our record of contestants. Your leader, together with all of those who sing in your class here in the contest on the above named date will be admitted free into the fair grounds where the contest will be held."

Corroborates Story Told By S. T. Ansell

Law Partner of Ansell Declares That Judge Wescott Knew About Gold Hunt

Washington, May 4.—Edward S. Bailey, law partner of Samuel T. Ansell, corroborated before a House investigating committee today Ansell's testimony that former Judge John W. Wescott, of New Jersey, knew all about the gold hunt in the Philadelphia draft dodger, escaped. The witness was questioned particularly as to this phase of the case because of the emphatic declaration by Judge Wescott yesterday that the first he heard of the buried treasure was after Bergdoll had skipped. Mr. Bailey also corroborated the Ansell testimony; denied by Wescott, that the judge went to the War Department to see the Secretary in the prisoner's behalf, and remained there some time without seeing him.

Testifying after Mr. Ansell had been subjected to a severe cross examination by Representative Johnson, Democrat, Kentucky, a member of the committee, Mr. Bailey related the gist of a conversation in his office as to plans by which the lawyers hoped to obtain the release under guard of Bergdoll to recover his hidden fortune in which the late D. Clarence Gibbonney, of Philadelphia, and Judge Wescott took part. "While Gibbonney was explaining how Bergdoll himself had come to Washington with Judge Romig, his friend, and had obtained \$150,000 in gold from the Treasury Department, which took three or four hours to count," said Mr. Bailey, Judge Wescott sat there and said little. But certainly the impression made upon me was that the judge knew everything about it prior to our conference because at no time did he express the least surprise over the statements by Gibbonney."

FIXED DATE FOR EASTER?

According to guarded statements made by Episcopalians and Roman Catholic clergymen in this country, it is probable that England and America will observe Easter hereafter on different days. Following is a quotation from the London Times showing the attitude of the Church of England on the subject of fixing a date for Easter, so that it will not vary, as now, from year to year: "In the house of lords, Lord Desborough has introduced his bill for celebrating Easter on the second Sunday in April. The practical advantages of substituting a fixed day for a movable feast are obvious. It would be a boon to schools and colleges, both of great benefit to manufacturers, who sometimes have all too short a period between Christmas and Easter to prepare seasonal goods, and improve the chances of getting fine weather for the Easter and Whitfun holidays. Ecclesiastically, we believe, there are no objections; the archbishop of Canterbury brought the matter to the notice of 262 bishops last summer, and not one raised any objection. It has been privately charged against us that our judgment was swayed by the fact that such an arrangement would be extremely convenient to fly fishers. Does it admit that we have a fellow feeling for our anglers and very honest men?"

Mr. Dineen, secretary to the archbishop of New York, when he was asked about the attitude of his church, said that the Roman Catholics here were in no way concerned with the change in the date of Easter contemplated by the Church of England, and asserted definitely that Rome had no intention of making any such change.

—New York Times.

CHAPTER READY FOR MEMORIAL EVENT TUESDAY

James Best Will Introduce Colonel Albert Cox to Audience

James Best, of the new firm of Young & Best, will introduce Colonel Albert Cox to the audience at the chapter exercises staged by the Chicago Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, beginning at 8:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Colonel Cox will appear about noon and will be entertained by the daughters. T. L. Riddle, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, will be master of ceremonies.

All of the choirs of the Dunn District will combine in furnishing the program for the occasion. Program of exercises is as follows: America—By Dunn District Club. Prayer—By Rev. J. M. Bufaloe. Dixie—By Dunn District Club. Reading—By Katharine Holland. Tenting of the Tents—By Misses. Introduction of Speakers—By James Best. Address—By Col. Albert Cox, Raleigh, North Carolina. Decoration Song—By L. Riddle. Master of Ceremonies—T. L. Riddle. The choir will sing all of the songs of the Dunn District to take part in these exercises.

Condition of Cotton Is Still Unfavorable

Good Stand in Northern Part of Belt. Replanting and Good Weather Expected

Washington, May 4.—Conditions continued unfavorable for cotton during the week just ended. The weather and crop bulletin announced today: "The continued moderate and frequent rains in the belt have been unfavorable for cotton. Necessary rains have progressed slowly and conditions have been unfavorable for germination of the late crop. The weather was less favorable, however, in the northern part of the belt where field work made fairly good progress toward the northward. "Cotton is up to a generally good stand in South Carolina, Georgia and Mississippi. Little cultivation has been done in the northern part of the belt. "The condition, standing and progress of the crop were generally unsatisfactory in Texas, while planting is now progressing slowly in the northern portion of the state."

U. S. Steel Corporation To Cut Wages 20 Per Cent

Nearly 175,000 Employees Affected By Reductions Beginning May 15

New York, May 3.—A reduction of about twenty per cent in wages for day labor, effective May 15 and an equitable adjustment of other rates, including salaries at the plants of the United States Steel Corporation, was announced today by Albert H. Gary, chairman of the corporation's board of directors. It is estimated that employees of the corporation will be reduced to \$1.40 per day per man. Mr. Gary also stated that the corporation had been unable to find a practicable basis for the entire abandonment of the 12-hour day or turn in the immediate future. He added that the 12-hour shift already had been eliminated in certain departments and that efforts would be continuing with the expectation of entirely eliminating this feature within the next year. Mr. Gary expressed the opinion that he did not believe the corporation could satisfy the employees with any shorter limit. During 1920 the average daily wage of employees was \$6.95 as against \$6.12 in 1919, according to corporation figures. Total salaries and wages disbursed by the steel corporation in 1920, when the total number of employees was 287,000, aggregated \$881,656,925. On the basis of the reduction announced today, corporation officials estimated the average cut in wages at approximately \$1.40 per day per man. Roughly, this will affect a reduction in the payroll, calculated on the present number of employees, or not less than \$150,000,000 annually.

Reduced Discount Rates Are Expected

Action of New York Federal Reserve Bank May Be Followed By Banks in Agricultural Sections

Washington, May 4.—Reduction of the federal reserve board's discount rate in the farming districts is a relief measure in the agricultural credit situation was regarded as probable tonight by some treasury officials who commented on the action of the New York reserve bank in lowering the rate on commercial paper from 7 to 6 1/2 per cent. "Following the recent reduction from 7 per cent to 6 1/2 by the Boston reserve bank, the action of the New York bank was regarded as indicating a gradual reduction of rates on commercial paper in other districts in the direction of a uniform 5 per cent rate throughout the country." A present the only reserve districts maintaining the 7 per cent are Chicago, Minneapolis, Atlanta and Dallas. Reduction of discount rates on commercial paper as a means of assisting the farmers is understood to be favored by Comptroller of the Currency Crisinger, although the board has shown a disposition to go slowly in any change of rate levels.

THE STATE COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Mr. Prevost Hubbard, of New York City, an authority on the use of bituminous materials in highway construction, addressed the students in Highway Engineering at State College on April 15th. His subject was "The Origin, Manufacture, and Use of Asphalt." About 50 students attended the lecture. This is the last of a series of lectures that have been given in the Highway Engineering Department during the present session by engineers of national prominence. Other lecturers, with their subjects, who have addressed the students include: W. F. Pollard, "Road Asphalt and its Use in Highway Construction"; Col. H. C. Boyden, "Recent Developments in the Practice of Concrete Construction"; John S. Crandall, "The Construction of Tax Masquard Roads."

In addition to these lectures, several motion pictures, showing road construction and maintenance, have been shown to the students, the films being loaned by the department by various companies manufacturing road material. It is hoped that a greater number of lectures by prominent engineers may be arranged for next session. Such lectures give the students in Highway Engineering the opportunity of becoming familiar with current practice in other states, as well as the benefit of the experience of engineers who are actually engaged in the construction of highways.

LUCKNOW LOT IS PROPOSED AS SITE FOR NEW BUILDING

Riddle Working On Plans For Community Center On Old Cotton Market

A new use for Lucknow Square, that piece of property in the heart of Dunn over which the municipality and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company are now engaged in a legal scrap to determine who is the rightful owner, Secretary T. L. Riddle, of the Chamber of Commerce, suggests that it be used as the site for a community building to house the various organizations of town and to contain a place of rest for farmer folk when they come to town.

Mr. Riddle will present his plans to the various interested organizations for approval. It is probable that then he will endeavor to get railway company to dismise its suit for title and cooperate with the community in making the quare the beautiful thing the people of Dunn desire it to be. If the plans are carried out the building will be of three stories. The first will be devoted exclusively to rest and entertainment rooms for the country people at shower baths for the community. The second floor will contain offices for the Chamber of Commerce, the Harnett County Fair Association, the Women's Club, the American Legion and the various other clubs and organizations in town. A community auditorium will occupy the whole of the top floor.

Contrary to dispatches from Smithfield several days ago, the restraining order issued by Judge Connor early this year was not made permanent by Judge Lyon when the matter was heard before him in Johnston Superior Court. The order seeks to permanently restrain the town, the Women's Club and the Chamber of Commerce from taking over the square which is now used as a cotton market. Judge Lyon ruled that the case was one for a jury to decide. It will be tried in September.

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NEW STATE CROP CENSUS

The North Carolina farmers are at last in position to provide for themselves reliable and useful information that will reveal to them the exact condition of their crops and the extent of their acreages. This is made possible by the last legislature, providing for annual crop census through the tax lists. This has nothing to do with taxation and the information will be released only by the State Department of Agriculture next winter when it will be of most value to farmers and of least value to speculators. Each farm owner or his tax listing representative is to report the acreage information on each crop of each farm to the tax lister. The plan is very simple if done as suggested here.

First of all the owner or his representative who lists his farm property for him should make a written memorandum for each of his farms, showing to each the total tract area including woods, then the cultivated acreage, then the acreages of each crop that he expects to harvest this year, whether or not harvested or planted at the time of listing. Each landlord should see that his tenant prepares a memorandum of each crop and its acreage, for the benefit of the landlord when making such report. If the tenant reports here will probably be a duplication of the area reported by the owner, since the tenant is usually unfamiliar with the boundary lines of the total tract allotted to him. This would make it more convenient and less confusing to the tax lister and farm owners alike.

Our Southern states have been slow in taking advantage of this progressive move so advantageously pursued in the great middle western agricultural states. The success of their agricultural organizations and campaigns have been made possible, due to the definite basis made available through annual crop census surveys. North Carolina will quickly realize and have the advantage of this progressive and economic move. It is the most economical and reliable means possible of securing such information. This method does not cost one-fiftieth as much as the regular census methods and secures even more dependable crop acreage information, which is made available to the farmer during the same year collected. In the case of the Census procedure, the information is collected during the winter after the farmer has forgotten many of the facts, and as in the 1920 census, is released at least two years after the period to which it applies.—Frank Parker, Agriculture Statistician.

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County officers are of the opinion that the blockaders or whiskey runners are from Rockingham county and have been operating between Greensboro and Danville with Spray as their headquarters, and discredit the story told by Jones. When Officer McCuiston stopped upon the running board of the car, it was said, one of the occupants drew his revolver, placed it against the officer's breast and fired point blank. The policeman tumbled to the street and the car sped away. Mrs. Cruston was shopping at the Brown-Bell company when informed of the shooting. She was prostrated. Officer McCuiston was one of the most trusted men on the local force. He was universally known and respected as a fearless officer. He is survived by his widow, one daughter, Miss Lucille McCuiston, and a small son.

Excitement ran high in the city as news of the slaying spread, citizens by the hundreds armed with rifles, pistols and shotguns joined in the pursuit.

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