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MAY COMPROMISE COAST LINE CASE

Attorneys Instructed By Board To Propose Amicable Settlement of Suit

With a view to the amicable settlement of the case in which the Atlantic Coast Line Railway company is suing the town of Dunn for title to the two blocks of property known as Lucknow Square, the Board of Commissioners last night instructed its attorneys, Godwin and Williams, to propose to the railway company that it abandon claim to the block between Broad and Cumberland streets and to accept title to the block between Cumberland and Divine streets with the understanding that the latter block be used only for passenger station purposes at such time as the company may deem it necessary to build.

This proposal was made in answer to one coming from the company's counsel that the town be satisfied with the use of the first block as a public park until such time as the company might require it for station and terminal facilities and that the company be relieved of all taxes and street assessments on both blocks until it is so required.

The Board felt that agreement to the company's proposal would be nothing less than an absolute surrender of its present contention that the whole property belongs to the town. Under such agreement the company would be at liberty to continue the property in its present use as a cotton yard, since the leading of cotton as freight would place the block in the category of "terminal facilities."

Earlier in the year the board's counsel had made practically the same proposal as that outlined by the board last night. This proposal, however, would have compelled the railway company to erect an adequate passenger station upon the southern block as soon as "convenient and practicable." The new proposal merely would permit the company to use its own judgment as to the need of early construction of such a station.

Replying to the first proposal the company's counsel stated that the company felt that its present passenger station facilities were adequate for the town and that it did not contemplate the early construction of another station.

Unless the company accepts the board's proposal the case probably will be heard in the coming term of Harnett County Superior Court for the trial of civil actions. There is little doubt, according to R. L. Godwin, senior member of the firm of Godwin and Williams, that the town will be given a verdict if the case does go back to court.

Influenza Meningitis Cured By New Serum

Women Scientists Develop Serum That Saved Young Boy's Life

New York, March 29.—Ten-year-old Morris Geduld, has been cured of influenza meningitis, a disease with a mortality rate higher than 96 per cent, by a new serum developed by two women scientists, attached to research laboratories of the New York health department. It was announced today at the United Israel Zion hospital at Brooklyn.

Morris, it was stated, was the second person saved from death by the serum during the past few years. The two cures are the only ones ever effected in this city, about 50 other sufferers having died of the rare ailment.

The serum was developed at the health department laboratory at Willard Parker hospital, by Dr. Olga Pitovsky, aided by Dr. Josephine Neal, in charge of meningitis research. It is taken from an immunized horse into which there has been injected Pfeiffer bacilli.

Dr. Neal said today that Morris had been given three injections of had been given three injections of the new serum.

"It is impossible to say that the new serum is a specific for the disease," she declared, "but I believe it is safe to say that it contributed largely to these two cures we have on record."

Dr. Pitovsky was the first scientist to observe the difference between ordinary meningitis and influenza meningitis and it was she who virtually developed the serum. Later Dr. Riva, then of Johns Hopkins University hospital and now of the Rockefeller foundation, got the same results.

"In the case of Geduld, the boy showed a sterile reaction after the first three injections, but it is safe

PARKER'S EASTER BONNETT IN RING

Says He'll Announce Himself As Candidate Commissioner of Agriculture

T. B. Parker, formerly director of various activities of the State Department of Agriculture, but now listed as a Wayne county farmer, dropped a brand new Easter hat in to the political ring yesterday and authorized the announcement that in 1924 he will be a candidate to succeed Major W. A. Graham as North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture. The announcement is informal, like that of other potential candidates.

Mr. Parker is just now announcing that he will announce himself later on as a candidate, and in so doing, he is following the lead of A. W. McLean and J. W. Bailey, both of whom have announced that they are going to announce themselves as candidates for Governor before the year is out. Neither of the trio is yet ready to begin active campaigning for the jobs toward which their aspirations have them looking, but are just letting it be known that they have it in mind.

Mr. Parker is what the President calls a "genuine dirt farmer." He owns land in Wayne and Wake counties, and interests in orchard projects both in the peach belt in the Sandhills and in the apple belt in the mountains. He is well known throughout the State as a protagonist of better farming. He came to be widely known through his activities in the farmers institutes. He was at one time president of the American Association of Farm Institute Workers.

The Wayne-Wake farmer is likely to have company on the ticket. Major Graham himself may run, or his son, W. A. Graham, Jr., of Lincoln county may get in the running. H. E. Latham, a member of the State Board of Agriculture, is spoken of as among those who are of a mind to run. The field is inviting, particularly so if Major Graham himself is not to be in the running.

NOTED CHURCHMEN COMING THURSDAY

Dr. E. H. Rawlings And T. N. Ivey Will Speak At Methodist Church Here

Rev. Dr. E. H. Rawlings of Nashville, Tenn., general secretary of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and Dr. T. N. Ivey, editor of the Christian Advocate of Nashville, Tenn., will speak at the Methodist church in Dunn Thursday evening of this week at 8 o'clock. Dr. Rawlings is one of the foremost churchmen in the United States, while Dr. Ivey, who is a native North Carolinian, is well and favorably known throughout the State.

The meeting to be held here is one of a large number of like meetings being held throughout the State this week, all in the interest of the Methodist centenary movement, which is raising the sum of \$85,000,000 in five years' time for mission work at home and abroad.

The coming of Dr. Rawlings to Dunn gives the church people of the town an unusual opportunity to hear a presentation of church activities throughout the world as they are in progress at this time and to get inside information as to what the forces of Christendom are doing to bring about a condition of rest and contentment among the peoples of the world, and to establish the kingdom of righteousness as well.

Dr. Rawlings has been identified with the missionary work of the Southern Methodist church for many years, and scores of times has visited the numerous mission fields of that church, and also those of other denominations. As general secretary of the mission board the duty falls to his hands to administer the vast Centenary fund of \$85,000,000 that the Southern Methodists are raising in this five-year period, and also the usual annual contributions for mission work made by the church.

It is to be noted that the later injections prevented the usual relapse and kept the bacilli in check.

"Influenza meningitis is a terrible disease. In all the literature of medicine, less than a score of cures have been recorded."

PROF. W. F. MASSEY IS DEAD

Prof. W. F. Massey, well-known horticulturist and one of the associate editors of the Progressive Farmer,

Four Men Lose Lives As Tug Sinks In Gale

Died From Exposure—Bodies Found On Pilot House, Which Remained Above Water

Elizabeth City, March 29.—Four men lost their lives and five others had to be brought to a hospital here for treatment as a result of the capsizing of the Richmond Cedar Works tug, Julian J. Fleetwood, at North River bar early today during a gale. The men who lost their lives died from the cold and exposure and their bodies were found on top of the pilot house, which remained above water. The other members of the crew were almost unconscious when removed by the Annie L. Van Seiver, of the North Riverline. The dead are: Captain Clyde Walker, of Hertford, N. C.; First Mate, William R. Gray, of Hertford; Engineer Vernon Leigh, of Norfolk; and Garland Chance, of Hertford, negro cook.

The other members of the crew included E. K. Mann, Lester Barnes, J. W. Shadow and F. D. Alexander, all of Norfolk. They had to fight for their lives against the cold for six hours, they said, and two of them had left the pilot house and had swum out to a barge before the Van Seiver arrived.

Wins Suit For \$2,500 Against Her Husband

But Now They're Reconciled And Automobile Liability Company Gets The Bill

Asheville, March 31.—Mrs. Oria Roberts was awarded \$2,500 damages by a jury in Madison superior court following the trial yesterday of a damage suit instituted by Mrs. Roberts against her husband, as the result of an automobile accident in which she sustained injuries. She alleged that her husband operated the car in a negligent manner and by reason of such she was entitled to damages.

Mrs. Roberts is living happily with her husband and their automobile company will have to pay the judgment, if an appeal by defendant's to the supreme court results in an affirmation of the Madison's verdict.

TOWN OF SELMA IS TO GET NEW HOTEL

Selma, April 1.—Construction on a new hotel for Selma will begin about April 15, according to an announcement made here recently. The hotel will be built by J. T. Barham, proprietor of the Merchants' Hotel, and will be constructed upon the site of the old Wyoming Hotel, which was burned several years ago. The hotel will be modern throughout, and its location is near enough to the passenger station for the convenience of the traveling public.

Rev. Sidney Edgerton Died Sunday Morning

Was Pastor of Baptist Church At Lillington And Other Harnett Churches

Rev. Sidney A. Edgerton, pastor of the Baptist church at Lillington and other churches in Harnett county, died Sunday—Easter-morning at 2:30 o'clock at his home at Bule's Creek of some head trouble, from which he had suffered for some time. Deceased was 85 years old and is survived by his widow, who before her marriage was Miss Virginia Kivett of Bule's Creek, and two small sons—Charles Taylor and Herndon.

The funeral was conducted yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Baptist church at Bule's Creek by Rev. E. N. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist church of Dunn, assisted by Rev. B. Townsend, of Bule's Creek, Rev. Mr. Stroupe of Broadway, Rev. H. C. McCall of Duke and Rev. J. F. Melms of Lillington. Music was rendered by the choir from Bule's Creek academy. A large crowd attended the funeral and many beautiful floral offerings were banked upon the grave.

Mr. Edgerton was a good preacher, a good citizen and was loved by the people of his congregations and others with whom he came in contact, and his untimely death brought sorrow to many hearts.

He died Friday at his home in Salisbury, Md. Prof. Massey was 88 years old and formerly lived in this State. He was a member of the first faculty of the State college, and was known throughout the State as "The father of the cow-pea." Funeral services were held yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

FAIR ASSOCIATION ELECT OFFICERS FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Plans For Big And Better Fair Outing Than Annual Meeting

PROFITS LAST YEAR MORE THAN \$3,000

E. F. Young, president of the Harnett County Fair Association, elected officers for the annual meeting to be held at the stockholders' meeting Friday evening, April 6, at the office of the association, 122 S. 1st St. Receipts from the 1922 fair total \$9,088.50, while the cost of the fair totaled \$6,795.10, a profit of \$2,293.40, which was deposited upon the indebtedness of the association.

The following were elected by the stockholders for the year 1923: R. L. Godwin, president; H. A. Turlington, secretary; Harper Holliday, treasurer; G. M. Tighman, vice-president; Wade, J. C. Byrd, secretary; E. F. Young, Jr., secretary; and W. P. Holt, secretary.

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GETS BIG STILL IN WESTERN HARNETT

Officers Capture 150 Gallon Outfit With 10,000 Gallons Of Beer

The largest and most complete whiskey-manufacturing plant ever taken in this part of the State was captured in the western part of Harnett county four miles north-east of Manchester, Wednesday afternoon. The still was a copper outfit of 150 gallon capacity and was an expertly assembled affair.

Besides the still, approximately 10,000 gallons of beer were taken, though no one was found about the still when the officers searched it. The plant and surroundings indicated that it had been operated on a large scale for several months. The operators had provided a "home" near by the still, where it appeared that they ate and slept. A canvas tent covered the living quarters. The officers who captured the still declared that though they had participated in numerous raids, the largest and best equipped they had ever seen. The officers also seized 1,400 pounds of sugar found at the still.

The officers participating in the raid were: Federal Officers A. B. Adams of Dunn and McDuffie of Carthage, Sheriff McCarty and Deputies Kyle, Mathis and Spivey of Harnett, Sheriff McGeehan and Deputies West and Kelly of Cumberland.

A. B. Adams, special prohibition

Krupp Directors Are Arrested By French

Taken Into Custody As Result Of Fatal Clash At Plant On Saturday

Essen, April 1.—Four directors of the Krupp works were arrested by the French military authorities today on charges of inciting the attack by the German workmen on the troops Saturday, which culminated in the killing of nine Germans and the wounding of 24 others.

The casualties occurred when a French lieutenant with 11 men went to the Krupp works to requisition motor trucks for the French army. There were only a few cars in the garage at the time, as it appears the Krupp authorities had a previous intimation of the requisitioning and removed some of them.

The directors arrested were Hartwig, Oesterlin, Bruhn and Bitter. They were taken at their homes in Essen at 5 o'clock this morning. The French have not announced when they will be tried.

Ham-Ramsay Meeting Commences Third Week

Large Audiences Pack Great Tabernacle Despite The Cold Weather

Fayetteville, April 1.—The third week of the Ham-Ramsay union evangelistic campaign now in progress at Fayetteville was ushered in most auspiciously today when two large audiences listened to the powerful discourses of Evangelist M. F. Ham.

EASTER CANTATA WAS DELIGHTFUL

Large Crowd Pleased With Easter Program At First Baptist Church

A crowd that filled to overflowing the auditorium and balcony of the first Baptist church was delighted with the Easter Cantata, "The Conquering King," which was rendered by the choir of that church Sunday evening. The program consisted of eleven numbers and as a whole was one of the most pleasing musicals ever rendered in Dunn.

North Carolina Student Is Winner Of Debate

Victor Young Is Selected As Best Negative Debater At National Meet

Washington, March 28.—Carter M. Braxton, of the University of Virginia, and Victor Young, of the University of North Carolina, were among the four winners tonight in the first annual national debate conducted here under the auspices of the National Literary society. The question was: "Resolved, That Capital Punishment Should be Abolished by Every Civilized Government." The debate was held in two sections of six men each, three to each side. Young was selected as the best negative debater and Arthur Gillespie, of the University of Pennsylvania, as the best affirmative debater in the first section. Braxton for the affirmative and Hugo Blumenberg, of the University of West Virginia, for the negative were selected as the best in the other section. Braxton and Gillespie will meet Young and Blumenberg in the final debate tomorrow night. Scholarships and a college trophy are the prizes.

TEN YEAR OLD SCHOOL BOY HAS ON A JAG

A ten year old boy, whose name is not divulged, was tried in the Juvenile Court in Elizabeth City Thursday on a charge of drunkenness. The child said that he found the liquor in a bottle hidden at the end of a log near the side of a road in the vicinity of Park school. He drank of the white liquid and went to school beautifully drunk.

agent of Dunn, also captured eleven barrels of beer in Bladen county in a raid made last week.

SIMMONS PLACES BLAME FOR PRICES

Tariff Duties Directly Or Indirectly Responsible For Sugar Advances

Washington, April 1.—Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, today reiterated his opinion "that the tariff duties and the Cuban preferential rate are 'directly or indirectly the chief factors which prevail' with respect to the sugar market and 'have made it easy for the manipulators of sugar to corner the market.'"

In a statement made public by the Democratic National Committee Mr. Simmons declared that "practically all of the beet and cane sugar products of this country have passed out of the hands of the farmers into the hands of the refiners and their associates, and are now held by a small group of manipulators who also control a large part of the output of Cuba, which by reason of the preferential rates, has become practically our only foreign market for the purchase of sugar."

Control of Market
"With a differential in favor of Cuban sugar of nearly one-half cent per pound," he said, "it is apparent that it is necessary only to control the production of two countries—the United States and Cuba—in order to give the small group of manipulators practically arbitrary power over the price of sugar in the market of the United States. It is apparent, too, that the higher the tariff goes the higher also goes the differential."

"The conditions recited enable these manipulators, by concert of action, with little difficulty to limit production or bring about a condition of apparent shortage and thus at will, arbitrarily advance prices and exploit the public."

The sponsors of the Fordney-McCumber tariff act cannot escape their responsibility in this instance, although, of course, it is not probable that they should bear the blame for the present situation.

ALL THE WORLD LOOKS TO AMERICA

Success of Prohibition in This Country Is Being Watched, Says Australian

"Prohibition is the guarantee of a nation against the excess of drink," said Hon. Thomas Walker, of Australia, in address at the First Baptist church last evening. A fair-sized audience heard Mr. Walker's address. Though he spoke for more than an hour, he held his audience spellbound as he told of conditions in his and other wet countries, contrasting them with conditions as he has found them in the United States.

The speaker was introduced by Rev. M. E. Cotton, field secretary of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League. Mr. Walker, he said, was sent to the United States by his government to learn first-hand the results of national prohibition. He also told something of the life of the speaker, who for the past seventeen years has been a member of parliament.

In beginning his address the speaker from Australia declared that the entire world was looking to America for guidance or approval. All Europe, he said, trusts America and all the nations, including the Turks, wonder what view America will take of their acts.

Getting to the subject of prohibition, the speaker said that in his country and in other European countries all sorts of falsehoods are told of how prohibition has failed in the United States. These reports he had found to be false since coming to this country to study conditions. The whiskey interests of the old countries don't want prohibition to succeed in the United States, he said, because they would lose the United States to be sold against prohibition. As a result of the reports that prohibition has failed in the United States, the speaker said, the United States is being looked upon as a weak nation.

FIVE PERSONS KILLED IN CROSSING CRASH

Abland, Ky, April 1.—Five persons were killed here this afternoon when the automobile in which they were riding crashed into a Chesapeake and Ohio passenger train. The dead are: Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Tinsley, their 8-year-old daughter, Bronwyn; J. R. Saunders, all of Abland, and Miss Carrie Kessler, 56, of Greensburg county. Mrs. Saunders, her two children and a baby of the dead couple who also were in the car escaped injury.

Witnesses claim the car suddenly lurched forward as the train was crossing the road and crashed into the side of the engine.

THE BANK OF DOVER VOLUNTARILY CLOSED

Dover, March 31.—The Bank of Dover was voluntarily closed Wednesday, largely as a result of a number of uncollectable loans and a run on the bank of deposits Tuesday. The bank has, according to a number of depositions introduced, encountered rough sailing for some time on account of the failure of the directors to effect a settlement with George W. Hardwick on a \$5,000 loan made to himself while president of the bank. A number of other loans, uncollectable at this time had much to do with the depositors losing confidence and withdrawing funds this week.