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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

TO REVISE TAX SYSTEM

FOLLOWING GOV. BICKETT'S SUGGESTION

Governor, Attorney-General and Chairman State Tax Commission to Study Problem—For Election of County Boards of Education—Craig's Use of Money to Help Families of Convicts Sanctioned—Other Bills of Interest Introduced in Legislature.

Below is given in part a record of the proceedings of the General Assembly since Tuesday as compiled from the reports in The Raleigh Times:

The investigation of the State's taxation system, suggested by Governor Bickett in his inaugural address, is provided for in a resolution introduced in the Senate by Warren of Beaufort county Tuesday morning. The resolution directs the governor, attorney-general and chairman of the State Tax Commission to make a thorough study of the problem and to report their findings to the next General Assembly.

Senators of Guilford introduced the bill for the regulation of proprietary medicines which is desired by the State Board of Health. This bill would create a division of drugs with an inspector under the State Board whose expenses would be paid out of a graduated tax on the manufacturers. It would also require the formula of preparations to be legibly written or printed on their labels.

Mr. Scales presented another bill of interest, this being to prohibit the driving of a motor vehicle by a person under the influence of liquor or drugs.

Warren of Beaufort by request entered a bill to prohibit the employment by telephone and telegraph companies engaged in interstate traffic of children as their agents.

Representative Dargen of Pitt county started through the House Wednesday a State-wide cattle tick eradication bill providing an appropriation of \$2,000 annually for 1917, 1918 and 1919 when the work would be finished.

The preamble of the short measure observes that the United States government appropriate \$56,000 and the State Board of Agriculture \$9,000 annually for this purpose, and under a new fund the cattle tick work would be cared for. The veterinary department of the State is behind the bill.

WEDNESDAY'S SESSION.

Henry Page vast a State-wide bill providing for the election of county boards of education into the House Wednesday morning and Representative Griffin of Chowan dropped a State-wide stock law act into the same tribune about the same time. Thus two of the most troublesome measures yet offered are in the committee rooms. The Page measure was the warmest of the party questions that came up two years ago, and he went down in a narrow majority for the party caucus. As for the Griffin bill, putting the stock law upon all the easterners, nothing could raise more thunder.

The Page act is simple and short. It merely provides for the petition by majority of the qualified voters in a county for an election upon this issue, three members of the school board being chosen. They will be elected, one each two years. The Republicans are jubilant over the reception of their favorite act.

The House also has another trouble-producer. Representative Roberts of Buncombe introduced a bill amending charters whereby women will be allowed to vote in city elections. The women will be here soon to help the act along. Mr. Roberts put through his bill reimbursing Mrs. Nolan Knight for the \$19.65 which she spent in the contest over her "office" as notary public.

Those old-timers—the bills amending the law to regard to the privy examination of married women and doing ditto for the usury law—were introduced in the upper house of the General Assembly Wednesday morning. Jones of Buncombe being sponsor for both. Cranmer of Brunswick had two bills amending the banking law as contained in the 1905 Revision.

Jonas of Lincoln, who was later to figure in the only thing resembling a real ripple on the surface of the senatorial waters, introduced a bill providing for the care of public school children on playgrounds. Shortly afterward he successfully undertook to amend a bill amending the act abolishing the office of county treasurer of Lincoln. He opposed the passage of this bill, itself; but the Democratic majority passed it over his protest.

The bill requires of the bank acting as depository for the county funds to pay 4 per cent interest on the monthly balances. The senator from Lincoln declared that this was, in no bank's taking the deposits and a necessary business made necessary. Under the original act no interest was charged the bank.

Brenizer of Mecklenburg championed the bill for Representative Love of Lincoln, who is a Democrat. Among the bills introduced in the Senate Wednesday were the following:

Tucker—to amend 2081, 1905 Revisal relative to marriage ceremonies.

Jones—to amend chapter 92, Public Laws of 1915, relating to pay of railroad employes in North Carolina.

Cranmer—a resolution to have governor of North Carolina to identify and mark the grave of Governor Benjamin Smith, and providing for

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

S. AND O. CLUB MET WITH MISS ADAMS.

At her home on South Oakland street Wednesday afternoon Miss Rebecca Adams was hostess at a most delightful meeting of the S. and O. Club. Trill was played at three tables, after which the guests were invited into the dining room, where a delicious course luncheon was served. The decorations were especially pretty, the centerpiece being a large basket of pink carnations and white narcissus and the room being lighted with pink-shaded candles. Covers were laid for fourteen. Besides members of the club Mrs. Andrew E. Moore was an invited guest.

MEETING WAS POSTPONED.

On account of the very inclement weather the joint meeting of the teachers of the first, second and third grades of the Central school and the mothers of the pupils in those grades, which was scheduled for last Wednesday afternoon, was postponed until next Wednesday afternoon. The hour is the same as originally announced, namely from 3 to 4. The education committee of the Women's Betterment Association, under whose auspices this meeting is to be held, are desirous of having as many of the mothers present as possible.

Marie Doro as "Oliver Twist" from Dickens' novel Ideal Today.

ADMIRAL DEWEY DEAD.

Hero of Manila Bay Dies at Advanced Age—Was Only Admiral in American Navy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19. Admiral Dewey, the nation's Spanish war hero and by priority of grade the ranking naval officer of the world, died at his home here today in his eightieth year. He had not been conscious since yesterday, when he lapsed into coma, still believing that in a few days he would be back at his desk in the navy department.

A general breakdown accompanied by arterio-sclerosis incident to old age was the cause of death. The disease had been gradually spreading its hold upon the powerful body for a year and a half, but the admiral, proud of his physical vigor, had fought it off and even kept its existence a secret from most of his intimate friends. Last Wednesday he was at his office, apparently hale and hearty. The next day he collapsed as he was preparing to leave the house, and the beginning of the end was at hand.

The admiral died at 5:56 o'clock. President Wilson and Secretary Daniels were notified at once, and the news was flashed by wireless to American naval vessels and stations all over the world. The message carried orders that all flags be put at half mast.

Only two other men—Farragut and Porter—have held the rank of admiral of the American navy and since Civil war days no military figure has held such a place as Dewey in the affections and admiration of the American people. His death ended sixty-two years of active service. His baptism of fire came in the Civil war, through which he served with distinction. Promotion followed promotion during the years following and he was a commodore commanding the Asiatic fleet when the orders "capture and destroy the enemy's fleet" gave him the first news of hostilities with Spain and sent him into Manila bay for the feat that won undying fame and had far-reaching effect upon the position of the United States as a world power.

Immediately Dewey was advanced to rear admiral, and then congress, by special act, made him admiral of the navy, a grade that died with him. Since 1900 he had been on duty at the navy department as president of the general board, constantly in touch with all activities of the navy, adviser of secretaries and a mighty champion of a great fleet. Year after year the general board urged the building of more ships than congress would agree to, until at the last session a great building program based on its recommendations finally was adopted.

It was because of the admiral's keen aversion to any suggestion that his health and strength were failing that the naval physicians attending him agreed with the family to make no announcement of his condition after the attack Thursday. It was given out that the admiral had a cold and until Sunday even the doctors hoped that he might master the disease. Yesterday his condition had become so serious that the facts no longer could be withheld.

Clara Kimball Young in "My Official Wife" Ideal Monday.

White Slavery and Vice Exposed.

(Press Notice.)

"The worst evil which destroys character and life is vice. Every boy and girl should understand the dangers, and be prepared to meet them. Study this picture, 'The Little Girl Next Door.' It represents the truth. It shows methods employed to trap young girls into a vicious life and emphasizes the necessity of young people being told of the dangers ahead. It's a great moral sermon."

—Arthur Burrage Farwell, head of Chicago Law and Order League.

This picture will be shown at the Broadway Theater here on Wednesday, January 31st.

HELD CAUCUS IN RALEIGH

IN THE INTEREST OF COUNTY LINE SUIT

A Delegation from Gaston Returned Home Yesterday from State Capital Where They Conferred With Cleveland's Representative—Suggested That Mr. Mauney, of Kings Mountain, Ask for Repeal of the Act—His Refusal Would not Affect the Continuance of the Suit.

The three Gaston county commissioners, R. K. Davenport, J. W. Kendrick and R. L. Stowe, along with Clerk O. B. Carpenter, and four other representative citizens of the county, Messrs. C. E. Hutchison, of Mt. Holly, F. P. Hall, of Belmont, J. L. Mauney, of Crowders Mountain township, and N. B. Kendrick, of Cherryville, returned home yesterday from Raleigh where they spent the day previous in an effort to reach an amicable adjustment of the Cleveland-Gaston county line suit, now pending.

Just what the efforts of this delegation accomplished only remains to be seen. It is known, however, that a conference was held at which representatives of both Cleveland and Gaston county were present. No definite steps were taken at this caucus on Wednesday, and it is only a matter of speculation as to what the next turn of the suit will be.

Cleveland county's representative, Mr. W. A. Mauney, of Kings Mountain, who was at the conference, was asked by the Gaston county commissioners to introduce a bill in the General Assembly requesting that the act of 1915, calling for the election, be repealed. Mr. Mauney will be governed, doubtless, by the wishes of his constituency in Cleveland county, and the real sentiment of that constituency was not made known at the caucus on Wednesday.

While it matters little to the Gaston county commissioners whether or not their suggestion is carried out, other than a desire on their part to effect a friendly adjustment of the affair, the action of Cleveland county, should it be a refusal to ask the Legislature to repeal the act and set aside the election, would not stop the prosecution of the suit.

Considerable comment is being indulged as to what step Cleveland county will now take, although it is only speculation.

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MR. FOREACRE CHOSEN NEW GENERAL MANAGER.

Of the Southern Division of Southern Railway, Will Have Headquarters in Charlotte.

Washington, Jan. 19. One of the most important changes which will be put into effect February 1 by the Southern Railway will be the appointment of W. N. Foreacre, now general superintendent with headquarters at Charlotte, as general manager of all of the Southern Lines east of Atlanta and Chattanooga and extending as far north as Washington. Mr. Foreacre's headquarters will remain at Charlotte, though his office force will be greatly increased.

There are a number of other changes to be made effective at the same time, but the promotion of Mr. Foreacre to the position of general manager for the newly created eastern district is the most important to North Carolina.

When the order goes into effect it is expected that a large number of clerks now in Washington will be transferred to Charlotte. It will mean that North Carolina will be one of the most important States, from a railroad point of view, than she has ever been before and will be equally as important as Atlanta and Birmingham, where large forces of southern employes have been located for a number of years.

It is understood here that the entire system of the Southern is to be cut up into divisions or districts and a general manager appointed for each. E. H. Coapman, now vice-president and general manager, it is understood, will continue as vice-president, with direct supervision of the entire system as he now has.

The new conditions mean that thousands upon thousands of dollars will be spent in North Carolina, especially in Charlotte, which is now being used in Washington, Atlanta, Chattanooga and Birmingham.

Furthermore the operation of the Southern's system which is now handled from Washington, will be under charge of Mr. Foreacre who will direct the system from Charlotte instead of Washington.

Broadway Monday Bluebird Photoplay "Saving the Family Name" by Phillips Smaalley and Mary McLaren.

Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman reports that the manufacturing establishments in this State classified as miscellaneous number 1,860 and use \$138,871,153 capital stock, the combined value of the plants being \$32,136,000, with annual pay rolls aggregating \$18,214,500. They are reported to be in a very prosperous condition and making full time in operation of the plants. This classification of manufacturing includes all except cotton, woolen and silk mills, the knitting mills and the furniture factories, each of which has a separate classification.

Trade With Gazette Advertisers.

GASTONIA AND GASTON

LATE EVENTS IN TOWN AND COUNTY

Flax at Half-Mast.

Postmaster John R. Rankin received orders from Washington this morning to fly the flag on the post-office building at half-mast until after Admiral George Dewey's funeral which is to take place at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Attending Father's Funeral.

Mr. E. F. Lipe, of Dallas, left this morning for Concord to attend the funeral of his father, Mr. L. E. Lipe. The elder Mr. Lipe died yesterday from injuries he received in an encounter with a drunken man who killed him in the abdomen.

Gaston's Bonds Are in Demand.

Fifteen applications have been received at Register of Deeds O. B. Carpenter's office within the past few days from various concerns who are desirous of purchasing the \$100,000 worth of bonds Gaston county is to sell on February 16. In pursuance with a recent act of the Legislature.

Go to Chattanooga.

Mr. W. K. Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Reid, who has held a position with the A. B. Gibson Company for several years, left last night for Chattanooga, Tenn., where he goes to accept a position in the offices of the claim department of the Southern Express Company, in that city.

On Sale Monday.

The Gazette is requested to state that tickets for the next lyceum attraction, the Davenny Festival Quartet, which is to appear at the Central school auditorium next Tuesday night, will go on sale at Kennedy's Monday at 4 p. m. This attraction comes very highly recommended by the press reports and the lyceum committee hopes that the public will accord it a good patronage.

Death of Young Man.

Mr. Andrew Ezekiel Hancock, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. T. Hancock, died Monday at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. W. T. Welch, on North Poplar street following a long illness with tuberculosis. Deceased was 22 years of age and was a member of East Gastonia Baptist church, having joined at the age of 12. Funeral services were conducted at the church Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Whitley, and the remains were interred in Oakwood cemetery. Surviving are the parents, seven sisters and three brothers.

Boy Scouts Meeting Tonight.

The recent movement set on foot by the Chamber of Commerce looking toward the organization of several troops of Boy Scouts in Gastonia and in the other towns of Gaston county has brought forth many inquiries from parents and others as to the aims and purposes of the movement. Tonight at 7 p. m. in the court house an organization meeting will be had and the parents and public in general is invited to be present. The meeting will be of greater interest to the parents than the boys. Scout Commissioner Steere, of Charlotte, and several other officers, and prominent men will be present to make addresses.

Gastonia Local Picture (Princess' Visit) shown at the Broadway today.

Price reduced.

Gastonia Cotton

Good middling cotton seed.

PLANS FOR DEBATING UNION.

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No Grass on a Race Track.

Biblical Recorder.

The Religious Herald tells the following story which has too wide an application: Mrs. Jenkinson, a regular visitor in the doctor's consulting room, started on the long story of her troubles. The doctor endured it patiently and gave her another bottle. At last she started out, and the doctor was congratulating himself, when she stopped and exclaimed, "Why, doctor, you didn't look to see if my tongue was coated." "I know it isn't," wearily replied the medical man. "You don't find grass on a race-track."

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Buy in Gastonia.

I. L. CRAIG RE-ELECTED

AGAIN HEADS THE FAIR ASSOCIATION

Stockholders Held Annual Meeting Yesterday Afternoon—Old Officers and Directors Re-Elected—Report of Secretary and Treasurer Showed Last Fair a Splendid Success—Balance of Stock to be Sold—Premium List to be Revised and Put Out at Early Date.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Gaston County Fair Association held in the office of Secretary J. M. Holland yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock Col. T. L. Craig was re-elected president, Mr. W. T. Rankin, vice-president and all of the old board of directors were re-elected as follows, A. C. Jones, R. G. Rankin, J. L. Beal, F. L. Smyre, A. J. Kirby, G. R. Spencer and A. E. Wolz.

Mr. Holland, who is secretary and treasurer, submitted his financial report which showed that the 1916 fair was a splendid success financially and from the standpoint of attendance. The association has no outstanding obligations, has a considerable equipment and some money in the bank. The stockholders present expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the showing made for the second annual fair.

President Craig and the board of directors appoint the township vice-presidents and these will probably be named within a short time.

A resolution was adopted recommending that the directors change the by-laws so as to provide for the holding of the annual meeting on the third Thursday after the close of the fair each year. It was the opinion of all present that it would be more advantageous to have the annual meeting soon after the fair than to wait until the following January as is now provided by the by-laws.

Another recommendation made to the directors was that the secretary be authorized to sell the remainder of the capital stock of \$3,500, so far as about \$2,500 of the capital stock has been sold. No effort has been made to place the remainder so far and the stockholders had no doubt that it could all be easily sold without the least difficulty.

Several matters of interest to the fair were informally discussed. The stockholders present were all enthusiastic over the fair's success and particularly over the fact that the people of the county, especially the farmers, had manifested such a deep interest in the organization and have given their undivided support.

Secretary Holland is now engaged in revising the premium list for 1917 and this will soon be given to the public. As noted recently the board of directors authorized him to give three cash prizes on each article instead of two, heretofore and also to give cash premiums on a number of articles which have heretofore not been included in the cash premium list.

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SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Rumors are heard on the streets of still another cotton mill.

—Today being a legal holiday, the banks of the city are closed.

—Miss Mary Ragan left Wednesday night for New York, where she will spend two weeks.

—Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Sparrow, of Union, are here today attending the Lee-Jackson celebration.

—Davenny Festival Quilting, lyceum attraction, Central school next Tuesday night.

—Mr. W. T. Rose, of Wadesboro, was the guest one day last week of his sister, Mrs. J. M. Sloan.

—Today is a legal holiday in North Carolina, being Robert E. Lee's birthday.

—Miss Laura Pake left Tuesday for New Orleans, where she will spend some time as the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. Rhodes.

—Emily Robinson, of route three, is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. S. A. Crawford, at McConellsville, S. C.

—Efrid's January muslin sale commences Wednesday morning, the 24th. See page advertisement in this issue.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Terrell and little son, L. E., Jr., left Wednesday night on a visit to relatives at Gainesville, Atlanta and Birmingham.

—Cleveland Star, 16th: Mrs. E. Webb left yesterday for Gainesville, Ga., to be at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. M. E. Simmons, who is quite ill.

—Mrs. W. E. Jenkins, whose illness was noted in Tuesday's Gazette, has been removed to the City Hospital. While still quite ill it will be a pleasure to her many friends to know that her condition is showing some improvement.

—Miss Nellie Rose Sloan left today for Spartanburg to be the guest of her sister, Miss Christine Sloan, at Converse College, for the week-end, and to hear the celebrated Polish pianist, Ignace Paderewski, who gives a concert at a theater tomorrow.

—Today's prediction is for fair and colder weather. It is colder all right but a few clouds keep hanging around which leads the weather to harbor a suspicion that perhaps some more sleet or ice, or snow is waiting around the corner for us.

—Arthur Armstrong, a well-known colored preacher of the Union neighborhood, one who enjoys the confidence not only of his own race but of the white people in his community as well, has just returned home from Salisbury with a bride.

—Mr. C. W. Hopkins, of Newport News, Va., was the guest of Mrs. Hopkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Page, last Friday. His little daughter, Eloise, who had been spending some time with her grandparents, accompanied him home.

—Friends at Kings Mountain and over the western section of the county of Rev. M. B. Clegg, formerly pastor of the Methodist church at Kings Mountain, will regret to learn that his mother, Mrs. Mary F. Clegg, died at his home at Henrietta a day or two ago. She was 77 years old.

—News today from the bedside of Mrs. A. E. McLurd, who has been critically ill for several days past at her home in Stanley, is to the effect that her condition is no worse. She is entirely conscious but in a very weakened condition. Her physicians have yet some hope that she may rally and again be able to be up.

—Mrs. R. B. Babington and Mr. E. G. McLurd, of Gastonia, are constantly at her bedside. Mr. McLurd was in town a few hours this morning but has returned to Stanley.

"I have taken The Gazette ever since it started 27 years ago," said Mr. D. P. Hoffman, a well-to-do farmer of route two, when renewing his subscription this morning. "There was a period once of about three months that I missed getting it but aside from that I have had it in my home since the first issue." The Gazette has a large number of subscribers with the same kind of a record. It is one of the things that makes an editor's life worth while—to get out the kind of paper that people read year in and year out during a life time.

Clara Kimball Young in "My Official Wife" Ideal Monday.

THE HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLES.

Charlotte Observer.

The promoters of the proposed hospital for crippled children in North Carolina will have a bill introduced in the Legislature, Thursday, asking State assistance in the founding of this institution to the extent of \$20,000. So far, reliance has been placed mainly on private contributions and the responses have been of a liberal character, indicating an appreciation on part of the public of the desirability of making provision for this class of unfortunate—the only class of needy children whose welfare is as yet unprovided for by the State. The members of the Legislature have been made well acquainted with the mission of the proposed hospital through photographs from some of the more successful establishments of the kind in the State and literature bearing on the subject, and need no argument to impress them with the possibilities of such a hospital in North Carolina. The hope will be general that the Legislature may find a way to help this excellent form of educational charity to its feet.

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