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ISSUED TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR GOOD ROADS.

The Durham Sun says an expenditure of three billions for good roads, one billion for construction and two billion for maintenance, the investment covering 50 years, has been submitted to the joint committee of Congress by former Senator Bourne, of Oregon, chairman of the good roads committee. He also wants school of highways and bridge engineering. The fund would be apportioned among the States according to area, population, valuation of property and road mileage. The States would deposit in the United States treasury fifty-year four per cent bonds for the amount due them. The government would then loan the States the par value thereof for construction, the government raising its fund by the sale of fifty year non-taxable three per cent bonds. By crediting each State every year with the excess one per cent interest paid on the State bonds and allowing three per cent interest on the amount, compounded annually, a sinking fund would be established. It is estimated from which the government would pay off the bonds at the end of 50 years and the State would be relieved of the payment of principal on its bonds.

Of the first billion (for construction) North Carolina would get 1.77 per cent or \$17,400,000 on the basis of 48,740 square miles, of 2,396,287 population, of \$494,708,570.00 assessed valuation and of 17,929 miles of roads. North Carolina is a larger State than New York, but gets less.

New York's percentage of 7.86 would secure \$78,600,000 on a basis of 47,654 square miles, of 9,113,614 population, of \$11,022,985,914.00 assessed valuation and of 79,279 miles of roads.

New York would get the most and Delaware the least, the latter on a per cent of .14 receiving only 1,400,000 on a basis of 1,965 square miles of 202,322 population, of \$92,575,760.00 assessed valuation and of 3,000 miles of roads. Rhode Island has less territory than Delaware but almost three times as much population and six times as much valuation. The next lowest are New Hampshire and Vermont. Texas comes close to New York. Pennsylvania is a close third and Ohio a close fourth.

Now the time for everybody, living in the interior, to do is to write to their Senators and Congressmen to have something done by the federal government for good roads. Billions are spent for the army, billions for the navy, billions for rivers, billions for harbors, billions for canals, billions for other purposes. Why not one billion for the people who occupy the land and produce all that supports everything else?

Write to your representatives in Washington for good roads.

Defending her only Sunday hat, a marvelous creation of her latest design, at the point of a loaded revolver, Mrs. Helen Solomon drove a collector of an installment clothing house from her residence in Boston at midnight and told him that if he ever tried to gain possession of the hat again she would kill him. Mrs. Solomon was arrested and at the station house said: "Part of the hat is mine, at least, and I will not let any man take away my only hat simply because I happen to be behind in my payments."

All shoes made by nonunion concerns and owned by Boston telephone operators are to be burned at the next meeting of the union with proper ceremonies, it was announced this week. It was also stated that the Department of Labor would investigate transportation of telephone girls from one city to another in a different State to act as strike-breakers, as in the recent threatened Boston telephone strike.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE

Judge A. M. Aiken, of Danville, died Monday.

The Federation of Women's Clubs is in session in Newbern this week. Secretary of State Bryan has returned to Washington from California.

The House of Commons on Tuesday rejected woman's suffrage by a majority of 47.

Manadayam Tpralivadibhayanakan Tirunab Acharya applied for naturalization papers in New York.

On Tuesday Charlotte killed two bond propositions—one for schools and one for street improvement.

The question of a special tax to support a Carnegie library was defeated by Statesville voters Tuesday.

President Wilson has again expressed the hope that members of Congress would come to an early agreement on the details of currency legislation so that a bill could be passed before adjournment of the special session.

John Purroy Mitchell, independent Democrat and president of the board of aldermen of New York city, was nominated Wednesday by President Wilson to be collector of the port of New York to succeed William Loeb, Jr.

An attempt to wreck the Ancient St. Paul's cathedral in London by a bomb early Wednesday is attributed to the militant suffragettes who are believed to be seeking revenge for the defeat of the suffrage bill in the House of Commons.

John T. Pullen, who died in Raleigh a few days ago, bequeathed all his real estate, estimated at from thirty to forty thousand dollars, to the Fayetteville Street Baptist church in Raleigh. Various other institutions and friends and relatives were beneficiaries.

The home of R. L. Nolan near Waynesville, N. C., was destroyed by fire together with its contents a few nights ago. The 12 year-old son of Mr. Nolan was unable to make his escape and was cremated in the fire. The balance of the family had narrow escapes from being burned to death.

Wilmington is in the limelight again. The new aldermen do not set well with Mayor Moore, and following the election of a new chief of police Wednesday, his honor denounced the "unfair and unjust action of the council" in its selection, thereby tying his hands in regard to the enforcement of law.

Approximately 93,000 acres of mountain land in Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and West Virginia were approved for purchase on Wednesday by the national forest reservation commission. This will make almost 600,000 acres bought by the government up to date for the Appalachian and White Mountains forest reservation.

His eagerness to see a "woolyneg" cost Frank Schmidt, of Isanti, Minn., a gold watch and \$100. Instead of seeing a monster of the North woods Schmidt was thrust into the doorway of a box car and dangled from the threshold when the car door was closed on his neck, while the two men accompanying him searched his pockets, according to the story he told the police.

The members of the Variety Club in Bellare, O., are taking action to reduce the high cost of marrying—to the guests. One of the club of 15 young women is to be married in June, and the girls who will be the bridesmaids and other attendants at the wedding are determined that they will not purchase costly gowns with trains. At a recent meeting of the club, work was started on making trains of cheesecloth to be worn with their "party" dresses, at a cost of fifty cents.

SIMMONS OPPOSES NAME OF JOHN T. OLIVER.

The Greensboro News of Wednesday contained a press dispatch from Washington which showed that one of the recommendations made by him to the Postmaster General is not meeting with the approval of Senator Simmons, this recommendation being that of John T. Oliver, of Reidsville. The dispatch also stated that Mr. O. F. Crowson, editor of the Burlington News, has not relented in his efforts to secure the postmastership of his town, although Mr. F. L. Williams has been recommended by Congressman Stedman. Mr. Crowson is carrying the fight to the Postmaster General. Major Stedman is sticking squarely to the candidates he recommended. The major is still detained at Greensboro on account of the illness of his wife, whose condition remains serious.

There are rumors that the recommendation of Mr. R. S. Galloway, of Winston, has not ended the controversy over the position in that city, and friends of other candidates there are still trying to land their favorites. Both Messrs. Galloway and Williamson, as well as Mr. Oliver, were opposed to Senator Simmons in the recent Senatorial contest. Senator Simmons has, however, only publicly announced his personal objection to the Reidsville candidate.

Only two North Carolina postmasters have been confirmed and eight others nominated by the Postmaster General and sent to the Senate so far. One of these confirmed was Mr. Louis Bond Hale, associate editor of the Fayetteville Observer. There were three or four strong candidates for the Fayetteville place, all being friends of Senator Simmons. Mr. Hale was decided upon by Senators Overman and Simmons and Congressman Crowder. Mr. Hale had been a clerk under one of Congressman Crowder's committees and he came in in the form of a compromise candidate, although his paper was a very strong supporter of Judge Clark.

Assurances can be given that the friends of Messrs. Galloway and Williamson and Oliver will continue to press the claims of these gentlemen for the respective positions to which they aspire, and it is equally as certain that Congressman Stedman will continue to resist upon the gentlemen he has recommended.

The Greensboro News' article had the following reference to the Reidsville gentleman who has been recommended by Congressman Stedman:

Postmaster General Burleson has been formally notified by Senator Simmons that he will be compelled to oppose the confirmation of J. T. Oliver for postmaster at Reidsville should the department send his name to the President. Mr. Simmons, it is said, told Mr. Burleson that he hoped another man could be found for the Reidsville job, because he did not like to oppose the President's nomination. However if Oliver's name is sent to the Senate Senator Simmons will fight his confirmation, and, doubtless, will keep the Reidsville man from connecting with the government payroll.

Former Governor Robert B. Glenn called on Senator Simmons today and asked the senior Senator not to interpose further objection to the confirmation of J. T. Oliver, who has been recommended for postmaster at Reidsville. While Senator Simmons has not talked to the writer in regard to this matter within the past 48 hours, it is understood that the senior Senator will not allow the confirmation of the Reidsville man. Mr. Simmons does not object to a man simply because he opposed him in the last campaign, but the vigorous denunciation of Mr. Simmons by Oliver was of such a character as to make his confirmation for the postmastership which he now seeks almost an impossibility.

Many other men who were against Simmons last fall have been nominated for high federal offices, and the senior Senator has not made any objections to their confirmation, but where the Senator has been bitterly denounced throughout the State, as it is understood to be true in the case of Mr. Oliver, the candidate stands a poor chance of ever annexing his name to the federal payroll.

Ceremonies in connection with the induction into office of Dr. Henry Louis Smith, the new president of Washington & Lee University, took place Wednesday.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF RUFFIN HIGH SCHOOL.

Ruffin was full of visitors last week, it being the time for the closing exercises of the graded school which opened on Monday evening with the intermediate and primary grades, taught by Misses Blair and Bennett, on the rostrum.

The children acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner, showing very plainly that much care had been taken in training them for their different parts.

On Tuesday evening Miss Keehling, assistant teacher in the High School, gave her class exercise which were greatly enjoyed by a packed house.

On Wednesday evening a play by the High School boys and girls, was given under the direction of Prof. Hicks.

On Thursday evening "Valley Farm" was rendered, directed by Mrs. Hicks. It was witnessed by a large audience and considered good.

Friday was commencement day and four young ladies and one young man received their diplomas, viz.: Misses Iris Fitzgerald, Annie Chandler, Janie Lewis, Jennie Hooper and Mr. Clyde Worsham.

The annual address was delivered by Dr. Mann, superintendent of the Greensboro city schools. The address was no effort at literary display, but a plain and earnest plea for proper educational ideals. In chaste language and with illuminating illustration, Dr. Mann sought to show that we can set aside personal ambition for better—in attaining that which is better—a lofty type of manhood and womanhood.

Supt. Hickerson spoke very tenderly to the graduates in delivering their diplomas. Very appropriate song selections were beautifully rendered by the High School class under the direction of Mrs. Hicks.

The school was honored by the presence by Revs. Bogle and McNeer who led in prayer, and both made short but sensible talks.

On Friday evening the music teacher, Miss Pearl Cobb, gave her class recital, which proved to be the crowning event of the week. Each number of the following programme was well rendered:

Piano Duet—Laughing Waters—Annie and Mary Chandler.
Piano Solo, Hide and Seek—Annie Worsham.

Reading, When De Folks is Gone—Bessie Stacey.
Piano Duet, Happy Days—Fannie Harrelson, Marjorie Worsham.

Vocal Duet, Dreams, Just Dreams—Janie Lewis, Kath'leen Gibson.
Piano Solo, May Days—Irene Collette and Ollie Saunders.

Piano Solo, Tannhauser March—Kath'leen Gibson.

Reading, Leah the Forsaken—Marjorie Worsham.
Chorus, Dean You Cry, Mr. Honey—Class.

Piano Duet, Peasants Dance—Mary Stokes, Mary Chandler.
Vocal Solo, Four Leaf Clover—Kath'leen Gibson.

Piano Solo—Marjorie Worsham.
Reading, As the Moon Rose—Mabel Anderson.

Vocal Duet, Just You, Dear, You—Irene Stephens, Allen Saunders.

Piano Duet, Charge of the U-hous—Marjorie Worsham, Kath'leen Gibson.
Chorus, Goodnight, Goodnight, Beloved.

Miss Ruth Rawley, of Reidsville, who needs no introduction to Ruffin people, sang very sweetly, and by special request two numbers, The Rosary and He Was a Prince. Both were heartily enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience.

Much credit is due Miss Cobb for the painstaking labor bestowed on her class, which was plainly evidenced.

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ELECTION RESULTS IN DEFEAT OF OLD ADMINISTRATION.

A record vote was cast in the municipal election here Tuesday and resulted in a shift of administration of the town's affairs with the exception of the reelection of Mayor Francis Womack, who had no opposition, and Recorder Humphreys, who defeated A. J. Burton, Esq., by an overwhelming majority. A total of 552 votes were cast out of a registration of 602. The new commissioners' ticket was elected by an average majority of 34 2-5 votes.

The following is the official vote:

Mayor.	
Francis Womack	407
Recorder.	
Ira R. Humphreys	370
A. J. Burton	147
Solicitor.	
Humphreys' majority	223
Commissioners.	
E. H. Wrenn, Jr.	270
P. W. Gildewell	222
Commissioners.	
Wrenn's majority	48
J. F. Smith	299
W. B. Wray	296
H. E. Link	291
Will Williams	286
J. E. Amos	282
J. Ed. Smith	278
R. L. Snead	256
Walter J. Irvin	253
E. L. Heere	252
E. R. Harris	243

SHOPPING EARLY IN THE WEEK; SOME SUGGESTIONS

Is it your custom to shop late in the week? Eight out of ten readers will say yes, and that means that these only get one fifth of the satisfaction of comfortable shopping. The salespeople always do the best they can, but with 80 per cent of the shopping coming on Saturday you can readily see the disadvantages you are put to by shopping in a rush.

This condition exists in every line of merchandising, but you'll probably more clearly see the error of the untidying public as applied to shoes.

Footwear properly fitted will wear longer and give easily one-fourth more satisfaction to the customer than shoes hurriedly fitted. Then buy shoes and other merchandise as well, at the time affording more time and attention from the salesman.

It has been suggested that persons engaged in the business district buy shoes and do other shopping at noon-time, except Saturday.

Customers residing in suburbs will find it to their advantage to shop any time convenient except noon or Saturday. Morning is being popularized.

Customers engaged in mills, or factories, who cannot reach their shoe man other than on Saturday, take advantage of that day, but as much as possible shop earlier in the week.

If you will try to follow the suggestions as above it will equalize the shopping days and you'll avoid the inexperienced Saturday clerk, receive more attention from the trained salespeople, get better fitting shoes, have a better pair of feet when you grow old, and secure more genuine satisfaction in the selection and purchase of merchandise in other lines.

Aid the merchants in better serving your interests, and relieve the strain of Saturday shopping on the helpless salesfolk.

MEETING OF THE TUESDAY AFTERNOON READING CLUB.

The club held the last meeting of the year with Miss Birdie McKinney on Tuesday, the sixth.

The usual order of business was followed by current events given in response to second roll, the same adding much interest.

The remainder of the literary program closed the study of Shakespeare's King Lear with sketches as follows:

Cordelia—Mrs. McGehee.
Kent and Edgar—Mrs. Barbee.
The Fool—Mrs. Harris.
Analysis of the Plot—Miss Hancock.

In the analysis of the plot, three actions are seen to be involved.

First, that by which General and Regan drive their father mad, an action which begins with Lear's division of the kingdom, and ends with his madness.

Second, that by which Edmund carries through a series of crimes, beginning with the disinheriting of Lear and culminating in the murder of Cordelia.

Third, the action of General and Regan, who having been allies during the first half of the play, destroy one another in the second.

After the social hour, the club adjourned for the summer.

DREAMERS IN FURROWS AND DRONES IN THE SUN.

President C. S. Barrett has addressed the following appeal to the members and officials of the Farmers' Union:

Every great progress marked in the world's history was born in the dreams of some great thinker, who wrought his dream into concrete form. Dreams are but the visions of great souls building ships and railroads and skyscrapers and threshing machines and all the things going into the advancement of humanity.

The farmer boy following his sweating horse in the furrow of mellow upturned earth dreams and dreams until life's horizon lifts and broadens for him. No available statistics are at hand, but very many of the men who mark the outposts of the world's onward progress dreamed in the furrow. Something about the contact with Mother Earth, the intimate association with her moods and her brooding heart begets stamina, character, stability and deep-rooted purposefulness.

So when some foppish city chap with tailored suit, polished shoes and manicured nails sneers at "the country bumpkin" don't let it disturb you, for your dreams made possible his bed of ease and wrought the city, the soft-cushioned automobiles and the comforts he enjoys. Moreover, you are worth a dozen of him in doing life's work, for your bent back, your wrinkled and unkempt clothes, your horny hands and tanned skin result from doing the hard, the humble, but the absolutely necessary work to keep this old world turning in its orbit.

But the dreamer drone who nods in the sun and lets the world rush by him has no place in the scheme of things. We have hundreds of that sort in the Farmers' Union, who sit down and dream that everything will come to him without effort on his part. Then he wakes up and quits because, as some one has expressed it, "they ain't doing anything."

Dream, but turn your dream into something.

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