

PLAN THAT IS PROPOSED FOR BUNCOMBE COUNTY

The Review has referred before to the agitation in Buncombe for a system of county government akin to that of the commission plan for cities. This is in line with a movement that has met with considerable success in some States. It is based on the theory that there is just as much need of whole-time officers to conduct county as city affairs and that the best results can only be secured when the most businesslike system possible is in force.

The following extracts from the text of the proposed bill, which will probably be presented at the present session of the General Assembly, give its principal features:

Section 1. That from and after the first Monday in December, 1918, the board of commissioners of Buncombe county shall consist of three members; the said three members shall be elected at the general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1918.

Section 2. One of the members of said board shall be designated and known as "chairman and commissioner of finance"; another shall be designated and known as "commissioner of public roads" and the third member of said board shall be designated and known as "commissioner of public works".

Section 3. The chairman and commissioner of finance shall, in addition to the other duties required of him, have under his direct supervision the finances of the county, all public buildings and institutions of the county. He shall investigate all claims against the county, and thoroughly investigate the circumstances and conditions of the indigent poor of the county, and report the same to the full board. He shall be the purchasing agent of the county, and shall with the approval of the other members of the board, buy and purchase all supplies, machinery, implements and equipment required and used by the county.

Section 4. The commissioner of public roads shall have under his direct supervision, control and management all of the public roads and bridges of the county. He shall be, in effect, the superintendent of the public road system of the county. It shall be his duty to see that all public roads and bridges are kept in good condition and repair and are properly maintained. He shall have direct supervision of the county road supervisors, or overseers, and see that they properly perform their duties.

Section 5. The commissioner of public works shall have under his direct control, charge and keeping all convicts of the county who are required to work on the public roads. He shall be, in effect, the superintendent of the convict camps, or convict gangs. He shall give said convicts and convict camps his personal supervision and attention. He shall cause all convicts to be properly housed, cared for, clothed and fed. He shall require said convicts to do and perform proper and consistent work on the public roads and bridges of the county. He shall have under his direct supervision the guards and other employees necessary to safely restrain and keep said convicts and necessary to require them to do suitable and proper work on the said public roads and bridges.

Section 7. The said commissioners shall devote their entire time to performing the duties of their respective offices. They shall render faithful and efficient service. The chairman shall, as far as practicable, maintain fixed office hours in the courthouse, so that he may be at all times accessible and available for the transaction of public business.

Section 9. The names of candidates for chairman and commissioner of finance, for commissioner of public roads, and commissioner of public works shall appear separately on the ballots to be voted at the general election, so that each voter may express his choice for each of the respective positions; that is to say, each voter shall vote for a chairman and commissioner of finance, for a commissioner of public roads, and a commissioner of public works.

Section 10. The chairman and commissioner of finance shall receive a salary of twenty-five hundred dollars per year; the commissioner of public roads and the commissioner of public works shall each receive a salary of two thousand per year, payable monthly.

If the commission form as applied to counties proves as successful as it has for cities the time is probably not far distant when various counties all over the country will be operating under this plan. The experience of Buncombe will be watched with particular interest and, if the system works as well as its advocates think it will, various other North Carolina counties will doubtless adopt the plan of employin commissioners to devote their entire time to public affairs.

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THE SAND SPOILED NORTH CAROLINIANS' CHRISTMAS

A. L. Fletcher writes the Raleigh News and Observer from El Paso as follows:

Christmas is gone, thank goodness! It was the most miserable season any one ever spent anywhere. Several things combined to make it so. First, there was the consciousness that we were thousands of miles from home. Second, our mail facilities here are poor at best and under the heavy traffic of the Christmas season broke down completely. We have not had mail from home for three days—not even a newspaper. Third, the weather was terrible. About eight o'clock on Christmas morning the wind started and in two hours was blowing a gale. Dust, sand, sticks, pebbles, bits of paper and all debris of various sorts filled the air all day long.

Scores of officers and men have requested this correspondent to tell the folks at home just what sort of experience we went through on Christmas Day. His answer in every case has been "What's the use?" If a man possessed the vocabulary to set forth in all its horrors the experience of Christmas Day, the folks back in North Carolina would not believe him. They have never experienced anything in all their lives even remotely resembling a Texas sandstorm, and how are you going to describe to people an experience they have never had and for which they have no understandable terms? To use a classic North Carolina phrase, "it can't be did".

Tents went down in all parts of the brigade and many of them were burned. Along the road between the camp and town was a line of wrecked jitney cars. The wind in some cases had been so violent that it literally shoved these cars off the road. In other cases, blinded drivers lost control of their cars and butted into other cars.

The headquarters bunch pulled through the day in pretty fair shape. They congregated in the new brigade headquarters office which lacks a great deal of being dust-proof but which is far ahead of any other structure in this part of the camp and they did what they could to make the best of a bad situation. They sang all of the Christmas songs they knew and General Young told stories, laughed and joked for hours on a stretch, just to keep the boys in cheerful frame of mind.

The dust was so dense at times that you could not see ten feet in front of you, even with the protection of goggles. Standing in the rear window of the office there were times when you could not see the officers' tents less than six feet away from you. Those conditions did not exist for just a few minutes. It was an all day storm. There were times when the dust was so heavy that it darkened the sun.

Big Christmas dinners had been prepared in every mess hall and the boys ate them in spite of the dust. There were times in some of the mess-halls when the men at one table could not see those at the other table across the hall. They stood it all with wonderful good nature and joked about the quantity of adobe mud they were consuming, its flavor and general texture, washed their muddy turkey down with muddy coffee, and never grumbled a grumble. These Tar Heel boys are the right sort of stuff.

Eighty-Seven Years Old
Backache, sore muscles, stiff joints, dark puffs under eyes and bladder disorders are symptoms of diseased kidneys. H. H. Adams, Springfield, Mo., writes: "I had a very severe attack of kidney trouble. I am getting old, eighty-seven. I tried different treatments, but none did me so much good as Foley Kidney Pills. I consider it the best." Foley Kidney Pills are tonic in action, and quick to give good results.—Gardner Drug Co.

FIFTY-FOUR PERSONS WERE LYNCHED THE PAST YEAR

A special from Tuskegee, Ala., says: Fifty-four persons were lynched in the United States during 1916, according to records of Tuskegee Institute here made public today. Fifty of the victims were negroes and four white persons and included in the record are three negro women. Sixty-seven persons were lynched in 1915, thirteen of whom were white men.

In a statement presenting the report Robert R. Moton, president of the institute, said:

"Fourteen, or more than one-fourth of the total lynchings, occurred in the State of Georgia. Of those put to death, 42 or 77 per cent of the total, were charged with offenses other than assault. The charges for which whites were lynched were murder, three; suspected of cutting a woman, one (this a Mexican.)

"The charges for which negroes were put to death were: Attempted assault, nine; killing officers of the law, ten; murder, seven; hog stealing and assisting another person to escape, six; wounding officers of the law, four; assault, three; insult, two. For each of the following offenses one person was put to death: Slapping boy; robbing store; brushing against girl on street; assisting his son, accused of assault, to escape; entering a house or robbery or some other purpose; defending her son, who in defense of his mother killed a man; fatally wounding a man with whom he had quarreled; speaking against mob in act of putting a man to death, attacking a man and wife with club.

"Lynchings occurred in the following states: Alabama, one; Arkansas, four; Florida, eight; Georgia, fourteen; Kansas, one; Kentucky, two; Louisiana, two; Mississippi, one; Missouri, one; North Carolina, two; Oklahoma, four; South Carolina, two; Tennessee, three; Texas, nine."

Leaksville On a Boom.

The Thread Mills Company of Leaksville, operated by the Marshall Field Company of Chicago, are just beginning to spend three-quarters of a million dollars in Leaksville. A large bedspread mill, a knitting mill and four warehouses are to be built and in addition to this about 150 houses for overseers and employees. This information was conveyed yesterday by A. G. Pritchett, a local architect, who has been commissioned to lay out streets and boulevards on a stretch of 150 acres of land purchased just beyond the Leaksville corporation on the Southwest side.

The bedspread mill will be a vast undertaking and will be a great building, measuring 275 feet by 392 feet. This will be built actually in Leaksville on property acquired by the company some time ago. The four storage warehouses will be near by and the knitting mill not far distant.

The property bought just outside of the town for the purpose of building residences for the overseers runs along the Dan river and is to be built as a modern village. Instead of staking out lots into squares, the contours of the land will be taken into consideration and the section built up on a carefully prepared plan. It is understood that the work has already been started on the mill and the laying out of streets in the residential part has already been mentioned in this paper. The mill will cost nearly \$200,000, it is asserted, to erect, and added to this will be the expensive machinery needed as equipment.—Danville Register.

William H. Crocker, multi-millionaire banker of San Francisco, has sued Internal Revenue Collector J. J. Scott for a refund of \$11,340 of income tax. This sum Crocker alleges represents losses on bonds and stocks sustained by him which should have been considered in the fixing of the amount of taxable income.

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School Children Thrift Workers

Every school child in the United States will be asked to join an "army of thrift workers" under the guidance of the National Educational Association and the American Society for Thrift, according to announcement made in New York this week.

"Each county superintendent in the United States," the announcement said, "is today receiving an urgent request from the National Educational Association asking him to assume the leadership and perfect the organization in his county."

"Every child in the United States will be permitted not only to compete for the cash prizes, aggregating more than \$1,000, which are being offered for thrift essays, but the winner in each county will be given a special medal and will be invited to appear on the program of the county institute and read his prize winning essay."

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President Wilson is urging on Congress the enactment of railroad legislation designed to prevent strikes, the programme having been heretofore outlined. If the measure is not put through by March 4th an extra session is probable.

Germany Making Many Guns.

Many thousand guns per week is reported to be the measure of the mighty manufacturing effort which Germany is now making for the campaign of 1917—an effort upon which the entire manhood force of the nation which can be spared from the front and their regular occupations is being concentrated under First Quartermaster Von Ludendorff's universal labor service law.

Counting four months before the probable renewal of the world war in full vigor on all fronts, these figures mean a new immense supply of cannon of all calibers from field guns up to the gigantic howitzers to meet the admittedly gigantic effort which the entente allies are expected to make in this the third year of Kitchener's prophecy to turn the scale of the war.

Along with these guns the German factories are turning out correspondingly stupendous quantities of ammunition, and the production of machine guns, each of which virtually replaces a platoon of men, has been placed on a scale far beyond that of the past year.

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