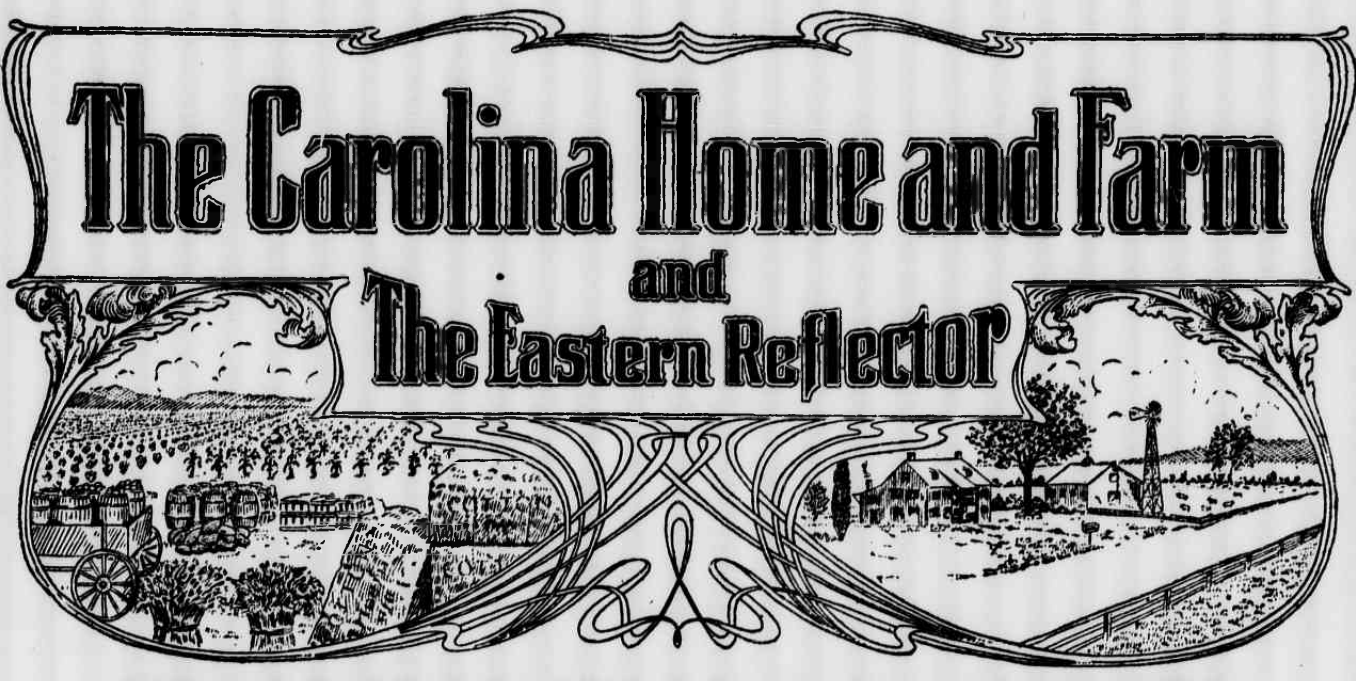


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THE STATE WIDE PRIMARY LAW NOW PROPOSED

Much Debate on Bible Kissing When Oaths are Administered

END HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Pitt County Representatives Introduce This Bill As This Provision Has Now Passed Its Day of Usefulness.

Raleigh, Jan. 13.—The statewide primary act took a start today with Senator McNeely of Union presenting the bill. Senators Hobbard, of Guilford, and Weaver, of Buncombe, are scheduled next.

At this writing it seems that no fight will be made against this measure. Not only is every party pledged to it, but Republicans remaining over here from yesterday's love-making are looking on and urging their members to press this issue to a finish in the general assembly that they shall have the advantage that attend making a party issue. Hardly anybody rises to excuse the party blunder in the convention of 1914 which failed to declare outright for the primary.

The senate spent a great while in discussion of the bill to amend the revision as to the administering of oaths so that the person being sworn may not be required to kiss the Bible. Senator Haymore explained that the vote in committee was 5 to 4 for the bill. Senator Ward argued against the bill as tending to break down the solemnity of the administering of oaths.

Senator Gilliam threw at Senator Ward a query as to the "cheapening of the Bible" by perjury. Senator Ward replied that he thought that the use of the Bible now and again caused witnesses to tell the truth who might not otherwise do so.

Senator Hobbard declared that he did not believe that the people of North Carolina are so superstitious as Senator Ward seemed to consider them. He favored the bill for hygienic reasons. Senator Jonas author of the bill, explained that it did not provide for the abolition of the Bible for oaths but that it is a fact that a great many people go through the motion of kissing the book but do not do so. Senator Speight opposed the bill declaring that he stands for the old landmarks especially where the Holy Bible is concerned.

Bills in the House.
Applause greeted the introduction of the bill by Mr. Currie, of Cumberland placing a tax on dogs throughout the entire State and Mr. Currie stating that both good roads and education would be beneficiaries of the law if passed. The bill was referred to the committee on propositions and grievances.

Repeal Homestead Law.
Another important bill that found its way into the House yesterday, was that of Representative Laughinghouse and Galloway of Pitt, amending the Constitution so as to eliminate and strike out the homestead exemption.

Phone Merger in Arkansas.
Texarkana, Ark., Jan. 14.—The Texarkana Telephone Company will tomorrow take over the local plant of the Southwestern Telephone Company. The details of the merger were arranged recently in St. Louis.

Wilson Criticised by Republican Congressmen for His Recent Speech

Washington, Jan. 13.—One of the liveliest debates of the present Congress stirred the senate today when Republican leaders launched a vigorous attack on President Wilson's Indianapolis speech, the administration's Mexican policy, and Democratic legislation. Democrats met the attack with praise for the President and a prediction of his reelection.

The debate was precipitated over Senator Cummins' resolution asking the President to indicate what the government proposed to do with Mexican customs collected during the occupation of Vera Cruz. Action on the resolution was postponed until tomorrow.

Senator John Sharp Williams, one of those who replied to Republican criticism of the administration, declared with emphasis that President Wilson would be "renominated and reelected for the presidency," because "the American people have found him not only able to take the place of men and whom they were quarrelling, but good enough to stand in his own stead."

Senator Cummins voiced a wish that President Wilson could be confined more closely to "the exercise of his constitutional powers."
Senator Borah made a general broad side attack on the administration. He declared President Wilson's statement at Indianapolis that it would bring "deep bitterness to men, who should dare to break the solidarity of the democratic team for any purpose or any motive," voiced "the sole and only principle on which any corrupt political machine ever was organized or put into existence." It was comparable, he said, to the utterances of "Tom Taggart, of Indiana, to his followers, 80 of whom pleaded guilty yesterday to the crime of political corruption," to "the orders issued by Murphy to his satellites in Tammany hall to follow the dictate of the captain regardless of the dictates of conscience or judgment."

Powerboat Races at Miami.
Miami, Fla., Jan. 14.—A three-day motorboat carnival opened here today, and many of the speediest boats of the Atlantic seaboard were entered. Prizes totalling \$2,500 have been provided. The course is admirably laid out in Biscayne Bay, in dredged water and protected on every side. A feature of the regatta is the freedom and latitude allowed the powerboat men. No entrance fees are collected, there are no handicap races, and no restriction as to crew have been made. Any boat may enter any race by giving a half hour's notice.

TO JURORS, WITNESSES, AND ALL CONCERNED

The Criminal Court will convene on Wednesday, January 20th, at 9 a. m. Judge Harry W. Whedbee, presiding. The Special Venire summoned to appear on Tuesday, January 19th, in Joe Daniels murder case need not attend at all.

J. D. COX,
Clerk Superior Court.

Masons Lay Cornerstone.
Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 14.—One of the most important events in the history of Masonry in Michigan was the laying of the cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple here today, which brought together a notable gathering of high Masons. Thousands of little trowels were sold to raise money to build the new Temple.

Many Battles Now being Fought on Both Fronts, Most Important in West

Turks Have Partially Recovered and plan Invasion of Egypt From Palestine

RESIGNATION CAUSES STIR

Man Who Caused Great War Resigns as Austrian Foreign Minister, People Were Greatly Disatisfied With His Policies

London, Jan. 13.—Battles, large and small all having an important bearing on the situation are raging at widely separated points in Europe and Asia.

The Turks have occupied the Russian town of Tabriz, which is a Russian sphere of influence; are battling with the Russians in the Caucasus and are reported to be making preparations to invade Egypt.

The Russians have resumed the offensive in East Prussia while the Germans continue to attack them in Poland, and they again are trying to cross the Nida river in Southern Poland, held by the Austrians. The battle creating the greatest interest is in the Alsne Valley northeast of Saissons, where the French have been attacking the German entrenchments for a week. They took important positions Friday and again Sunday but the Germans bringing up reinforcements, recovered some of the lost ground. Otherwise the unfavorable weather has compelled the Germans and allies to confine themselves to artillery engagements.

Tax on Pistol Owners.

The following editorial from the news and Observer has a bearing on the recently introduced bill by Representative Laughinghouse seeking to impose a tax on every person owning a pistol.

The legislature can well afford to give considerable attention to the matter of the pistol toter. There are too many dissolute negroes going around with guns in their hip pockets. Many of this class of colored men and boys feel that they have not done what they fairly expected of them if they have not made themselves the possessors of revolvers. And it is likely that a good many white people own pistols and carry them in violation of law.

Strict supervision of the sale of the shooting irons should obtain. The menace of the revolver should be guarded against much more assiduously than has been done heretofore. It is too easy to buy a pistol in North Carolina. The welfare of the public demands that the law against carrying concealed weapons be supplemented by one that will make it difficult for an irresponsible person to come into possession of a deadly weapon.

REV. J. R. MATTHEWS AT THE TRAINING SCHOOL

Rev. J. R. Matthews, rector of the Episcopal church, conducted the religious exercises at the morning assembly at the Training School. He talked of the Christ-child and the Virgin. He enumerated some of the beautiful qualities of the mother Christ which all women should emulate. He closed by pleading with the young ladies not to "be bloodless murderers of Christ" and not to shut him out of the human life.

National Bank Elects Directors and Officers for The Begining Year

The Stockholders of The National Bank of Greenville held their regular annual meeting in the City Hall on the 12th, with large per cent of the stock being represented.

The Cashier's report for the years business ending on the 11th, was received with much satisfaction. Said report showing deposits more than \$492,000, and resources over \$748,000.

In order that the bank should be in position to avail itself of the facilities of the National Currency Association the surplus was increased during the year from \$11,000 to \$20,000, besides paying a cash dividend to the stockholders of \$5,000, and crediting the furniture and fixture account \$966.12 and now have a surplus and undivided profits amounting to \$28,811.91.

Also, that the bank had complied with the requirements, and had become a member of the Federal Reserve System which is only allowed to National Banks who are able to stand the rigid examination of the Government. Membership in the Federal Reserve System is expected to be of vast benefit, as the business of the country develops.

After the election of the following directors for the ensuing year the meeting was adjourned:

- F. G. James R. L. Davis W. E. Proctor L. W. Tucker J. G. Moyo G. E. Harris Chas. Cobb B. W. Moseley Dr. J. E. Nobles F. C. Harding O. W. Harrington, R. Williams, J. L. Perkins J. L. Little W. J. Hardee.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Stockholders the Directors met and took the oath of office required of National Bank Directors and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

- James L. Little, President; F. G. James, Vice-President; W. E. Proctor, Vice-President; F. J. Forbes, Cashier; M. L. Turnage, Ass't Cashier; Chas. James, Teller; T. F. Macguire, Ass't Bookkeeper.

VITAL STATISTICS REPORT FROM CONTENTNEA 1 AND 2.

The vital statistics register for Contentnea number 1 and 2, Mr. R. Cronin has given us a report of the births and deaths which have been registered in his district during last year. For Contentnea number 1 and 2 the total number of births for 1914 is 140, the number of deaths is 49. For the town of Winterville the births number 16 and the deaths 9. The report shows that the birth rate is much higher than the death rate, the number of births being exactly 100 more than the deaths for the same period of time. The people of these townships are assisting the register of statistics having already realized that these statistics are valuable and well worth being recorded.

Conetoe Farmer A Suicide.
Rocky Mount, Jan. 14.—News of the suicide on last Sunday of Samuel Warren, superintendent of the M. E. Dawson farm near Conetoe, was received here today. It was said Mr. Warren had been in ill health and was suffering from melancholia. He shot himself in the head with a shotgun.

Greenville Has Made Much Progress in Building Operations During 1914

The year 1914 was a very prosperous one for Greenville. This is true, too, in spite of the fact that during the latter part of the year the South was suffering the effects of the European war. While Greenville's prosperity does not depend on her cotton market, as tobacco is the principal crop grown in this county, still the low price of cotton might have influenced building operation to a greater extent than it did. The report of building operations and the money invested does not show that the people here have held back on account of the business depression.

The number of building permits issued last year is 98. The total amount of money which has been spent and will be spent on those buildings amounts to nearly \$400,000. Among the building operations which have been going on this year, permits for which were issued in some cases during 1914, are included an office building costing near \$75,000, a cotton mill costing \$150,000 and addition to the Training School which cost about \$75,000, a postoffice building costing \$100,000, besides many residences and other buildings. Several other buildings are being planned and it is pretty certain that the year 1915 will have a record to its credit when the year is over.

A report in regard to the fires and insurance risks has also been secured and it shows that about 20 fire alarms were sent in during the year of which number about 7 or 8 resulted in actual loss by fire. The fire loss paid for was \$3,325 and this was paid on property which is insured for about \$150,000. The town has recently installed a new and complete fire alarm system one of the best in the State considering the size of Greenville, and this will result in keeping the fire losses as low or lower than they were during last year.

CONGRESS, CRABS AND CHILDREN

Federal Bills Discussed at National Conference on Child Labor.

There is a good chance of the Palmer-Owen federal child labor bill's being passed by the present Congress provided it can be brought to a vote. This was the opinion expressed by the Hon. A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania at the 11th annual conference of the National Child Labor Committee which has just been held at Washington. "The bill is on the House Calendar," Mr. Palmer said, "and I am confident it will be passed by Congressmen could only be flooded with letters and telegrams from their constituents it would surely come to a vote. One good thing about Congress is that it does respond to the popular will, when the popular will is unmistakably expressed."

Others who spoke at the Conference in favor of the bill included Senator Kenyon of Iowa, Henry P. Kendall of Massachusetts, W. H. Swift of North Carolina, and William H. Malthe of Maryland. Mr. Malthe wondered whether American people cared more for crabs or children, and pointed out that the federal bill to protect migratory fish had received the support of upholders of State rights from those sections of the country which oppose a federal child labor law.

The Conference passed unanimously resolutions calling upon the U. S. Bureau of Education to obtain and publish current statistics about illiteracy, because, as Mrs. Lorena Kelley reminded the Conference, Census figures on the subject are out of date before they are available.

12,000 KILLED BY EARTHQUAKE AT AVEZZANO

Entire Town is Levelled and Most of Inhabitants are Killed

OTHER TOWNS ALSO SUFFER

The Shock Was Prolonged And is Felt at Rome and Many Historic Places Are Damaged as a Result

Rome, Jan. 13.—Italy has been visited by an earthquake of wide extent, which, according to the latest advices has resulted in the death of 12,000 and injury to possibly 20,000 more in towns and villages destroyed.

The shock was the strongest Rome has felt in more than a hundred years. The town of Avezzano in the Abruzzi department, 63 miles east of Rome, has been levelled to the ground and here 8,000 persons are reported to have been killed.

In many small towns surrounding Rome buildings were partially wrecked, while at Naples a panic occurred and houses fell at Vaseria, a short distance to the east.

From below Naples in the south to Ferrara in the north, a distance of more than 300 miles, and across almost the width of the country, the undulatory movement of a continued considerable period.

Shock Was Prolonged.

In Rome it was thought at first that two shocks had occurred but the seismographical instruments in the observatories showed there was only one which, beginning at 7:55 o'clock in the morning, lasted from 22 to 20 seconds.

In the capital itself so far as is known there was no loss of life, but a great deal of damage was done churches and statues suffering most. For a time the people were stricken with fear and there was a veritable panic in hospitals, monasteries, and convents.

PROMINENT FARMVILLE CITIZEN DIED TUESDAY

Wilson, Jan. 13.—R. B. Bynum of Farmville died at a local hospital Tuesday following a stroke of paralysis sustained Monday night. Mr. Bynum lives at Farmville and came to Wilson Monday night to spend a few days with his sister, Mrs. J. P. Barrett. After supper he remarked that he would go up town for a while. Mrs. Barrett replied that she would leave the door unlocked for him and he could go to his room when he returned. Shortly after 10 o'clock Mr. Bynum was found lying on the street in a semi-conscious condition and was taken to the hospital by the police who did not know his identity. Tuesday morning the hospital authorities telephoned Mrs. Barrett, and this message was the first information of the fact that her brother was not in his room. Several hours later Mr. Bynum died. The remains were taken to Farmville Wednesday where the funeral service was held under the auspices of the Farmville Masonic Lodge. Mr. Bynum leaves a daughter at Farmville and three sons.

The Reflector has some 5 cents per cent tablets that will be closed out at 25 cents a dozen. Awfully cheap at that price, too.