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## WILL PROCLAIM NEW AMENDMENT

Secretary of State Bryan Tomorrow  
Will Officially Change In  
Constitution.

### DIRECT VOTE OF SENATORS

Will End Contest Begun In First  
Constitutional Conven-  
tion Itself.

Washington, May 29.—On Saturday  
the Secretary of State, William  
Bryan, will officially proclaim the  
fact that the Seventeenth amendment  
to the Federal Constitution, provided  
for the election of United States  
Senators by direct vote of the people,  
has been ratified by three-fourths of  
the States and is from this time on a  
part of the organic law.

This act will end a contest begun in  
the first constitutional convention itself.  
It will bring to a close the more recent  
contest begun 30 years ago to amend  
the Constitution and take from the  
Legislatures of the State the power to  
name Senators.

This proclamation will mean that  
within six years not one Senator who  
has been elected by a State Legislature  
will hold a seat in the upper branch  
of Congress. It will mean that one-  
third of that body, whose terms expire  
on March 4, 1915, will be elected by  
the people of their respective States.

Also the proclamation will be the  
signal to the entire sisterhood of States  
to overhaul the present local election  
laws and make it possible for candi-  
dates for the Senate to have places on  
the ballots. It will, too, be incumbent  
upon the States to provide proper  
safeguards for the popular election  
of their Senators.

Not only that, but many States will  
be compelled to readjust their nomi-  
nating machinery. Legislative caucuses  
will be no more. Senatorial conventions  
may be held, of course, but the primary  
system will ultimately prevail through-  
out the Union. Under the new amend-  
ment no nomination at all is required  
of a candidate who wishes to run for  
the Senate, but it will be a rare thing  
for an aspirant for the Senate to make  
a race without some party organiza-  
tion behind him.

Probably the first Senator to be  
elected by the direct vote of a State  
will be the successor to William P.  
Jackson, of Maryland. And this prom-  
ise to be a historic precedent. The  
many phases of the Jackson case have  
been and are being studied by leading  
lawyers in the Senate, and the action  
of the State in finding a means of carry-  
ing the amendment into effect will be  
watched by the entire country.

There is only one other case now  
existing in any way parallel to that of  
Senator Jackson. That is the mix-up  
over the seat now held by Senator  
Bacon, of Georgia. He is holding office  
by appointment of the Governor of  
his State, his term having expired on  
March 3. His Legislature meets in  
regular session in June and it must  
provide the machinery for the election  
of Senator Bacon's successor.

It is a matter of great gratification  
to Secretary Bryan that he is privi-  
leged to proclaim the new amendment.  
He has campaigned for 20 years for  
the direct election of Senators and it  
now falls to his lot to officially announce  
to the country the ratification of a  
measure that embodies one of his  
most cherished policies.

Originally the Secretary intended to  
make the occasion of the proclamation  
a ceremony. He has reconsidered that  
idea, however, and will on Saturday  
sign the state document in the presence  
of only a small group of friends who  
have stood with him in his long fight  
for the reform. This party will include  
Senator Borah, who led the amend-  
ment fight in the Senate, former Con-  
gressman H. St. George Tucker, who  
urged a similar amendment when he  
was a member of the House, and Repre-  
sentative Rucker, of Missouri.

The Seventeenth Amendment is the  
second change to be made in the Con-  
stitution within the past year. The  
first modification of the organic law  
since the Civil War period was the rat-  
ification of the Sixteenth Amendment,  
providing for the levy of an income  
tax. This was proclaimed by Philander  
C. Knox, Secretary of State in Taft's  
Cabinet.

## TO STOP SPEEDING.

Mayor Bangert Gives Policemen  
Orders.

Determined that the driving of motor  
driven vehicles through the streets of  
New Bern at high speed shall cease,  
Mayor Albert H. Bangert has given the  
police orders to arrest any person  
who they see exceeding the speed limit.  
In the past wherever a driven was ar-  
rested on a charge of exceeding the  
speed limit he immediately wanted to  
know if the officer could positively  
swear that he was exceeding a rate of  
speed allowed by the law. In the future  
it will be unnecessary for drivers to  
"pull" any old "gag" like the above.  
When the officer says that in his esti-  
mation the machine was exceeding  
the speed limit that will be sufficient  
for Mayor Bangert.

One thing that will probably  
discourage these reckless drivers is that  
the punishment meted out to them will  
be more than "the cost of the case".  
Offenders who come before the Mayor  
on a charge of speeding will be com-  
pelled to cough up the price of enough  
gasoline to take them from New Bern  
to some point that cannot be reached  
in a week's run.

## WANT TO ENTER NEW BERN RACES

WILMINGTON MOTORCYCLISTS  
MAY BE HERE ON THE  
"GLORIOUS FOURTH"

The horse and motorcycle races to  
be held at the Fair Grounds on July  
4, promise to be the event of the season.  
Horses from all over this section will  
be entered in these races and the ex-  
hibition will be one well worth witness-  
ing.

As a result of advertising it exten-  
sively, interest in the motorcycle races  
is rapidly growing. In a letter received  
yesterday by the Journal from Irl  
Sell, publicity man of the Wilmington  
Motorcycle Club, the writer stated  
that there are a number of speedy  
machines in that city and that the  
owners would like to enter them in the  
July races here.

This letter has been turned over to  
J. Leon Williams, secretary of the East-  
ern Carolina Fair Association Com-  
pany who, will conduct the races, and  
he has written to the Wilmington Club  
and extended the members and invita-  
tion to participate in this event.

Mr. Williams wishes to talk over the  
approaching race with the members  
of the New Bern Motorcycle Club and  
requests the Club to meet in the office  
of the Chamber of Commerce in the  
Elks' Temple next Monday night at  
8 o'clock. Matters of importance are  
to be transacted at that time and it is  
hoped that every member will be pres-  
ent.

## PROGRAM AT THE ATHENS TO- DAY.

VAUDEVILLE  
The Original Bernards  
America's peerless equilibrist.

The best act of the kind ever seen  
on a Vaudeville stage in New Bern—  
in fact it would be a hard matter to  
see a better one on any stage anywhere.

### PICTURES

"Jimmie"  
A remarkably clever story about an  
up-to-date American boy, by the Es-  
sany Co.

### "Dolores' Decision"

This is a beautiful and fascinating  
love drama. The pictures were made  
on Snake River, Florida.

### "The Spring of Life"

A Biograph love story told in an  
interesting way by the players of this  
celebrated company.

### "Tightwad's Predicament"

A Biograph comedy—A good one,  
too.

Matinee every day at 5 o'clock.  
Two shows at night. First starts at  
8 o'clock, second about 9:15. Always  
a desirable seat for you if you will  
observe the hour and come to either  
the first or second show.

his proclamation announcing that 36  
States have ratified the Seventeenth  
Amendment the Secretaries of State  
of the individual States will be officially  
advised that after that date all Senators  
must be named by the direct vote of  
their people.

## EXPERT AUDITORS HAVE CITY BOOKS

Norfolk Men Delving Into The  
Intricacies Of The City  
Accounts.

### AUDITED FEW WEEKS AGO

System Now In Use Is Compli-  
cated And May Be Changed  
Or Abandoned.

W. P. Hilton and Fred B. Hill, ex-  
pert auditors who are connected with  
Hilton, Rawlings & Company, expert  
accountants of Norfolk, Va., arrived  
in the city yesterday morning and are  
now engaged in auditing the books of  
the different departments of the city.

These books were audited by Thomas  
Keboe of this city just prior to the time  
that the last Board of Aldermen went  
out of office. When the present Board  
came in they decided to have another  
audit of the books and secured the above  
mentioned Norfolk firm to make it.

Mr. Hilton informed a Journal re-  
porter last evening that the set of books  
now being used by the city was rather  
an intricate one and that some time  
would be taken up with the work.  
The Board of Aldermen desired a re-  
port at their regular meeting in June  
but it is hardly probable that it will  
be in readiness by that time.

There is a probability that the present  
system in use by the city will be  
materially changed, if not entirely  
abandoned and an entirely new set  
of books installed. Mr. Hilton stated  
that he was not in a position to state  
positively just what would be done  
along this line at the present time but  
that in all probability there would be  
some changes made.

## DECORATION DAY.

Today is Federal Decoration Day and  
it will be observed to a certain  
extent in New Bern. The postoffice  
will observe special hours which are  
given in an official notice published  
elsewhere in the paper over the name  
of Postmaster Basnight. There will  
be an excursion of colored people on  
the gas boat "H.L.N." from Trenton  
and the railroads will bring a consid-  
erable number of colored people into the  
city from nearby points.

## SOLDIER DESERTS TO HELP MOTHER

UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES SUR-  
ROUND APPLICATION  
FOR PARDON.

Washington, May 29.—Congressman  
Edward Keating called on Secretary of  
War Garrison and urged that Alfred  
Brandon, a minor, who deserted from  
the army, be pardoned and permitted  
to return to his home in Denver to  
assist his mother in providing for an  
invalid father and husband.

Brandon's case is one of the most  
unusual ever brought to the attention  
of the War Department. Young  
Brandon enlisted in the army from  
Denver and served only a short time.  
His father is in the last stages of tuber-  
culosis and his mother strips tobacco  
leaves in a cigar factory to support her  
sick husband.

Brandon, realizing the hardships his  
mother was undergoing, decided to buy  
his way out of the army and obtain  
work in Denver, where he could be  
with his parents and help his mother.  
He applied to the captain, who ap-  
proved of the discharge by purchase,  
and the application went through the  
various ranks and was approved.

When forwarded to the War Depart-  
ment it was discovered that Brandon  
had not served the required one year  
before release may be obtained through  
purchase. The application was denied.  
When told he would have to complete  
a year's service, the boy disappeared.

The boy is anxious to return to Den-  
ver, where a good position awaits him,  
but he fears he will be arrested and tried  
for deserting.

## YOUNG MAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Walter Wiggs Looked Death In  
The Face Late Yester-  
day Afternoon.

### BADLY BRUISED AND SCARED

Thrown Beneath Train And  
Dragged Over Rocky  
Road Bed.

Three accidents which have resulted  
fatally for the unfortunate victims  
have occurred in New Bern during the  
past ten days and but for the inter-  
ference of a kind Providence the fourth  
would doubtless have taken place yes-  
terday afternoon. Fortunately the  
victim in this escaped with only a few  
scratches and bruises and a very bad  
scare.

As the eastbound train was running  
through the city, Walter, the young  
son of N. S. Wiggs, road supervisor for  
the Norfolk Southern Railway Company  
on this division, rode alongside one  
of the coaches on his bicycle and grasping  
one of the guard rails on the steps of  
the car, allowed the train to pull his  
wheel along the street. There were  
several people on the platform, in-  
cluding a Journal reporter, and they  
cautioned him against riding in this  
manner.

However, the young man paid no  
attention to their warnings and con-  
tinued on down Hancock street. Be-  
tween Broad and Pollock streets, the  
front wheel of the bicycle struck some  
obstacle and the rider was thrown to  
the ground, almost beneath the heavy  
wheels. In some manner his body was  
lodged between the steps and he was  
dragged over the newly ballasted road  
bed for a considerable distance. He was  
badly bruised and scared when extri-  
cated but the fact that he was caught  
between the steps probably saved him  
from being crushed to death.

A number of people saw the young  
man fall and in their opinion his escape  
from death was little short of miracu-  
lous. There is an ordinance prohibit-  
ing all persons from riding alongside  
of trains and automobiles in the above  
mentioned manner and violators of the  
ordinance are not only risking their  
lives but put themselves in a position  
to be placed under arrest by any officer  
of the law.

## MINT BED CAME WITH ROOSEVELT

PLANTED IN THE WHITE HOUSE  
GROUNDS SOON AFTER HE  
BECAME PRESIDENT.

Washington, May 29.—Yes, there  
is a bed of mint in the White House  
grounds as Col. Roosevelt testified  
at Marquette. It was planted  
there soon after the Colonel succeeded  
President McKinley as the occupant  
of the mansion. It is not a large bed  
when compared with those on the  
estates in Virginia, Kentucky and Ten-  
nessee, but it is a solid bed. It is  
about twelve feet long and two feet  
wide.

It is located in the south end of  
the laundry yard, which adjoins the  
southeast corner of the President's  
office. Those familiar with the "Ten-  
nis Cabinet" will recall that the bed  
is at the south edge of the old tennis  
court.

According to the White House gar-  
dener the mint in the White House  
bed is as sweet, tender and luscious  
as any mint in the world. He said  
that the mint was of a kind that would  
bring tears to the eyes of the men folks  
as the women boiled it to make sauce  
to pour over rich brown roasted lamb.  
He said mint such as that grown in  
the White House bed never was in-  
tended for dressing.

According to the help around the  
place the mint has been used on most  
occasions for making mint sauce.  
There were a few occasions when  
there were certain guests at the White  
House during the last two Adminis-  
trations, it was said, when some of  
the mint was plucked to make jalepe-  
os.

## McCARTY LEFT \$30,000

Estate Will Go To Prize Fighter's  
Widow And Daughter.

Chicago, May 29.—Luther McCarty,  
the heavyweight boxer killed in his  
fight with Arthur Pelky at Calgary on  
Saturday, left an estate worth \$30,000,  
according to the estimate of Attorney  
V. R. Lovell, of Fargo, N. D., who came  
here in the interest of the fighter's  
widow.

The lawyer believes that McCarty  
made \$100,000 from his fights on the  
Pacific Coast and in the East and his  
stage appearances in the last 18 months.  
He understands that McCarty was  
under contract with "Billy" McCarty,  
his manager, who received in the neigh-  
borhood of one-third of the fight-  
er's earnings.

"McCarty spent considerable travel-  
ing and living and I don't think there  
is much more than \$30,000 left," said  
the lawyer. "This belongs to the widow  
and the fatherless daughter she has  
been caring for in Fargo for the last  
two years. Mrs. McCarty still works  
in a restaurant there. So far as we  
know, McCarty did not leave a will."

## PROPOSE TO WIPE OUT CHURCH DEBT

NEXT SUNDAY IS SET APART BY  
CENTENARY FOR THAT  
PURPOSE.

Next Sunday, June 1, is the day set  
apart by the Methodists of the city  
to raise the remaining indebtedness  
on their new and handsome church.  
There are many well-to-do people  
belonging to this congregation and they  
are equal to almost anything that they  
propose to undertake. A debt of eight  
or nine thousand is of no great conse-  
quence to Centenary church.

We feel sure that the indebtedness  
of this great church will be easily met  
by its large and influential congrega-  
tion. Every Methodist in the city  
should be at church next Sunday  
morning and see this noble thing done.  
The eyes of New Bern will be on  
Centenary church at 11 o'clock June 1.

L. K. Tyndall left last evening for  
a business visit at Goldsboro.

## NEW BERN TO BE REPRESENTED

MANY LOCAL ELKS WILL GO  
TO WILMINGTON NEXT  
WEEK.

New Bern will be well represented  
at the annual convention of the North  
Carolina Association of Elks to be held  
at Wilmington on Thursday and Fri-  
day of next week.

Several members of the local lodge  
will go over on Thursday and on Friday  
a special train will be used in trans-  
porting the members of the antlered  
tribe to that city. A low rate will be  
made on this train for the round trip  
and it is expected that a number of  
citizens will go over and witness the  
big parade to be held on that day.

The members of the local lodge will  
participate in this parade and expect  
to make a fine showing. They will  
be dressed in blue serge coats, white  
trousers and shoes and will wear sailor  
hats around which will be a purple  
band bearing the inscription "New  
Bern Lodge No. 764." Each member  
will also wear a purple necktie.

The special train will leave Wilming-  
ton at night after the close of the fes-  
tivities and will reach New Bern about  
midnight.

The City Beautiful Flower Committee  
appointed to judge sweet peas will be  
in the club rooms on Friday afternoon,  
May 30 at 4 o'clock to receive display  
and to award the prize, which is an  
electric iron donated by the New Bern  
Electric Supply Company for the larg-  
est and best display of peas.

## MASS MEETING AT THE COURT HOUSE

Reports From Chamber Of Com-  
merce Committee To Be  
Made Tonight.

### LARGE ATTENDANCE DESIRED

The "Just Freight" Movement  
Will Be Thoroughly  
Discussed.

The big mass meeting of the Cham-  
ber of Commerce to be held at the Court  
House tonight, beginning at 8:30  
o'clock will be one of the most interest-  
ing meetings of that body ever held  
and every citizen of New Bern who is  
interested in the city's welfare is urged  
to be present.

Reports will be made by the chair-  
men of the various committees of the  
Chamber of Commerce and these will  
prove of much interest to all. There  
will be a number of important questions  
brought up for discussion, among these  
being the "just freight" movement.  
This is a matter that is of vital impor-  
tance to every business man in the city  
and his views are wanted on this sub-  
ject.

C. D. Bradham, chairman of the  
committee appointed some time ago  
to compile information for the booklet  
which is to be issued by the Chamber  
of Commerce for the purpose of adver-  
tising New Bern, will make a re-  
port on the work he has accomplished.

The New Bern Chamber of Com-  
merce is one of the liveliest organiza-  
tions of its kind in the State and is doing  
a good work. In order that it may con-  
tinue to hold such an enviable record  
the assistance of each member is re-  
quired. One of the best ways to assist  
is to attend the meetings of the  
organization and every member should  
be on hand tonight.

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A. T. Willis Co.—An entirely new  
effect in straw hats.

Panacea Spring Co.—Good people  
of New Bern.

People's Bank—Constantly growing.  
National Bank—The road to wealth.

New Bern Banking & Trust Co.—  
"If I only had money."

W. H. Parrish—Notice.

Citizens' Savings Bank & Trust Co.—  
Are you protecting your business?

## SUIT INVOLVES FIVE MILLIONS

CHICAGO BANKS BEGIN AC-  
TION AGAINST G. K. G.  
BILLINGS.

Chicago, May 29.—Attempts to hold  
C. K. G. Billings, banker of New York  
and Chicago, responsible for approxi-  
mately \$5,000,000 due to the failure  
of the John R. Walsh banks, the Chicago  
National and the Home Savings,  
have begun in the Circuit Court here.

Stockholders who brought the suits  
charged that Billings' negligence as a  
director permitted Walsh to operate  
schemes which led to the wrecking of  
both banks.

The amount lost by the Chicago  
National Bank is placed at \$3,500,000,  
and the Home Bank losses at \$1,500,  
000.

The demurrer of Mr. Billings is on  
file attacking the sufficiency of the al-  
legation and asking that the other  
directors be made parties to the suits.

A plan to accept \$152,125 from Mr.  
Billings in full settlement of his li-  
ability was prevented by an order of  
Judge Tutbill, who appointed W. C.  
Niblack receiver for the banks. Ar-  
guments on the suits were set for next  
Tuesday.

In connection with the worn-out  
window awnings of the Postoffice,  
Postmaster Basnight stated yesterday  
that the postoffice inspector in this  
territory had made a recommendation  
to the department that new awnings  
be provided and that in due time the  
same would be forthcoming.