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## TAX MEASURES NOW BEFORE SENATORS

### ALL DEBATE ADJOURNED TO TUESDAY.

#### Unfavorable Report on Inheritance Tax—Gasoline Bill in Committee Yet.

News & Courier.

Columbia, Feb. 18.—The symptoms are decidedly unfavorable for an adjournment even next Saturday, February 26, by the general assembly of South Carolina. Tomorrow will be the fortieth day of the session and the general expectation was that the session would last a week over the forty days. This was much encouraged by the early date on which the appropriation bill passed the house and came over to the senate. While there is no one to say that the session will continue beyond next Saturday on any particular account the undertow seems to be that the delay is attributable certainly to some extent, to the desire to get definite bills intended to raise money by other means than a direct tax on property.

The house has sent to the senate as the first of this series the proposed tax on inheritances. This bill has just come out of the finance committee with the handicap of an unfavorable report. The proposed tax of one cent a gallon on gasoline, which has passed the house, has not yet been acted upon by any committee. Then there are two other bills that have failed to be acted upon by the house. One is a new tax on incomes and the other is known as the occupational license tax. If the general assembly decides that it is going to do nothing with these bills adjournment can and will be had next Saturday, but if it decides to fight them out one way or the other the suggestion is that the assembly will continue beyond February 26.

#### Senate Takes Recess

Today a recess was taken by the senate until 8:30 Monday night.

Most of the legislative day was spent by the senate in participating in an effort to elect an associate justice. Most of the remaining day was spent in passing uncontested local matters such as the Greenwood and Anderson counties levy bills and others of less importance. Three or four efforts were made to consider more or less general bills but Senators Pearce and Young insisted that as many of the members had gone home it would not be fair to take up bills to which there might be objection.

One of the bills that was taken up and on which debate was adjourned referred to the mutual insurance on public school buildings and another that Senator Padgett tried hard to get up sought to give right to kill coons and squirrels during mutton corn season.

Senator Young had a bill passed extending jurisdiction of the government to additional lands on Sullivan's island, accompanied with the usual right of condemnation. Provision was made for keeping open, except during firing or war times, an area for driving and walking.

The expectation was that there would be a hearing before the committee on agriculture on the statewide stock law bill which has passed the house. Senator Padgett asked for this hearing, thinking that some of the opponents of the proposed law would want to be heard. The senate will not be in session Monday and there will be no meeting of the committee at that time. The indications are somewhat that there will be no hearing. Of course if one is wanted it will be provided for by Chairman Alan Johnstone.

#### Game Law Bill Restored.

At last night's session the proposed revision of the state fish and game laws was defeated on the grounds that the provisions were too sweeping and that there was plenty of law in the statutes of 1919. The bill was referred to the calendar today at the suggestion of Senator Gross, as he thought it may be possible to revise it to such an extent that it may be acceptable. The chief shoal on which the bill floundered was the proposed license for fishing with a look and

## BAMBERG LAWYER AT HEAD OF LIST

### JESSE F. CARTER HOLDS LEAD THROUGH BALLOTING

#### Vote Again Tuesday, Six More Ballots Fail to Elect New Associate Justice

The State, 19.

Six additional ballots by the joint assembly yesterday proved insufficient to break the deadlock in the election of an associate justice of the state supreme court to succeed the late Judge Gage of Chester and the joint assembly was adjourned to resume balloting Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Jesse F. Carter of Bamberg, who led by a narrow margin on the first three ballots Thursday, continued to head the field throughout the balloting yesterday, the last ballot leaving the relative standing of the candidates practically as in the first ballot taken. Mr. Carter opened yesterday with 33 votes, going to 35 on the fifth ballot and polling his maximum of 36 votes on the sixth, seventh and eighth ballots. A scattering complimentary vote on the sixth ballot reduced Mr. Carter's strength to 33, one new man joining his forces, while four left the Carter column to be divided equally between Senator James G. Padgett of Colleton county and Representative James W. Hanahan of Fairfield.

M. L. Bonham of Anderson held second place throughout the nine ballots cast, gaining one vote in the six ballots taken yesterday. Mr. Bonham reached his highest vote on the sixth ballot, the third taken yesterday when he polled 33 votes, three votes behind the leader.

State Senator J. Hardin Marion of Chester, who stood fourth in the three ballots taken Thursday, jumped to third place with the opening of the voting yesterday, polling 20 votes in the fourth, fifth, eighth and ninth ballots. Mr. Marion's maximum strength of 21 votes was shown in the sixth and seventh ballots.

Fourth place during the six ballots alternated between Prof. E. Marion Rucker of the University of South Carolina law school and Judge Thomas S. Sease of Spartanburg, Professor Rucker on the fifth ballot, and Senator Marion for third place.

Eight of the ten candidates nominated Thursday morning still remain in the race, Judge Hayne F. Rice of Aiken being withdrawn before the opening of the voting yesterday and Judge W. H. Townsend leaving the race after one ballot had been taken. Representative Toole withdrew Judge Rice's name, while Representative Sapp withdrew the name of Judge Townsend.

After three ballots had been taken yesterday as provided under the resolution authorizing the election, Representative Hanahan moved to continue for three more ballots, the motion being carried unanimously. An effort to take three more ballots after the ninth ballot had failed to effect an election was futile.

#### Result of Ninth Ballot

The ninth ballot stood:  
Marion (20): Senators Baskin, Beasley, Bethea, Butler, Christensen, Clifton, Hart, Robinson and Young, and Representatives R. O. Atkinson, Barnett, Belsler, Bradford, W. F. Brown, Carey, Glenn, Martin, Mitchell, O'Rourke and Pursley.

Shipp (15): Senators Baker, Harrelson, Jeremiah Smith and H. L. Smith, Jr., and Representatives Anderson, Camlin, Hilliard, Hughes, Lewis, McCutcheon, McElveen,

and McElven. The friends of the bill thought they had bridged this difficulty by providing that no license be exacted where the fisherman was in his home county, but that he should pay when he went beyond his county. Even this proved insurmountable, because many counties were bounded by rivers often more or less crooked and these rivers afforded good fishing and the fisherman might not know exactly in which county he was fishing, and in addition to this it was figured that there was too much authority given to the game warden to interfere with innocent hook fisherman. August Kohn

## DR. FREED ACCEPTS CALL TO NEWBERRY

### WILL COME TO NEWBERRY CHURCH IN APRIL.

#### Columbia Church Accepts Resignation With Regret—Closes Faithful Pastorate of Eighteen Years

The State, 19.

Ebenezer Lutheran church council met last night and accepted the resignation of the Rev. C. A. Freed, D. D., as pastor of the congregation. A resolution was adopted asking Dr. Freed to remain until the third Sunday in April, at which time he will complete his 18th year as pastor. A committee will draft suitable resolutions to be presented to the church council.

Dr. Freed resigned from Ebenezer congregation to accept a call to the Church of the Redeemer at Newberry. The church council met last Tuesday night and refused to accept the resignation and the action taken last night was the result of an announcement from the pastor that he considered it a call of duty to accept the call to Newberry. Dr. Freed said he had an abiding love and affection for the Ebenezer congregation, its work and for the people of Columbia.

The church council left nothing undone to hold Pastor Freed and it was with deep regret that the body voted to allow its leader to sever relations. The council appointed A. M. Wyse, A. W. Fogle and W. F. Stieglitz to draft appropriate resolutions on the departure of Dr. Freed. This committee will be composed of three members of council and one man and one woman from the congregation. Dr. Freed will remain with Ebenezer congregation through the third Sunday in April.

The announcement that the beloved pastor of Ebenezer church will leave Columbia will cause general regret. Dr. Freed and his family have endeared themselves to the people of this city and the loss will be keenly felt. Dr. Freed is a leader in the Lutheran church and Newberry will profit by his labors in that community.

Dr. Freed's decision to accept the call to the pastorate of the Church of the Redeemer gives universal satisfaction to the community of Newberry and surrounding territory.

Prince, Segars, West and A. H. Williams.

Carter (33): Senators Bailes, Black, Duncan, Gross, Hubbard, Johnson, Kennedy, Lightsey, Padgett, Stabler, Williams and Wightman, and Representatives Allen, Bailey, Binicker, Bodie, E. A. Brown, Busbee, Coney, Connor, M. R. Cooper, Dillon, Dukes, Folk, Horton, Hydrick, Kearse, Keller, Killingsworth, McMillan, Riley, Searson and Whaley.

Bonham (31): Senators Alexander, Bonham, Mason, Moore, Watkins, Wells and Wideman, and Representatives Babb, Ballard, Barnwell, Beacham, Bramlett, Bruce, Clinkscales, Dalton, Dickson, Gresham, Hall, W. R. Harris, Harvey, Hendricks, Leonard, McDavid, Moise, Moon, Moore, Nance, Putman, Sheppard, Sherard and Willis.

Rucker (17): Senators Hutson and Pearce, and Representatives Barr, Bryson, P. A. Cooper, Cox, Curtis, DeTreville, Ford, Godwin, McLeod, Sapp, Scarborough, Simonhoff, Smith, J. O. Williams and Winter.

Sease (18): Senators Crosson, Johnstone and Rogers, and Representatives J. B. Atkinson, Amick, Counts, Foster, Gerald, Gibson, Hamblin, F. G. Harris, Hendrix, Kennedy, Kibler, Lancaster, Lybrand, Mabrey and Mower.

McIver (12): Senators Laney, McColl and Miller, and Representatives Alexander, R. M. Cooper, Ellerbe, Evans, McKay, Owens, Sellers, Wannamaker and Windham.

Moore (5): Senator Massey, and Representatives Carothers, Faile, Hanahan and Robinson.

J. W. Hanahan (5): Senator Ragsdale, and Representatives Jackson, Toole, Wade and Welling.

J. G. Padgett (4): Senator McGhee, and Representatives Buckingham, Merchant and Pennington.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS PROSPEROUS PROSPERITY

#### Great Educational Movement of Methodist Church—Dr. Roper Presents It—Week of Prayer Ends.

Prosperity, Feb. 21.—Dr. J. C. Roper of Chester met the officials of the Prosperity charge at the Methodist parsonage on Monday. Talks were made by Dr. Roper, the pastor, and others. The object of the conference was to bring clearly before the officers of the church the work of the Christian educational movement.

This is the second step of the great program as planned by the general conference in 1918. The centenary coming first and bringing to the people the needs and opportunities for missionary work, was successful in raising millions of dollars for the carrying on of this great work. The educational movement logically follows, to provide the necessary workers. The objectives of the movement are as follows: 1. To develop in the mind of the church an adequate conception of the place of Christian education in the life of the church, of the nation, and of the world.

2. To bring about a closer cooperation between our institutions of learning and the Sunday school.

3. To lead at least 5,000 young men and women to pledge themselves for definite Christian service.

4. To raise for our schools, colleges and universities at least \$33,000,000.

5. To deepen the moral and spiritual life of our people and to promote the spirit of Christian liberality in all of the efforts put forth to realize these objectives.

Miss Josie Griffin was hostess to the Bridge club Wednesday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Wyehe. Early spring flowers were used in decorating the living room for the game. Tempting refreshments were served.

Dr. J. C. Roper, educational secretary of Upper South Carolina conference, preached at Zion church Sunday morning, and Wightman chapel Sunday afternoon.

The Ladies' Missionary society of Grace church ended the week of prayer with a public meeting Sunday morning, when Rev. R. R. Sowers of Irmo preached. While here Rev. Sowers was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Black.

The many friends of Pickens Langford will be pleased to hear of his appointment to the Naval academy, Annapolis. Young Langford is now a student at the Citadel. He is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Langford.

The Ladies' Missionary society of Grace church meets Friday afternoon at 3:30 with Mrs. P. C. Singley.

The following Winthrop girls were home for the week-end: Misses Nellie Wise, Ruth Hunter, Myra Hunter, Nannie Lee Young, Lottie Mills and Annie Hunter.

Carroll S. Mills of Pendleton spent the week-end here.

Wharton Harmon of Columbia is home on a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Wise have returned from Atlanta, where Mr. Wise bought a car of fine make.

Mrs. J. C. Taylor spent last week here, returning on Monday to her home in Walhalla.

Rev. Edward Shealy of Orangeburg visited his brother, H. L. Shealy, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gibson have returned from several days' stay with their son, Ray, of Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Ham spent Friday in Columbia.

Mrs. Corrie McWaters and son, John Cecil of Columbia, spent Sunday with Mrs. Horace Counts.

Mrs. Vernon Wheeler of Philadelphia and Miss Ruby Wheeler of Greenville are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wheeler.

Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Wyehe have been visiting Mrs. James Goggans of Columbia.

Misses Elsie Pitts and Thelma Le-onhirth of Newberry spent Saturday with Miss Elizabeth May.

Mrs. J. W. Blake of Ninety-Six is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Blake.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Kohn have returned from Columbia.

C. M. Harmon and N. A. Nichols

## GIVE COMMISSION MORE AUTHORITY

### REPRESENTATIVES APPROVE PUBLIC SERVICE BILL

#### Richland County Court House Measures Approved and Sent to Senate

The State, 18th.

The house at the morning session yesterday approved and sent to the senate the bill introduced by J. B. Atkinson designed to give the public service commission authority over the service as well as the rates of all gas, electric, power and water companies of the state. Under the provisions of the bill the commission would also have the same regulatory power over street car lines, but now under the control of the state railroad commission.

An amendment was attached to the bill, preventing the commission from interfering in any way with the agreements and disputes of the public utility companies and their employees. Amendments were also offered and adopted fixing the salary of the three commissioners at \$10 per diem for their service, the cost of necessary investigations being paid by the losing party.

Representative J. W. Hanahan's bill to amend the dog tax law so as to turn over the entire tax collected to the public school fund was approved and sent to the senate.

The two bills authorizing the building of a new county court house in Columbia and permitting the city of Columbia to build an addition to the court house to serve as a municipal office building were also approved on third reading and sent to the senate.

A bill introduced by Representative D. McK. Winter to relieve the overcrowding of pupils in the elementary state aided schools and to fix the schedule of teachers' salaries was passed to third reading without debate. Under the provisions of the bill, which is an amendment to the act approved in 1920, no high school will be given state aid unless it has as many as two teachers in the high school department and an enrollment of at least 25 high school pupils. Not more than \$900 annually will be given a two teacher high school; not more than \$1,150 a three teacher high school, nor more than \$1,400 high schools with four teachers or more. The bill also provides that an additional stipend of \$5 per month will be paid any high school teacher returning for a second year's service, and a further additional \$5 per month for a third year's service. The appropriation of a centralized high school may be doubled, under the provisions of the bill, at the discretion of the state board of education.

The house calendar was practically cleared of third reading local bills, these measures being either enrolled for ratification or sent to the senate.

Newberry Hi Against Abbeville Hi. Newberry Hi defeated Abbeville Hi in a game of basketball last Thursday at 8 p. m., with an overwhelming score of 85 to 13. Newberry's excellent passing was a feature of the game.

Referee—Sullivan, Georgetown. The line-up was as follows:  
Bowman .....RF..... Galloway  
Tarrant .....LF..... Harris  
McGraw .....C..... Howie  
Hardeman .....RG..... Tate  
Spearman .....LG..... Long

of Ninety-Six spent Sunday here with relatives.

C. S. Schumpert of Columbia was here for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sease spent Sunday in Chapin.

Mrs. George F. Hunter was carried to the Columbia hospital Saturday for treatment.

Little Miss Mary Littlejohn, accompanied by her aunt, Miss Edna Fellers, left Friday for Pacolet to attend the funeral of the former's grandfather, Mr. Samuel Littlejohn.

Mrs. Hoyt Fulmer of Columbia has been visiting Mrs. T. L. Shealy.

Miss Ruth Craig of Columbia spent the week-end with Mrs. A. G. Wise.

T. M. Mills has returned from Spartanburg.

## CRISIS PASSES SAYS HARDING

### NO APPREHENSION NOW AS TO FUTURE

#### Federal Reserve Board Finds Its Banks Showing Strength in All Regions

The State

Spartanburg, Feb. 18.—"The federal reserve board no longer looks with apprehension on the financial conditions in this country because the crisis has been passed and the condition of the federal reserve banks shows strength in all regions," said Gov. W. P. G. Harding, of the federal reserve board, speaking before the annual dinner of the Spartanburg chamber of commerce here tonight.

"The thing needed now is a bolder front, horse sense; and a spread of the conservative optimism that is found over the country." His position was that the federal reserve board did not restrict credits and bring on the slump in prices but absorbed that shock when the breaks came, through natural reaction from conditions of inflation following the end of the war. There will always be good times and bad times, he said, and we still have our problems in taxation and foreign trade relations, but they will be worked out. There are just two places where the sun is always shining—Death Valley, Cal., and the Desert of Sahara, he said. In connection with the charge that the federal reserve board has withheld loans from agricultural interests he said the board has recently answered the question from a congressional committee showing that agricultural loans in 1919 were \$721,000,000 while in 1920 they were \$1,980,000,000. The governor said the farmers of the country should dispose of their products in an orderly fashion and follow some orderly plan of production in the year ahead.

Greenville, Feb. 18.—The danger point of the present readjustment period has been safely passed and every development since January 1 has been favorable to a revival of business, W. P. G. Harding, governor of the federal reserve board declared this afternoon in an address before the Kiwanis club.

Regarding the future Mr. Harding said: "Knowing what I do of the resources of the federal reserve system, I have never felt any real danger of a money panic in this country. We passed one danger in October and another in December. Every development since January has been favorable to a revival of business."

NEWBERRY DOWNS THE PRESBYTERIANS

### Visitors Lose in One-sided Game of Basketball—Many Substitutions

The State

Newberry, Feb. 18.—The Newberry Indians defeated the Presbyterian college of South Carolina in a one-sided game of basketball here tonight the score being 37 to 6. The local quintet was in its best form, and the visitors were able to make only one field goal in each half of the game. Shealy and McPhee played the most consistent game for Newberry, but Thomas led in the scoring with 17 points. The lineup was: Newberry (37) Presbyterians (6): Thomas .....RF..... Mason Czarnitzki .....LF..... Scott McPhee .....C..... Edmunds Shealy .....RF..... Eichelberger Bender .....LG..... Williamson

Substitutes: Tilly for Thomas, Hattiwanger for Czarnitzki, Chapman for McPhee, Hoover for Shealy, Stoudermire for Bender; Galloway for Edmunds.

Referee, Czarnitzki, Columbia.

To the Windward

"Queer name Dubbins has given his son who was born during the war," remarked the professional kisser of Hornet Crossing. "He's going to call him Weatherstrip."

"What's his idea in that?" promptly inquired the perpetual sucker.

"Says he kept his father out of the draft."

## HOUSE TO IMPOSE TAX ON GASOLINE

### BILL SENT TO THIRD READING AFTER HOT DEBATE

#### Ways and Means Committee Making Effort to Shift Tax Burden From Property Holders

The State, 18th.

After two hours of tempestuous and at times humorous and ludicrous debate the house of representatives last night passed to third reading the gasoline tax bill, an aye and nay vote on the motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill showing that the house stood 82 to 27 in favor of the new revenue measure.

This bill, which was introduced by the ways and means committee, is one of a series of bills designed to reform the tax system of the state by lifting a part of the burden of taxation from the shoulders of the property owners. The measure will, according to Chairman Hughes of the ways and means committee, raise approximately \$650,000, reducing the state levy by 1-2 mills. Other bills to further reduce the levy on property are the state income tax and the state business tax. The house this week passed the first bill of the series, a measure imposing a tax on inheritances, and the ways and means committee now has under consideration a soft drink tax bill, which it is expected will be introduced in the near future.

#### One Cent Per Gallon

The bill passed to third reading last night imposes a tax of one cent upon every gallon of gasoline and kerosene or gasoline substitute sold in the state and a tax of two cents per gallon on all lubricating or other oil derived from petroleum sold within the state. This tax will be paid by the oil companies shipping oil and gasoline into the state, these companies being required to file a monthly statement of their business in the state. A penalty of ten per cent additional tax will be imposed in case this provision is not complied with, the tax commission estimating the amount of business done and the taxes due.

Proponents of the measure were of the opinion that the bill would operate to tax the "luxury automobile drivers" thereby relieving the burden from the property owners, who now finance the entire state government. The federal government, it was pointed out last year took out from the state in taxes such as these new measures impose, a sum of \$28,000,000. The tax on kerosene aroused considerable opposition, opponents of the bill contending that it would result only in shifting the tax from the farmer's land to the gasoline he used in running his tractor. An amendment proposed by Representative W. P. Robinson to exempt kerosene from the tax was killed by a vote of 38 to 56.

#### Restore Property Rights

Representative T. P. Dickson's bill to automatically restore discharged inmates of the state hospital to former status as to property and contractual rights, after being the subject of heated debate for two days, was passed to third reading.

The bill to make the official cotton standards of the United States, as promulgated from time to time by the secretary of agriculture, the official cotton standards of the state, was passed to third reading without debate. A \$5 license fee on the first thousands bales and a \$3 license on each additional thousand bales bought will be imposed upon persons engaged in the business of buying and selling cotton, under the provision of this bill.

Paul A. Cooper last night introduced a bill in the house authorizing towns or cities to levy annually a tax on the taxable property in the city sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the city's bonds or to provide for a sinking fund to take care of the bonds upon the maturity. This tax, under the provisions of the bill, can be levied notwithstanding any limitation prescribed by law on the taxes to be levied. The bill was referred to the judiciary committee.