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FARM MONEY BILL MAY BE BLOCKED.

Outlook for Measure to Provide Relief for Agriculture Not Very Bright.

Washington, June 17.—Congressman W. F. Stevenson of Cherau, said today that the Republican leaders in the House are blocking the important bill which passed the Senate for the deposit of \$50,000,000 of government funds with the Federal Farm Loan Board to enable it to go ahead with loans preliminary to the issue of another \$40,000,000 of bonds next September. About a week ago the House banking and currency committee of which he is a member, voted to report the bill favorably, although the majority of the Republican members of the committee, including the chairman, voted adversely.

At the behest of the Republican steering committee, Mr. Stevenson says, Congressman Nelson, of Wisconsin, who is instructed to report the bill, withheld action and got the Republican committeemen together for reconsideration. The result of this was a compromise on a bill for a deposit of not more than \$25,000,000, but carrying a joker which would really have prevented the deposit of more than \$15,000,000 and which would have been entirely unsatisfactory to the Farm Loan Board.

Today the Democrats on the committee, with the aid of a minority of Republicans, caused the joker to be eliminated from the compromise proposition, and they will continue their fight to have the bill reported according to the original instruction of the committee. They feel, however, that the opposition of the Republican steering committee makes their fight a very difficult one.

Price-Smith.

Sellers, June 18.—Last Tuesday afternoon at 6 o'clock, Miss Mattie Price and Harold Allyn Smith were married at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Leslie Rogers at Mullins, the Rev. G. F. Watson, D. D., officiating. Only a few of the immediate relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony.

Mrs. Smith has been a teacher in the school here for three years, and by her charming personality and lovable disposition she has won many friends. Her home is in Rocky Mount, N. C. She formerly lived in Mullins. Mr. Smith, before coming here was from Whiteville, N. C. but he has made his home here for nine years. He is a young and prosperous merchant and farmer.

EGBO MAKES CONFESSION BEFORE BEING BURNED.

Moultrie, Ga., June 20.—Jno. Henry Williams, negro, slayer of Lorean Wilkes, 12 year old white girl was burned at the stake Saturday by a mob after he had been convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to be hanged July 8. The prisoner was taken from the officers as he was being escorted from the courtroom and was rushed to the scene of his crime where he was tied to the stump of a tree.

Williams calmly smoked a cigarette as the match was applied to the fuel around him and he made but little outcry as the flames slowly burned him to death. It was reported that he made a full confession. The mob quietly disappeared after the lynching and thus far no arrests have been made.

Williams who at his trial denied his guilt, is alleged to have made a full confession to members of the mob even telling how the girl begged him to spare her life.

It was when he saw the girl pass his home on her way to a store at Autreyville, Ga., that he planned the crime, the negro is said to have declared. He cut her throat with a knife and then dragged her body into a shallow pond and weighted it down with water soaked logs, according to his alleged confession. The negro waded out into the pond and showed the mob members where he had hid the body. He appeared little disturbed. The mob stood quietly on the bank of the pond and listened to his story.

It was to a big stump near the edge of the pond that Williams was chained and burned. Wood was piled around him and gasoline poured on the fuel. Just before the match was applied the negro asked for a cigarette and it was put in his mouth and lit for him. He was calmly puffing smoke when the match was applied to the stake. As the flames flared up and found their way to Williams he made no outcry, but his body went through horrible contortions.

Finally the wind veered blowing the smoke and flames away from his head, making it possible for him to speak, and the negro began to sing, continuing until the smoke stifled him.

Mr. J. H. Wilkes has completed the annual audit of the county's books and returned to Columbia.

POSTON GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE.

Found Guilty of Killing J. H. Miller, New Trial Is Denied.

Kingsree, June 20.—The trial of Tom Poston for the killing of J. H. Miller reached its climax here Saturday when the jury brought in their verdict of guilty of murder with recommendation to mercy.

An appeal for a new trial on the ground that the defense did not have time nor the opportunity to prepare evidence as a rebuttal for testimony of two of the witnesses tending to show that the act was committed with premeditation was overruled by the court. The court sentenced Poston to serve the remainder of his life at hard labor either on the chain gang or on the public works.

Poston was charged with the killing of J. B. Miller, superintendent of the Lake City electric plant. Mr. Miller was found dead midnight, May 7, by the roadside one mile north of Gades with a bullet hole in his head. Mr. Miller had been in the habit of making the trip from Lake City to Kingsree every Saturday night to spend Sunday with his wife and family and on the night of the tragedy he had collided with a car driven by Poston. This collision, it was alleged was the cause of the killing, the state also introducing evidence to show premeditation.

SHOWER OF METEORS TO FALL ON EARTH SHORTLY

Winnecke's Comet Will Be Visible Wednesday and Will Throw off Particles the Following Tuesday; Comes Within About Nine Million Miles of the Earth.

Next Wednesday this old earth starts its journey through one of the most hazardous portions of its long circuit around the sun, and between that day and next Monday it is to pass within "speaking distance" with the Pan-Winnecke's comet, officials of the weather bureau announce.

The world's astronomers are now holding their breath for a bump that is in store for them and the rest, for that matter, if the two huge bodies should get close enough to collide. And even should the earth and this comet fall to hit, and the men of the stars do not believe they will it is stated definitely that the earth is to pass through the tail of the comet with a more or less exciting result.

The comet will be visible beginning Wednesday and on the following Tuesday meteors are expected to "rain down," the weather bureau men declare. It is expected that the earth will pass within 9,000,000 miles of Winnecke's comet and at that time it will be "going some."

The breath-taking feature of all this is the fact that the tail of this comet is about two million miles long and is composed of small particles about the size of a 9,600-ton steamship. These particles are all of white heat and are traveling at the rate of a million miles a month and it certainly will not be entertaining to pass through a few hundred thousand miles of these. It is expected that the meteors will begin to fall when they concentrate near the big diper. They will begin to fall next Tuesday.

Shaw-Bethea.

A marriage of much interest to a wide circle of friends throughout the two Carolinas was that of Mrs. Blanche Stanton Shaw and Mr. Geo. J. Bethea, of Tatum, S. C. The marriage was quietly solemnized Tuesday, June 14th, at high noon at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. James A. Stanton, Sr., only the members of the immediate family being present. The bride is well known and popular in all circles. She is an attractive as well as an accomplished young woman and counts her friends by the score. Mr. Bethea is a native of Latta, S. C., but has been a resident of this place for several months. He is a popular and successful young man and commands many friends in Marlboro county as well as throughout the state.

QUIET HOME MARRIAGE.

Miss Jane Gibson, one of Dillon's most popular young ladies, and Mr. Henry Covington of Bennettsville, were married last Thursday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson, the Rev. Watson B. Duncan, pastor of the bride, performing the ceremony. The marriage was a quiet home affair, only the immediate families of the young couple and a few intimate friends being present. The only attendant was the bride's niece, little Argent Bethea Gibson, who acted as ring bearer.

The bride is a native of Gibson, N. C., but has made her home in Dillon with her mother for a number of years. She is a member of a prominent Marlboro county family, and has many friends in Marlboro and Dillon counties by whom she is greatly loved and admired.

MARS BLUFF GETS BRIDGE.

Highway Commission Will Build Bridge at Ferry Crossing.

The State highway commission at its June meeting in Columbia last week reached a decision as to the Pee Dee bridge, a matter that has been hanging fire for some months.

The commission decided to carry out if possible the wishes of the Pee Dee bridge commission and to erect the bridge, if it is found that it can be done, at the point selected by the Pee Dee commission on the site of the present Mars Bluff ferry.

The State commission had selected a site up the river from this point, its selection having been based on the topography, the cost of construction, the approach of the highway on both sides and other engineering points.

The highway department is to proceed with plans for the bridge and if it is found that the site selected by the Pee Dee commission can be used and the federal aid secured for the bridge at this point, the construction will be rushed.

Sells Corn to Officers.

Spartanburg, June 15.—Yesterday afternoon while court was in session a man giving his name as Bud Henley walked up to a man who he thought looked thirsty and asked if he did not want to buy a pint. There was another man standing near and he was asked the same question. The men solicited happened to be rural policemen, Maud McAbee and Horace Hatchett.

The officers went with the man to get the pure corn and were taken back of the Salvation Army hall to a vacant lot where Roland Harris, an old offender, handed out the booze to the officers. The men and booze were taken into custody and cases were made against both of them. This, it is thought, is the first time that a record has been made of a bootlegger soliciting an officer in the court room itself.

The First Cotton Bloom.

The first cotton bloom of the season was sent in Monday morning by Gurley Gasque who farms on Mr. J. D. Manning's Creek Place. Gurley is one of the most industrious farmers in the county. He believes in diversification and last year paid the expenses of his crop and had a little profit left over. This year he is planting 10 acres of corn, 1 acre of sweet potatoes, 1-2 acre of cane, 1 acre of watermelons and cantaloupes and 18 acres of cotton.

Shortly after Gurley's blossom was received Robert Jackson brought in a blossom and Tuesday morning several blossoms were sent in by A. L. Wallace.

Services At The Methodist Church.

Main Street Methodist Church, Dr. Watson B. Duncan, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 A. M., Mr. W. H. Muller, Superintendent. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8:30 P. M. by the Pastor. Morning Subject: "Parables of the Sea"; No. 1.—"How We Should Hear."

Evening Subject: "The Message of The Rainbow." Junior League at 4 P. M., Miss Sarah Hargrove, President. Senior League at 7:30 P. M., Miss Lelia Braddy, President.

At this meeting short addresses will be made by Messrs. Charles Barlow and Herman Duncan. Prayer service on Wednesday at 5 P. M. Public cordially invited to all services.

NUMBER OF YOUNG MEN IN PRISON

Columbia, June 20.—A deplorable number of young men are in the state penitentiary, says Secretary G. Croft Williams, in a report on an inspection which he made of the prison last week. He says there are 531 white men, 42 colored men, 5 white women and 43 colored women in the penitentiary. A year ago there were only 82 white men in the prison, and Mr. Williams says that the increase is alarming. Most of them are young men, who should be making businesses and homes, and yet they are prison inmates. A number of the men are ex-service men. Secretary Williams commends the humane administration of the penitentiary by Superintendent A. K. Sanders.

FALL FROM CAR

CAUSE OF DEATH.

Florence, June 20.—Bartow Williams, aged 22, died last night from injuries he received Saturday morning when he fell from the box seat of a racing car to the hard surfaced roadway. Williams was lighting a cigarette as the car turned a corner and lost his balance. A coroner's jury after the investigation this afternoon absolved the driver of the car from all blame it being established that he was driving at a slow rate of speed. Williams was at first not thought to be seriously injured, but his condition became alarming later and he was rushed to the Florence infirmary dying soon after he entered the hospital. He leaves a widow and one child. The family was originally from Marion. The funeral services were held here this afternoon and the body buried at Mispah church near Mars Bluff.

FARM LOAN FUNDS AVAILABLE SOON.

Says Mr. Lever in Letter to Senator Harris. Nearly \$40,000,000 in Hand.

Washington June 20.—In a letter to Senator Harris, of Georgia, who wrote to inquire as to the status of the farm loan credit machinery, former Representative A. F. Lever, now a member of the Farm Loan Board, says that all but about \$2,000,000 of the recent \$40,000,000 issue of federal farm loan bonds have been sold and that when that small remaining portion shall have been sold the farm loan system will be ready to lend the \$40,000,000 to the farmers of the country on a basis of pro rata allotments (so much per farm loan district.)

The Third district, including the States of North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, is to be allotted \$2,350,000 of the \$40,000,000, soon to be available for loaning, according to Mr. Lever's letter, from which the following quotation may be made in fuller explanation:

"The loanable funds of the farm loan system are derived from the sale of farm loan bonds based on first mortgages on farm lands and aside from such funds the system is without money."

"On April 18, of this year, an offering of \$40,000,000 of farm loan bonds was made and approximately \$38,000,000 of these have been taken by the public though it is our expectation that the entire offering will be absorbed shortly, thus giving a loanable fund for the entire country of \$40,000,000."

COUNTY NEWS.

Sellers.

Miss Mattie Price and Mr. H. Allyn Smith were quietly married on Tuesday, June 14th at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. L. Rogers at Mullins. The bride, as Miss Mattie Price, has been the efficient primary teacher here for the past three terms and her many friends are glad to know that she has decided to make Sellers her home.

The engagement of Miss Lella Culbreth to Mr. Thomas Utley of Sullivan's Island has been announced. Miss Culbreth is one of our most worthy girls, and her many friends wish her every happiness possible.

Miss Alma and Flora Watson of Latta were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Rev. P. K. Crosby is at Spartanburg attending the training school there.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall of Whiteville, N. C., visited relatives here last Sunday.

Lake View.

We are all glad to see such a nice rain which came Sunday afternoon. Mr. L. T. Ford who has been sick for quite awhile, passed away Saturday afternoon at 6:30 o'clock and was laid to rest in the Lake View cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Jane Watson and little daughter, of Oklahoma are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Temple.

Miss Lucile Powell left Monday for Winthrop College where she will attend the summer school.

Miss Ethel Gababel of Kingsree is visiting her sister Mrs. Russel Carris. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bailey and little daughter spent Sunday in Latta.

Mr. Wade Temple is home from the Citadel for the summer vacation.

Rev. W. C. Wallace and family of Johnsonville are visiting Mrs. L. T. Ford.

Mr. Hall and family of Lumberton have moved in with Mr. Temple Bullock.

Mrs. Lena Bullock spent the week end with her parents in Lumberton.

Mrs. R. F. Elvington and children have returned home after spending some time with friends and relatives in Kingston, N. C.

Miss Clara Powell entertained a number of friends last Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. W. T. Powell which was enjoyed by all.

A base ball game was played Friday afternoon between Lake View and Marietta. Score 4 to 3 in favor of Marietta.

Little Miss Alice Smith spent the week end with friends in Marion.

Mrs. L. G. Miller spent the week end with Mrs. Shep Page of Marietta. Mr. Shep Page of Marietta was in town Saturday on business.

TAX ON THE BIG FIGHT.

Government Will Get More Than Carpenter or Dempsey.

Uncle Sam never drew on a boxing glove in his life, but he'll make more money than Jack Dempsey, George Carpentier or Tex Rickard July 2.

Figures which will doubtless bring sleepless nights to Dempsey's manager, Jack Kerns and cause Francois Descamps, manager of Carpentier, more worry than a newspaper photographer, were quoted today by internal revenue officials.

Dempsey's income tax for \$300,000 approximately what he will receive for the battle will amount to \$161,270. Carpentier's toll, when exemptions for his wife and child are subtracted, will total a modest \$93,334.

That makes the score on the division of the purse read: United States government, \$254,604; boxers, \$245,455, interesting news to Mr. Average American Citizen, who, according to the revenue officials, pays a tax on an annual income between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

The marked difference between the taxes of the boxers is due to the surtax on the difference between \$300,000 and \$200,000.

Government profits on the bout also include the 10 per cent. admission tax, which will amount to approximately \$100,000. The state of New Jersey will exact a like sum.

Promoter Tex Rickard, whose profits may be \$100,000, will be taxed an amount which will bring the total government revenue from the encounter to considerably more than \$500,000, the richest sporting plum in history.

ANDREWS SUFFERS DAMAGE BY STORM.

Roofs Blown Off and Houses Damaged by Heavy Wind. Crops Need Rain.

Andrews, June 20.—Andrews was visited Sunday afternoon by a severe wind and electrical storm, but no one was seriously injured. One negro man sustained bruises on his head and limbs from roofing which was blown from the Farmers' tobacco warehouse. The wind blew open a door of this warehouse and carried away a considerable portion of the roof, rafters and all. A porch roof on the north side of a storage building was blown up and over the building, some of it landing in Main street and some landing in the back yard of a residence lot two or three hundred yards away. A few trees were broken off or uprooted. One new dwelling was considerably damaged, and many telephones put out of commission. Although only a light rain fell, still the farmers of this section were glad to see it as their crops, and especially tobacco have suffered from several weeks of dry weather. All crops are unusually small and late for this time, and it appears now that even with favorable weather conditions not more than two thirds of a normal crop of tobacco will be produced.

NEGROES INCREASE HOLDINGS.

Records Show They are Buying Southern Farms.

Farms operated by negroes in fourteen southern states, including Delaware and Maryland, in 1920, numbered 920,976, an increase of 40,152 over 1910, or 28.7 per cent. of the farms in the United States, the census bureau announced today. The total acreage of these farms was 41,346,943, valued at \$2,239,062,790.

Farms operated by negro tenants totaled 702,215, an increase of 33,659 compared with ten years ago, or 44.1 per cent of all tenant farms in the country.

Farms operated by negroes in 1920 by states included: Virginia, 47,600; North Carolina, 74,849; South Carolina, 109,005; Georgia, 130,176; Florida, 12,954; Kentucky, 12,624; Tennessee, 38,381; Alabama, 95,200; Mississippi, 161,000; Arkansas, 72,272; Louisiana, 62,036; Oklahoma, 18,737; Texas, 78,664.

Bride and Groom Arrive.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Smith, who were married at Lake City on the 15th arrived in Dillon this week after a brief honeymoon. The bride, who was Miss Louise Gravley, is one of Lake City's most popular young ladies and will receive a most cordial welcome to Dillon. The groom has been filling the position of bookkeeper at the Dillon Hardware Co., for the past several months.

"THE MICROBE OF LOVE."

A musical comedy in three acts at the Dillon School Auditorium Friday June 24th at 8:30 P. M. "The Microbe of Love" is filled with laughter from beginning to end and if you want to be happy for a few hours and forget your other troubles come and bring the whole family.

"The Microbe of Love" is given under the auspices of the Dillon Post No. 32, the American Legion and we want the members of all neighboring posts and everyone to come to this play.

Admission: Reserved seats \$1.00; General 75c; Children 50c.

Come one, come all and those that need the use of the "Microbe of Love" might as well when and where to use it to their advantage.

OFFICE SEEKERS KNOW FATE SOON.

Republican Jobs Will Be Let Within the Next Ten Days.

Columbia, June 20.—Definite announcements from Washington with regard to office holders under the new Republican regime are expected to be forthcoming within the next ten days. It is stated by Columbians interested in the New South Carolina Republican plans that announcement to this effect will be made before July 1, when the new fiscal year for the government begins.

There is considerable speculation as to what the situation will bring forth. There has been definite announcement from several sources that John L. McLaurin, former Senator, will be the referee and yet there are prominent South Carolina Republicans who say that McLaurin will not manage the pie counter.

It is stated with authority here that Senator McLaurin is slated for a position on the farm loan board, where he can represent the agricultural interests, and in return be in position to swing agricultural interests administration ward.

There are, it is said, nine candidates for the office of collector of internal revenue; the list including the names of J. A. Banks, of Calhoun county, former state Senator; C. C. Campbell, Columbia, lumber man; "Red" R. Tolbert of Abbottsville, brother of Joseph W. Tolbert, South Carolina member of the Republican national committee, and others.

Leaders in the proposed new Republican party for South Carolina stated today that complete announcement would be made from Washington by July 1 in regard to the proposed new party.

Pirate Ship Theory of Mystery.

Washington, June 20.—Has a pirate crew been operating off the American coast in these ultra-modern times?

After investigating the most baffling marine mystery since the disappearance of the collier Cyclops in the early days of the war, government officials can offer no other explanation.

No less than four government agencies, it developed today, have endeavored to account for the disappearance of the steam tanker Hewitt last January, and for the discovery two days later of the schooner Carroll A. Deering with all sails set, but the crew missing, on the shoals near Cape Hatteras.

It was Secretary of Commerce Hoover who today suggested the possibility of a pirate. The fact that exhaustive search has failed to locate a single member of either crew or to discover any trace or wreckage of the tanker has caused Mr. Hoover to believe that a revival of Captain Kidd's methods is at least a "speculative theory."

The only clue upon which investigators have had to work suggests that the theory may be even more than "speculative." Two months after the discovery of the Deering, a bottle message signed by the first mate was picked up. It stated that the vessel had been overhauled by "an oil burning boat resembling a submarine chaser" and that the crew had been held without a chance to escape.

The message for the most part was illegible, but the writing has been positively identified as that of the mate.

Senator Sale of Maine was responsible for the widespread investigation that has been, and still is being conducted. Shortly after discovery of the Deering, Miss Lulu Wormwell of Portland, daughter of Captain W. B. Wormwell of the Deering, called at his office.

She was accompanied by her pastor the Rev. A. Lorimer. They urged that an investigation be made into the strange fate of Captain Wormwell and his crew. Affected by the poignant grief of Miss Wormwell, an exceedingly pretty girl of 24, Senator Hale at once arranged conferences with Secretary of Commerce Hoover, Attorney General Daugherty, Undersecretary of State Fletcher and with Treasury officials. Every effort has been made since that time to clear up the mystery.

The Hewitt was a steel cargo vessel bound from Texas to Boston with a cargo of sulphur. The theory that she may have struck a stray mine has been abandoned. In that event wreckage would certainly have been washed ashore, skilled navigators state. The presence of a stray mine in that section, however, is not improbable, it was stated by the Prince of Monaco, world authority on tides and currents, during his recent visit in Washington.

"The case of the two ships is as much a mystery as ever," said Eugene T. Chamberlain, commissioner of navigation today. "I haven't thought much about the pirate theory, but there is so little to work on that one man's guess is as good as another."

Acting on the recommendation of the county delegation the governor has appointed Mrs. Cora Hargrove and P. A. George members of the County Board of Education. The other member of the Board is H. M. Moody, superintendent of education. The new members have received their commissions and entered upon their duties.