

REPUBLICAN TRIMMING FOR HARD FIGHT NEXT YEAR.

Have Adopted as Their Slogan—"Not a State Democratic Official in 1917."
—That is Some Slogan and That Slogan is Going to be Some Job to Carry Out—Change in Campaigning—Will Court Corporations.

Raleigh, Nov. 18.—The Republicans who attended the state executive committee Wednesday and remained over night to finish the work begun that day, left this morning for their homes with the slogan "Not a State Democratic Official in 1917."

Gilliam, Grissom says there'll be none. It is true that the committee is uncertain as to the effect of the state primary act and how it will work in its first tryout on the Republicans. Its constitutionality may be tested. Indeed, many Republicans declare their belief that the act assails the fundamental law and the courts may have to take it up. It is noteworthy that the party which demanded a state-wide primary law as did also the Democrats balked bodily at the legislative program and declared its unwillingness to be delivered to the dominant Democrats.

But the Republicans did not do commerce with the Democrats during the session or suggest any primary plan, according to charges of the Democrats on both floors of the legislature and made no recommendations as to the kind of bill they would like made law. One feature of the act appears to please quite a few of them. Clarence Call, of Wilkes, is pleased with the corrupt practices act and through it he hopes to catch every "election thief" in North Carolina. This suggested the enlargement of the state prison.

The Republicans but slightly hinted at their method of reaching the voters next year. One thing that they have resolved to do is to speak softly about the big moneyed recruits, cotton mill magnates, and go after the man in the sticks. They are willing for the Democrats to take the odium that attaches to riches and big business while the Republicans will try for the man who never "read a Republican argument for protection."

They have been insinuated that it is what the opponents would not have them do. They are to lambast Travis for running the state taxing system and Joyner for the general superintendency of the school works. They are going to prove to the farmer who pays taxes on the \$700 farm for which he has refused \$3,000 that he is taxed to death. They believe in their plan of assault. They don't expect a counter at any point and are surveying the field in order to keep up with the retreating Democrats when fire is opened. Lungs and legs are all that the G. O. P. needs next year.

Judge George Roundtree Resigns. Wilmington, Nov. 21.—Judge George Roundtree, for the last two and a half years a member of the Superior court bench, has sent his resignation to Governor Craig and on January 1, will resume the practice of law here.

R. O. Carr, his former partner, and Davis and Davis, composed of Julius and Thomas Davis, and Judge Roundtree have formed at partnership effective at that time.

Marsden Bellamy, of Wilmington, has been prominently mentioned as a possible successor to Judge Roundtree.

Asheville Police Officer Shoots Friend Out Hunting.

Asheville, Nov. 18.—John Lanford, of the Fairview section, was accidentally shot in the left eye and left side of the face Tuesday afternoon by Lieut. Fred Jones, of the plain clothes squad of the Asheville police department, while the two were hunting quail near Fairview.

In a statement made by Lieutenant Jones he says that he had shot two birds, while they were hunting in the woods, and that Lanford was going to pick them up, when the dog discovered another bird and just as Jones fired, Lanford raised up and received part of the load from the shotgun.

READ GASTONIAN ADS—IT PAYS

If your State and County taxes for 1915 are not paid by Jan. 1st, two per cent will be added. No exceptions made. Please pay at once.

W. C. ABERNETHY.

Tax Collector for State and County inside City Limits.

Miss Bessie Withers, of Broadway, will arrive this afternoon to visit her sisters, Misses May and Jean Withers.

FARMERS ARE AGAINST "PREPAREDNESS."

Union in Session at Durham Passes Strong Resolution Against the Plan of the President—Will Look into Records of Legislative Candidates—Indorse Progressive Farmer as Organ of State Union.

Durham, Nov. 18.—The Farmers union closed its annual convention with a trip to Chapel Hill this afternoon, following a morning session that was devoted largely to passing a large number of resolutions on all kinds of questions. At Chapel Hill the farmers were the guests of the State university at a dinner served in Swain hall. President E. K. Graham made a short talk to the farmers, telling them something of the work of the university and of its desire to cooperate with them in their work.

The trip was made from Durham in automobiles and on the return from the Hill a trip was made to Trinity college and other points of interest in the county.

The farmers went squarely on record as being opposed to spending any more money for an increase in the navy and the army of the country. They were vigorous in their opposition to this policy of the President.

The resolution adopted follows:

"Whereas it now appears that a measure will be put on foot at our national Congress at its next session asking for an enormous increase in the appropriations for the increase in the number of battleships built and also in increasing the enrollment in our standing army, under the plea of being prepared to protect our country against the invasion of any and all belligerent countries to make war against our country, therefore be it

"Resolved, That we, the Farmers Union of North Carolina being a peaceable inclined people hereby enter our protest against any and all material increase in appropriation for this purpose."

That the farmers will pay more attention to the selection of the candidates for the next legislature was indicated in the final sections of the resolutions, which were delivered.

They were urged to scrutinize closely the records and the policies as well as beliefs and opinions of any and all candidates who offered themselves for public office. They want all attorneys connected with corporations to sever their connections with these corporations before they take a seat in the next general assembly. They favor sending more members to the general assembly.

The resolution further expresses the wish that the desires of the farmers shall be placed before the platform committees of the parties. The following legislation is asked for:

First. Repeal of the merchants crop lien law.

Second. Provision for race segregation of land ownership.

Third. Reform of taxation system so that the taxes will be more equitably distributed along the lines suggested in the last amendments to the constitution or some other methods.

Fourth. Incorporate rural communities.

Fifth. Initiative and referendum.

Sixth. An anti-usury law regulating banks and public service corporations.

Seventh. Give some official in the State the right to regulate the insurance rates promulgated in the state.

Eighth. An adequate rural credits bill be passed by the national Congress at its forthcoming session.

Among the other things called for and advocated in special resolutions were:

Provision for the state to furnish the school books in public schools at publishers prices.

Regulate express and freight rates on truck and fruit.

Indorse the action of the national convention in asking that some settlement be arrived at as to cotton tax that will be just both to the spinners and the producers of cotton.

Approve the work of the tobacco farmers in cooperative storing of their products and in the manufacture of plug and smoking tobacco.

Declare that a paper which advertises "medical frauds" (patent medicine) is not entitled to the confidence or support of the Farmers union.

Indorse the boy road patrol and urges that its organization be begun in the counties of the state.

Opposed to the legislature interfering with the rights of the judiciary.

Indorse the Progressive Farmer as the official organ of the Farmers union of North Carolina.

REV. J. J. BEACH RESIGNED PASTORATE YESTERDAY

Popular Pastor of East Gastonia Baptist Church Notified His Congregation that He Had Accepted Work at Southside Baptist Church, in Columbia, S. C.

Yesterday at the 11 o'clock service Rev. J. J. Beach, of the East Gastonia Baptist church, announced to his people that he had accepted a call to Southside Baptist church, Columbia, S. C., and tendered his resignation to take effect the fourth Sunday in December.

Mr. Beach had been in Columbia and looked over the field and he found that the church at that place furnished a larger field for him and that he could do more and better work there than here. Regretting very much to leave here, and personally preferring to remain, he was willing to go where he thought he could do the most efficient work. The congregation realizing this very reluctantly consents for him to go. There is not the slightest intimation of friction, and the salary is about the same, and it is purely a move for the purpose of doing more work in his line.

Mr. Beach came to the church six years ago and by his mode of living and his devotion to the church and his conduct has endeared himself to the people of his church and city. Under his leadership the membership has doubled and the contributions for all the different causes have doubled. He has baptized 228 converts during this time.

All denominations join with his own church in their regrets at losing this most popular and zealous pastor from their midst and the best wishes of all will go with him to his new work.

MRS GALT MAY NOT GET PARIS DRESSES

Paris Dressmakers' Union Won't Deliver Them to a Certain House in America—Proprietor is a German.

Paris, Nov. 19.—The Paris Dressmakers' Association today officially decided that no member should deliver dresses, said to be for Mrs. Wilson, who is a German nationalized in the United States.

It was stated however that every member of the syndicate "would be proud to be honored with a commission to make a gown for President Wilson's fiancée, and would be most happy if permitted to present it with its compliments."

Charles Kurzmann of New York, is said to have been commissioned to buy the gowns for Mrs. Galt. The newspaper L'Ouvreur says Kurzmann has threatened to raise a diplomatic question because the modists refuse to accept orders from him.

The dressmakers' meeting today was presided over by Paul Piroit, its president. It was explained that it was found sometime ago that a large number of dress importers in New York and elsewhere were of the Teutonic race and that association as a matter of principle, decided to refuse to sell to two of the houses, whose names were drawn by lot, and that one of these houses was that one ordering gowns for Mrs. Galt.

OYSTER SUPPER.

Tomorrow night in the Long building the Baptist Young Peoples' Union of the First Baptist Church will hold an oyster supper. The prices are very reasonable and a great many of the business men will take advantage of the opportunity to get their supper without going home. They are also expecting a good number of the other people who want a hot supper without going to the trouble of preparing it. You are all welcome at the Long Building Tuesday night. The Atkins Orchestra will furnish music while you eat.

The following is the menu:

Fried 25c	Oysters	Stew 25c
	Mayonnaise	
	Chicken Salad	
Ham	25c	Pickles
Ice Cream 5c		Cake 5c
Hot Chocolate 10c		Coffee 5c

Rev. C. H. Artis, a negro preacher of Salisbury, died suddenly Sunday while attending a funeral service of one of the teachers of Livingston College in that city. The funeral was held in the college chapel and just as the corpse was brought in Artis toppled over. He was carried out but was dead in a few moments.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Doings all Over the Country in the Last Few Days.

In the Circuit Court at Chicago Judge Windes refused to enjoin the Woodmen of the World from increasing the assessment rates of the order.

Because of the apparent failure of private bidders to keep their proposals within the \$7,800,000 limit of cost set by Congress for the hulls and machinery of two new battleships, authorized by the last Congress, construction of both vessels may be undertaken in government navy yards. Abolition of the office of Comptroller of the Currency, which has direct supervision over the operation of all national banks, has been proposed to the Federal Reserve Board by the advisory council created by the Federal Reserve act to advise the board on matters of importance to the reserve banking system.

The International Congress called to study the fundamental bases for peace, which was expected to open at Berne, December 14, has been postponed until after the new year. The reasons given for the postponement are that circumstances are not yet favorable and that preparations for holding the congress have been delayed.

A decree of divorce on grounds of cruelty has been granted by the district court of Washington, D. C., to Lucy Wilson from Huntington Wilson. Wilson was assistant Secretary of State under Philander C. Knox, during the Taft administration. Mrs. Wilson was allowed to resume her maiden name—Lucy Wartham James.

Prof. A. G. Webster, of Clark University, Worcester, Mass., has informed the National Academy of Science of an instrument he has perfected for finding the direction of a fog signal and which, he expects, will do sea travel of one of its greatest terrors. For years Prof. Webster has experimented with every kind of sound wave.

More than 3,000 anthracite mine workers employed by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, in the Panther Creek Valley, Pa., are on strike. The company having left the work because several of their number had been suspended. About 200 union machinists are also on strike at Trenton, N. J.

Making an address in a church in New York Sunday morning, Gifford Pinchot asserted that Germans had killed priests and nuns in Belgium. When a man arose in the auditorium and shouted, "You lie!" The interrupter then started to leave the church, but as he neared the door he stopped and again asserted that Mr. Pinchot was a liar.

Over 3,000,000 persons in Belgium and northern France, mostly women and young children, must be clothed and shod by Christmas. If the garments and shoes for these destitute people are not forthcoming at once their sufferings during the winter will become desperate. Such is the note of urgent appeal issued to the people of the United States by the Commission for Relief in Belgium.

The 12 Federal reserve banks earned \$221,954 during the month of October, while the expenses were \$134,017, according to a statement by the Federal Reserve Board. The earnings were about \$2,000 greater than any previous month. Only one bank—that at St. Louis—failed to earn enough to pay expenses; and the bank at Philadelphia had a net surplus of only \$77.35. The largest earnings were from banks in the South.

The Supreme Court of the United States marked the funeral of Booker T. Washington, the negro educator, who was buried at Tuskegee, Ala., Wednesday. Fully 8,000 people were present, among the number many prominent white men. The simple Episcopal burial service was read, many old plantation songs, which Washington loved so well were sung, and the reading of a few of the thousands of telegrams of condolence from all parts of the country constituted the service.

David Lentz, Rowan Farmer Killed by Auto Saturday.

Salisbury, Nov. 20.—David Lentz, 40 years old and a prominent farmer of the Organ church neighborhood of Rowan county, was killed this afternoon when his automobile took to a ditch while Mr. Lentz and his son were on their way home. Mr. Lentz, junior was driving the car at the time of the accident that cost his father's life. The son escaped unhurt.

TAXPAYERS TAKE NOTICE.

MORTGAGED PROPERTY CANNOT BE SEIZED.

Discovers Loophole for Whiskey Dealers and There is a Rush to Put a Mortgage on Vehicles Used in Transporting Whiskey Illegally... Greensboro News.

There has come to light at last a possible loophole through which the whisky merchant in the dry territory of North Carolina, who transports his goods by automobile, may avoid loss of his property through confiscation when caught by state officers in the act of conveying illegal amounts of spirits from one point to another. The violator has only to mortgage his property first; and then it is up to the state to prove that the mortgage was given in good faith, which is, admittedly, in most cases a hard proposition.

It is suspected that this method has already been taken advantage of in Guilford county, as court officials of the county stated yesterday that machines and vehicles have been mortgaged recently by men known to have dealt in the illegal handling of liquor heretofore and are suspected of it now. In some of these cases, it is further stated, knowledge is almost conclusive that the men giving the mortgages were not forced to take such action through need of funds.

His precautionary measure on the part of the said liquor merchants is supposed to have been suggested by a proceeding instituted in Guilford Superior court sometime ago, when A. Schiffman brought suit against D. B. Stafford, sheriff of the county, in which he set up prior claim to a horse and buggy seized by the sheriff from Schoolfield McNeal, negro, while transporting spirits. The claim was based on a mortgage executed in favor of Mr. Schiffman prior to the seizure.

The case came up for hearing before Judge M. H. Justice yesterday and the finding in favor of Mr. Schiffman, the court holding that the mortgage must be satisfied before the state can confiscate the property and sell it, provision for which is made in the new statute.

There was no intimation whatever that there had been conspiracy in the case heard yesterday to protect property of a man engaged in an illegal liquor traffic. In fact, an opinion to the contrary was voiced by the court. It was pointed out, however, that the proceeding opened a way whereby the violator may avoid loss of property; and it was admitted that it would be difficult matter for the courts to determine where conspiracy exists in such cases and where property is mortgaged in good faith. The decision of the Supreme court will be awaited with interest in legal, likewise retailing, circles.

Lincolnton News.

Lincolnton, Nov. 19.—County Attorney Childs, who was recently instructed by the county commissioners recently to have the walks through the court square cemented, has let the contract for the work. The walks are to be 12 feet wide and the landings at each side of the building are to be cemented.

Recently it was announced that the management of the C. & N. W. railway contemplated making extensive improvements at the union passenger station. Today workmen were put to work on the depot building by the contractor. Steam heat will be an improvement and the company will also have seating capacity increased in the reception rooms.

Last Monday M. A. Holy, of this city, celebrated his 76 birthday with a sumptuous dinner and invited all of his children to assemble at his home for the occasion and every one of the family responded to the invitation.

Waiting on Mr. Wilson.

Kinston, Nov. 19.—The date of the wedding of W. Wilson and Eliza Galt depends on announcement from the White House. They are Beaufort County blacks, the prospective bride a widow. About the time they were considering marriage came the news of the engagement of Mrs. Galt to President Wilson. The matter was clinched then and there. Now Wilson and the Galt woman are eagerly awaiting the naming of the date of the wedding in the National Capital, for their nuptial events is to be staged by agreement on the same day.

HAPPENINGS IN THE STATE.

Accidents, Fires, Deaths and Other Happenings in the State.

Rev. Dr. R. C. Holland, former pastor of the Lutheran church in Charlotte, died in Columbia, S. C., this week, aged 70.

Dr. H. G. Heilig, of Salisbury, fell down the steps of his office, suffered a dislocation of the hip and was otherwise painfully injured.

Rev. J. M. Ashby, a Methodist minister of Mt. Airy, died this week as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained a few days ago.

Fire in the Ashby Grocery Company building at Mt. Airy damaged stock and building \$3,500 to \$4,000, loss partly covered by insurance.

Mr. Fletcher A. Smith, a prominent business man and citizen of Salisbury, died Monday night from the effects of a stroke of paralysis. He was a native of Rowan and 56 years old.

Arthur T. Abernethy, who has been a writer for the Yellow Jacket, published at Moravian Falls, will apply for admission into the Western North Carolina Conference at Reidsville.

Fire that originated in the old Carlton hotel at Warsaw, Duplin county, early Monday morning, destroyed the hotel, a residence and other building, causing a loss of about \$10,000 with \$3,000 insurance.

Cases against Mayor Moore, three councilmen, one former councilman and superintendent of streets of Wilmington, charged with violations of election laws, have been continued until the January term of court.

Fifteen white convicts, serving sentences of from four months to four years, sawed their way through the steel bars of the convict cage at the Sandy Mush camp in Buncombe county and escaped. Three were recaptured.

Capt. Thos. H. Haughton, 74 years of age, a prominent citizen of Charlotte, died Tuesday in Baltimore, where he was under treatment in a hospital. He was a soldier of the Confederacy, a native of Chatham county, but had lived in Pittsboro many years.

Col. John Temple Graves, Georgia, speak in Charlotte on Thursday in behalf of a greater navy. He is canvassing under the auspices of the Navy League, organized to work up sentiment for a stronger navy.

Gov. Craig has offered a reward of \$100 for the unknown murderers of Rev. Floyd Sweatt, the minister who was assassinated on the highway near Hamlet on the 8th. It is alleged that the assassination was the result of Mr. Sweatt's war on the whiskey traffic.

It is said that a Davidson county farmer recently ordered a set of dining chairs from a Chicago mail order house and when they arrived he found that they were made by a Thomasville factory, in his home county and were wrapped in local newspapers.

Over \$25,000 is the amount of the appropriation made by 45 counties of the State to Home Demonstration Work. And Mrs. Jane McKimmon, in charge of the work expects to have shortly 50 per cent. of the counties of the State under supervision for the entire year.

Mrs. Annie R. Collins, aged 74, widow of the late Major George P. Collis died Monday at her home in Hillsboro from a stroke of apoplexy. Two sons and five daughters survive. Mrs. Collins was a daughter of the late Paul C. Cameron and a sister of Colonel Benehan Cameron.

Unable to secure the conviction of blind tigers in the recorder's court at Fayetteville, Solicitor Breece of the court declined to further prosecute. He said it was evident that Fayetteville wanted "blind tigers" and as far as he was concerned it could have them even if to the extent that whiskey flowed in the streets knee deep.

Fire Tuesday night completely destroyed the Norfolk Southern railroad shops at New Berne. The loss is placed at \$200,000. The fire at one time threatened the entire northern end of the city and the union station and freight warehouses. The plant covered almost a city block and with it two locomotives and several cars also were burned.

Three white men, John Miller, William Monaghan and J. A. Wilson who had attained distinction in their profession of picking pockets, received sentences of six months each on the roads, tin Mecklenburg Superior Court this week. They were arrested in Charlotte some weeks ago. They had in their possession several hundred dollars extracted from unsuspecting victims.