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General Reduction In Postal Rates

Effective First of Next Month Post Cards Be Mailed for One Cent; Parcel Post and Newspaper Rates Also Reduced

Changes announced in postal rates effective July 1, include a general reduction for all classes of mail except air mail and that is to be reduced a month later, according to information given out from the post-office department at Washington.

Beginning July 1, post cards can be mailed at the rate of one cent, the present rate being two cents.

Third class mail, newspapers, will cost one cent for each two ounces, present rate being two cents for two ounces.

Parcel post mail will be reduced substantially all the way through in all zones.

Newspapers will have the following reduction: First and second zones, new rate 1 1/2 cents per pound as against the present rate of two cents per pound; third zone, two cents a pound, reduction of one cent; fourth zone, three cents, or half the present rate of six cents; fifth zone, four cents, present rate six cents; sixth zone five cents, the present rate being six cents.

Special handling rates, will give first class service on parcels, the same service given letters, as follows: 10 cents up to two pounds; 15 cents up to 10 pounds, and 20 cents above ten pounds. The present rate is 25 cents all the way through.

Under the new rates announced, mail may be registered up to \$1,000 in value, the present regulations not permitting registration above \$100 in value.

Attention is also directed to the fact that effective July 1, persons ordering special request envelopes will be asked to make a deposit over the stamp value.

The air mail reduction, effective the first of August, will be as follows: Five cents for the first ounce and 10 cents for each additional ounce; the present rate is 10 cents for each half-ounce.

BAMBOO AND MABEL VICTORS IN LAST SATURDAY'S GAMES

Local Team Falls Before Bamboo in 11-Inning Exhibition, While Mabel Licks Cove Creek to Frazzle

Fighting like veterans, the Bamboo team of the Watauga Loop, won a 11-inning contest from Boone last Saturday afternoon by the close score of 5 to 4. Each team is credited with eight safeties, but Bamboo was able to hit in the pinches and push over the marker, required to win the second game of the league series. It was a fine exhibition of the national pastime, chug full of thrills from the time the first ball was tossed over the plate until the last man was dug out in the eleventh inning. Coffey, on the mound, for Boone, worked out a nice game, while Bamboo used six pitchers in order to hold the peppy locals in check.

While Boone was losing to Bamboo, Mabel romped away with Cove Creek, the Mabel boys trotting around the circuit almost at will. The score in this fracas was 22 to 0 in favor of the Mabelites.

Following is a summary of the runs and hits in the Boone-Bamboo game:

Player	Ab.	R.	H.
Boone	5	0	1
Eggers, H.	5	0	1
S. Winkler, 3b	5	1	2
Moore, rf	4	2	1
Hampton, ss	5	2	2
McGuire, 2b	5	0	1
F. Winkler, 1b	5	0	0
Hodges, cf	5	0	0
Dougherty, C.	4	0	0
Coffey, p	4	0	0
Totals	42	4	7

Coffey add Dougherty. Bamboo Ab. R. H. S. Critcher, ss. 5 0 0 W. Cook, c. 5 2 2 R. Cook, p. 5 1 1 Bolick, 3b. 5 1 1 N. Cook, 2b. 5 0 1 Vannoy, lf. 4 0 0 C. Critcher, cf. 4 0 0 Elrod, 1b. 4 1 1 Hampton, rf. 4 0 1 Totals 41 5 8 R. Cook, S. Critcher, W. Cook, N. Cook, Bolick and W. Cook.

Last Saturday's Results Boone 4; Bamboo 5. Cove Creek 0, Mabel 22.

Where They Play Saturday Cove Creek at Boone Bamboo at Mabel.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION WILL MEET HERE MONDAY

The Watauga Ministerial Association will meet at the Boone Methodist church Monday, July 2, at 10 o'clock a. m. Pastors of the county are especially invited to attend this meeting of the association.

POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Highlights of Political Activity of Both Major Parties Summarized From Recent News Dispatches From Over the Country

Reed Makes Bid For Dry Votes Houston, Texas, June 24.—Declaring for "impartial" enforcement of the laws and constitution, Senator Reed of Missouri, issued a statement today expressing the view that the "18th amendment will stand until and unless the moral forces of the nation become convinced that there is some better way to deal with the liquor problem.

Tar Heel Delegation Demands Dry Plank Houston, Texas, June 25.—A dry plank, one that will commit the Democratic party to out and out enforcement of the prohibition amendment to the United States constitution and no compromise on the question was demanded by the North Carolina delegation to the Democratic national convention here today. Meeting in caucus the delegation chose Josephus Daniels as a member of the resolutions committee which will draw up the platform. Not only did they elect the noted dry leader to the platform job but they also instructed him to demand a strong prohibition plank, one like the bone dry plank adopted at the state convention at Raleigh.

Republicans Will Make Effort to Carry N. C. for Hoover

Once the Houston convention shall have completed its labors, Republicans of North Carolina are expected to set about the task of formulating plans for the campaign to come in the late summer, says a Washington special of Monday to the Greensboro Daily News. It is understood here that tentative plans call for a conference shortly of members of the state executive committee and other party leaders and advisers, when headquarters will be established and the campaign set in motion. The probable scene of such activity has already received some consideration, and the proposal now is to open offices in Charlotte, as this will be convenient for State Chairman Jackson and National Committee Chairman Jones.

Whatever Democrats in sympathy with Senator Simmons may think of the situation at Houston, it is rare to find any Republican who has any doubt that Governor Smith will be the Democratic standard bearer. Republican campaign plans keep Governor Smith constantly in view and believing that this Democratic proponent is going to give them the best opening they have had since the Civil war, it is the aim of the Republican leadership to put up a fight in every section of the state, from townships up to the congressional districts, in which they have put their best men forward.

Farm Relief and Prohibition Main Issues at Houston

Houston, Texas, June 25.—A program of planks dealing with the two big subjects before the Democratic national convention—prohibition and farm relief—were put forward today as leaders among the platform builders held preliminary conferences in an effort to smooth over some of the differences on these subjects.

With a spirit of conciliation generally manifest among the delegates, party chiefs were hopeful that the fight over these planks could be kept off the convention floor. Prominent dry leaders in the south, however, were prepared for a contest within the convention itself if the resolutions committee failed to report out a very vigorous prohibition enforcement plank.

As the situation shaped up tonight, it seemed that New York state would join with Maryland and perhaps one or two others in supporting a plank calling for modification of the Volstead act so as to permit the states to determine the alcoholic content of beverages. Admittedly that proposal would get only a very few votes in the committee, with the fight then narrowing to the question of whether the law enforcement provision should name the 18th amendment. There was some opposition to referring to the prohibition clause of the constitution above all others, the opponents desiring merely a general law enforcement declaration with a sharp criticism of the Republican administration for an alleged failure to enforce the law.

Hoover Machine Assembled Herbert Hoover's hand-picked slate, replacing the Coolidge high command in control of the Republican national committee, has been elected by the special committee of 24 G. O. P. committeemen and women dispatched to Washington for that purpose by the Kansas City

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Dr. Gordon is New Pastor at Cove Creek

Minister Will Preach First Sermon as Pastor of Cove Creek Baptist Church Next Sunday; Is Graduate of Princeton and Chicago Theological Seminary

Members of the Cove Creek Baptist church will have the opportunity Sunday morning of getting acquainted with their new pastor, Rev. Dr. Will O. Gordon of Chattanooga, Tenn., who will preach his first sermon at the church on that day.

Dr. Gordon has a high record of scholarship, having taken the degrees of M. A. and Litt. D. from Princeton University and being a graduate of the Chicago Theological Seminary. For a number of years he has been a member of faculties of several colleges and high schools. Dr. Gordon has done a large amount of research work, which he expects to continue during his pastorate at Cove Creek. He is taking up rural church work in order that he may have leisure to pursue his researches.

The Cove Creek church is considered fortunate in securing as its pastor a man of such high educational attainments as Dr. Gordon. A large congregation is expected at the church Sunday to hear his sermon.

Dr. Gordon was accompanied to his new field of endeavor by his wife and daughter, little Miss Mildred.

FIDDLERS' CONVENTION FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Under the auspices of the Watauga Fish and Game Club, an old-time fiddlers' convention will be staged in Boone Friday and Saturday nights of this week, the entire proceeds to be used for paying for a series of brooder dams at the state hatchery and to meet other incidental expenses of the organization.

This is indeed most laudable, and the convention should be attended by every Wataugan who has an interest in the fish and game of the county. If we have to re-stock our streams with the "speckled beauties" we must have a way to rear them above the size we get from the hatchery, and plant them in streams in the fall instead of the spring, when they will have attained a size sufficient to enable them to care for themselves. The brooder is the only solution for the problem, and the club will appreciate very much your presence and help them a bit in their efforts to bring back our fish and game to what it was in the "yeaus gone by."

The club puts only one stipulation on those who attend, and that is, no contestant under the influence of whiskey, will be allowed to participate. Bear this in mind, gentlemen!

MISSION WORKERS GATHER AT BANNER ELK TODAY

Banner Elk, June 26.—The Home Mission Workers of Holston Presbytery have been called to meet at Pinnacle Inn, Banner Elk, on June 26th and 27th. The superintendent of home missions, Rev. Walter K. Keys of Bristol, Tenn., has called this meeting and is in charge. An excellent program has been prepared which will contain several inspirational addresses as well as helpful conferences. There are forty-odd workers who may attend this meeting. On Thursday evening, Dr. Cunningham of Bristol, formerly of Gameville, Fla., will be the speaker, and on Friday evening the address will be made by Rev. Dan Graham of Blountville, Tenn.

Pinnacle Inn is ideally equipped for such a conference. Operated in the fireproof stone dormitories of Lees-McRae Institute, it has ample room and supplies its guests with all modern conveniences. The North Carolina building which is used during the school session for administrative purposes, is well adapted for conference use. Pinnacle Inn, 4,000 feet "up in the air" opened last week. The fishing is proving unusually good this season, and guests are delighted with the success of this sport.

AUTO TAGS NOW HALF PRICE

Beginning last week, State Commissioner of Revenue R. A. Dougherty informed branch offices throughout the state which are issuing state automobile licenses, to do so at one-half the regular fee to all applicants.

When an applicant has purchased a motor vehicle before June 20, and has operated it prior to that date, Commissioner Dougherty advised bureaus to collect the full yearly fee. However, if an applicant purchased a motor vehicle before June 20 and did not operate it before that date, the commissioner said the applicant should make a statement to this effect on his application. He would then pay the bureau one-half of the annual fee for his license tag.

NEWS OF WEEK AT BLOWING ROCK

Old Schoolhouse to be Used as Place of Worship by Sandy Flat Church; Season's Business Houses Now Open

Blowing Rock, June 28.—Definite plans to use the old Sandy Flat schoolhouse for religious services has been granted by the owners, Florence Manor estate, to the recently organized Sandy Flat Baptist church. The new church has been authorized to make any improvements considered necessary.

The interior of the building will be painted, and electric lights will be installed, it was said by the pastor, Rev. E. D. Robbins. The church was organized last February and now has 43 members. Preparations are being made to compose the letter to the association, but it has not been decided whether the church will join the Three Forks or the Stony Fork association. Deacons will be ordained before the letter is transmitted.

Services are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 8 p. m. Sunday school meets every Sunday at 10 a. m. Good congregations have been present ever since the church was organized, and they are growing larger with each meeting.

Practically all of the seasonal business houses were opened for business this week. Bee's Bazaar and Hanna's Oriental Shop opened early last week, as did the Blowing Rock Exchange and the Hon. Nob Tea Room. This week, Razook's soap, handling fine linens, groceries, and imported and domestic textiles was opened. The Wonderland Theater in Mayview Park opened Monday night with a good crowd. The Mayview Drug Store was also opened last week.

The financial report of the town for the two months, May 1 to June 7, made public by J. E. Holshouser, town treasurer, shows receipts of \$5,216.81, disbursements of \$5,129.55, and cash on hand \$90.06. Of the disbursements, the largest items were notes and interest, which totaled \$3,400. The next largest item was composed of salaries, wages and commissions, which reached the total of \$452.99.

Mrs. F. B. Hartley was hostess on Wednesday afternoon at a shower given in honor of Mrs. Sherman Roberts of Johnson City, Tenn. Mrs. Hartley's sister and her guest for the week, Mrs. Roberts is a recent bride who has many friends in Blowing Rock. After the guests had assembled, a book was presented, in which each was asked to write a favorite recipe. Then followed an exciting "bride's contest" in which Mrs. Lloyd Robbins was declared winner and presented her award, a silk handkerchief, to the guest of honor, Mrs. Hartley. Then served refreshments, assisted by Mrs. daughter, Dale. Next, Dale entered the living room carrying a small white parasol and announced: "It is getting cloudy; we are going to have a shower." Following this announcement, Mrs. Hartley entered, carrying a basket of presents, which were presented to the bride, then passed around for all to admire. Before the guests departed, they were invited to the porch to take part in a watermelon feast. Guests included Mrs. J. M. Hoopes, Mrs. W. L. Crisp, Mrs. S. L. Cannon, Mrs. Lloyd Robbins, Misses Mabel Coffey, Edna Miller and Beulah Wooten.

Col. W. W. Stringfellow of Anniston, Ala., has arrived here and opened his summer cottage for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Younce of Aurora, Mo., who left North Carolina twenty years ago, were here this week for the first time since their departure. They are visiting Mrs. Younce's niece, Mrs. A. M. Cricher.

HEN HATCHES 4 ALLIGATORS

Kinston, N. C., June 22.—Henry Crawford, a negro, today exhibited four baby alligators which he said were hatched by a hen on a farm five miles below here. Theigators were about five inches long.

Crawford said he found an alligator's nest in Pamlico county several weeks ago. He brought a number of the eggs home with him and placed them, together with chicken eggs, under the hen. The chicken eggs failed to hatch, but the littleigators seemed to appease the mother urge of the hen. "She looked like an old fool clucking to them things and them paying no attention to her," Crawford said. "They just scrambled around the nest aimless-like. They didn't know what to do. I took them away from the old hen, she fussing about it."

Centennial Campaign Will Close Tonight

Announcement Was Made Last Thursday That 40 Per Cent of County's Quota Had Been Subscribed; Dr. Van To Speak

The Baptist Centennial campaign, which has been under way in Watauga county for the past four weeks, will close this (Thursday) evening, when a meeting will be held at the Baptist church in Boone for the purpose of hearing final reports from the churches of the Three Forks and Stony Fork associations. It is also announced that Dr. R. T. Van of Raleigh, will deliver the address at the final meeting tonight.

At the meeting last Thursday evening, reports showed that about \$2,500 or 10 per cent of the county's approximately \$600 pledged but for which cards had not been turned in. Mr. M. A. Huggins, general director of the campaign in this district, expressed the belief that the county's quota of \$6,500 would be reached by tonight.

Committees reported the following amounts subscribed up to last Thursday evening: Boone, \$1,574.50; Blowing Rock, \$203.50; Three Forks, \$125; Laurel Springs, \$80; Cove Creek, \$363; Willowdale, \$78; Forest Grove, \$1,150; Timbered Ridge, \$125.50; Zion Hill, \$75; Bethany, \$50.

Prof. L. G. Greer, county chairman, presided over the meeting Thursday evening and introduced Dr. R. L. Moore, president of Mass Hill College, who made an eloquent plea for the maintenance of the schools and colleges that will participate in the centennial campaign. He emphasized the fact that the plea for more funds was not being made for the benefit of teachers and officials of the various institutions, but for the boys and girls of North Carolina who are knocking at the college doors. The hope of the nation, he said, did not lie in culture, as that did not save Greece, nor in wealth and luxury—they caused the downfall of the Roman empire. America is immensely wealthy. We must use that wealth for the benefit of mankind; if we expect to survive," Dr. Moore said there were evidences of prosperity on every hand in Watauga county, and felt sure the Baptist people would raise their share of the \$1,500,000 goal set by the state convention for the benefit of Christian education in North Carolina.

The general public is cordially invited to attend the service this (Thursday) evening at 7:30 o'clock, and hear the beloved Dr. Van speak.

GOV. SMITH SEEN AS EARLY WINNER WHEN VOTING STARTS

Houston, June 26.—Throughout the day, the news of Governor Smith of New York's slim lead over Gov. Smith over Governor Bryan, as well as the fact that the election will be a close one, has been the subject of much speculation among those who are watching the campaign.

Representatives of some of the state's big business concerns have pronounced the Smith steering committee a "fool" for the first ballot. They believe it is easier for the supporters of the other candidates to go through the motions of fighting the last ditch.

Ohio, Indiana and Nebraska are prepared to go for Smith, which requires a two-thirds vote in the convention. It was the plan to have all these and such others as had favorable son candidates to record themselves with a compliment to their candidates before the Smith mortgage on the nomination was foreclosed.

It is very probable that Senator Joseph T. Robinson, permanent chairman of the convention, will be nominated for the vice presidency.

GENERAL NOBILE RESCUED

Rome, June 24.—General Umberto Nobile, castaway since May 25, when the dirigible Italia was wrecked on the Arctic ice, has been rescued, but the five other members of his group still are motionless, according to brief official reports that were received by radio today.

Unheard of, also remain the seven members of his party carried away with the bag of the Italia, the three who started to walk to land on May 30 and the six would-be rescuers in the French seaplane which carried Rold Amundsen on a rescue expedition. Swedish aviators won the credit for making the first actual rescue. One of their planes equipped with runners, made a bold landing near Nobile's camp on an ice floe. It took off with the wounded leader but crashed when the pilot tried several hours later to repeat his feat. The general was carried by the rescue plane to an island in Hinlopen strait, the body of water which separates west Spitzbergen from Northwest Land. There he was transferred to another Swedish machine, a seaplane, and transported to Virgo Bay.

BOWERS ASSAILS G. O. P. MISRULE

Democratic Convention Aroused to Great Enthusiasm as Keynote Tears Mercilessly Into Harding and Coolidge Administrations

Houston, Texas, June 26.—A stormy challenge by the national Democracy to the Republican presidential ticket and platform not yet two weeks old went roaring out over the radio and telegraph tonight as notice to the world that the party of Jefferson and Jackson would enter the November lists with blood in its eyes.

Claude G. Bowers of New York, temporary chairman and carefully selected keynote speaker, touched off a veritable powder keg of Democratic enthusiasm. He tore mercilessly at the record of two Republican administrations, those of Harding and Coolidge, to sweep his audience in the crowded pavilion into outbursts of applause as he went down the line on the old scandals, "farm legislation," "fake prosperity," "unemployment" and all the other allegations of Republican misrule, upon which the Democrats propose to base the fight for election of their presidential ticket.

The New York editor spoke to a crowd, many of which had been drenched by a heavy thunder shower which penetrated the roof of the newly-built auditorium, but the delegates were willing to forget their own discomforts and the fight over the presidential nomination, which seemed assured to Governor Smith, in order to hear him sound the party battle cry.

Especially vociferous was the reaction of the convention to Bowers' demand that the hand of privilege be taken from the throats of the farmers. Every state standard was removed from its moorings and a parade of several minutes followed. The standard-bearer made up the major part of the procession, while the delegates cheered.

Bowers' keynote was the principal business of the night session, the remainder of the time being taken up with necessary routine, such as the appointment of committees and adoption of rules of procedure.

The convention adjourned at 9:24 p. m., until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, when reports of committees, including the platform committee, will be in order. Senator Robinson of Arkansas will be installed as permanent chairman.

It has not been definitely determined when the nominating speeches will be made, but it is generally certain that a presidential choice will be announced Thursday or Friday.

BLANCHARD LYON UNWILING PARTY TO A SLAYINGS IN MO.

Ford at Point of Gun to Shoot for Drunken Neighbor Who Kill 3 Women and 1 Man

Mr. Earl L. Lyon, traveling salesman of Boone, has received a letter from his cousin, Blanchard Lyon, who lives near Springfield, Mo., telling of one of Blanchard's neighbors who got drunk and killed three women and a policeman before he was overpowered.

The neighbor, after killing one woman, forced Blanchard Lyon, at the point of a gun, to act as chauffeur for the drunk neighbor, and drove him around over the country. Unarmed Blanchard was unable to resist. During the ride the neighbor killed two other women, but all the time he kept Blanchard so well covered with the gun that nothing could be done to stop the shooting spree.

Finally an officer approached and the drunken neighbor shot him also. After the four killings, however, he was overpowered.

Mr. Hard Lyon said that he has written to his cousin to tell the full details in his next letter.

Blanchard Lyon is well known in Watauga. He was here on a visit only last year. He is a son of Mr. Adolphus Lyon who went from this county to Missouri several years ago.

The Socialist party will put a ticket in the field in North Carolina next November, William A. Toole, Baltimore Socialist organizer, who was in Raleigh Saturday, announced. Mr. Toole conferred with R. C. Maxwell, secretary of the board of elections, and was told that under the law it was too late to enter a ticket and get ballots printed by the state, but that the Socialists might print and distribute their own tickets if they wished. Mr. Toole intimated that this would be done. The last time a Socialist ticket was entered in this state was in 1920 when Eugene V. Debs got less than 1,000 votes for president. Mr. Toole, however, said that he saw encouragement in the fact that LaFollette, running on the progressive ticket four years ago, got 7,000 votes.