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# FOREIGN NAVAL BASE ON THE COAST?

## FARMERS GREATLY BENEFITED BY SPECIAL LEGISLATION IN THEIR FAVOR, STATES BICKETT

### Wilson's the only Administration that Has Ever Given Direct Attention to the Need of the Rural Classes

### GIVEN BIG RECEPTION AT AURORA

Before an audience of about 2,000 persons, and greeted with the heartiest applause, Hon. T. W. Bickett, Democratic candidate for governor, made one of the best and strongest speeches of his campaign shortly after noon today at Aurora.

Persons from every part of the county were present, many travelling thirty and forty miles. Enthusiasm ran high and as Mr. Bickett stepped from the special train, which was operated between Washington and Aurora, he was given an ovation which was one of the best that has been accorded him since he announced his candidacy for the governorship. Over a hundred persons went from Washington this morning on the special train and many travelled through the country in automobiles. It was a great day for Aurora and the citizens of that progressive city did everything in their power to make Mr. Bickett's visit an occasion which would long be remembered. A big barbecue and picnic followed the speaking.

Mr. Bickett was introduced to the assembly by Lindsay C. Warren, candidate for State senator from this district. As the next governor appeared on the platform he was given another ovation of cheers and hand-clapping. Mr. Bickett confined himself to a discussion of national issues in his address. He said in part: "I want to demonstrate to you people here today that the biggest fact in the world is the fact that the United States is the only first-class power in the world that is not at war. And the second biggest fact is that while the people of Europe are accumulating debts that will take 300 years to pay we are accumulating wealth that for 300 years will give the United States the commanding position in all great financial transactions of the world.

"These big facts are facts because of the wisdom of Democratic legislation and the courage and patriotism of Democratic efficiency. In substantiation of this proposition, I review the history of the Federal reserve act, the rural credit bill, the income tax, the Federal trade commission, the ship purchasing bill, the agriculture extension act, the creation of the office of markets in the agricultural department, the good roads act, the bonded warehouse act



HON. T. W. BICKETT.

and the cotton futures act.

"These show that for the first time in the nation's history, an administration has given serious and specific consideration to the peculiar needs of the farmer. Since Mr. Wilson has been president, there has been more legislation enacted for the express benefit of the farmer than was enacted before that time from the day that Christopher Columbus discovered America until Woodrow Wilson took the presidential chair.

"Never has there been given any study to the needs of the farmer and no legislation was ever framed that had the farmer alone in view. In the past, he has always taken his benefits incidentally, and not objectively. "The Republicans denounced the Democrats on the floor of Congress for passing this legislation, claiming that it was 'class' legislation for the benefit of the farmer.

"In view of this record, every man who is in principle a Populist or a Progressive, owes it to his own self respect to vote the Democratic ticket this year."

## U-53 IS REPORTED TO BE OFF NANTUCKET SHOALS

(By United Press)

NEWPORT, R. I., Oct. 13.—The radio station here today received a report from an unknown steamer, stating that she had sighted the U-53 off Nantucket shoals at seven o'clock this morning.

The message was brief and except for the above information, it gave no other details. The information was received here with considerable surprise, as it was generally thought that the submarine was far away by this time.

### NOTICE TO ELECTRIC LIGHT CONSUMERS.

Lighting bills are going up this fall, as usual, due principally to longer nights, staying in doors after supper, less joy riding, the children studying at night, and a great many are substituting the 100 watt type C lamps for 60 watt old type.

We are willing however, to make investigations for you if you think your bill is high, but before making your kick consider these suggestions. Municipal Electric & Water Dept. H. R. Charles, Supt. 10-10-13-443pc.

ADVERTISE IN THE DAILY NEWS

## OF ALL FOOL STUNTS, HERE'S ONE THAT HAS THEM ALL OUTCLASSED

To be sitting peacefully in front of an open fire and then to have a black cat suddenly dart in through an open door, spring across the room into the fireplace and scamper up the chimney amidst a shower of soot and grime, was the experience of J. S. Campbell at his home last night. By putting a screen over the fire and pouring water on it, Mr. Campbell forced the cat to come down again. When she did, she hit the screen with a bang and, regaining her feet, she jumped across the room out of a window and has not been seen or heard of since.

What caused the animal's strange action is a mystery to Mr. Campbell.

### WILSON WELL PLEASED

(By United Press)

Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 13.—The President is swinging homeward through Republican Pennsylvania today, well pleased with the reception accorded him in Indiana. Indiana is still believed to be an uncertain quantity.

GENERAL PRESAN



General Presan is one of the prominent commanders of the armies of Roumania.

## GERMANS WITHDRAW HEAVY ARTILLERY

### Guns Have Been Moved From 1 to 5 Miles Along the Somme Front, Aviators Discover.

### OFFENSIVE OF ITALIANS FAILS

(By United Press)

With the French armies on the Somme, Oct. 13.—The Germans have withdrawn their heavy guns from one to five miles behind the Somme front, the allied aviators discovered in recent flights. The withdrawal was made to save the pieces from capture. In recent infantry dashes into the German lines many heavy guns were captured before they could be withdrawn.

The Germans now have 2100 guns on the thirty-mile Somme front, as against 2500 used in the Verdun offensive. 1250 of these are opposing French advances and 850 oppose the British. More than 5000 guns have been captured from the Germans since the beginning of the allied offensive.

### GAINS MADE BY ITALIANS.

Vienna, Oct. 12.—The Italians have gained six miles south of Gorizia in a violent offensive on the Carson, but they left 2700 prisoners in the hands of the Austrians.

### ITALIANS FAIL IN PURPOSE.

Berlin, Oct. 13.—The new Italian drive on the Isonzo was launched for the purpose of relieving the Austrian pressure on Rumania. It has utterly failed in its purpose, according to a Vienna dispatch. The Austrians blocked repeated attacks without summoning a single regiment from the western front.

The British and Serbian attacks in Macedonia, intended to divert the Bulgarian offensive on the Rumanians, also failed. Falkenhayn's drive through Transylvania and the invasion of Rumania is expected to deal a crushing blow against that country.

### BRITISH MAKE ADVANCES.

London, Oct. 13.—The British have advanced on a front extending from Guedecourt to Lesbois—about half a mile—in severe fighting north of the Somme. Gains were also made northwest of Guedecourt.

## ELECTION FRAUDS CHARGED

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—Charges of widespread election frauds in a score of American cities in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana are today under investigation by the Department of Justice. The department hopes to dispose of the cases before the coming election in order to prevent any planned corruptions from taking place.

## CITIZENS ARE HIGHLY INDIGNANT OVER FACT THAT WHITE AND COLORED TEACHERS OCCUPY THE SAME ROOM

Indignation was rife among many prominent local citizens today who happened to pass by the Laughinghouse building on Market street, where the county teachers' examinations are being held.

Both white and colored teachers were in the same room. They were separated by only a few feet of floor space. There were about eighteen white teachers and about thirty-six colored—all in the same room.

A number of those citizens who witnessed the scene were extremely angry against County Superintendent Privette for allowing such a condition to exist. Others came into this office and urged that the matter be taken up through the paper.

We are going to take it up; but we are not going to blame Mr. Privette for something that he could not help.

The law prescribes that the examinations be held on the same days. Mr. Privette could not use the court house, because of the fact that Superior court was in session yesterday. He had to rent a place, and the Laughinghouse building was about the only available place and the most convenient. This, in the first place, should not have been necessary, but it could not be helped.

We admit that the condition of affairs, as they existed today, were outrageous. We admit that the white and colored teachers should not have been seated in the same room. BUT WE DO NOT ADMIT THAT MR. PRIVETTE WAS ALTOGETHER TO BLAME!

On the contrary, most of those very people, who did so much complaining today are the ones to blame for this condition—they and many others like them in the county.

The board of county commissioners have attempted on more than one occasion to erect new public buildings in Beaufort county, but each time they were foiled in their efforts by the opposition of the voters and taxpayers. And this is why negro and white teachers have to be put in the same room.

A majority of us in Beaufort county are Democrats and the Democratic party has always condemned any practices which tended to bring the two races on a social equality. And yet, we Democrats have been in control of county affairs for 15 years and during all that time we have never done anything to relieve such conditions as existed this morning.

Don't blame Mr. Privette and don't blame the county officials—put the blame where it belongs—on those people who oppose measures of public improvement when they are brought up.

### A DISGRACEFUL SITUATION.

(By W. G. Privette)

I understand that there has been considerable comment on the way in which the county teachers' examination has been conducted. This because of the fact that the white and colored teachers occupied the same hall during the examination.

I wish to say that your County Superintendent was the first to realize the situation, and everything was done to change it. I wish to make the following explanation: The law specifies that the second Thursday and Friday in July and October shall be the days on which public examinations for the teachers of both races shall be held. It is commonly known that Beaufort county has the poorest public accommodations in the way of a courthouse of any county in this section, or any other section of North Carolina which at all lays a claim to decency.

The law specifies that these examinations shall be held at the court house, but this plan has been abandoned long ago because the court room is the only room in the courthouse large enough to accommodate the crowds. At the July examination arrangements are always made to use two separate rooms in the graded school building for this purpose. At the October examination the auditorium of the court house is used, the white teachers occupying the bar, and the colored teachers occupying any place that they can get outside. Yesterday morning when the examinations began court was in session and the graded school building was being used, and there was nothing to do but to rent a separate hall in which to hold the examination. The only one available was the hall in the Laughinghouse building and arrangements were made for this. Tables and chairs were rented from the furniture stores and the white teachers occupied one side and the colored teachers the other.

I felt that the county, and not the school authorities, were due the white teachers an apology for the situation, and I tried to explain to them that we were doing the best we could for them. I am glad that others had an opportunity to peep in on the situation and see how very

badly public facilities for taking care of situations of this kind are needed.

I wish to say in this public way that I do not at all make apologies for myself, nor for any other school official. I am one of those who am heartily in favor of our county commissioners taking any steps necessary to get a decent and respectable court house. The situation above related is only one of many which needs to be remedied. I hope that the public will continue to criticize, but to criticize the proper ones—the county as a whole—for situations of this kind. Let us hope that the refining process will continue to

## German Editor Says Wilson Made Attempt To Woo German Vote

New York, Oct. 13.—Victor F. Sylvester Viereck, editor of the Ridder, editor of the New York Staats Zeitung, yesterday made these accusations:

1. That in April and again on September 16 last, State Senator Kent V. Keller, of Illinois, as an emissary from Woodrow Wilson and Colonel E. M. House, invited him to visit the President at the White House, so that he can convince you that he is friendly to Germany." Mr. Ridder declined to meet the President.

2. At a fruitless all-night conference in this city on September 16 and 17, United States Senator William J. Stone, of Missouri, as spokesman for the President, declared to at least eight influential German-American policies of the Wilson Administration were only for public consumption" and that Wilson men were "ready to work privately hand-in-glove with the German-American leaders" in return for their support of Wilson for re-election.

3. That ten days later Postmaster General Albert E. Burleson called a conference at Democratic national headquarters "to accomplish what Senator Stone failed to accomplish." All German-Americans, except Geo.

REPORTED THAT A BELLIGERENT POWER HAS ESTABLISHED NAVAL BASE NEAR HERE.

### DESTROYERS LEAVE NEWPORT

Will Scour the New England Coast. Believed That Admiral Mayo Has Received a Private "Tip" in the Matter.

(By United Press)

Washington, Oct. 13.—The suspicion that a belligerent government might be maintaining a naval base off the Atlantic coast has caused a sudden dash of destroyers from Newport. They will scour the coast as far north as Eastport, Maine, near the Canadian border and will search for all possible secret submarine bases and wireless stations.

"We see no reason to believe that any belligerent is maintaining a base on our shores," said Secretary Daniels, "but we are going to investigate all reports, nevertheless.

A number of such reports have been received of late. The order for the sudden trip to sea, however, was made by Admiral Mayo on his own initiative. It is believed by Newport naval officers that he had been "tipped off" that such a base was located near the coast. Agents of the justice department and the coast guard service are co-operating in the search.

### NOTICE.

The tax books of the city of Washington have been turned over to the city collector for collection of same and taxes are payable at the city hall or to J. F. Flynn, tax collector. W. C. AYERS, City Clerk. 10-3-1916.

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