

THE FIFTH DISTRICT STATUS

General Scales Resigned His Seat in Congress Immediately After Being Nominated For Governor.

Morganton Nov. 8.—In to-days Observer I note where your Wentworth correspondent says that the fifth district will be without representation in the national Congress after January 1st next on account of the fact that the present Congressman, Mr. Kitchin, has been elected governor. He also states that the same state of affairs existed in 1884 when General Scales was elected Governor. Now let's keep history straight. I was but a child at that time but remember very well that when General Scales who was the Congressman from the fifth district was nominated for Governor he immediately resigned his seat in Congress and James W. Reid, the Democratic nominee, was voted for in a separate box at the November election and elected to serve the short term which began in December, 1884, and ended March, 1885. He was also elected to the long term, which did not begin until March, 1885. Had Mr. Kitchin done the right thing and not wanted to act so hoggish in the matter, as soon as he was nominated for Governor he would have resigned his position in Congress and allowed the successful man in last Tuesday's election take his seat in December of this year.

As far as the fifth district not being represented for the first two months of next year, it certainly has had no representative in the past Congress as Kitchin has not been in his seat but in North Carolina making his campaign for the nomination for Governor; and in the opinion of a great many people, the writer included, it has been very poorly represented for the past twelve years.

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Bird Slaughter.

Washington Post. Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee have the undesirable distinction of being the only states in the Union in which the slaughter of Robins is permitted by law, and recent investigations show that not less than 9,000,000 robins are killed by some 20,000 pothunters in these three states during the winter months. Patient investigation by ornithologists has proved that a robin in a year earns \$1 in the destruction of insects injurious to crops. The pothunters sell them for 5 cents a dozen. This wanton waste of millions of dollars is something which should appeal to the hard, common sense of every Southern farmer.

In an investigation of this deplorable bird slaughter, a writer in Recreation brings a sweeping indictment against the sportsmen of Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee, declaring that they are responsible for the lack of legislation for protection of the robin. It is asserted that as a class they have for years opposed the enactment of laws putting rooms on the forbidden list, on the ground that if the shooting of these birds were made unlawful the negroes and other pothunters would soon wipe out the quail. It is a flimsy argument at the best, and not stand the test of analysis.

Death of a Child.

(Received to late for last week.)

Joe Dean Loy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Loy, died in the home of his parents at Glen Wood farm near Alamance mills, at 7 p. m. Nov. 8th 1908 at the age of 10 months and 21 days after being sick less than 48 hours. Joe was a large, bright and beautiful boy, who had been in the home just long enough to have the complete affections of every member of the family. His death coming so suddenly was a severe blow to the family and friends. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. D. Andrew in Mt. Herman M. P. church Nov. 9 and his little body with a smile upon the face was laid to rest in the graveyard by that church. The sorrowing parents have the sympathy of a number of friends in this great loss.

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News Over the State

An old citizen of Raleigh who died last week was found to have \$47,000 in gold and currency in a safe which had for years stood by his bedside. The safe was opened by his executors and the money taken to the bank.

R. E. Young has been bound over to the United States Court Raleigh by Commissioner John Nichols on the charge of operating a blockade still. Young is a deputy sheriff in Wake county on duty in the Garner section. He gave bond.

On account of the difference in religious belief two marriages were declared void at Wilmington one day last week. The guest had been invited and everything in readiness when the people were informed that the marriage would not occur.

One day last week an explosion in the glazing room of the Excelsior Powder Company, at Dobson ten miles south of Kansas City wrecked a part of the plant and injured a number of passengers on a Kansas City Southern passenger train bound for Kansas City which stood on the track near by.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Weston's little daughter Odena, of near Statesville met with a horrible death one day last week. The little girl was in the house alone, her mother being in the store a short distance away when her clothes caught fire from an open fire place which burned her so badly that she died a few hours later.

James Moody son of Ex-Congressman Moody shot and probably fatally wounded Dave B. Vaughn a traveling man at Waynesville Thursday. The difficulty leading up to the shooting is not definitely known. But it is stated by eye witness that Vaughn stopped Moody on the street for the purpose of apologizing for an alleged insult. After some vulgar language Moody shot Vaughn and made his departure.

The Department of agriculture has issued a preliminary estimate of the production of the principal crops of the United States showing that corn, wheat, oats and eight other crops, representing approximately 70 per cent. of the value of all farm crops this year aggregate about 3 per cent. greater than a year ago and 2.4 per cent. greater than the average for the past five years.

On last Thursday at Memphis Tenn. a renunciation of "night-riding" and a fiery defense of the Southern Cotton Growers and Farmers Association into disorder and nearly terminated the session before the programme had fairly begun. While charges and counter charges were being hurled it was moved that the session adjourn.

We would rather be right than be presidents, if we but lead an upright life, and earn our sums, that is, those of us who put our clothes on over our feet. Those dear ones who are compelled by nature and the laws of commonwealth to put their clothes on over their heads, must, for the present be content to be school ma'ams, typewriters, singers in the choir, female sufferers and members of the W. C. T. U.

Brief News Items.

The highest suicide rate of any nation is that of Denmark.

Of the 11,000,000 families in France, nearly 2,000,000 are childless.

One day last week the town of Pembroke, Ontario was devastated by fire. The estimated loss was about \$500,000.

On last Thursday Governor Glenn pardoned four convicts on certain conditions. While pardon in six cases was refused.

The three-year-old son and heir of the Czar Nicholas is insured for \$2,500,000 and is said to pay the highest premium in the world.

John J. Sharpe was arrested at Nashville Tenn. charged with the murder and aiding and abetting in the murder of Senator Edward W. Carmack last Monday afternoon.

At Statesville last week the Paola Cotton Mill, the third cotton mill for Statesville began operation. The mill has 5,375 spindles and will employ about one hundred operatives.

Official count shows that Taft received 215 votes in Shelton, Laurel township, and that Bryan failed to receive a single vote. This is the banner Taft township in the United States.

We are informed that a certain Democrat of this county says he don't allow The State Dispatch to go in his house. We don't blame him in the least, it is perfectly natural for a man of his record, would want to keep his sins from his wife and children.

Just before committing suicide at Helena Montana last week Albert Berger threw \$2,000 in the fire. The amount was in postoffice money orders payable to himself. He declared that no one would quarrel over it after his death.

At Buffalo New York last week two boats containing ten Chinamen, were wrecked against the breakwall of that city. Six of the Chinamen were dashed against the rocks and wedged in which caused instant death, fracturing their skulls. The other four were saved.

On last Thursday at Hot Springs Va. President-elect Taft was joined by Vice President-elect Sherman, who said that he had come to the Virginia mountains to rest and play for a week. He met Judge Taft on the veranda of the Homestead Hotel, and the two exchanged cordial greetings.

More than six hundred women are reported to be studying medicine in French universities. Paris alone is said to have 100 women practitioners most of them holding official places of more or less importance. Women physicians are preferred in girls' high schools, normal schools and public schools generally.

There is a limit to the weight a Georgia mule should be made to haul and this limit was fixed by Judge Broyles in police court of Atlanta, at 2,500 pounds. Judge Broyles fined C. B. Walker \$5.75 because Walker's mule was caught by an enterprising policeman in the act of hauling a load of 4,032 pounds.

The national will is expressed with a power and authority which places Taft before the whole land as its choice and desire. No cavil can be raised. No challenge can be uttered. The People do rule, and the People choose Taft by every majority known to our annals, a majority of voters, a majority of States and a majority of the electoral college.—Philadelphia Press, Rep.

Revelation buys son to his mother of a secret marriage and parental refusal to be reconciled to it is believed to have been the impelling cause of a double tragedy in a large hotel in New York one day last week. Mrs. Rebecca Veit, a wealthy widow is supposed to have been killed by her son, afterwards the son taking his own life.

The president of a well known woman's college in the West threatened to establish a gingham uniform unless the students abandon their "Merry Widow" hats and extreme fashions. The way in which this threat is received will show the real influence of the higher education as pitted against style.—Baltimore American.

FREE TRIP TO WASHINGTON CITY!

Believing that there are a large number of young men and young women in the Fifth Congressional District who would like to attend the Inauguration of the next President of the United States, at Washington, March the 4th, 1909, The State Dispatch has arranged to furnish transportation, FREE, to Washington and return to all persons in the Fifth Congressional District who comply with the following conditions:

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