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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, Nov. 27th.—Interest is now centered in the convening of Congress next Monday December 6th, and the recommendations of the President in his first annual message which is expected to outline the policies of his administration. Mr. Taft will undoubtedly suggest many more measures than will be given attention at the coming session. Indeed it is doubted if more than one or two important bills will be considered and carried through in addition to the appropriation bills.

The incoming insurgents threaten all sorts of dire things, but are very careful not to make any specific statements. Their purpose seems to be simply general opposition and obstruction. They will first try to outwit Speaker Cannon, and, finding themselves unsuccessful in that will attempt a change in the rules, and after that a holding up of anything advocated by the President and the majority.

This childish policy is already acting as a sort of boomerang and meeting with the disgust of fair, honest men. Among business men especially all attempt to discredit the tariff and all talk of further revision is deprecated. The wonderful industrial activity which has followed the enactment of the law has brought employment and high wages to millions who were idle and in labor circles especially there is a desire for a cessation from all tariff talk.

Of course every one is complaining of high prices, but the new tariff law has fully demonstrated that prices can no longer be expected by the tariff. On almost every commodity upon which duties were reduced or repealed the price has been maintained and in many instances raised. The duty was reduced on many farm products and building material and boots and shoes, and all iron and steel products and most of the so-called necessities of life, and yet the price remains the same or is higher.

The fact of the matter is that prices and cost of living have advanced most materially the world over, and in Free Trade England as much as elsewhere. It is a case purely of supply and demand, and the people of the United States are in all respects better off than the people of any other country because they are assured of full employment and good wages. This will continue so long as the Republican party remains in power.

The usual Democratic predictions of Democratic success next year are floating around, but only cause the usual smiles. There is no reason on earth for supposing that the people will want a Democratic House of Representatives to hamper Mr. Taft during the last two years of his term. It is true that the Democrats count the insurgents as their allies, but even such a combination will hardly meet success. There is no reason why the Republican majority in the Sixty-second Congress should be less than at present, on the contrary many seats last year should be regained.

Exports are again on the increase and the deficit is such that it may be entirely wiped out before the end of the fiscal year. In fact there would be no deficit whatever if it were not for the great increase in expenditures for the revenues are larger than ever. It is a hard matter to suggest where appropriations can be cut, although an attempt in this direction will be made at the coming session.

All praise is being given to the administration for unearthing the frauds in the customs service. There will be a clean sweep of all dishonest officials, and all malefactors will be punished as far as the law will reach them. President Taft's methods may be deliberate and quiet and judicial, but for all that none the less thorough and effective. He is meeting all expectations, and is going to give us one of the best administrations we have ever known.

It must be considered that no revenue has yet been obtained from

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

The North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church South, which has been in session at Raleigh since Tuesday of last week, completed its work Monday and adjourned. The next session of the Conference meets at Elizabeth City. The appointments for this, the Durham District are as follows:

Presiding Elder, R. C. Beaman; Durham, Trinity—G. T. Adams; Memorial and Lakewood—M. Bradshaw and T. M. Grant; Carr Church—J. A. Dailey; Branson—K. M. Duval; Mangum Street—H. E. Spence; West Durham—W. P. Constable and G. M. Daniels; Durham Circuit—J. B. Thompson; Chapel Hill—N. R. Royal; Hillsboro—S. F. Nicks; Mount Tirzah—N. C. Yearby; Leasburg—I. C. Humble; Roxboro—E. M. Snipes; Milton—W. T. Usry; Pelham and Shady Grove—L. G. Nash; Burlington—J. A. Hornaday; Burlington Circuit—J. O. Durant; East Burlington, Graham and Haw River—J. G. Vickers; Alamance Circuit—M. M. McFarland; Trinity College—J. C. Kilgo, president; Secretary Y. M. C. A., Chapel Hill—E. E. Barnett; Professor at Trinity College—J. C. Wooten; Pearl Mill and Bethlehem—Supplied by B. T. Hurley.

Death of an Aged Brother.

Mr. W. B. Allred, of Caswell county, Fitch, N. C., died October 30, 1909, if lived two months longer he would have seen one hundred Christmas. As a citizen Caswell had not a better one. He came from Chatham county some 80 years ago, he was too old to go to the civil war. When he came to Caswell he came barefooted and brought his fire with him and was never known to scratch a match, he farmed the first year with out a horse and made a good crop and gathered his corn in a basket. He lived in a low hut built by himself without a floor and had four stobs in one corner with poles across for his bed and laid fence rails on his house to hold the boards on. Was well known and loved by all knew him and to our knowing he leaves not an enemy behind and died a successful farmer. He never had a picture made. He leaves three sons and one daughter, and 30 grand children, and 40 great grand children, 2 great great grand children, all of whom are highly respected. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist church for seventy some years, and when the pastor failed to be present he was called on and conducted the service. His relatives and friends have our best wishes.

Death of Mrs. Nancy Stout.

Thursday November 18th another of our oldest residents, Nancy Stout in the ninetieth year of her age, entered into the life beyond. She was the widow of William Stout who died thirty five years ago and the mother of eleven children, five of whom are living. Dr. Harrison Stout and Mrs. John Moore, of Indiana, Mrs. Alfred Cox of Georgia, and Mrs. Milo Dixon and W. P. Stout, of Snow Camp. Numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren were added to her crown of motherhood. Her old age was spent in the home of her son at Snow Camp where loving hearts and hands helped to make lighter the burden of the years. She was buried at Cane Creek by the side of her husband in the plot so long vacant for her and a fresh mound is the last earthly reminder of a long and useful life. Among the relatives from a distance present at the funeral were Mr. W. J. Thompson and daughter of Whitsett, Mrs. Vashiti Hatch, of Burlington and Phil Dixon, of Graham.

the so-called tax on corporations. When that tax is receivable it should swell our revenues sufficiently to meet all expenditures. Then, too, an attempt will be made to reduce the postal deficit, with some \$20,000,000 last year.

OUR GREENSBORO ITEMS

Special to the Dispatch.

Greensboro, Nov. 30.—Actuated partly by the principle that all work and no recreation makes the brightest intellect dull, and the warmest heart cold, but mainly to entertain the management and convalescent patients at St. Leo's Hospital, of this city, the bright young nurses of that institution gave a most interesting and enjoyable musicale in one of the rooms of the hospital on Thursday evening last. The entertainment was an impromptu affair and purely a social function, there being no charge for admission. The bright and cheery nurses clad in the neat uniforms of their profession looked their prettiest as they presented themselves to the audience and acquitted themselves most creditably throughout and demonstrated clearly that careful and tender nursing was not their only gift, as the sweet and melodious strains of their voices were wafted out in song and recitations on the gentle evening breezes, accompanied by the soft strains of the piano and guitar under the skillful execution and delicate touch of the fair performers. All too soon the entertainment was over and under the rendition of that soul stirring air, "Home Sweet Home," the audience dispersed and repaired to their several apartments, carrying with them many pleasant memories of the pleasant and happy occasion. A most interesting program had been hastily constructed consisting of songs and recitations which was artistically rendered and elicited much applause.

Since the conclusion of the Coble murder investigation, the chief subject of interest in the city, is the trial of Lee H. Battle, cashier of the defunct City National Bank of Greensboro, in the Federal court, which is now in session in the city, charged with the mismanagement of the affairs of said bank. The trial is being long drawn out and is attracting much attention, large crowds of people throng the court room each day, nearly all the testimony up to this date is mostly of a technical character, beyond the comprehension of the average layman.

The much talked of foot-ball game between the high schools of Greensboro and High Point was pulled off last week at Cone Park and resulted in a victory for the Greensboro boys.

All the patients at St. Leo's Hospital are reported as doing well and on the road to recovery. Mr. Wiley Halthcock, of Altamahaw, who recently underwent an operation for an abscess over his eye, has about regained his usual health and will return to his home in a few days. Mr. J. Percy Brown, of New Garden, Pa., who has been suffering from an attack of fever is convalescent and will soon return to his home.

Facts About Disease

Most of us depend entirely too much upon the judgement of others when attacked by disease, and if everyone who reads these lines could be made to realize the terrible necessity of doing some of their own thinking on important subjects, the effort expended will not be unrewarded. In the study of healing, as well as every phase of human life, use your own judgement. When doctors disagree, it is time for you to do some thinking on your own account. He who depends entirely upon what can be accomplished through drugging, when his health is in need of urgent attention, is walking blindly toward impending disaster. He is apt to fall over the edge of a precipice, and into the great beyond at any moment. One might say he is "feeling" his way through life. He is unable to look ahead, and he knows not what is before him. He is groping in the darkness—of a hidden mystery, though his fears may be alleviated by the sometimes absurd and ridiculous advice that guides his physical welfare.—Bernarr Macfadden, in Physical Culture for December.

THE SWANNANOA CLUB

Among the many organizations that make up the social life of Burlington, there is no more potent factor than the above named institution. It is purely a social organization and is composed of some of the city's most popular and progressive young men, who realized the necessity of such an institution, which was organized early in the present year and has made progressive strides in popularity. The rooms of the club embrace the entire third floor of the Burlington Hardware Company's store building and are conveniently arranged and comfortably equipped for the purpose which it was intended—of furnishing the members a place to while away their leisure hours surrounded by wholesome influences.

The spacious reading room affords an ideal place to spend these long winter evenings surrounded with plenty of up-to-date literature. An institution of this kind has been needed here for some time and the progressive young men who organized the club, deserve much praise for this cozy retreat, where they, in company with their friends may spend their leisure hours in pleasure and recreation.

Enthusiastic Meeting.

The merchants association and business men of the city held a very enthusiastic meeting last Friday night in the club room of the Swannanoa club, several matters pertaining to the future welfare of the city were discussed and committees appointed to bring about the desired results, some of the most important matters discussed were, the question of securing a public building for Burlington, and securing some kind of manufacturing plant in the old Rail Road shops, Mr. W. E. Sharpe and O. F. Crowson made some appropriate remarks to the future needs of the city. The meeting was presided over by Mayor Barrett, and we feel much substantial progress was made. Every one present seemed imbued with the spirit to make Burlington a bigger busier greater city.

Cheerfulness.

Ohio State Journal.

There are some men who refuse to be cheerful. One cannot understand why. Their business is good; they have nice homes, pleasant looking families, plenty of everything on hand, and yet they go about with fierce and frowning looks, as if they were about to meet an enemy or encounter a fearful catastrophe.

We should not be too severe with such people. Sometimes they are born with a frown—its a way their grandfathers had. Sometimes their nerves do not act right—get all knotted and twisted, so that their spirits do not flow freely; sometimes, they are bothered with an infamous old liver that is constantly kicking up a fuss down in the subterranean passages. These are all fatalities for which they can hardly be held accountable.

The lack of cheerfulness is their punishment, and that possibly is sufficient. The good fortune of a happy disposition is not theirs, and on this account they may be entitled to more sympathy than blame. But there are others who have no business to be moody and fretful and gloomy. Such persons afflicted with envy, suspicion, self-conceit and fear. Egoism is their philosophy and it assumes more or less the misanthropic form.

Oyster Supper.

Oyster supper given by the Ladies Aid Society of the Reformed church Saturday night was well attended. Stewed oysters fried Oysters chicken salad, cake etc. was served. The social part of the evening was most pleasantly spent. The good ladies of this society deserve credit for the manner in which it was carried out. The net proceeds which go to the building fund of the new Sunday School rooms, amounted to more than \$28.

THE UNIVERSITY LETTER

The Varsity football team held its annual banquet last week in honor of the recently chosen winners of the coveted right to the N. C. sweater. Speeches were made by Dr. R. B. Lawson, physical director of the University, and Dr. D. H. Dolly, professor of pathology, both premier athletes in their college days. Coach Arthur E. Brides made a touching farewell talk to the team. Talks were also made by Captain C. C. Garret and Captain-elect E. A. Thompson. The new wearers of the N. C. Sweaters are: R. C. McLean, of Swannanoa, H. M. Hodepeth, of Fayetteville, Porter of Virginia, R. W. Winston, Jr., of Raleigh, Mike Spainhour of Morganton, Fleet Williams, of Lenoir, Will Belk, of Charlotte, Manning Venable of Chapel Hill, and L. A. Brown, of Greenville. Stars were awarded to the following veterans: Crowell, Garrett, Thompson, Deans, Belden and Ruffin.

Dr. Charles Lee Raper, professor of Economics, has been chosen by the National Bivic Federation to be a member of a committee of six to meet in Washington early in January for the purpose of making recommendation to Congress of uniform tax laws.

Memorial exercises to the late Judge James C. MacRae will be held in the chapel Sunday. Addresses will be delivered by Ex-Chief Justice Shepperd, Associate Justice Walker, W. H. Grimes of the Raleigh bar, and Dr. Thomas Ruffin of the University Law School.

The Greensboro High School eleven administered the Freshman their first defeat here Saturday by the score of 6 to 0. A touchdown and an easy run the total scores of the fray. On the whole the Freshmen played ragged ball, and showed lack of energy and spirit. The Greensboro players put up a better and harder fought game, and the honor belongs where the score placed it.

Thanksgiving was observed by a holiday in all departments of the University, several of the boys choosing to spend it at their homes rather than on the Hill.

Death of Isaac Newton Walker.

Isaac Newton Walker a very widely known and highly respected citizen of our town died Monday evening at five o'clock at his residence on Front Street. Mr. Walker had been in failing health for two years but confined to his bed only a few days prior to his death. He was the son of Rev. Geo. D. Walker a highly esteemed minister of the Christian Church. Was named in honor of Rev. Isaac Newton Walters, his name being so similar to that of his name sake. Mr. Walker was connected with the church when young and was one of the charter members of the Christian church organized at this place by Rev. J. W. Holt. To this vow he was loyal and true being a conservative christian until called to the great beyond. He was married to Miss Mary A. Sellars, daughter of Mr. Thomas Sellars to which union were born seven children all of whom but one have been taken from earth by our kind heavenly father. Mr. Walker was a prominent business man being one of the owners of the B. A. Sellars & Sons Dry Good Store. Was county commissioner for two or more terms. He is survived by a lifelong companion, one daughter Miss Edith Walker, one brother Geo. B. Walker, two sisters Mrs. Anderson of Caswell county and Mrs. R. L. Fonville of this city besides a large number of near relatives and friends. Funeral was conducted at the Christian church by Rev. P. H. Flemings and Rev. Wellons of Elon College burial taking place at Pine Hill cemetery at 4 o'clock. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family during their hours of sorrow.

A \$400 piano to be given away to the most popular lady Sunday school, school etc.

Brief News Items.

Candleers Mountain, two miles from Lynchburg, Va., caught fire last week from a locomotive and for several hours burned fiercely. No houses were destroyed.

The unusual spectacle of a large meteor that split in the middle of its visible flight last week caused consternation among hundreds of country folk in eastern Alabama.

Adam Weingart, thirty-five years of age, met death by slipping at the mouth of the old Leggett Creek near Scranton, Pa., last week and tumbled a distance of 500 feet to the Clark vein.

With three shifts working day and night the Carolina Glass Co. at Columbia resumed operation last week after a shut-down of many months. The company employed about 100 men.

In Brooklyn, N. Y., fire believed to be incendiary origin last Wednesday, six persons were burned to death. Four persons sustained probably and a dozen others, serious injuries.

William E. Proctor, Republican candidate for city auditor in the recent election at Louisville, Ky., was shot and killed last week by R. M. Culley. Culley says Proctor insulted his wife.

John Caldwell, treasurer of the Westinghouse Air Brake Company, and prominently identified with Pittsburg banking interests, died suddenly in his office last week. Heart disease was the cause.

Maj. E. P. Morgan, superintendent of the Virginia penitentiary is very ill at Richmond. Gov. Swanson has visited the official, expressing his sorrow over his illness, which, it is feared, will be fatal.

William J. Moxley, Republican, was elected to Congress in the Sixth Illinois district last week to fill the vacancy caused by the election of William Lorimer to the United States Senate to succeed Albert J. Hopkins.

Having assaulted Mrs. W. C. Cheatwood, wife of a farmer near Edwardsville, Ala., Ray Rolston, a negro, was riddled with shot and his body burned one day last week by a posse of citizens. The condition of Mrs. Cheatwood is critical.

Mrs. Florence Bishop, 60 years old, formerly a popular actress, was found burned to death in the rear of a smokehouse at the home of her employer W. A. Haviland, near Lockport, N. Y., last week. It is suspected that she may have committed suicide.

John Koler, of Glen Rock, Pa., while preparing to shoot a hawk, which had been stealing his chickens, accidentally shot his 11-year-old son, Erwin, in the foot. The shot penetrated the boy's left foot. Unless blood poisoning sets in he will recover.

The burden of taxation on the Japanese people for the present year including national and local taxes and contribution to works of irrigation and to the repair of damage caused to public work floods, shows an average of \$22 a head of the population.

The steamer City of Para which arrived last week at San Francisco from Central American ports brought a report that forty citizens of Corinto were shot to death recently by order of President Zelaya for having received with cheers the news of an insurgent victory.

Col. Edward E. Britton and Frederick H. Schroeder, the convicted officials of Eagle Savings and Loan Company of Brooklyn, N. Y., were taken from the jail in Brooklyn last week to Sing Sing prison to begin serving their sentences. They were convicted of embezzling funds from the company. Colonel Britton received an intermediate sentence of from 14 months to 4 years and 6 months, and Schroeder was given a term from 12 months to 4 years and 6 months.