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WILSON'S FAILURE BRINGS UP- RISING AGAINST HIGH COST.

Three Months' Experiment Reveals Disregard for Campaign Pledges at all Foodstuffs Soar.

Washington, Nov. 30.—In the face of glowing promises and pledges made during their campaign for office last fall, the Democrats have failed to reduce the high cost of living, to relieve the burdens on the people or to enact any remedial legislation.

While the Administration has been parcelling out appointment plums in return for political services it has neglected to point the way to the fulfillment of its proudly proclaimed destiny.

Steadily since March 4, last, now nine months, when President Wilson took his oath of office, and the government executive and legislative branches were turned over to control of Democrats, the cost of living has mounted by leaps and bounds. It is higher today than it ever has been, higher by one hundred per cent. than thirty years ago.

A new tariff bill has been written on the statute books at a cost of millions of dollars. It broke down the protective plan of the Republicans, under which the country grew to the highest plane of its prosperity, and substituted as nearly a free trade scheme as the Democrats dared to go. It is still an experiment in its effect on the business interests of the country.

This tariff reduced duties on agricultural products generally; many of such products it placed on the free list. Yet since its enactment, potatoes, wheat, corn, eggs, flour, poultry, butter, cabbage and, in fact, everything necessary to the poor man's table has been soaring in price. Two weeks before the passage of the bill cabbages sold generally at two cents a pound. Two weeks after President Wilson signed "the best tariff bill ever written," cabbages jumped to four cents a pound. Eggs at fifty and sixty cents a dozen have become a luxury. The potato harvest was abundant, according to statistics supplied by the Agricultural Department, but they are higher than for years. The last wheat and corn crops were bumper, but these commodities sell at prices far above the normal.

Democratic Leader Underwood says that time is necessary to show the workings of the tariff bill and to bring relief under it from existing high or excessive prices. The bill has been a law for more than two months. Its opponents challenge Mr. Underwood's defence. They contend it does not and will not give relief. Though many of the duties show a reduction and apparent saving to the people, the burdens thus nominally lightened are more than made up by the new tax levied on incomes.

Seneca E. Payne, New York, former of the Payne-Aldrich Tariff Law, contends that many of the boasted Democratic reductions do not exist in fact, and that a heavier tax than shown is hidden under new schemes of valuation and classification. He says that injustice is done the great manufacturing industry of this country in these new schemes, and that vexation and confusion must follow enforcement of the law.

Other Republican leaders have issued their challenge to the Democrats to defend their tariff bill, the only piece of constructive legislation enacted at the special session. No other legislation in the interest of the people or tending towards the reduction in the cost of living was attempted even. Under whip and spur, proposed currency reform legislation failed to pass.

The administration answer to the challenge is announcement of more investigations and more prosecutions to add to business distress and apprehension. Attorney General McReynolds blames the soaring prices of food products to cold storage without which fresh meats, vegetables, poultry and other products could not be had outside of their regular seasons.

The investigators of the department are scattered over the country investigating wild rumors of destruction of food supplies by storage men to maintain high prices. Prosecutions are threatened and intimidation is being attempted. The same old game is being worked along other lines. It is the logical course of the Democrats, who, when destroying the great sugar interests of Louisiana told the sugar planters there "to grow hay."

The people are answering the question in another way. Impatient at

Good Roads Day on R. F. D. No. 4.

The genial carrier of Burlington R. F. D. No. 4, Mr. W. D. Foster, conceived the idea some weeks ago that good roads day should be celebrated on his route and called upon his patrons to respond to the call Thanksgiving Day. A number of circulars were circulated giving the plan for the day which was the offering of a number of prizes to the persons receiving the lucky cards. Each person, about eighty in number, who worked the road was given a card to which he signed his name, the cards were shuffled and drawn as a jury is drawn. The prizes were all cash and awarded to the following: Ira Shepherd, \$5; Arch Roberson, \$2.50; Charles Pettigrew, \$1; Stina Whitsell, \$1; L. J. Whitsell, \$1; Joseph Rumbley, \$1; B. E. Greeson, \$1; D. L. Hogman, \$1; A. M. Shepherd, \$1; J. N. Ingle, \$1; M. T. Terrill, \$1; S. A. Troxler, \$1; J. C. O'Brien, \$1; James H. Whitsell, \$1.

Mr. Foster is an R. F. D. carrier who is always springing some pointed idea on the people and we dare say this one will be taken by every carrier in the state. Number 4 extends into eastern Guilford and covers a section of country that has been badly neglected by the convict forces of both counties. The roads are very rough and are kept in passable condition only by the enthusiasm of the patriotic citizens. The old stage road by way of Boone Station is badly in need of work. Lumber for bridges to be built at the two streams near the Joe Albright place was placed by the patrons on this route nearly a year ago, and the building of the bridges neglected by the road superintendent. It appears to us that a little more attention on the part of the county commissioners to this section of the county is badly needed.

The names of others who worked the roads are: Riley Shepherd, Robt. Cates, Rufus Barbee, T. R. Whitsell, R. F. Whitsell, W. T. May, Max Crouse, J. E. Shepherd, Marshall Isley, Will Roberson, Roy Crouse, W. G. Ingle, S. A. Boon, D. W. Johnson, Tom Cooper, A. B. Crouse, Arthur Sharpe, Barney Isley, Dwight Huffman, J. C. Whitsell, J. P. May, C. A. Whitsell, Herman Clapp, Hugo Whitsell, John W. Barber, Charles Ingle, D. C. McPherson, James Z. Murray, Joe Robertson, Eugene Ingle, Wyatt Thompson, O. L. Whitsell, W. R. Whitt, Clarence Isley, C. S. Cates, W. A. Thompson, June Whitsell, W. Newton Greeson, Van Ingle, Connie Whitsell, G. V. Ingle, C. E. Amick, Duncan Bryant, J. W. Sharpe, Harvey May, W. H. Turrentine, C. V. Boon, T. L. Huffman, Lee Ingle, Brower Ingle, Will Isley, J. H. Murray, Joel Fogleman, John Whitsell, Lucian Moore, Jacob Sharpe, R. R. Barber, W. H. Beal, L. B. Shepherd, Bennie Whitsell, O. D. Whitsell, Malcolm Shepherd, Ed. Piles, Sol. Hinchshaw and last but not least Misses Annie Norwood and Emma Summers.

Burlington Choral Union.

The weekly rehearsals of the Choral Union will be held on Thursdays, beginning Thursday, December 4th, at 8:30 o'clock, p. m., in the Masonic Hall (over Southern Express Co.) under the direction of Mr. G. Scott Hunter. A large attendance of old and new members is expected, and some beautiful music is in hand ready for rehearsal. The tuition fee will be the same as formerly—\$2.50 for the season, including music. We strongly urge all those who sing at all, to join this admirable association and take advantage of receiving training from one of the best choir masters in the country.

A Strike of 3,000.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 1.—Deliveries of groceries, coal and practically all merchandise were not attempted today as the result of the strike of 3,000 union teamsters and chauffeurs. Five hundred leading business men, who have armed themselves and been sworn in as special deputies, are ready to assist in moving non-union wagons. The mayor issued a proclamation to-day saying that the police would shoot to kill if the mobs destroyed any property or threatened the strike breakers.

The Democratic failure they are joining to boycott the high priced foods and are leaguing with the farmers to buy supplies direct. Expressions of disgust are coming from every section of the country from people angered at themselves for being gulled by Democratic empty pledges into giving the Democrats support.

Death of Mrs. Heenan Hughes.

Mrs. Heenan Hughes, wife of Postmaster Hughes, of Graham, died at the age of thirty last Wednesday at their home in Graham and was buried on the following day at Pine Hill Cemetery, Burlington. Funeral services were conducted from the home by Rev. Mr. Curry, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church of this place. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Hughes was Miss Fannie Josie Holt, daughter of ex-postmaster and Mrs. W. H. Holt, of Graham. Besides husband, father and mother, she leaves two children, Mary, a bright little girl of eight years, and Foster, who is five. She was the sister of Mrs. Sam Albright and Mr. Joe S. Holt, of Graham, Mrs. Will Wiley and Mike Holt, of Charlotte; Mr. J. Boyd Holt, of Indiana, and Mr. Will S. Holt, of Wilmington.

Mrs. Hughes was a devoted wife, patient mother and a God-fearing Christian woman who lived a life which was an example for others and which always stood for good. She was held in high esteem by the Methodist Protestant Church, of which she was a member. Her family connections as well as those of her husband are among the best people of Alamance county.

A Play of Real Merit.

The romantic treat of the year "Paid in Full," will be presented at the Piedmont Opera House for one night only December 5th.

"Paid in Full" is the best play ever written by an American dramatist. The story is a profoundly moving one, yet not without its lighter touches, and it is portrayed with an unerring realism that shows the author's thorough comprehension and understanding of the conditions he has thus ably depicted. Through it all runs a vein of sentiment that tugs at the heart with almost irresistible appeal. The acting company is headed by Elley O'Connor, a Miss not yet out of her teens, but who has won her spurs on Broadway, and she has the support of one of the best acting companies ever in the south, each member being entirely adequate to the requirement of the various roles. The play is too well known to intelligent people to need comment, and the management guarantee a high-class, clean, clever production of this great play. Prices for the engagement are 50c, 75c, and \$1.00. Seats on sale at Freeman's Drug Store.

Blease Attacks Wilson.

Spartanburg, S. C., Nov. 29.—Governor Cole L. Blease, speaking at Anderson today in behalf of his candidacy for the United States Senate against Senator E. D. Smith, attacked President Wilson, declaring he had never been a Wilson man and said that but for a split in the Republican party Wilson would never have been elected. He declared that President Wilson would not be re-elected unless he changed the policy of his administration which allows negroes to "boss" white men and white women in the government service in Washington. The attack on the President was enthusiastically cheered.

The race between Governor Blease and Senator Smith will be run next summer.

Meeting of Board of Aldermen.

Mr. George W. Crawford was elected Cemetery Keeper by the Board Monday night to succeed Mr. King.

A motion was passed that the west side of Webb Avenue which is being laid with side-walk be continued to Mr. Lafayette Holt's corner and that the east side be continued from that point to the city limit.

Mr. Bridges representing the Power and Light Co., which is erecting a new building at the Power House, asked that the time be continued to March 1st, before the new company take over the light s. It being impossible to get ready by December 15th, the former date.

Mr. Hayes Goes to Burlington, N. C.

Mr. Guy C. Hayes, principal pharmacist at the Colon Hospital, sailed for New Orleans on Thursday by the steamer Atenas of the United Fruit line, having resigned his position with the Commission. Mr. Hayes has accepted a position as manager of the City Drug Company, Burlington, N. C., an excellent berth and one for which he is well fitted. A large number of his friends were at the pier to wish him Godspeed, the hospital staff with whom the young man was so popular, being well represented.—Panama Morning Journal, Nov. 15.

Child Saves Parents by Flaggging a Train.

Bakersfield, Cal., Nov. 29.—Helpless to aid her parents, who lay pinned beneath their overturned automobile, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Turner, of East Bakersfield, yesterday flagged a train near Tipton and had the train crew come to the assistance of her papa and mamma.

Engineer J. L. Whyers, leaning from the cab window of the Southern Pacific Valley Flyer, No. 51, saw the little girl frantically waving her arms and brought the train to a stop. Assisted by the train crew, he managed to lift the heavy car off the man and woman.

The accident occurred about a mile and a half from Tipton, when the steering gear of the automobile broke while the car was running at a speed of ten miles an hour. The automobile became unmanageable and turned turtle, throwing the little girl clear. She kept her nerve and probably saved the lives of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Turner were only slightly injured.

School News.

The prizes for the County's Boy's Corn Club were awarded in Graham last Saturday. Of the 50 boys in the club, 28 made final reports. The reports ranged from 22.4 bushels per acre, to 73.8 bushels. Master George Howard Isley reported the 22.4 bushels and Royzelle Hornaday reported the 73.8 bushels. The average yield reported by the club was 46 bushels. The average yield for the state at large is 20 bushels per acre. Every one of the 28 members that reported received a silver dollar and will receive as soon as they can be made a suit of overalls given by the Scott-Mebane Manufacturing Co. Nine business firms of Burlington gave prizes to the club. These firms are: Coble-Bradshaw, Burlington Hardware Co., B. A. Sellars & Sons, Freeman Drug Co., I. J. Mazur, State Dispatch, Coble Grocery, Foster Shoe Co., and B. Goodman. The nine boys making the highest yields received these prizes in the order of value according to the corn raised as follows:

Royzelle Hornaday, 73.8 bu.; Roy Euliss, 72 bu.; Linn Homewood, 70bu., Kerr Scott, 68.6 bu., Gilbert Sample, 58.2 bu., Clarence Moore, 55.9 bu., Austin Isley, 53.5 bu., Adward Tapscott, 53 bu., Guy Isley, 52.1 bu.

The McCrary School held a box party on last Wednesday night and cleared more than twenty dollars for the benefit of the school.

Ossipee School held an entertainment on Wednesday night. A Thanksgiving program was carried out.

The Union Ridge School, where Miss Blanche Clapp teaches, had a box party last Saturday night. The crowd was large and the proceeds raised for the school amounted to \$60.00.

The next County Teachers' Meeting, which will be held on next Saturday in Graham, promises to be one of special interest. A written invitation has been sent to every teacher in the county and the following program has been arranged:

1. Our Work—Plans and Discussions, Superintendent.
2. 11:15—What the School Should Do for the Child, by Dr. Chase, of the University.
3. Town Hall—12 m. Union Dinner and Banquet.
4. There will be a Round Table Brief Discussions of the following:
(a) What We Do at Our Morning Exercise.
(b) How I Spend the Play Time.
(c) Community Meetings Held and Community Meetings Planned.

Judge Frank Carter.

There are Judges on the Superior Court bench in North Carolina that a great many people have but little faith in. They want do, or in other words, if they do, do it wrong. what they ought not to do, but Judge Frank Carter is not one of them. If North Carolina has one judge that is fearless and will do his duty without favor or that judge s Frank Carter. You can not cajole, coerce, nor drive him on inch. His mind is unalterably fixed upon what he believes to be right and just, and then you will find him standing like an Ajax defying the world.—Mebane Leader.

Raw Wool on Free List.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Raw wool went to the free list today under the provisions of the new tariff law. It is estimated that probably \$1,000,000 worth of wool was in bond in New York alone, waiting admission free of duty.

Sayre Feast at White House.

Washington, Nov. 27.—With the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre from Baltimore, President Wilson was surrounded by his entire family at the Thanksgiving dinner in the White House to-night. Mr. and Mrs. Sayre, who were married Tuesday, ad whose whereabouts were secret until tonight, slipped into the capital late today and took a taxicab to the White House.

The couple will accompany the President to New York tomorrow on his trip to see the Army-Navy football game but they will sail for Europe Saturday several hours before the game begins. They expect to return to Williamstown, Mass., their future home, late in January.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson proved herself clever to-day by serving the two Thanksgiving turkeys donated by admiring friends in such a way that President Wilson ate of two birds instead of one. Horace Vose and South Trimble, the donors of the turkeys are satisfied.

The President, members of his Cabinet and the Supreme Court and diplomatists from every republic of Central and South America today participated in the solemn high mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, which has marked every Thanksgiving day there for the last six years. The service is annually a celebration of Pan-American peace and unity.

Students Told to Fight.

Before 400 students and a number of professors two freshmen of the Georgia School of Technology met in an improvised ring, and settled their quarrel with bare fists.

Prof. W. M. Kernan acted as referee, and the principals were his brother, Frank Kernan, from New Orleans, and Bill Coney, of Columbus, Ga. The fight was savage and both boys were terribly punished. Coney's face was cut severely and Kernan was so badly mauled that it took two hours to put him on his feet.

Prof. Kernan, who heads the department of modern languages, forced the fight because of an epithet used by his freshman brother. It occurred in the classroom, when somebody threw an eraser and struck young Kernan on the head.

"The man who threw that and does not own up is a —," he shouted.

Coney demanded that Kernan apologize or fight. Kernan refused to apologize.

"Then you will have to fight him, Frank," said Professor Kernan to his brother.

The student body and some of the professors followed the principals to the "ring" on the campus. After the fight the contestants shook hands.

Professor Kernan is a graduate of Tulane University and is an athlete.

New Preachers to Cut Out Tobacco.

Charlotte, Dec. 1.—The conference convened at 9 o'clock this morning with Rev. J. C. Rowe, D. D., of Asheville, in the chair. Bishop McCoy being detained in the cabinet room with the presiding elders, Rev. J. H. Weaver, D. D., of Monroe, and Dr. Rowe conducted the devotional service. The minutes of the session of Saturday were read and approved. Bishop McCoy arrived and took the chair.

Rev. E. L. Bain presented resolutions, which as amended, reads as follows:

"Whereas, we believe that the use of tobacco in any form during the period of adolescence is detrimental to the person;

"Whereas we believe that the parents who patronize our institutions of learning would prefer that their sons should have thrown around them at this immature time of life every wholesome restraint, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we recommend to the faculties and boards of trustees and of all the schools in which we have property interests that they take such action as may be wise and necessary to eliminate either two or three years the use of tobacco from the student boards and faculty."

Supt. Robertson in Northern Educational Journal.

One of the most philosophical educational journals of the nation is Educational Foundations published in New York. This magazine in the November issue contains a lengthy article written by Supt. J. B. Robertson on "The Need of More Study by the Student." The fact that an educational journal of this type and reputation carries an article, sets a seal of real worth on the production.

CHILD KILLED NEAR LENOIR.

Little One Was Playing on P Near Its Home Where Came, State Railway

Lenoir, Nov. 29.—This afternoon as northbound passenger train No. 10 on the Carolina & Northwestern Railway came into Saw Mills, a flag station, about 10 miles south of Lenoir, a little child about 18 months old, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. B. U. Adams, was sitting on the track between the rails at a crossing south of the whistle post, and was run over and instantly killed.

Just below the crossing is a sharp curve in the road, and as the train came around the curve the engineer saw the child, but was too close to stop his train. Immediately he applied the emergency brakes and did everything in his power to stop before hitting the little one, but could not save its life. When the train was brought to a standstill the little body was taken from beneath the rear trucks of the rear coach. Its head was badly mutilated and the skull crushed.

The scene was so sad and heart-rending the engineer and conductor in charge of the train and passengers wept as they viewed the body of the innocent child. The child had a habit of following an older brother about the place, and the little one had strayed way from home and sat down on the track. The scene of the accident is said to have been about 400 yards from the house.

A Surprise Thanksgiving.

On Thanksgiving Day at the home of Mrs. O. D. Holt the relatives of the Holt family came driving in to surprise Mother Holt; each with a basket which contained the Thanksgiving dinner. The men spent the day hunting while the women chatted together until near noon; then the baskets were brought together and the contents placed upon a large table prepared for the occasion. The table was loaded down with good things to eat, and the decorations used were mother Holt's potted plants. The dinner bell rang and in came the hunters, with their appetites just right for the dinner awaiting them, so, no appetizers was served from the table. All did eat and were filled, which numbered forty-two. After mother Holt returned thanks the fragments were gathered up. It was a day of gladness, but the most noted things of the day was the stack of rabbits the men brought in and mother Holt so amazed all because she had not heard of it.

Is It Possible?

There may be a vague, and bewildering uncertainty, a dubious question in the minds of some people as to whether Judge Walter Clark is exactly right when he charges that there is usually a lobby at work in each recurring session of the State Legislature. A kind of covert way, a secret alley to reach the members of that honorable body so to speak. May be the Judge is all off, and there is nothing to it, but some how or other we are skeptical. We are one of the few that believe there is a good deal more in Judge Clarke's charge than is implied. There is usually a lobby in Raleigh, a well paid dangerous lobby, one whose services menace the best interest of the State.—Mebane Leader.

Deaths.

Mr. Alfred Bell Myers died Tuesday morning at 5:30 o'clock at his home on Ash street, near the Graded school at the age of fifty-six years. He is survived by his wife and several children, one son living in Chicago. He will be buried at Pine Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Lina Murray, of Altamahaw, died Monday of pneumonia, and was buried Tuesday at one o'clock at Bethlehem.

Churchill Competent Aviator.

London, Dec. 1.—Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, has become a competent aviator. He has taken lessons recently at the naval flying depot and on Saturday ascended at East Church in a dual control bi-plane with Captain Lushington.

Reaching an altitude of 500 feet, Mr. Churchill took charge of the machine, flying in a strong wind for nearly 45 minutes and covering altogether between thirty and forty miles. Captain Lushington then resumed control and brought the machine to earth.