

HACKETT BELIEVES IN STATE-WIDE PRIMARY.

Surely as the Sun Shines North Carolina will have a State-Wide Primary Law, Before Long.

Washington, July 14.—Former Congressman R. N. Hackett, of Wilkes, gave out an interview tonight in which he stated that he was in favor of a state-wide legalized primaries for all parties on the same day, providing a corrupt practices act can be enacted which will properly safeguard the primary law. Mr. Hackett says he would suggest a corrupt practices law which would make it a crime to buy or attempt to buy, sell or offer to sell votes, or to coerce or in any way seek to prevent a fair and impartial expression of the electorate. He would have the present corrupt practice acts change so as to make the penalty for violation disfranchisement and disqualification for holding office.

If the legislature will pass such laws Mr. Hackett says his own county of Wilkes, which is largely Republican, will in a few years be strongly Democratic. He has great respect for some of the gentlemen living in the western counties who say that a primary would lose certain counties to the Republicans, but he is sure they are mistaken and when the law is finally enacted, and he is sure it is coming in the near future these gentlemen will find that they will have a stronger Democratic foothold than they now have.

"I am in favor of a legalized state-wide primary for all parties on the same day," said Mr. Hackett, "provided, it is accompanied by a corrupt practices act which will enable the people to carry it out in such a way that it will record a corrupt expression of their will. To my mind the only kind of corrupt practice law which would properly supplement a state-wide primary would be one making it a crime to buy, or attempt to buy, sell or offer to sell, votes; or to coerce or in any way seek to prevent a fair expression of the electorate, both at the primary and regular election. They change the penalty of the past and present corrupt practices acts, which has been fine and imprisonment, and have the penalty for violation of the law disfranchisement and disqualification for holding office. Then make either party that is, the purchaser or the seller of votes, or any one seeking in any way to corrupt the electorate a witness against others, providing immunity for the one used as such witness. In this way each and every one whom the prosecution desired to use as a witness could be compelled to testify against others and the immunity provision would deprive him of the constitutional right to refuse to answer for fear of incriminating himself.

"With this kind of a corrupt practice law and a legalized primary I feel quite sure that in a few years our elections would be purified and the party responsible for this legislation, which would result in honesty in politics, would be so strongly upheld by the honest people regardless of party that instead of injuring the democracy its success would be more firmly fixed than ever.

"Living in a strong Republican county, as I do, I believe that a state-wide primary safeguarded by a corrupt practice law as above stated would result in Wilkes county going Democratic within six years at least.

"I have the highest respect for the gentlemen in counties surrounding mine who think a primary would result otherwise, but I believe their fears are groundless."

Mr. Hackett believes the state-wide primary is as certain to become a law in North Carolina as the sun is due to shine. It is coming, he thinks because the people have become convinced that in this way they can have honest elections.

It isn't a nice thing to say, but it is true. If a man was as perfect as his wife expects him to be, it would not be long until the monotony would drive her to desperation.

While the people preferred a Democratic congress to a Republican body, it does not follow that it has a whole lot of confidence in it.—Durham Herald.

SENATE HAS SPLIT ABOUT PUBLICITY.

After Much Talk, Action is Deferred Until Minority Committee Report is Received.

Washington, July 14.—The Senate in executive session here today fought for five hours over the issue of making public testimony of Thomas D. Jones, of Chicago, nominee for member of the Federal Reserve Board before the Banking and Currency Committee, which last week voted not to recommend his confirmation.

Nothing was accomplished in the long debate, at times heated and further consideration was deferred until majority and minority reports of the Banking Committee are submitted probably tomorrow.

Opponents of Mr. Jones' confirmation, who base their opposition on the fact that he is a director of the International Harvester Company, under indictment by the Government, early in the day, sought to have the record of the committee hearing in the case made a matter of public record. Senator Stone immediately insisted on an executive session and the doors were closed.

MOVED PUBLICITY.

Then Senator Hitchcock, acting as chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee, made the suggestion in the form of a motion, urging necessity for publicity in view of the controversy that has arisen with several Democratic Senators openly fighting President Wilson's candidate for the post.

When Senator Hitchcock concluded he was vigorously attacked by Senator Blair Lee, of Maryland, a Democratic member of the Banking Committee, for making public some of the verbatim testimony in the Jones' hearing several days ago. This evidence was printed in several newspapers, and the Maryland Senator charged Senator Hitchcock with responsibility for making public testimony held as executive wouldout the consent of other members of the committee or the Senate. Senator Lee was mildly supported by Senators Hollis and Shafroth also majority members of the committee.

Senator Reed, of Missouri, the other Democratic member of the committee, who opposes Mr. Jones' confirmation, defended Senator Hitchcock and pleaded for publication of the entire record. Other Democrats urged that the occasion did not call for shattering the rules of the Senate concerning executive nominations. Senator Brewster, Republican, championed the Hitchcock motion, and Senator Borah also spoke for publicity.

ACTION DELAYED.

Finally, it was agreed to delay action on Senator Hitchcock's motion pending submission of majority and minority reports.

Toward the close of the debate, Senator Lewis, of Illinois, who is leading the fight for Mr. Jones' confirmation, announced that he would vote for the fullest publicity.

Today's debate indicated that the fight against confirmation of Mr. Jones would be the bitterest that has occurred over any nomination in the Wilson Administration, but Administration leaders expressed confidence tonight that they have the votes to assure the confirmation.

No action was taken today concerning the nomination of Paul M. Warburg of New York who still refuses to appear before the committee.

There are too many loafers in the world who rely upon the Lord's promise to provide.

After a woman has put in 15 years working 18 hours a day for a man and raising his family the man usually wonders why she doesn't look as neat and pretty as some of the other women he sees on the street.

It has just about gotten to a point where a well-behaved child is one who permits its parents to do as they want to without rebuking them in public.

As we were willing to vote for Mr. Wilson to be president we are willing to leave it to him to make his own appointments to fill the offices.—Durham Herald.

MURDER DUE TO UNHOLY LOVE.

Arch Johnson Admits he Bought Pistol for Mrs. Johnson to Kill Her Husband.

Williamston, July 14.—"I am willing to take all the blame for the death of my brother if that will help her any, and if either of us have to die for the crime, I want to be the one."

The foregoing statement was made late yesterday by Arch Johnson, in jail in Williamston on a warrant charging him with being an accomplice before the fact, in the case of which Mrs. Elizabeth Early Johnson stands charged with the murder of her husband, Joe Johnson, near Oak City, in Martin county, on the evening of Saturday, July 4. Johnson further stated that he would not deny any statement made by Mrs. Johnson relative to the killing and the part he played in it.

Prior to this occasion Arch Johnson had refused to make any statement other than that he knew nothing of the matter and that he had nothing to do with it. But today he said: "I loved my brother, but I loved his wife more and it was because of this fact that I allowed myself to get into this scrape. I bought the pistol with which the killing was done and gave it to Mrs. Johnson on Saturday morning before the killing that night. I knew what she was going to do with it."

Mrs. Johnson says that she and Arch Johnson had planned the crime and that Arch told her to throw the pistol to the side of the road so that he could get it the next morning. She says that he told her he would stick to her through it all and when told of his confession yesterday afternoon, stated that she was satisfied with it and that he was doing as he said he would.

"There is no use in our telling any more stories," she said, "for God knows the truth anyhow, and that's what counts. All that I can say is that it was love that brought us to this, for I loved Arch Johnson."

Johnson broke down and wept bitterly as he told the story of how he was implicated and said he did not want his folks to know about it. He is only about 21 years old. Mrs. Johnson is 22, and her husband was 24. Neither of the principals have as yet retained attorneys. Mrs. Johnson confessed some days ago that she shot her husband, though at that time she did not implicate any one. Arch Johnson was arrested at his home near Oak City by Sheriff Crawford and brought here and placed in jail.

It would appear from recent developments that there was some foundation for the statement that Joe Johnson was jealous of his brother, and that he had some reason for his suspicions. Arch Johnson lived at Joe's home for a while, and Mrs. Johnson in her confession several days ago charged that her husband was jealous of his brother and had reproached her about it several times, though she declared she had been a true wife.

Only 13 fatalities resulting from fireworks on the Fourth are reported. We have not seen the reports on the joyride casualties of that glorious occasion.—Greensboro News.

Presumably the senate is convinced that, unless he is watched, the President is apt to deliver the federal reserve board system bound hand and foot to Wall Street.—Greensboro News.

It is now narrated around that the sting of bees will destroy the craving for liquor but the average Moravian stunted does not hate his thirst enough to kill it in such a cruel manner.—Greensboro News.

If the Senate forces a show-down it will at least find just where it stands with the people.—Durham Herald.

That Senate Committee is simply playing politics with the president and that is where it is going to lose.—Durham Herald.

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Woman Is Arrested Because of a Bomb.

London, July 12.—A bomb with lighted candle near its fuse was discovered tonight in the famous old church of St. John, the Evangelist, Westminster. Annie Bell, a woman who several times has figured in suffragist activities, was arrested. This church was damaged last March by a suffragette bomb.

Suffragettes have been active during the week-end, burning a railway station near Leicester. They are suspected of being responsible for an explosion last night in one of several mail bags being conveyed from Blackpool to Manchester. The explosion set fire to other mail bags.

Despite the fact that her license of release from Holloway jail had expired, Sylvia Pankhurst today took part in a suffragist procession through the East End of London. Many members of the East London Federation assembled outside. Miss Pankhurst's residence and as a band played "The Red Flag," she entered a wagonette, unaccompanied by the police. She quickly was surrounded by a body guard. The militant leader spoke in a public hall when the procession ended. Referring to the deprivation Premier Asquith received June 20, she said the premier needed to be enlightened regarding conditions under which women lived in the East End.

Miss Pankhurst advocated a "no vote, no rent" crusade, which would terrify the Government.

THREW RUBBER BALL.

Edinburgh, Scotland, July 12.—King George and Queen Mary, who made their last public appearance today in their Scottish tour, were subjected to a fresh insult by a suffragist as they drove to St. John's Cathedral to attend morning services. Just outside the Cathedral, a Dundee suffragette, Olive Walker, broke through the line of spectators and police and ran toward the royal carriage. She hurled a rubber ball to which was attached a label inscribed:

"Stop forcible feeding."
The ball landed on the lap of the queen, who laughingly brushed it aside. The woman was removed by the police from a threatening crowd but later was released.

Representative Cary, of Wisconsin, must have an idea that the Mann White Slave Law protects nothing, but corn feeds. He has introduced a bill prohibiting the interstate transportation of calves.

We are hoping that Mr. Bickett would become a candidate for Governor, but it seems that the machine has given him little encouragement.—Durham Herald.

James H. Cash Kills Himself.

Creedmoor, July 14.—Jas. H. Cash, a prominent and well-to-do citizen of the Knap of Reers section, committed suicide Monday afternoon by shooting himself in the head with a Winchester rifle. Mr. Cash, who was about 60 years of age and married, lived alone, but had been in a hospital in Durham for some time undergoing treatment for pellagra, which disease was thought to have determined his reason, as he had been acting strangely for some time and had asked a niece in Durham for something with which to end his life. He was a man known in the community in which he lived, and was a man of wealth for a farmer. It is conservatively estimated that his property will amount to \$10,000.

Coroner Bryan, of Oxford, was summoned and after viewing the body and learning the circumstances surrounding the case, decided that an inquest was unnecessary, as it was apparent to every one that it was a plain case of suicide. A young man in the neighborhood had just left the house, and hearing the report of the gunshot rushed back and found Mr. Cash sitting in a large rocking chair with his gun in his left hand and a stick in his right hand with which he pulled or pushed the trigger of the gun. The ball entered the left temple and came out on the right side of the head. Death was instantaneous.

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Make Life Net Of Hands.

Several tenants in an apartment house at 85 Grand street, Williamsburg, were in the rear yard the other afternoon when they heard a child's screams. Glancing up, they saw Albert Fritz, 1 year old, fall from the fourth floor fire escape.

Instinctively the women threw up their hands. They caught the child and saved its life. Mrs. Fritz was hysterical, and fell down a flight of stairs in her efforts to reach the yard. The infant had only a few bruises.

Ban on Dope.

All druggists in the country stand with the association of wholesale druggists of the Mississippi valley which at its annual meeting in St. Louis, urged the passage of the bill pending in Congress, restricting the shipping of habit forming drugs in interstate commerce to licensed dealers and physicians.

The use of habit forming drugs in this country has become too prevalent. From two to three times as much cocaine as is used in dentistry and in surgery is now being consumed. And the consumption of opium and its derivatives exceeds their legitimate use to a much greater degree. The surplus is sending men and women to financial and physical ruin, helping to fill the insane asylums and making graves in potter's fields.

Still, while there are drug victims in every community, the evil has not gone beyond the limits wherein control is possible. But the difficulty in obtaining that control will become greater and not less the longer it is delayed. And it is certain that the bill introduced by the Mississippi valley druggists is a move in the right direction.

No law was ever commended more highly than the Webb act that prohibits interstate commerce in liquors. But the use of such beverages, had as it cannot be compared with cocaine and other so-called dopes. These "dope fiends" are not only killing themselves but they get in such a crazed condition as to endanger the lives of others in the community. There is really more cause for the bill to prevent traffic in "dope" than in liquor.

If North Carolina is to have an exhibit at the San Francisco exposition suppose we collect a new one and not use the old one that has been varnished over and sent to expositions of this kind for the last twenty-five years.—Durham Herald.

But Mr. Collier's opinion of the taxation amendment is as yet unrecorded.—Greensboro News.

While we may not favor all of the amendments, we would like to see a better system of assessing taxes. However, if they want to stick to the old plan we believe that we can get around it as easily as anybody else.—Durham Herald.

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