

DO NOT HORDE YOUR MONEY--BURLINGTON HAS TWO STRONG BANKS.

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MR. PERKINS GIVE UP.

The handwriting upon the Progressive wall, which was so marked a result of the recent election, is appreciated and realized even by the erstwhile obstinate leaders of that party. There was none of them more active, more buoyant, more opposed to surrender than Mr. George W. Perkins, of New York. Nor was there anyone who contributed more of time and of money to the cause.

But the election returns made a complete change in his view of the future and what it was to hold. This is proven by a formal statement that he has issued. "The election showed plainly," says Mr. Perkins, "that the country, notwithstanding its desire to be loyal to the Government at Washington during the war, fully realizes the serious nature and the harmful effects of the policies of the Wilson Administration."

Then follows this most significant statement from this leader of the Progressives: "I believe the turn has come, and that the Country can look forward with confidence to a satisfactory settlement in 1916 of its economic questions. These, after all, make up the great paramount issue, which must be properly solved before prosperity can be restored to labor and capital."

That statement, has, and can have, but one meaning, and that is that Mr. Perkins will no longer seek to oppose the tide that is carrying the Progressive voters of 1912 back into the Republican ranks. He did his best to stem this tide. By argument, by appeal, by organization, in every way possible he sought to keep the Progressive party a fighting force and a power in the land. But the country would have none of such a proposition. The question was put to a final test on November third, and the answer was overwhelming.

Mr. Perkins is right; the proper settlement of the big economic questions is the paramount issue. In comparison with the proper solution of these questions the other issues are but minor and petty, and shrink and shrivel away. The family quarrel at the Chicago convention, the dispute as to the merits of certain contested delegates, these and kindred contentions are small, indeed, when considered in relation with the things of today that really count. There is too much of genuine importance to be done now to permit the living in a year that is past.

In the election of two weeks ago the country clearly declared that Democratic rule as carried on by the present Administration is contrary to the best interests of the United States. Just as clearly, too, the country declared that the one agency that can be effectively used to end this Democratic reign is the Republican party. This is what Mr. Perkins means. He sees and knows that the only way in which the Wilson policies and methods can be ended is by a Republican national triumph two years hence. "I believe that the country can look forward to a satisfactory settlement of its economic questions in 1916," he says. This means that even he is now looking forward to Republican success in then ext Presidential election, and willing to take his part in the battle under the old party banner.

Mr. Perkins has practically hauled down the Progressive flag, the one that he did so much towards keeping waving on high. He is now convinced that its further waving is useless and futile. He is a business man and knows the effect that Democratic Administration is having upon American business. He has hoped against hope that the Progressive party could be built into a permanent institution. He has fought with all of his ability against the inevitable, but succeeded only in postponing it. With the declaration of Mr. Perkins goes the final yielding of the second greatest force of the Progressive party. And with his withdrawal there disappears from the Progressive army its commissary wagon. The other leaders will now soon follow the Perkins example. There is nothing for them to hope for by remaining longer in the deserted Progressive camp.—The Philadelphia Press.

Petrograd Claims That Army of Czar Has Already Won Decisive Victory In Poland.

German General Staff Admits That Arrival of Russian Reinforcements Has Postponed a Decision—In Other Theatre of War Germans Are Preparing to Launch Another Offensive Movement but Just Where They Will Strike Is Known Only to Themselves—Turkey Reports Victories But These Lack Confirmation—British Forces Defeated in East Africa.

DR. W. R. GOLEY WILL MOVE TO HIGH POINT.

Dr. W. R. Goley has sold his residence here to Mr. Edwin D. Scott and will move the early part of next week with his family to High Point where he has purchased a nice home. This announcement will be read with sincere regret by the many friends of the Doctor and his family here and elsewhere in the county.

For twenty years Graham has been the home of Dr. Goley and Alamance has been his home all his life. In the Southern part of the county he had a good practice before locating here and ever since he has lived here he has enjoyed a good practice.

The skill, attention and fidelity in his excellent qualities of citizenship which have won for Dr. Goley a high place professionally and as a citizen

will be his best assets in his new home.

While his going is sincerely regretted he carried with him best wishes for future success.—Alamance Gleaner.

The Dispatch wishes Dr. Goley success in his new field.

CHURCH NOTICE.

Next Thursday being Thanksgiving Day, there will be a Thanksgiving Service and sermon in the Church of the Holy Comforter at 10:30 A. M. The church will be comfortably heated with steam heat as a new steam plant has just been installed by the Burlington Hardware Co. The public is cordially invited. Pews free. Vested choir. The offering will be for the orphans at The Thompson Orphanage, Charlotte, N. C.

M. P. CONFERENCE IN SESSION AT ASHEVILLE.

Largely Attended by Ministers and Delegates from all Parts of the State—Rev. C. A. Cecil, of High Point, Re-Elected President—Splendid Reports by Various Pastors Made in Conference.

(By Charles B. Way, Press Correspondent.)

Asheville, N. C., Nov. 19.—At ten o'clock yesterday morning the Eighty-ninth annual session of the North Carolina Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, was formally opened. Rev. C. A. Cecil, of High Point, president, presiding.

In spite of the distance of the seat of conference from the greater body of Methodist Protestants of the State, there is a good attendance of ministers and delegates who are entertained royally in the hospitable homes of the Asheville people. A goodly number of members of the conference are from the eastern part of the State and had never before visited the mountainous regions, and these were very much interested in the beautiful scenery of the "Land of the Sky."

Trains were met at Biltmore and ministers and delegates were conveyed directly to the church where they were given cards indicating the home in which they were to be entertained.

After the conference had been formally opened the Committee on Credentials was announced, which is composed of the following: Rev. L. W. Gerlinger, Rev. Homer Casto, C. B. Way, R. L. Cox and R. H. Shaw.

At eleven o'clock a. m. the conference sermon was preached by Rev. A. G. Dixon, of High Point. The text chosen by Rev. Mr. Dixon was I Kings 2:2: "Be thou strong, and show thyself a man." The theme was "The Supreme Need of the Kingdom." The speaker emphasized the importance of the minister being thoroughly equipped for the work of the gospel ministry. He showed very clearly and convincingly that the equipment of men and the machinery of the churches must not be depended upon, but the man must learn to pray for power. "We wonder," declared the speaker, "why it is that our money and organizations are not turning out the finished product." "The reason," he said, "is the lack of power. This power is the Spirit of God. The need of the present day is Spirit-filled men, thoroughly consecrated to the service of God." "The fields of labor," said Rev. Mr. Dixon, "are calling for men, all the Churches are calling for men, all the Churches are calling for up to the standard as exemplified by the Savior of mankind when upon earth." Eyes were filled with tears when the speaker referred to the lamented Dr. Reitzel as an ideal man, whose life, he declared, was such that it is worthy of emulation. Dr. Reitzel, it will be remembered, was one of the leading laymen of the Methodist Protestant Church in this State and his tragic death in an automobile wreck last April was a great shock to the conference. This was one of the strongest sermons that has been preached to this body for many years. The sermon was followed by the regular conference communion service, conducted by Revs. R. M. Andrews, of Greensboro, and J. D. Williams, of Henderson. The conference adjourned at 12:30 for dinner.

Afternoon Session. The conference convened in business session at 2:00 o'clock, with President Cecil in the chair. The President read his Annual Report to the

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SAFE CRACKERS IN WEST DURHAM.

Yeggmen Secured Approximately \$1,000 in Money and Stamps Late Last Night—Made a Clean Get-Away.

One of the most baffling and successful burglaries that has occurred in this county in years, came to light this morning when the West Durham postoffice was opened for the day's business. Miss Olivia Cheek, assistant at the postoffice who has charge of the business at the present time while Postmaster Bowen is in the Watts Hospital stricken with typhoid fever, was the first to discover the robbery.

When she entered the office this morning the safe door swung wide on its hinges. The inside door locks were battered away and the safe itself was void of all valuables. Nearly \$1,000 in cash and about 3,000 stamps were gone. This is only an estimate as State Inspector Chester has not completed his inventory of the missing goods. One registered letter was in the office and it was also gone. Two thousand of the stamps were 2-cents and 1,000 were 1-cent.

The robbers affected an entrance from the back of the building. The iron bars across the window were bodily torn asunder and the lock to the window broken. When the robbery was discovered this morning, a pitcher full of water and a glass were found at the edge of the window, the cracksmen evidently refreshed themselves before departing.

This morning when news of the affair spread abroad a curious group of West Durham residents gathered around the little wooden postoffice building, each trying to probe the mystery. Sheriff Harward and Deputy Sheriff Poe Pleasant were also on the scene picking up all the information possible, but both announced there was absolutely no clue as to who did the job. The robbers left nothing, whatever, that would assist the officers in discovering them and on the other hand took everything of value in the office.

Even the change in the cash drawer, amounting to several dollars, was taken and also every little loose stamp. They left nothing and when Miss Cheek opened the office calls for stamps were turned down. Later a supply of stamps from the Durham postoffice assisted the West Durham office in resuming business.

Many theories have been advanced as to who robbed the office. Some have suggested that it must have been persons familiar with the office, who knew that the money was in the safe and who also knew the combination. Others think that it was the work of expert cracksmen who just happened along at a lucky time. Recently there have been a number of postoffice robberies in the eastern part of the State and the idea of the officers is that these same experts entered the West Durham postoffice.

Regardless of who did the job it was complete. The only thing left was the large hammer and which was early this morning identified by the foreman of the rock crusher nearby as being his. The hammer had been left on the rock pile over night and was probably stolen for the purpose.

There are no other clues and the officers are unable to arrive at any conclusion prevails among those who have made investigations, that the robbers made a clean get away. Government detectives will probably be sent here to work on the case.

A fat woman always feels a whole lot thinner than she is.

ALLEGED NEGRO SAFE CRACKER.

Armed with a 38-calibre repeating Winchester rifle and ammunition Jack Williams, an alleged negro safe cracker and murderer wanted in Spartanburg, S. C., was captured early yesterday morning on Seaboard Air Line through train No. 2 as the train pulled under the shed at the Union Station in this city. The arrest was made by Officers Nichols and McGee. Williams is now in jail awaiting the arrival of an officer from South Carolina. When arrested 350 besides the rifle and cartridges was found on his person.

The particulars of the crimes for which this negro is held in Raleigh are not known, the telegram merely asking that he be arrested and that he was wanted for safe cracking. Chief of Police Walters, however, had a telephone conversation with the South Carolina authorities yesterday and was told that, besides cracking and robbing a safe, we was wanted there for beating a man nearly to death. Chief Walters said that it was learned the negro is wanted for murder in Bluefield, West Virginia.

The arrest of Williams was the result of a telegram from the authorities in South Carolina, which was received in Raleigh shortly after midnight. It instructed the police to be on the watch for him on this train which is due in Raleigh at 1:10 a. m. He was bound for Richmond, Va., it is said, his ticket calling for that destination.

Upon boarding the train at the station the Raleigh officers were shown the negro by the conductor. One of the officers entered the colored coach through the rear door and the other through the front door, shutting off possible means of escape. They then approached the negro before he even realized they were anywhere near, both officers throwing their guns into his face. He offered no resistance.

Williams has made no statement other than giving his home as Worcester, Mass.—News and Observer.

KILLS HUSBAND.

Man Attacks Wife With Knife; Jury May Free Her.

Chicago, Nov. 11.—A coroner's jury was expected to free Mrs. Josephine Erk, who beat her husband to death with a stove poker when he tried to stab her with a knife.

"My husband just got out of a hospital and the doctors told him he must not drink," sobbed Mrs. Erk at the Sheffield avenue police station. "Some one gave him whisky and he came home crazy. He struck at me seven or eight times before I hit him with the poker."

Mrs. Erk sustained a deep gash over the eye and her hands were slashed.

FIFTY MILE CONVENTION.

The programme and entertainment committee report that everything is in readiness for a large and enthusiastic Baraca-Philathea Conference beginning Friday Nov. 27, and lasting till Sunday afternoon following. Miss Byrde will be present at every meeting to direct things and in addition many enthusiastic Baraca-Philatheas will be here then. Everybody in the town of Burlington is cordially invited to be present Friday evening at 8 o'clock, Front Street Methodist Church to hear the opening exercises, and then at every meeting following.

RETURNS TO FOLD.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 19.—J. J. Sullivan, Progressive national committee man from Ohio, today announced his resignation and his return to the Republican party.

JOHN LAWS, OF ORANGE COUNTY PASSED AWAY MONDAY MORNING.

Oldest Elective Office Holder in the Word. Succumbed to Pneumonia—Was 94 Years Old and Had Been Register of Deeds for 64 Years—Funeral Today.

News reaching the city this morning told of the death of Mr. John Laws, register of deeds of Orange County, and a man of more than statewide reputation. He has held for many years the reputation of being the oldest elective office holder in the United States. For 64 years Mr. Laws has guided the destinies of the register of deeds office of Orange County, was himself 94 years of age and had been twice married, his second wife surviving him. Term after term, Mr. Laws has been elected to his office in a majority of the elections being the only democratic candidate. Exactly 64 years ago the office of register of deeds in Orange County came into existence and Mr. Laws was the first man elected. He has held the office since that time, always faithfully discharging his duties in every respect. Pneumonia claimed him as a victim Monday morning at 5 o'clock.

Throughout the country Mr. Laws is known and his long term of office has been political talk in Washington and other political centers. Many of the metropolitan newspapers have often written feature stories of his career as register of deeds.

In his work Mr. Laws has held the reputation of always being pleasant and faithful to his duties. The mere fact that he has alone held the register of deeds office in Orange county is enough proof of his popularity. His ideal of a man was the late Governor W. A. Graham, whose picture was always to be seen hanging in front of his desk.

As a Christian he was one of the highest and most noble type. He was one of the old fashioned Episcopal laymen and in his Church life he was also faithful, always doing as he thought was right and best.

Doubtless every resident of Orange County knew Register of Deeds John Laws. He was a man that made friends with everyone and also a man that when once known was not easily forgotten. He was ever ready to lend a helping hand or do a favor.

Eight years ago Mr. Laws married for the second time. At that time his first wife had been dead for a number of years. By his first union he was survived by one daughter and one son, while by the second marriage he is survived by three children.

The funeral services have not been definitely arranged as yet, although they will be held this afternoon.

The Editor of The Dispatch bought his license to get married from Mr. Laws.

REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN FUND.

New York, Nov. 20.—Contributions of \$104,457 from 1,411 persons were received by the Republican State Committee for use in the recent campaign, according to a report filed today. The report shows every expenditure in detail. Nearly 2,500,000 pieces of literature were distributed. Among the contributors were John D. Rockefeller, who gave \$6,000 and Andrew Carnegie, who gave \$2,000.

When you see an overdressed woman escorting a man who looks like a door mat, you know who is boss at that house.

The Krupp works also declared a dividend and voted to water the stock. Business is good in Germany.