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SENATOR SIMMONS DEFENDS ADMINISTRATION

Old Fashion Partisan Debate on One Year of Democratic Rule in the United States Senate.

Washington, March 6.—An old fashioned partisan debate on one year of Democratic rule today almost completely sidetracked consideration of the woman suffrage constitutional amendment in the Senate. Senator Works hurled a broadside of criticism at the Administration's record, while Senator Simmons, chairman of the Finance Committee, staunchly defended his party's legislative career. He drew from Senator Smoot a counter attack on his tariff remarks, the Utah Senator basing his statements largely on treasury statistics.

The arraignment of Democratic rule by Senator Works, Republican of California, culminated in an attack on its Mexican policy as hopeless. Senator Simmons avoided stirring up this delicate matter by limiting his reply to legislative accomplishments. He resented particularly the remark that Congress had been deprived of its function by Executive censure and caucus rule.

"There was a time when caucuses defeated the will of the people," said Senator Simmons, "but that was when Wall Street and special interests controlled them. The greatest achievement of Woodrow Wilson lies in the fact that he has restored representative government in this country; that he has taken the Government out of the hands of those special interests and laid it once more in the hands of the people; and that the people rule not only at the ballot box but in the United States Senate."

Senator Simmons suggested that Senator Works' statement about the American markets having been turned over to foreign countries was an exaggeration due to a disappointment on his part that the lemon and the raisin industries of California had not been given a prohibitive duty in the Democratic tariff bill. He insisted the California Senator had overlooked something in stating in one breath that the cattle, wheat, lemon and raisin industries had been turned over to foreigners and in the next that there had been no reduction in the price of these articles.

The Democratic party expected there would be a falling off of duties under its tariff law, the Senator said, adding: "We intend to relieve the people from the high taxes of the Republican rule."

Turning to the Republican side of the chamber, Senator Simmons declared that the only importation that was injuring American labor was the admission into this country of ignorant foreigners in response to the demand of American manufacturers who had for years appealed to Congress for high protective duties to enable them to "keep up the American standard of wages."

He defended the currency bill, stating that it had met general favor, particularly with country banks that had felt the "enslaving grasp of Wall Street pirates."

Emphatic disapproval of the Administration, the legislation it has passed and of what he called the "coercion used by President Wilson to compel action by Congress" was voiced by Senator Works, in delivering what he termed a "friendly review of the achievements of the executive and legislative branches of the Government in the one year of Democratic rule."

The Senator reviewed the tariff bill and charged that but for the "coercion used by the President upon Congress it never would have passed."

Referring to the Panama Canal tolls question Senator Works said the people who believe in the granting of free tolls for American coastwise ships, will want some good reason for this change of front on the part of the Democratic party under the leader-

ship of the President. "However if the President is satisfied, for good and valid reasons, that the free tolls clause should be repealed, his advice that it should be done in spite of the declaration of his party to the contrary, does him credit," he added. "In such a case, the President is for once acting as President of the United States and not as leader of his party."

The Senator said the tendency toward paternalism and extravagance in the appropriation of public moneys was a marked characteristic feature of the Administration. He declared that it was evident to everybody that the Administration is opposed to granting suffrage to the women, "but lacks the courage to come out openly and oppose it."

Senator Works also sharply criticized the Administration's Mexican policy. "We may be forced yet," said he, "to intervene in some form in Mexico. If we do, it should not be for the aggrandizement of our country, but in the interest of the Mexican people, others resident there, the restoration of peace and the establishment of a stable government."

To speak of the relations of the United States with Mexico, Senator Works insisted was an unpleasant task.

"It is a dark page in our history," he continued: "for three long years American citizens have been murdered, their wives and daughters outraged, their homes pillaged and their property destroyed, and this Administration has done nothing more than enter occasional mild protests and submissive appeals, and to whom? To Huerta, whose Government we had refused to recognize and who, according to our view, had no power nor authority to act, to Villa, not recognized as a belligerent, not even a soldier, but a brigand and murderer of innocent people; to Carranza, a weakling dominated by Villa, and equally without authority."

Senator Works outlined the events in the history of Mexico leading up to the present difficulties and the refusal of this Government to recognize Huerta after the assassination of Madero "doubtless by Huerta, who succeeded him, or with his knowledge and connivance. After the withdrawal of Ambassador Wilson from Mexico," Senator Works declared, referring to the sending of John Lind to Mexico City, "there commenced a series of conduct of a kind wholly unknown to diplomacy and so absurd as to make us ridiculous at home and abroad."

"At last a prominent British subject was brutally murdered by Villa or by his orders. Public indignation ran high, but the State Department maintained its usual degree of composure. I do not know why the 'murder of a citizen of Great Britain has created more feeling than the assassination of hundreds of our own people, except that we have assumed to be the protector of the citizens and subjects of all other nations and insisted that such Nations should leave this duty and responsibility to us."

"The poor widow asked for the body of her dead husband, buried on Mexican soil. What did our Government do to secure this right? It humbly petitioned Villa, the murderer, to allow his remains to be removed."

"What should the Government have done in the case? Just what it should have done for one of its own citizens—sent our soldiers into Mexico and brought out the body."

The Guilford Creamery Company, recently organized at Greensboro, will be opened up for business by April 1. The creamery will be in charge of J. A. Hornaday of Liberty.

George W. Vanderbilt, owner of the Biltmore estates near Asheville, died in Washington, D. C., Friday. He was born November 14, 1863, and was the youngest son of the late William H. Vanderbilt.

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"My husband had a cough for fifteen years and my son for eight years. Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured them, for which I am most thankful," writes Mrs. David Moor, of Saginaw, Ala. What Dr. King's New Discovery did for these men, it will do for you. Dr. King's New Discovery should be in every home. Stops hacking coughs, relieves a gripe and all throat and lung ailments. Money back if it fails. All druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00. H. E. Bucklen & Co. Philadelphia or St. Louis adv't.

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HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE.

Between Hickory, Lenoir and Morganton March 20.

The triangular debate between the high schools of Hickory, Lenoir and Morganton will take place March 20. The query for these debates is, "Resolved that the Constitution of North Carolina should be so amended as to allow the Initiative and Referendum in State-wide legislation."

Each school will furnish two teams, one to uphold the affirmative at home, and the other to argue for the negative away. Hickory will debate with Morganton at Hickory, and with Lenoir at Lenoir.

The affirmative team of the Hickory school is composed of Theodore Ingram and Oscar Deaton, with Ewart Huffman as substitute speaker. The negative team which will go to Lenoir is composed of Henry Menzies and Bonner Knox.

The debate will be held in the graded school auditorium, and a small admission will be charged in order to defray the expenses of the visiting team.

Col. D. C. Pearson Dead.

Morganton, March 8.—Col. D. C. Pearson, of this place, passed away here this morning at 7 o'clock following an illness of Bright's disease. Though his death had been expected for several days, it will be learned by his friends and relatives with much sorrow.

He had been confined to his home for the past six months, and a great part of that time he had been unable to speak on account of paralysis. He had passed his 72nd birthday.

Colonel Pearson, as he was known by his associates, was one of the most prominent and influential men of Morganton, well known by every man in the county, and widely known throughout the state.

He served as a Confederate soldier during the war, and after the war he made Morganton his home. During the Roosevelt administration he was postmaster of this place, and filled the position in a most creditable manner.

Electrocuted Friday.

R. W. Cobb paid the death penalty, Friday morning in the electric chair at Raleigh for the murder of Thomas Shaw, a country merchant in Halifax county. The electrocution was at 10.30 o'clock after Cobb had written a long confession addressed to Governor Craig. The confession also implicated Henry Gurkin, it was to the effect that he had no thought of committing murder when he went to Shaw's house and sat on the porch to await his coming from the store with the cash receipts of the store for the day. He did intend to get away with the money, which was about \$400. He also claimed that when he ordered Shaw to hold up his hands and Shaw advanced on him he thought he saw a revolver gleaming in his hand and that he fired really to save his own life. Cobb fired the fatal shot and ran without getting the money he was after.

Resolutions of Respect.

In his infinite wisdom the Great Spirit of the Universe has seen fit to call from the trail in the forest of life our brother, W. C. Keever.

No more will his voice be heard around our council fires. No more will he follow the hunt in the land of his fathers. No more will he be seen in the haunts of the paleface nor the tepees of his red brothers. He has, we trust, paddled his canoe safely into that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns, into the Happy Hunting Grounds where the council fires are never quenched. Therefore be it Resolved:

1st. That in Brother Keever the tribe has lost an esteemed and much loved brother and the Order a valuable member.

2nd. That we cherish his memory, strive to emulate his virtues and bow with humble submission to the will of the Manitou who doeth all things well.

3rd. That to the bereaved family we extend the sympathy of the tribe and of the Improved Order of Red Men.

4th. That a copy of these resolutions be filed with the speaking leaves of the tribe one sent to the family, and one to each of the city papers.

G. A. Hodges
J. E. Craig
Z. B. Buchanan, Com.

Umatilla Tribe No. 34 Improved Order of Red Men.
Hickory, N. C., March 9, 1914.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

March 4, the Hickory Book Club met with Mrs. Belle Ramsay. Very animated discussion of books followed quotations from them at roll-call, diverse opinions giving spice. The book of the day was "Within the Law", by Marvin Dana, one which has the unique distinction of being written from the play instead of as usual, vice versa. Mrs. Ramsay gave a profitable as well as pleasant criticism of the book, explaining its purpose, namely: the betterment of the jury system and the improving of shop-girls' means of supports. One of the interesting subjects of current events was the discovery of "Steering by Wireless." Rosy-candlelight, snow hyacinths, pictures of characters from "Within the Law" for place-cards welcomed to the dining-table, where delicious refreshments emphasized the social enjoyment. The next meeting will be March 18 with Mrs. A. A. Shuford, jr.

March 5, Mrs. W. E. Menzies was hostess of the Travellers' Club. The seven visitors present were Rev. E. B. Heald, the guest of honor, Mrs. Heald, Mrs. E. B. Menzies, Mrs. John Huton of Mich., Mrs. Geo. Bailey an ex-member, Mrs. McGill and Mrs. Robert Love. Quotations were from Landor. Miss Essie Seagle opened the programme with an able article on "The Church of Santa Croce." Mrs. W. B. Menzies then gave on the piano with beautiful effects of light and shade the "Cujus Animam," the great tenor solo, often called the "March of Rossini's 'Stabat Mater.'" One of the events in the Club's history was Rev. E. B. Heald's presentation of the next subject, "St. Francis of Assisi." Profound admiration for this wonderful character, depicted with loving enthusiasm called forth deep appreciation and the joy that all must feel in the contemplation of such remarkable goodness. "A simple, living illustration of the mind of Jesus," Mrs. Murphy gave pleasure by singing Tosti's Venetian Boat-Song. Mrs. E. B. Menzies read "St. Francis' Sermon," by Longfellow. This was followed by Mrs. G. N. Huton's skillful rendering of Spindler's arrangement of the famous quartette from "Rigoletto." Mrs. E. B. Cline closed the program by reading "The Little Crow of Paradise," by J. H. Pearce. Current events and dainty refreshments brought to close an evening of unusual pleasure and profit.

The Round Dozen Book Club met March 4 with Mrs. F. B. Ingold with every member present except Mesdames Elliott and Allen who were out of town. The book for the afternoon was "A Song of Sixpence," by Frederick Arnold Keummer, who, by the way, is a cousin of Mrs. Ingold. She read a very interesting letter from the author and gave "little bits" about him and his books which were enjoyed more than the usual newspaper clippings. She also read a story, a continuation of "The Walden Avenue Mother's Club," which we read at last meeting. After current news Misses Margaret and Constance Bost assisted the hostess in serving a delicious luncheon. Mrs. Super and Master Bernard Ingold were guests. The next meeting will be with Mrs. H. M. Doll.

The Thursday Study Club was entertained March 9, by Miss Mayce Blackwelder. Current events were given at roll-call. The readings, "A Low-Land Lake-Valley," "Matterborn" and "The Rose and Bernina Valleys" were given by Mrs. Roy Abernethy, Mrs. C. C. Bost and Mrs. Harte. After adjournment to meet next with Mrs. Worth Elliott, dainty refreshments in two courses were served. Mrs. J. B. Gibbs assisting the hostess.

The Moser & Lutz Drug Co. have made a great improvement in their drug store by papering the room, and have fixed one of the prettiest ice cream parlors to be found any where in the State. This is arranged with show cases around the sides and large mirrors on the wall which makes it a beautiful place. They deserve credit for the improvements made in their store.

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LENOIR COLLEGE NOTES.

Anniversary Debate Monday, March 16 at 8 O'clock.

The public has always shown a great deal of interest by attending the exercises at Lenoir College. The chief features of the year are the Society Anniversaries. The debates are on some live question of public concern. For the last few years government questions have been discussed, such as pertain to the passing of laws and taxation. In order to have a change, the speakers for the Euronian Anniversary have selected a new subject, one which is of interest to everybody, especially to the schools. College athletics have for some time been a cause of much agitation. In order that the public may better understand the real situation, the subject has been thoroughly studied, and will be debated here in the college auditorium next Monday night. The exercise will be of a high order throughout. A program is here printed so that the public may know what to expect.

The Program is as follows: Address of Welcome—W. L. Taylor. Music by Orchestra. Oration—"The Modern Hero"—J. A. Frye. Music.

Debate—Query, "Resolved that Intercollegiate Athletics Should be Abolished." Affirmative—N. D. Yount, S. W. Hawn. Negative—J. L. Deaton, C. N. Yount.

Western Editor's Report of a Marriage Ceremony. A Western editor, who believes in telling the truth, printed the following, says an exchange: "Willie Shortdike and Annie Bloomers were married at the church last evening. The church was very prettily decorated with flowers and potted plants, borrowed promiscuously over town from people who didn't want to lend them. The decorating was done under protest by some of the members of the church, who were asked to do so by bride and couldn't well refuse. The ladies are of opinion that if the couple were so bent on having a stylish wedding they should have been willing to have paid some one to chase all over the town for a day getting flowers together and then taking them home again.

The bride wore a handsome Paris gown (made at home), and the groom was decked in \$10 hand-me-down, borrowed for the occasion. Sallie Potts was maid of honor, and the consensus of opinion was that she was two to one better than the bride. The young couple took the morning train for St. Louis, where they will spend more money in a few days than Willie can earn in three months.

"Willie says that now he's married he's going to settle down. Some of our merchants think it would have been better if he had settled up first. The groom gets a salary of \$27 a month which is about the allowance Annie has been used to for pin money. We wish for Willie's sake, that the old saying that it takes no more to support two than one wasn't a lie.

"The bride sent us a shoe box full of a conglomeration of stuff supposed to be cake. If this be a sample of Annie's cooking we feel sorry for Willie. Our janitor's dog fell heir to the cake, and now he is lying in the cold, old ground. But this is none of our funeral. If Willie and Annie are satisfied, we got no kick coming."

Orphans' Singing Class. In the summer of 1873 there could be seen winding its way over the public roads of Granville and adjoining counties a very robust man with a wagon full of children. This was Mr. John H. Mills with a group of children from the Oxford Orphan Asylum. This constituted the first Singing Class from this Institution. It was the beginning of a career which has made the organization one of the most widely known in the State. This Class has also been a means of stirring the hearts and enlisting the sympathies and co-operation of the citizenship of the State in the Orphanage work.

This Class makes a tour of the State each year, touching nearly every county and most of the towns. Because of the character of the work and the merits of the concerts it has grown in favor with the people more and more each year.

The Class has just started out from Oxford on its first or North Eastern trip for this Spring. During the Summer the time will be spent, for the most part, in the Western section of the State. Later in the fall the trip will be made through the South Eastern section of the State.

The Class is starting out most auspiciously this year and we predict that it will receive even a more hearty welcome than ever before.

Claremont College Notes. The anniversary of the Columbian Literary Society will be held on Monday night, March 16. An interesting programme is being prepared. The public is most cordially invited to attend.

Miss Anna Hartman, member of the senior class, who was called home sometime ago on account of the death of her father, has returned to school and taken up her work.

Tests for the third quarter have been held and the reports will be sent out this week.

At the coming commencement the alumnae association will have one evening. An interesting program will be prepared. Mrs. Emmitt Fisher, of East Flat Rock, is the president, and is enthusiastic over the proposed meeting. Mrs. Lester Russell is the vice president and Miss Margaret Ingold Bost is the secretary.

Work is being done on the copy for the new catalogue which will be ready for the printers soon. Some important changes will be made. The course of study is being rearranged and the standard raised. When completed it will be the best that can be offered for the work which Claremont expects to do. Mrs. Nelson, who recently came from the University of Missouri, is chairman of the committee and with the assistance of Misses Sourbeer and De Grange is giving much time to this work.

Miss Elizabeth Perkins Holbrook, of the Music school, will give her graduating recital in piano on tonight of April 6. Claremont is justly proud of Miss Holbrook as her entire education, literary and musical has been received at this institution.

The class in Domestic Art is enthusiastic over the work being done. The young ladies have learned to make dresses and at the coming Commencement hope to wear gowns made by their own hands.

One of the interesting places about the college is the art room. It is possible that Hickory does not really know the superior work being done in this department. China Painting seems to be the most popular with the girls and the work done is the very best.

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HAPPENINGS IN CALDWELL COUNTY

H. B. Lingle Dies of Pneumonia—Walter Allen Gets 12 Months on the Roads.

Lenoir Topic, 4th. Mr. H. B. Lingle died Monday morning at 10:15 o'clock at his home at Hudson, after an illness of five days with pneumonia. He was in Lenoir Thursday and was taken ill soon after leaving town. Having had a premonition at the beginning of his illness that the end was near, he made due preparation for it. His remains were buried yesterday afternoon at 2:30 at Sardis church, Hudson, services conducted by Rev. J. O. Fulbright.

Deceased was 36 years of age and leaves a wife and four children. Four brothers survive: Messrs. J. M., W. A., J. A., and D. A. Lingle, all of Hudson; also four sisters, Mrs. John Freeman, Mrs. Lary Freeman, Mrs. Jack Lingle and Mrs. Jones Curtis.

Mr. Lingle was born at Hudson and spent the greater part of his life there. He was successful in business and accumulated a valuable estate. For hospitality in his home and honest dealings with his fellowman, he was well known.

The cases on the criminal docket in Caldwell Superior court last week which attracted most attention were those against Walter Poovey, Walter Allen and Charlie Barnett.

Topic readers will recall that Walter Poovey killed Pink Ward at the residence of Mr. Pink Sherrill in Lovelady township on the night of Nov. 26, 1910. Young Poovey, who was then 18 years of age, escaped into Canada where he secured a position and remained there until a few months ago, when he returned to Lenoir and voluntarily surrendered himself to Sheriff Triplett, expressing a desire to stand trial. His case came up Thursday morning and the evidence and argument were completed by 5 o'clock p. m., Friday when the jury took the case, returning a verdict of not guilty on Saturday morning. The verdict was rendered on the ground of self defense. In the prosecution Solicitor Thos. M. Newland was assisted by Messrs. Lawrence Wakefield, W. C. Feimster and Clarence Whitener. The defense was represented by Messrs. W. C. Newland, M. N. Harshaw and D. L. Russell. Miss Gertrude Hall, court stenographer, reported the case.

The next case of interest was against Walter Allen for criminal carelessness in shooting Effie Teague at Rhodhiss on Feb. 21, 1914. Allen, who had spent the night at the Teague home, was handling his pistol carelessly in the presence of the two daughters, when the pistol went off, the ball striking Effie Teague below the left eye, ranging downward through her neck and shoulder and inflicting a serious wound. The girl's father brought suit against Allen, who was given a sentence of 12 months on the roads.

Charlie Barnett, colored, who shot Mr. M. I. Cloer in the arm on Sunday Jan. 11, 1914, inflicting a serious and painful wound, was tried in two cases, being given 28 months on the roads.

Dr. C. B. McNairy left yesterday for Baltimore and other cities to visit schools for the feeble minded, in order that he may secure information to assist him in the management of the state institution at Kinston. He will return to Lenoir before going to Kinston.

While cutting wood in a forest near Shelby last week Mrs. Mary Dixon, a white woman, suffered a peculiar death when the tree which she was felling twisted on the stump and fell across her body and broke her neck. Her husband, William Dixon, was hauling the wood to the house and was making a trip when the accident occurred. No one saw exactly how it did happen but when Dixon returned to the forest and found his wife dead, he calmly lifted the tree off her body, loaded another load of wood and took it to the house, where he got some planks and returned to haul her home.

Collector Watts has issued what will probably be the last liquor stamps issued from the internal revenue office at Statesville. They are for the remainder of the N. Glen Williams liquor which was stored in warehouses in the state has been "tax paid out", the Williams liquor being the last to go, and for this reason there will be no occasion for issuing liquor stamps.

Spring Blood and System Cleanser

During the winter months impurities accumulate, your blood becomes pure and thick, your kidneys, liver and bowels fail to work, causing a condition called "Spring Fever." You feel tired, weak and lazy. Electric Bitters—the spring tonic and system cleanser—is what you need; they stimulate the kidneys, liver and bowels to healthy action, expel blood impurities and restore your health, strength and ambition. Electric Bitters makes you feel like new. Start a four weeks' treatment—it will put you in fine shape for your spring work. Guaranteed. All Druggists, 50c, and \$1.00. H. E. Bucklen & Co. Philadelphia or St. Louis, adv't.