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## DEMOCRATS TO START NINE PROBES

Taft Administration Will Need Strength to Stand Fire.

Washington, March 17.—Plans for a long series of investigations as a part of a Democratic "campaign for economy and retrenchment" were tentatively determined upon today by party leaders as the program for the extra session, in addition to Canadian reciprocity and a schedule-by-schedule revision of the tariff.

The probes will be incident, Democrats say, to a drastic pruning of the Government payroll. They hope, incidentally to make campaign material for the Democratic party for 1912.

As a starter, it is stated that the following investigations have already been decided upon:

To determine the real reason for the Texas army "maneuvers."

To discover why the Steel Trust has escaped prosecution under the Sherman Anti-Trust law.

To fix the responsibility for the sale of the Philippine friar lands to the Sugar Trust.

To find out how much the promoters of the deal whereby the Government purchased the Panama Canal from the old French Company made.

To determine whether the activities of the various Congressional commissions—which have furnished soft berths for a number of "lame ducks"—warrant their continuance.

To determine the truth of the charge of mismanagement and inefficiency in the Postoffice Department.

To reveal the actual conduct of the Interior Department under former Secretary Ballinger.

To inquire into the methods of the Department of Justice in its alleged pro-Diaz activity in connection with the Mexican revolution.

### Lewis West to Be Executed.

On Saturday at Wilson sentence was passed upon Lewis West and his accomplices for the murder of Deputy Sheriff George Mumford at Wilson on the night of February 3.

West was sentenced to death in the electric chair in the State's prison at Raleigh on May 5. Ed Purcell, alias Stetson, received a sentence of thirty years in the penitentiary at hard labor under his conviction of murder in the second degree.

It has been our pleasure to receive a few of the products of the products of The J. R. Watkins Company of Baltimore, Md. These are something quite unusual in their way, and we shall be pleased to show them to anyone interested. Anyone is welcome to come in and examine them thoroughly. When one sees the class of goods the J. R. Watkins Company turns out and the prices at which they are sold it is no longer a matter of wonder that it requires a plant with ten acres of floor space, and a \$2,000,000 capital to keep up with the enormous demand for these fine products all over the United States and Canada. This company is rapidly increasing its business and is taking on more and more salesmen all the time.

A. W. Hogan, of Sugar Hill, was in town, Monday.

## STATE MACHINERY ACT

Differs in Levying Taxes in Several Particulars From Former Acts.

The machinery act passed by the legislature, which provides the machinery for levying taxes is different from former acts in several particulars. In the first place the time for which property on hand shall be listed is changed from June 1st to May 1st, and the date on which county commissioners shall meet to levy taxes is changed from June to August, so that all the property for assessment shall be in before the tax levy is made. Heretofore taxes were levied before the assessment was made.

The principal changes from the old law are in sections 15 to 25. It is provided that the State tax commission—which is the corporation commission—shall appoint one county tax assessor, a resident freeholder of the county, and the county commissioners shall appoint a tax assessor for each township, to be known as assistant tax assessor, who shall begin their work May 1st and continue until July 1st. Heretofore the commissioners appointed a tax-taker for each township and every fourth year, when real estate was to be assessed, two assessors were appointed for each township to assess the real estate. Under the new arrangement the assessor appointed for the county will visit each township and with the assistant assessor appointed for the township will make the assessment. The county assessor and the board of county commissioners form a board of equalization for the counties, their work being subject to review by the State tax commission.

The county assessor is to be appointed by April 1st and he can devote his entire time for three months of each year to his duties at not more than \$4 a day. The assessing of property is to begin May 1 instead of June 1. The county assessor is to visit all the townships and confer with the township assessors and instruct them in their duties and the work of the township assessor is to be gone over jointly by him and the county commissioners and the assessments revised. All assessments are to be made as near as may be to the true value in money. The county boards of equalization meet on the second Monday in July for the performance of their duties.

### Nebo Commencement.

Nebo High School has issued handsome invitations reading:

The Faculty and Students

of

Nebo High School

invite you to be present

at their

Seventh Annual Commencement

Thursday and Friday,

March the thirtieth and thirty-first

nineteen hundred and eleven

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Thursday, 11:00 a. m.—Sermon by

Rev. Ira Erwin.

Thursday, 2:00 p. m.—Boys' Medal

Contest.

Thursday, 8:00 p. m.—Concert by

School.

Friday, 10:00 a. m.—Class Day Ex-

ercises.

Friday, 11:00 a. m.—Annual Address

by Judge J. C. Pritchard.

Friday, 2:00 p. m.—Girls' Medal

Contest.

Friday, 8:00 p. m.—Annual Concert.

### Jones-Perry.

The Horry Herald, published at Conway, S. C., under date of March 9, contained the following account of the marriage of Miss Minnie Perry, sister of Miss Mattie Perry of this place:

The many friends of Mr. W. Boyd Jones will be glad to know of his marriage, which took place at the First Methodist church, Tampa, Fla., on Washington's Birthday, February 22nd. The bride was Miss Minnie Perry of Marion, N. C., a well known and charming young lady of our sister State. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. J. W. Carpenter, of Tampa, Fla.

Only a few intimate friends of Mr. Jones knew the purpose of his trip when he left home on February 15th.

He left Mullins for Florida on February 15th. While in Tampa he was registered at the Tampa Bay Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Jones returned to Mullins last Saturday night where they spent Sunday. On Monday they arrived at their home at Justice, S. C.

W. Boyd Jones is a leader among the successful country merchants of this county. He has been engaged in the mercantile business at Justice for a number of years and enjoys a patronage from a large outlying territory. He is also successful as a buyer of real estate, and he is the owner of some of the finest timber lands now in the county. He is well known all over Horry county, and his many friends will unite in wishing him and his accomplished bride a long and happy life.

### Literary Society News.

The Philopolimic Literary Society met in regular session Friday, March 17th, at 2 p. m. In the absence of the secretary and marshal, Messrs. Keeter and Will Pless were appointed to fill the vacancies.

After a few minor matters had been brought up before the society, the program was rendered. The query was: Resolved, That free trade between the United States and Canada should be prohibited. Grafton Bird and Will Pless, J. W. Streetman and Harvey Atwell were the speakers on the affirmative and negative respectively. The Judges appointed were Ed. Taylor, Eccles Gray and Jock Lonon. They decided in favor of the affirmative, and that Will Pless for the affirmative and J. W. Streetman for the negative made the best speeches.

During the meeting it was decided that any member absent three times in succession, that is if at school the same day, would be dishonorably dismissed from the society.

The critic's and marshal's reports were next heard, after which society adjourned.

### Peach Crop Suffer in North Carolina.

Raleigh, March 16.—State Horticulturist Hutt said today that the peach crop in North Carolina was greatly damaged by the present cold wave. The loss at one point is reported as being equivalent to \$40,000. The thermometer here this morning was down to 24 degrees. The apple crop is uninjured, as the blooms are not yet out.

## DEATH OF A GOOD WOMAN

Mrs. M. F. Morphew Passes During the Night of the 18th.

The passing of Mrs. Julia Bryan Morphew, wife of Dr. M. F. Morphew, which occurred on March 18th, while not unexpected it none the less cast the entire town into gloom. Mrs. Morphew had been a constant sufferer for the past four years bearing her ills with great fortitude. During the last days of her illness she suffered intensely and death came as a relief. She feared not in the least the flight across the valley of the shadow, but on the other hand hailed the opportunity, for hers was a reward in store. Hers was a death in the faith, her last words, typifying her Christian life, were a message to a friend imparting her willingness to go. And thus as the week ended and the Sabbath was ushered in her earthy existence ceased and her spirit winged its onward flight to heavenly repose.

Mrs. Julia Bryan Morphew was born at Boone, Watauga County, N. C. December 19, 1866, being at the time of her death 44 years and 3 months old.

She was married to Dr. M. F. Morphew on March 26, 1885. To the union were born four children, three of whom survive: Miss Louise Morphew, Frank and Robert Morphew.

Mrs. Morphew was long a consistent and useful member of the Methodist Church having become a member some twenty years ago, thenceforth doing much for the furtherance and upbuilding of the Kingdom. She was a charter member of the Ladies Aid Society having served as both president and secretary of that organization, and was one of the Society's most useful and beloved members. By nature quiet and unassuming she was beloved by all and countless are they who will mourn her loss. She was a devoted wife and mother.

Mrs. Julia Bryan Morphew was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bryan of Boone, N. C. being survived by father and mother, four brothers and two sisters. Her brothers are Messrs. Robert Bryan, Montana, Geo. Bryan, Boone, Bart Bryan, Washington, D. C. and James Bryan, New Mexico. Her sisters are: Mrs. Council and Mrs. Fletcher, both of whom live at Boone.

The funeral services were held at the Methodist church Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, her pastor, Rev. I. Irwin, conducting the funeral services. A vast concourse of sorrowing friends and acquaintances witnessed the last sad rites.

### John D. Rockefeller Gives A. & M. College \$20,000.

Raleigh, March 18.—It was announced today that John D. Rockefeller had given \$20,000 towards the erection of a Y. M. C. A. building at the Agricultural & Mechanical College here, provided the students would raise \$20,000. The sum of \$7,000 has already been raised, leaving a balance of \$13,000.

Judge J. C. Pritchard will deliver the annual address at Nebo High School, March 31.

## GREAT SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

Annual Convention of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, High Point, April 26-28.

The greatest Sunday School meeting of the year will take place in High Point, April 26-28.

The music will be in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Butler. Mr. Butler has been for several years past with Dr. R. A. Torrey in his evangelistic tours. He is well known as a leader of evangelistic singing and as a soloist of unusual ability. His wife has a very sweet soprano voice. Their solos and duets are inspiring and uplifting.

The Railroads have granted reduced rates from all parts of the State. The tickets will be sold on the Certificate Plan and will be one and one-half fare, plus 50c for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale from April 22-26, with final limit May 2nd.

Each County is entitled to as many delegates as there are townships in the county. This does not mean that every township must be the number of townships in the county.

All delegates will pay a registration fee of \$1.00. This will be paid at High Point when assignment to home is made. All delegates will receive: Entertainment during the Convention, A seat in the Convention with County delegation, A souvenir badge, A Convention program, A right to voice and vote in all the deliberations of the body, Helpful literature of various kinds.

Entertainment will be provided all delegates by the citizens of High Point, during the three days of the Convention.

The program is one of the very best ever prepared on Sunday School work.

This Convention is interdenominational. Those desiring to attend should send their names to their County Association Secretary or to J. Van Carter, General Secretary, Raleigh, and receive appointment as a delegate.

### Many Officeholders.

In compliance with a Senate resolution President Taft has furnished Congress a statement of the number of officeholders in the country. He says there are in all 411,322 persons in office, which is four and one-half tenths of one per cent of the entire population of the United States. Of this number the President appoints, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, but 9,846. There are under civil service rules 262,608, of which the postoffice department has 147,727; the treasury department has 27,093; the war department, exclusive of officers and enlisted men of the army, 28,102; the department of justice, 5,700; the department of agriculture, 12,519; the department of the interior, 14,262; the department of commerce and labor, 14,797; the government printing office, 3,925; the Interstate commerce commission, 614, and the Smithsonian institution, 424.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles P. Flack, of Vein Mountain, were shopping in Marion, Wednesday.