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## Ritter Trial May Change Rules Of The Senate

Washington, April 29.—One result of the impeachment trial of Federal Judge Halsted L. Ritter by the Senate, is likely to be a revision of the rules of both Houses of Congress under which Federal officials are tried on charges of malfeasance in office. For nearly three weeks all legislative activity was suspended in the Senate while that body sat as a trial court. Seldom were there more than a dozen Senators in attendance at any one time during the presentation of the evidence for and against Judge Ritter. Not until the question of his guilt or innocence came to the final vote was there anything like a full attendance.

The feeling is general that the procedure in impeachment cases is perhaps the most solemn and serious transaction delegated to Congress under the Constitution, and that no matter how much it may impede the progress of legislation, the Senate is performing its highest duty when it sits as the court of final jurisdiction in impeachment trials.

Judge Ritter was accused of having improperly favored his former law partner in an important receivership, and accepting money derived from that receivership. He was acquitted on all of the specific charges, but convicted on the final one relating to bringing his court to the State. This anomalously resulted from the Federal bench.

Under the Constitution, the House of Representatives has the power to impeach a Federal official charged with high crimes and misdemeanors, and the Senate has the sole power to try the accused official on impeachment charges.

Only thirteen times in the history of the United States has a public official been impeached, and in only four has the impeached official been found guilty by the Senate.

The Federal Judge John Pickering was found guilty in 1804, Judge West H. Humphreys was impeached and convicted in 1822, Judge Robert W. Ayres was found guilty in 1913, and Judge Ritter's conviction makes the fourth.

The records of all impeached officials are those of President Andrew Johnson, who was impeached by the House of Representatives in 1867 and acquitted by the Senate.

It was by which Judge Ritter was convicted was barely the two-thirds majority required by the Constitution. It was not essentially a party issue. But there is some criticism of the process of impeachment that is arising from the fact that a majority of the Senators had been absent at the evidence.

It takes a long time to amend the Constitution, and it is not likely that any change will be made in the present movement to change the process so as to permit the impeachment of witnesses and evidence by competent agencies whose findings would then be submitted to the Senate for decision.

In the case of those previously found guilty under impeachment proceedings, the evidence has been accumulated by a prohibition against the city officials ever again holding an office of trust under the Federal Government. That clause was omitted from the verdict in Judge Ritter's case.

The one really vital piece of legislation on which the Senate will have to vote before adjournment, the new corporation reserve tax bill, has not reached the upper House. That is not to say, however, that the tax problem has not been given serious consideration by members of the Senate Finance Committee.

If the program which Senate leaders have in view is carried out, it seems probable that the new tax law will increase the general corporation income tax to perhaps 18 per cent, and touch a very lightly upon corporate reserves.

The more the question of taxing corporation reserves is studied, the more difficult it appears to find a rate capable of general application. A rate which might be fair in the case of one corporation might be unequal to another corporation of equal size. Therefore, the tendency is to go very slowly and apply this

## TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

**ALCOHOL . . . from U. S. crops**

Mussolini rides in a motor car which uses alcohol for fuel. Italy can produce alcohol but it cannot produce gasoline. In America we have been talking about a motor fuel, or a mixture of alcohol and gasoline, for a long time. This has been put forward as a means of helping the farmer.

We still have plenty of oil reserves and cheaper gasoline than anywhere else in the world. We also have cheaper alcohol, mostly made from imported molasses, for which we pay about 2½ cents a gallon. Alcohol produced from American farm products would be several times as expensive. Moreover, practical automobile engineers say that nobody has yet devised an engine that will work as well as the present engines.

I don't think we are going to get very far in that direction.

**GLASS . . . many sources**

Up in the country a good many of my neighbors are using a "bottled" gas for cooking. It comes in long cylindrical tanks, some of it just ordinary coal gas and some natural gas under pressure.

The other day an automobile ran through the streets of Detroit propelled by natural gas. Two small tanks carried enough gas to run a heavy car 70 miles.

That is another interesting experiment. Also, it is something that would be more useful in countries where cheap gasoline is not available anywhere. In London they are running buses on ordinary illuminating gas in tanks. Gasoline costs and since a gallon in England. That is about 38 cents. It costs about the same in Germany, where they are running some tanks and buses carrying their own gas generators, using wood, coal or charcoal to manufacture the gas inside the vehicle.

All of those things are expedients which do not seem economical from the American point of view.

**GLASSES . . . not here**

Ours is the only country in which humanity is not divided into distinct and usually hostile classes. We have no peasantry tied to the soil as they have on the continent of Europe; no working class in a process of ever getting out of that class, as in England.

I hear of many efforts to break up groups of Americans class-conscious. I don't think any of them will succeed in setting class against class, because it is so easy for any American to remove himself from one social or economic group into another.

If we ever do succeed in dividing Americans into two classes, I think they will be the self-reliant class and the beggar class.

**DRINKS . . . easing down**

I went to the annual luncheon of the Associated Press the other day. At my table were ten men, among them some of the most distinguished publishers and editors of great newspapers in all America. Beside every plate, as we sat down, was a cocktail. As we got up from the table after luncheon I noticed that five out of ten cocktails were still there, the glasses untouched.

I think that is about the percentage of drinking in these days among men whose business calls on them to keep their heads clear. I have noticed the same abstinence at several other recent public and private dinners at which drinks were served.

I think there has been a change since repeal. People no longer drink as a gesture of defiance of an unpopular law. Neither do they get it for fear they may not soon have a chance to get another.

**PRESIDENTS . . . of ours**

Partly by accident and partly in the course of my newspaper work, I have had the opportunity to meet and get acquainted with every President of the United States since Gen. Grant. Lately I have been meeting some possible future presidents.

A couple of weeks ago, I went with some friends to the White House where we had a two-hour talk with

## Jackson Republicans STEAL SERGEANT'S To Nominate Ticket POLICE PATROL CAR

The Republicans of Jackson County will meet in convention on Friday of next week, and name their county ticket, according to a convention call issued this week by Chairman E. P. Stillwell and Secretary C. H. Nicholson.

The convention call reads: "A convention of the Republican party of Jackson County is hereby called to meet at 3:00 P. M., on Friday, May 8, 1936, at the Court House in Sylva, Jackson County, North Carolina, for the purpose of organization and suggesting and filing a County ticket for the November election, and to transact other business in the interest of the Republican Party as may properly come before the convention."

Each Republican Township organization in Jackson County is urged to call a meeting immediately in their respective Townships and select delegates to attend the County Convention to be held at the above time and place.

Interesting speakers will be provided for the occasion, and we urge a full attendance.

All are cordially invited and especially the ladies and the young men and the young women are urged to attend.

This the 27th day of April, 1936  
E. P. Stillwell, Chairman County Republican Executive Committee.  
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Three men, giving their names as E. A. Cole, Henry Barrett and Arrio Book, all of Weaverville, are in jail here this evening, facing serious charges, having been captured this afternoon in the Qualla woods after a series of escapades, and a chase across nearly half of Jackson county.

They took Highway Patrol Sergeant W. W. Stone's gun and highway patrol car, held up a man and forced him to call a taxicab, kidnapped a taxi driver, and forced him to take them for a ride.

Sergeant Stone, genial but fearless officer, was trailing a liquor car on the highway down Savannah creek, this afternoon. The ruffians ditched their car, near the home of J. T. Bryson. Sergeant Stone drew alongside, and walked over to the other vehicle. The liquor men, three in number, overpowered the officer, took his arms, jumped into his patrol car and fled in the direction of Dilboro. The sergeant, Chief of Police J. A. Turpin, and Sheriff Mason and his deputies gave chase, as quickly as they could, and officers in other counties were notified to be on the alert. The fugitives came through Dilboro, headed west on Highway 10, and toward Cherokee, the Great Smokies and Tennessee, on 112. At Hayes mill on Soco, they turned into a side road, and left the patrol car a half mile from the highway. Returning afoot to the mill, they forced the calling of a taxicab, and then kidnapped the driver and made him bring them back to the Qualla school, where they took to the woods and hid like partridges, to be picked up by the officers, who soon had them surrounded.

They were brought to Sylva, where they were waiting to see what would happen. They were held in the Qualla school, this morning.

What Judge John M. Oglesby will have to say about such carryings-on, when they face him in superior court in Sylva, next month.

## Jackson's Political Pot Is Beginning To Boil

Many Improvements At High Hampton Inn

Since before the close of the tourist season last year, a force of from 20 to 60 men has been employed making additions and improvements at High Hampton Inn, beautiful, popular and historic resort in Cashier's Valley.

Three attractive, new cottages have been erected, adding eighteen rooms to the capacity of the inn.

A thirty-foot, arch type concrete dam has been constructed on the estate, between the upper and lower lakes, backing water through the spillway of the upper lakes, making a total length of one mile in the new lake, and a maximum width of 100 feet.

Additional lawns have been added and landscaped.

The inn will open on May 22 with the annual convention of the South Carolina Textile Association in session. Many reservations have been made by members of the association, and also by many officials of the North Carolina Textile Association.

A new barn for saddle horses has been added since last season.

Work on the construction of up-to-date, grass greens on the golf course, using bent grasses, is now in progress, and a nursery for the propagation of these grasses is being prepared.

The lakes are heavily stocked with mountain trout, and because of the increased capacity of the waters, restocking is being done. In addition to trout obtained from State hatcheries, it is said that thousands of trout have been hatched in the lakes, this spring.

Attractive rearing pools with ornamental fountains have been installed since last year, and are filled with tiny trout.

With Mrs. E. L. McKee, former Senator from this district and Adam Moses, well-known school teacher, both in the race for the State Senate, with the Republican County Convention to meet next Friday to nominate a county ticket; with others feeling their way about against the closing hour for filing; and with the supporters of Clyde Hoey and Sandy Graham trying to crystallize sentiment for their respective candidates for Governor; the political pot is really beginning to boil in Jackson.

Already filed before Chairman Aaron Hooper of the Board of Elections are: For the State Senate, Mrs. McKee and Mr. Moses; for Sheriff, Jack Cooper (Sheriff Mason has not yet filed, but will be a candidate to succeed himself); for Register, Deeds, Mrs. Margaret Sherrill Roane.

It is understood that Representative T. C. Bryson will again be a candidate for the House.

With the Winston-Salem school teacher, Dr. Ralph McDonald, apparently having great strength in the industrial centers of the Piedmont, and holding a lead over Hoey and Graham in straw polls of both The State and the daily papers of North Carolina, the proponents of Hoey and Graham are bestirring themselves in anticipation of having to "run it off" with McDonald. Either of the other camps are confident they can defeat Mac in a second primary, in the event he should be one of the two high men in the first bout; for, it is argued, the Graham followers would go to Hoey if Sandy were eliminated, and the supporters of Hoey would go to the Lieutenant Governor against McDonald. Where the partisans of the Winston-Salem hell-raiser would pitch their tents in the event their idol were knocked out in the first round, nobody will attempt to predict. They have not even considered such an eventuality, so sure are they that he will remain for the finish.

His manager and side-kick, Willie Lee Lumpkin, from down in Franklin county, was here Monday, on his tour of the mountains. So far the Forsyth giant-killer has developed no great strength in this county, that is visible to the naked eye. The same story is true in all the other counties of the Congressional district, except in Buncombe and McDowell. In Jackson both Hoey and Graham have visible leadership. John J. Maney is managing the local campaign for the Lieutenant Governor, and Raymond Sutton that of the Shelby orator.

**ERWIN WILL SPEAK FRIDAY**

Clyde Ewins, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will be the speaker at the graduating exercises of Sylva High School, tomorrow night. The commencement season began last week with the U. D. Contest in reading and declamation, for the Gertrude Dil's McKee medal. For reading, Miss Ollie Hall won the medal; and that for declamation went to Bobby Atrial. Miss Hall is from Qualla; and Mr. Atrial's home is in Sylva. A feature thought worthy of especial mention was the reading of her own composition by Miss Susie Belle Tatham. The sketch, based on the experience of her grandmother with Kirk's raiders, was well written and well read by the young writer.

Rev. P. L. Elliott delivered the annual sermon, Sunday morning.

The elementary exercises were held today, with Rev. H. M. Hoentz as the speaker.

Class day and graduation exercises will be held tomorrow and tomorrow evening.

Saturday evening the senior class play, "Chintz Cottage", will be presented, under direction of Mrs. Chester Scott.

The beautiful memorial is being erected on the campus of the college in honor of Prof. Robert L. Madison, founder of the institution, and whose work in behalf of education will always be held in grateful remembrance in Jackson county and Western North Carolina. Founder of the school almost half a century ago, Mr. Madison is now an active member of its faculty.

All friends of the school and of Mr. Madison are invited to the party.

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## QUALLA

(By Ms. J. K. Terrell)

Rev. J. L. Rogers preached at the Baptist church Sunday morning. His subject was "The Ark of Safety".

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Johnson of Hayes were Qualla visitors, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. McLaughlin visited relatives at Cullowhee, Sunday.

Mrs. Louise Edwards is visiting at Whiteside.

Mr. and Mr. D. M. Shuler, Mrs. M. L. Blanton, Mrs. Dona Davis and Mr. Ralph Oxner were dinner guests at Mr. Dock Snyder's, Sunday.

Mr. W. R. Freeman called on relatives at Cherokee, Sunday.

Mr. Frank Cordel of Laffy was in Qualla, Sunday.

Willard Freeman of Beta is visiting at Mr. W. R. Freeman's.

Miss Mary Battle returned to her school near Almond after a visit with home folks.

Mrs. A. C. Hoy's, Miss Edna Hoyle and Mr. Elad Book made a trip to Beta, Sunday.

Mrs. Faye Varner of Whittier spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. C. P. Shelton.

## MOTHER'S DAY AT EAST SYLVA

For Mother's Day, May, 10, East Sylva Baptist church, R. F. Mayberry, pastor, and W. H. Beasley, Sunday School superintendent, has the following program planned:

9:45 Sunday School.  
10:30 Sunday School program.  
11:00 Special music.  
11:15 Sermon, Rev. J. E. Brown.  
12:00 Dinner.  
1:15 Devotional.  
1:30 Address, R. F. Jarrett.  
2:00 Special quartet and chorus singing.

## BENEFIT PARTY FOR MADISON MEMORIAL

The Alumni Association of Western Carolina Teachers College is going to give a benefit party, to raise funds for the completion of the Madison Memorial, in the parlors of Moore dormitory, next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Charles Morgan and Mrs. C. C. Buchanan compose the committee in charge of arrangements; and Mrs. Frank H. Brown is in charge of the preparation and serving of the refreshments.

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