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SECRETARY W. J. BRYAN GIVES UP SEAT IN CABINET

Wanted Differences With Germany Referred To An International Court And Urged Warning to Americans to Keep Off Belligerent Ship Carrying Ammunition.

Washington, June 9.—Just as the new American note to Germany was started on its way over the telegraph wires, Mr. Bryan at his home gave out a statement on his position.

Secretary Bryan's statement contends the difficulties between Germany and the United States should be investigated by an international commission and that Americans should be warned to keep off belligerent ships or those carrying ammunition thru the danger zone.

Bryan's farewell interview, "I believe you are wrong and that I can convince you of it," Bryan is quoted as having said with a smile in his farewell interview with the President today. He told Mr. Wilson he believed he could be of service in the country by securing an expression of the peaceful desires of the nation and help to prevent war.

Road Law is Unjust

A viciously unjust law is that which compels young men who often do not own a foot of land or a horse and do not directly need the roads, to build and keep up the country roads, while men who own thousands of acres or have bought and never do a stroke of work on them, will get the fruit of this compulsory labor of these poor young men. Also big farmers and merchants who haul heavy loads over these roads, some every day, but have passed the age limit, need not do a lick of work on these roads.

It seems to me that it should be the wealth that should be taxed and not the individual.—Otto Johnson, in The Progressive Farmer.

Keel-Peel.

The marriage of Miss Ida Peel to Mr. Jesse Keel, at eight o'clock on Tuesday evening of last week, was interesting to the social life of the county. The marriage was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Peel, Rev. W. R. Burrell performing the ceremony.

Mr. Keel is prominent young farmer of the Robersonville section, and the bride is a splendid type of the womanhood of the county. They carry with them into their new life the best wishes of a host of friends.

The Gaiety has been drawing good crowds, and attractive pictures are being exhibited. "The Perils of Pauline" and "The Master Key" are both interesting serials, and will entertain any audience. Tuesday night, the voting closed, and announcement was made that Miss Daisy Manning had won. Manager Walker presented her with a ticket good for two months.

Rev. M. E. Bethea, Messrs. Julius Peele and Jack Biggs spent Friday evening in Plymouth

FORWARD MOVEMENT

The Board of County Commissioners at the session on Monday, placed our county in line with the foremost counties in North Carolina. At this meeting they appropriated the sum of \$600 for one year for the purpose of promoting the agricultural interest and advancement of the county.

The National government also pays the same amount, which puts an experienced man in the field for the full time, whose business it shall be to travel the county daily and assist any farmer in the county in any matter that effects the field, the herd or the flock.

He will be required to vaccinate against cholera every hog in the county, if the owners demand it and he can get to them; the work is given free, the farmer only having to pay for the virus, which will average about 25 cents for each hog.

When we reflect and think how little we know except what we have learned from others, and if we could only have a vision of the many things we do not know then surely we would open our eyes and ears to every channel of information available. We hope and urge that our farmers will grasp the opportunity from the start and get the most out of this forward and necessary movement.

Our Commissioners are to be commended for this act, because it helps the business of at least 90 per cent of our population and means much from the start. But the force and power for good, which will be created, will go on for ages.

Enjoyed Barbecue

The Charitable Brotherhood gave a barbecue on the school campus on Wednesday. There were quite a number of Brotherhood men from out of town, and the occasion was highly enjoyed.

The Brotherhood has been organized in this section for a number of years, and has proven very helpful. There are thirteen lodges in Martin County and eleven of them were represented here Wednesday. This is an assessment insurance order, but no member is assessed more than \$1.00 upon the death of a member, and no death claim can be more than \$1,000.

June Term of Court.

On Monday morning, the June Term of Martin County Superior Court will convene with Judge Frank Carter presiding, and Solicitor Allsbrook appearing for the State. The term will last only one week, that will be given mainly to the Criminal Docket, which was laid over in many cases, from the March Term.

There are several important cases, among which is that of Emmett Wynn, who shot and killed William Warren at the home of Mrs. Baynor six months ago. Wynn has been out on bond ever since, as circumstances made it appear justifiable.

I am prepared to furnish dressed flooring, ceiling, weatherboarding cheap to my mill in Jamesville, or on cars if desired. Luther Hardison.

Town Commissioners Meet

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday night, and elected policemen Emmett Edwards and J. T. Patrick, who will serve as they have been doing for the past year. Leslie Fowden and F. K. Hodges were elected Police Commissioners. The town was divided into two parts, Smithwick Street being the dividing line. James R. Robertson was appointed Street Commissioner for that portion of the town on the north east side of the street, and Arthur Anderson for the northwest side and Leslie Fowden was elected secretary to the board.

Perhaps the most important action of the board was the appointing of a Clean-Up Day on Monday, June 21st. Every citizen is expected to clean his own lot, and if not convenient to remove the trash, it may be placed in some accessible place, and the town cart will haul it away. The co-operation of the Woman's Betterment Association and the Boy Scouts is earnestly desired. This crusade against uncleanness will be thoroughly advertised and all citizens who stand for the town beautiful, will enter heartily into the work. The Board is commended for its desire to make Williamston what it should be in Civic improvement.

Institute For Three Weeks

The Martin County Teachers' Institute will convene in Williamston at the Graded school building on June 21st. Prof. J. T. Jerome will conduct the Institute and Miss Boyce of Raleigh, will assist. Supt. Manning has planned to make this the best Institute ever held here, and has added one week to the regular term of two weeks.

These institutes have done much for the advancement of education in Martin county, and it is designed to make them much more helpful in teacher training, a most important factor in the school life. Without trained teachers, no educational system can stand and the children will grow up with not even a meagre knowledge of those things necessary in the battle of life.

Landed in Jail

Chief of Police C. P. Walker, of Robersonville, brought William Webb, colored, to jail Monday, who is charged with attempt to burn a house. From all indications, the charge seems pretty straight. It seems that he saturated some portion of the house of Joe Rawls with gasoline, and struck a match to it. However, the flames were put out before the house was consumed.

Saturday Night Robbery

Sunday morning it was discovered that the drug store of Saunders & Fowden had been entered from the rear window. The cash register had been robbed, but only a small amount of change had been left in it.

The grocery store of Roberson & Co., had also been entered, but only a few articles were missed. There is no clue to the burglars.

Misses Maud and Lalla Wynn are at home from the Training School.

A PARTY VIS- ITS PUNGO

View Great Potato Fields --Great Corn Crops and Other Crops Growing

TWO HUNDRED ACRES IN POTATOES ALONE

On Saturday, May 29th, a party consisting of Matthew Bissell, W. D. Daniel, Joshua and Lawrence Ellis and Claudius Hardison left for the Primitive Baptist Union at Pungo. They started about 8.30 and stopped at Pine-town a short while. From there, they proceeded to Pungo, arriving at 11 o'clock. Mr. Joseph Paul kindly entertained them that night. After breakfast Sunday morning, they toured through the canal section of Winona, viewing one of the finest corn-growing sections of the State. Some of those canals were about 15 ft. deep and 20 ft. wide. The water was spinning down them like a mill race, while in some it was barely running. They were accompanied by R. W. Paul, who acted as pilot.

Some times the Ford was in mud and peat up to the axle but the sturdy little car and its clever driver, Claudius Hardison, took them through all safe. Some of the roads traveled had never registered the track of an auto before. After the trip through this section, the party went to church, where strong sermons by noted ministers were delivered.

The hospitality of the people was most marked; everybody gave an invitation to their home.

They took dinner at the home of a Mr. Carter, and then started for home. Rain had made the roads slopy, and so traveling was difficult. Passing through Pantego, and losing the way for several times, they came to the Wilkinson farm and drove in to look over the crop. Never had seen such fields of Irish Potatoes. It seemed like the rows were a mile long, and there must have been 200 acres in potatoes alone. Driving along the bank of one of the canals, they came to where corn was growing. It was a sight to see dead trees standing over the fields, while logs, the stumps and tree tops were so thick that one could go over the field without stepping on the earth. With all this they can raise more corn there, than can be grown in Martin County after a plenty of fertilizer has been used. Right in the midst of this growing corn, could be seen piles of the finest heart shingles, which people had made in the field. The people clear their land in a peculiar manner. They cut part of the trees, and set the whole country on fire. Sometimes the fire burns for months under ground, killing all vegetation. After this they go in and plant corn about in this rich soil. Rows are never laid off, as the soil is too thickly covered with debris and a horse could not go ten feet without falling.

The people said that the fire was so severe in one instance, that it picked up a railroad car and lifted it off the track, while the air gathered in with such velocity that it would pop and burst like thunder. It lifted logs out of the mire and high in the air.

After leaving the Wilkinson farm, they took the road for home, making the trip all safe and without a single mishap.

(Contributed)

Home Team Held to One

The third game of ball between Williamston & Robersonville was played on the diamond of the latter Wednesday afternoon. About twenty fans from here went up and enjoyed the game, which after the third inning was interesting, as both teams "got on the job." Ross for the locals pitched a good game, allowing six hits, Thrower for the visitors giving four. The game was won on errors mainly, as Williamstons infield weakened at several critical points. Critcher, the visitors' famous catcher, kept the goose egg out their basket, making a run in the sixth. The batteries of both teams did excellent work, and but for errors, the 10th inning might have been played.

J. Calvin Smith umpired the game and the visitors are loud in their praise of his impartial and correct rulings.

Score, 7 to 1 in favor of Robersonville.

J. Paul Simpson had a car load of Maxwell autos shipped here last week, and one had slipped its moorings, and not only injured itself but the two other cars. A machinist was sent here to inspect them and repair what damage he could, and two of them were fixed. All three cars had been sold when ordered.

One More Honor Student

Invitations to the graduating exercises at the E. C. T. T. School at Greenville, have been received here by friends, who are pleased to know that Miss Bernice May Fagan, of this place, will graduate this term with as high honors as have ever been given at the school.

Miss Fagan has held a very prominent part in school life during her four years course, having twice been elected president of her class, also president and sec. of the Sidney Lanier Literary Society. It is pleasant to be represented anywhere by this young woman, as she will reflect honor on Martin county at all times.

At Home From Honeymoon

Mr. and Mrs. Van Taylor, Jr., of the Spring Green section, who were married at Ayden on last Wednesday by the Rev. Morrison Bethea, have returned from a trip to Richmond and other places, and are at the elegant home of the groom's parents.

Mr. Taylor is one of Martin County's splendid young sons, and Mrs. Taylor, as Miss Dorothy Dixon, taught school in Martin, and is the attractive daughter of Mrs. Catherine Dixon. The young couple are receiving the congratulations and good wishes of numerous friends.

Accidentally Shot.

Monday, Joe H. Williams, was going out a screened door at his home with a pistol in his hand, with which he was to shoot a cat when he caught the pistol in the door in some way and fired, striking Charlotte Slade in the hip. The wound is not serious, however, and the shot was purely accidental.

Mrs. A. D. Mizell spent Saturday in Rocky Mount.

A FINE STU- DENT BODY

Fine Showing Made By Williamston College Stu- dents--No Other Town in State Has Made a Better Showing.

Perhaps, no town in the State can make a better showing in its college students than Williamston has this year. It is indeed gratifying to every citizen of the town and county to have the girls and boys go out among others and bring home the laurels which are tokens of diligent study. Pupils of the Graded School here are said to stand with the best in the State, when they go to the colleges. The number of students from the town are as follows:

Misses Hilda Crawford and Vada Wynne, graduated at Greensboro College for Women; Miss Frances Knight won a scholarship at Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C.; Miss Eva Peele, honor pupil at St. Mary's School, and won the Parker Prize in Botany; Miss Emma Robertson, graduated at the E. C. Training School and won medal; Misses Allie Hadley and Martha Ward, graduated at Oxford College, and were President and Vice President respectively of their class; Grover C. Godwin, graduated in medicine at Virginia Medical College and received a hospital appointment; Eugene Bethea has scholarship at the University of Virginia; William H. Harrell first year student in medicine at U. N. C.; Miss Sue Legget, first year pupil at Littleton College; Miss Louise Upton, second year pupil at Carolina College at Maxton; Miss Fannie Murt Manning, third year at Atlantic Christian College; Miss Mary Louise Carstarphen, second year student at St. Mary's School; Miss Lalla Wynne, first year student at E. C. T. T. School; Miss Carrie Dell Blount, first year at Greensboro College; Miss Eva Wynne, first year at Greensboro College; Miss Maud Wynne, first year student at E. C. T. T. School; Leroy Anderson, business course at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Miss Sallie Hadley, third year at Atlantic Christian College.

All of these young men and women with the exception of Eugene Bethea, were trained at the Williamston Graded School. It is a list of splendid students and mark it, they will form important component parts in the making of the life of the towns in which it may please a wise Providence to place them.

The Locusts Are Coming.

Among all the other evils attendant upon war conditions and various other things, 17-year locusts are scheduled to arrive in North Carolina. They will attack mainly the western part of the State, but are said to be looking for Washington county, which is adjoining Martin. The pests are very destructive, and must be fought vigorously to keep them from destroying young trees, etc. Bordeaux Mixture is recommended for them. Those counties that are to be invaded will have to take every known precaution to combat their ravages.

Quite a number of people have been suffering from vaccination for the past week.