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Holidays presuppose week days. In that case how does the Republican Congress justify its two weeks' vacation?

Senator Gronna was in the midst of a fine speech against his party's "rag rule" in the Senate when he was gagged and could proceed no further.

President Wilson ate a hearty Christmas dinner, says the news. "Doctor Moses doubtless read that announcement with interest and wonder."

The recent history of the Senate seems to show that a "Progressive" is a Republican politician who backs up when "Boss" Penrose gives the order.

There were fewer calls for charity on Christmas this year than ever before. Republicans failed in their effort to make an issue of war, and now they can point to no famine as a reason for putting them in power. Penitence is the only hope remaining.

It is a strange commentary that Chairman Will H. Hays makes on the present leadership of the Republican party when he stipulates that competitors for the prize of \$10,000 to be offered for the best suggestions for the next Republican national platform shall be "young men or young women under 25 years of age." Has he no confidence in the ancients of his party? Does he too doubt the wisdom and ability of the men who have been managing the G. O. P. for these many years? Is it possible that he has come to believe—with the rest of the country—that youth "under 25 years of age" are as capable of making a successful Republican platform as Senator Lodge or Majority Leader Mondell of the House of Representatives, for example?

Welcome to Riddle, Chamber of Commerce Secretary. The Dispatch takes pleasure in welcoming to Dunn T. L. Riddle, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Orange County. He comes to help us build a greater town; to aid in attaining that goal toward which Dunn strives to move.

We can do little without the wholehearted aid of all of our people. Now is the enthusiasm of the chamber's beginning, all of us promise and are willing to give that aid. If we remain in the present mood Mr. Riddle's pathway will be smooth. Few obstacles can beset his way. But there is always the danger that this enthusiasm will wane. Really, there is the certainty that many who now promise support will tire in the stream of battle. It is against those that we must guard.

If our secretary is to prove valuable to the community, the support of the best men of the community must always be his.

The President and The Railroads

None of President's critics even among his political opponents can truthfully charge that in his action with respect to the railroads he has moved hastily or without giving the Republican majority in Congress a fair opportunity to formulate and enact a permanent measure to safeguard the interests of stockholders and the public's rights. Although it was conceded a big problem, this return of the roads to private ownership under whatever form of Federal supervision the people desired to have exercised, certainly Congress had ample time in which to supply a solution. That some definite and final disposition of the roads was necessary both to their stockholders and users was manifest to every member of Congress.

When the Republican leaders of the Sixty-sixth Congress dabbled with vital questions and wasted six months of the special session without approaching a serious consideration of S. President Wilson could have turned the situation to the disadvantage of the party in control of legislation. But he preferred to regard the country's welfare first and last, rather than seek political gain by an official act in so important a matter.

It is certain that many Republicans in Congress would have hesitated not at all had they been in his place—to capitalize such a conspicuous opportunity to their own aggrandizement and the confusion of their opponents. Some persons may regret that President Wilson did not repay in kind the treatment which he has received at the hands of Republican leaders in the Senate and the House of Representatives, but the vast majority of American citizens will approve his course and see in his action a patriotic effort to put the country's good before his own or his party's interest.

Harnett News Passes First Mile Stone

It is with keen pleasure that we note the successful termination of the first year of our young friend, The Harnett County News, published at Lillington by Henderson Steele. Last week's issue rounded out this year. That issue was so full of advertising that we are convinced that Steele has made a "go" of the thing that so many have tried with little success.

The News has an excellent plant—one that any town should be proud of—and its editor has given Lillington a newspaper that ranks high among the weeklies of Tarheelia. The Dispatch commends his enterprise and congratulates him and Lillington upon the success that has come and is in store. May he and the News live long and prosper.

The Knitting Mill A Probability

It appears that Dunn is to become the site of a branch of the great Carr Knitting Mill industry. There is, however, a possibility that the opportunity will be lost to the community through disinterestedness on the part of those who should cooperate with the Chamber of Commerce in its effort to land the thing.

What is needed now is the assurance that the company will have sufficient help to operate a plant. There should be no trouble in giving this assurance. Good pay, clean and wholesome work is offered young women. The opportunity to learn is offered—and pay will be given while in the process.

Help is the only problem. It is here. There are no enterprises employing women in large numbers. There are many who can work. There are some who should. This is the first enterprise whose coming to Dunn depends upon the women. We have enough faith in the women to believe that they will do their part.

IN AND ABOUT THE TOWN

D. Sam Cox here for the American Business Company, has fallen in love with Dunn and promises to make his stay here as long as possible. He sees our town, however, and doesn't hesitate to point them out. Principal among these is the untidy condition of the streets and alleys. He says it is a shame that a town so pretty and with such nicely paved streets should be allowed to become so absolutely and absurdly dirty. If we were down around the Canal Zone he says, all of us would die of yellow fever, bubonic plague or some other pestilence. Our hotel facilities offer another sore spot for Mr. Cox. It is not the best that he has seen elsewhere. He receives his most lasting impression of Dunn. That impression cannot be good under present conditions, he says. He advises that the business men of Dunn take turns at spending a few winter days and nights in local hotels. Then, he points out, they will have a pretty thorough knowledge of what visitors think of Dunn.

The thirty employees of the Barnes and Holliday Company have banded themselves into an organization with an ambition to sell half a million dollars worth of goods this year. Harper McD. Holliday, son of the big chief, is president of the association and Fred Baggett is its secretary. Every employee, including every body from Mr. Holliday down to the colored truck drivers, is a member. Every Monday night they meet in the store to discuss different phases of the business and to exchange ideas for the good of the house. We met with the crowd last Monday night and were given a new insight to the reasons for the big establishment's success. The meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. Proctor, of the furniture department. Then Mrs. Harper Holliday sang a solo in that deep, rich sweet voice that has endeared her to the hearts of Dunn people. Mrs. Bob Swain played the accompaniment on the piano. With these preliminaries out of the way E. L. Cooke, Rector Strickland, Mrs. Proctor and John C. Phillips made talks on the efficacy of advertising and the best way to use it. These were parts of the set program. Then the big boss talked to his men and women on esprit de corps, telling them how much he expected of them. It is a fine idea and is being excellently carried out. It will do a lot for the Barnes & Holliday Company and for Dunn during the coming year.

Harvey McKay has uncovered a 58-year old edition of the Pine Bluff Arkansas Dispatch, published in the town in which his father and mother were married and lived before the elder McKay returned to the hills of his native Harnett forty years ago. The Dispatch is dated December 1, 1866 and is in excellent state of preservation. It is, much to the envy of present day newspaper men, printed on bond paper that would cost two bits a pound in this day. The edition carries stories of questions that were still unsettled by the civil war and mentions in one of its stories the Rev. H. McNair, a noted Presbyterian minister who officiated at the wedding of Harvey's parents. Showing the deplorable conditions of newspaper men that day, however, are several advertisements of a beverage known as whiskey. J. H. Sparks was the editor at that time and he boasts that a certain druggist had just brought him some "preparations" that were good "when properly used."

In another column an advertisement chronicles the fact that the druggist had a choice line of fine wines, brandies and liquors.

There was some of the "viewing with alarm" resolutions put before the celebration of the Fifty-sixth Anniversary Celebration of the Emancipation of the Negro held here by Harnett County negroes on January 1. It speaks of the fact that white men continue to bear political burdens while they devoted all of

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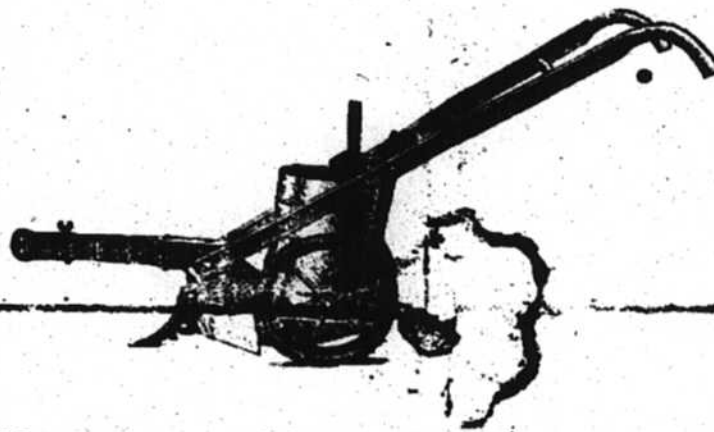


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WANTED GIRLS

Girls willing to learn hosiery looping and those experienced in looping who wish employment in Dunn will please write or leave their address with The Dispatch. Attention Durham Hosiery Mill.

Miss Gladys Warren has returned to school at Oxford, he placed in the same category with idleness."

Representative Snell of New York says: "We will never have a prosperous country unless the railroads themselves are prosperous."

Gov. McKelvie of Nebraska says that "wastefulness and extravagance are twin evils of this hour and may day's work in their lives."

their attention to leading the negro out of that darkness which has so long retarded his progress. Prof. J. G. Smith, principal of the negro schools, led all of his pupils to the hall in which the celebration was held. He read the emancipation proclamation and pointed with pride to his charges who were endeavoring to fit themselves for respectable citizenship. W. H. Quick, a colored lawyer of Sanford, was the principal speaker. He emphasized the necessity for thrift, industry and training and said nothing about politics or Jim Crow car laws. Dr. Codrington and Rev. H. W. Horton, also among the speakers spoke along the same line. All were proud of the progress the race had made under great difficulties and were hopeful of greater things as white and colored people grew to understand each other better.

Because there was no evidence that he had done anything wrong the case against Sing Jung, Chinese laundryman, was dismissed when it came before the Superior Court for trial this week. Sing was arrested on a charge of having stolen money from a pocket book he found in his laundry. The pocket book belonged to a man named Barefoot who left it there when he called for his laundry. Sing found the purse and put it away for safe keeping. When Mr. Barefoot returned he handed it to him. Several hours later Mr. Barefoot returned a second time, alleging that \$50 was missing. Sing knew nothing of it and was sent to court. Several of Dunn's business men went to Lillington to prove the Chinaman of good character. As soon as the facts were presented to the Judge he dismissed the case.

BARBOUR-CLARKE.
Robert Hassell Barbour and Mrs. Blanche Proctor Clarke, two of Dunn's most popular young persons, were married last Thursday in the Baptist Parsonage in Fayetteville. Rev. Mr. Schneider officiated. Only a few of the closest friends of the couple knew of their intention to wed. In consequence few witnessed the ceremony. After a wedding supper at the LaPayette they returned to their home here. Mrs. Barbour is a daughter of Mrs. Jennie Ward Proctor and has made many friends during her few months of residence here. Mr. Barbour is a Johnston County boy and has been employed in the Hood & Grantham drug store for several months in Dunn.

GODWIN ITEMS.
Mrs. Chas. W. Spell spent Thursday in Wade with Mrs. Alex McNeill. Mrs. H. A. Parker of Dunn is spending a few days with her mother Mrs. Mary Vick.

Mrs. Norma Pope spent Sunday in Godwin with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pope.

Miss Milo Jones is spending a few days in Wilmington with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ward are spending a few days in Florence S. C. with friends.

Misses Sadie Markham and Annye Beelle Graham have returned to Greensboro where they are students in N. C. W.

Harvey Markham left for Washington, D. C. Saturday to take up his studies.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Osterkamp are spending a few days with Mrs. Osterkamp's parents Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Graham.

Miss Gladys Watson of Dallas, Ga. has arrived to take charge of the music department in the Godwin High School.

Miss Ethel Graham has returned to Linden to take up her duties as a member of the school faculty.

Miss Estaline Starling of Kershaw S. C., is spending her vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Starling.

C. C. Godwin and two sons Chris Jr and Linwood of Panama City, Fla. have returned to their home after spending several days with his mother Mrs. E. McIntyre.

Mrs. Haywood Howard of Salemburg has returned to her home after spending several days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Markham.

Mrs. M. E. Starling and daughter Zula Mae have returned to Antrimville where they are teachers in the Antrimville School.

Miss Lowney Olive of Dunn spent Friday in Godwin with her sister Mrs. John Graham.

Miss Rebecca Godwin of Atlanta, Ga. spent Tuesday in Godwin with Miss Ruby Turner.

Miss Callie Rhodes of Washington, D. C., is spending her vacation with her mother Mrs. A. M. Rhodes.

Mrs. Ruby Turner and Lucile McIntyre have returned to Flora McDonald College where they are students.