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SECRETARY BAKER

Newspapers and Many Prominent People Pronunce Him a Failure in Office.

OPINIONS OF SOUTHERN NEWS-PAPERS.

The question of the competency or incompetency of Secretary of War Baker, is just now commanding the attention of the entire Nation. It will not do to pass this question up lightly and say that it is a matter of politics, for it is not. The fight against Secretary Baker is led by Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, a Mississippian by birth; a man so strong with the people of his state that he was, a democrat, elected to the United States senate by a legislature containing a majority of republicans; a man who has sho never been defeated for office in Ore- try. gon a republican state, though always running on the democratic ticket.

It is not a personal matter, but it is of too great importance to overlook or forgive, if Mr. Baker has been half so negligent of his duty as the

Senator charges.

the winter, and had it not been for the good women of Tryon busying themselves and providing quilts and blankets many would have suffered worse than they did. Mr. Baker says it was impossible for him to secure these things. Then why was it possible for private citizens to purchase these articles and send them to Tryon? Somebody has blundered. If it is Mr. Baker he should step down and out. If it is some one under him, that person should be made to pay

Below we publish extracts from leading democratic papers of the south on this question, and what they

think of Mr. Baker: The Macon, Ga., Daily Telegraph: "In respects he has betrayed an astounding ignorance of the progress of great and vital divisions of war prosecution under his executive control."

Tampa, Fla., Times: Congressmen who have been in France and investigated conditions of our troops at the front do not confirm all the roseate stories which emanate from Washington. They tell of batteries being sent to the front that have not year had a gun to train with or use in any form; they tell of a shortage of clothing, and of uniforms being ordered from already overtaxed English firms; of a shortage of nearly all supplies needed to equip troops in the field."

Norfolk, Va., Pilot: "During the week in which the drafted men at the various encampments throughout the country have been destitute of provision against the rigors of winter the supply bureaus of the War Department have not been ignorant of that fact. Inspecting officers have reported it generals in local command have emphasized it. But nothing adequate was done to relieve the situation, though our embyro soldiers were dying by scores from insufficiency of clothing, quarters and hospital room until the matter was made public and Congress took it up with determination to ascertain exact conditions and fix the blame for them

where it belonged." Memphis, Tenn., Commercial-Appeal: "Thegreat national war enginewhich as yet has no fly wheel, ceased to have pressure brought against it and it stopped. Up to date the busiress of war has been principally huckstering for commissions, positions, jobs and seeking soft places in the army and making contracts to get the Government's money with the least possible expenditure of effort." El Paso, Tex., Morning Times. "By his testimony before the Senate investigating committee, Secretary Baker

has proven himself unfit for the position he is holding in the service of the Government."

Knoxville, Tenn., Journal and Tribune: "Under existing circumstances, and in view of recent developments, President Wilson himself must begin to at least have a shadow of doubt if at Sandy Plains Sunday afternoon he has a man in the war office who measures up to a desired stature, while the country has on its hands

the doing of a gigantic task."
Richmond, Va., Evening Journal: "He has been proven unequal to the demands and must give way for the good of the service which is of paramount importance.'

All the blood, all the heroism, all the munitions and all the money in the world will not win this war unless our Soldiers, our Sailors and our fighting Associates are fed. They will not be fed, this terrible sacrifice of blood and money will be in vain, and the cause of Democracy will be defeated, unless every person, in every home, every day, guards the Nation's supply of

and SUGAR. ARE YOU DOING YOUR SHARE!

WHEAT, BEEF, PORK, FATS

SALUDA.

The two or three days of moderate weather lately has been a boon which

a harbinger of spring.

The evangelists, Messrs. Reese and Schofield are conducting a series of meetings at the Baptist church with a good attendance, nothwithstanding the inclement weather and much in-

terest seems to be manifested. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lane spent Sunday afternoon in Tryon visiting Mrs. LaMorte, Mr. Lane's sister.

Dr. J. C. Bushnell is still in Hampton, Va., as near the front as he could get waiting and watching for a chance to "do his bit" to "keep the world safe for democracy."

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Corwith have returned after spending a month visiting relatives and friends in Illinois, and look as if they had been having a fine time there.

Mrs. B. I. Hazard and daughter, Miss Lucile, are visiting relatives in Bryan, S. C., and report a plenty to eat in that section, fourteen fine hogs killed on one farm, being an item showing what they can do when they

The Red Cross rooms in Saluda have been kept open for the regular Just such a fight was waged against Mr. Alger, Secretary of War under President McKinley, and who had to finally retire from office.

meetings throughout the holidays, and since, in spite of the bad weather prevailing, and the head of this branch, Miss Box, has not failed to be present, though sometimes almost the only one.

And now the ladies are planning a valentine party in order to raise funds for the Red Cross work, and One thing that the people of Tryon trust every one will come and help know, and that is the soldiers who are make it a success. We hope to realencamped nearby were not provided ize a goodly sum for it takes a lot with enough coverings to withstand of money to do the work now being done in this country and in France. by the Red Cross.

Miss Lois Pace has returned from Florida, and reports a fine time while

COLUMBUS.

Mr. Marion Mills, of Spartanburg, spent a few days with his parents last week.

Miss May Mills returned from a visit to Spartanburg. Mr. Jesse Lewis of Mill Spring. spent a few hours in Columbus, Friday, en route to Camp Sevier.

The Domestic Science classes, of Columbus High school, taught by Miss Bertha Kelz, are now working on their exhibits for the county commencement, March 22. There are now very few hands

among our school children that are not busy with knitting needles. The Columbus Betterment Club is planning to give a play in the near

Club meets Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Arledge, a boy.

MELVIN HILL.

Mr. S. S. Lawter's place of business was closed last Monday, in compliance with the demands of the govern-

Another sleet here Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jones' children have recovered from their recent attack of scarlet fever.

Mrs. M. E. Morris, who has been sick of la grippe, is some better. Mr. Foster Lawter and family, of Brooklyn, S. C., have moved into this

settlement. School children are having some

difficulty in going to and from school through mud. Mrs. Stacy spent Sunday night

with her sister Mrs. Morris. We have had two warm days last week, and old people said that they "weather breeders," which proved to be correct. They did not specify what kind of weather the warm days were breeding, but it turned out to be a heavy sleet. An old darkey, living a few miles of here, says that the people had better pre-pare wood in abundance, and get it in too, for "we have had no winter to what we are going to have." We hope, however, that the old darkey is a false prophet. But to tell what we have to base our hopes upon-brings on more talk.

CROSS KEYS.

Rev. G. G. O'Neill filled his regular appointment at Green Creek last Sunday, though the weather was disa-

A number attended Sunday school regardless of the muddy roads.

Mr. Bud Willard and Miss Mary Sunday. Tessneer were married last Thursday, Jan. 24th.

A number of the young men of this community who are expected to go to the training camp soon, missed a fine treat given by the Hillcrest girls last Thursday evening. It was our tough luck that we did not get an invitation in time to go.

Mr. Willie Teney and wife, of Clifton, S. C., have moved to the farm near here. Well, the little John Henry is get-

ting to rest one time, though we near we all like our school teacher. once in a while of some one not driving, but pushing his car through the mud, or being pulled out of the ditch.

Mrs. Roland Green, of Boiling Springs, S. C., has been visiting at her father-in-law, Mr. W. P. Green. She returned home last Saturday.

Both Cost Too Much. When it comes to price, you can't tell a necessity from a luxury.-Memphis

Commercial Appeal.

has been enjoyed by all and felt to be Some Items of General Interest Gathered By Our Correspondents From Various Sections of Polk County

COOPERS GAP.

Well the weather has moderated,

and we are sure glad of it. Monday took away most of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Blanton and lit- but left us plent; of mud. tle son were visiting their son, Robert. While so much sleet was on the ground the little son slipped and fell; the mother going to his assistance place near Columbus, last week, refell, and the father met with the turning Friday. same mishap in going to the assist-ance of the two. None were serious-

ly injured. Mr. and Mrs. Logan Hudgens and Aunt Emily Constant, as she is children, spent the week-end with generally called, is 83 years old, and Mrs. Texaner Lawter.

Mrs. Floyd Corn spent Sunday at Mr. W. N. Dimsdale's. Miss Minnie Wilson and Miss Maude Lynch spent Saturday night and Sunday at Mr. T. N. Wilson's.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Corn has been very sick for the past

Mr. George Ruff and young bride, have been visiting his sister, Mrs. Hannah Lydah, at Brevard, N. C. Mrs. Magelina Lawter visited Mrs. Floyd Corn, Saturday.

Another slide on the mountain, near Mr. Guff Searcy's, ocurred Saturday night.

A nice warm rain Saturday and Monday took away most of the snow,

Miss Myrtle Pice returned from Fruitland, Saturcay last. Logan Newman went over to his

turning Friday. We failed to report that Logan Johnson had mived to Tryon. He moved about two months ago.

suffering from a attack of la grippe.

Two of Govar Constant's children are sick with la grippe.

T. W. Bradley has gone to Fingerville, S. C., to teach a singing school, but says he will be back as soon as the land will be ready to work, to make a crop to belp win the war.

Columbus Varighn of Inman, S. C., visited his father-in-law, James Case,

his father-in-lay, T. E. Pace, Sunday

D. S. Morrison and family visited

Everett Wm. Morgan passed though this section Monday, on his way to Tryon to meet, the county board Tuesday.

REVERY OF A MOTHER.

Do you wonder, dear, what they say to me, These knitting needles two? As the dull-gray wool and khaki's gold In turn pass o'er and through? They say to me yet none may hear, 'Tis so far in the dim, deep past-While heart and mind keep time, and croom,

To the lad whom my soul holds fast.

Ah! The proving alone must show.

"God gave unto you." they whisper low, "Threads of beauty - nct wrought of hand; Dids' thou weave them well-will thy stitch jold true? Somewhere in that No-Man's Land? They were thine alone e'en before earth's light, Or the eyes of man might know; Oh, tell us now, dids't thou render well?

"Dids't thou weave them true?"-They still sing on "The pattern of Christ was thine." "Will thy stitch hold fast?" -- each day must prove: Oh, mothers—Your boy—and mine. The needles fall from my trembling hands, My soul to it's God stands bare! While the blind tears from my eyes fall fast

Then I aee-Oh, my boy so fair! "Why, mother, dear,"-I hear him say, With the same sweet, boyish klss; "Twas for God--and for thee we came sway, Greater love hath no man than this-" "Fear not, though he walk through Death's shadows deep"-A voice fills my soul with song:

Oh. Mother-Heart of the world today, Torn bleeding crushed afraid For the child of thy soul, in you far-off trench, Trust thy God-be not dismayed. Two Pierced Hands with infinite love Will strengthen thy threads so frail Thy boy to his God and you holds true! Dear mothers!-He will not fail.

"If thy stitches fail- and thy threads grow weak,

His Saviour will make them strong!"

MILL SPRING ROUTE 1.

Mr. James Wilson of Camp Sevier, visited his parents Saturday and

Mr. V. B. Hyder made a trip to Pea Ridge Saturday. Mr. Ralph Edwards visited his grandfather last week.

Mrs. Hawkins is visiting her daughter Mrs. Maggie Gilbert this week. Misses Barbara and Eliza White and Ellen Edwards are visiting relatives in Cleveland county.

Mr. W. E. Elliott made a business trip to Rutherfordton last Friday. Oh yes Mill Spring correspondent, Rev. Chas Walker filled his ap-

pointment at Big Level, Sunday.

Mr. Jesse Green is in very poor health now. Those who wish to write to Tench Edwards would be glad to know the change of his address. It is now Private Tench C. Edwards 28th Infantry, 3rd Machine Gun Co., Ameri-

can Expeditionary Force, France.

river dam.

SALUDA ROUTE 1.

A. T. Howard filled his regular appointment at Cross Roads church, Saturday and Sunday.

J. M. Pace sold some fine steers at Saluda Meat Market for beef. Mr. Leonard Revis has purchased a new Ford cur, so look out girls.

Herbert E. Face has been elected superintendent of the Sunday school which mee's at Piney Grove, every Sunday afternoon, at 3.

Most all of our boys have received their classification cards, and several of them arigin the first class. Miss Sorhia Wade, who has been

at Flat Rock, N. C. is home for a few Joseph and Bunyan Staton and Earl Styke, are working at the Green

Little E-nice Staton is spending the week with her grandma, Mrs. W.

We have had lots of snow, but think the mud is worse than snow, and Mr. Bazillah Green spent the some of our roads are in very had week-end with his parents.

Mr. E. W. Bradley made a business trip to Rutherfordton last week. Mr. A. E. Arledge has returned from Spartanburg. His son who has been very ill at that place, is now convalescent.

SILVER CREEK.

Miss Grace Arledge last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Jeter Thompson was visiting on the route last Sunday afternoon. Mr. W. L. Green has returned home

Camp Wadsworth, where he has been at work. Some of the boys in this section have received their cards. Some of

in the fourth. spent last Saturday with Miss Char-

ity Williams. this winter there is considerable cotton and corn remaining in the fields.

PEA RIDGE.

Miss Reba Field was the guest of Miss Iva Gosnell Saturday night.

ning Lynch who is very ill Misses Minnie and Doll Williams providing of suitable, comfortable visited their sister, Mrs. Henry Fov. Saturday and Sunday. .

farm of Mr. M. C. Gosnell. were visitors of Miss Mamie Wilson, agree with us just read the following

with Miss Reba Field. Mr. B. F. Gibbs is at Campobello picture in the least.

buying cord wood for the camp at Spartanburg.

TRYON ROUTE 1.

have examinations all the time, if it was only a shortage of coal instead of cold one would feel more like writing, for the kind we had almost brought on pneumonia. But come on, every correspondent, and let's make our 1918 POLK COUNTY NEWS bet-

day night with Miss Sallie Carpenter. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Orr, of Oklahoma who have come to make their future home near Columbus, visited their sister, Mrs. Lula Hart Edwards, last Sunday.

Mrs. Perry Newman, daughter Ilean, and Miss Kathleen Layne, of Tryon were the pleasant visitors of Mrs. H. B. Henderson last week-end. Mrs. Claude Paris, who has been

very sick is now convalescent. The north pole weather doesn't stop the cotton pickings, for there have been two on Lightning Rod Ridge recently, and large crowds attended. They e njoyed themselves immensely, and especially were the refreshments enjoyed. The heaping stacks of pies, and two large frosted cakes. It didn't seem like war times at all, except that they were partial

to the sammy who was present. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Edwards spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. | ease. M. N. Hall, visiting their soldier brother, Joe, who left for Camp Se-

vier, Friday. Mr. S. W. Reno, a former Ridge resident, has moved his family to their new home near Columbus.

A surprise party was given Miss llean Newman last Tuesday evening, at her sister's home, Mrs. H. B. Henderson. All reported a good time. Miss Elsie Edwards was the wel-

come guest at Walnut Grove Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Nance and "wee girlies" returned to home home Friday, from Spartanburg. There was a cotton picking at Mr.

Toney visited on the route, Sunday. .Whoop. Are we not glad to have a farm demonstrator again? Hope he will not be drafted and sent to

France, but that we will be able to keep him. Three cheers for the active road stances are very gloomy. Nothing rance. can help Polk county more than a hard surface road, so why not have it?

MILL SPRING.

Despite the appearance of the weather Sunday morning, Rev. J., M. Barber filled his regular appointment at the M. E. Church.

Mr. Jesse T. Lewis, of Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., spent last week at home. Say, Fishtop writer, I think you are

mistaken. It was the Silver Creek correspondent who was writing about the Constant boy's death. There will be a meeting of the teachers of Cooper Gap and MEI spring townships held at the school

house here, Friday.

ARE NEGLECTED.

Miss Nona Searcy was the guest of An Alarming State of Affairs Discovered in School Rooms by Medical Investigation.

MATTERS OF VITAL INTEREST.

Will the time ever come when humanity will devote as much interest as is whom are in the first class and others now devoted to live stock? This may seem a foolish question to a great Misses Addie and Daisy Arledge many but is anything but that. If half the attention was paid to the breeding of humanity as is paid to On account of so much bad weather the breeding of fine-blooded stock, how much superior strain of people would we produce.

Any person wishing to raise fine chickens or hogs, knows that he must provide good quarters where the animal or fowl can have comfort, in order to do well. But are we as careful Mrs. L. Moore is visiting Mre Man- of our children as we are of our hogs and chickens? We are not. In the school houses, where the young ones spend a great portion of their time, Mr. Henry Foy has moved onto the we do not take the same precautions for their bodily welfare as we do with Misses Lizzie and Nellie Dalton, our hogs or chickens. If you do not Sunday. | cases reported by the North Carolina | Miss Ivy Gosnell spent Sunday | State Board of Health, and then say if you think we have overdrawn the

"Whoever is in doubt about the need of medical school inspection is advis-Mrs. C. P. Jones spent the week-end ed by the State Board of Health to with her daughter, Mrs. Johnie read what Dr. J. N. Hurty, secretary of the State Board of Health of Indiana, found on an inspection tour of the schools of his state. This account is contained in the December Oh, Mill Spring Route 1 we don't issue of the Health Bulletin which is just coming from the press. A part of the account is here given.

> "In one rural school of twentyseven pupils I found seven anemic emaciated children and five of these were actually starving. One little wizened girl had had one batter-cake with molasses for breakfast, and in her dinner-bucket for lunch was one soggy biscuit and one small apple. all of the twenty-seven pupils in this school needed medical attention. There was not a child that did not have two or more decayed teeth. Every child had suffered from one or more attacks of so-called "cold" during the winter, and sixteen said they had had colds since school opened in the fall. There was not a clean tongue in the school; even the teacher's wore a coat, and she, too, had several decayed teeth. One child had a running ear, seven had defective sight, and every child had dirty cars, dirty neck and dirty scalp, and, of course we found diseased tonsils, enlarged neck glands, pigeon breasts, and eruptions. One girl of fifteen, still in the third grade, suffered with dementia precox. The word hospital should have been over the door instead of District School No. 3. The evidence in this instance was conclusive of the opinion that life is a dis-

"Medical inspection and health supervision are as greatly needed for teachers as for pupils. A truly sanitary schoolhouse, recently erected at the sewerless city of X, was inspected. The first room I entered, and also the second and third and fourth, were evidently well ventilated, for the nose could not detect the staleness and soddenness which characterize the air of the usual urban and rural schoolroom. But alas, when I entered the primary room the olfactory nerve instantly wrote foul air upon the appropriate brain centers. What was the matter? Of course the pupils were heavy-eyed and drooping. Jeff Holbert's, Saturday night. It and coughing was continuous in all rained so hard that we haven't had parts of the room. Very languidly, a few of the helpless children looked Messrs. Walter Edwards and Floyd at the intruder, but most were so thoroughly anesthetized that they never stirred. The teacher, emaciated, with bad teeth and putty skin, was forcing herself to teach the class of foul air dummies. What was the matter? I looked at the teacher, she looked at me and cleared her throat. I felt sure she had it, and work which has begun at Saluda, and she did. Her general appearance working this way. Bye and bye we and the peculiar sound which attends hope to have it extended from Lynn the clearing of the throat of a cono Columbus, Mill Spring, and on to sumptive were unmistakable. M Rutherfordton. No doubt but what eyes wandered to the room. closet some voters will say "taxes are al- The door was closed, but I knew they ready high," but let it raise the tax. It will also help raise the money two fold or more to have a hard surface road on which to haul our wood, empty and one freshly opened bottles lumber produce, etc., which will give of yellow-wrapped cough syrup. The us the money to pay this tax, of poor teacher had not yet risen above which, without this road-the circum- the patent-medicine stage of igno-

Dr. Hurty concludes his account with: "One thing is surely true and that is the awful sin of the neglect of child health will never be abated until health supervision of school children is made compulsory."

What They May Claim.

Pennsylvania claims to contain the Hercules of the nation as well as the Vulcan. New York will no doubt put in a claim as the Midas of the land, Washington as the Jupiter, Boston as the Minerva, and Oskaloosa, Iowa, as the Venus. And Chicago, with ten changes of weather at each performance, will put in its claim as the Mer-