

AGE OF JUSTICE CLARK MAY DEBAR

PRESIDENT WILSON DOES NOT
EXPECT TO APPOINT MAN
OVER SIXTY.

DISPATCHES FROM RALEIGH

Doings and Happenings That Mark
the Progress of North Carolina People
Gathered Around the State
Capitol.

Raleigh.

Washington—President Wilson told Senator Simmons and Overman that he could not consider for the U. S. supreme court a man over 65 years old and would not consider if he could help it a man over sixty years of age. This eliminates Chief Justice Walter Clark, of North Carolina, for consideration, as he is 68 years old, and makes doubtful the prospects of Judge B. F. Long, of Statesville, whose friends have been active in his behalf. The senators asked the president to consider Judge Long, whose age is 62, if he goes over the 60 mark. If he does not go beyond the 60-year limit, Senators Simmons asked him to examine the record of Associate Justice William R. Allen, of Goldsboro.

Senator Overman presented the endorsements of Judge Clark, which have been forwarded to him. Senator Simmons brought forward Judge Allen's name, after the president had announced his policy of appointment. In stating his objection to appointing a man over 60, the president is following a precedent which he and the attorney general have adhered to strictly in the making of judicial appointments.

A. W. McLean, of Lumberton, and J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh, followed the North Carolina senators into the presence of the president to discuss Judge Clark. They accompanied the senators to the White House. After these conferences Representative Poirer was asked if he intended to keep his engagement with the president, when he is to accompany a Raleigh delegation to the White House in behalf of Judge Clark. He said he would keep the appointment unless he was advised by the president that there is no hope for Judge Clark or unless the Raleigh people tell him they have given up the battle.

Ex-Gov. Jarvis heads the list of endorsement of Judge Clark in Pitt county, which reached Representative Poirer.

Farmers Expect Big Meeting.

The program for the Twelfth Annual Farmers' State Convention and Round-up Institute, to be held at the A. & M. College August 25-27, is ready for distribution and carries a number of features of special interest to the farmers of the state. A number of prominent speakers from out of the state have consented to come and address the convention. The evening programs will be of a more or less popular nature and with illustrated lectures and it is hoped that the citizens of Raleigh will attend these sessions. All sessions of the convention will be held in Pullen Hall unless otherwise provided for.

On Wednesday, August 26, the convention will be divided into five sectional conferences to be held in various halls on the campus, each conducted by a specialist. It is the desire of the committee that these conferences be made very informal and that the farmers will join freely in the discussions. Field demonstrations in the early mornings and late afternoons will be features of the convention.

There will be a free band concert on the college campus Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30.

The college will furnish the dormitories free, and meals at 25 cents each will be served in the college dining hall.

The largest convention in the history of the state is anticipated and it is hoped that the framers of the state will take a few days off and come and enjoy this great occasion.

Work of Assessing Corporations.

In their work of assessing the taxes against the 5,000 or more corporations in the state now under way the corporation commission is touching these institutions in most "vital spots" and that they are squirming considerably at the probing and assessments that the commission is making is indicated by the increasingly large number of the heads of these corporations that are coming to Raleigh from day to day "to see the commission on a little matter of business." This work will not be completed before Sept. 15.

Will Be A Record Corn Year.

Mr. W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, said recently that after a careful examination of reports from all parts of the state he is satisfied that North Carolina will this year produce more corn than is required for consumption within the borders of the state. Indeed, he estimates that the production will exceed the consumption by five million bushels. He estimates the corn crop this year at sixty million bushels and the amount of corn needed for the state at fifty-five million.

STATE ITEMS

OF INTEREST TO ALL NORTH
CAROLINA PEOPLE.

Work Day and Night.

The contractors in charge of the construction of the Geer building at Durham have employed a night force and in the future will use about a hundred hands on the excavation for this building during the day and half that number during the night. Hundred watt incandescents have been stretched across the building site, and these make the night about as bright as the day for the laborers. No trouble was experienced in getting negroes to work during the night for they like the cool nights better than the warm days. The construction forces are using two forces of horses and are hauling the dirt from the excavation as fast as the negroes can get it up. Putting on of the night force was made necessary on account of the nature of the soil six feet under the surface. A kind of sand stone was encountered which made the progress of the work so slow that the contractors had to resort to the night work in order to get the building completed on schedule time.

Prepare For Farmers' Meetings.

More than 500 well known agriculturists and practical farmers from various parts of the state and members of the staff of farm specialists maintained by the state department of agriculture were in Raleigh for a three days' conference preparatory for dividing into special farmers' institute workers for the series of farmers' institutes that are to be held under the auspices of the state department of agriculture in all those counties stretching from Raleigh westward to the crest of the Blue Ridge mountains during the next 60 days.

Newton Installs White Way.

The installation of a sixteen-pole white way around the business square in Newton has very nearly assumed a stage of completeness, and when finally installed will place the square in this city in a competitive sphere with any city in North Carolina. The white way poles which are constructed from a metallic substance are 13 feet in height, containing one large bulb on top, together with four smaller bulbs, hanging from suspended beams at the top, and situated as the poles will be, three to the side of each part of the square.

North Carolina Boys Good Shots.

The Newbern division of the North Carolina naval militia, under command of Captain Caleb D. Bradham has returned from a 10-days' cruise to Bermuda on board of the U. S. S. Rhode Island. On board of the Rhode Island were four divisions of militia from North Carolina and the militia from New Jersey, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia and out of this entire aggregation the Newbern division won the highest honors in the target practice with the big guns.

NORTH CAROLINA BRIEFS.

The building of the farm life school at China Grove has begun, the laying of brick starting a few days ago. Arrangements are already under way to have appropriate and entertaining exercises at the laying of the cornerstone.

The Durham county commercial organizations have stamped their approval on both the routes between Durham and Raleigh the section of which has been a bone of contention between two sections of Wake county.

Mr. Walter Clark Jr., representing the association of short line railroads of the state, went to Asheville to appear at the hearing in that city being conducted by the committee appointed by the governor to inquire into the state railroad rates.

The Patterson Lumber Company lost \$30,000 worth of lumber, mostly hardwoods, by fire recently at the yards south of Lexington. The origin of the fire is unknown. It may have started from defective electric wiring, as the fire was discovered in the corner of the yards.

William A. McKeever, professor of child welfare in the University of Kansas, delivered a series of lectures at the State Normal College Summer school at Greensboro. The first of the lectures was given on "A Constructive Philosophy of Education," "The New Social Uplift."

E. S. Millans, district supervisor of farm demonstration work, has appointed R. D. Goodman of No. 4 township, farm demonstration agent for Cabarrus county. Mr. Jackson, of Tennessee, was recently appointed to the position but notified the department that he could not serve.

The committee from the chamber of commerce on the tobacco market are at work advertising Greensboro among the tobacco raisers in this section. Encouraged by their success of the last two seasons the committee believes that Greensboro can be made one of the big markets of the state.

J. B. Pennington of Tarboro returns for another year at least the title of champion trap shooter of North Carolina, having won the distinction at the tenth annual North Carolina state shoot at Wrightsville Beach.

The large auditorium at Montreat, which seats 1,200, was packed to its utmost capacity to hear Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, whose sermons have made a deep impression on those who have heard them during the past week. He took his text from Weymouth's translation of the Bible, Phil. 3:3—"The name supreme." His subject was the "Invisible Name."

Army Worm Damage Reported. Reports of army worm damage in Tyrrell and Currituck were received by Commissioner of Agriculture Graham recently.

PROMINENT PEOPLE

EMILIANO ZAPATA, THE REBEL



Emiliano Zapata is the leader of the constitutional forces in southern Mexico. In describing this man, Francisco Urquidí, a constitutional agent, the other day said:

"Zapata is a peon of Morelos. He comes from a state in which the land is held in fee simple by less than two dozen landlords. He worked out in the fields with fellow peons. He is an uneducated man, because he had no opportunity to get learning. He can read and write, but he learned to do these after he was twenty-one years old. He is now thirty-eight years old and is a wiry, slim-built man slightly under six feet in height. He is a half-breed, but the Indian blood does not show as strong in him as it does in many of his followers. He is light-complexioned, energetic, and is a dreamer in that he sees things as they might be and is not contented with them as they are.

"Zapata stands for the peasant ownership of some of the lands the peon tills. He has worked for the big sugar companies for years. During that time he received the least possible pay the companies could give him and his fellow workers. He did not receive this pay in money, but in orders on the company's store for the simple food he ate and the cloth to make the clothes that partly cover his body. For six months of the year he worked hard and for the other six months he was forced to sit back and starve while he waited for another crop of the sugar cane so that he could get busy in the fields. His condition was the condition of the peons generally.

"Zapatism is an idea the peons think worth fighting for. They will not be content until they can get some of the land for their own. If Carranza does as he promises—and I am certain he will do so—the peasants will get land for their own. If he does not carry out the needed reforms and do it promptly he will be forced to fight Zapata and the Zapatistas.

"These men have been fighting for years. They fought Diaz, they fought Madero and they fought Huerta."

MURRAY'S PLEA FOR MILEAGE

"Where do members of congress who come to Washington without their families spend their time at night?"

This question was discussed in the house the other day by Alfalfa Bill Murray of Oklahoma in connection with the mileage provision of the conference report on the legislative bill. Alfalfa Bill insisted that it was the duty of all members to bring their families to Washington with them, and he insisted that that was why it was desirable to make a liberal allowance for mileage.

The Oklahoma statesman declared that in the absence of a man's family time was likely to hang heavily on his hands and he would do more roaming around at night than was good for him. Alfalfa Bill wanted all members to have their families with them constantly throughout the sessions in order that they might not grow lonesome.

"Abraham Lincoln, Daniel Webster, James A. Garfield, William J. Bryan and who would dare accuse any of them of being grafters," said Mr. Murray. The house rocked with applause as Alfalfa Bill concluded with this statement, "I believe in voting for mileage and taking it."



DOCTOR JORDAN HEADS EDUCATORS



Dr. David Starr Jordan of California, one of the most prominent of present-day educators, was unanimously elected president of the National Education association at the St. Paul convention. No other candidate was mentioned.

The resolutions committee endorsed woman's suffrage, equal pay for equal work without regard to sex, simplified spelling, social centers, larger playgrounds, increased salaries for teachers, pensions for teachers and the settlement of international differences by arbitration. President Wilson's "watchful waiting" policy was approved.

Physical inspection of children for health purposes secured endorsement. A plan for a national university was favored and it was recommended that congress appropriate annually \$500,000 for use in improving educational conditions.

The association did not recommend sex hygiene in the schools, but recommended that "institutions preparing teachers give attention to such subjects as would qualify for instruction in the particular field of sex hygiene."

MRS. LONGWORTH'S LITTLE "BREAK"

Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, formerly Alice Roosevelt, made a little "break" at a smart dinner party in London the other night which has been the talk of the drawing rooms there ever since.

Sir Edward Carson, the "uncrowned king of Ulster," is one of the lions of the season. He has been much annoyed for some time by persistent statements that he will shortly marry a niece of Moreton Frowen, the well-known writer on political economy. This matter has never been mentioned in the presence of Sir Edward, but Mrs. Longworth cheerfully and in a loud voice asked him at the dinner: "When's the wedding going to be?"

"There is not going to be any wedding," replied Sir Edward curtly and coldly.

Roswell Eldridge of New York, who is over there to buy horses and fancy cattle, is having many amusing experiences in being repeatedly mistaken for Lord Londale, to whom he bears a great resemblance.



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Old Miggs repeated the words to himself dully and incomprehendingly, as he tramped along to the court, where he was to appear as a witness in a local libel suit.

Nervously he entered the witness box.

The fierce looking lawyer eyed him calculatingly.

"Do you hear," he asked, "that this is not your handwriting?"

"I don't think so," stammered Miggs.

"Now, be careful," insinuated the lawyer. "Are you prepared to swear that this handwriting does not resemble yours?"

"Yes," answered Miggs trembling.

"You take your oath that this does not in any way resemble your handwriting?" solemnly queried the learned man.

"Yes, sir," stammered the witness, now thoroughly frightened.

"Well, then, prove it!" denounced the lawyer triumphantly, as he thrust his head toward the witness.

This action woke the last spark of drooping courage in poor Miggs; and, thrusting forth his head, he yelled:

"Cos I can't write!"

The Tange in Church.
Mother, like countless other mothers, had been doing much tangoing and hesitation of late. She had taken dancing lessons. She practiced the various steps at home with father. Little Frances had heard much of the lingo that goes with the tango and the hesitation. She knew all of the phrases.

A few days ago Frances went to church with her mother. Frances had not learned all of the ceremonials of the church, for, after the mother knelt outside the pew, Frances looked up at her and whispered:

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