

The Coopers Are Planning to Give Mr. McLean a Real Race

Latest Gossip Has It That W. B. Cooper Will Oppose McLean For Governorship of the State, While Tom Cooper Will Fight Him For Job of National Committeeman.

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Raleigh, Dec. 23.—Mystifying divisions in Camp Old Guard come almost synchronously with the creation of the commission to study laws, supreme court decisions, and taxation as they relate to the public school system of the state.

These schisms and heresies are not believed however well they are attended by the old guard apostates. Wholly political as that commission seems to be with good brains on it for all its politics, not all the disruptions are looked for as prophesied. Old guardians are not divided sufficiently on any question of policy and expediency to allow a little thing like conscience to worry them.

When the primary repeaters thought they were rampant they set up among the anti-administrators the novel information that Governor Morrison and Colonel Hoes Watts were against repeal. Indeed, they represented the two governors, the de jure and the de facto officials, as most violent against the repeaters. Ambassador Bill Neal said so and he is a steward in the Methodist church. But nobody believed that Mr. Neal would have introduced the measure had the administration looked so unkindly upon it.

But here is the latest: The Coopers, Lieutenant Governor W. B. and Thomas E. have decided to capture the governorship. Tom Cooper is a wheelerhorse of a guardsman. He is for "The Senator" and has been a McLean man. Tom Cooper has gone so far as to say there will be no McLean opposition. But that was in the days of Tom Warren's candidacy for a Supreme court position. Evidently it was before Tom Cooper had talked with W. B. Cooper. Now somebody is circulating the story here that W. B. Cooper is going to run against A. W. McLean for governor and Tom Cooper is going to run against McLean for national committeeman. It makes no difference whether McLean gets the governorship or not. The national committeemanship will be sought by the younger of the Coopers.

Watts For Cooper?

From the Cooper camp comes the assurance that the Coopers will not be backed by Colonel Watts and not hurt by State Chairman Warren. The tidings could be refuted if Old Guardian would fight other guardsmen for the spoils. The Cooper supporters say it without flowers. They say that Chairman Tom Warren received no endorsement from A. W. McLean for Supreme court Justice and that Colonel Hoes Watts got no help from the same source when seeking the position of Governor Morrison's minister of politics. The excuse which the Cooper men put into the

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These Overcoats were made to sell for \$20, \$25, \$30, \$40, and \$45.00, and will be sold for \$1.00. The sale plan is, buy a suit for example, for \$20.00, and pay \$1.00 more and get an overcoat of the same price.

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very mealy mouth of Mr. McLean is that the gentleman from Lumberton did not think it seemed to "dabble in state politics." That was heretical because even unto this day old inabilities can recall how "The Senator," the founder, the author and finisher of state politics, "dabbled" in the Craig and Kitchin fight in 1908, dabbled so deep that had it not been for Claude and Bill Kitchin "The Senator" never would have been allowed to go to the Denver convention to witness the boring spectacle of nominating Bryan for his last time.

"Damn him, he will dabble before we get through with him," one of the Cooperites told your correspondent yesterday, indicating that in the Cooper family, barring eminent layman Noah W. and somewhat pious Brother Bill, this will be the slogan. Why Watts is claimed this early it is hard to understand unless Mr. McLean has offended. This is the kind of propaganda which already emanates from Cooperdom and if it is true it is almost as interesting as if it is not.

For the very selection of D. Fatty Giles of Marlowe is truth stranger than fiction. For once upon a time when Mr. Cooper and C. C. Covington were in a religious rough house in Wilmington, Brother Cooper was called exactly what St. Paul called the Cretans. It is true, the Apostle did not name the name of Bill Cretan. But Brother Covington certainly bawled Bill Cooper. It got hot down there. Supreme Court Justice W. P. Stacy had to call on D. Fatty Giles to come down there and tell what was going on about Brother Bill Cooper. Brother Giles said without flowers and it is in the records. Yet Brother Cooper calls in Brother Dennis Fatty Giles, a present ally and hurt, in the Garden fight last year. The Coopers may have perceived here recently that more people swarmed the rooms, jammed the public, followed on the streets, and chatted in the capital when Gardner was about than could be found in every state office including governor and lieutenant. They were trying to cajole Gardner into running in 1924. They doubt not moved him as yet. Doubtless the Coopers calculated that getting Giles on their side would not be a bad move for them.

Their dead assurance that Watts is going to be for them and that Warren is going to be against them is hard to "get." It is possible that they are going to drive a double team through the breaches in the Old Guard. Democrats Meet December 28th

Local politicians could not give anything on a Raleigh tip today that the State Democratic executive committee meeting will be held here December 28 at which time Chairman T. D. Warren resigns.

As much has been told so many times that resignation is a less startling word. It is assumed Chairman Warren would have retired had he been elevated to the Supreme court, but nothing under that should necessarily bug him. Banker Dave Norwood is said to be the choice of Colonel W. B. and Senator Overman. Mr. Norwood is living in Mr. Overman's town. There has been no published call of the committee and whether the story means that the body meets or that the meeting is after Christmas Warren will resign, nobody seems to know.

Rockingham county has signed up 11,000,000 pounds of tobacco in the great campaign now entering the final and climactic week.

Relatively no county has beaten this record, for 11,000,000 pounds handled co-operatively will control the county. While the Rockingham people were getting action among the farmers, the Raleigh bankers were giving blessings to the merchants, daily and hourly advertised by placards in nearly every window committing the business to the co-operative plan.

The banks pledge assistance in this language: "Realizing that the prosperity of this distinctly agricultural state depends upon the profitability of its chief industry, agriculture, and believing that the profitability of agriculture will be greatly increased by the more intelligent modern methods of raising and distributing the cotton and tobacco crops prescribed and enforceable under the contracts of the cotton and tobacco marketing associations now in process of successful organization, we, the undersigned, the clearing house banks of the city of Raleigh, heartily endorse the tobacco and cotton associations and pledge our assistance in financing these associations when safely and properly organized, and the management placed in competent hands."

Miss Campbell Dead. Miss Evelyn Campbell, dean of Meredith college since September 1920, died this morning at the college infirmary after an illness of ten days, pneumonia, following an operation, being the direct cause.

Miss Campbell's illness took a desperate turn Wednesday evening and Thursday morning saw the last hope disappear. A small improvement in the night and a splendid fight for her life yesterday brought back a small cheer in the college circle. She had lived more than the allotted days of a critical pneumonia case. This morning she died when her strength could no longer hold out.

Miss Campbell was a native of Georgia, born at McRea and had been among the most prominent women in the Southern Baptist convention. She had served Bessie Tift college of her native state as dean and then Baylor college in Texas in the same capacity. Besides, she had been president of the State Woman's Missionary union of Georgia and one of the most active members of the denomination since she came to this state. Her work in Meredith has greatly endeared her to all the parents of the girls attending school here. The universal comment about the college today was that she had gained a greater influence over the religious life of the students than perhaps any person who has ever taught here.

President Charles E. Brewer of the college, always has said that he did not know how he came to attach to the college such a spirit as she. When she left Baylor she was offered a salary twice as large as that paid her here, but she chose to come to Meredith. More young women have been brought into the church under her work in the college than have united with it in a similar period during its whole life.

A short funeral service was conducted in the college this afternoon by Rev. Dr. Weston H. Bruner, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church. The burial will take place tomorrow in Georgia. Miss Campbell leaves a brother, H. W. Campbell of Atlanta, a sister, Mrs. E. J. Dorniny of Fitzgerald, and another sister, Miss Etis Campbell of Athens.

Greenleaf Retains Title. New York, Dec. 23.—Ralph Greenleaf, pocket billiard champion, retained his title by defeating Arthur Woods, of Minneapolis, by a score of 150 to 277.

CHRISTMAS EVE BRINGS THE LAST-MINUTE PUSH

Heavy Buying Marks Past Few Days—Postoffice is Handling Big Business.

CHARITY WORKERS READY

Christmas Eve blew into Greensboro to the tune of one more day of hurried, feverish shopping, one more round of last minute things-to-do, one more frantic rush up and down the streets by all those who put off the last details or forgot a present for Cousin Clara or had to hurry to buy some more cards for unremembered friends who tracked them by sending in their contributions early.

A day of tying up packages, of looking for more and more, of delivering presents, of final preparations for the Christmas tree or the turkey or the cranberry sauce, of keeping the children away from the closet where Santa Claus has cached his presents. In short, the town was in a mad dash to get ready for the day.

The shoppers will mop up the last present today. These past few days have been a tremendous jump forward in the buying and the faces of most of the merchants, a bit long last week, are twisting more in the direction of satisfied smiles. The public had the merchants worried this year. Never before did the buying start so late. A thousand exhortations to "Do your Christmas shopping early" didn't even enter the ears of folk who not to speak of coming out again in definite action. The people wouldn't buy and that looked to be all there was to it.

But the storm broke this week. The clerks can tell you about it. The cash registers know it. The pocket books and the bank accounts have been raked for and aft and the shelves of the merchants have been hit like a ben, roost near a negro revival. It has been for most merchants a fine season, much better than last year, when many of them were left yearning at a loss, and well up towards the Christmas season of 1919, the high water mark of all time.

Over at the postoffice the tidal wave is swinging down in full force. Even Postmaster A. Wayland Cooke was back in the workroom yesterday, sorting back envelopes, directing his workers and the special assistants called in for the rush time.

"Are we rushing?" he said. "Oh, yes; tremendously rushed. We've got four trucks delivering packages in the city as against three last year and they can't handle the work properly. Everybody is working overtime. But we are getting along pretty well and we are going to handle the business all right."

The postoffice clerks were moving quickly but quietly about the room. No shouting, not much extra noise, little talking, and no work. A pile of letters three feet high is surging on a big table. Two men appear from somewhere and start going through rapidly, sorting, stacking, arranging. Neither says a word. There's no need. They know what's to be done and they go after it.

Yesterday saw the tide shift in the postoffice business. For the past few days the bulk of the business has been with mail going out from Greensboro. Now it is coming in, coming in almost in carloads, pouring in from all over small space, overflowing into the basement. But everybody works and the job will be done.

Greensboro has done well this year on the other side of Christmas, the real side of Christmas, that doesn't appear wrapped in tissue paper and tied with red ribbon. Go to the charity organizations for another tale of Christmas. Ask the Salvation Army. Ask Mrs. Blanchard Stinebaugh. Ask the churches. Ask numerous non-talking single persons who without any fuss about it are seeing that the spirit of the season is translated into terms of bread and meat for those—and there are plenty of them—who have no food, no presents, no Christmas now exist.

And Mrs. Sterne and her workers will send to home after home the gifts they have received from the people of Greensboro. Mrs. Sterne too knows the other side and for weeks she has been preparing for the day. In many a home her name will be called blessed tomorrow.

Over at the county jail Mike Coffey, whose heart is bigger even than his body, has prepared a special Christmas dinner for those behind the bars. The county home will strait its best, and the Children's home will provide a world of comfort and presents given to it this season by its friends, especially by the children who have left gifts at the National theater Christmas tree.

DEBS SPENT LAST NIGHT IN IGNORANCE OF ACTION

His Brother Theodore and Friends Were in Atlanta Yesterday, Expecting the Commutation.

Atlanta, Dec. 23.—Eugene V. Debs remained in ignorance tonight that his sentence had been commuted unless the information is first sent through channels known only to men behind the bars. J. E. Dyche, warden at the Atlanta federal penitentiary, said the only information the socialist leader had was what was contained in the "home edition" of the Atlanta afternoon paper.

Definite announcement of the commutation of Debs' ten year sentence for violation of the espionage act and that he would be released Christmas day was published here in the "night extra" and the prisoners who take the newspapers do not get extra editions. Mr. Dyche added that he had not communicated with the socialist leader regarding the press dispatches and did not expect to advise him until official announcement came. Debs' brother of the prisoner, including David Karstner, of New York, were here today in expectation of the release but none of them saw him, it was stated, and late tonight no word had come to Warden Dyche from Attorney General Daugherty.

TWO MEN ARE DEAD IN HOLDUPS IN NEW YORK

Leon Sotille, Wealthy Cafe Owner, Is Shot to Death By Masked Bandits.

WOUND TWO DETECTIVES

New York, Dec. 23.—Two men, one of them a bandit, were killed and two police detectives were seriously wounded as the result of a series of holdups here tonight.

Leon Sotille, wealthy cafe owner, was shot to death by a fusillade of bullets fired by three masked bandits who were holding up the patrons of his cafe at 233 East 152nd street, Bronx. Sotille was behind the bar when the bandits entered and ordered all persons in the place to hold up their hands. The proprietor made a dash for the door and all bandits fired. He dropped dead. The bandits escaped in an automobile from which the license plates had been removed.

A short time later two bandits entered a United Cigar store at 890 East Tremont avenue, Bronx, and attempted to hold up the clerk. They were caught in the act by Detectives Timothy J. Connell and Randall J. McCarthy, who immediately opened fire, killing one of them. The other, returning the fire, shot both detectives in the face and escaped in an automobile, the number of which was obtained by the police. The detectives were taken to a hospital where their condition was reported as serious.

Another attempted holdup in the Bowery was frustrated when Abraham Edson, 27, put to flight two holdup bandits who ordered him to hand over a tray of diamonds in his father's jewelry store. They had asked to look at some diamonds. Edson bent down to pull a tray from a show case and when he stood up he was looking into the muzzles of two revolvers.

"Hand over the tray quick," one of the bandits commanded. Instead the young man ducked under the counter grabbed a revolver and opened fire on the robbers, who ran out of the store and escaped by mingling with a large crowd of holiday shoppers. Edson fired four shots at the fleeing men but none of them took effect.

THE STATE BANK OF DUPO IS ROBBED OF \$12,000

East St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 23.—The state bank of Dupu, near here, was robbed of \$12,000 by five bandits today. George C. Lindeman, president, and several employees and customers were compelled to get into an automobile while the robbers scooped up the money. The robbers escaped in an automobile.

BRIDGES AND CURRIE SAY THEY DREW SAFETY BILL

"We Assume Responsibility and Have No Apologies to Make," Says the Acknowledged Framers.

Charlotte, Dec. 23.—Edwin E. Bridges and E. M. Currie issued a statement tonight assuming full responsibility for the drawing and introducing of the bill in the legislature which was designed to give all commissioners of public safety in the state full control over their respective departments.

"We assume responsibility and have no apologies to make," say the self-acknowledged framers of the bill. "Our purpose was to give the commissioners of public safety an opportunity to handle his office and perform the duty imposed by the vote of the people. When the commissioner wished to make a change which he thought best for the public safety in the face of the vote of the other two commissioners. It was to remedy such a condition that the proposed bill was drawn. The charge is also made that an outright combination exists in the police force to see that all criminal court practice in recorder's court that can be manipulated by this ring of policemen is confined to a few lawyers. The proposed bill is aimed to break up such a system."

Police men seen tonight said the charge was without foundation. According to citizens the bill is considered another fight, in this indirect way, on Chief Orr, whom the best citizens of the town are still striking to see that all criminal court practice and vigilant against any attack on him.

HOSTS CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS DISCOMMODDED ON SUB LINES

Boston, Dec. 23.—Christmas shopping crowds were discommodated today in a series of break downs in the subway fast transit lines, during which thousands of commuters were trapped in jammed coaches. Volumes of smoke added to their discomfort. Subsidizing lines were also affected by this breakdown.

Traffic in the Cambridge tunnel was stopped again in the afternoon when cars in trains passing over the West Boston bridge caught fire from the third rail, making it necessary to cut off the power.

DECISION OF PREMIERS GIVES FRANCE RELIEF

French Had Feared Gathering of Ambassadors Was a Thing of the Past.

START NEW YEAR RIGHT

Special Cable to Daily News. By WYTHE WILLIAMS (Copyright, 1921, by Philadelphia Public Ledger.) Paris, Dec. 23.—Announcement by Premier Briand and Lloyd George that "final" adjustment of the difficulties of Europe has been postponed to a meeting of the supreme council of the allies to be held at Cannes the first week in January has been well received in all our most interested and therefore our best circles. In fact, there has been a general sigh of relief.

Fears did exist that the noble, energetic band of politician-tourists might foregather no more and that the famous supreme council had become but a historic memory. Washington with its new-fangled ideas and manner of holding open meetings was the cause. The idea actually became predominant—for the moment—that the real settlement of European situation might witness a similar conference, with perhaps the representatives from Germany and even Russia at the table. A frank understanding might be reached with everybody's cards face up. But now all hands feel that the new year is bound to start right. The official communique contains all the good old stuff. Phrases such as "premiere agree in principle" details to be worked out—absolute guarantees forthcoming—and the matter had been referred to experts. All augur well.

Of course, with the final hope now eliminated in the mind of Lloyd George in particular, that the United States will ever be pleased and ready to aid those who decline to help themselves, perhaps irony on the subject of the supreme council is misplaced. There is always a possibility that some good will result, but frankly the announcement of the new supreme council meeting on the Riviera and the shifting about from the moratorium idea of reparations to the French chest is very likely to shift back again, all help to bring back the doubts of the last couple years when the supreme council traveled from one health resort to another unable to effect any lasting cure.

MISS TATE FOUND DEAD IN HOME IN BURLINGTON

Funeral Services Will Be Conducted Today From Her Home—Other Burlington News. (Special to Daily News.) Burlington, Dec. 23.—Miss Effie Tate, one of the oldest residents of Burlington, was found dead in bed at her home on Washington street at an early hour this morning. She was in her usual health when retiring last night. The cause of her death is attributed to heart failure, according to the family physician. The deceased was 60 years of age, and was well known in this city, having resided here almost all her life. She was a member of the First Christian church. The funeral will be held from the home some time tomorrow. She is survived by one brother, Alva Tate, with whom she lived.

"The Art Shop" is the name of the latest industry for Burlington. G. H. Ledbetter and W. T. Way have formed a partnership for the conduct of a printing business. Already some of the material for the new plant has been received, and the balance of the outfit is expected to arrive within the next week or ten days. The new plant will open for business about the first of January.

A splendid program has been prepared for a Christmas service to be held under the auspices of the Burlington-Graham Christian Endeavor union at the Methodist Protestant church in this city Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Christmas music will be a feature of the service. After the program is concluded, the Endeavorers will go in a body to the county home and work house where brief services will be conducted and gifts will be presented to the inmates of the institution.

A meeting of the Sunday school workers of Alamance county will be held in the chamber of commerce office next Wednesday, December 29, for the purpose of discussing plans for the betterment of the Sunday schools of the county. D. W. Sims, superintendent of the state Sunday school association, will be present, and conduct a conference on general Sunday school work.

DISTRIBUTION OF CHRISTMAS BASKETS BEGINS AT 6 O'CLOCK

The distribution of the Salvation Army Christmas baskets will begin this afternoon at 6 o'clock. Due to the generosity of the people of the city, officers of the army state they will be able to provide for the needs of a great many people. It was announced yesterday that the Carolina Bakery company will give a "hat of bread" for each of the baskets to be distributed.

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BRIEF FUNERAL HELD FOR COL. WATTERSON

Services Are Impressive in Simplicity. Only Members of Family and Few Friends Present.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 23.—In sharp contrast to the turbulence of his life, simplicity marked the funeral here today of Col. Henry Watterson, who died unexpectedly in a hotel here yesterday.

Only members of the family and a few intimate friends attended the services, which were held in a local mortuary chapel. The order was led by R. W. Bingham, publisher of the Louisville Courier-Journal, which Colonel Watterson edited for many years; Mrs. W. S. Jennings, a relative by marriage to William Jennings Bryan, and two grandsons, Watterson Miller and Kent Miller, of Louisville, Ky.

The family is expected to remain here until Mrs. Watterson's health improves and then go farther south in the state until spring, when the body is to be taken home.

New Orleans Weather.

New Orleans, Dec. 23.—The local weather bureau tonight issued the following storm warning for the coast of Texas: "Advisory northwest storm warning. 8:30 p. m., Texas coast east of Matagorda bay; high barometer and colder weather moving southward will cause strong northerly late tonight and Saturday."

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