

WARM DEBATE IN HOUSE

ON THE APPROPRIATION BILL

The Measure is Finally Passed After It Has Encountered Many Snags—The Provision Directing the Removal of Reduction of Incapacitated Government Employees Being on a Lot of Talk—Ohio Representative Characterized It as an Effort to Get Rid of All the Old Soldiers—Attempt to Ring in a Pension Clause Ruled Out—Some Humor Injected into the Reference of the President's Message.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The final stages of the passage of the executive, legislative and judicial appropriation bill were entered upon in the House of Representatives today. Mr. Mason, of Arkansas, continued his policy of attacking all increases in salaries, and they were accordingly rejected on points of order made by him.

When the provision providing for the removal or reduction of incapacitated government employees was reached, Mr. Goulden, of New York, made a point of order against it. Mr. Gillette, of Massachusetts, argued that the provision really was a benefit to the employees, rather than a hardship, because, he said, the present law gave the heads of departments no discretion but to remove incapacitated employees.

DIRECTED AT OLD SOLDIERS.

This view of the question was controverted by Mr. Keifer, of Ohio, who charged that the provision was but another method of attempting to do what was more directly proposed at the last session of Congress—to provide by law for the dismissal of the old soldiers in the departments." He said he would like to have a civil service examination of the old men of the departments before they were mustered out, "on the say of some one person as to what constitutes incapacity."

Mr. Tawney, chairman of the committee on appropriations, declared that by the provision the committee had attempted to liberalize and that instead of leaving it mandatory had given the head of a department the alternative of dismissing rather than dismissing an employee. The provision, he said, had nothing to do with superannuation, which he charged was but "a convenient subject in this House with which they may popularize themselves in the large numbers where a great many Federal officeholders live and vote."

A MATTER OF MERCY.

Mr. Tawney insisted that the efficiency of the public service would be advanced by the adoption of the provision. "As a matter of mercy," he said, "these old men have been retained in these higher places rather than dismissed." It was now proposed to not entirely separate them from the service, but when they became totaly incapacitated for the duties devolved by the high position, they were to be demoted to duties less onerous and in that way be retained in the public service.

CAUTION INCURABLY INSANE.

Allenist Who Has Made a Study of His Case Gives That Evidence at the Trial of the Christiansburg Murderer. Honoke, Va., Feb. 17.—The feature in the murder trial of Frank Cauthorn for the murder of his former sweetheart, Mrs. Ada Jones, at Christiansburg, today was the testimony of Drs. Drewry and Bostick, superintendents respectively of the State insane asylums at Petersburg and Marion. Dr. Drewry said he thought the prisoner was insane at the time of the murder and had been for some time. His insanity, he believed, began several years ago and he thinks it will last a life time. He thought Cauthorn practically incurable and that he should be locked up in an insane asylum. He has given the case more study and attention than he has given any case during his twenty-two years connection with the State hospital. There was a plainly perceptible murmur of disapprobation on the part of the crowd when witness said he regarded the prisoner as being insane.

ITS PASSAGE BLOCKED.

The reading of the bill was concluded and it was about to pass, when Mr. Hitchcock, of Nebraska, moved to have it re-committed with instructions to report it back with an amendment requiring the Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor to cause to be included the reports

THE DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. S. A. Freeman, of Greensboro, Special to The Observer. Greensboro, Feb. 17.—Mrs. S. A. Freeman died at her home on Arlington street last night, aged 59 years. The remains will be carried to-morrow to Rockingham county, the former home of the deceased, for interment.

George Phoantos, of Salisbury, Special to The Observer. Salisbury, Feb. 17.—George Phoantos, who ran a restaurant on North Main street, died suddenly Sunday morning. He had been in good health until Saturday night, when he was taken suddenly ill and died early Sunday morning of heart disease. Phoantos came to Salisbury several months ago and was considered a very good law-abiding Greek.

Mrs. J. Thomas Leonard, of Lexington, Special to The Observer. Lexington, Feb. 16.—Mrs. J. Thomas Leonard, after an illness of only a few days with pneumonia, passed away yesterday afternoon at her home three miles from Lexington. She leaves to mourn loss of her husband and several children. The interment took place at Pilgrim church.

Mr. Fred Durham, of Cherokee County, S. C., Special to The Observer. Gaffney, S. C., Feb. 17.—Fred Durham, of the Buffalo section, this county, died of pneumonia Saturday and was buried at Antioch church-yard yesterday. Mr. Durham was a brother of the late Charles Durham, who was deputy sheriff of this county until his death. He was a most exemplary young man and was beloved by all who knew him.

Mrs. A. G. Wood, of Greensboro, Special to The Observer. Greensboro, Feb. 17.—Mrs. A. G. Wood died at her home on West Gaston street last night. Death was due to an asthma affection, from which she had suffered for some time. Prior to her marriage, about two years ago, she was known as Miss Halladay, being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Halladay. Mrs. Wood is remembered by many people in Charlotte, the family having formerly resided in Dilworth.

Mrs. G. E. Hood, of Gaffney, S. C., Special to The Observer. Gaffney, S. C., Feb. 17.—Mrs. Lonia Hood, wife of George E. Hood, died at her home in the city yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock of tuberculosis. She was about 35 years of age and leaves a husband and six children, the youngest of whom are twin girls aged about one year. Mr. and Mrs. Hood are natives of York county, but have been living in Gaffney for several years. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. B. Harper, of the Buford Street Methodist church, assisted by Dr. A. M. Sims, of the First Baptist church, and the interment will be at Oakland Cemetery.

Mrs. Susan McCrary, of Lexington, Special to The Observer. Lexington, Feb. 16.—Mrs. Susan McCrary, aged 73 years, relict of the late Levi McCrary, passed away last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. T. Hedrick. She had been ill but a short time with pneumonia. Mrs. McCrary was a devout Christian and was beloved by all who knew her. She is survived by five children, Messrs. W. L. and R. L. McCrary and Mrs. J. T. Hedrick, of Lexington, and Mrs. Sowers and Mrs. Beck, of Spencer.

Another Prominent Citizen of Washington, N. C., Dead. Special to The Observer. Washington, N. C., Feb. 17.—Another of Washington's prominent and highly esteemed citizens, Mr. S. H. Williams, died at his residence on West Second street at 3 o'clock this morning after a very sudden and short illness. Mr. Williams had been in poor health for the past few months but was able to attend to his business as usual until last Friday evening when he was taken with a congestive chill, which left him in a collapsed and unconscious condition which lasted until his death. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, a Royal Arch Mason and was prominent in insurance and business circles of the city. He is survived by a loving wife, three sons and a daughter. The funeral will be conducted from the Presbyterian church at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by Rev. J. A. Sullivan, of the Baptist church, and the interment will be at Oakdale Cemetery. The Masonic order will officiate at the cemetery.

Two Tragedies in Jackson. One Man is Run Over and Killed by a Train, in Plain View of His Family, and Another is Shot Dead in a Drunken Row. Special to The Observer. Asheville, Feb. 17.—Messages received here by telephone to-night tell of two tragic deaths in Jackson county yesterday. Near Sylvia a team named Joe Dillard was caught on the railroad track in sight of his home and killed. It seems that Dillard was driving a team of mules and in attempting to cross the tracks the mules balked, the train coming on at the time and killing the owner of the team in plain view of his wife and children.

Skull Crushed with Paddle. A Fight in Swain County Which May Have Fatal Termination to One Man. Special to The Observer. Asheville, Feb. 17.—News has been received here of a probable fatal fight near the mouth of Hazel creek in Swain county Friday night, when Charles Myers struck Keener Chline over the head with a canoe paddle, crushing in the skull, and then fled across the Tennessee river and made his escape. A message from Bryson City, the county seat of Swain, says that the cause of the quarrel is unknown and that when last heard from Chline was unconscious, bleeding from the mouth and nose and that his life was despaired of. Both men were married and each is about 30 years of age.

FRANK H. HITCHCOCK RESIGNS. The President Accepts and Makes a Felicitous Response to the Letter of the First Assistant Postmaster General—Hitchcock to Manage the Taft Campaign. Washington, Feb. 17.—Frank H. Hitchcock today presented to the President his letter of resignation as First Assistant Postmaster General. The President accepted the resignation and made felicitous response to it. Mr. Hitchcock expects to enter practically immediately upon his duties as manager of the presidential campaign of Secretary Taft. Offices, which are to be used as headquarters, have been secured.

AMUSEMENTS. "THE MAYOR OF TOKIO." Richard Carle's best musical production "The Mayor of Tokio" will be seen at the Academy of Music Thursday night. "The Mayor of Tokio" is said to be one of the most satisfying musical comedy productions that we have had in a number of seasons. It is described as being filled with fun of the wholesome sort, its music entrancing, and nothing but admiration is expressed for the scenic surroundings and costuming. Mr. John L. Kearney, the well-known and versatile comedian, is the leading spirit and every moment of his assumption of the unwillingly adventurous "Marquis Orlando Kiddick" brings laughter for his unique personality and frolicsome humor. The music of "The Mayor of Tokio," is full of gems of song, choruses and comic ditties. The company numbers 75 people, carries its own orchestra and two large baggage carts filled with the richest costumes and elaborate scenery.

DANDY DIXIE MINSTRELS. Some of the specially engaged features in the olio with the Dandy Dixie Minstrels which comes to the Academy of Music Saturday for two performances, matinee and night, include the Cotton Pickers' Band, of matchless musicians; James Crosby, the tall talker; Williams & Stevens, comic impersonators; Montrose Douglas, trick bicyclist; Benny Jones, the Texas teaser; Sam Davis, the greatest colored baritone; H. S. Wooten, an Indian Territory tenor, and the Oklahoma octette of unrivaled vocalists. The performance begins with a first part in the "Royal Palm Grotto" and concludes with a screamingly funny farce "A Fowl Deal," in which Charles Williams interprets the leading role. Among the delightful features of this merry and magnificent minstrel are the songs, which abound throughout the programme, including all the popular songs of the day such as "Bill Simmons," "In the Valley of the San Joaquin," "Just a Bunch of Wild Flowers," "When Your Clothes Wear Out," "Get Help, Yourself," "Ain't Going to Be No Prince," "The Song My Mother Used to Sing," "Moving Day," the sweet old-time Southern melodies and the popular class songs of Yale, Columbia, Harvard, Cornell, Williams, Princeton, Georgetown and University of Virginia.

KUBELIK. As showing the progress Kubelik has made in his art since his earlier appearance in America, the remarks of a well-known New York critic on the first concert of the present tour are undoubtedly of some weight, especially as the same unanimity of opinion seems to prevail, not only in New York and Chicago, but in all the Western cities, among the writers for the daily press: "Those who have seen a Paderewski demonstration may have thought

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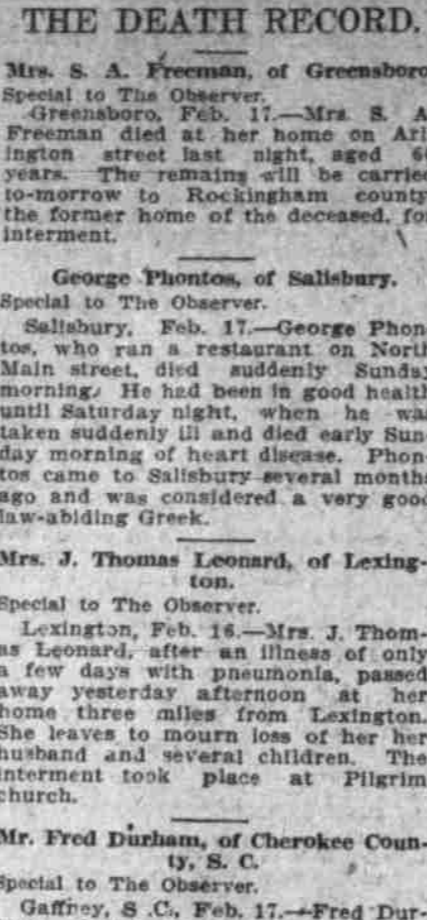
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