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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACY EXPECTED.

Probably Be Made By President Wilson Within a Month—Friends Take Matter as Settled.

President Wilson's closest advisers expect him to make the first formal announcement of his candidacy within the month when they believe Mr. Wilson will notify the Secretary of State of Ohio that the voters of the state will have his consent to use his name in the primary.

Under the Ohio law a candidate is required to notify the Secretary of State before Feb. 25 of his willingness to have his name used in the primary. The president has been formally notified of the law's provisions.

The president has made no definite announcement of whether he would be a candidate even to his friends as far as is known, but they take it as settled that he will be. Since the above was written President Wilson has made formal announcement that he will allow his name to be used as a candidate.]

182,622 BOY SCOUTS.

Membership of Organization Has Increased 46 Per Cent in the Past Year.

Washington Dispatch.

An increase of 46 per cent in membership during last year was announced today at the annual meeting of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. There are now 182,622 boys and scoutmasters in the movement. Among the significant features of the chief scout executive's report were that scout troops had been organized in almost every church denomination in the country, that 3,489 camps met in churches, and 3,886 school buildings, armories and community institutions, and that the 1915 scoutmasters included clergy, physicians, lawyers, teachers and other professional men, all of which character.

Young Girl Prevents Wreck at Drexel.

The wreck and probably two were prevented at Drexel last Saturday morning by the presence of mind of Freddie Williams, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. Byard Williams, who lives just this side of the station Drexel. Just after No. 36 passed the home Miss Williams noticed that the train was badly broken, and knew that if a train passed over it a derailment was certain. Knowing that the freight train was due from the west every minute and that it was carrying passenger train No. 15 from the east she ran to the depot as quick as possible to tell of the broken track. By her quick action both trains were stopped. As it was, the only inconvenience to the passengers on No. 15 was a delay of about 40 minutes until a broken rail could be replaced by a new one; they were very grateful to the young heroine for being saved the experience of what would in all probability have been a very serious wreck and very warm their praises of her. It was an act of heroism.

More Pension Increases.

Special pensions of \$10 a month are placed on a roll of honor for soldiers who are holders of medals of honor and over 65 years old, authorized in a bill introduced by Representative Sherwood of Ohio and passed Wednesday of last week by the House of Congress. It is estimated that not more than 1,000 veterans come under the provisions of the measure.

Another pension bill, designed to benefit widows of Spanish volunteers, served more than 90 days, passed much discussion and finally passed over until next Wednesday with action. It would grant widows whose incomes do not exceed \$250 a month, pensions of \$12 a month and \$3 additional for each minor child, with regard to the cause of the soldier's death.

Evans-Whisenant.

Correspondence of The News-Herald. Mr. W. L. Evans and Miss Junie Whisenant of Quaker Meadows were married on the 13th by Rev. James M. Moss, at the Quaker Meadows home. Mr. and Mrs. Evans are well known in this community and a host of friends wish them a life of happiness and prosperity.

DEATH OF MRS. J. M. PATTON

A Good Woman, the Mother of a Large Family, Passed Away Sunday Night.

Keen sorrow was brought to the hearts of a wide circle of relatives and friends by the death near midnight Sunday night of Mrs. Florence Patton, wife of Mr. J. M. Patton at her home in Morganton. Mrs. Patton had been sick for several months, and during the last few weeks of her illness it was known that she could not survive. Death was due to a heart trouble with which she had suffered for years.

Mrs. Patton was a native of Iredell county, and was before her marriage Miss Florence Reed Rich. She was born in October 1855, making her at her death a few months past 60 years of age. She was married to Mr. Patton in 1874; in 1901 they moved to Morganton and have since made this their home. To them were born 13 children, 10 of whom are living—6 daughters and 4 sons. They are Mrs. P. W. Patton and Mrs. T. J. Sparks, of Morganton, Mrs. Floyd Rawls, of Clinton, Mrs. Arthur Dale, of Woodlawn, Mrs. Willie Alston, of Oxford, and Mrs. Floyd Moss, of Drexel; Messrs. Frank Patton, of Morganton, William Henry Patton, of Marion, John Reed Patton, of Greenville, S. C., and Charlie Patton, of Hay, Washington. All the children except Mrs. Alston, who had just returned to her home last week, after nursing her mother for several weeks, and Mr. Charlie Patton, in Washington, were with their mother at the time of her death.

Funeral services, which were very impressive and attended by many friends and relatives, were held in the Methodist church Monday afternoon at four o'clock, conducted by Rev. E. E. Williamson, her pastor, and Rev. J. R. Williams, of the Baptist church. The Home Circle, of which she was an efficient member, attended in a body.

Since early girlhood Mrs. Patton had been a consecrated and loyal member of the Methodist church. In her passing it may be truly said that a "Mother in Israel" has gone to her reward. She leaves to her children the heritage of a noble character and to all who knew her the memory of a life of the qualities that count for making the world a better place in which to live.

Titanic Monument Nearing Completion.

Washington Dispatch, 11th.

Work on the mammoth memorial to the men of the Titanic who went down in order that women and children might have a chance for their lives is nearing completion, and will be placed in position in Potomac Park, in Washington in the next few weeks.

The memorial will consist of a figure of a man standing with outstretched arms and will be of heroic size. The design is the work of Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, formerly Miss Gertrude Vanderbilt of New York. She has supervised the cutting of the granite for the monument at the quarry at Quincy, Mass.

The monument will stand 35 feet high. The figure of the man will be 13 feet high, and the distance from the end of one outstretched arm to the end of the other will be 13 feet.

The memorial is the conception of the Titanic Memorial Association, which aims to honor the memory of the brave men who stood on the deck of the sinking liner and made no effort to save themselves, forfeiting their lives that women and children might live. It is a memorial of the famous tradition of the sea, "Women and children first," and a fitting emphasis of the words: "Greater love than this hath no man that he lay down his life for his friend."

Rutherford College Basketball Team.

Correspondence of The News-Herald. The basketball team was successful the past week. They were victorious in several games, although they did not win in every game, they played like men and brought honor to the school they were representing.

The following teams were played by the Rutherford College team: Linwood College, 42 to 14 in favor of Rutherford College. St. Mary's College 24 to 30 in favor of St. Mary's College. Frontman State High School 29 to 9 in favor of Rutherford College. Spencer 29 to 20 in favor of Spencer. Mooresville 24 to 21 in favor of Mooresville.

PRESIDENT WILL NOT MAKE SOUTHERN TRIP.

May Make a Few Speeches, But Will Not Make Tour Like His Western One.

Washington Dispatch, 10th.

President Wilson will not make an extended Southern trip to speak for preparedness. He told Southern senators and representatives who invited him to various cities today he might make a few speeches, but at the present time would not make a trip similar to the one he recently took to the middle west.

Whenever possible the President will accept invitations to make visits to cities which will not keep him away from Washington long it was said today.

MRS. THOS. S. KENAN DEAD.

Succumbs to Internal Injury—Bleeds to Death.

Raleigh Dispatch, 14th.

The death of Mrs. Thomas S. Kenan came as a great shock to the people of Raleigh and the entire State. She had been in splendid health for some time, but swallowed a portion of the breast bone of a bird that caused great suffering. An X-ray examination revealed the location of the trouble and the bone was finally thrown off, but serious lacerations resulted that started internal bleeding, and it was this that caused her death.

Killed in Sleigh Ride in Idaho.

Mrs. Joseph Berry, of Connelly Springs, who went to Idaho Falls, Idaho, a week ago Sunday in response to a telegram announcing the death of her son, Mr. Frank Berry, at that place, is expected to arrive at Connelly Springs this (Thursday) afternoon with the body. The burial will be made at Connelly Springs, funeral arrangements to be made after Mrs. Berry arrives home.

The young man's death, which was a great shock to his relatives and friends occurred while he was on a sleigh ride. The horses which he was driving, becoming unruly, ran away, threw him from the sleigh with the result that he died from injuries received. Hearing of his accident Mrs. Berry went to him but he was dead before she reached Idaho Falls.

The father and mother and several brothers and sisters survive. Miss Ruth Berry, who holds a position with the Morganton Furniture Co. and boards at Mrs. R. F. Goodson's, is a sister of the deceased.

Ford May Put on Advertising Campaign Against Preparedness.

A report comes from Detroit that Henry Ford is preparing to launch a country-wide campaign of newspaper and magazine advertising against the program for huge naval and military expenditures now before Congress. It is said that Ford intends soon to carry out his announced intention to devote millions of dollars to an educational campaign against war and preparedness which he declared to be the first step toward actual war.

None of the details of the plan have been learned but it is stated that Ford had been considering the campaign for some time and that "all the people of the country would be reached by it."

A Remarkable Invalid.

The Outlook.

Has any other invalid in the world a record like Mollie Fancher's? For half a century she has been lying day after day and year after year in her bed in her home in Brooklyn as the result of an accident when she was seventeen. She has just celebrated the golden jubilee of her invalidism, and among the testimonials she received was a letter of sympathy from President Wilson. A curious fact about Miss Francher's illness is that formerly remarkable psychic powers which were widely discussed in scientific circles, were attributed to her. These powers of "mind-reading" have now disappeared. Her optimism and humor remain, however, and she "reads everything in the papers except the war news."

Col. Theodore Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt sailed Friday on the British steamship Guiana for a pleasure trip through the West Indies. The first stop will be at St. Thomas, in the Danish West Indies. After visiting the British, French and Dutch colonies, Col. Roosevelt expects to return to New York on March 17th.

DIED IN TEXAS.

The Body of Mr. Joseph McElrath Brought Home for Burial.

Sunday afternoon the body of Mr. Joseph McElrath, who died last Thursday in Galveston, Texas, arrived in Morganton. The funeral services were held at Grace Episcopal church Monday morning, conducted by Rev. George Hilton, and the remains laid to rest in the churchyard of that church.

One of Mr. McElrath's requests before his death was that he be buried in Morganton, and it was in compliance with this request that the body was sent almost across the continent to the town of his birth.

While yet a comparatively young man Mr. McElrath decided to go west to make a fortune. That was 34 years ago and, though it ever remained his intention to come back home for a visit, he hadn't been back since leaving. Though he never became a rich man he was considered a fairly successful man in his business. He was a bout 60 years of age.

Mr. McElrath is well remembered by all the older residents of the town. He was a leader among the young men of the community before he went away. All who remember him speak of him in highest terms. He was a son of the late John McElrath, familiarly known in Morganton as "Dandy John." Three sisters survive: Mrs. E. M. Hayes, of Statesville, Mrs. A. B. Morrison, of Washington, D. C. and Mrs. J. E. Bechler, also of Washington. Mrs. Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, of Statesville, were here for the funeral.

List of Jurors

Drawn to serve at Burke Superior Court beginning March 13th for two weeks, for the trial of the criminal docket. Judge H. P. Lane of Reidsville, will preside.

First week—L. G. Barrier, J. P. Hagaman, S. M. Clay, J. F. Woodward, L. B. Carswell, J. R. Ross, L. J. Webber, R. H. Kincaid, J. M. Harrison, L. A. Kincaid, J. M. McGalliard, J. L. Sparks, M. C. Perry, J. G. Parper, J. Mac. Ross, Monroe Hoyle, M. McMahan, J. H. Walker, A. B. Wacaster, W. W. Keller, A. L. Bennett, E. Hayward Potet, D. A. Watts, P. D. Baker, J. R. Cowen, T. W. Keller, W. P. Golloway, J. S. Dysart, Walker Lyerly, R. E. Sudderth, J. R. Taylor, J. R. Mullis, Pink Lowman, S. V. Crites, M. A. McGimsey, W. A. Ross, Jr.

Second week—W. Henry Garrison, Ike McGalliard, John Medlock, W. M. Walker, Wm. Williams, E. C. Roper, W. A. Bailey, A. T. Willis, L. C. Roberson, W. T. Hudson, Jule N. Gales, C. B. Kincaid, J. R. Watts, Joe Wales, T. D. Crockett, A. B. Wakefield, John Long, H. D. Daniels.

Bridgewater Items.

Correspondence of The News-Herald.

Miss Pearl Gibbs, of Marion, spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. G. C. Anthony.

Miss Tressa Ballew, of Marion Junction, spent a few hours here Sunday with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Ballew.

Miss Carrie Tate visited her sister, Mrs. T. B. Conley, in Marion several days last week.

Mrs. Mary Ann Conley, who has been in ill health for a number of years, is now quite sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bob Hilliard.

Mrs. Will Hemphill, who spent several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Ed Gear in Shelby, returned home last week.

Miss Mag Hemphill, of Nebo, has been visiting Mrs. G. C. Anthony.

The infant child of Mr. Tate Rust has been seriously ill with diphtheria.

Mr. Johnie Morrison, our genial R. F. D. carrier on Route 1, has been indisposed for some time, only being able to be out at times. Mr. Abner Seals has been acting as assistant carrier during the absence of Mr. Morrison's brother, Winnie, who has been regular assistant for some time. We are glad to see Mr. Morrison again.

Mr. Ralph Abernethy bought thirty odd head of cattle from Mr. Robert Winkler last week.

With a genuine case of smallpox near Glen Alpine and "impetigo" at Nebo a few of our people have decided to be vaccinated and not wait until these two diseases reach our town.

Mrs. H. H. Mills and Benjamin Hildebran were in Glen Alpine one day last week.

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MR. TODD R. HENDERSON DIES IN COLORADO.

Prominent Burke Man On Western Trip Succumbs to Attack of Appendicitis.

Utterly unprepared were friends and relatives here for the shocking news conveyed in a telegram received Tuesday of the death in La Mar, Col., Monday night of Mr. Todd R. Henderson, of Worry, one of the most influential citizens of that section of the county.

Mr. Henderson left Morganton several weeks ago for a visit to his brothers in Alabama. While there he decided to take a trip through the West. He had reached La Mar, Col., when a sudden attack of appendicitis necessitated an immediate operation, resulting in his death before his relatives in this county even knew that he was sick.

The body will be sent home for interment, but as it is not yet known when it will reach Morganton funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Mr. Henderson belonged to one of Burke's most substantial and prominent families. He was a son of the late Lawson Henderson, so well known throughout this section, being a conductor on the western division of the Southern for years, and was a grandson on his mother's side of the late Governor Todd R. Caldwell, for whom he was named. His mother, Mrs. W. C. Henderson, of Worry, and several brothers and sisters survive. His wife died a little over a year ago. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved family in the sudden sorrow that has come to them.

Table Rock Notes.

Correspondence of The News-Herald.

We are glad to report that Mr. W. L. Allen, whose condition for several days was considered serious, is able to be up again.

Mr. Myrk Hartley left last week after spending several months with his mother, Mrs. Max Ramsaur.

Miss Ethel Hartley spent Wednesday in Morganton shopping.

Very pleasing reports come from Mr. Marcus Winters, who left a few weeks ago for California. He is especially attracted by the climate and productiveness of the country, most particularly by the trees laden with ripe apples and oranges.

Mr. Stanley Gibbs, a native of Burke, who, for nearly forty years has made his home in the West and North, including Alaska, is in the Old North State again. He is at present visiting his sister, Mrs. T. C. McGimsey.

Mrs. W. T. Winters spent a few days last week in Kinston, where she placed her small daughter in training school.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry A. Kincaid, of Morganton, made a short call on Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kincaid enroute to Joy last Friday.

Miss Emma Kincaid returned to her home here last week after an extended visit with relatives in Morganton.

Miss Jessie Harris has gone to be with her friend, Miss Minnie Boone, near the State Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kincaid, of Worry, spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McGimsey.

Now, we are told, is a most excellent time for swatting the fly. The occasional warm day ushers them into the unscreened house in small numbers when they are easily killed while if we are negligent now the number to which these few will multiply by mid-summer will be uncountable. If every farm housewife would do her part now all would be saved a great deal of annoyance later. Once or twice each day, going over the rooms in constant use, will work wonders. If we do not possess a regular swatter, a paper back book almanac size answers the purpose beautifully.

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Britt Will Have Opposition.

Asheville Dispatch, 4th.

Congressman James J. Britt, the Republican Representative of the tenth congressional district, is going to encounter some hard sledding when he enters the lists for re-election. In addition to a revived interest in Democratic politics in the district, the Congressman from Asheville is going to find trouble in his home camp, and back of all lies the Keating child labor law, against which Mr. Britt cast the weight of his voice and his vote.

Mr. E. W. Berry, of Route 4, Hickory, was a Morganton visitor last Saturday.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Brief Notes of Recent Happenings in North Carolina.

The United State Public Health Service will send two experts to Whitney, Stanly county, to instruct the people there how to construct a sanitary dam.

A former Shelby boy, Armond Carroll, has written a Shakespearian scenario which will be produced in Atlanta in May. The scenario will be used in the celebration of the centenary of Shakespeare's death.

Julius H. Mahler, a native of Raleigh, a resident of Durham for 22 years and for 14 years associated with the Durham branch of the American Tobacco Company, is to become active vice president of the company, with headquarters in New York city. He succeeds T. B. Yuille of New York, resigned. The job carries a salary of \$25,000.

There is a proposition on foot to operate a motor car, propelled by electricity, between Lenoir and Hickory. If this project materializes, it will afford travelers transportation facilities every two hours between these two points. It is said that General Manager Nichols of the Carolina and North-Western Railway has the matter under consideration.

Gastonia will ask for the 1916 session of the North Carolina Press Association. The invitation will be extended to the executive committee which meets at an early date to select the place and determine the time of meeting. One inducement which Gastonia will offer the association to secure its meeting will be a day spent on the famous battlefield of Kings Mountain.

In Haywood county Superior Court Mrs. Frona McMahan entered a plea of guilty of manslaughter for the killing of her husband last August. Judge Long sentenced her to three years in the State penitentiary. She was tried for first degree murder but the jury could not agree and then the compromise was made. Mrs. McMahan is 34 years old and has had six husbands, three of them dying under suspicious circumstances.

The Democratic State Committee is called to meet in Raleigh March 8 to fix the time and place for the meeting of the State convention, to fix dates for the meeting of the primaries and county conventions and to decide upon manner by which delegates and alternates to the Democratic national convention and the Democratic national committeemen shall be selected and to provide necessary rules and regulations respecting the selection of the same.

A large safe in the store of D. P. Sartain at Cool Springs, ten miles from Statesville was blown open some time Sunday night and cash amounting to between \$40 and \$50 dollars, notes, mortgages, stock certificates and other papers valued at several thousand dollars are missing. The robbery was not discovered until daylight. Two Syrian peddlers who were said to have been seen near Cool Springs Sunday were taken into custody and held pending investigation, but were later released.

Friday, March 24, has been set aside by Dr. J. Y. Joyner, Superintendent of Public Instruction, as the day for celebration in the public schools of the State of the Tercentenary of William Shakespeare. At the request of Shakespeare Tercentenary Association, Dr. Joyner will, also, in a short time, send to the county superintendents for distribution to their schools a brief program of exercises for the day. The program was prepared by Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, Chairman of the Association.

The case in regard to inheritance tax from the Tucker tax from the Tucker estate, Wake county, was this week decided in favor of the State. Prior to 1905 inheritance taxes were only charged against personality. In that year the Legislature amended the act to include real property, the act beginning "All Real and Personal Property," etc. At other points in the statute, the word "real" was omitted and this gave rise to a controversy that lasted for years, as to whether the law included real property or not. The Tucker estate fought it and the State Tax Commission made a test case of it, winning out in the end. The estate paid the tax on its realty, with interest, running the net amount to the State up to \$7,474.36.