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EVOLUTION

PROPOSED MEMOCRATS, ON RETURN TO POWER

IN BOTH HOUSES

Champ Clark Favors Changing, Are the Only Ones That Have Been Found Practicable.

SENATORIAL ELECTION PLAN **EVEN MORE REVOLUTIONARY**

Clark Makes a Virtue of a Necessity, Perhaps, and so Do the Senators of Sub-Committee, in Their Report

Gazette-News Bureau, The Hamilton, Washington, Dec. 19. ONGRESSMAN POU today characterized as untrue the story published in the Washington Post and other papers to the effect that he would not be a candidate for membership on the ways and means City when the train went over the committee because he had voted for a embankment, he said that he was se duty on lumber.

It will necessarily sound unkindstatesmen are not always kind to one another-but talk may be heard not the only grievance that Mr. Weeks to the general effect that Champ has against the railroad, or rather the he finally gave out a formal statement saying some more popular method Mr. Weeks while engaged in a very should be adopted for choosing the profitable, although novel business, house committees. However that may was obliged to discontinue this busibe, it is safe to say that renunciation cost the prospective speaker many a pang, for whereas high honor attaches to the office of speaker, the Weeks did not bring suit against the honor is nevertheless an empty one with that high prerogative of appointing the committees removed. As probable that since he has a chance the insurgents, with democratic aid, pany he will take advantage of it. began to draw his fangs, the speaker's voice really predominated in all Weeks had a small mountain farm matters of legislation.

Illustrations come readily to hand, but take one in which North Carolinians may reasonably be expected to several of each sort. One summer feel an interest. There is Senator gentleman come down Dixon from Montana, the former York city on a trip to the mountains North Carolinian who first went to In the course of his rumbles he came the house from his adopted state. While serving in the lower branch of snakes, and far from being appalle the national legislature Mr. Dixon by the discovery, as many would was one of the most steadfast and have been, he then and there made yielded to none in his oft-expressed him snakes to New York. He did not admiration for Uncle Joe, and there say what he wanted with them. The cannot be the least doubt that the arrangement proved profitable to him snak to call up a removed a safe distance from the The senator is prmitted to take a was no danger attached to it. broader view of public questions, he not directly answerable to a constituency so limited in number and The senator is a unit in the federal system, a co-partnership between the states, and the report of the sub-committee of the senate, which has acted favorably upon a bill permitting the states to take a vote upon the proposal to elect senstors by direct vote of the people, is looked upon by many as being much more revolutionary in character than the proposal to take away the right of the speaker to appoint the committees. Some Misgivings.
Conditions seemed intolerable the

way Speaker Cannon ran the house, nevertheless democrats, upon whom the responsibility for legislation will soon rest, in part, are viewing the future with some misgivings. It cannot even be said for the more popular method of selecting the house committees that it is untried, for it ling a trunk. Whatever the cause, was tried once. It was abandoned as the result was that while the pack-impracticable. Somebody has dug up age was being transerred at Asheabook written by Woodrow Wilson, ville the box containing the snakes favored by many as democratic canthe presidential nomination, which contains a chapter devoted to this very subject. Dr. Wilson recites the trial of the present plan by the first congress which, in April lated delectum tremens from his last 1789, ordered the selection of the week's bottle of buttermilk, the mesmore important committees by ballot-Less than one year's application of the plan served to demonstrate its undestrability, and in January, 1790, pointment of the committees by the speaker, which has stood until this day. Says Dr. Wilson in his book: "No house, however foolish in other respects, has yet been foolish enough to make fresh trial of electing well enough for the cool and leisurely enate, but not for the hasty and tur- Nellie Kniffen, was arrested but de-

Democrats realize that the innova- bloody axe was found in the tion promises the greatest revolution shed at their home. ise proceedure since Speaker

in house proceedure since Speaker Reed counted the quorum, and all hands are wondering how the proposed changes will executate.

The Collectorship.

Congressman Cowles will see President Tart again this week, when he will take up the matter of the collectorship. When Mr. Cowles saw the president Saturday the Saliabury postoffice was the one subject broach-(Continued on page 5)

The Rules of the House, Which Champ Clark Favors Changing. WAS KILLED EARLY

Southern Express Company Ruined Manuel Weeks' Snake Business and He Is Feeling Sore

REFUSED TO SHIP THE PRODUCT OF MR. WEEKS' FARM IN SWAIN

Box Full of Them Broke and the Consignment Got Away-Company Issued Order Against Them.

Manuel Weeks of Swain county was in the city last week on business Mr. Weeks was in the recent wreck of the Southern train near Bryson verely injured and will likely bring suit against the railroad. express company, for some years ago ness because the express company refused to carry his products. Mr express company but it is highly eaker Cannon ran things before to get even with an associated com-It came up in this way: Mr. in the Smokies. There were a few snakes of various sorts on the farm in fact there were several sorts, and upon some of the aforementioned standpatters. He a contract with Mr. Weeks to ship say what he wanted with them. The

n his business and was will and his state. Mr. Dixon could alling to pay for them when they reachways get the eye of the speaker when ed him alive. Mr. Weeks did not say either what the price was, but one bill, and there is little doubt that he would gather from his remarks that got recognition at times when others it was a moncy-making proposition. were not so favored. He could not Anyhow it was some way based on remained in the house, because the snake, a fine healthy rattler being speaker had been kind to him, and quoted at a considerably higher price could not well have shown such than the harmless water snake or ingratitude. Once in the senate, un- common garden variety, although trammeled, free to do as he liked, and anything in the way of a snake went. So Mr. Weeks went at this highly one man power, Mr. Dixon more than interesting calling with avidity and once felt impelled to co-operate with with the help of his boys he soon had theinsurgent forces. This likewise a very respectable shipment-resserves to show the difference between pectable as snakes go. The labor was the senator and the representative, not hard and Mr. Weeks said there he sighted a rattler he proceeded to pin its head to the ground with forked stick, grasped it by the back sometimes unstable in their views, of the neck, and dropped it into a sack. At night the day's catch was transferred to a box.

When the box was full Mr. Weeks fastened the top securely and shipped it to the address in New York. orsignee remitted a check which was entirely satisfactory to Mr. Weeks and he set about getting up another consignment

A few days later this too was shipped and, as it was of goodly propor tions and of fine quality, Mr. Weeks ndulged in some pardonable dreams of future prosperity, for as before hinted, the snakes were plentiful. But with equal force can the proverb of counting unhatched chickens be applied to the shipping of snakes. Perhaps the cover to the box was not fastened any too well, perhaps the bag gage man funcied that he was handwas burst and the contents distributed in various localities. Making no effort to recapture the valuable shipment but no doubt fancying that he had suddenly been overtaken with be-

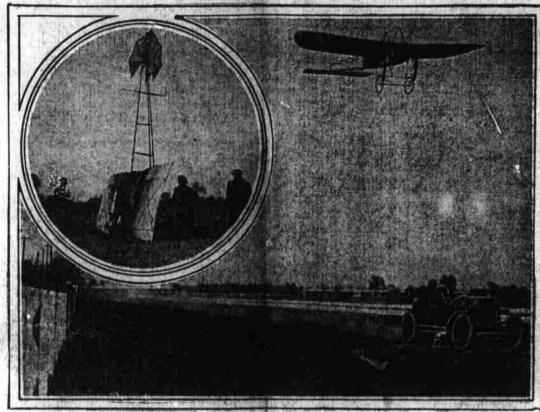
senger hurriedly left. So did the snakes, as Mr. Weeks said, "they scattered all over the city."

Immediately the local agent at Bryson City received an order: cept no more snakes for shipment."

Detroit Man Murdered, Widow Under

Detroit, Dec. 19.-Francis Kniffer That mode may do was found dead in bed this morning

J. B. Moisant Racing With Joe Seymour REV. D. J. MILLER DYNAMI



trouble whatever in winning a ten Seymour's head. nile race from "Joe" Seymour in his 150 horse power Vanderbilt cup racer. The contest was staged on the famous old Montgomery race track,

days when ponies instead of automo-

Southern Colonial Style Followed Close-

ly in Design for Blue Ridge

Ass'n. Buildings.

rium, Gymnasium and Ten Cot-

tages-Some of the Details.

Louis Allen Abramson, who is asso-

buildings for the Blue Ridge associa-

Asheville procuring estimates from

local contractors for the erection of

The operation is to be advanced

the association will be ready to hold

The architect's drawings show

most interesting group and comprise

the Robert E. Lee hall, auditorium,

gymnasium and ten cottages. The

plans also show an outdoor athletic

The hall will have a capacity of

ortably accommodate 600 at one seat-

ing. The kitchen in connection with

the dining room will be of the latest

ype and will include numerous steam

tables and a bake shop. Provisions

have been made for a large and spa-

clous lobby into which will open

constler wicove with a stone fireplace.

The library is located in a remote and

quiet corner where the guests may

be up to date in every department.

All rooms are equipped with running

plant) and steam heat. A barber

shop and billiard room have been provided for the men.

The auditorium will accommodate

700 and the plans show a large stage

and several dressing rooms. The interior will be very simple and digni-

posed and will be built up of hand-

The symnasium will include bowl-

ecial provisions have been made

The style of architecture of the

drawings confirm him that the

ing alleys, shower baths and lockers.

for the accommodation of the men

buildings will be pure southern colo-nial, and Mr. Abramson states and

design has been inspired by the best

examples of our rapidly disappearing art. The hall, auditorium and gym-

nasium are connected by a colonade and the buildings face upon a series

located at Black Mountain.

When the buildings are completed a

Willis Opposes the Mann Bill.

Washington. Dec. 19.—President Tait talked with H. E. Willis, the legislative representative of various railroad unions, regarding the amendment proposed to locomotive boiler inspecting by the Mann, bill now pending in the house. Willia opposed the mann bill. He said the law needs amendment but that the Mann bill would make it worse than ever. The precident has taken the matter up with Representative Mann.

sing the outdoor field.

newn oak and wrought iron straps.

The roof trusses will be ex-

water, electric lights (from a privat

The equipment of the building will

with all possible speed

conferences next fall.

neld and a large lake.

read undisturbed.

the work.

PROCURING THE ESTIMATES

Comprises Hall, Audito

tion, near Black Mountain, is now at Kabas and others.

MR. ABRAMSON IS NOW HERE

BARE BEAUTY

BUILDING GROUP

MPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 19.—John biles and aeroplates were in vogue. B. Moisant, in his fifty horse lowered records. At times Mr. Moipower Blerlot racer, had no sant was hardly 15 feet above Mr.

At the big meet in Memphis the viators not only cut figure eights, dip the dips," play aerial tag and "dip the dips," play aerial tag and give thrilling imitations of "shooting where many thoroughbreds, in the the chutes," but Mons. Reland B.

JIT-A-COLA COMPANY OF

Authorized Capital Stock Is \$25,000

- J. M. Chifes, B. R. Millard and

E. L. Ray Incorporators.

The state has issued a charter to

the Jit-a-Cola company of Asheville

having for its purpose the compound-

ing and selling, wholesale and retail,

"all manner of soft drinks whatso-ever, the compounding of drugs, fruit

juices, and all manner of chemicals

and the maintainance of stores for

the sale of them in and out of the

Chiles, D. R. Millard and E. L. Ray.

capital \$5,000, for social purposes,

porated today with \$25,000 authorized

capital stock is to do a general man-

ger and cola. The company will have

its laboratories in Atlanta and its

main office in Asheville. The com-

pany is to be independent of the Nova

stockholders are interested in both

offices at present in the Carrier build-

quarters, constructed especially for it,

on Depot street near the freight de-

The Jit-a-Cola company will

The Nova Cola company has

with the Nova Cola company.

DR. CLIFF ACCIDENTALLY

Was Examining Pistol at Time the Accident-Son Denies Ru-mor of Attempted Suicide,

accidentally shot

for quite a while,

Dr. Charles Cliff of Swannanoa, who

o'clock Saturday afternoon, is report-

years of age and Saturday was the

first time he had been out of doors

It seems that he and several others

of the men had been examining it

and Dr. Cliff had taken it. In som

way the trigger snapped and the bul-

a slight flesh wound. The builtet did

it was an attempted suicide.

holiday recess.

not penetrate his ribs. His son, H. G.

Direct Vote of People.

ed as doing well today. He is

Cola company although some of the

ufacturing business of extracts for

state.

clated with L. E. Jallade of New York | Another charter is issued to the Metro-

city, the architect for the group of politan Club company of Salisbury,

with good work, and it is hoped that drinks, including lemon, cherry, gin-

400 and the dining room will com- ing but will shortly move to new

pot.

companies.

The incorporators are J. M.

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Raleigh, Dec. 19.

ASHEVILLE CHARTERED

head.

While frisking over the grounds in his Demoiselle, the smallest heavier than air machine in the world, Mons. Garros lost control and dropped to head first, with her heels pointed sky

Edward Douglass White Becomes Ninth of the United States Supreme Court Chief Justices

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE HARLAN. SENIOR, ADMINISTERS OATH

Ceremonies of Installation in the Little Supreme Court Room.

Washington, Dec. 19.-Edward Douglass White, for 16 years associate justice of the United States Supublic ceremonies of installation were held in the presence of the bench and every available inch of space in the little court room.

The oath of allegiance was administered by Associate Justice Harlan just before the court took its place on the bench. The new head of the court marched in to the court room and to his usual place on the bench. As he took his seat, he smiled at his wife, who sat in a reserved seat with other relatives

Presiding Justice Harlan, who has headed the tribunal since Chief Jus-tice Fuller's death last July, announced that Justice White had been appointed chief justice of the United States and was present, ready to take the oath. He extended the congratuhave its offices in the same building lations of the court to the new chief justice and directed Clerk McKenney to read his commission. The presid-ing justice then turned to the new chief justice and in the presence of SHOOTS HIMSELF IN SIDE the gathering, standing, administered the judicial oath. The senior justice then bowed the chief justice into the chair at the head of the court, extended his personal congratulations and himself resumed his old seat at the right of the chief justice.

For the first time in history, an as sociate justice had been elevated to the chief justiceship, and for the first time a president and senate of one political party had honored a memper of a rival party by placing him at were near the house and that he had land.
a 38 calibre pistol in his hands; some

Hornet Clears for Cape Gracias

New Orleans, Dec. 19 .- The former let, penetrating his clothes, inflicted ported purchased by Honduran revo lutionists, cleared from this port thi Cliff, a railway mail clerk, went to afternon for Cape Gracias with see him yesterday and says that he crew of 20 men, 200 tons of coal an is doing nicely. He denied rumors that provisions for 20 days. Include among the crew are several connect with previous filibustering tions directed against Central Ameri-

> Body of Chilean Minister Lying it State.

of recommending a constitutional most interesting and most beautiful amendment to provide for the elec-group of educational buildings will be tion of United States senators by di-Washington, Dec. 19 .- The body of rect vote of the people was made a special order by the judiciary comspecial order by the judiciary comday, is lying in state at the legation, announced the efforts so far have armounced the arrival of a Chilean war agers and the engineers declare the vassed to transport it to Chile. mittee for its first meeting after the Prominent Lawyer Drowned in Bath

Easton, Pa., Dec. 19.—Irwin 8.
Uhler, a prominent lawyer, was found drowned in a bath tub at his home last night. Uhler was a cripple. It is supposed he fell into the tub while preparing for a bath. He was alons at the time.

HAS DISAPPEARED KILLS 13 PEOPLE

Pastor of Bethel, M. E. Church, Leaves Without Notice, Wearing Two Pairs of Trousers and Taking Diploma.

NO REASON ASSIGNED FOR **ACTION EXCEPT ILL HEALTH**

Seen at Passenger Station Friday Afternoon-Was in Possession of His Faculties.

Rev. D. J. Miller, pasor of Bethel Methodist church disappeared from his home on Phifer street Friday afternoon and all efforts to locate him was placed in the hands of the local police but as there is abundant reason for thinking he has left town,

It was reported early Saturday peared from home but as it was thought that he would return soon matter was kept quiet, at the So far as is known there was no reason why he should have left voluntarily and his friends are puzzied to account for his action un-less it is that his mind became deranged as the result of bad health and hard work.

Inquiries have elicited the informa-tion that Mr. Miller was seen at the 000. depot about 3 o'clock in the after-noon; that he seemed to be waiting for a train and that he appeared to have his faculties about him. It is also learned that before he left he pu on two suits of underwear and two pairs of pants, also that he took his credentials and college diploma with him, and borrowed a small amount of

It is certain that Mr. Miller had been in bad health for some time; that he had been working very hard for his church and that he was discouraged with the progress that he was making. The charge that he had was not very prosperous. It is thought that constant worry about his health and hard work may have

seen too much for him. There are various conjectures as to where he may have gope. It is said that he has been wanting to go for some time but that his friends opposed the move. He had been closely associated with Rev. G. preme court, today became the ninth Detwiler, Rev. T. L. Lallance, and has chief justice of the nation. Simple a brother in South Dakota, and it is

Another theory entertained by of his friends its that even if Mr. Miller was suffering with melancho he must have had a definite plan in mind and one that he had considered. the turbine racer Maurelania slipped This is borne out by the facts that out again at 6 o'clock Saturday night he borrowed the money, wore the exevidence that he wished to leave cord. secretly.

On this account some of his friends sailing time the last of thousands of the last of the last of thousands of the last of thousands of the last of the last of the last of thousands of the last of thousands of the last of thousands of the last of the las haps not exactly well balanced, if he had the faculty to deliberately plan his departure, he is able to take care of himself until he reaches whatever destination he had in mind. They think that as soon as he is settled in the place to which he has gone, he will make his whereabouts known his wife and to his friends.

His domestic life is said to have been practically ideal but he was aponnections.

Mr. Miller came to this conferen from the Northern Methodist church good appointments, This, too, thought to have a bearing on his action, as the Bethel charge is not very remunerative. These things added to the fact that he wished to go to some western state make the latter theory -hat he knew what he was doing seem very plausible.

SETTLEMENT OF ENGINEERS' DIFFERENCES UNFAVORABLE

Soth the Railroad Managers and the Engineers View Outlook With Misgivings.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—No results are expected today from the efforts of Mediator Charles P. Noil to adjust the differences between members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive En-gineers and \$1 western railroads from whom the Brotherhood ask increa-wages. -Mr. Neil held two conferen

Explosion Occurred This Mornin New Electric Power House of N. Y. Central in N. Y .-\$100,000 Damage.

ELECTRIC CAR PICKED UP AND DRIVEN INTO AN AUTO

Rev. Mr. Miller, It Is Said, Was Last One Hundred Men and Women in Bible Training School Nearby Thrown to the Floor-Panic Followed Explosion.

New York, Dec. 19 .- Thirteen persons were killed and 50 injured in a double explosion of gas and dynamite in the new electric power house of have so far been in vain. The search the New York Central at 8 o'clock this morning. The explosion's force shattered hundreds of windows in big hotels and apartments, causing intense excitement among the guests.

The dynamite blast picked up a northbound trolley car, lifted it into morning that Mr. Miller had disap- the air and sent it crashing upon an automobile. The railway service was temporarily interrupted. The power house, six stories high, took fire from request of Dr. C. W. Byrd of Central the explosion and the interior was burned out.

In the Bible training school, di rectly opposite the power house, 125 men and women were thrown to the floor by the blast. The damage to the power house is likely to reach \$100,-

Fire Chief Croker says it will be 24 hours before his men can get at the bottom of the debris covering the battery room where the explosion occurred and where many missing work-

nen are interred. 200 Were Injure Late ceitmates were that 200 per sons were injured. Temporary hospitals were established in fire engine Clamoring hundreds vicinity. seiged the police station dead were taken. Pitiful scenes acted as identifications were made mothers, wives and relatives of the victims. What is left of the walls of the power station stood like masonry

MAURETANIA WILL TRY FOR NEW WORLD RECORD

exposed to a fierce cannonade

possible that he may have gone to one of these.

Another theory entertained by some

Great Sca-Going Vessel Slipped Out of Her Dock Saturday Night

For Race Across Seas.

New York, Dec. 19 .- Thirty-eight hours after she put in at her dock, and it was the hope of her captain. tra clothing and took with him his W. T. Turner, to complete the round liploma and credentials. His taking trip from Liverpool in twelve days his clothing without a suit case is and thus establish a new world's re-

Three-quarters of an hour before aboard and the Mauretania into the river. Captain Turner hoped to touch at Queenstown Thursday midnight. If he does a world's record for the round trip will be esta-

SALE CONFIRMED

Judge Pritchard in Richmond Satur day Confirmed Sale of Whitney Plant to N. C. Power Co.

At Richmond Saturday J. Pritchard confirmed the sale of Whitney company's uncompleted power plant and land holdings in sever counties in this state to the Carolina Electric and Power pany, a New Jersey corporation bid it in at the sale Th

This company is composed of so of the large bondholders in Amerand Europe, who co-operate with I Franco-American bank of Paris holder of some of the bonds—bor ed enough money to pay off the costs, receivership expenses, etc., the lien of the T. A. Officspis pany for construction work done In speaking of the company morning Judge Moore, who resented the bondholders, said that property would be turned over to bondholders and that it was his often that the plant would be comped at the falls of the Yadkin rive

a reasonable time. It will take \$2,000,000 to carry out the pla