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# G.W. PERKINS

Senate Investigating Committee Will Hear Him Either in New York or Washington.

PLANNING TO DEVELOP ARCHBOLD EVIDENCE

Question of Calling Roosevelt Not Yet Decided-May Hold New York Session.

Washington, Aug. 24.-When the resolution by Penrose directing an investigation of the charges regarding the republican campaign fund 1904 and the primaries of the 1912 presidential campaign was called up in the senate today, Senator Poindex-ter proposed to broaden its scope, Debate followed by the senate special committee will look particularly into the Penrose-Archbold-Roosevelt controversy over the Standard Oil contributions of 1904 campaign. Dates of fuller hearings and witnesses were left open until the senate acts upon the resolution. The committee today didn't consider the proposal to call

Roosevelt. Washington, Aug. 24.-Spurred on by the testimony by John D. Archhold, that the Standard Oil company contributed \$100,000 to the republican national campaign committee in 1904 with the knowledge and consen of Roosevelt, the senate committee teday met early to lay plans for pushing the investigation. Senator Luke Lea, hurrying back from the west, arrived early and immediately went into executive session with his colleagues to frame a course of action. Further witnesses, dates and places of meeting the possibility of calling Roosevelt to testify are still hazy. It is practically certain that George W. Perkins will testify Tuesday, but whether he will come to Washington or the committee go to New York is undecided. Others mentioned in the Archbold testimony may be heard also in New York.

Puts Allegations in Record. When Mr. Archbold was excused after his testimony yesterday before the senate committee investigating calpaign contributions Senator Penrose took the stand.

Senator Penrose introduced into the record the statement regarding the \$25,000 contribution to the Pennsylvania campaign fund of 1904 by John D. Archbold, and the contribution of \$100,000 to the national campaign fund, which he made Wednesday in the senate. Senator Penrose said he the contribution of \$100,000 to the national campaign fund by the Standard Oll company, and of the demand for further contributions.

"I also knew of the urgency of the request of Mr. Bliss to Mr. Archb for the additional \$150,000," said Mr. Penrose, "and his saying that the refusal to give it would probably result retaliatory measures, the theory be ing that it threw the 'powers that be, as Mr. Archbold calls them, into other financial hands, and that the Standard Oil company would be the goat,' as the popular saying is."

Senator Pomerene took up the amination of Senator Penrose and in-quired as to various interviews with Archbold and other men connected with the Standard Oil company.

"Mr. Archbold told me," said Sen ator Penrose, "that his board of direc tors would decline to aid in the nacrecy about the matter-if their ac-Reosevelt and Mr. Cortelyou.'

"At these interviews was anythinsaid about Mr. Roosevelt's attitude 'big business?' asked Senator Pomerene.

"There was a general assurance on the part of Mr. Blirs, that the powers of the presidential office would not be used in a harsh way for demagogic ef-

Believes Roosevelt Knew.

Senator Penrose said that in an in terview following the first Standard Oil contribution at which he was present. Mr. Blis told the Standard Oil officials that Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Cortelyou "had been" advised of the

first contribution and were extremely solicitous about their complying with his request for a second contribution. Senator Penrose declared he told Mr. Archbold that he was making a mistake in not making the second contribution and that Mr. Archbold

agreed with him.

Senator Penrose said he never had discussed Standard Oil contributions with Mr. Cartelyou, but he believed the subject of contributions had come up casually in a conversation he had with President Roosevelt both before and after the election of 1204.

"While no direct reference was made to the contributions in 1204. I believe that the president was cognizant of the habit of the Standard Oil to contribute a every campaign since

is to contribute in every campaign since 1896," said Penrone.

He was positive that Mr. Roomvelt never had suggested to him that the "materal Oil money be returned. He again referred to the letter which "ent Roomvelt wrote him, thanking him for his "extraordinary efforts."

TO J.O. ARCHBOLD Says in Substance Testimony Merely Impugns Charac-

ter of Dead Man.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 24.-Col Roosevelt last night reiterated his declaration that he knew nothing of a contribution by Mr. Archbold or the Standard Oil company to the republican campaign of 1904. He declared that he did not "for one moment believe that Mr. Archbold's testimony before the senate investigating committee today is truthful," charged Mr Archbold with a "wicked assault on dead man," and Colonel Roosevel further declared that during many calls which Mr. Archbold made upor him not to prosecute the Standard Oi company, Mr. Archbold never referred to any contribution to his campaign fund and concluded with the sugges tion that the senate committee should make both Mr. Archbold and Senator Penrose testify at once concerning their relations while Mr. Penrose was a member of the industrial commis

Colonel Roosevelt concluded b thanking both Messrs. Archbold and Penrose for "making it clear beyond possibility of doubt that I am the mar the Penroses and Archbolds of the country most dread in public life."

Colonel Roosevelt says in part: "I wish to call attention to the fac that even if Mr. Archbold's statement are true, they amount only to saying so far as I am concerned, that Mr. Bliss told him that I had knowledge and approved a request for \$100,000 which was granted, and a further request for \$150,000 which was no from the Standard Oil company, This is a pure hearsay statement and even if made in good faith would be atterly valueless

Say Allegations Are Hearsay. "Not only did I never know any thing of such a request being madbut my published letters and tele grams show that when the rumor that there had been a contribution reached me I acted at once, reiterating my demand again and again that the mone should be immediately returned, if it had been given and being assured by Mr. Cortelyou that the money had no been received. Therefore, even on th assumption that Mr. Archbold is telling the truth, his testimony, as far a I am concerned, consists of the repetition of hearsay assertions which were instantly disproved by the production had been given to understand at the of my letters and telegrams. I wis time that Colonel Roosevelt knew of to reiterate that until Mr. Penros made his speech. I never had heard it suggested that Mr. Archbold had contributed to the campaign or been the means through which any contribu tions had been made.

"But I do not for one moment be lieve that Mr. Archbold's testimony is truthful. He apparently possesses such a moral standard that he does not understand the infamous accusa tion he is making against Mr. Blisa Mr. Bliss is now dead.

"He now says that Mr. Bliss warned him that he was making a serious mistake in not contributing the extra amount of money and that later on when the administration began to deal with the Standard Oil people. Mr. Bliss said it would have been different if they had done as he asked them This is an assertion that Mr. Bliss was deliberately trying to blackmail the Standard Oil into contributing, by scarcely veiled threats as to what would happen if they did not contrib-ute and that Mr. Bliss in effect told them afterwards that if they had con-tributed the administration would not ave proceeded against them for violation of the law-for this was all the administration did.

"This is a wicked assault on a dea man whose high standing and probits was such that no human being who was himself honest, would ever impute

evil motives to him. "Moreover, Mr. Archbold shows per fectly clearly, as published reports say that his corporation had not contrib-uted in order to get value for its graft and that the gift was made with the expectation of receiving improper con

sideration. that Mr. Bliss made any such remarks to Mr. Archbold as Mr. Archbold says. For example Mr. Archbold states that he and the late H. H. Rogers visited me at the White House and that I then remarked to them that there had een some criticism about campaign

This is a falsehood. "Neither on that occasion or on at either by me to Mr. Archbold or by either by me or Mr. Archbold or by Mr. Archbold to me about campaign

ontributions. "Mr. Rogers and Mr. Archbold call ed on that occasion to protest against any government action being taken against the Standard Oil company. If Mr. Archbold had really believed that Mr. Biles had told him that I knew of

any contributions by the Standard Oil or had told that he was jeopardised by having refused to make a contribution or was entitled to immunity for hav-ing made one, he would certainly have

## PLOT TO MURDER MEMBER OF HOUSE

Alleged Scheme to Kill John son of Kentucky Transpires in Washington.

Washington, Aug. 4.-An alleged cheme to kill Representative Johnson of Kentucky, chairman of the house ommittee on the District of Columbia, so as to head of proposed legislation has been disclosed to Johnson, and the sworn statement has put the Kentuck ian and his friends on guard. Johnson said today he knew all about it, but preferred not to talk.

The affidavit of a Washington man. detailing a conversation he heard on a street car in which one of these talking said he had been following Johnson for three nights to kill him. was locked up today in the office of Speaker Clark. Johnson sald the story was absolutely true.

Bill Means Adjournment by Night.

Washington, Aug. 24.-Representa ive Murdock's fight against the conference report on the postal appro-priation bilk providing for the payment of not more than \$35,000 to the St. Louis Terminal association for carrying mails across Eads bridge collapsed today, when the report was adopted with only Murdock voting against it. This, the leaders said. practically assured the adjournment of congress before night.

Some of the senate amendments to the general deficiency bill were disagreed to by the house and the bill was sent back for adjustment, serious delay is expected.

## UNGERWORLD DENIZENS FLEE FROM NEW YORK

Whitman's Process Servers Find Only Four for John Doe Inquiry.

New York, Aug. 24.-Scores gamblers and keepers of disorderly ouses have suddenly found themselves suffering from III health and ubpoena servers attached to District Attorney Whitman's office said today was surprising how many persons of the underworld found it necessary to leave the city at this time. Ten process servers invaded Broadway in three automobiles to serve papers to appear in the John Doe proceeding nd inquiry into police graft. Only Scores of persons canted had left for health resorts. It became known today that no peron who ought to be arraigned will e allowed to testify before the com-

### EXPRESS COMPANIES CAN'T ESCAPE TRIAL

Sederal Judge Rules That They Are Legal Entities Indictable Under Commerce Act.

Washington, Aug. 24.-The Adams and American Express companies, in dicted on the charge of violations of the interstate commerce act, must face trial. There is no escape though pleadings that they are not corpora tions or companies within the mean-ing of the law. This in effect was the decision of Federal Judge Hazel of Buffulo in an opinion today written in the case begun by the interstate ommerce commission against the two ompanies, alleging overcharging and

Judge Hazel held that express com panies are legal entities and indictable as such under the interstate commercial The commission will press th

ATTORNEY ON A JAG WINS HIS OWN CASE

Arrested Second Time for Same Spre He Successfully Invokes Con-stitutional Rights.

Nyack, N. Y., Aug. 24.—A nove oint of law was raised here by Ben-arnin Bryant, a one-time lawyer, who vas arraigned before Justice Leltiso He had been before the same court or Thursday on the same charge and was

You are charged with said the magistrate appeared a second

# HIS CAMPAGN

Large and Attentive Crowd Hears Democratic Gubernatorial Nominee Speak at Laurinburg.

SAYS AYCOCK POLICY SHOULD BE FOLLOWED

Outlines Democratic Program in State and Nation-Representative Page Makes an Address.

Laurinburg, Aug. 24.-One of the argest crowds that ever assembled in Locke Craig make the opening speech Laurinburg in the morning and until noon spent the time in shaking hands Collapse of Fight on Postoffice with his friends, Mr. Craig and Congressman R. N. Page, together with a number of their friends were enter tained at dinner by Judge Walter H Neal at his home on Church street.

At 3 o'clock the hour for the speak ing, all available space in the court house was taken and a large crowd remained on the outside. The music was furnished by the Rockingham band. E. H. Gibson, chairman of the county democratic executive commit e presided.

G. H. Russell of the local bar introduced Mr. Craig and referred to the fact that the notable campaign of 1898 was opened in Laurinburg and that one of the speakers was Hon. Locke Craig, the other being Governor Aycock. "These two sons have each been signally honored by the people of the state," he said. "In 1900 the nomination for governor was unani-mously given to Governor Aycock and in 1912 Mr. Craig has received the Craig Given Close Attention.

Mr. Craig spoke for nearly tw ours, and despite the crowded house and warm weather, he had the closes attention of his audience during the entire time. He was frequently interrupted by applause during his discus sion. He reviewed the progress of North Carolina and compared its achievements since the campaign of 1898 with its previous republican re-

He fully discussed the tariff and attitude of the various parties toward it, and declared that the policy of the democratic party is the only one that able right of equal justice.

He declared that if Roosevelt should suddenly die there will be no third party and that the progressive party cannot have a very long life because "Teddy" is now 55 years old. He ex pressed surprise that Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt should go country abusing and villifying each other and declared that each had told the truth on the other.

He declared that the state of North Carolina ought to continue to allow the policy of the beloved Aycock by giving the less fortunate man a better Good roads and agriculture were dealt upon at length.

The people were greatly pleased with the purposes expressed in Mr. Craig's speech. It was expected that State Chairman Webb and Congressman Helflin of Atahama would be present. Mr. Page had not intended to speak, but in the absence of the others made a short speech relating a few things that have been done by the democratic house of congress toward lessening the burdens of the taxation. in this county during the campaign.

## HOUSE COMMITTEE FLAYS 'POLITICAL PAYMASTER

Severe Criticism Follows President's Attempt to Promote Major Ray.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The house committee on war department expen-ditures today reported that Major Beecher B. Ray, U. S. A., whom the resident yestermay nominated to be deputy paymaster-general of the army had been engaged in political activity particularly in the interest of President Taft, had been four time charged with serious offenses, had been vindicated and never disciplined more severely than by a reprimand.

Sea Girt Shooting Tournament,

Sea Girt, Aug. 24.—With a cloud-less sky, the twenty-second annual Sea Girt shooting tournament, in-cluding matches of the National Rife Association of America, opened here today. The first shooting was for the Columbia trophy, open to teams from the Jersey National guard. A team will be selected to try for the interna-tional Palma trophy at Ottawa, Can-ade, on September 14.

# IN PENITENTIARY

Melton's Counsel Pleads for Light Sentence, and Mr. Haynes Submits Some Remarks.

ASKED THAT MAXIMUM SENTENCE BE PASSED

Judge Lane Says That if He Erred in Fixing Sentence It Was, on the Side of Leniency.

After having remained out since in the case of Clyde Melton, charged with the murder of Ed. B. Swinney. came into the court room at 9:30 this morning and returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree. Gaynor and a reception committee, he court house here, yesterday heard After hearing pleas of mercy from the room.

After the jury had anounced its verdict, Messrs. Fortune, Roberts and locke made eloquent pleas for the judge to impose a light sentence, calling to his attention circumstances which they urged is extenuating, When they had concluded J. Haynes, who with the solicitor has conducted an unusually vigorous prosecution of the case, said that he was going to do something that he had never done before: hit a man when he was down. He declared that the jury had already taken a charitable course in the case in not finding the prisoner guilty of muredr in th first degree; that the jury itself had seen that he had mercy; that the peo ple of the county were looking for protection; that they expected Melton to be punished and demanded that i done; and he insisted that maximum penalty of 30 years be im

Judge Lane said that he had give a great deal of thought to the case, and he had in mind two murders more brutal than this in which two wise judges had seen fit to impose lighter sentences than he was going to im ose; at the same time, he said that he felt if he erred at all in fixing the punishment, it was in being too lenent. He then instructed the clerk to make the entry 18 years in the state

penitentiary. The case has occupied the better part of this week. Melton was repre-sented by Fortune & Roberts, J. S. Styles and Judge P. C. Cocke. They contested every point, ensus of opinion is that, taking into consideration the nature of the crime, hey did very well for their client, J. W. Haynes appeared for the private prosecution,

The history of the killing has been written many times. It took place on College street near the corner North Main only a few weeks ago, one night about 8 o'clock. Witnesses for the state and defense testified to opposite effect. The state contended that Melton had shot Swinney in the back as he turned to walk away from Melton; that Melton shot him again in the breast after Swinney had fallen to the street. The motive, they contended, was in Swinney's appearing as state's witness in a whiskey case which sent Horace, Clyde's brother,

to jail. Melton contended that Swinney had an old grudge against him on account of Swinney's insulting former's wife; that Swinney sought him on the night of the killing and threatened to cut his head off; that he did take hold of Melton and struck at him twice before the latter fired; that the first shot took effect in the creast and not in the back.

There was considerable interest in the case and the general opinion seems to be that Melton got off very well.

### YEARN FOR FLESHPOTS

oliva Forbids His Followers Patronizing Restaurant Where Forbidden Food Is Served.

Zion City, Aug. 24 .- Wilbur Glent Voliva, overseer of Zion City, last night seized another opportunity to express his opinion regarding the path which his followers shall walk. T time the overseer did not scold, but forbade his followers from patronizing a restaurant which had been started in town whose keeper only serves pork but announces that oysters will appear on the bill of fare Those articles of food were

### 27,000 VIEW BOOTH

Long Line of Toilers Passed by Body of Former Head of Salvation Army.

London, Aug. 24.—No fewer than 27,000 workmen filed past their late general, William Booth, between 5 and 9 o'clock this morning. The scene

## IS GIVEN 18 YEARS ALLEGEDSLAYER IS ACQUITTED

Thousands Along the Line of TRAIL OF BLOOD IN Parade Through New

York Streets.

**GET HIGH HONORS** 

**OLYMPIC WINNERS** 

New York, Aug. 24.-The city tenlered full and enthusiastic honors to day to American athletes who re turned from abroad bearing honors expected at a state of the Olympic games at Stockholm.

American winners were escorted in the case of Clyde Malton charged monster parade through Fifth ave nue and Broadway to the city hall, where the Athletes were welcomed

and the parade reviewed by Mayor charge of murdering Miss Janie the counsel for defense. Judge Lane cheered athletes occupying automo- was received without demonstration. of the campaign for this year in North imposed a sentence of 18 years at biles in the parade. Each carried two Carolina. People from all sections of hard labor in the state penitentiary. There were 10,000 or more in the pathe country and from adjoining counMelton took his sentence very coolly, rade, the ten divisions of the parade found bearing evidences of brutal ties thronged the town during the but his mother and sister, who being led by a regiment of police and treatment. Swinton Permenter and middle of the day. Mr. Craig reached have sat just behind him during the a hatallion of coast artillery, com- Alonzo Burchfield were arrested, the progress of the trial, gave way to manded by Brigader General Geo.rge latter being released. Perm tears and lamentation. They, with One division was made up of school family hired detectives to find Melton, were quickly hurried from children. The American flags used to girl's assailant. Detective Wa announce the victorious Americans

Educational Committee of G. W. N. C. A. Met Yesterday -Other Matters Discussed.

There was a meeting yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock in City half of the educational committee of the Greater Western North Carolina association for the purpose of taking some action in the matter of lending its co-opera tion to the Western North Carolina Fair association in making "educational day" at the fair this fall a big the association, and after the request the complete financial report of the for co-operation had been formally board was presented. Following this made by Secretary Guy Weaver of the report, the finance committee, which Fair association, it was voted to lend presented it, stated that owing to the Fair association, it was voted to lend this co-operation in every way possi-No plans were outlined, how-

ever. D. Harris, a member of the committee, income; and a budget was presented who stated the object of the meeting, in connection with a tentative plan by and Rev. W. A. Newell was asked to which it is hoped to attain this. act as temporary chairman. Guy Weaver was named as temporary sec- until worked out in detail, but it is retary; and later the organization was almost certain that steps will be taken made permanent, and the followins at once to secure more money for the committee was named to formulate work of the board. The need of extra plans for educational day:

G. C. Burrage, Saluda; C. H. Trowbridge, Brevard; E. P. Childs, Ashe- ed; none of these has quite come up ville; R. L. Moore, Mars Hill; Dr. to the requirements, but the one now Rogers, Farm School; Prof. O. S. Dean, Cullowhee.

An interesting feature of the meeting was the action taken to promote the establishment in this section of a school that will give a four years college course. Prof. A. C. Reynolds, principal of the Cullowhee Institute. stated in a short talk that his school is doing a great work but that he considered it vitally necessary that section have a college, and asked that the educational committee in session take some action to try and have one established. This was favorably acted upon, and a committee composed of Earle Godbey, Prof. A. C. Reynolds and T. C. Henderson was named to

Prof. McNeely of Lake Toxaway in troduced a discussion concerning the need of a better grading of the schools of the section, and the subject was pretty thoroughly threshed out, although no definite action was taken to have this done. There were short by a number of those present, in which it appeared that all are of the opinion that the school system would be greatly benefited by such a system

iniform grading. The following members were present at this meeting of the committee Prof. A. C. Reynolds, Cullowhee David H. Brown, Webster; George C. Burrage, Saluda; Prof. O. S. Dean. Cullowhee; Prof. C. R. McNeely, Lake Toxaway; T. C. Henderson, Quebec, C. H. Trowbridge, Brevard; L. B. Abernathy. Cullowhee; D. Harris, Rev. W A. Newell, R. P. Hayes, president Fair association and Guy Weaver, Asheville

Broyles Defeated Pottle.

Atlanta, Aug. 34.—Judge Broyles defeated Judge J. R. for the state court of appeals in Wednesday's primary. Judge Broyles has a majority of eight units in the con-

Signs Sundry Civil Bill.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The president today signed the sundry civil bill, as agreed upon with the provision for the tariff board carrying an appropriation of approximately \$180.

Swinton Permenter, Once Convicted, Is Now Freed of Charge of Killing Miss Sharpe.

THE NOTORIOUS CASE

Two Who Endeavored to Solve Mystery of Rich Girl's Murder Shot to Death.

Winona, Miss, Aug. 24.-Swinton Permenter was today acquitted of the Sharpe near Rural Hill, Winston Thousands along the line of march county, two years ago. The verdict Miss Sharpe, who was the daughter of a wealthy planter, disappeared assailant. Detective Walker was later shot to death by an unwere mounted on a decorated float.

Walter Permenter, brother of Swinton, was assassinated. He had been ssisting Walker in hunting down the girl's assailant. Swinton Permenter was once convicted but the Mississippi Supreme court reversed and remand ed the case. The The second trial was

## BOARD OF TRADE WILL TRY TO INCREASE FUNDS

Committee Appointed to Arrange for More Artistic Fountain on Square.

There was a special meeting of the directors of the board of event. There was a good attendance trade held in the associtaion from the entire section included in rooms yesterday afternoon, at which excellent work that had been carried on during the past year with only a limited amount of funds, arrange-The meeting was called to order by ments should be made to increase the

> The plan will not be made public funds has been felt for a long time, and various plans have been suggest under consideration gives promise of being satisfactory, it is said,

It was decided at this meeting of the directors that there should be a more artistle fountain on Pack square, and a committee composed of Plummer, E. L. Ray, J. M. Chiles, W. Vance Brown and E. C. Chambers was appointed to arrange for one with vari-colored lights.

### CLYDE E. MEARS

G. A. Mears Died Yesterday Afternoon After Long

Clyde E. Mears died yesterday after noon at 6:30 o'clock at his home, 137 South Main street. Mr. Mears was 37 years old and had been in ill health for the past three years. son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Mears and well and favorably throughout the city. He is survived by a wife and one child.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock and will be conducted from the residence Interment will be made at Riverside cemetery. E. L. Mears, a brother of the deceased, will arrive this afternoon from Jacksonville to attend the er, who resides here, is in Atlantic City, and so far his people have been unable to locate him. It is thought probable that he has gone on to New York, as he was going there on busi-ness before returning to the city.

### TOO MUCH TALK

Wilson Says Man Who Draws Biggest Crowd Does Not Always Get the Votes.

Sea Girt, Aug. 24.-With the id vention, with two counties to be heard that the country is tired of excess of from. The missing counties cannot speech making Governor Wilson to-change the standing. day announced that his present call for very lew campaign and Governor Wilson said he confer next Monday with Chairman McAdoo in New when speechmaking plans wor arranged. The governor exp that the one who drew the terrory diffit slways get the