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J. C. PRITCHARD STIRS AUDIENCE

Judge of the Federal Court Makes a Splendid Address

GOOD CITIZENSHIP THEME

Spoke Under Auspices of '9010,' the Scholarship Society of Trinity College—Discussed 'Good Citizenship' in an Able Manner—Informal Banquet Followed Address.

Speaking last night under the auspices of the '9010'—the scholarship society of the college—Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, of the United States circuit court of appeals, delivered one of the most stirring addresses heard at this institution. The occasion was the annual civic celebration which has been observed at Trinity college on Washington's birthday for many years. The speaking took place in the large Craven Memorial hall which held a large crowd of the college students and citizens of the city.

Following the address of Judge Pritchard an informal banquet was tendered the speaker by the '9010,' which was attended by all members of that organization, and a number of invited guests. This was one of the happiest events of the evening and in addition to the enjoyable menu, was marked by an unusual number of felicitous impromptu speeches by the banqueters.

Good Citizenship. Judge Pritchard chose for the theme of his address "Good Citizenship." Perhaps no speaker in the south was better qualified by many years of efficient public service to speak with authority on the essentials of good citizenship, than the speaker of the evening. Interesting himself widely in the development of sane and practical ideals, and closely in touch with the educational and charitable institutions of the country, he brought to his subject a broad and sympathetic analysis of the problems facing American citizenship today.

Beginning his address the speaker said: "It is indeed a source of pleasure as well as an honor to be with you and to participate in the exercises of the hour. The unanimity with which this day is observed by the American people is not only a high tribute to the one to whom above all others we are indebted for the splendid heritage of which we boast, but it is also the strongest possible evidence that the people of this country are not only capable of exercising the rights secured to them by a representative form of government. It is also an assurance that our citizens are patriotic and determined to perpetuate our institutions and to maintain the government and laws by which we are governed."

Tribute to Washington. The speaker proceeded next to pay a glowing tribute to "the father of our country," in honor of whose natal day the celebration of the evening was taking place. He characterized him as "the noblest figure that ever stood in the forefront of a nation's life," and dwelt at some length on the great part he played in implanting ideals of upright citizenship in the formative period of our nation. Continuing Judge Pritchard stated that he would confine himself on this occasion "to those matters, which we as free people should consider if we would preserve and maintain that which was secured to us by the patriots of the Revolution. I deem it appropriate and more important at this time to consider the question of good citizenship effective as it does the welfare of the people and the preservation of our government."

He characterized next the life of our early American ancestors who were confronted only with the problem of the good of their country and the service of their Maker, and who were not surrounded by the temptations and allurement that are today encountered on every hand. "Those

Advance Guard of Mardi Gras Visitors

New Orleans, Feb. 23.—The advance guard of Mardi Gras carnival visitors put in an appearance in New Orleans today, and from now until the first of the week every arriving train and boat will bring its quota of pleasure-seekers to the city. The number of visitors this year is expected to reach record-breaking figures, owing partly to the added attraction of the automobile show and speed contests which will begin tomorrow. The carnival proper will open Monday and will reach its climax the next day with the arrival of Rex and his royal retinue.

INTER-STATE CO. WON \$10,000 SUIT

Was One Defendant in \$10,000 Case

SUIT STARTED IN 1907

Mrs. Arent, Being Shocked by Lightning at Her Home Near Raleigh, Instituted Legal Proceedings to Recover Large Amount of Damages From Telephone Companies.

In one of the most peculiar suits ever heard in North Carolina, the Inter-State Telephone company, of this city, one of the defendants, was a winner when Judge Whedbee non-suited the case in Raleigh this week. The suit was the result of Mrs. Arent, wife of Mr. H. S. Arent, a prominent farmer of Wake county, residing near Raleigh, being seriously shocked by lightning at her home during the summer of 1907, the claim being set forth that the lightning was carried over the telephone line into her home, and she brought suit against the Capital City telephone company and its predecessor, the Inter-State Telephone company, for \$10,000 damages. The suit has been in the courts since early in 1908, and because of its uniqueness has caused much interest throughout the state.

In 1906 the Inter-State Telephone company sold out its Raleigh exchange to the Capital City company, but the Durham company was, however, made a party to the suit. During the trial this week the plaintiff, according to the evidence, acknowledged that telephone lines were in all probability a prevention of lightning striking a house, and upon hearing the plaintiff's evidence, and on motion of the defendant's counsel, Judge Whedbee non-suited the case. Mr. F. L. Puller appeared for the Inter-State company, and the Capital City company was represented by A. B. Andrews, Jr. and Armistead Jones, of Raleigh.

Many Educators Meet in Mobile

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 23.—The department of superintendents, the largest of the eighteen departments of the National Education association, convened in annual session here today. The estimated attendance is 1,000 persons, among whom are many of the foremost educators in the country. Under the supervision of Secretary Irwin Shepard, of Winona, Minn., an attractive program of business and pleasure has been prepared for the gathering. The convention will last three days. At its conclusion many of the educators will attend the Mardi Gras festivities in New Orleans, while others will visit the Tuskegee institute and other educational institutions in this section before returning to their homes.

Annexation Bill on Way to be Law

The bill to annex a part of Wake county to Durham passed its third reading in the house of representatives yesterday and is in a fair way to become ratified at an early date. The bill provides that a committee shall be appointed from each of the boards of commissioners from Wake and Durham to decide the amount of bonded indebtedness which the annexed section and Durham county is to assume. As stated before, this bill amounts to about \$600.

The bill has been persistently pushed by the residents of the section which Durham is to take over and it is due to their efforts entirely that the change will be made.

Seventieth Convention of the Chi Psi Frats

New York, Feb. 23.—With an attendance of graduates from nearly a score of the leading universities and colleges of the country the Chi Psi fraternity began its seventieth annual convention in this city today, with headquarters at the Hotel Astor. Elbridge T. Gerry is presiding over the remainder of the week. Outside of the ordinary routine of business the convention will consider the matter of a suitable memorial to the late Melville W. Fuller, chief justice of the supreme court of the United States, who was among the most prominent members of the fraternity.

Educators at Mobile. Mobile, Ala., Feb. 23.—Noted educators from every part of the country arrived in Mobile today to take part in the annual convention of the department of superintendents of the National Education association. The sessions will begin tomorrow and continue until the end of the week.

HAD A STRANGE HALLUCINATION

W. D. Pace Imagined He Owed Large Sums of Money

NO ONE WOULD TAKE PAY

Brooding Over This He Hanged Himself With a Plow-Line Yesterday Morning—Was a Prosperous Farmer of Vance County—His Strange Actions.

Because he thought that he owed everybody in the world large sums of money, and nobody would let him pay them, Mr. W. D. Pace, a well-known and prosperous farmer of near Kittrell, Vance county, went to his barn early yesterday morning, placed a plow-line about his neck, tied it to one of the timbers in the roof, and jumped off the feed cutter. His family found him dead several hours later.

Mr. Pace had been mentally unbalanced for some time. He believed that he owed sums of money to every person whom he knew or met. He would go about the country with a check book, and every person that he would meet he would insist on paying a certain sum. He would go frequently to the merchants of Kittrell, with whom he did business, and insist on paying large accounts which he didn't owe. Nobody would take the money and the unfortunate man became so grieved over the fact that he decided to end his existence.

Mr. Pace was a prosperous farmer, and at the time that he was seized with the mania had a large amount of money in the bank. All of his bills were paid, and he was indebted to no one. Fortunately those whom he met were honest enough not to take the money, and he suffered no loss on account of his generosity. His family took him in charge, and a constant watch had to be kept upon his movements.

He kept insisting that he owed numerous people large sums of money and that he was overwhelmed with the anxiety which they bore him on account of his inability to settle the claims. He attempted suicide several times on this account, and his family had to keep a constant watch on his movements to keep him from ending his life.

Finally, early yesterday morning, he slipped out of bed, went to the barn, tied a plow-line about his neck, swung it over a rafter of the barn and jumped from the feed cutter to his death. His family did not become aware of his absence from his room until several hours later. They were horrified to find him dead in the barn with the rope around his neck.

The deceased was the father of Mr. C. B. Pace, of this city. Mr. Pace received a message yesterday from Kittrell announcing the death of his father, but no details were given. This morning a telephone message to the Sun from Kittrell gave the details of the peculiar suicide.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

FIRST DELIVERY OF OPINIONS FOR THE SPRING TERM.

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—The first delivery of opinions for the spring term of the supreme court is just made, the list being as follows: Howard v. Plumbing Co., from Beaufort county, reversed. Hornthal v. Howcott, Washington, reversed. Waters v. Simmons Lumber Co., Washington, no error. Twiddy v. Dare Lumber Co., Dare, new trial. Taylor v. Wahab, Hyde, affirmed. Wilson v. Taylor, Camden, no error. Williams v. Branning Manufacturing Co., Hertford, error. State v. Griffin, Union, new trial. Ashe v. Campe Manufacturing Co., Northampton, affirmed. Chauncey v. Chauncey, Beaufort, affirmed. Liverman v. Branning Manufacturing Co., Bertie, dismissed under rule 17.

Brian and Jarvis v. Mutual Machine Co., Hyde, appeal withdrawn. Simmons v. Sessions, Bertie, appeal withdrawn. Guthrie v. Atlantic and North Carolina railroad, Carteret, dismissed under rule 17.

Athletic Club's New Home. Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 23.—The magnificent new home of the Pittsburg Athletic club was formally opened today. The building cost about \$1,500,000 and is believed to be the finest and best equipped athletic clubhouse in the country.

THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Many Technical Papers Read—In Session at Raleigh

SURE TO CALL EXTRA SESSION

President Somewhat Alarmed Over Outlook—Has Been Told of the Plan to Amend the Pact to Death. If They Do He Will Call Congress in Extra Session.

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—The program for morning and afternoon sessions yesterday of the Tri-State Medical association included many technical papers that were heard with greatest interest, and included papers and discussions by many prominent physicians, among them being Dr. G. Paul LaRoque, Richmond; Dr. Southgate Leigh, Norfolk; Dr. A. E. Baker, Charleston; Dr. Shelton Horsley, Norfolk; Dr. Frank H. Hancock, Norfolk; Dr. R. N. Duffy, New Bern; Dr. R. L. Payne, Jr., Norfolk; Dr. A. J. Brown, Jr., Richmond; Dr. Lucien Lotten, Emporia, Va.; Dr. Joseph Graham, Durham; Dr. Harry T. Marshall, Charlottesville; William Allen, Charlotte; Dr. A. L. Graves, Richmond; Dr. J. M. Crowell, Charlotte; Dr. L. T. Price, Richmond; Dr. Thos. W. Murrell, Richmond; Dr. W. S. Rankin, Raleigh; Dr. C. A. Woodard, Durham; Dr. T. A. Williams, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Paul V. Anderson, Morgantown; Dr. B. R. Tucker, Richmond; Dr. Chas. M. Hazen, Richmond; Dr. Chas. V. Carrington, Richmond; Dr. J. McCall Thompson, Richmond; Dr. S. Hornsberger, Catlett, Va.; Dr. W. J. Burdell, Lugoff, S. C.; Dr. E. H. Tyrell, Richmond; Dr. Mary E. Latham, Highlands, N. C.

The annual address of President Joseph A. White, of Richmond, Va., was devoted last night to "Preventive Blindness," and was an especially able and comprehensive paper that the association directed to have printed for the widest possible distribution. Following the address the members of the association participated in a smoker by Capital club, Raleigh, that was an especially notable social affair. The physicians met in annual session this forenoon with the largest attendance in the history of the association, which now has over 350 members in North and South Carolina and Virginia.

A DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS HELD

Much Discussion But Nothing Definite Accomplished

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—The democratic members of the general assembly held a caucus last night in response to a resolution of the democratic members of the joint committees on congressional apportionment to devise a plan that will insure all ten districts being democratic, but just how much progress was made is problematical, judging from the fact that a discussion lasting over an hour resulted in the question being again left with the democratic members of these committees to map out a plan as early as possible a report to a caucus to be held subject to call. It may be truthfully stated that harmony prevailed in the caucus, and that in all the views expressed there seemed to be a desire to extend help to any weak democratic district, but all such expressions were modified by the statement that they wanted to leave their own districts undisturbed. It was pointed out that the eighth was really the only district needing more democratic strength and Representative Turlington insisted that the best way to provide this strength was to transfer Union county from the seventh to the eighth and Alexander from the eighth to the ninth. This was opposed by Senator Lemmon, of Union, who declared that such a move would jeopardize both the seventh and eighth from a democratic viewpoint. Numbers of resolutions and amendments were offered during the caucus, but none of them appeared to contain the relief that the eighth is demanding, there being a string tied to each offer.

Anglo-American Wedding. London, Feb. 23.—A wedding of interest in Anglo-American circles today was that of Miss Vera Gordon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gordon, who are prominent members of the American colony in London, and Mr. Neil Guthrie, of the Irish guards. The wedding ceremony was performed in the Guards' chapel at Chelsea.

MISSISSIPPI MASONS.

Gulport, Miss., Feb. 21.—A week of much interest to Masonic circles in Mississippi was ushered in here today with the meeting of the Masonic grand lodge. The Mystic Shriners and other bodies affiliated with the Masons will hold their annual sessions during the week.

SURE TO CALL EXTRA SESSION

If Reciprocity Fails President is Determined to Act

MUST VOTE ON THE TREATY

President Somewhat Alarmed Over Outlook—Has Been Told of the Plan to Amend the Pact to Death. If They Do He Will Call Congress in Extra Session.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Arrangements are being made by the president today to call congress together in extra session soon after March 4. This report came from sources too close to the president to admit of doubt. Word came to the white house today that the Canadian reciprocity was practically hopeless so far as this session is concerned.

At no time since the negotiations were completed with the Canadian officials has the president felt the alarm over the outlook for adoption that he feels today. He was advised during the morning that a program was framed up that would absolutely preclude the passage of the reciprocity bill in the senate.

The plan, according to the president's information, is to amend the treaty to death. This plan will be participated in by insurgent senators led by Senator Cummins, of Iowa. They will, it is reported at the white house, offer their amendments one after another, and will demand time to speak to these amendments, thereby consuming all the time remaining of the session.

This information came straight to the president early yesterday, according to those who talked with him. He at once let it be known that the warning of an extra session was given in good faith, and that he would surely bring both houses of congress back to Washington shortly after adjournment if there is no vote.

Somehow the president's friends said today, the impression had gone abroad that the executive did not mean what he said a day or two ago through Representative McCall, of Massachusetts, when he told the country that congress must act on the Canadian reciprocity agreement or else come back in extra session.

As for the fear of a democratic tariff revision, in the event of an extra session, the president will stand squarely in this matter upon his veto power.

He will see to it that no tariff measure go through which do not meet his views, and he knows that there will not be enough voices in congress to override a veto.

ATTORNEY COX ASSAULTED

P. T. RHYNE IS THE DEFENDANT IN CASE AT WADESBORO.

Wadesboro, Feb. 23.—Justices Benton and Little, sitting together, will hear a case this afternoon of considerable interest. P. T. Rhyne, a proprietor of a meat market in Wadesboro, is charged with assaulting Col. Fred J. Cox, a very prominent attorney. The assault grew out of a trial and suit in the superior court in which Mr. Rhyne was defendant and Mrs. Richardson, the plaintiff, asked for damages because of having been black-listed by the Retail Merchants' association. In the argument on this damage suit, Col. Cox representing Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Rhyne objected to some remarks made by the attorney, and afterward requested him not to come to his place of business for any purpose whatever. Saturday afternoon Mr. Cox went to Mr. Rhyne's market to make some purchases and was accompanied by his wife and child, and the assault followed. Mr. Rhyne was arrested on a warrant sent out by Justice Benton and the hearing set for yesterday. When the case was called yesterday the attorneys representing Mr. Cox offered an amended warrant which was admitted by the justices, and the hearing postponed until today.

Colonel Cox is represented by Messrs. Jas. A. Lockhart, W. E. Brook, Frank Dunlap, John W. Gulledge, H. H. McLeond and F. E. Thomas, and Mr. Rhyne has as his attorney T. L. Caudle.

Weds Tulane Professor.

New York, Feb. 23.—In the parlors of the Hotel Gotham a fashionable company assembled at noon today to witness the wedding of Miss Lucie Mayo-Smith, daughter of the late Professor Mayo-Smith, of Columbia university, and Prof. Ulrich B. Phillips, of New Orleans. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Henry P. Smith, of Meigsville, Pa., an uncle of the bride. The couple will make their home in New Orleans, where Professor Phillips is head of the department of history in Tulane University.

A SENSATION AT THOMASVILLE

A Charge of Malpractice Against a Prominent Physician

NOT KNOWN WHERE DR. IS

Arthur T. Peace Charges Dr. C. A. Julian With Improper Conduct and Malpractice Toward His Wife—Proceedings Instituted—Dr. Julian Absent from the City.

Thomasville, Feb. 23.—Dr. C. A. Julian, secretary of the North Carolina Anti-Tuberculosis society, and one of the best-known physicians of the state, is the defendant in a civil action that has been begun by Arthur T. Peace, a well-known citizen of this city. The complaint of the summons alleges improper conduct on the part of the defendant while attending the plaintiff's wife. The action also contains an allegation of malpractice and a prayer that the license of Dr. Julian as a practitioner be revoked. E. E. Raper and Waiser & Waiser, attorneys of Lexington, and ex-Judge T. J. Shaw, of Greensboro, have been engaged to represent the plaintiff.

Dr. Julian is absent from the city and no intimation of his defense has been made. He is said to be in Florida, though his exact whereabouts is not known. The summons in the case has not yet been served, Dr. Julian leaving for Florida on the morning before the complaint was made, though it is said he had been acquainted with the allegations and was aware of the intentions of Mr. Peace.

The action is the result of a recent illness and subsequent death of Mrs. Peace, a woman of 19 years and mother of little more than two years. Mrs. Peace was a daughter of W. H. Kepley, one of the most prominent farmers of Davidson county and recent democratic candidate for county commissioner. The allegations of the complaint are based on his alleged conduct while attending Mrs. Peace, the details of the specified acts being as sickening and repulsive as ever characterized the atrocities of medieval savagery.

Mrs. Peace was ill about three weeks, Dr. Julian being called in from the first. It is alleged that he first diagnosed the case as grip, later pneumonia, and that until the morning before Mrs. Peace's death he represented to Mr. Peace that her condition was in no way critical. Saturday preceding the death of the patient, which was Sunday, February 12, Mr. Peace dismissed Dr. Julian, at the time charging him with having made improper suggestions and acts toward his wife.

Immediately afterwards he called in Dr. J. W. Peacock, who in turn called Dr. J. H. Mook. These two physicians diagnosed the case as "general peritonitis," and, it is said, immediately informed Mr. Peace that his wife's condition was critical. They asked that Dr. J. W. Long, of Greensboro, be called in consultation, and late Saturday night this was done. Dr. Long arrived on the early train Sunday morning, but shortly before his arrival Mrs. Peace died. The doctor concerned in the case has made no statements, but it is stated that they will be called as witnesses by the plaintiff to substantiate the allegation of malpractice. The other witnesses in the case are Mrs. R. J. Tomlinson, a sister-in-law of the deceased, and Mr. Peace.

The amount asked is not known, though it is said to be for a large sum. The summons is now in the hands of Davidson officials and will be served immediately upon Dr. Julian's return to this state. Whether criminal prosecution is to be instituted is to be determined by the developments of the case now pending.

Colonial Dames Present Tablet.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 23.—A tablet designed to commemorate the fact that the territory now forming Mississippi was a colonial possession of Spain, France and England before it became an American possession, was placed in the department of archives in the state capitol today and unveiled with interesting exercises. The tablet was given to the state by the Mississippi division of the Society of Colonial Dames. Mrs. William Benuville Rhodes, of Natchez, made the address of presentation, and Governor Noel accepted the tablet in behalf of the state.

Degree for German Ambassador.

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—For the eighty-fifth consecutive year the University of Pennsylvania today observed Washington's birthday with exercises appropriate to the occasion. Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador at Washington, was the orator of the day, taking for his subject "German Social Ideals." During the exercises honorary degrees were conferred upon Count von Bernstorff, former P-o-vost Charles C. Harrison and several others.

GRIND OF THE LEGISLATURE

The House Last Night Created the New County of Avery

RAPID WORK IN THE SENATE

Bills Providing for a Primary and to Prevent Corruption in Elections Are in the Hands of Sub-Committee—A Batch of Other Things Done and Considered by Assembly.

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—The house on Tuesday passed, with only 8 dissenting votes, the senate bill for the creation of Avery county out of portions of Mitchell, Watauga and McDowell, and it goes back to the senate for concurrence in an amendment gotten in by Dillard, of Cherokee, specifying that it is understood that the county is named Avery in honor of Col. Wraylson Avery, of Revolutionary fame. The general understanding has been while the county fight has been in progress that it was named in honor of ex-Judge A. C. Avery, of Burke county, who has spent considerable time here working for the success of the measure.

Senate Worked Rapidly. Some rapid work was done by the senate at the brief session last night, when a large number of calendar bills passed their readings. Nearly all of them were private bills, though a few were of general interest. The bill amending the pilot laws of the Cape Fear river and bar by prohibiting pilots from selling fish caught while waiting for vessels passed third reading and was sent to the house. Among the bills taking the same course was one relative to deposits by fire insurance companies; another to provide for indigent deaf and blind children attending school, and another to provide for registration of plats and sub-divisions; also the bill to secure compulsory school attendance in Blaine school district, Montgomery county. The bill to enlarge the powers of boards of county commissioners of the state by permitting them to construct bridges across navigable streams with the approval of the United States war department, passed third reading and was enrolled for ratification. The bill to increase the pensions to Confederate veterans and widows from \$450,000 to \$750,000 was set for special order Thursday at 11 o'clock.

Favorable Reports. A substitute to Senator Graham's bill to create the state board of architecture has been prepared making it a misdemeanor for one to claim to be a licensed architect when he is not, and this substitute receives a favorable report from the senate committee on propositions and grievances, which committee reports unfavorably Senator Holden's bill relative to the application of fines for failure to work the public roads. This committee decides to make favorable reports on a number of local bills, including the one to make more effective the prohibition law of Cumberland county.

In Hands of Sub-Committees. The election laws committee of the senate announces a hearing Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock on Senator Sikes' bill providing for a primary election law in Wake county. Senator Sikes' bill to prevent corruption in election contests and Senator Hobgood's bill to provide for a state primary election law and prevent corruption in election contests are in the hands of sub-committees.

Senator Baggett's bill to enlarge Harnett county out of portions of Cumberland is referred to a sub-committee of the senate committee on counties, cities and towns, which committee has decided to report favorably on the bills amending the charters of the towns of Matthews, Lowell and Tryon.

The senate committee on salaries and fees has referred to a sub-committee Governor Kitchin's request for an additional clerk in the executive offices.

The house had a spirited debate on the Connor bill that would involve the right of the Atlantic Coast Line to exact from employees the premiums for amputation in the Relief department, a motion finally prevailing for the re-reference of the bill to committee.

Employing Printers Meet.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 23.—The Pacific Coast congress, the first gathering of its kind to be held in this section of the country, assembled in Portland today and will remain in session until Friday. The attendance embraces many of the prominent employing printers of California, Utah, Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Tomorrow night the visitors are to be entertained at an elaborate banquet to be given by the Portland Commercial Club.