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NO CHANGE IN ELECTION STATUS

California Leaders Surprised at Rumor Error Had Been Found.

San Francisco, Nov. 14.—Whether the highest vote for a Republican elector in California was greater than the lowest vote for a Democratic elector was about the only question of interest to California politicians tonight. If this should prove to be the case the State delegation in the electoral college may be split. The Republicans admittedly unearthed nothing in the course of the day to indicate for or against such a prospect.

Sidney M. Van Wyck, Jr., chairman of the Democratic Campaign Committee, worked all day bringing in reports from little counties in the mountains where the county clerks had finished their count and also succeeded in getting one or two fair sized counties. His total for twenty counties showed that the totals for the lowest Democratic elector in each county added 6,466 votes more than the totals for the highest Republican elector in the same counties. If the lowest Democratic total are finally ahead of the highest Republican totals a solid delegation in the electoral college is assured. If the highest Republican totals exceed the lowest Democratic totals this will not necessarily indicate that any Republican elector wins, because the lowest Democrat and the highest Republican are not the same in all counties.

Republicans and Democrats alike manifested surprise at rumors traceable in all cases to the East that a considerable error had been found somewhere in the State in counting the votes.

"The mistake as reported would have to be in San Francisco, Alameda or Los Angeles county," said Mr. Van Wyck. "It is in none of them, and so far as we have been able to learn, it does not exist. The completed count for California will not show a difference of more than ten votes one way or the other from figures already given on the presidency."

Reports from Republican headquarters were similar.

Cabrera Obstinate, Parleys Hindred.

Atlantic City, N. J., Nov. 14.—Reputation by Luis Cabrera today of a plan of border control that had been agreed upon by two of his colleagues and the three American representatives, again has made doubtful the ability of the Americans on the Mexican-American joint commission to assist Mexico in its efforts to restore normal conditions along the frontier.

The Americans were hopeful tonight that they might yet induce the Mexicans to agree to what they believe will be a satisfactory plan for the protection of life and property along the boundary, but it was indicated by those in touch with them that further opposition, characterized as quibbling, would not long be tolerated.

There appeared reason to believe tonight that unless the chairman of the Mexican commission adopted a more tactable manner he and his associates would be informed that further consideration of Mexico's social, economic and military problems must come to an end.

Wilson-Edwards.

Invitations reading as follows have been received by friends:

Mr. Richard Nathaniel Edwards requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of his daughter, Esther, to Mr. John Solomon Wilson, Wednesday morning, the twenty-ninth of November, at eleven o'clock, Corinth Baptist Church, Louisburg, North Carolina.

The contracting parties are two of Franklin County's most popular young people. The bride is the daughter of Mr. R. N. Edwards, a successful planter in the Ingleside section and Mr. Wilson, the groom is one of our most successful and prosperous farmers.

They have many friends who will await the event with much pleasure and congratulations.

Birthday Party at Seven Paths.

On last Friday night, Nov. 10th, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Strickland gave a birthday party in honor of their daughter, Annie Pearl.

At an early hour the guest were assembled in the parlor, which was neatly decorated with running cedar, roses and chrysanthemums, the color

scheme being green and white made it very pretty.

The guests were met in the hall by Mrs. L. G. Turnage and Miss Snowy Strickland, then ushered into the parlor, where lots of fun and amusement was enjoyed. The first course was bananas and amalaga grapes. After this course the guests were ushered to the dining room where nabiscoes and ambrosia of the most delicious kind was served. And as they were departing to their homes they were served with cocoanut candy.

At a late hour all departed, declaring that the pleasure was all theirs and the occasion was one of great joy, and wishing Miss Strickland could be eighteen again. The presents were many and beautiful.

The party was composed of the following guests: Misses Annie Pearl Strickland, Beatrice and Eula Wilder, Viola Sykes, Lyndia Gay, Carrie Wright, Grace Harris, Rosa and Ethel Strickland, Sue Strickland, Maggie Alfred, Grace Moore and Lottie Sykes.

Messrs. Bonnie P. Hinton, James Strickland, Charlie Tonn, Arthur, Ava and Almond Wilder, Claude and George Moore, Moses Sykes, Wilson Spencer, and Fon Gay, Frank Alfred, T. A. Moore, S. B. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Turnage, and Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Strickland.

For the Endowment Fund.

The play "Peggy", given in the Opera House November the ninth was a decided "hit." There were not a dozen vacant seats in the building when the curtain rose at 8:30, and from then on until the close of the fourth act, the attention and appreciation of the audience was unusual. The young ladies who each interpreted the parts assigned them so splendidly deserve the unreserved thanks of the Woman's Club, of Louisburg, for whose benefit it was given. The amount of \$61.50 was realized, and after paying expenses and several small obligations the club had assumed, the remainder was sent for the State Endowment Federation Fund.

At the State Convention of Federated Clubs held in High Point last May, among the many causes for which that splendid gathering of representative women of the old North State pledged themselves to work this year, was, first of all, the Endowment Fund.

Mrs. Lingle, state president of the N. C. Federation, says in her message in the Current Year Book, "How much the interest on this fund is needed is apparent to all workers who have felt their hands tied by the lack of an adequate postage and printing allowance, and the officers who have not been able to respond to invitations to state meetings, or to undertake constructive work along the many lines in which our help is sought."

When the Endowment Fund was started the goal was set at \$5,000.00. Only about \$2,000.00 of this amount has as yet been raised. The Federation has adopted a definite plan to raise the Endowment Fund by naming the first week in November as Federation week, when the clubs of every town in the state shall try to raise their proportionate part to complete the \$5,000.00 fund. Two purposes are thus served—Federation work and purposes are advertised, and the fund increased. When this fund has been raised and invested, then the Federation will have a little income which will make it a self-respecting, and somewhat independent organization.

The clubs are each asked through their presidents to pledge a sum in proportion to their membership. Every club that contributes at the rate of one dollar for every member will be doing its full share. We have a membership of forty in the Woman's Club and a check for \$30.00 was sent the State Chairman of Finance during Endowment Week. We hope to send the other \$10.00 before the convention in Durham next May, as our club must be one of the number to answer this emergency call.

I would rather be a COULD BE
If I couldn't be an ARE;
For a COULD BE is a MAY BE,
With a chance of touching PAR.

I would rather be a HAS BEEN
Than a MIGHT HAVE BEEN by far,
For a MIGHT HAVE BEEN has NEVER BEEN,
But a HAS BEEN was once an ARE.

FRANKLIN SUPERIOR COURT

Regular November Term Convened Monday For The Trial of Civil Cases.

The regular November term of Franklin Superior Court convened in the Court Room here Monday with His Honor Judge W. M. Bond, presiding. This being only a civil term no great deal of interest is evidenced. On account of Judge Bond being unable to get here from Raleigh court did not open until 2:30 o'clock. The only cases of importance tried up until we go to press are the ones of Ford vs McKinne Bros. Co. These cases are where Ford is suing to recover crops or their value from McKinne Bros. Co., who took same from a tenant of Mr. Ford, who was at the same time in debt to them. The first case was decided in favor of Mr. Ford. The second case was still with the jury when we went to press.

This is a two weeks term and a full calendar.

Tobacco Market.

The Louisburg Tobacco Market has been experiencing from the way some of those who are connected are expressing themselves, possibly the highest prices in the history of the market. It is generally conceded that there is a tobacco famine and the buyers are all exceedingly anxious for the weed. One whole break the past week, so we are informed, averaged 24 cents a pound, and the grade of the tobacco was not so awfully good at that. Farmers having tobacco for sale will do well to try Louisburg and receive some of these high prices.

1916 Daffydils.

Circling around all night has caused many a watch to run down.

If you are fond of rag-time music, what do you think of the worn-out lat band?

No man who has to cut grass wishes for mower ground.

When speaking of lively tales, what is the matter with the tail of the angry cat?

When father kicks out sister's bean, would you speak of it as a foot light fantasy?

The baggage check is a poor musician, it is seldom on the key.

Louisburg Baptist Church.

Sunday will be the fifth anniversary of the present pastorate. A special program is being arranged for the 11 o'clock service. Every member of the church is urgently requested to be present, unless providentially hindered. The pastor will be glad to provide a way for all who can not walk to get to church on that occasion, if request is made. There will be no service at this church Sunday night on account of the special meetings at the Methodist church.

Dr. J. C. Brothers Dead.

News reached Louisburg late Wednesday that Dr. J. C. Brothers, of Goldsboro, was dead, after a lingering illness of several days. Dr. Brothers was a brother of Mrs. D. E. McKinne, of this place, who was present at his bedside when he died. Mr. F. B. McKinne, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. McKinne left Thursday morning for Goldsboro to be present at the funeral.

Think Figure "13" Defeated Hughes.

New York, Nov. 13.—Superstitious persons here would call Mr. Hughes attention to the figure "13" for they think this had a lot to do with deciding the election. Mr. Hughes joked when he voted ballot No. 13. But it seems probable 13 will be the president's majority in the electoral college—and 13 is the number of electoral votes of California, the state which finally decided the result.

Entertainment by Glee Club.

There will be an entertainment at the Franklin School Auditorium on Friday evening, October 17th, at 8:00 o'clock by the Glee Club of Wake Forest College under auspices of the Senior class of Franklin High School. Admission 20, 50 and 60 cents.

Cotton Report.

The tabulation of the card reports shows that there were 6,705 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Franklin County, from the crop of 1916 prior to November 1st, 1916, as compared with 6,396 bales ginned to November 1st, 1915.

IN AND ABOUT TOWN.

Many on Business, Many on Pleasure, Others to be Going, But All Going or Coming.

Miss Mary Taylor, of Oxford, is visiting Miss Sallie Taylor.

Mr. W. W. Webb visited Blackstone, Va., the past week.

Mr. R. G. Allen, of Raleigh, was a visitor to Louisburg Tuesday.

Mr. W. M. Person returned Sunday night from a trip to New York.

Mr. Elias Beasley returned from a business trip to Apex Tuesday.

Mr. G. G. Brickel, of Asheville, is visiting his sister, Mrs. R. C. Beck.

Miss Grace Ellis, of Providence, R. I., visited at the home of Mr. J. P. Moore the past week.

Mrs. F. B. McKinne returned Wednesday from Richmond, where she has been receiving treatment at a hospital.

Mrs. W. M. Gilmore, accompanied by Rev. W. M. Gilmore, went to Raleigh Tuesday where she entered Mary-Elizabeth hospital, where she will undergo an operation.

Mr. T. O. Plankett, of Atlanta, Ga., stopped over on his return from Washington City and spent a few days with his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Perry, near town, the past week.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Hickerson, who have been visiting Rev. and Mrs. Walter Gilmore, left Tuesday for Wallace, N. C. While here, he preached at the Baptist Church at the morning hour.

School Column.

1. I visited the schools in Gold Mine and Sandy Creek townships last week. The work was moving along nicely but I was disappointed in the attendance. Every child of school age should now be in school; I hope that each teacher is doing her best to get the pupils enrolled. It costs the taxpayers just as much to run the school with fifteen present as forty.

The school is being run entirely for the benefit of the children; the success therefore of your school depends upon the daily attendance of the children in your district. See and talk with the parents and try to get them to co-operate with you in increasing your daily attendance. Do not be satisfied until every child in your district is enrolled and coming regularly every day, in the week.

2. The compulsory attendance period will begin on Monday Dec. 4th and will continue for four consecutive school months or sixteen weeks. The teachers will please notify the patrons in the community concerning this date. I suggest and strongly recommend that you have a meeting at the school building, a week before the above date, of the people in your school district and also your attendance officer. At this meeting you can discuss among yourselves what the compulsory attendance law requires of you as teacher, of the patrons and attendance officer. I believe that as a result of such a meeting everyone will be made more familiar with the meaning of this law and many misunderstandings will be avoided. We have in the office in pamphlet form copies of the compulsory attendance law which I will be glad to furnish you upon request. You can use these pamphlets in the meetings referred to above.

3. Do not forget that we are especially trying to improve our teaching ability in language this year. The first important thing is to be sure that we know and are perfectly familiar with the outline course of study in this work; what kind and how much language should be taught in all the grades. This outline of work and how it should be done may be found in Bulletin VIII. The Elementary Course of Study. For this week let us read carefully pages 27-30 in this bulletin and memorize pages 30-33. Let me know if you need a copy of this bulletin and I will furnish you with one. Every teacher in the county should possess a copy. In order for grammar grade teachers and high school teachers to make a success of their work in language they must also know the work of the primary and intermediate grades.

4. The following is taken from the "School News": "If a teacher has grown stale in her work or if her work has grown stale to her, a hard, dry and unprofitable year lies before her pupils. It is the plain duty of boards of education through their superintendent to discover such a

teacher early in the year. If she can not arouse herself or be aroused to put new thought, new energy and new life into her work, the children should have a new teacher. New wines can be put into old vessels and fresh enthusiasm can be put into old duties. One of the best proofs that the teacher is living and growing is her power to recreate her work anew each year; her power to learn new duties from old occasions."

5. Read the "Desk Book," and follow the prescribed course of study.

6. The following school news is from the progressive White Level community: "The White Level School has now enrolled 75 pupils. The work is going with interest and enthusiasm. Our building has just received a coat of paint and in a few days the walls inside will be repaired; then we will settle down to work in earnest knowing that this year promises to be the most successful that this school has ever known. We have now in the Betterment Association treasury \$47 which was made at the entertainment Nov. 10th. The girls in school are arranging to present "Mirandy's Minstrel" Friday night November 24th."

ANNIE WILDER, Principal.

DRASTIC ACTION IN CAR SHORT-AGE.

Committee of Railroad Presidents and Commissioner McChord To Meet.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 5.—Drastic action for the relief of the shortage of freight cars in certain sections of the country is expected to result from the conference here Friday between a committee of five railroad presidents and Commissioner C. C. McChord. This is the belief of a majority of the railroad representatives present at hearings being held here in connection with an investigation into the exchange and return of equipment by the country's railroads.

The testimony at the hearings has related almost exclusively to existing conditions and little has been done to provide immediate relief except as to the supply of coal and refrigerator cars. Now, however, it is believed that the committee of five presidents who will represent the American Railway Association will endeavor in conjunction with Commissioner McChord to work out some temporary arrangement which will relieve the shortages of all sorts of equipment and to lay plans for such revision of the car service rules as will prevent their recurrence.

Commissioner McChord, commenting this afternoon upon the fact that many railroads were not represented at the hearings, declared that though he was reluctant to do so, it seemed he would have to take action to compel the desired representation.

Wireless Messages From U. S. To Japan.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 15.—Commercial trans-Pacific wireless service via Honolulu to Japan, was inaugurated today by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company with messages sent by President Wilson and other prominent men from Bollinas Ridge, near here, to the Emperor of Japan and other dignitaries in that country.

Aimaro Sato, Japanese ambassador to the United States, sent a message to Geo. W. Guthrie, American ambassador to Japan.

From London was flashed by cable and thence by the new wireless route the congratulations of Guglielmo Marconi, the inventor, to the director of Post and Telegraph of the Japan government.

A message from Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press to the Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, said:

"Greetings and sincere congratulations on this new bond of union between Japan and the United States."

Vast numbers of new dimes have been put into circulation. But bring the old ones along. We'll take them dirt and all.

With some men a good wife is respected and admired, while the affinity gets the coin.

If you simply must bet on an election, bet with your wife and keep it in the family.

Every time the dove of peace tries to light in Mexico the buzzards scare it away.

GERMANS MAKE GAINS IN SOMME REGION OF FRANCE

Berlin Says That Except at Beaucourt All the Recent British Attacks Broke Down With Heavy Losses; Austro-Germans Gaining Ground in Transylvania.

While the British were further advancing their front north of the Ancre river or consolidating their newly won positions, the French and Germans have been engaged in violent combats both north and south of the Somme. In both regions the Germans made gains—in the northern corner and western outskirts of the St. Pierre Vaast wood, north of the river and in the eastern part of the village of Pressoire, south of the stream.

The French in admitting the loss of this ground say the Germans obtained only limited advantages at the price of very heavy losses. In the north the German attacks extended from Boeufs to the south of Bouchavesnes, a front of five miles, and south of the Somme from Abiaucourt to the Chaulnes wood, about five miles. The attacks were launched after violent artillery preparation.

Berlin in reverting to the British attack which gave them the town of Beaucourt, says that except at Beaucourt all the British attacks broke down with heavy casualties. On the southern bank of the Ancre the attack has already been shattered, says Berlin, which adds that fighting is proceeding near Sully-Sailles and Pressoire. According to London 5,678 Germans have been made prisoners on the Ancre front since Monday. The British losses, considering the extent of the gains, are declared not to have been high.

The Transylvania front, aside from the line in France, is furnishing the most sanguinary engagement. Here almost everywhere the Austro-Germans are gaining ground against the Rumanians and Russians. In the Targu-Julu, Alt and Jui Valleys the Teutonic allies have forced their antagonists still further back. In the Dobrudja region Bucharest reports the occupation by the Rumanians of the town of Boasic on the Danube. The Royal palace in Bucharest has been bombed by Teutonic allied aircraft. The Queen and the Royal princesses were not in the building at the time.

Berlin admits that on the Cerna river bend in Serbia the entente allies have captured some heights and that in the valley the Teutonic allied line has been drawn back in order to prevent pressure on its flanks.

In Galicia, according to the Petrograd war office, the Russians have driven Austro-Germans from former Russian trenches in the Narayuvka river region. Berlin asserts, however, that attacks by the Russians in this vicinity were repulsed.

East of Gorizia the Austrians by a heavy bombardment have compelled the Italians to give up some of their trenches. On the Carso front the Italians have made advances at several points.

List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Post Office at Louisburg, N. C., not called for, Nov. 17th, 1916:

Mr. Jacob Anderson, Mr. Bill Class, Mr. M. R. Clements, Mrs. Bettie Clifton, Mr. Charlie Davis, Mr. Jehu-urum Davis, Mrs. Eliza Eaton (col.), Rev. Guss Miller, Mr. L. J. Pratt, Mr. J. W. Strickland, Mrs. Myrtle Singleton, Mr. J. H. Strickland, Mr. Sidney Webb, Miss Lessie Williams, Mr. Jno. E. Wright.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please state that they saw them advertised.

R. H. DAVIS, P. M.

The Methodist Church.

The revival meeting at the Methodist Church opened Sunday night with a splendid congregation and great spiritual interest. A half dozen men came forward to unite with the church or to take a better stand in their religious life.

The services are held at 7:30 P. M. each day this week and next. This is Mr. Wilcox's last work in Louisburg and he desires to see the conversion of every person in Louisburg for whom he has prayed so long.

Motor traffic has increased 70 per cent and horse traffic has increased 5 per cent in Massachusetts during the last six years.