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FARMERS' FREE LIST BILL PASSES SENATE.

'Unholy Alliance' Between Democrats and Republican Insurgents Does the Trick—Up to President.

Washington Dispatch, 1st.

The Democratic tariff program was moved up closer to President Taft today when the Senate by another remarkable coalition of Democrats and Republican insurgents passed a farmers' free list bill after voting down the original House measure so closely that one more Democratic Senator would have changed the result and left the entire revision issue squarely before the President tonight.

The "unholy alliance," as the combination of the Republican wing and the Democratic party has been called, massed in almost unbroken alignment, swept aside a host of amendments, voted down by a tie vote the original House measure, according to program for political purposes, and then carried by a surprising concentration of strength a measure differing from the House bill only in comparatively unimportant particulars. Now the bill goes back to the House and Democratic Leader Underwood, of that body, tonight confidently asserted that it will be finally agreed to in conference between the two Houses and sent to President Taft.

Had Senator Bailey, of Texas, voted with his Democratic associates or had Governor Hoke Smith, of Georgia, as the new Senator-elect from that State, been on hand and voted with his party, the free list bill would have passed the Senate unchanged, and would have been in the hands of President Taft tonight. One vote was all that stood in the way of placing the entire issue of Democratic-insurgent tariff reform immediately before him.

The House free list bill was beaten on a tie vote of 39 to 39, was then reconsidered, changed by a compromise amendment offered by Senator Kern, of Indiana, former Democratic candidate for Vice President, and with Democratic-Republican insurgent support finally passed as amended by a vote of 48 to 30.

Originally the bill provided that meat products, flour and cereal products from all countries should be admitted free of tariff duty into the United States. The Kern amendment provides that this free admission shall apply only to meats, flour and cereal products "coming from any foreign country with which the United States has a reciprocal trade agreement and which shall admit from the United States free of duty cotton, corn, wheat, oats, horses, cattle and hogs."

It is admitted that this provision applies only to Canada, after the new reciprocity agreement shall have become effective between the two countries. Senator Bailey, Senator Clapp and other insurgents, who voted for the free list bill after the Kern compromise amendment had been adopted, declared tonight that the amendment accomplishes what they tried to effect by amendments to the reciprocity bill. It admits the manufactured articles made from farm products free to Canada, an end which the insurgents repeatedly tried to gain in the reciprocity fight.

Senators Simmons and Overman of North Carolina both voted for the bill.

Civic Association Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Civic Association will be held tomorrow evening at 8:30 o'clock in the reading room of the Industrial and Commercial Club. All members who can possibly do so are urged to attend.

Mrs. J. R. Poole and children, little Misses May Johnson and Frances and Master James, left yesterday for Tomahawk, Sampson county, where they will visit at the home of Prof. Poole's parents. Prof. Poole accompanied them as far as Fayetteville and thence he went to Red Springs, where he is spending today.

CLARKTON NEWS.

Death of Capt. Bradley Simpson and Mr. J. T. Lockey—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Clarkton, Aug. 1—We had a nice rain yesterday afternoon which was greatly needed. Crops were suffering very much, especially old corn.

Mr. D. G. McKee and daughter Ruth attended children's day exercises at Love's Grove Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. W. W. Wooten gave an excellent sermon at the McKee school house Sunday afternoon. He used the golden text as his text.

Miss Lilly Ward left last Wednesday p. m. for Dothan, Ala., where she will spend some time with her brother Mr. Monroe Ward.—Mr. Sam Berayman of Georgia spent the past week with friends here.—Mr. Dennis McKoy and sister Miss Isabelle spent Sunday with their grandmother, Mrs. Bradly Simpson.

Glad to report the improvement of Miss Katie McKee, who is slightly improved.—Miss Isla McKee is on the sick list. Hope she will soon be out again.

Mr. John S. Bradshaw spent Saturday night at Councils with his brother Mr. Calvin Bradshaw.

On July 21, Captain James Bradley Simpson passed away. Capt. Simpson was one of the oldest men in Bladen county, being in his 83rd year. During the war he was a captain of the home guards. For about sixty years he had been a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. He is survived by his wife and six children—Mrs. G. H. Cromartie, Miss Lila, Messrs. John and Winning Simpson of Clarkton; Mr. Henry Simpson of Georgia, and Mrs. A. S. McKoy of Bladen Springs. The remains were buried at the Clarkton Presbyterian church Saturday p. m. We extend our deepest sympathies to the bereaved family.

The sad news came Sunday, the 23d, of the accidental death of Mr. J. T. Lockey, which occurred at Laurel Hill as he was on his way to his home in Wadesboro. He left here (his old home) Saturday morning and stopped at Laurel Hill to spend the day with a friend, and was coming to the depot Sunday a. m., when he got confused and stepped on the wrong track and was instantly killed by the passenger train. The remains were brought down Sunday night and buried at the old Brown Marsh church Monday afternoon. He leaves a wife and seven children to mourn their loss.

Messrs. Jno. L. George and George Collier of Western Prong were visitors in this section Sunday.—Mr. John D. Ward and sister, Miss Mary, made a flying trip to Whiteville last Wednesday p. m.

Mr. Joe C. Burney, contractor and builder, left last Tuesday for Cerro Gordo to erect some buildings. Mack.

Protracted Meetings.

A meeting of days will begin at Raft Swamp Baptist church next Sunday and continue through the week. The pastor, Rev. A. H. Porter, will be assisted by Rev. C. F. Whitlock of Wilmington. All are invited to attend.

Rev. F. B. Rankin of Hamlet began a meeting at Baker's chapel Tuesday which will last until Sunday, and possibly longer. Services are being held twice each day, at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

A protracted meeting will begin at Bear Swamp church on the second Sunday in this month, August 13. The pastor, Rev. C. G. Wells of Lumberton, will be assisted by Rev. Fred T. Collins, who is at home for a few weeks from the Louisville, Ky., Theological Seminary.

Rev. W. A. Jenkins, pastor of Robeson circuit, closed a very gracious revival at Barker's yesterday afternoon. Five were added to the church and it is expected that others will join. Rev. S. T. Moyle, who assisted Mr. Jenkins in this meeting, returned last night to his home at Hamlet.

Mrs. Victoria Cromartie and little granddaughter, Victoria Cromartie, of Bladen county, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Nash.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

A Big Day For Barnesville—The Biggest of all the Institutes.

Reported for The Robesonian.

Sunday was a big day for Barnesville. It was the meeting place for the Mt. Eliam Sunday School Institute, which is composed of the following schools: Mt. Eliam, Spring Hill, Center, Hog Swamp, Smyrna, Long Branch and West Lumberton, all the schools being represented. As to people, they were there from all over. Two excursions were run from Lumberton and they were loaded to their capacity. The number present was estimated at 1,500. The exercises opened at 10:30 with a song, "Blessed Assurance," then after Scripture reading Mr. Frank Gough of Lumberton taught the Sunday school lesson. He taught it in his good, plain, simple way of teaching, and no doubt many of the teachers present learned from Mr. Gough how to teach their classes in a better way than they have been teaching heretofore.

After the recitation was over, they adjourned, not because it was all over, for the best was yet to come, but for dinner. After everybody was satisfied and had rested for an hour they re-assembled to listen to some of the best music they ever had listened to. The schools of Long Branch, Spring Hill and Center came forward with two songs each. The West Lumberton school also sang two songs, but was not in the contest as it did not join the institute till the last meeting. Each school did some No. 1 singing. The Lumberton male quartette sang several songs which were all to the good. The way Mr. Pope Stephens sings tenor is a caution. Among the songs they sang was "Rocked in the cradle of the deep" and "She's coming in."

Last in the singing line but by no means least, Misses Orpie Prevatt and Caroline Parnell of West Lumberton sang several pieces. The young ladies are both deaf and dumb. They sing on their hands and can almost make it plain as words. To show them that their music was enjoyed best of all, the audience gave them a hearty cheer by waving their handkerchiefs.

After the singing was over Mr. E. B. Freeman of Lumberton and Revs. Hedgpath and Townsend made some short and interesting talks on Sunday schools and Sunday school work.

At the first of the year Mr. Frank Gough of Lumberton offered a prize of 50 song books to the school making the highest average on music through the year. Spring Hill won the books. This school made an average of 100 all the year through. Mr. Gough makes the same offer for the next year.

Although the crowd was so large that the exercises had to be held in the grove, good order was kept, and everybody seemed to enjoy it from start to stop. These institutes are working up great interest in the Sunday school work. The next one will be held at West Lumberton the fifth Sunday in October. It was about 4 p. m. when the crowd began to leave, all realizing, though the meetings had all been good for several years, that this was the biggest of them all.

Happy Jack.

The Revolution in Haiti Has Triumphed.

Partau Prince, Haiti, Dispatch, 2d.

The revolution in Haiti has triumphed President Antoine Simon fled the capital today and took refuge on board the Hattien cruiser Seventeenth December, formerly the yacht American. With him are his wife and children and a number of his followers.

On all sides the capital is invested by followers of Gen. Firmin, one of the revolutionary leaders. The city itself is in the hands of a committee of safety and there is no general disorder. Tonight numerous shots were heard, but these are believed to have been fired only in celebration of the overthrow of Simon administration. Foreign interests are believed to be secure.

BLADEN-UNION ITEMS.

Dry Weather Injuring Corn—Some War-Time Experiences Promised—Unusual Record of Nine Brothers in the Civil War.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fayetteville, R. F. D. 8, July 31.—When we last wrote crops were unusually fine in this part of Bladen, but the rains have ceased to come and corn is going to the bad fast. Fields of beautiful green have changed to a brown parched hue and farmers are getting despondent. Cotton is still looking well though, and if we have rain soon will not be much injured.

There was quite a crowd gathered at Tar Heel Saturday to witness a match game of ball played by Tar Heel, White Oak, Elizabethtown, Buckhorn, Edonia and Faison.

Mrs. Maxie Gillis, who visited relatives here recently, has returned to her home in Haines City, Florida.

Mrs. A. H. Tolar went over to Stedman to visit her niece Mrs. Janie McDonald Friday, will return in a week or ten days.

Mrs. J. B. Cain is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Gibson, at St. Paul this week.

Mr. Will K. Singletary was in Tar Heel on business Saturday.

Mr. T. J. Underwood and Romie Monroe will attend court as jurors this week at Elizabethtown.

I noticed what "Happy Jack" said about old war-time history. I think myself it would be appropriate for some one in each community to write what they know in their own way, and I will at some date in the near future tell what I saw, heard and endured during the dark days of the conflict. "Old Reb" will go to Lumberton August 24, God willing, and after that date will make good the promise to write of the past, present and future. Speaking of the great Civil War, few can say what "Old Reb" can. I had 9 brothers in that war whose average weight was 130 pounds. Three were killed in battle, 3 wounded, and 3 returned home uninjured except in health. Who can beat this? Speak out, gentlemen. Three of these brothers are still living, the others are sleeping in Georgia, Florida and North Carolina. "Old Reb."

Norment News Notes and Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Norment, July 31.—The farmers are not very busy now, the crops being all laid by now except very late crops. But Oh, for fodder pulling time, it will soon be here.

As one of our men in this section said, we have been having some gully-washers and frog-stranglers of rain lately.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Israel and children spent last Friday visiting at Mr. Will Phillips'.—Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Martin spent Friday night with relatives near Bellamy.—Mr. R. M. Phillips and little son Ted spent yesterday near Bladenboro.—Messrs. John Stone and Enoch Britt of Mt. Eliam spent a few hours near here Saturday night.—Messrs. Elvery Singletary, George Davis and Mike Webb spent Saturday night near Richardson.—Mrs. David Martin returned to her home near Mt. Eliam last Sunday after spending a few days with relatives near here.—Misses Mamie Brit, Vina and Eliza Taylor and Minnie and Rosa Clemmons spent Saturday in Lumberton.

Sorry to report Miss Peggy Phillips very sick at this writing.

"Well, 'Happy Jack,' you say the boys about Mt. Eliam are not bashful and I believe it, for what of them I have seen are not bashful. "Brinkle."

Pound Peaches.

Mr. Ira Wilkins and son, Master Roy, of Bellamy, are in town today. Mr. Wilkins says that Mr. George Pitman, who lives near Norment, brought to his place of business at Bellamy Saturday some of the finest peaches he ever saw. He bought a peck of them and they averaged a pound each.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

—Mrs. Jack McCallum, of Raynham, who has been sick for a few days, was brought yesterday to the home of her parents, Sheriff and Mrs. E. C. McNeill, North Elm street.

—Mrs. H. C. Freeman will entertain a few friends at dinner tomorrow at her home on Fifth street in honor of her mother, Mrs. Mary A. Smith, who will be 79 years old Sunday, the 6th.

—Miss Alma Baker of Parkton has been elected to teach the school at Tolarsville, for which an advertisement was run in The Robesonian recently. The school will begin about the first of October and will last six months.

—The New York Comedy Co. will be in Lumberton all next week with a show under its own tent on the Linkhaw lot on Chestnut street. There is said to be a 10 piece band with the show, which has all new talent.

—Some particularly good pictures have been shown at the motion picture show this week. Last night coronation pictures were shown. All the pictures this reporter has seen at the opera house have been clean and good.

—Work was begun yesterday on the job of remedying the acoustic defects of the court room in the court house. The H. W. Johns-Manville Co. is under contract to complete the work by the beginning of the September term of court.

—Class No. 6 of Chestnut Street Methodist Sunday school will give an ice-cream supper tonight at the home of the teacher, Mrs. A. E. White, Chestnut and Eighth streets. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the new Methodist church. The public is invited.

—Mr. E. M. Britt returned last evening from a two-months' rest in the mountains of the western part of the State. He visited Grandfather and other well-known mountains and Tate's Springs, Tenn., and returned very much improved in health. He returned via Wilmington.

—Mr. J. E. Prevatt, carrier on rural route 1 from Lumberton, went back on his route this morning after a vacation of 15 days which he spent mostly at home. Mr. Ira Davis subbed for him. Mr. A. S. Pitman, carrier on route 2, begins his vacation today. Mr. Henry Taylor subbed for him.

—Mr. J. C. Allen, of Howellsville, was in town yesterday and brought the sad news that Richard Johnson, a son-in-law of W. B. Smith of the Lumberton Cotton Mills, while working on a skidder of the Beaufort County Lumber Co. Tuesday fell from a spar of the skidder and it is thought was fatally injured.

—At a meeting of the board of stewards of Chesnut Street Methodist church Tuesday night it was decided to give the pastor, Rev. E. M. Hoyle, a vacation during this month. Mr. Hoyle, however, will not leave town and will preach Sunday mornings as usual. There will be no services at this church Sunday evenings and no prayer-meeting services Wednesday evenings during this month.

—Mr. Olin Edens, a salesman for Messrs. White & Gough, was confined at the Thompson hospital with appendicitis from Saturday until yesterday, when he was taken to the home of his father, Prof. H. L. Edens, at Pembroke, for a few days rest that is considered advisable before undergoing an operation. Prof. Edens came over yesterday morning to take his son home last evening.

—Mr. Casper Smith, who recently passed the State board and obtained license as a pharmacist, has accepted a position with the Pope Drug Co., and will begin work there Monday of next week. The business of this company has increased so much that it is compelled to employ two registered pharmacists, Mr. Smith being employed to assist Mr. Jas. Kerr, the present efficient manager of the store and pharmacist.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Edmund moved into their handsome new 9-room house on Water street Tuesday. They lived while their house was being built in a house belonging to Mr. Joe Prevatt, on Pine street.

—Dr. W. W. Parker, who recently added a jewelry store to his optometry business, has one of the most up-to-date jewelry and optician stores to be found anywhere and is now ready for business. The handsome glass-front store building Dr. Parker occupies forms one of the greatest improvements that has been made on Elm street in some time, this store taking the place of an unightly alley.

—Mr. Prentice Barker received a wire this morning advising him of the death at Whiteville this morning of his cousin Mr. Lee Jackson, who had been sick for some time with typhoid fever. The funeral will take place tomorrow. Deceased was a nephew of Mr. J. A. Barker. Mrs. Barker and her guest, Miss Jannie Pitman of Waycross, Ga., left this morning for Whiteville to attend the funeral.

—The work of remodeling the interior of the postoffice is progressing rapidly and it already has very much more the appearance of a postoffice. Dr. R. M. Norment, postmaster, came down Monday to see the beginning of the work, the first time he has been able to get down town in several months. It is difficult to handle the mail while this work is going on, but nobody could do it better than it is being done by Messrs. Edwards, Stephens and Norment.

—Mr. C. J. Miller, who was kicked by one of his horses at his home at Rocky Point last Saturday and who died yesterday morning from his injuries at the Wilmington sanatorium, where he was taken for treatment, was a brother of Mrs. P. Q. Weathersby of Lumberton. Mrs. Weathersby went to Wilmington Tuesday to be with her brother. Two of her children went with her and two joined her today. Mr. Miller was a substantial and highly-esteemed citizen of Rocky Point. He never regained consciousness after being kicked.

—Abe Schwartzberg, who was taxed \$25 and costs by Mayor White Monday afternoon for an assault on Rufus Sanderson Sunday evening, as reported in Monday's Robesonian, and who "repealed" from the mayor's decision and went to jail in default of \$100 bond required, thought better of it before the night was over and paid his fine and costs and was released. Sanderson was represented in the mayor's court by Mr. Woodberry Lennon and Schwartzberg was represented by himself, but his eloquence could not persuade the mayor to give him less than the limit of twenty-five bones.

—About half the members of Camp Willis H. Pope, which has 84 members, boarded the special veterans' excursion train for Wilmington here Tuesday to attend the State Confederate veterans reunion. The train passed here about 1 o'clock. Several besides the veterans took advantage of the low rates to go to Wrightville Beach, among them Mr. and Mrs. Sam Branch, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Prevatt and son, Master Robert, Messrs. S. G. and F. L. Prevatt, I. V. Hooper and Lacy McKenzie. The excursion tickets are good to return until next Sunday and it is supposed that most of these will stay the limit. Messrs. M. G. McKenzie and W. G. Reynolds and Capt. A. B. Small were among the veterans from this place who went Tuesday. Some veterans boarded the train here yesterday for Wilmington, among them Mr. W. H. Graham of Rowland.

Open Cotton Boll.

Frank Ellis, colored, who lives about one and a half miles from Lumberton on the River road, brought an open boll of cotton to The Robesonian office Tuesday. It was found Monday in a 1 acre piece of cotton he has that he thinks will make a bale to the acre.