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WILL SET ASIDE PRECEDENTS.

President Wilson will appear in Halls of Congress Tomorrow and Deliver Message in Person.

Washington Dispatch, 6th. Setting aside precedents of more than a century, President Wilson will appear in the halls of Congress on Tuesday to deliver his first legislative message in person. He announced to Democratic congressional leaders tonight that he would go to the floor of the House when it convened Tuesday and there give that body his views on the tariff.

This decision of the President evoked much comment among the congressional leaders. He will be the first President of the United States to appear officially before either branch of Congress in deliberative session since John Adams, in the first few years of the last century. An attempt was made exactly 100 years ago in 1813, to revive the custom, but President Madison declined an invitation of the Senate to discuss foreign relations with the Senate. Since then no President has even suggested joining in the deliberations of Congress.

President Wilson made his plans known to Majority Leader Underwood of the House, Representative A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania, and the other House Democratic leaders that they might prepare for the event. The President believes that he can get in closer touch with the members of both houses of Congress, by personally expressing his views to them. In addition to his official visits to the House, which will become a matter of White House policy, the President will take advantage of these visits to hold conferences with the party leaders in Congress.

The President has been told by his friends that such a procedure is fraught with embarrassments unless he tactfully keeps his purpose merely of giving advice as the leader of his party and offering suggestions to those with whom he confers. Those who have discussed the matter with him say he is convinced that Congress will not misunderstand his intentions, that he will go to the Capitol in a spirit of friendly co-operation, so that there may be at all times a unanimity of purpose between the executive and the legislative departments of the Government.

Spite-Work Charges of Retailing Against Men of High Character—Interesting Developments Expected.

The people of Fairmont and surrounding country are naturally indignant about the work done in that section last week by some so-called "blind tiger" detectives and some interesting developments are expected. In Thursday's Robesonian was published a batch of names of people against whom charges of retailing had been made by these "detectives," among them the names of Mr. J. P. Brown and Mr. H. Pitman of Fairmont, men of integrity and high standing, and while the Robesonian knew there was something beneath the surface which would make the charges against these men ridiculous, their names were found in a batch of papers just before time for the paper to go to press and it was necessary to publish all or none of the names and there was no time to investigate then.

It develops that the charge against Dr. Brown had nothing for basis except a prescription written for alcohol for a man who goes about taking pictures and said he wanted it to develop his pictures. And the charge was brought against Mr. Pitman because he filed the prescription. Dr. Brown and Mr. Pitman were entirely within the law, of course, and bringing a charge of retailing against them was a piece of spite work, Dr. Brown says. Dr. Brown and Mr. Pitman are men of high character against whom such a charge could not have weight for a moment with those who know them.

It is said too that no proof can be made of the charges brought by these so-called detectives against negroes who were put in jail here last week and that the county will be put to the expense of keeping them in jail for nothing, besides the injustice done them.

Dr. Brown will have a statement to make through The Robesonian later and some interesting developments are expected.

TWO BANKS CLOSED.

Both Recently Promoted and Opened by State Trust Co. of Wilmington. Raleigh Special, 5th, to Charlotte Observer.

The Corporation Commission closed two banks today, both recently promoted and opened by the State Trust Company of Wilmington, a corporation purporting to have for its special purpose the organization of country banks and that is now offering to sell its stock as a stock building company in many parts of the State. The banks closed are the Bank of Angier, Harnett county, and the Bank of Macclesfield, Edgecombe county, each having \$5,000 capital and both organized within the past two months.

According to the statements made at the Corporation Commission's offices, the State Trust Company organized these banks on condition that the business men would take stock in the company, one fourth in cash and the balance in notes around \$2,500. The company put in \$5,000 capital in each bank but withdrew \$2,000 for furniture and fixtures supplied by its interests and had the little bank to discount the notes of citizens for deferred payments on the stock in the company. Local men as directors, were issued a share each in the bank and after organization this stock was transferred to the Trust Company. There were other manipulations that the examiners found had transferred capital of the banks to the promoting corporation.

The State Trust Company has \$200,000 authorized capital, was chartered last November and had Ector H. Smith, Birmingham, Ala., W. O. Tarver, Wilmington, and Virgil P. Walker, Newbern, for incorporators.

Assistant Bank Examiner Bateman returned tonight from Macclesfield, where he closed the Bank of Macclesfield and brought with him in his grip all the cash and paper assets of the institution, he says, that was left by the promoting corporation. He brought to the Corporation Commission \$1,250. He says that he found charges of \$2,366 for banking fixtures for a \$5,000 bank. Of the fixtures to show for it there was \$1,500 for an old and very poor safe and \$300 for a practically worthless, old adding machine. Deposits in the bank are about \$6,000.

The deposits in the Angier Bank were \$4,000. Among the items of assets in the banks are amounts due from banks and bankers, and in the Macclesfield Bank this item aggregates over \$7,000. If these assets anything like pan out, there will be no trouble about depositors getting their money out of both banks.

The Corporation Commission believes that the heaviest losers in the collapse of the scheme will be the purchasers of stock in the State Trust Company, there being probably about \$90,000 of this stock sold in the State for part cash and negotiable notes for deferred payments, these notes being discounted by the promoters on a large scale. The Trust Company has organized only three banks in this State yet, the third being in a western county. State Bank Examiner Hubbard went tonight to this bank and will have a look at it Monday. The Secretary of the Corporation Commission stated tonight that the commission has determined to charter no more banks organized by the State Trust Company or under any kindred scheme.

Investigations are under way that are expected to lead to a number of arrests following the developments today, it is said.

Coburn's Greater Minstrels Delight a Capacity House.

To say that J. A. Coburn's Greater Minstrels delighted a capacity house here Saturday night is saying about what can be said every year when this show visits Lumberton. And the show was better this time than ever before. It is a scream all the way through and to go into particulars would require more space than there is room for. The singing and dancing were fine, the work of Charley Gano and Nicodemus Glynn, the principal comedians, was side-splitting, and "Buster, the clown and their little red horse" were all to the good. It is more than two hours of good fun.

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TARIFF REVISION BILL

Modeled in Accord With Ideas of President Wilson—Cut Below Present Protective Rates.

Washington Dispatch, 4th. The Democratic tariff revision bill is completed tonight with the exception of a final decision upon sugar. From beginning to end it is modeled in accord with the ideas of President Wilson, with wool, meats and many other food stuffs and clothing materials on the free list; with low duties upon all agricultural products and foodstuffs that are not free; and with tariff on chemicals and steel and other commercial products cut far below the present protective rates.

Senate tariff leaders today asked for an opportunity to study the bill until Sunday afternoon. They will then confer with Chairman Underwood of the House Committee of Ways and Means and later will have a final conference with President Wilson. A careful analysis of the Senate will be made in the meantime, to determine whether free wool, "one-cent sugar" and low rates on "market basket products" will prove acceptable to a majority of the Democrats.

Briefly summarized, the tariff developments of the day were:

President Wilson's ultimatum to sugar interests that they must agree to a tariff of one cent per pound for three years, with free sugar after that time, or he would attempt to provide for free sugar at once.

Completion of the bill by the Ways and Means committee, with the exception of the sugar schedule, and on this the committee is prepared to agree on free sugar, if the President insists.

Income tax rates fixed at one per cent for all corporation incomes above \$5,000; one per cent on personal incomes from \$4,000 to \$20,000; two per cent from \$20,000 to \$50,000; 3 per cent from \$50,000 to \$100,000; four per cent above \$100,000.

Ohio's Loss in Recent Flood—Relief Situation Being Fully Covered.

Washington Dispatch, 4th.

Ohio's loss in the recent flood was estimated tonight in a telegram from the American Red Cross agent in charge at Columbus as follows:

460 lives lost.
4,200 homes destroyed.
40,500 persons homeless.
9,000 families outside of Dayton, Columbus and Cincinnati in need of rehabilitation.

It has been extremely difficult to get information, according to the agent, because wires are still down and transportation facilities uncertain.

"Emergency relief situation in each flooded district in Ohio being well covered," the telegram said: "Dayton, Columbus, Piqua, Troy, Ottawa, Sidney, Hamilton, Miamisburg, Middletown and Zanesville covered by the Red Cross representatives. In these places information is being rapidly accumulated on which to base rehabilitation. We are pushing men into other flooded towns as fast as water subsides and we can get men. Colonel Miller, chief quartermaster, reports need of underwear of all sorts, bedding and blankets."

Superior Court.

The jury in the case of W. W. Carlyle vs. the Aberdeen & Rockfish Ry., a suit for damages in the sum of \$1,000 for the destruction of an automobile near Raeford in the fall of 1911, could not reach an agreement, one man holding out against 11 for damages, and a juror was withdrawn and a mistrial ordered Saturday. The whole matter is to be threshed over again. M. A. Buie vs. the Coast Line suit for \$2,000 for two cars of lumber is now on trial. One of the cars was shipped to Pennsylvania and the court has ruled that it has no jurisdiction as to that car. Appeal has been taken to the Supreme Court to decide that point. No other cases of importance except those mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, have occupied the attention of the court. Judge J. G. Ferguson is presiding.

Heed the Cough that Hangs On.

The seeds of consumption may be the cause, and a cough that hangs on weakens the system. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound checks the cough, heals the inflamed membranes, and strengthens the lungs. E. D. Rountree, Stillmore, Ga., says: "Lagrippe left me a deep seated, hacking, painful cough which Foley's Honey and Tar completely cured." For sale by all dealers.

WRITTEN AND SPOKEN WORD.

Who Runs the Farm?—Shooting a Hawk With a Hoe—It's Unsafe to Leave Things in Conveances On Back Lots—Meanness and Liquor—Sales Day—A Story That is Not Told.

Mr. G. A. Boone, who lives on rural route No. 2 from Lumberton, knows that it is not always the man who pulls the bell cord over the mule or does the actual work about the place who runs things. He told his boys so the other day when they undertook to guy him, as good-natured and hard-working boys will sometimes do when they are perfectly satisfied to give the head of the household as easy a time as possible. The boys were plowing and while Mr. Boone was doing odd jobs about the house he made a hawk lose his dinner. Mr. Boone saw the hawk as it swooped down and caught a chicken and clapped his hands and made Mr. Hawk drop the chicken. The boys said that they were glad to learn about it, that Mr. Boone, Senior, was some good about there after all, and Mr. Boone told them that he was just about running that farm.

That hawk business reminded Mr. Boone, who was in town Saturday, that the last time he shot a gun it was not a gun at all but a hoe. He was hoeing along in the field and saw a hawk flying away with a chicken and raised his hoe, took aim, said "Boom!"—like that—and the hawk dropped the chicken and flew away. You see, the silly hawk thought it was a gun sure enough, and it answered the purpose just as well, so far as saving the chicken was concerned. But that would not work, Mr. Boone recalled, in the case of the boy who started to shoot at a squirrel with no hammer or trigger or something else necessary for deadly work on his gun. When a companion called his attention to the crippled condition of his gun the boy said "Sh, the squirrel don't know it."

People who drive into town from the country will do well to remember that it is not safe to leave things of value in their conveyances. Somebody may walk off with things, especially when left in conveyances on back lots. Mr. B. Tyner, of route No. 2 from Buie, who was in town Saturday, lost a pair of shoes that way. He left them in his buggy while he was doing some trading and when he went back to his buggy they were gone. If you are careless about leaving things that way somebody may "swipe" them.

Some ladies were enjoying a ride in the country in an automobile the other day, the auto being driven by a negro chauffeur, and were frightened nearly out of their wits when they were cursed by some men whom they passed. The men did not even have the excuse of a frightened horse, for their horse did not shy at the machine. Mean liquor, most likely. But no amount of mean liquor could bring that sort of cussedness out of a decent man. There has got to be meanness in a man before liquor can bring it out.

The special salesday for Lumberton, mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, is already being talked about a great deal. That is going to be a great day. April 25 is the date. There will be something doing in Lumberton on that day and it will be worth while to be here.

The Robesonian man could tell about an automobile that slid into a ditch about three miles from town Friday night and would have been stuck there for the night, but for the help of a friendly Indian and his mule—but that would be telling. It was not the fault of the driver of the machine. It was just after the heavy rain and the roads were as slick as slick, and in giving a buggy more than room enough to pass the auto just slid quietly into the ditch and stuck there. One pessimistic soul in the car got out, rolled up his pants and vowed there was no help for it but a hike to town through the mud and darkness—it was dark as a stack of black cats. Three men pushing and grunting at the rear while the owner of the car turned on the power, which did not give enough the power did not give enough owner hiked up the road a piece and

RED SPRINGS REVIEWS.

Ladies' Betterment Association Gives Entertainment Tomorrow Night—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, April 4—A good many from Red Springs attended the track meet of the Stokes county schools held in Raeford Friday of last week.

Miss Anne Belle Williams, who is a student at St. Mary's College, Raleigh, spent Sunday at home.—Miss Kate Genell of Bennettsville, S. C., visited Miss Bessie Jones the latter part of last week.—Miss Hallie Currie, who has been teaching in Cumberland, has returned home.—Messrs. L. J. Bright, A. P. Spell and J. A. Singleton attended court in Lumberton Monday.—Mr. M. A. Buie, formerly of Red Springs, but now of Florida is spending a few days in Red Springs.—Mrs. D. P. McEachern, who has been spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Leo T. Bulloch in Abonita, Porto Rico, is expected home the latter part of this week.—Dr. J. L. McMillan spent Tuesday in Lumberton.—Rev. J. W. Orr, of Steele Creek Presbyterian church has just closed revival services in Red Springs.

Rev. and Mrs. Dougald Monroe, of Four Oaks are visiting at the home of Mrs. Monroe's sister Miss Katie McC. Buie.

The John J. Thrower Co. remodeled the corner store of the Townsend block and has moved its dry goods department on the corner.

Rev. Mr. Moore, of Bennettsville, held one devotional exercises at the graded school Monday morning.

Miss Lucile Dowd spent a few days last week in Clio where she attended the marriage of her cousin Miss Bessie McQueen.

Capt. J. G. Williams is spending the week at his old home in Virginia.—Miss Rosa McMillan returned Thursday from a visit to relatives and friends in Bennettsville.—Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hotchkiss of Gormington, Conn., were Red Springs visitors last Wednesday and were warmly welcomed by their numerous friends, who called at the hotel during their brief stay. They spent the winter at Southern Pines and will return to their home about the first of May.

The Ladies Betterment Association of Red Springs is to give an entertainment in the Opera House on next Tuesday night, April 8, for the improvement of our public school. The cause is a worthy one, and the entertainment will be pleasing. A large crowd is expected.

Body of White Man Killed by Train Near Pembroke Claimed by His People.

In The Robesonian of a week ago today was published an account of the finding of the body of a young white man beside the Atlantic Coast Line Railway's tracks near Pembroke on the 29th ult. and the coroner's inquest over the remains. It was stated in that story that there was found on the body a letter from the young man's sister from Toronto, Canada, signed "Agnes Raven," and giving her street number as 56 Stafford. This made it possible to locate the dead man's people and yesterday they arrived at Pembroke on a special train from Fayetteville, had the body disinterred from where it had been buried beside the railroad, and left immediately on the return trip to Toronto.

The county road board, board of education and commissioners are holding their regular monthly meetings today. The question of forming a new township, to be known as McDonald, dividing Thompson, will be decided by the commissioners this afternoon.

—Ex-Judge Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, Bertie county, is among the out-of-town attorneys in town today, being here to take some depositions.

roused a friendly Cherokee, who was obliging and kind. His mule has pulled so many cars out of that same ditch that he suffered himself to be backed up to the car without saying a word, and when the power was turned he walked out with the car with the utmost nonchalance. There are four men in Lumberton who will always have the kindest feeling for that mule and his master.

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BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Middling cotton today, 12 cents.
—A meeting of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114 will be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. Work in third degree.

—Mrs. Moses Blacker returned yesterday from Richmond, Va., where in a hospital she spent about six weeks undergoing treatment. Her condition has been greatly improved.

—Mrs. Lizzie G. Proctor is having the iron fence in front of her residence on Elm street removed and a cement curbing put down. The change is greatly improving the appearance of the home.

—There will be an ice cream supper at the church at Rennet Wednesday evening of this week for the purpose of completing the church. Rev. Samra Smith of Washington, D. C., will give a lecture. Admission 25 cents.

—Miss Mattie Morris, of Atlanta, Ga., who is traveling in the interest of the Judson Centennial Mission fund of the Southern Baptist Convention, spent yesterday in town a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Caldwell, going from here to Fayetteville.

—Mr. John Jones and family moved last week to Charleston, S. C., where they will make their future home. Mr. Jones has a position on the Southern Railroad with headquarters at Charleston, which is the reason for the move. The household effects were snipped about the middle of the week, Mrs. Jones going at the same time. Mr. Worth Jones left yesterday.

—Mr. John T. Glover of Sumpter, S. C., has accepted a position as manager of the Lumberton Motor Car Company's foundry. He began work Friday. He has had about 30 years experience in the business and has some fine samples of his work at the Lumberton Motor Car Company's shop on Fourth street.

—St. Pauls Messenger, 3d: At the primary held Tuesday Mayor J. A. Townsend was renominated and Messrs. A. R. McEachern, J. M. Butler, L. I. Grantham and J. C. Blanchard were nominated for commissioners. Mr. Blanchard is the only one of the present board who stood for re-election.

—At the Pastime theatre tonight will be seen a "Redskin's Appeal" by Pathe, and "Honeyboy's First Quarrel" by Essany. Both of these pictures ought to please. Music will be furnished from 8 to 9 o'clock by an Italian orchestra of Wilmington. This will be a musical treat. There will be no change in prices.

—During the last few days the general appearance of things has been greatly improved at the Lumberton drug store by the application of a fresh coat of paint on the front of the store and ceiling the interior; and a new shining awning has been put up to the front of the store. The show windows to the store have been redressed and in one of them is a fine display of kodaks.

—The Lumberton baseball team, consisting of Messrs. James Cowan, Lewis Shelby, Eli Wishart, Knox Proctor, Guy Townsend, John Edwards, Ike Deese, Clarence Moore and Eddie McNeill, went Friday to St. Paul, where they tried a game with the St. Paul team. The score—it's a shame to tell and the Lumberton boys will not talk about it, even though they did win—was 19 to 20. The boys say they are going to practice up some.

—Mr. G. W. Hart, for about two years pharmacist for the Lumberton Drug Co., has resigned to accept a position as traveling salesman for the H. K. Fulford Drug Co. of Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Hart will travel western South Carolina and will begin work May 1st, his resignation being effective at that time. Mr. Hart will not move his family. He says that Lumberton is too good a town to leave.

—Charley West, who lives near town, was before the mayor this morning to answer to the charge of being drunk. He was fined \$5 and costs. The offense was last Monday and this is the same case as mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian wherein the victim of mean liquor was hauled to the lockup in a one-horse street. This was Powell's first offense and judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.