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INFORMATION ON PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

The Railroad Bill. Gore and Honest Servant, and Other Things of Interest.

By Clyde H. Tavenner, Staff Washington correspondent for this newspaper.

Washington, Aug. 8.—All over the land the regular Republican candidates for Congress are preparing to ask for election or reelection on the record of President Taft and the last Congress.

Aside from the tariff revision, with which the public is already familiar, the predominating features of the platform on which the standpaters will make the final desperate stand are the postal bank bill and the so called railroad regulation bill.

The railroad bill as passed was better than existing law, improvements having been forced by Democrats and Insurgents. The original draft was one of the most vicious pieces of legislation proposed in Congress in years. President Taft sent this bill to Congress with his personal endorsement and asked that it be passed without amendment.

It provided for a commerce court which would have destroyed the usefulness of the interstate commerce commission, and made appeal to the higher tribunals impossible.

It took the railroads from under the anti-trust law and would have permitted them to make what rates they pleased without any effective check.

It legalized existing mergers between existing lines; it continued a joke provision to regulate the issuing of railroad securities.

The Democrats and insurgents forced some improvements but were prevented by administration influence from putting in provisions which would have been of real value to the people, such as physical valuation of the roads as a basis of rate regulation.

Such was the railroad bill that would have become law had President Taft had his way.

AS TO THE POSTAL BANKS.

Congress passed the kind of savings bank bill that Mr. Taft wanted. The effect will be, it is thought by those who have given study to the act as passed, to drain local communities of the money deposited in postal savings banks. Had the Democrats and insurgents had their way, a postal bank bill such as was desired by the people, would have been passed. But through the influence of the administration, Aldrich was able to thwart the will of the people, and to secure the passage of a bill which will give Wall street the control of the people's money as never before.

THE TARIFF COMMISSION.

Still another feature of the Taft record is the tariff commission law, also a gold brick. It creates a commission without powers, and gives the special interests \$250,000 of the people's money to carry on the campaign against honest revision of the tariff on the basis of equalization of the cost of production at home and abroad.

PINCHOT WISE TO PROTECTION.

Ex-Forester Gifford Pinchot has ideas on other things beside conservation. At a dinner given recently he declared that the nation had lost confidence in Congress because it represented special interests rather than the people. Continuing, he said: "And of this there could be no better illustration than the tariff. The tariff, under the policy of protection, was originally a means to raise the rate wages. It has been made a tool to increase the cost of living."

"The cotton cloth schedule was increased in the face of the uncontradicted public testimony of manufacturers themselves that it ought to remain unchanged.

"The steel interests by a trick secured an indefensible increase in the tariff on structural steel.

"The sugar trust stole from the government like a petty thief, yet Congress, by means of a dishonest schedule, continues to protect it in bleeding the public." (Republican papers please copy.)

BUTLER GETS GOLD SHOULDER.

Former Senator's Arrangement of the Ring Falls on Stony Ground.

Kinston, August 6.—Ex-United States Senator Marion Butler addressed a fair sized crowd in the court house today and spoke for an hour and a half, largely upon the issue of ousting the present organization of the Republican party. He divided his attention between the present organization of that party in the State, which he designated as the "pie brigade," and the Democrats, many of whom were present and received his denunciation of them with the same smile that appeared on their faces when he denounced the Republicans. His excommunication of the Republican Federal office-holders, whom he charged with being opposed to a strong Republican party in this State, was delivered with all the force at his command, and, coming from a fellow-partisan, was doubtless bitter to them, but so far as the effectiveness in producing results is concerned, it appears to have fallen upon stony ground. The Republican convention, which followed soon after, went right on and named a Duncan delegation to the State Republican convention.

Immediately after the close of Butler's speech the Republican county convention was called to order and wrangling immediately began over the seating of contesting delegations. While the credentials committee was struggling with these problems, J. M. Mewborne, the local census man entertained the gathering with a reply to the speech that had just been concluded by Butler. He took violent issue with Mr. Butler in his denunciation of the Federal office-holders, saying that Butler's sole purpose in getting the "ins" out was to get the "outs" in to swap the crowds eating the pie. The convention finally selected a solid Duncan delegation to the State convention.—Charlotte Observer.

FRANK ADMISSION.

Representative Chas. E. Littlefield of Maine, admit that the plank in the last in the last Republican National platform regarding injunctions was put there to placate the labor leaders and with no intention of its being carried out. He carries his frankness to an even greater extent and says the plank is "perfectly non-committal" and means nothing, being simply a dishonest trick to lure the unwary working man and delude him with the belief that the Republican party was his friend. If the truth was told it would, no doubt, reveal that the tariff revision plank was another dishonest plank, never intended of fulfillment, and that the whole platform was a tissue of falsehood and false pretense.

SECRET PUBLICITY.

The bill providing for campaign expenditures and contributions passed at the last session and signed by President Taft is not what the people have for years been demanding.

The house provided for publicity before election, but the Senate refused to pass such a measure and as a result of a conference publicity will not be made until after elections have taken place.

What's the use of publicity after an election, when what has been done cannot be undone?

Publicity before an election would seem to be the only kind of publicity worth anything; for then the voters would be given timely notice as to which party and candidates were of, by and for the trusts and which were of, by and for the people.

GORE WAS HONEST.

The recent attempt to corrupt Senator Tom Gore, of Oklahoma, was accompanied by features most distressing to the blind statesman. Gore has felt the stings of poverty in its bitterest forms. Even now he has nothing but his salary. The persons who he said offered him \$25,000 to change his position on the Indian legislation was a personal friend of long standing. This man knew Gore had often suffered from sheer want. But Gore was not for sale.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

Items of Interest in Various Neighborhoods Sent in by Our Friends.

FAITH.

Aug. 5.—Mrs. Cland Shuping and children have arrived from Montana on a visit to her parents here.

Rev. C. B. Heller has gone to Pennsylvania where he will visit several cities to collect funds to pay off the debt at Catawba College.

The deep well drillers have gone to Mr. Bernhardt's, our mail carrier on route 8, and are putting down a well for him.

Several of our people are going on the excursion to Norfolk on the 9th of this month.

The wire for the town park has arrived. VENUS.

GOLD KNOB.

Please make room for an old delinquent.

Having seen nothing from Gold Knob for some time we have decided to try our hand once again. If this should escape the waste basket we will come again.

We are very much in need of rain. Will welcome it at any time.

P. M. Phillips leads us all in wheat and oats this year. Messrs Goodman and Trexler threshed out 925 bushels of wheat and oats in eight hours. That is threshing some and Mr. Phillips says it's the best job ever.

The five children of Jno. H. Misenheimer who have been so sick with typhoid fever are slowly improving. We trust they may be out in a short while.

The school committee at the Barger's school will hold their meeting on Saturday evening August 20th, at 7 o'clock. Those who wish to apply for the school will please write the secretary, Jno. M. Brady, Salisbury, No. 6.

Miss Annie Barger is confined to her bed at this writing.

The members of St. Peter's church got busy and placed curbing in front of the church and filled in the low places with dirt which adds much to the appearance of the church.

The congregations of the St. Peter's church are looking forward to the coming of the Rev. W. C. Buck, of the North Western Virginia Synod. Rev. Buck comes highly recommended and there is hoping that he will make us a "good shepherd."

Mrs. Henry C. Park, of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting relatives near Rockwell.

Ula, the little girl of G. W. Park, is quite sick, we are pained to note.

The people of our section are still hauling in rock preparatory to macadamizing the Stokes Ferry road and, we trust, the County Commissioners will honor us enough to send the gang to our rescue at the nearest possible time. We have only been getting the promises, but are looking forward to some of these promises to be fulfilled, as we are very much in need of the improvement of this road. LEE.

ORGAN CHURCH.

August 5.—Here comes Old Hap again to report the happenings of this community.

The people of this community are surely cognizant of the fact that cider can be made. Daniel Barger seems to hold the record so far. He has made about 225 gallons. It is estimated by this correspondent that from the apples that went to waste and those down now, Mr. Barger could have realized easily 800 gallons. This would make over 500 gallons who can best this record? Let's hear.

The summer school that is being conducted by Miss Nora Foutz at Kintz's schoolhouse is progressing nicely.

On Sunday, two more couples were united in the bonds of matrimony, and four more hearts became one, when Julius Beavers and Miss Sallie Patterson, and Paul Clark and Miss Kate Barger vowed to live always. May they never cease to love one another. Our best wishes follow them in their new paradise.

Sophia Goodman, aged 84, on last Tuesday morning was found in bed dead. She was a member of Organ E. L. church for a number of years. The funeral exercises were held in Organ church Wednesday morning conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. H. Trexler.

The Missionary exercises of the W. H. and M. S. of Organ were held last Sunday. Quite a large crowd were present. A number of visitors were in attendance. The day was a great success. Rev. R. A. Goodman preached a fine sermon at 11 a. m. This was enjoyed by all. The women had their exercises in the evening followed by an address by Geo. H. Park.

Miss Cora Ketter was a welcomed visitor of Organ Sunday.

The writer has recently returned from a trip to Mooresville and Barium Springs. A very fine time is reported.

Martin Sherr has returned from a trip to the Mooresville picnic. He reports a fine time.

Cadet L. L. Hoffner is thinking of buying a horse.

Mack Wilhelm now has his boy plowing and he sits on the porch with a grin from ear to ear. It's a girl.

As September approaches, the young people are thinking of going to school. A good many from around here will go next year.

Best success to WATCHEMAN. OLD HAPPY.

Stagers Skeptics.

That a clean, nice, fragrant compound like Bucklen's Arnica Salve will instantly relieve a bad burn, cut, scold, wound or piles, staggers skeptics. But great cures prove its a wonder healer of the worst sores, ulcers, boils, felons, eczema, skin eruptions, as also chapped hands, aprains and corns. Try it. 25c at all druggists.

Socialism.

Socialism, at last what is often called Socialism, is subversive of the Scriptural rule of life, yes, more, in its ultimate analysis. Atheism. We must judge a tree by its fruits. The teaching promulgated by its orators upon the hustings, the governmental and social rules contended for under its name in this country and Europe, warrant the interpretation we put upon its cardinal principles and its ultimate ends. Like all error, it sometimes has a champion who injects into it really Christian tenet. It could scarcely find a patient hearing or hope for that growth and life but for that use. It is easy to see that whatever of Christian virtue it may lay claim to the fundamental falsity of its system, if it may be said to have any system, remains unaffected by its pretences.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

CHOCTAW CHIEF TESTIFIES.

Offered One Fourth Profits of Deal if he Would Remove Opposition of Tribe.

Muskogee, Okla., Aug. 6.—Not only Jake L. Hamon but J. F. McMurray was named as a would-be briber in the investigation of the \$80,000,000 Oklahoma Indian land deal before the special congressional committee today.

Mr. McMurray is the holder of the contracts with the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, to promote which in Congress, Senator Thomas P. Gore charged he was offered a bribe.

D. C. McCurtain, a Choctaw Indian and a delegate to Washington for his territory, charged that McMurray in 1908 offered him a bribe of \$25,000 to withdraw opposition to the old tribal McMurray contracts, which subsequently were disapproved by President Roosevelt.

Green McCurtain, chief of 18,000 Choctaws and a venerable Indian of 62 years, then took the stand and told the committee that one George W. Scott, whom he believed acted in the interest of McMurray, had offered him one-fourth of the "profits" to be realized from the land deal, provided he induced the tribe to withdraw all opposition to the deal. This offer referred to new contracts held by McMurray, which are the cause of the investigation.

The amount of the bribe mentioned by D. C. McCurtain, who is a son of the chief, is the same as that which Senator Gore alleges was offered him on May 6 last by Jake Hamon to put through the pending contracts which, according to Senator Gore, would result in the selling of 450,000 acres of coal, asphalt and timber lands, owned by the Indians to a New York syndicate on a basis that would give McMurray and his associates an "attorney's fee" of 10 per cent or \$3,000,000.

The presentation of the charges against McMurray followed another day of sensational testimony during which Senator Charles Curtis of Kansas and Congressman B. S. McGuire of Oklahoma appeared on the stand to refute statements that they were "interested" in the deal.

The name of Vice President Sherman again was mentioned and conferences, held by President Taft over the McMurray contracts, were referred to.

Both President Taft and Vice President Sherman, according to Senator Curtis, had declared that the 10 per cent attorney's fee asked for was excessive. The opinion was unanimous at the President's conference, he said, that in the sale of the land no attorney's assistance was needed and the government by treaty already had stipulated to sell the land on its own responsibility.

The Best Hour of Life

is when you do some great deed or discover some wonderful fact. This hour came to J. R. Pitt, of Rocky Mt., N. C., when he was suffering intensely, as he says, "from the worst cold I ever had, I then proved to my great satisfaction, what a wonderful cold and cough cure Dr. King's New Discovery is. For, after taking one bottle, I was entirely cured. You can't say anything too good of a medicine like that." Its the surest and best remedy for diseased lungs, hemorrhages, la grippe, asthma, hay fever, any throat or lung trouble. 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.

Life on Panama Canal

has had one frightful drawback—malaria trouble—that has brought suffering and death to thousands. The germs cause chills, fever and ague, biliousness, jaundice, lassitude, weakness and general debility. But Electric Bitters never fail to destroy them and cure malaria troubles. "Three bottles completely cured me of a very severe attack of malaria," writes Wm. A. Fretwell, of Locama, N. C., "and I've had good health ever since." Cure stomach, liver and kidney troubles, and prevent typhoid. 50c. Guaranteed by all druggists.

Mrs. D. L. Parker, of Spencer, who has been sick for several weeks, is improving.

MEXICO'S RELIGIOUS CONDITION.

Dr. Pressley Tells of Mission Work There. Roman Catholic Church in Mexico Non-Christian.

Rev. Dr. Neill Pressley, who has served as a missionary of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Mexico for more than 30 years, being the pioneer missionary of that denomination in Mexico, delivered an interesting and instructive address at the First Associate Reformed church here Sunday evening on the Catholic Church in Mexico. Having labored in Mexico so many years Dr. Pressley is thoroughly familiar with and well informed as to conditions there, and his address was unusually interesting. He is an entertaining speaker and the large congregation which heard him gave close attention.

In beginning his discourse the missionary declared that "Roman Catholicism in Mexico is non-Christian," and that he had no apologies to make for the statement. He then proceeded to show why the Catholics in Mexico, as in the Latin American countries, Italy and Spain, should be termed non-Christians. In the first place they worship idols, there being images of worship in every Catholic home in Mexico, both rich and poor. They serve the creature rather than the creator, and are very earnest in their religious ceremonies. They have no conception of God, His love and His worship. They have been taught that God is a God of wrath and vengeance, but they know nothing of their responsibility to God and know nothing of repentance and turning to God. They have no conception of sin and its consequences. The Bible is not known to the Catholics of Mexico and there are no Bibles there except those taken there by missionaries and through the instrumentality of the Protestant churches. The Catholics are guilty of burning Bibles.

The Catholics of Mexico are not Christians because there is no Sabbath day. No Lord's day there, Sunday is the great market and pleasure day with them. In the fore noon of that day which we are commanded to keep holy the Mexicans engage in buying and selling, in the afternoon they throng together to see bull fights, cock fights, ball games, etc., and to engage in gambling, drunkenness. Some of the Catholic priests go to see the cock fights, etc. At night the theatre is the center of attraction. They have no Sabbath schools and the children are not taught of God. Their religion is purely one of idolatry, superstition and ignorance. The Holy Spirit is not known in the Catholic church, and how can a church, which never preaches of the Holy Spirit, be a Christian church?

Before concluding his address Dr. Pressley told of the work which has been done in Mexico by the missionaries of the Associate Reformed church since they entered the field more than thirty years ago. This denomination now has a number of churches, schools and hospitals there and the work is encouraging. Many of the natives have been converted into Christianity and when they have joined the church they become consistent Christians. The native preachers are doing very effective work. The speaker made a strong plea for the work to which he has given his life.

Dr. Pressley has apparently a perfect picture of health. He is a son of the late Rev. Dr. John E. Pressley, so well remembered by older residents in this county as a strenuous preacher. Dr. Pressley engaged in mission work in Tampico soon after he entered the ministry. Tampico is still the center of his work, which has greatly enlarged in the 31 years and six months he has spent there.—Statesville Landmark.

A Clean Salve

Is desirable. Dr. Bell's Antiseptic Salve is a creamy snow white ointment and guaranteed for all skin diseases, such as eczema, salt rheum, chaps, etc. 25c.

HOW TO MAKE GRAPE JUICE.

Any Housekeeper can Prepare This Delicious and Healthful Drink.

Writing in the Progressive Farmer, A. M. Lantham says: "There is no kind of fruit juice that is so easily and cheaply made as that from well matured grapes. If the best quality of juice is to be made, the grapes must be of a good quality and well ripened. They should be clean and sound. If one has a hand cider mill and press to use in the work, so much the better, but the cutting and pressing can be done by hand. If light colored juice is desired, put the crushed grapes in a cleanly washed cloth, and when folded in, with an assistant, proceed to twist each end until the greater part of the juice is forced out.

"The juice should then be placed in a stone jar and slowly heated to a temperature of not less than 180 and not more than 200 degrees. This jar should be set in a dishpan of water before heating, in order to prevent the scorching of the juice. Hold to the above heat about ten minutes but do not allow it to come to a boil. This done, pour it into a glass or enameled vessel and let it settle for 24 hours; then carefully drain the clear juice from the sediment and run it through a flannel filter. It is now ready for bottling, but be sure that the bottles are thoroughly sterilized before filling. Common glass fruit jars would do in the absence of bottles. Do not fill quite full as room must be allowed for the second heating expansion. Fit a thin board in the bottom of a common wash boiler, set the filled bottles on this, fill boiler with water to nearly the height of juice in the bottles and heat again as above, not allowing it to come to a boil. Then take the bottles out and seal or cork tightly immediately. It is a good idea to take the precaution of sealing the corks over with paraffin or sealing wax to prevent the germs of mold from entering through the cork.

"Should a red juice be desired, crush and heat the fruit, then drain instead of pressing, and proceed as with the white juice. With the white we pressed out the juice before heating. The bottles should now be set away in a cool place, and in an upright position and if the work has been properly done, this unfermented juice will keep for an indefinite period.

"The uses of grape juice are many. Until recently it has been restricted to medicinal or sacramental purposes, through a lack of knowledge of the principles underlying its manufacture. The housewife who can make a success of her fruit canning can also make a success of furnishing to her family this product of the grape in a perfect and fresh state. It is food and drink, refreshment and nourishment, all in one."

Godwin and Clark Factions Satisfied With Committee Appointed by Chairman Eller.

Wilmington, August 6.—The friends of both O. L. Clark and H. L. Godwin, are highly pleased with the personnel of the committee of five named by Chairman Eller to investigate and make recommendations as to what should be done in regard to the differences arising out of the Wrightville Beach congressional convention. There are many who now believe that it will end in the State executive committee declaring that the delegates should reassemble and hold another convention and let the delegates have it out as it was expected would be the case when the former convention met and until the former ruling was made by Chairman Bellamy, thus causing the split.—Charlotte Observer.

Struck a Rich Mine.

S. W. Bonds, of Coal City, Ala., says he struck a perfect mine of health in Dr. King's New Life Pills for they cured him of liver and kidney troubles after 12 years of suffering. They are the best pills on earth for constipation, malaria, headache, dyspepsia, debility, 25c at all druggists.