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CONGRESSIONAL RE-APPORTIONMENT.

North Carolina Makes no Gains but May Lose One or More.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Special.—The unanimous re-election of Congressman Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana, to the Presidency of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, whose convention last week brought to the National Capital distinguished men in the business, commercial and professional life of the country, was a most deserved tribute to a man who has devoted many years of his life to a study of the complex questions growing out of the improvement of our water-ways. Mr. Ransdell is next to the ranking member on the majority side of the Rivers and Harbors Committee of the House and is being strongly urged for Chairman of the Committee when the House passes into the control of the Democrats. One thing is certain—Mr. Ransdell is thoroughly equipped for the place and would be a worthy successor to Col. Alexander the present Chairman and to former Chairman Theodore E. Burton who has been promoted to a seat in the Senate. The seventh Convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress was the most successful ever held by this great body of water-way enthusiasts and the high standing of the delegates aided materially in getting the river and harbor bill through the House in record time.

The announcement that some of the House leaders favored in the coming apportionment of representatives among the states in such a way as to hold the House membership to its present size, its meeting with considerable opposition. Dividing the total population of the United States 91,972,206, by the present number of representatives 391, would give 235,221 as the basis of population required for each representative. Such basis would cause the loss of members to too many states to make it less than highly improbable that their delegations in the House would vote for it. Representative Crumpacker, chairman of the Census committee having the problem to solve, has been entirely reticent on the subject. Representative Hay, of Virginia, the senior democrat of the committee, whose state would be one of the losers on the proposition not to increase the size of the House, is more outspoken than the chairman. His guess is that the apportionment figure will be about 211,500. The Hay figure, dividing the total population, would give a House of 433 members—an increase of 42. On that basis of apportionment New York would gain 6, California and Oklahoma 3 each; Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Texas and Washington 2 each and 1 each would be gained by Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Utah. One each would be lost by Iowa, Maine, Missouri and Nebraska.

Something Just as Good

Can only be the case when it is another bottle of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Every bottle the same. Look for the bell on the bottle.

Big Fire at Faith.

A considerable fire at Faith almost destroyed the stock of goods of the Globe Department Store and damaged the Junior Order hall, both being in the same building. The fire seems to have started in the store on the first floor from a box of saw dust that was under the stove, a live coal having fallen into it earlier in the day, and as was thought extinguished, but evidently it was not, so after the store was closed for the night the saw dust continued to burn through the box to the floor. There was no insurance on the building and only a small amount on the goods. The fire was discovered about 4 a. m. Saturday, and the citizens did some fine work in putting it out.

DURHAM HAS SPLENDID LAW.

Greatly Blessed but to Perverse to Appreciate It. May It Become State-Wide.

The recent decision of the Supreme Court in regard to whiskey clubs, the modern term for our non-license paying saloons, does not injure Durham, hence she is rolling her eyes about awaiting a practical idea to flit across her mind that will put her on a footing with Charlotte and Salisbury. The Herald laments as follows:

"That Durham has a statutory enactment against the kind of juggling with prohibition that has put Charlotte so effectively before the law the past several days by reason of a supreme court decision wonderfully comforting to the anti-prohibitionists, appears to be the belief of not a few lawyers and laymen who have dug up that local law.

When Judge J. Crawford Biggs was in the general assembly, he introduced and carried through the body of which he was a member, the following enactment: "That every person who shall directly or indirectly keep or maintain by himself or by associating with others, or who shall in any manner aid, assist or abet in keeping or maintaining a club room or other place where intoxicating liquors are received or kept for barter or sale or for distribution or for division among the members of any club or association by any means, whatever, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

The expressions in the papers have been variedly interesting and caustic, some of them having overruled the supreme court and pronounced it a terrific assault upon state prohibition. Papers known to be hostile to state prohibition have concluded that it deals the knockout blow and have said so in their headlines. The papers dedicated to the cause of state-wide prohibition have regarded it just as strongly against temperance as those who fought the bill so hard and the common understanding is that the supreme court has not helped prohibition.

It has an important bearing upon the coming general assembly. That there will be a move to reopen the prohibition question is pretty generally talked. A few days ago two well to do saloon men passing through the city asked: "How about the next legislature? Pretty damned dry aint it? What's the chance to get anything from them? How is Durham? Wet as hell aint it?" and kindred questions. They had been to Raleigh. They admitted having been there to look over things.

We apologize to our readers for publishing the last paragraph, but hope that in doing so it will serve to remind good people what manner of men are seeking to restore the open saloon in North Carolina, and when advocating any system to sell liquor just what a fine lot of vulgarians would be put in business, should the whiskey interest succeed. With such men licensed to sell whiskey it is manifest to all thinking people that it would have a very hurtful effect upon morality and good citizenship.

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 surface.

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.

TO OPEN IN JANUARY.

Salisbury's Postal Saving Bank to be Ready for Business Soon.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Postmaster General Hitchcock stated tonight that everything will be in readiness for the postal savings banks in the various States and territories to receive deposits on January 3, the first working day of the new year. The task of drawing up regulations, forms and instructions to postmasters and the general public, he announced, has progressed to such an extent as to assure the beginning of operations at the experimental offices.

One experimental office will be opened in each State and territory with a view to make the first test of the service as thorough as possible under the limited appropriation. The offices designated are all of the second class and in localities where the conditions are exceptionally favorable for the development of postal savings business. Several of the offices selected are in communities inhabited by foreign-born Americans who are remitting annually considerable sums of money to their native countries by postal money orders.

During the past few days the postmasters at the twelve offices in the Rocky mountains and Pacific coast States have been in Washington at the request of the Postmaster General for a conference. While here these postmasters were thoroughly instructed as to how the new system should be put in operation and how the business should be conducted.

Within the next few days postmasters from the remaining thirty six offices will convene in Washington for a similar drilling. Among these offices are: Bessemer, Ala.; Stuttgart, Ark.; Key West, Fla.; Brunswick, Ga.; Middleboro, Ky.; New Iberia, La.; Gulfport, Miss.; Salisbury, N. C.; Gyron, Okla.; Newberry, S. C.; Johnson City, Tenn.; Clifton Forge, Va., and Grafton, W. Va.

Saved From Awful Death.

How an appalling calamity in his family was prevented is told by A. D. McDonald, of Fayetteville, N. O., R. F. D. No. 8. "My had consumption," he writes, "was very thin and pale, had no appetite and seemed to grow weaker every day, as all remedies failed till Dr. King's New Discovery was tried, and so completely cured her, that she has not been troubled with a cough since. Its best medicine I ever saw or heard of." For coughs, colds, lagrippe, asthma, croup hemorrhages, all bronchial troubles it has no equal, 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by All Druggists.

Cabinet is Refused.

Peking, Dec. 18.—The throne has issued an edict refusing to create a constitutional cabinet in compliance with a memorial recently presented by the National Assembly and also declining to accept the resignations of the grand councillors. The imperial Senate also adopted a resolution praying for the immediate creation of a cabinet and it was believed that the throne had decided to accede to this demand. This National Assembly will meet tomorrow when the whole subject will come up for discussion.

Winter is intensifying the famine in the Yang-Tse-Kiang. The authorities are endeavoring to suppress the sale of children, which has been so extensive as to be estimated at over a million. The majority of these are girls. The roadways are dotted with starving and dead. The relief committee is now making appeal abroad for aid.

It goes to the root of disease, strengthens and invigorates. Its life given qualities are not contained in any other remedy. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea has stood the severest test. For thirty years the surest remedy. Cornelison & Cook.

ALDERMEN MEET.

Some Things of Interest to the Public Being Discussed by our Officials.

Thursday night the aldermen met in regular session. Steps were taken to amend the Charter of the city so as to enlarge the incorporate limits. Property holders outside the present limits are getting the benefit of a large portion of the taxes now paid. If the limits are extended, these property holders get the same police and fire protection as those inside, beside those who wish can have city water, gas and electric lights. The deficiency in revenue, which Mr. Thompson gave as a reason for this extension is that the expenditure of the city is so near the income as to be uncomfortable. An effort will be made to have the legislature pass the act.

Chairman McCanless of the street committee reports that the Southern Railway Company has proposed to build two new bridges at Fisher and Bank streets crossings respectively. The railway company desire to raise the bridges three feet in order to get away with the danger to employees who have to ride on top of the cars. Some of the property holders near the bridges have raised objections, but it was pointed out that it would be beneficial instead of injurious. The company will submit plans at the next meeting, when definite action will be taken.

A motion to sell the old crusher plant owned by the city was then taken up. It was decided to sell the same to the highest bidder. Alderman McCanless said the city ought to have a barn and stables. The machinery is allowed to remain on the street when not in use in all sorts of weather and consequently will soon be worthless unless properly used. A stable for the horses is much needed, as the present one, which is rented, is not as desirable as it should be.

Dr. Meroney made a request for a license at the theater but was refused. A petition for a new street in the South ward was also refused.

You Can Always Get

The best cough medicine if you ask for Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey and look for the bell on the bottle. Guaranteed to give satisfaction. Sold everywhere.

Chilean Representative in United States Expires Suddenly.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Senor Don Anibal Cruz, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary from Chile to the United States, was stricken with heart failure at 8:45 o'clock this morning and died a few minutes later. He had attended the banquet of the American Society for Judicial Settlement of International Disputes last night and retired apparently in good health. When he was stricken physicians were hastily summoned, but the end came before they arrived.

President Taft and Secretary Knox called at the Chilean legation in the afternoon and offered Senor Don Alberto Yocacham, charge d'affaires of the embassy, the use of an American battleship for transporting the body of the minister to Chile. President Taft and Secretary Knox expressed the hope that the body might be returned to Chile under the American flag. This information was cabled to the Chilean government by Senor Yocacham, who said tonight he expected an answer tomorrow. Funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning and the body will be temporarily interred.

Banks on Sure Thing Now.

"I'll never be without Dr. King's New Life Pills again," writes A. Schingock, 647 Elm St., Buffalo, N. Y. "They cured me of chronic constipation when all other means failed." Unequalled for Biliousness, Jaundice, Indigestion, Headache, Chills, Malaria, and Debility. 25c at All Druggists.

\$5,000,000 TO SHIP-OWNERS.

President Taft's Administration Becoming Unpopular Even with Republicans.

By Clyde H. Tavenner, special Washington correspondent to this newspaper.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The Humphrey ship subsidy bill, which provides for an annual gift of \$5,000,000 from the treasury of the United States to millionaire private shipowners, is to be jammed through this session of Congress at the special request of President Taft.

Ship subsidies are about as unpopular with our country generally as tariff revision upward. Yet the Republicans appear to be unafraid to place this additional class legislation upon the statute books.

The stand-pat Republicans who were defeated for re-election have nothing to lose through voting for ship subsidy. The stand-pat Republicans who were re-elected will vote for it to be consistent with past performance. Besides, Republicans voting against measures recommended by president Taft lay themselves open to the charge of traitor, for which "hanging is too good for them," and in addition thereto may have their patronage taken away from them.

The vote on the ship subsidy bill will be close. Several progressive Republicans will refuse to support the measure, the President's recommendation and implied threat notwithstanding.

The best that can be said for a shipping subsidy is that it provides for the payment of public moneys directly to big private interests on the assumption that the maritime commerce of the United States will increase and that the public will then be able to get the donations back indirectly. But past experiments have proven that people have their own trouble getting it back, either directly or indirectly.

Although it is not generally known, Uncle Sam now subsidizes a few mail steamship lines. Our heaviest subsidized line is between New York and England. If it is true, as subsidists assert, that trade follows subsidies, why is it that our exports to the United Kingdom in the ten years between 1897 and 1907 increased but 25 per cent., while our exports to nine countries to which we have no subsidized lines increased from 105 to 4900 per cent? TWO UNPOPULAR APPOINTMENTS.

The appointment of Judge Robert W. Archbald of Pennsylvania, and Interstate Commerce Commissioner Martin A. Knapp to the federal court of commerce is satisfactory, to big interests, particularly.

Archbald, although the president may not have known it, was once upon a time the subject of a scathing arraignment in a decision of the Pennsylvania supreme court, when an enterprise floated by him, was denounced as a "fraud upon the public" and a "disregard of the requirements of business honesty." The suit was one brought in 1885 by Hill, Keiser & Co., in the Lackawanna county court against Archbald and others, doing business as the Amity Coal Co., limited. The suit was carried to the state supreme court. The decision against Archbald was written by the late Justice Williams. It declares that the concern in which Archbald was one of four partners was an "empty shell" and its business, conducted on a fake capital of \$25,000, a "fraud upon the public."

The nomination of Commissioner Knapp is objected to on the ground that Knapp has shown himself to be strongly in favor of railroad privileges, and is therefore disqualified for service on a court which is to pass upon railroad questions.

Close observers here at the capitol declare there is nothing surprising about the appointments. The two nominees are of the same temperament as the

SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS.

Mack Morgan has Left Home in Richfield Owing Companies About \$10,000.

Albemarle, Dec. 18.—Mack Morgan of Richfield, this county, who has been selling guano for the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, the Navassa Guano Company, and possibly other smaller concerns, is alleged to be short in his accounts to an amount aggregating \$15,000. Mr. Morgan is said to have sold fifty carloads of fertilizer this fall and collected the proceeds. His whereabouts are unknown.

He has been agent for the fertilizer concerns at Richfield for five years and it was his custom to make settlement on the 1st of December. Some time ago, it is alleged, he conveyed all of his property to his wife, who is still living at Richfield, and when settlement time came was missing.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 17.—An official of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, when questioned tonight, expressed opinion that the shortage of Mack Morgan would reach upward of \$10,000, owing to several leading companies. Last season's notes for sales were collected probably, and this season's fertilizer shipped him was sold for cash below the market price.—Charlotte Observer.

men who are most frequently received at the White House, to wit: Aldrich, Hale, Stephens, Guggenheim, Penrose. From the first, the president's advisers have been men whose views were not the views of the great mass of the American people. Republicans like La Follette who have called at the White House to counsel with the President, have been kept waiting in the anteroom so long that they have left the executive mansion in disgust.

Since the President has relied upon the suggestions and advice of men unpopular with the people, has rejected the advice and counsel of Republicans popular with the people, the president should not be surprised that his administration is failing to please the people.

PROGRESSIVES DISAPPOINTED.

When President Taft was considering who he would appoint to the supreme bench he gave the progressive Republicans a list of men and asked them to investigate their records and decline what their attitude would be if he should nominate them. This the progressives did, reporting favor of some and against others. Imagine their surprise when the president announced his selections and it was found that neither of the two men appointed were included in any list which had been submitted to them.

BALLINGER SHOULD RESIGN.

Are the services of Richard A. Ballinger, as secretary of the interior department, worth the price the Taft administration is paying in keeping him in office. This is a question that many Republicans are considering. Despite the "vindication" of Mr. Ballinger by a partisan majority congressional investigating committee, the fact remains that the evidence discredited him as a public servant. Even the Republicans feel that he has lost the confidence of the people and that his resignation would lift a load from the Taft administration.

Wants To Help Some One.

For thirty years J. F. Boyer, of Fertile, Mo., needed help and couldn't find it. That's why he wanted to help some one new. Suffering so long himself he feels for all in distress from Backache, Nervousness, Loss of Appetite, Lassitude and Kidney disorders. He shows that Electric Bitters work wonders for such troubles. "Five bottles," he writes, "wholly cured me and now I am well and hearty." It's also positively guaranteed for Liver Troubles, Dyspepsia, Bile Disorders, Female Complaints and Malaria. Try them. 50c at All Druggists.

SITUATION IN MEXICO.

Reports That the Republic is Tranquil Save For Disorder in Guerrero.

Chihuahua, Mexico, Dec. 17.—The wildest rumors are current today and no doubt are exaggerated in the absence of communication with the frontier. The rumors, as usual, relate to insurrecto successes but there is no confirmation or any way of getting proof.

The last authentic news came in over railroad lines from San Antonio yesterday. The operator said he could hear the booming of cannon, but could not see the fighting, owing to the contour of the land. The firing was distant.

The telegraph wire over the Mexico & Northwestern Railroad is still down west of San Antonio and it is impossible to ascertain the true condition of affairs. An official report yesterday stated that fighting at San Andres last Thursday was merely a skirmish.

General Hernandez, commander of this military zone, took virtual control of the Northwestern Railroad, today when for the first time in a month soldiers were put aboard a train bound for the front. The greatest difficulty was experienced in obtaining train crews. Americans who ordinarily run the trains, declined flatly to take the risk, despite the offer of bonuses running as high as \$1,000 gold. Mexicans who declined he work yesterday are reported to have been placed in jail. This measure procured native crews today.

Four hundred soldiers were loaded into seven passenger coaches. There were also a carload of women and several stock cars, loaded with horses and mules. The soldiers it was stated will be used to guard the road in order that other troops may be moved slowly into the distressed area.

The move is the beginning of a campaign by which President Diaz intends to crush the revolution by sheer weight of numbers. The train traveled in two sections, preceded by a hand car to test the track, as the insurgents have declared that they will wreck the road if attempts are made to handle government troops. Great anxiety is felt for the safety of the train, which moved slowly. It was last reported about 30 miles west of here.

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 18.—With the exception of the Guerrero district all of Mexico is tranquil today, according to an official despatch from Enrique C. Creel, Mexican Minister of Foreign Relations. In a telegram to Miguel E. Diebold, consul for Mexico at Laredo, Minister Creel describes the routing of the revolutionary forces near Padermes several days ago and continues:

"With this new defeat it is probable that the balance of the revolutionary forces will form into scattered groups, which will be tenaciously pursued by the Federal forces until subdued. Peace prevails unaltered in every other part of the republic."

In commenting, Consul Diebold said: "The government is energetically pushing its campaign against the enemy and is fully able to cope with the situation. In my opinion the alleged revolutionary movement is being effectively stamped out. Of course there may be a minor guerilla warfare carried on for some time, but the ultimate supremacy of the forces is undoubted."

Treatment of Warts.

Little in the London Practitioner, states that the common wart, as it occurs upon the skin, is most frequent in children, and appears to follow a mild irritation. "For local treatment he suggests the following: One part of creosote sublimate with twenty five parts of flexible collodion, painted on the wart once a day. When this measure fails, the wart may be removed by electrical or surgical means.

Make Up Your Own Mind

When in the need of a cough medicine. If you buy Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey we guarantee you get the best.