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MINT SOON TO GO.

Congress Likely to Discontinue the Assay Office in Charlotte.

The Charlotte assay office, according to advices from Washington, is nearing the end of its career. For several years it has been on the verge of the precipice with its abolition threatened and its existence has merely been prolonged from time to time, against the day of extinction.

The Mint has been a mint in name only for the past eighty years. Originally built about 1825, destroyed by fire five years later, and then rebuilt in its present form, the institution's chief value and interest is historic. The Mint was established here in response to a demand created by the discovery of a score of gold mines in Moxleyburg county, some of which proved extremely productive. This period, however, lasted but a few years and when the gold industry languished the Mint was relegated to the position of assay office.

For decades the institution was merely a prize political plum, paying a neat honorarium, in return for which practically no work whatever was required of the official in charge. Of latter years, the government, while threatening its abolition, has increasingly shown a disposition to reduce expenses at least and about a year ago the office was consolidated so that the title of assayer fell upon the chemist in charge of the work, Frank P. Drane, who has been in entire charge since.

Two Charlotte military companies, the Hornet's Nest Riflemen and Battery A, Field Artillery, secured from the government several months ago a lease of quarters in the building for an indefinite period. Before this was done, the problem of where to locate the militia was causing the city administration considerable embarrassment. Through the efforts of citizens interested in the upbuilding of the militia the governmental permission was secured. Whatever the fate of the assay office, therefore, the militia, its friends say, is firmly established.

It has been proposed and strongly urged that in case the assay office is discontinued, the Mint should be converted into a museum. To what extent the success of the militia in securing quarters will change this aspect of the situation remains to be seen, until it can be determined whether sufficient space for a museum will remain.—Charlotte Observer.

Charlotte to Celebrate.

A contract was drawn Thursday stipulating that Thornwell Andrews, son of F. H. Andrews of this city, will give six aeroplane flights in Charlotte during the three days beginning May 20. Secretary C. M. Crosswell of the celebration committee states that the latter has decided to close this contract with the Lindsey-Hopkins Aviation Company of Atlanta. Two flights daily for three days are provided for.

Confederate Veterans and Crosses of Honor.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy have decided that no more crosses shall be presented to veterans after November 1, 1912. Any veteran entitled to a cross is requested to make application as soon as he possibly can. All orders for crosses must be filed with the custodian at least three weeks before the day of bestowal. The 10th of May is the best day for cross bestowals. Hon. John S. Henderson, if called on at his office will cheerfully make out the blanks.

Mrs. JOHN S. HENDERSON, Pres. Robert F. Hoke Chapter

What Texans Admire

is hearty, vigorous life, according to Hugh Tallman, of San Antonio. "We find," he writes, "that Dr. King's New Life Pills surely put new life and energy into a person. Wife and I believe they are the best made." Excellent for stomach, liver or kidney troubles. 25 cts at all druggists.

TAFT'S FINISH PREDICTED.

The Man Who Pushed Him Into the Fight Now Putting on Breaks.

Washington, May 8.—Mr. Taft's managers, after taking deep thought, have decided that there is just one way to get rid of him as a candidate and that is to deadlock the convention.

While Mr. Taft, with a remnant of confidence is lustily lambasting Colonel Roosevelt in Maryland, tomorrow, the gentlemen whom he fancies are behind him will be bending all their strategy toward his elimination. The firm of Penrose, Root, Craue and Smoot are now firmly convinced that the president is no longer necessary. In fact they regard that his candidacy would be a positive danger to the party in view of his failure to win a decisive victory in Massachusetts.

Naturally they are not going to tell him so long as he can still use his great office to draw campaign crowds with. But it is more than likely that the 810 delegates still to be chosen to the convention will be so distributed as to make Mr. Taft's nomination impossible. And this distribution will be with the connivance of the men who put Mr. Taft into the race and who, up to the Illinois and Pennsylvania disasters, were doing their best to nominate him.

The only thing that fogs this situation is the lack of a man to take Mr. Taft's place in the race for the nomination.

Senate Gives \$6,000,000 to Mississippi River Fund.

Washington, May 2.—Carrying \$8,064,010, in addition to the appropriations provided for by the House, the rivers and harbors appropriation bill, aggregating \$82,128,580, has been agreed to by the Senate committee on commerce and will be reported in a few days.

The largest single increase to the House measure was \$2,600,000 for the Mississippi river, making \$6,000,000 for that waterway.

Among the appropriations as increased by the Senate committee aggregate: Inland waterway, Norfolk to Beaufort, N. C., for a dredge \$200,000; Cape Lookout harbor of refuge, \$300,000; Cape Fear river, \$300,000.

The bill authorizes the appointment of a board of three engineer officers to examine Galveston harbor and channel, Texas City harbor and channel, and the Port Bolivar harbor and channel, near Galveston, with a view of securing a depth of 85 feet; the necessary cutting off of lands or widening of channels in the Sabine-Natchez canal, Texas, and change of the route of the channel from Arkansas Pass to Cavallo, so as to pass by the town of Port O'Connor, Texas.

The \$6,000,000 for improving the Mississippi includes \$4,000,000 to repair and build levees on account of the flood.

When and Where to Use the Harrow.

Get a smoothing harrow and use it.

1. Right behind the breaking plows.
2. If weeds start, or crust forms use it before the crops come up.
3. Use it for the first two cultivations of the corn and cotton after they come up. It will not ruin the stand if the land has been harrowed right behind the breaking plow and also before the crops come up.—The Progressive Farmer.

Wash out old sores, festering wounds and ulcers with DARBYS PROPHYLACTIC FLUID. It is a wonderful disinfectant and healing remedy. It heals up running sores of long standing that will not yield to an ordinary liniment, because it destroys poisonous germs, cleanses the sore of foul matter and helps nature to repair the damaged flesh. Price 50 cts. per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

COMPENSATION BILL DENOUNCED.

Senator Reed Declared the Measure to be Revolutionary Legislation.

Washington, May 8.—Senator Reed of Missouri, resuming his speech on the workman's compensation bill in the Senate today, denounced the measure as the most revolutionary legislation undertaken for 20 years.

He said it would wipe out all common law rights as well as State statutes and acts of Congress.

Mr. Reed asserted that the labor organization, as such, had had no opportunity to pass upon the merits of the pending bill, and took the position that no trust friend of organized labor, such as himself, could afford to vote for it in the absence of their approval.

Senator Overman, interrupting, said that railroad men who had come to Washington to protest against the bill when it was before the judiciary committee, had failed even to enter the committee room. He stated that one of these men said to him:

"I can't go in, I have been working for the railroads 25 years and if I go in and make a protest I will lose my insurance and be expelled from my order."

Mr. Reed replied that this was evidence that the men had been corrupted by the railroads, which, he said, would be saved many millions by the enactment of the proposed law. He declared that three out of four of the executive heads of the railway orders had misrepresented the measure.

Helps A Judge in Bad Fix.

Justice Eli Cherry, of Gillie Mills, Tenn., was plainly worried. A bad sore on his leg had baffled several doctors and long resisted all remedies. "I thought it was a cancer," he wrote. "At last I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was completely cured." Cures burns, boils, ulcers, cuts, bruises and piles. 25 cents at all druggists.

Junior Order 59 Years Old.

The Junior Order of United America Mechanics will be 59 years old on Friday, May 17th, and the anniversary will be prettily generally celebrated. Julius A. Eberhardt of Gold Hill, was in Salisbury Saturday and stated that the Gold Hill Council would celebrate the occasion by listening to a sermon by Rev. R. L. Forbis, pastor of the Methodist church. The service will be held in the Junior's Hall Friday evening, at about 7:30 o'clock. All who attend will be well repaid for their trouble. Everybody is invited.

JUNIOR SPEAKING AT CRESCENT.

Crescent, May 6.—There will be a public speaking in the hall of the Crescent Council, No. 184, Jr. O. U. A. M. Saturday night, May 11, at 7:30 by J. W. Sechrist of Gilford Council No. 28, High Point, and C. B. Webb, of Winona Council, No. 18, Salisbury. They will address the public on the principles of the Jr. O. U. A. M. Everybody invited, members of the Jr. O. U. A. M., ladies and children are cordially invited.

How's This.

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENNEY & CO., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm. W. W. WALKING, KINMAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

TILLMAN ASKS FOR RE-ELECTION.

South Carolinian Wants to "Die in the Harness."

Spartanburg, May 8.—South Carolina newspapers have received from Senator Tillman a communication addressed to the people of the State in which he says in part:

"Twenty-two years ago I asked you to elect me to the office of Governor. You did it after a very hot campaign in which I spoke in every county of the State. Two years later I asked for re-election. You gave me the office the second time by an overwhelming vote. After four years of service in the Governor's office I asked you to send me to the Senate; and again after a heated campaign you placed me in the office I now hold.

"I have held this office for nearly eighteen years and I am now asking you to reelect me to it although my health is broken and I am no longer the strong and vigorous man I once was. I have a ripe experience and thorough knowledge of the workings of the government and have many warm personal friends in the departments and in both branches of Congress.

"I came to the Senate in a cloud of obloquy on account of newspaper abuse at home. I have fought my way in spite of it and have lived to see most of the newspaper men in the press gallery my friends.

"I have flattered no man and feared no man in debate and I have a strong desire to 'die in harness' for sentimental reasons only.

"Owing to my poor health and in accordance with the advice of my physician, I shall not make any speeches during the canvass this summer. The senatorship has always been regarded by me as a sacred trust and if I knew you wanted me to surrender it, I would gladly lay it down, occasionally that I had done my duty always to the best of my ability."

Escapes An Awful Fate.

A thousand tongues could not express the gratitude of Mrs. J. E. Cox, of Joliet, Ill., for her wonderful deliverance from an awful fate. "Typhoid pneumonia had left me with a dreadful cough, she writes. 'Sometimes I had such awful coughing spells I thought I would die. I could get no help from doctor's treatment or other medicines till I used Dr. King's New Discovery. But I owe my life to this wonderful remedy for I scarcely cough at all now.' I quick and safe, its most reliable of all throat and lung medicines. Every bottle guaranteed, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at all druggists.

Members Refuse to Cut Their Own Graft.

Washington, May 8.—The house of Representatives declined by an overwhelming majority to cut down the mileage allowance to members. During the debate on the economic programme upon which the house has entered, Representative Page, of North Carolina, introduced an amendment to the ending legislative bill to reduce the mileage from twenty cents a mile to five cents. Former Speaker Cannon led the fight against the reduction. On a viva voce there were very few "ayes" for the amendment but an abounding chorus of "noes."

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DESPERATE EFFORT TO SAVE LEVEES.

Situation Has Become So Critical, College Street Has Answered the Call for Help.

Baton Rouge, La., May 8.—Hundreds of citizens, rich and poor, worked all day and are working to-night side by side with three hundred convicts and negroes in a desperate effort to hold the levees against the torrential floods in the Mississippi creeping hourly towards the crest of the protective earth works about this city.

When the situation became so critical this afternoon, every able bodied man and boy joined the working force. Five hundred cadets of the Louisiana State University responded to the call and joined with school boys, boy scouts and soldiers working eagerly to do their part in saving the levees.

There are five points of feverish activity. An especial effort is being made to save the city pumping station and water works plant and about a thousand persons of every calling are assisting in building large mud boxes about this property.

Gov. Jared Y. Sanders spent all day superintending the workers. Simon Leblanc of the Poncechartrain levee board arrived here on a special train with 150 negroes this afternoon. Hunter C. Leake, president of the board, came in shortly afterward with a hundred or more men.

Large gangs are building levees in different parts of the city. Mayor Roux has ordered every negro in Baton Rouge, unemployed, arrested and put to work on the levee, but they are few and extremely hard to find.

With this desperate battle against the waters going, the refugees are not neglected and those coming here are receiving every attention. Two hundred arrived today at Port Hudson, where a concentration camp has been established.

The waters from the Terras break are slowly spreading over the open country, taking in town after town, becoming deeper every hour. The situation in this district was made more critical here today by the break in the Moreauville levee of on the Bayou Des Glaizes.

The Tèche country is being flooded by the Atchafalaya waters, which today had almost reached Breaux bridge junction, on the Southern Pacific.

Bayou Sara tonight is under from ten to fifteen feet of water and it had the appearance of the entire Mississippi river flowing through the town. The water has reached the second floor of many houses and ten large houses were today seen floating away. Only the town of Bayou Sara and environs are flooded by this break.

Considerable excitement was caused today by the receipt at the Governor's office of a message telling of loss of life from a break at Morganza. This, however, proved to be erroneous.

New Orleans, May 8.—Paniclike conditions prevailed today throughout the flood-threatened territory along the Mississippi river from the Red river and Bayou Des Glaizes south to the gulf and in the territory already stricken conditions grow worse. The river continued to rise rapidly at all points south of the Red river and throughout the day telegraph and telephone wires throughout the vast section west of the Mississippi river from the Red river and Bayou Des Glaizes to the Gulf of Mexico were loaded with thousands of messages telling of threatened breaks in the levees and giving warning to the people to make preparations for any emergency.

This Morganza levee was still holding tonight. A telephone message tonight from Highland, just south of the big levee, stated there was considerable apprehension over the situation at that point.

On the east side of the river, 20

A FOOLISH RESOLUTION.

Man Who Made It Broke It After 25 Years.

Peter Robideaux has at last broken the resolution he made in 1887 to never reopen the store he then closed. It was the hardest thing Robideaux ever did to break that resolution, but his cattle were starving, while piled away in the back end of the big building were bales of hay which would keep them alive. It took two days for Robideaux to break his resolution. When he could stand the piteous howling of the cattle no longer. He turned the rusty key in the rusty old lock, tumbled out the bales and looked the door again.

Although it had been stored away 25 years the hay still was fit to eat.

Robideaux came to Wallace early in the sixties, ahead of the railroad, and took up a claim, afterwards working on the grade. When he got enough money he opened a little store. He prospered, bought land when it was cheap, added to his stock and increased the size of his store building until, in 1880, he had the largest store between Kansas City and Denver. Then came the drought, the hot winds and hard times, and Wallace began to fade away until it was only a ghost of its former self. Robideaux's trade dropped off steadily and finally, one day in 1887, he sat from sunrise to sunset and not a person crossed the threshold of his store. That night he looked the store, turned his back on the \$25,000 stock of goods within and declared he never would set foot inside it again. And Robideaux kept that resolution. Costly harness and saddles rotted away, clothing became nests of moths, groceries dried up or became prey for worms, hardware and cutlery turned to rust and still Robideaux kept his resolution. When he wanted anything he bought it somewhere else. Often members of his family tried to prevail upon him to sell the stock or use what part of it the family might need, but he never would.

Robideaux was wealthy, owning large areas of land in this section, and a big and well-stocked ranch northeast of Wallace. When he closed the store he retired to the ranch and has lived there since.—Wallace, Kans., dispatch.

miles north of Baton Rouge, the protection levee at Bayou Sara went out and tonight the town is under from 8 to 15 feet of water. There was no loss of life. Considerable alarm is felt for the people round Melville, in the Atchafalaya district, which is threatened by flood waters from every side. The last news received from there tonight stated there was slight prospect of being able to save all of the people in the territory south of Melville, because of a lack of boats and failure of the victims to receive earlier warning of the critical situation.

The last train on the Texas & Pacific Railroad east of Melville was operated this afternoon and took out several hundred refugees. As an indication of the seriousness of the situation a telegram was received here tonight from Jena, in LaSalle parish stating that meningitis had broken out among refugees there.

The weather bureau today issued a bulletin forecasting still higher river stages than those heretofore predicted; the rains continue, little sunshine has greeted the people for weeks and no one can foretell what will be the final extent of the great disaster.

Careless About Appendicitis in Salisbury.

Many Salisbury people have stomach or bowel troubles which is likely to turn into appendicitis. If you have constipation, sour stomach, or gas on the stomach, try simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as compounded in Adler's-Ka, the new German appendicitis remedy. McPherson & Co., states that A SINGLE DOSE of this simple remedy relieves bowel or stomach trouble almost INSTANTLY.

ALLENS HAD GUNS READY.

Were Prepared to Shoot Day Before Tragedy if Verdict Had Been Against Them.

Wytheville, Va., May 8.—Commonwealth's witnesses in the Floyd Allen case continued to tell of the shooting up of Carroll county court-house.

The prosecution is endeavoring to prove that Floyd Allen shot Commonwealth's Attorney Foster, and that he had his fellow clansman conspired to murder the court officers and jurors if he should be convicted of the offense for which he was about to be sentenced when the shooting began. The commonwealth attempted to prove that a conspiracy existed between the Allens to shoot up the court if Floyd Allen, then on trial, was convicted.

Evidence was given that Sidna Allen, Floyd's brother and Victor, Floyd's son, were preparing the day before the tragedy to carry this intention into effect and only the report of a disagreement of the jury on that day prevented the Allen clansmen from starting the shooting then. Cyrus Phibbs, a civil engineer, testified that Sidna and Victor Allen made preparations to begin shooting March 18. He said while the jury was filing into their places that day to make their return after deliberating on Floyd Allen's case, he saw Sidna and Victor Allen walk to the rear of the bar and reach for their revolvers. When reported that the jury had failed to reach an agreement, the two men went back to their seats. The day following, the jury, after a further deliberation, returned a verdict of guilty and the shooting began.

George W. Edwards, testified he heard Floyd Allen threaten to "knock a hole" in Carroll county court. On cross-examination he said he was not on friendly terms with Floyd Allen.

Take Care of the Woodlands.

At a recent North Carolina forestry meeting Alston Grimes explained how he became interested in the better care of his timber. "A few years ago," he said, "I was talking with a neighbor who had bought a tract of land eight years before for \$500. In this time by careful management he had sold \$8,500 worth of timber and still had his land, and it well timbered, too. His plan was to go over his woods each year, mark the trees he wished cut, and have no other touched, nor any unnecessary waste in getting at the marked trees." Mr. Grimes now follows the same policy, allows no hunters on his place to carry an axe, permits no night hunting, and has a written agreement with each tenant that five dollars will be charged for each acre of land the tenant allows to be burnt over.

Mr. Grimes also has it understood that a charge at the rate of five dollars per acre will be made for ditch banks, fence corners, and old fields that the tenants burn over. He is determined not only to save his timber but also to save the humus, the decaying vegetable matter, without which we can never make or keep our soils fertile.

These are most excellent ideas for other landlords. Try them.—The Progressive Farmer.

English Inquiry Into Sea Disaster.

London, May 8.—The wreck commission investigating the Titanic disaster, was addressed this morning by Attorney General Sir Rufus Isaacs, who laid emphasis upon the evidence that a speed of 21 knots an hour was maintained after the warnings of ice ahead were received, right up to the moment of the collision. The forenoon session was devoted to this phase of the disaster. The inquiry is likely to extend over several weeks.

Technical details will figure largely in the probe.