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FAIR TONIGHT. WARMER IN W EST PORTION. WEDNESDAY FAIR AND WARMER

SECRETARY KNOX

GOV'T. EMPLOYE AS HIS VALET

COMMITTEE OF HOUSE OF REP. INVESTIGATES

Wickersham Having Troubles of His Own With the American Bar Association Over Another Negro

Special to the Daily News.

Washington, March 26.—Everything is not pleasant in the cabinet family of President Taft.

Secretary Knox is under of the House Committee on Expenditures in the State Department because he is alleged to be carrying with him on his South American trip a negro employee of the State Department mailing room who is drawing a salary as a government mailer, but acting as valet for Knox.

Attorney General Wickersham is engaged in a big row with the American Bar Association over another negro, Assistant Attorney General William H. Lewis, whom the executive committee of the association intends to oust from membership in the association, claiming that Lewis was elected to membership under the understanding that he was a white man.

Knox is carrying the valet on his tour, according to testimony before the committee. It is charged that the colored man is on the rolls of the State Department at $1,200 per year.

"We have had before us Robert F. Clayton, superintendent of the mailing room at the State Department," says Congressman Hamlin, Chairman of the committee. "Clayton swears that Archibald S. Pinkert a colored man, who, we understand, was formerly employed by the Secretary of State at the Capitol when he was a senator, is at present with Secretary Knox on his trip as his valet.

"Clayton told us, while Pinkert was carried on the mailing room payroll at $1,200 per year, he was not at work more than one third of the time. He was engaged at Mr. Knox's home in some capacity, just what, he did not know."

Mr. Hamlin says Clayton testified that the colored man received $1,200 per year, although other employees received only from $100 to $750 a year for the same work. Clayton told the committee he had no authority over Pinkert.

That Chief Clerk McNier, of the State Department, substantiates Clayton's statement also was asserted by Congressman Hamlin.

The Hamlin Committee is also inquiring into the source of the money used by Secretary Knox for his tour. Chief Clerk McNier told the committee it was asserted that Comptroller Tracewell has ruled that the expense cannot be charged to secret emergency or diplomatic funds of the State Department, but might come out of horse and stable fund. The latter fund is only $8,000.

Knox is not only carrying the negro with him on the tour but his wife and their two sons and their wives are also accompanying the Secretary.

The executive committee of the American Bar Association, recently decided to oust Lewis, who was elected to membership in August 1911. It is said that his application, which was endorsed by a majority of the local council of Massacusetts, did not state that he was a negro, and that this fact was not discovered until arrangements were made to publish the year book of the association for the years 1911 and 1912.

At this time some member inquired into the identity of the new member, and when it was found that he was a negro a storm of protest arose which resulted in the matter of his election being referred to the executive committee of the association which adopted a resolution in January rescinding the vote by which Lewis has been elected to membership.

The matter will be brought up for final action at the meeting of the general council of the association which will meet in Milwaukee next August. The council is composed of one delegate from each state.

NO DECIDED CHOICE FOR PRESIDENCY

VIRGINIA NOT YET READY TO NAME HER MAN FOR PRESIDENT POLITICIANS SAY

Special to the Daily News.

Richmond, Va., March 26.—That the Old Dominion has no decided preference as yet in the matter of a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination is indicated by the views expressed by the members of the Virginia State Democratic committee who assembled here today to decide upon the time and place for holding the State convention to select the delegates to the Baltimore convention. Woodrow Wilson has made the most active campaign here so far and his name probably is heard more frequently than that of the other Democratic aspirants. The fact that he is a native of Virginia is expected to aid his candidacy to some extent. Congressman Underwood is well thought of and he also is regarded as something of a "native son," since he was educated at the University of Virginia. Champ Clark has many admirers and Governor Harmon also would be an acceptable candidate, especially among the old-line Democrats. Unless developments between now and the meeting of the State convention change the situation materially it appears likely that Virginia's twenty-four delegates will go to Baltimore without instructions.

LAY CORNERSTONE IN APRIL.

State School For Feeble-Minded to Opened November 1.

Raleigh, March 26.—State Senator J. R. Baggett of Lillington says arrangements are being made for laying the cornerstone for the main building of the State School for the Feeble-Minded at Kinston sometime in April. Mr. Baggett is a member of the board of directors for the institution, which was provided for by the last Legislature. The contract for the erection of the main buildng and two dormitories that will take care of one hundred and seventy-five inmates has been awarded to York & Cobb of Raleigh for $47,000. It is settled tha Dr. Ira Hardy, who wa the principal champion of the bill for the establishment of the institution will be made superintendent. He has resigned from the board of directors for this purpose. Mr. Baggett says the expectation is to have the institution opened for the care of inmates by November 1. The buildings are to be completed ready for the furnishings to be installed October 1. There are on file already over three hundred applications for admission.

DAVIS & HODGE.

Highly Featured on Opening Bill at the Lyric. Audience Well Pleased.

Davis and Hodge headed the vaudeville bill at the Lyric Theatre last evening for an engagement of three days, and as a whole it was unquestionably one of the best and neatest acts that has been booked by the manager.

When it comes to fun and joy making these artists head the list, and they keep their audience in a continous roar of laughter from the opening until the curtain falls.

Davis is well fitted for the position he holds as an artist, his songs and talk was very much enjoyed, but his face is more familiar to the Washington audience as "Blue Jay Corn Plaster" advertisement.

These artists appear tonight in an entire change change of program from that given last evening, and those who did not see this performance will find this bill at the Lyric to be one of the best yet.

STR. HOLLY LEAVES

The United States Buoy Tender Holly has returned to Portsmouth, Va., where she will remain until sometime in July.

SWARMIN' AGAIN

Today Tenth Anniversary of Noted A. T. Patrick Trial

Now in New York State Prison Serving Term of Life Imprisonment For Murder of William Marsh Rice

New York, March 26.—Ten years ago today Albert T. Patrick, after a highly sensational trial lasting more than two months, was found guilty by a jury in the Court of General Sessions, Manhattan, of having murdered William Marsh Rice, of Houston, Texas, an aged and eccentrict millionaire who, at the time of his death lived in a fine old residence on Madison Avenue, Manhattan. On April 7, 1902 Patrick was sentenced to die in the electric chair on May 5 following, but the sentence was never executed. Immediately after he had been sentenced, Patrick began the memoral and unparralleled fight for his life and liberty and for the vindication of his honor, which has not yet reached its end.

The fact that Patrick now under life sentence at Sing Sing, is planning another effort to obtain his release under habeas corpus law in the near future, makes a review of this famous case on the anniversary of Patrick's conviction doubly interesting.

William Marsh Rice died at his New York residence on September 23, 1900 under somewhat peculiar circumstances. The exact cause of his death was never established, as the statements of the experts conflicted. The prosecution claimed that the old man had died from the effects of inhaling chloroform, while the defense contended that he had died a natural death, from indigestion caused by over-indulgence in bananas. The only person with Mr. Rice at the time of his death was his valet, Charles F. Jones.

On the day after Rice's death Patrick, who had been a practicing lawyer in Houston Tex. but had removed to New York City in 1892, presented at one of the New York banks several checks aggregating $125,000 bearing the alleged signature of Mr. Rice and made payable to Patrick. A mistake in the spelling of Patrick's first name attracted the attention of the bank officials and when they learned that Mr. Rice had died day before, they refused to honor the checks and notified the police authorities.

Patrick and Jones had arranged to have the body of Mr. Rice cremated and the body was actually on its way to the crematory, when the police interferred and began an investigation. Jones, Mr. Rice's valet, was arrested on suspicon and, being put arrested on suspicion and being put he had killed Mr. Rice by chloroforming him. After his alleged confession Jones tried to commit suicide in the Tombs.

Patrick, after a preliminary hearing on April 14, 1901, was held for trial on a charge of murder and his trial began on January 20, 1902. It was shown in the course of the trial that Patrick had been the attorney for the heirs of Mr. Rice's wife who had died in a sanatorium in Wisconsin and had first become acquainted wth Mr. Rice in that capacity. It was alleged that it was Patrick who had induced Mr. Rice to consent to a settlement with the heirs. It was contended by the prosecution that the will leaving the bulk of Rice estate to Patrick in trust had been forged by Patrick and that the latter had persuaded Jones to kill his master, so as to leave Patrick's hands free. Patrick was convicted and four days later married, in his cell in the Tombs Mrs. Addie M. Francis, with whom he had been boarding.

Patrick carried his demands for a new trial from court to court and having been refused a new trial and sentenced to death for the third time, appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court in August of 1906. In December of that year Governor Higgins commuted the prisoner's sentence to life imprisonment, but Patrick continued his fight, demanding either death or liberty. After a number of futile attempts to obtain a writ of habeas corpus Patrick succeeded to obtain such a writ from Justice Gaynor of the New York Supreme Court, which was, however, finally denied by the Appelate Division in Brooklyn on December 2, 1909.

CHAMBER COMMERCE MEETING

On next Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock there will be a citizens meeting in connection with a called meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held in the rooms of the chamber in the Elks Hall. It behooves every citizen and business man of Washington to be present as matters of vital interest to the City's growth and development are to be discussed.

Some prospective enterprises are to be considered and wrestled with and no one interested in Washington's future should absent himself.

The Chamber of Commerce officials are anxious that everyone attend. The meeting is called for a purpose and the object will be explained Thursday night. Washington people must be up and doing if they would see their town grow and progress as she should. There is no better time than now—right now—to make the start. Let the meeting Thursday night be one well attended. * Remember the hour is 8:30 o'clock sharp.

BEFORE RECORDER FOR RETAILING

Anthony Blount, colored, was before Recorder W. D. Grimes yesterday charged with retailing. He was found guilty. The judgment of the court was that he pay a fine of $10 and cost and give bond for his appearance before the court each month for the coming six months showing his good behaviour.

Congratulations to:

Lee McClung, Treasurer of the United States, 43 years old today.

Anselm J. McLaurin, former U. S. senator fro Mississippi, 64 years old today.

Dr. James K. Patterson, for more than 40 years president of Kentucky State University, 79 years old today.

Flavel S. Luther, president of Trinity College, Hartford, 52 years old today.

ROSS CRANE DELIGHTS HIS AUDIENCE

Ross Crane was no disappointment to his audience last night, in fact he sustained in every detail the advance press notice of him. Those present just laughed until their sides ached over his imitations because of their truthfulness. To say that he is great as a cartoonist is putting it mild. Not for many years has an entertainer delighted his audience as did Ross Crane. His handiwork could not be improved upon, for it was simply the stroke of a master hand. A press notice: "What Leland Powers is to the art of impersonation; what Dr. Gunsaulus is to the lecture platform, Ross Crane is among the cartoonist" This states the case in a nut shell. The very soul of the artist showed itself in his work. He well deserves his title, as he was formerly a cartoonist on a metropolitan newspaper and his drawings have the bigness, swiftness and vitality which characterize the newspaper cartoons. It was one of the most complete one man entertainments seen in Washington. A crowded house awaits him upon his return. The next attraction in the Lyceum course will be Hon. Richmond Pearson Hobson of Merrimac fame. He is billed to appear here sometime in April.

ISSUE SHARPLY DRAWN IN COLORADO

Special to the Daily News.

Colorado Springs, Colo., March 26—There is every prospect of a lively contest in the Republican State convention which is to meet here tomorrow to name eight delegates at large to the national convention at Chicago. Colorado has been claimed for Taft ever since the State committee declared for him at its meeting in Denver last month. The Roosevelt managers declare that the Denver gathering was packed with federal office holders and that its resolutions in indorsing Taft and rejecting the proposal for presidential preference primaries did not reflect the sentiment of the rank and file of the party. Despite the fact that the State organization is against them, the Roosevelt followers are preparing to make a hard fight in the convention and are hopeful of results.

ARKANSAS DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES TOMORROW

DEGREE TEAM PHALANX LODGE TO GREENVILLE

WILL ASSIST LODGE THERE TONIGHT IN INITATION—BANQUET WILL FOLLOW

The Phalanx Lodge No. 10. I. O. O. F. degree team consisting of eighteen members, leaves this afternoon via the Norfolk Southern train for Greenville where they will assist the Covenant Lodge No. 17 of that town tonight in initiating ten members into the secrets of Odd Fellowship. After the work of initiation has been consummated the local lodge will give a banquet to the visiting members. Quite a pleasant occasion is looked for by the members from this city.

The team is composed of the following citizens:

W. F. Pippin, Captain; W. S. Frizzle, C. G. Morris, T. W. Phillips, R. F. Butler, J F. Thomas, M. Cherry, B. B. Ross W. H. McDevitt Mr. Woodall, M. F. McKeel, Eugene Jackson, A. B. Whitley, David Potter, Robert Sawyer, C. C. Campbell, C. F. Harris, L. E. Kidd. They expect to return on the late train tonight.

BOAT DELAYED BY HIGH WINDS

The gas boat Pungo running between Swan Quarter and this city was delayed several hours yesterday on her trip to this city on account of the high wind. She is scheduled to arrive here at one o'clock but did not reach port until after six.

This Is My 92nd Birthday

Special to the Daily News.

Mme. Mathilde Marchesi, probably the most celebrated singing teacher the world has ever known, was born March 26, 1820. At an early age she became a pupil of the late Manuel Garcia in Paris. Afterwards in London she attained fame as concert singer. But in 1854 she went to the Vienna Conservatoire. Except for some years that she spent in Paris, and at Cologne, where she held a professorship, Mme. Marchesi was at Vienna until 1878. During this period she made many great singers, among the famous Etelka Gerster. In 1881 the teacher returned to Paris and during the next decade or so she produced such phenominal singers as Emma Calve, Melba, Emma Eames, Sybil Sanderson, Emma Nevada and Felice Lyne. Mme. Marchesi is spending her declining years in London at the home of her dughter who also is a well known singer. In spite of her advanced age, the famous teacher is still alert and vigorous.

To Institute Lodge.

Messrs W. S. Frizzle and C. G. Morris expect to leave tomorrow for Belhaven where they will institute a Rebeccah Lodge in that town tomorrow night.

Tenders Resignation.

Mr. J. E. Turnage, of Chocowinity tendered his resignation yesterday as a member of the road commission. His successor has not as yet been named.

Sevehteen Inmates.

There are seventeen inmates at the County Home. Eleven of these are poor white people. Religious services are held at the home each third Sunday in the month conducted by some minister of the city.

New Texas to be Launched in May

Washington, March 26.—The dreadnought Texas will be launched at Newport News, Va., May 18. President Taft expects to attend the christening which will restore the name of Texas in the navy. Secretary Myer will head a contingent of distinguished officers. The Texas and her sister ship, the New York will be the most powerful battleships afloat.

STATE TICKET WILL BE VOTED FOR BY PEOPLE

One United States Senator and Seven Representatives in Congress Are to be Named

Special to the Daily News.

Little Rock, Ark., March 26. Democrats of Arkansas in a primary election tomorrow will nominate a complete State ticket and members of the legislature, one United States senator and seven representatives in Congress. Nominations are considered equivalent to election.

Senator Jeff Davis is a candidate for re-election and is opposed by former Congressman Stephen Brundidge of Searcy. The latter has stumped the State from end to end and his friends believe he has more than an even chance of winning the senatorship.

The contest for governor has been heated between Governor George W. Donahey, who desires a third term, and Joseph Robinson, who has represented the Sixth district in Congress for a number of years.

State wide prohibition and taxation are the issues in the fight for the governorship. Governor Donaghoy advocates statewide prohibition through the medium of the initative and referendum, to be submitted in the election to be held next September. He also advocates adoption by the people of the so-called Turner-Jacobson revenue act, passed by the last legislature, which seeks to revolutionize the taxing and other revenue laws of the State.

Congressman Robinson, who is opposing Governor Donahey for a third term is inclined to make light of the prohibition question as a leading issue. He says, however, that if a majority vote for statewide prohibition he will insist upon its enforcement in the event he is elected governor. He opposed the Turner-Jacobson revenue act, claiming if ratified it will increase the taxes paid by farmers.

Arkansas has not adopted the presidential preference primary system, but ward and township mass meetings will be held tomorrow for the selection of delegates to the State convention. It is generally understood that Arkansas Democrats are for Champ Clark for President, with Woodrow Wilson and Judson Harmon running a fairly even race for second choice.

R. H. MILES HAS APPENDICITIS

Mr. R. H. Miles was operated upon at the Washington Hospital last night for acute attack of appendicitis. Mr. Miller is one of the tonsorial artist at the Palace Barber Shop and attended to his duties until yesterday afternoon when he was taken suddenly ill. Upon examination it was found that he was suffering with appendicitis and the operation was the sequence last night. The Daily News is glad to learn that the operation was successful and that he is getting along nicely.

Accepts Position

Mr. W. A. McDonald, of Norfolk, Va., has acepted a position with Mr. J. K Hoyt. Mr. McDonald will be connected with the dry goods department.

QUICK WORK.

Street Commissioner W. H. McDevitt removed a large mulberry tree recently uprooted by the high winds in front of Mrs. Rebecca Alligood's residence on Bonner Street yesterday in less than one and a half hour. It was quick work.

RECORDER GRIMES ILL.

On account of the illness of Recorder Grimes there was no Recorder's court this morning. The recorder is confined to his home suffering from an acute attack of indigestion.

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