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## ALL IN READINESS FOR OPENING OF CONGRESS

Washington, April 7.—The last arrangements for the opening of the 63rd Congress and those of President Wilson's immediate circle, are in readiness for the opening of the legislative session on Monday, September 22. The House will convene at 10 o'clock, and the Senate at 11 o'clock. The President will deliver his message at 12 o'clock.

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Although the extra session of the new Congress, which was called by President Wilson for tariff revision, will start Monday its business, the first day will be devoted to the re-election of Charles Clark as speaker and receiving President Wilson's message to Congress. The real work of re-opening the last will begin on Tuesday in the case of the House Democrats, when the bill as approved by the President and the members of the tariff committee of both houses, will be presented to the full majority of the house.

The Democratic leaders, both House and Senate, are in readiness for the opening of the legislative session on Monday, September 22. The House will convene at 10 o'clock, and the Senate at 11 o'clock.

The President has been guaranteed a Democratic majority in the Senate for two years. After sugar, the President has shown the deepest interest in the wool schedule. He expects William J. Bryan's side of the wool controversy and apparently has "tipped" free wool, free meat, free steel rails, free farming machinery and free flour—a "free market basket"—will characterize the bill.

An outright grant of free sugar is found to be impossible because of the firm determination of the Louisiana and western Democratic senators not to cross the Louisiana cane sugar and the western beet sugar industries to unrestricted foreign competition.

## CONGRESS TO DISCUSS FLOOD CONTROL

Washington, D. C., April 7.—With increased floods pouring from the water sheds of the great inland drainage of the country, bringing with them devastation in their wake, and with the preservation of navigation and of the integrity of the channels of the great streams themselves as a matter of national importance, it is already evident from present discussion that Congress will take up the flood-control subject, and it will necessarily be considered in connection with river navigation improvement. Disaster on a widespread and appalling scale has afflicted the Ohio Valley and cannot be averted by any work of construction born of theory; the best that can be done in the opinion of practical men is to provide against dangers that ordinarily recur in the shifting seasons. This, in expert opinion, should be undertaken along with the perfecting of a comprehensive system of national waterway improvement.

For the first time in eighteen years the Democrats are in control of both Houses of Congress, and consequently have a majority in their important standing committees. So for the first time in eighteen years they control both the committees having to deal with appropriations for rivers and harbors, the Senate Committee on Commerce and the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors. But no legislation in Congress, it should be remarked, has been as little tainted with partisan conduct as that pertaining to river and harbor improvement. For that very reason, perhaps, more than any other, no schemes of legislation have developed a broader, more progressive scope than those emanating from these two committees. Leaders of both the great parties, as well as heads of the different administrations responsible to enlightened public conviction, have united in the establishment of practical annual appropriations commensurate with existing needs and the obvious demands of the near future.

The committees of the two houses having to deal with the question of water transportation through improvement of the navigation of streams and harbors has of late years been composed of the foremost men of Congress. The personnel of the committees in the present Congress promises to prove well up to that high mark.

The Senate Committee on Commerce has been appointed while that of the House is yet to be named. The change of political complexion of the Senate changed the chairmanship and shifted the majority. The new chairman is James P. Clarke of Arkansas, with the rest of the Democrats, Duncan U. Fletcher of Florida, George E. Chamberlain of Oregon, Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana, Morris Sheppard of Texas, James K. Vardaman of Mississippi, John K. Shields of Tennessee, Thomas S. Martin of Virginia, John H. Bankhead of Alabama, and Furnifold M. Simmons of North Carolina. The Republicans are Knute Nelson of Minnesota, former chairman; George C. Perkins of California, William Alden Smith of Michigan, Theodore E. Burton of Ohio, Isaac Stephenson of Wisconsin, Coe L. Crawford of South Dakota and Geo. T. Oliver of Pennsylvania. Every part of the country is represented, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the lakes to the gulf, and by men who have had experience in both houses on one or the other of the committees dealing with navigation improvement, except in the case of Messrs. Clarke, Sheppard, Vardaman and Shields. Chairman Clarke comes

## PROGRESSIVE PARTY IS RECOGNIZED

Washington, April 7.—Plans for an aggressive legislative campaign during the coming session of Congress were outlined today by the organization of the Progressive party in the House. The fifteen Progressive members spent the day in a series of conferences to perfect plans. Recognition of the new party in the House was assured when Majority Leader Underwood, in consultation with Representatives Murdock, Ely, DeLoach and Stephens, agreed to allow to the new party; its proportion of committee places. Mr. Underwood said he would give the Progressives places on at least two important committees, Ways and Means and Ethics. The Progressives were jubilant over this decision.

Contracts will be let for the building of a new warehouse and machinery. Be present and hear the discussion for Washington's future to be made tonight. Eight o'clock at Chamber of Commerce rooms.

From a state of the Mississippi Valley vitally concerned in navigation and levee construction, as do Messrs. Ransdell and Vardaman. Mr. Ransdell is the most notable acquisition to the Senate committee on account both of the distinguished service he rendered in an official capacity as a member of the House committee in recent congresses, and as President, since its present organization, of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. The character of the committee from top to bottom is an earnest of high capacity and an assurance of wise legislation.

The elimination from the last Congress are Messrs. Bourne of Oregon, Burnham of New Hampshire, Crane of Massachusetts, Republicans, and Percy of Mississippi and Reed of Missouri, Democrats.

The House committee will, with the exception of vacancies to be filled probably remain the same, with Stephen M. Sparkman of Florida, chairman, and Messrs. Burgess of Texas, Humphreys of Mississippi, Taylor of Alabama, Edwards of Georgia, Small of North Carolina, Hooper of Missouri, Galagher of Illinois, Driscoll of New York, Donohue of Pennsylvania and Scully of New Jersey, continuing members of the (Continued on Page Two.)

## STATE AID ON BUILDING OF GOOD ROADS

Improvement of the highways in almost every locality where it has been accomplished has brought about a most remarkable change in the traffic which they carry. Over unimproved roads the travel is generally limited to small loads drawn by horses, and occasional buggies or other light wagons. Sometimes an automobile passes, but not often.

Loads drawn by horses over unimproved roads are necessarily limited, as the hauling capacity of animals is limited to what they can pull over the worst places. While three or four tons are not exceptional loads for two horses on hard roads of easy grade, one-third to one-quarter of that amount is often difficult to negotiate over a road which abounds with mud holes and sharp pitches; with long heavy hills it is often less.

When good roads are built much local traffic, which has previously gone by other routes, is diverted to them, probably doubling the amount of local travel originating in the vicinity which passed over the road before its improvement.

The good road really doubles the distance that a horse or team and buggy can travel in a day. This fact brings into existence a larger amount of this class of travel, estimated at 50 per cent more, and by reason of the greater distance which may be covered, and the overlapping travel from other localities this class of traffic may easily be multiplied by three.

The development of the automobile multiplies by ten, according to the most reliable estimates, the radius of a day's travel. With an automobile a business or professional man at the county seat or other point can visit practically every part of the county in a day, and be home before supper time. People from other localities, on business or pleasure, enter, leave or cross a territory in a short time which formerly took hours; local merchants deliver goods twenty-five miles away instead of within village or city limits. Automobile trucks establish freight lines to villages and smaller points which were previously unprovided for. With all these facilities, which improved roads make possible, it is estimated that the motor car travel of all kinds is multiplied approximately by ten.

Doubling the heavy traffic, trebling the light horse traffic, and multiplying the motor traffic by ten, places fifteen vehicles on the good road where there was but one before the improvement was made. And this is an underestimate rather than otherwise. A close observation of the travel over thousands of miles of improved roads will show increases of twenty or thirty times that which existed before the good road was constructed. This enormous increase in travel is one of the wonders of the age in which we live. And this enhanced travel is an important factor in the development of local markets.

State control of road construction is made necessary by a number of different reasons, each important in itself, as has been demonstrated by the experience of States where State aid has long been the rule. Among these are, that the roads in various counties when built shall form continuous routes; that the construction shall be as nearly uniform as the nature of available materials will permit; that the location, drainage material and every other factor involved in the construction shall be under the charge of competent and experienced engineers; that the contracts be let to competent and responsible contractors, who can be held to a strict accountability; and that

## PROGRESS IN HOOKWORM ERADICATION

The quarterly report for the State campaign against hookworm disease shows for the three months ending March 31, 1913, 25,472 persons were treated, and 10,784 persons received free treatments for the disease. Counting the work previously reported there have been examined to date in the State 216,616 persons, and 122,565 persons treated. Work was conducted during the past three months in the following counties: Pamlico, Tyrrell, Washington, Union, Montgomery, Hoke, Moore, Henderson, Camden and Currituck. Sixty-five counties have now had the dispensary work, and six additional counties have provided for it, making a total of seventy-one counties. Five counties have provided for a second round of dispensary work. Campaigns are now opening in Beaufort (second round), Mecklenburg and Forsyth counties.

Dr. H. L. Sloan, a native of Sampson county, an A. B. graduate of the University of North Carolina and a medical graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, has entered the services of the State Board of Health as Assistant Director of the Hookworm Campaign to succeed Dr. C. F. Strozier, resigned.

## NEW VAUDEVILLE ACTS LYRIC THEATRE TONIGHT

As a headliner and feature attraction the program offered at the Lyric today is entirely vaudeville acts and excellent plays. "Granberry & Lamb" in a society cop act head the bill. Vaudeville offering new songs and talking act that will furnish plenty of amusement. These artist come highly recommended and playing all the houses receiving excellent reports. The photoplays offered today have one excellent comedy and a review of current events of the world. The performance offered at the Lyric today has every indication of pleasing the severe critic.

Be at Chamber of Commerce tonight at 8 o'clock.

the road funds, State, county and township, be properly expended and accounted for, so that every dollar shall produce a dollar's worth of first-class road.

In no other way than by State control can these things be achieved. It has been demonstrated repeatedly that the exercise of authority by the State is necessary in the interests of economy and excellence in construction, and that the roads in the different counties shall so connect as to make through highways between important points.

State aid in road building, therefore, requires that the State have a highway department, provided with highway engineers of established reputation and admitted ability, that the roads constructed may be equal to the strain of constantly growing traffic.

Co-operation by the Federal government, especially in the construction and maintenance of the main roads reaching between interstate centers of population and interest, must be the logical result of careful reasoning on the subject. Improvements which benefit the county and State must, under the remarkable revolution in the conditions, benefit the nation as well.

## DISASTROUS FIRE AT GOLDSBORO

At 11:30 last night fire broke out in the cotton yard at Goldsboro and destroyed the Norfolk Southern warehouse together with 350 hogsheads of tobacco and badly damaged 7,000 bales of cotton stored therein. The origin of the fire is unknown and the damage is a considerable amount.

## AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

At the First Methodist church last evening the pastor preached earnestly out of Eph. 6:13, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand." The armored Christian being the special theme. The speaker sought not only to suggest danger but also to impart encouragement, and was heard by a large congregation.

The sacramental service in the morning was participated in by nearly all present, and was preceded by a short, stirring sermon on charity, the more excellent way. Mr. C. G. Morris led the Sunday school in the afternoon.

Rev. J. T. Gibbs, D. D., presiding elder of Washington district, will preach at the First Methodist church next Sunday morning and evening, that being the occasion of the second quarterly meeting.

## PROTECT THE FORESTS

In every Southern State the forests, next to the soil itself, are the State's greatest natural resources. And in not a single Southern State are there any adequate laws for forest protection. Every year the South is losing literally millions of dollars because of forest fires, reckless cutting, destruction of young forest growth, and deforestation of land that should be allowed to remain in timber. The supreme follow of continuing such a state of affairs must be apparent to any think man; but no action is taken to remedy it. Nor will any be taken until the farmers of the South realize that this loss falls upon them with particular weight and until they demand that their legislators have the business sense to provide for State protection and if need be, State oversight of the forests.

We are wasting one of our richest heritages with a recklessness and a simple-mindedness almost unbelievable of grown-up men. Isn't it about time for us to begin to think seriously about the matter?—The Progressive Farmer.

## NORFOLK SOUTHERN ORDERS EQUIPMENT

The Wall Street Journal says: "Norfolk Southern Railroad placed an order for \$22,000 worth of equipment, including the following: 300 ventilated box cars, 160 flat cars, 40 ballast cars, 6 caboose cars, 3 mail and baggage cars, 6 passenger coaches, 5 consolidation engines, 3 electric trailers and one derrick. The order was distributed to the American Locomotive Company, Mount Vernon Car Manufacturing Company, Baldwin Locomotive Works and others.

## IN SESSION TODAY

The Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education are in regular monthly session today.

## W. J. CRUMPLER BURIED YESTERDAY

The funeral service of Mr. W. J. Crumpler was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, from the Christian church, Rev. R. V. Hope, pastor, officiating. Mrs. W. M. Bell presided at the piano, and a large choir softly rendered appropriate hymns. The feature of the music was a beautiful quartet selection, "Lord, Kindly Light," which was sung by request by Messrs. A. M. Potts, John Smith, Leo Stewart, and Lyndon Shaw. The interment was held in Oakdale, and was attended by a large host of sorrowing friends and relatives. The floral offerings were large and beautiful, showing the high esteem in which the deceased was held by his numerous friends, who were anxious to pay this last tribute of respect to his mortal remains. Thus comes to an end an honored and useful life in the community.

Mr. Crumpler was born July 16th, 1851 near East Va. When 19 years of age he came to North Carolina to make his home, locating at Pantego, N. C. In 1875 he married Miss Jennie Latham and located in Washington. Eleven children were born of this union, five of whom survive, namely: Lela V. Crumpler, Raleigh E. Crumpler, Mary E. Crumpler, and Paul B. Crumpler.

Mr. R. E. Crumpler lives in Georgia, where he holds a responsible position with a manufacturing enterprise. Mr. G. Hinton Crumpler lives in Winston-Salem, N. C., where he is highly connected with the Reynolds Tobacco Company. The remain three children live in Washington.

## SPECIAL SERMONS YESTERDAY

All the Episcopal churches yesterday by Rev. N. Harding and at the First Methodist church by Rev. R. H. Brown, a special sermon was preached on the local organization of the Associated Charities, its accomplishments and the benefit it has been to the community. The sermons were both forceful and logical. The plan of organized charity was discussed and many new friends were made for the organization. Too much can not be said in praise of the work done by the organization and its friends.

## FLOOD SITUATION IN OHIO TODAY

Columbus, Ohio, April 7.—Being their names, upon reports received from their field agents throughout the Ohio flood districts, officials of the Red Cross Society, who have been placed in charge of the relief work in this State, today issued a statement estimating that 464 persons lost their lives during last week's flood. Ohioans numbering 77,123 need aid for rehabilitation, according to the statement.

## A SUCCESSFUL OPERATION

Miss Nannie H. Blount has recently undergone a very successful operation of the eye, performed by Dr. W. Carter, our eye ear and nose specialist, who is making a State-wide reputation for himself. The above operation was performed at Fowle Memorial Hospital, which under the management of Drs. Rodman and J. L. Nicholson, ably assisted by Drs. J. G. Blount, S. T. and P. A. Nicholson and a corps of well trained nurses, is doing a great work in a quiet and unostentatious manner.

## AMERICAN COTTON OIL CO. MAY BE INDICTED

Macon, Ga., April 7.—Announcement was made here last night by Alexander Akerman, United States attorney for the Southern district of Georgia, that he will lay before a Federal grand jury, which meets in Augusta Monday morning, evidence looking to the indictment of the American Cotton Oil Company, of New York, under the Sherman anti-trust law.

It will be charged that this company, with branches and affiliations in every cotton State in the Union, has fixed and attempted to fix arbitrarily the price of cotton seed from every branch of the cotton seed industry have been subpoenaed to appear.

Eight o'clock is the Tobacco meeting hour, which will begin at Chamber of Commerce rooms tonight.

## What Does the Home Need This Season?

How about the refrigerator? Do you think it will serve another season? A refrigerator is unsanitary and unsatisfactory. A new one at the right price would be an excellent investment.

What about the glassware supply, and how about table linen? Have you taken an inventory recently of the contents of the china cabinet and the sideboard? What about new rugs? Have you given any thought to the question of curtains?

This is a good time to think of these things. The stores are full of valuable suggestions, and you don't want to overlook opportunities.

Figure out what you need in the home for the coming season and then take counsel with THE DAILY NEWS' advertisers.

# TO-NIGHT

Every citizen interested in a future Tobacco Market for Washington should attend a Public Meeting at 8 o'clock Tonight in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. Plans and specifications will be discussed.

## BE A BOOSTER AND BOOST BY BEING PRESENT.