

SIGNS TARIFF BILL.

THE PAYNE--ALDRICH--CANNON BILL BECOMES LAW.

The Conference Report on the Bill Was Agreed to by a Vote of 47 to 61--The Bill Pleases Some While It is Equally Disappointing to Others.

The closing hours of the session were attended by scenes of a most interesting character. The revision has been according to the desires of some, and with the hearty disapproval of others, and the last two days had been consumed by members of the senate in expressing their satisfaction or dissatisfaction.

The conference report on the bill was agreed to by the senate by a vote of 47 to 61. The vote was taken at 2 p. m., and soon afterward the concurrent resolution making certain changes in the leather goods schedule was adopted by both houses.

President Taft arrived at the capital at 4:45 p. m. It was his first appearance there since his incumbency as president, and there was a constant procession of handshaking statesmen through the president's room from the time of his arrival until his departure at 5:30 o'clock.

Just as the hands of the gold clock in the president's room reached five, the Payne tariff bill as the measure will be known, was laid before the president. He picked up a pen supplied by Chairman Payne, of the house ways and means committee, and which was used by both the vice-president and the speaker in signing the bill, and attached his signature.

After writing "William H. Taft," the president added, "Signed five minutes after five o'clock, August 5, 1909--W. H. T."

Bending over the president as he affixed his signature were Secretary Knox, Secretary MacVeagh, Attorney General Wickersham, Postmaster General Hitchcock, Secretary Nagel, and Secretary Wilson. Standing about the table were Senator Aldrich, Representative Payne and many other members of the senate and house.

Mr. Payne with hand extended, waiting to receive the pen with which the bill was signed. He took it with a picture of boyish glee overspreading his face. Another pen was handed to the president and he wrote the word "approved," and handed the pen to Representative Langley, of Kentucky.

A number of interesting incidents occurred in the president's room pending the signing of the tariff bill. The president had something of a personal nature to say to each senator, and good nature appeared to be overflowing.

Senator Taliaferro, of Florida, in a rather plaintive tone, said:

"Mr. President, surely you are not going to sign the bill with that pineapple paragraph in it? He referred to the fact that he secured an increased duty on pineapples in the senate, which was eliminated in conference.

"What would you have me do? Shall I strike out pineapples altogether, or just write it to suit you?" asked Mr. Taft, laughingly.

Senator Fletcher, of Florida, when telling the president good bye, soon after, was dismissed with a good bye, old pineapples, take care of yourself."

The president tried, with his good nature, to mollify Senator Warren for his disappointment over the abolition of the duty on hides, and greeted Senator Heyburn, who said on the floor that no high rate in the bill was too high to suit him, with a "how are you, old high tariff."

When the senate and house committee, appointed to inform the president that congress was ready to adjourn, called at the president's room the tariff bill had not been signed. Senator Aldrich made his formal announcement.

"Well I have not signed the bill yet," said the president. "Do you think that I ought to adjourn congress before I sign it?"

There having been much talk about the possibility of a veto, everybody in the room caught the significance of the president's jocular query.

"I certainly do not," replied Senator Aldrich, joining in the laughing.

Previously the president signed a

number of comparatively unimportant measures.

Immediately after attaching his name to the general tariff bill, he signed the Philippine tariff measure. He used a handsome, mother-of-pearl pen sent to him from the Philippines to be used in signing this measure.

A broad smile of satisfaction overspread his face and he wrote his name with a flourish not shown on the general tariff bill.

The signing of the general tariff bill had been preceded by a busy day in house and senate. The senate devoted four hours to the final debate. At 2 o'clock the vote was taken and the conference report agreed to, 47 to 31.

Mr. Aldrich's concurrent resolution providing for a reduction of the duties on various manufactures of leather to meet the views of Western senators who have been defeated in their efforts to obtain protection for hides was adopted soon after.

Senator McCumber's resolution providing additional rebate regulation for the bill, amended at the instance of Senator McLaurin to include a provision for free cotton bagging, was adopted without division.

Nothing remained but the signing of the measure. Senators Aldrich and Daniel were appointed a committee to inform the president that congress was ready to adjourn, if he had no further communication to make.

Six o'clock was agreed upon by the two houses as the hour for final adjournment.

A resolution offered by Mr. Culberson, expressing the appreciation of the senate for the able and impartial manner in which the vice-president had presided was adopted. After a brief reply, Mr. Sherman declared the extraordinary session adjourned "without delay."

He laid down the gavel at 5:58 p. m. two minutes in advance of the time fixed. The house devoted the last day to perfecting the tariff bill and transacting a mass of routine business. Speaker Cannon announced his committee appointments, and these were received with varying degrees of satisfaction.

The concurrent resolution amending the leather schedule of the tariff bill, was adopted without a dissenting vote after it had been discussed for little over half an hour. No such good luck, however, befell the McCumber-McLaurin resolution, revising the draw back provision and placing cotton bagging on the free list, which had previously been adopted by the senate. On the claim of Chairman Payne that it was not in order, it was assigned to the committee on ways and means.

It was but a few minutes before 5 o'clock when Mr. Payne's resolution fixing 6 p. m. as the hour for adjournment sine die was adopted. A half hour yet remaining before the appointed hour of adjournment, the speaker ordered the hands of the clock set ahead 25 minutes.

FORTUNE AWAITS WM. H. PICKETT

Comptroller of Currency Writes For Facts Concerning Him.

A small fortune awaits Mr. Wm. H. Pickett, a Confederate veteran, if he can be found. The following letter has been received from J. Monroe Britt, comptroller of currency at Washington by State Librarian M. O. Sherrill and is self-explanatory.

"The Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans in the District of Columbia are trying to find the location of an old Confederate veteran of North Carolina named William H. Pickett. A small fortune awaits the old man if he can be found. We wish to learn from the state records about Pickett, if you can favor us. We will see that you are rewarded if you can render us any material assistance.

"Hope you can learn something of the old man and can find it agreeable to help us out."

Charles N. Busbee Dead.

Mr. Charles N. Busbee, a prominent lawyer of Raleigh, died at his home there Saturday morning after a long illness, having been partially paralyzed for a number of years. He filled many positions of trust, serving as a member of the legislature. He was a grand sire of the Supreme Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of the United States.

Two Shot by Officers--One Dead.

Paul Cameron Collins, cashier of the Bank of Hillsboro, and John H. Bunting, a traveling man of Wilmington, both well connected, were shot by Town Constable F. C. Watkins in Bunting's room at Gladstone Hotel in Black Mountain about 1:30 o'clock Saturday morning. Bunting died from his wounds shortly after midnight Saturday night while Collins is still alive with hopes of his recovery.

The substance of the evidence presented at the coroner's inquest by the only eye witnesses of the tragedy, Clem Jones and Burley Gowan negro employees of the hotel, who accompanied the officer to the room, being summoned to quell an alleged disturbance, was to the effect:--"That Paul Cameron Collins, cashier of the Bank of Hillsboro, and John Hill Bunting, who were shot by Policeman F. C. Watkins; were shot as they rose from the bed; that the shots were fired by the policeman in a state of semi-panic, and that the men were lying in bed in their room, wherein no light was burning, when Watkins burst open the door."

Various guests of the hotel testified as to the disturbance created by the men in their room about midnight, using profane language and shouting. They were drinking it is said.

Constable Watkins was arrested and will be prosecuted by friends of the dead man and Collins.

Meetings for Teachers and Committees

As previously announced, teachers' meetings will be held at the following places within the next month: Coleridge, August, 19-21; Trinity, 23-25; Farmer, 26-28; Liberty, September, 6-8. One day in each meeting will be given to a discussion of the powers and duties of school committees. The committees' day at Coleridge will be Friday, August 20. All committees in southeastern Randolph should be present for the entire day. Aug 25; Wednesday will be the date for the meeting at Trinity, and August 26 for Farmer. The day for committees at Liberty will be announced later.

Every committeeman in the county should be present at one of these places. We should really be glad to have committeemen and patrons of schools present for the entire three days. These meetings have been planned in such a way as to accommodate teachers and patrons, and a large attendance is desired.

E. J. COLTRANE, Co. Supt. of Schools.

Misses Davis and Wood Entertain.

Monday night Miss Grace Wood gave a party complimentary to Miss Mamie Skeen, of Thomasville.

Those present were: Misses Maggie Davis, Bonnie Auman, Maud Dickens, Ethel Free, Edna Laughlin, Lena May Johnson, Lynette Swain, Blanche Anderson, Margaret Wood, and Messrs. James Davis, Everette Winslow, James Swain, George Hendricks, Orlon Spencer, Wayland Hays, Carlyle Lewis.

It was a lawn party. Public courtesy prize awarded to Mr. Orlon Spencer, a beautiful wish-bone scarfpin. Other prizes were awarded to Miss Bonnie Auman and Miss Margaret Wood, each a box of Huyler's candy. Dainty refreshments were served on the lawn and wide long porches. There was music and a good time generally.

MISS MAGGIE DAVIS ENTERTAINS.

Miss Maggie Davis entertained at the home of her parents on Sunset avenue Tuesday night of this week in honor of Miss Mamie Skeen, who was visiting Misses Wood and Davis. There were music and games and no end of pleasure and good time. Delightful refreshments were served on the wide, spacious veranda. Mr. Hal Kearns won the prize of a pretty box of fine candy, given to him as an expert in progressive courtship. Those were present who were at Miss Wood's the night before and a few others.

Checkers.

Mr. Lee C. Andrews, of Archdale, is now the champion player of checkers of Randolph. Mr. Andrews was in Asheboro Monday and played with Mr. Edgar A. Woodell, whose friends claimed for him the championship heretofore, winning over Mr. Woodell by a score of 8 to 1.

Liberty Items.

Dr. Thomas H. Smith, a son of ex Mayor Smith, who is practicing medicine near Dillon, S. C., is at home for a few days.

Tollie Smith arrived home last week from Montgomery, Ala., after spending five months in Mississippi and Alabama selling fruit trees.

A E Lewis has just returned from Ohio, and he says corn, etc., is better around Liberty than any place between here and Ohio.

"Give me Liberty or give me death." On the night of August 7th the young ladies of Liberty gave an ice cream supper at the new graded school building for the benefit of the school. Everything went right along as fine as a fiddle, and about 9 o'clock J. Ross Smith called the house to order and made one of his fine short talks, stating that the Liberty Mercantile Co. had donated a nice little calico umbrella (in color), and the proceeds from sale of some would go to the school. The way the umbrella was to be disposed of was to be voted on as one cent a vote for the most popular young lady in the house. Quite a number of names were placed on the blackboard and scattering votes were given to first one and the other. Among the names was Miss Louise Conly, of Conly Springs, who is visiting her friend and schoolmate, Miss Pattie Smith. By and by Miss Sallie Patterson's name was put on the board by her best friend with 100 votes as a starter. One of our young merchants, who had the pleasure of taking Miss Conly to the building, dropped in a dollar or so, and she had just a few more votes than our Miss Patterson, and then the fun commenced, excitement got away up and votes were counted thick and fast. Some of the young men were so wrought up that I am sure jumping off the Brooklyn bridge would have been a small jump for them. Some married and single men said it would never do to let that beautiful umbrella leave Liberty. I am so glad they kept it here, for it cost anywhere from \$9.00 to \$12.00 per dozen. We town people did have lots of fun. Mr. Editor, I hear they talk of having another one of these voting contests soon, and if so I will invite you, sure.

After a little over \$45.00 was voted to the two young ladies, Miss Sallie Patterson got a few more votes than Miss Conly, so Miss Sallie, one of our cleverest and most popular young ladies, is holding this \$45.00 umbrella over her curly red locks, and we are all so glad that this nice umbrella is still to be a part and parcel of Liberty.

Handleman Notes.

Mrs. Mollie Maness, of Thomasville, is visiting her brother, J. A. Russell, at Randleman, and will remain till Monday.

J. Shoemaker and wife and Pat Eilmore and wife are visiting John Eilmore and others.

Pletcher Brown got his thumb mangled very bad Tuesday in engine. He let his hand drop on the dash pot and it mangled his thumb before he could get it out.

The Handleman Drug Co. has sold out their branch store at Worthville to Mr. Groce and Dr. Wilkinson, who will continue the drug business at Worthville.

The boat house is completed now and ready to take you to ride in a nice gasoline boat. They will give you a ride for only five cents, so come right along and take a ride.

J. L. Essler is chief of police now for thirty days. At the meeting in September the aldermen will elect a new man. "Bud" makes a good one, but he can't do everything and go to mill, too.

M. N. N. Nevelin made a business trip to Sanford Monday.

Mrs. Callie Smith and Master Roy have returned from an extended visit to relatives and friends in Chatham.

Mr. M. Rike has opened up a first-class grocery store on Cuban Hill.

Mrs. John Bullard and Miss Mary Swain visited Mrs. Abe Sawyer, near Sophia, Saturday.

John Bullard and Mrs. Joseph, went to High Point Monday to see the big show.

J. A. Russell got back from Franklinville but he failed to set the woods a fire setting and from Mr. Ben Jim sold some just the same.

Mr. John Richardson is on the sick list this week.

Miss Minnie Ringstaff is very sick. She either got up in her saddle and fell down stairs or had a fit. She is quite ill at the present, but hope she will soon recover.

R. E. Mendenhall Dead.

R. E. Mendenhall, a prominent and well known farmer of Trinity township, living near High Point, died at his home Monday, aged 50 years. He leaves a wife and three influential members of the Society of Friends.

Dr. McAnally Bit By Spider.

Dr. W. J. McAnally, of High Point, was recently bitten by a poisonous spider in a very particular place. The poison wrecked his nervous system and he cannot stand a least noise. The danger point has not passed, but physicians think he will get through all right now.

FARMERS MISSED A TREAT.

So Think Mr. Julian of Those Who Did Not Attend The Farmers' Institute

EDITOR COURIER: Will you permit me to say a few words through your valued paper? I would like to tell you, my brother farmer, that you missed a treat by staying away from the Farmers' Institute, that can be ill afforded by any of us when they cost us so little. It seems the time is here when the farmers will have to do some sound thinking along more lines than just raising corn and wheat if we keep pace with the progress of the times. There seems to be a tendency to wait for our information till the newspapers and farm journals get to us. Why not do some thinking for ourselves about what is best suited to our land and the crops we intend to grow. We must mix a little brains with our work if we expect to get the best result in dollars for the effort made in raising crops or stock. The time is passed when a slipshod way of doing work will be of value to us. When we visit other counties and see the progress made on the various lines of good roads and improved soil cultivation, then it is that we can see where we are behind, and where there is need to call a halt and do some thinking for our dear old county of Randolph.

We need to improve our roads so that when we have anything to sell we can get to market with it.

It is high time we stop sluring Randleman and Asheboro and lay our shoulder to the wheel of progress and furnish the money to make good roads. What have we to gain by waiting? Just so long as we neglect these things just so long will many of the good citizens of our county be found in those counties where the people are not afraid to pay for the much needed improvements.

Mr. Editor, I had the pleasure of attending the State meeting of the Farmers' Union in the beautiful city of Charlotte. Truly, she lays claim to the position of "Queen."

Many resolutions were adopted. Among them those endorsing a special tax to help the State and county in furthering the great cause of education, the best method of advancing the great body of our rural population to the place they ought occupy in this great nation.

Now, Mr. Editor, when the time comes to hold the next Farmers' Institute in Asheboro I would like to see the farmers come to your town in wagon loads, bringing all the families and a big basket of good things to eat from the country, and let all the boys and girls and old folks, too, have a day of listening to good speeches worth talking about for the next year. We must look away from self if we want to make others happy and measure up to our possibilities.

There is one thing I wish our county commissioners would do as soon as they get away from the courthouse and jail--stop spending money on the county roads as it has been for years past. Why not build what we can pay for each year and make it an object lesson for everybody.

There is nothing that would give such a stimulus to the values of real estate in the county as to adopt some methods of permanent road building. Then it would be easy for education to keep pace and a general improvement in every way would be the result.

Now, just a word to our brother members of the Farmers' Union of this county. Now is the best time to keep up the questions of much importance to this organization by talking the things mentioned above, for we will be as certain to get good results as anybody in this county. We cannot be too careful, for many mistakes are found in the past experience of every reform movement. There is nothing to keep the farmer from his place in the council of his peers but himself. He should not be the cat's paw to pull out the chestnuts always, but should have chestnuts, too.

We have a county lecturer and organizer in the person of Mr. Farlow, whose hands we must hold up that he may do a good work.

With best wishes I am Very truly yours, WM. R. JULIAN, County Secretary. Climax, N. C., No. 1, Box 47.

After a brief illness Mrs. C. K. Wrenn died at her home at Siler City last Friday.

General News Items.

The Southern Power Company has been granted the right to enter Lexington with branch lines, after much debating of the question.

Governor Ansel has been asked to accompany President Taft on his trip down the Mississippi river from St. Louis to New Orleans, and will very probably accept. The invitation extended to all Senators, Representatives and Governors.

After hearing a part of the testimony in the case of state vs. Ed Davenport for killing Brown Twitty, another negro, the state and defendant's counsel agreed to a verdict on last Saturday, and the judge sentenced Davenport to six years on the roads.

Glenn Madison, who killed Terrell Saerrill, his companion, about ten days ago, was released from custody at Statesville last week, the grand jury of Iredell Superior court having failed to find a bill against him. Madison claims the killing was accidental, and such is generally believe by the public.

Ernest Wade, the white man who was arrested at High Point on Sunday, August 1st, on suspicion of having been implicated in the murder of Miss Lydia C. Newsum, near Greensboro, several weeks ago, was given a hearing on the 5th inst and as there was no evidence produced against him he was given his liberty.

W. R. Medlin, of Spencer, a fireman on the Southern railroad, was badly injured by burns received at Burlington last Thursday. He was cleaning out the fire box of his engine when by some means he was struck in the face by steam from a hose pipe used for cleaning purposes. He was attended by a physician and will soon recover, it is thought.

Prof. E. O. Willis, who was last year Principal of Trinity High School, has been elected Principal of the High School Department of the Kinston city schools of which Prof. Bruce Craven is Superintendent. The Kinston High School is one of the six in the state that are credited with the full work of the standard college entrance requirements, the others being Asheville, Charlotte, Durham, Raleigh and Wilmington.

High School Catalogues.

A Supply of neat catalogues of the Farmer, Liberty and Trinity High Schools is now on hand in the office of the County Superintendent, and he should be glad to furnish a copy to anyone desiring information about any one of these schools. These are state high schools and all students eligible to enter the department will be admitted without tuition. If you desire further information write to the County Superintendent for a catalogue.

CAPERS RESIGNS.

Appointment of Royal E. Cabell to Succeed Him.

Washington, D. C., August 6.--Official announcement of the resignation of Jean G. Capers, of South Carolina, as commissioner of internal revenue, to take effect September 1 and the appointment of Royal E. Cabell, present postmaster of Richmond, Va., to succeed him was made by the secretary of the treasury late today.

Commits Suicide.

Thomas H. Cannon, of Concord, committed suicide at his boarding house there Thursday night, August 5th. Mr. Cannon was about 54 years old and up to a few years ago was one of the prominent business men of Spartanburg S. C., where he located when a young man. Reverse fortune caused him to take to drink and latterly to drugs. For a week or more he had been in a desperate condition and the news of his sad end was not a surprise to those who knew his circumstances. He was a native of Concord and a brother of J. W. Cannon, the well known cotton mill man. He leaves a wife and one daughter, who live in Spartanburg, and from whom he had been parted for several years.

Miss Isley Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Cox, is visiting the family of Mr. J. C. Cox in Greensboro.