

WASHINGTON LETTER

Taft Fights Against Giving Progressive Republicans Committee Places—Schedule K Next—Other Matters of Importance

(By Clyde H. Tavener)

Washington, May 8.—(Special.)—That reactionary Republicans in the Senate are lying in wait for the farmer's free list bill and other progressive legislation passed by the Democratic House, is becoming more evident every day. The motive is two fold, to protect the profits of the tariff trusts, and to prevent, if possible, the Democrats from carrying out promises made to the people in the last campaign.

The group of Senate Tories is still able to exert a tremendous influence upon legislation. Having packed the important committees with men who take the corporation attitude toward the particular legislation to come before those committees, the reactionaries are in a position to obstructive special privilege by obstructing, and perhaps preventing, the passage of legislation desired by the people.

Among those whom the public may safely rely upon to oppose most of the progressive House measures are Gallinger, Smoot, Lister, Guggenheim, Stephenson, Lodge, Oliver, Warren, Perkins and a dozen others, who will at all times have the hearty cooperation of Vice-President Sherman.

Back of this group of reactionaries are arrayed the tariff trusts, the railroads, wall street, Standard Oil and the balance of the organized wealth of the country.

The Democrats and Progressive Republicans are pitted against this combination. The two forces will, when necessary, combine to prevent the passage of a bad bill, but they will be helpless at times to prevent the Tories from obstructing the passage of Democratic legislation such as the free list bill.

About the only thing the average citizen can do is to keep tab on the votes of his individual representative in both House and Senate, noting particularly whether they vote for or against measures desired by the people, and when election time rolls around to act accordingly.

Aldrich Senator De Facto

Co-operating with the Senate reactionaries who are planning to kill the free list bill and other similar anti-trust measures, is Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island. Nominally Mr. Aldrich is connected only with an institution of his own creation, called the monetary commission. The commission has a suite of rooms adjoining the rooms occupied by the Finance committee, to which the free list bill will go.

If it should happen, opines the Cleveland Press, that the doors were opened to the rooms of the finance committee, and the rooms of the monetary commission, it might happen that former senator Aldrich might communicate with Senator Penrose, the new chairman of the Finance committee, and thus the titular head of the Senate majority might have the benefit of the views of the ex-leader (and possibly leader de facto) of the United States Senate.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Aldrich keeps in as close touch with the men he trained to be reactionaries as when he was actually a member of the Senate.

Taft Antagonizes Progressives

President Taft took the leading part in the fight against giving the progressive Republicans of the Senate the committee places they demanded, which fight resulted in leaving all the big Senate committees the same citadels of special privilege that they were in the previous Congress.

Before the Republican caucus was held the regular Republicans of the Senate signed an agreement by which they agreed to give the progressives a one-fourth representation on all the committees. Senator Penrose, who signed the agreement for the regulars is said to have bitterly arraigned his regular colleagues for putting him in the position of breaking his political word, which he declared he had always especially prided himself upon keeping inviolate.

It now develops that Penrose's breach of faith with the progressives was forced by White House pressure. President Taft considers progressives like La Follette his personal enemies and he does not want them in a position to assist in bringing about the passage of legislation like the

Telephone Hearing

The Commission will go into a hearing of the case styled Citizens of Asheboro against the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company on May 15. It announces that the hearing will be upon the merits of the quest on regardless of whether the question of jurisdiction may be sustained or not. The case came up about a month ago, citizens petitioning for the commission to compel the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company to make physical connection with the Asheboro Telephone Company. The Bell people set up the contention that the commission was without jurisdiction and time was given for the filing of briefs. The outcome of this matter will be highly important as a precedent may be established.

Bankrupt Sale

At the second sale of the manufacturing plants of Rindman and Naomi Mills the property brought \$23,100 more than when sold in March, Mr. Gilmer of Winston buying it.

Dr. Will C. Long, of Graham who is not only a fine dentist but has carried off first prize over all competitors at the fairs last fall for the finest single Comb Brown Leg horn chickens, has got Mr. John M. Hammer of Asheboro, one of his finest premium roasters. Mr. Hammer greatly appreciates this present from Dr. Long and is showing his friends his five chickens. He also has some fine premium pullets he got from Dr. Long. Mr. Hammer also has some other fine breeds.

farmer's free list bill, which they could do by combining with the Democrats if given the representation on the big committees to which their numerical strength entitles them.

Schedule

Schedule K, the joker-filled wool schedule of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law, will be the subject of the first general tariff revision of the Democratic house.

All the jokers by which rates have been piled one upon another until the total has been far in excess of 100 per cent are to be abolished.

Likewise there will be abolished the infamous provisions of the Payne-Aldrich law, by which material containing wool, but really made of cotton, is taxed as wool. The average reduction on all items in the woolen schedule is expected to reach at least 25 per cent.

What the Democrats propose will cause a tremendous outcry from the woolen trust and its allies, the producers of raw wool, and will no doubt provoke men like Warren of Wyoming, Lippett of Rhode Island and the other high protectionists of the Senate into predicting the downfall of the nation.

Wickersham is Worried

United States Attorney General Wickersham is worrying. He is afraid the investigations to be made into the affairs of the steel trust, sugar trust, soap trust and woolen trust will give these concerns immunity from prosecution. As all of these concerns, with the exception of a few \$18 a week employees of the sugar trust, have enjoyed absolute immunity from prosecution and investigation since the day Mr. Wickersham left the service of the sugar trust to become the chief prosecuting officer of the government, it is difficult to understand how the immunity which they might receive, but will not, through congressional investigations, could be any more complete than the immunity Mr. Wickersham has given them.

Should Be Interesting

The inquiry to be made by the House of Representatives into the political machine of Postmaster General Frank Hitchcock is one in which the whole country will be interested. The resolution of inquiry directs the postoffice committee to determine how much political work is performed by postmasters and subordinate officers in the postoffices of the country, and by what authority they neglect their official duties and violate the civil service law. It has long been charged that through postoffice department patronage the postmaster general has established a machine for the control of delegates to the national convention.

SHORT ITEMS OF NEWS

The County Board of Commissioners of Rowan met in special session last Saturday to discuss plans for a new court house.

Peace does not seem to be in sight in Mexico as was thought some time ago. A report says circumstances changed for the worse.

The date of the annual meeting of the North Carolina Press Association, at Lenoir, has been changed to June 27 30.

For the first time in the history of mankind the human voice carried 2,000 miles direct Monday night when New York found Denver over the long distance telephone wires.

Mayor A. N. Bulla, of Randleman who has been quite ill for several weeks, is recovering, to the gratification of his many friends.

Mr. T. D. Winstead has resigned as sheriff of Person county and it is understood that he will be succeeded by Mr. W. I. Newton who has been a deputy in the sheriff's office.

At the regular biennial municipal election at Siler City Jesse F. Milliken was elected mayor, with the following aldermen: J. C. Gregson, J. M. Marley, W. A. Teague, M. Fox and R. H. Dixon and Dewitt C. Roberts was elected constable.

Fleet Watkins, charged with the murder of John Hill Bunting, of Wilmington, at Black Mountain, on the night of August 6, 1909, was convicted of manslaughter in the court at Asheville Saturday and sentenced to 18 months in the State prison. The defendant gave notice of appeal.

County Medical Meeting

The Randolph County Medical Association met in the Court House on Tuesday, May 2. The meeting being presided over by Dr. F. E. Ashbury. In the absence of the regular Secretary, Dr. H. B. Hiatt acted as Secretary pro tem.

Interesting talks were made by Dr. Wilkerson and Hiatt along the lines of prevention of tuberculosis, and by Dr. Sumner regarding the early symptoms. These talks were especially clear, concise and were readily understood by the laymen present. Every effort was made on the part of the doctors to make the meeting a conference rather than a speech making event. Talks were also made by Revs. Johnson and Bowen and Miss Esther Ross.

It is to be regretted that the attendance was not larger the number of members of the profession present being very small.

Why Not Commencement

The commencement exercises of Why Not Academy and Business Institute will be held on Thursday, May 25th, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. There will be three gold medals awarded. One given by Mr. D. A. Cornelison, of Seagrave, N. C., for the best recitation among the children. One given by Seagrave Council, No. 327, Jr. O. U. A. M., for the best recitation among the young ladies. One given by Why Not Local, No. 1383, Farmers' Union for the best declamation among the young men of the school.

The following are the commencement officers: Managers, H. H. Lowdermilk, Chief; Subs, J. A. Russell, Hobart Deaton, Boyd Pressnell. Marshals: A. S. Deaton, Chief; Subs, F. R. Auman, Grady Garner, W. K. Henson.

The speaker for the address has not yet been secured, but it is hoped that a good speaker will be secured for the occasion. The public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy the exercises. The usual large attendance is expected.

The Farmer Cornet Band will furnish music for the occasion. The school is larger this spring than it has ever been at this time in any previous year in the history of the school.

Died

Miss Pattie Hooker, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hooker, of near Asheboro, died last Friday and was buried in the Asheboro cemetery Saturday. The deceased had been ill with consumption for some time. Her friends will be sorry to hear of her death.

RANDOLPH FARMERS UNION.

Resolutions Concerning Farm Life School for Randolph Discusses County Exhibits for this Fall.

The Farmers Cooperative and Educational Union of Randolph county met in the Court House at 11 a. m. May 6. The roll call was answered by 21 locals, President Kearns in the chair.

The session opened, by the members repeating the Lord's Prayer in concert, after which reports were in order, which showed the order to be in a thriving condition.

The usual routine of business being dispensed of the matter of a Farm Life School for Randolph county was taken up and highly approved by the farmers in the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Farmers' Union of Randolph that this county should take advantage of the act passed by the last general assembly for the establishment and maintenance of a Farm Life School, and the president of this Union is hereby directed to appoint a committee of five to investigate the matter and report at our next meeting Saturday, July 4 at 11 a. m.

A call for a meeting of the farmers' agricultural committee report called forth some very interesting discussion in regard to a county exhibit this fall for the County of Randolph, but as yet no definite plan has been formed. The present committee will be enlarged and notice given for a meeting of this committee to join with a committee of the chamber of commerce of Asheboro for the purpose of forming a central committee and sub-committees for the county and township to work out full plans for the exhibit this fall, and the farmers ask a hearty co-operation of all the different interests of the county that the resources and possibilities of our great county may be properly placed before our friends who would visit it on that occasion, and also the prospective citizen who should wish to come to this county to live.

The committee will be called to meet in Asheboro on May 20th, and it is earnestly hoped this committee will not only meet them, but will also meet a hearty response from railroads, bankers, manufacturers, merchants and farmers (not members of the Union) will all do their very best to make a great success for our good county.

Yours very truly,
W. R. JULIAN,
County Secretary.

Dr. Covington To Fight Hookworm

Dr. P. W. Covington of Rockingham, has given up his private practice to assume the duties of District Director of the campaign against hookworm disease.

He, like the other three District Directors already in the work in the State, is well fitted to fill his office. He received his academic education at Davidson College, and his medical education at the University of North Carolina and the University of Maryland. After serving as hospital resident physician for one year he located at Rockingham.

The three physicians already holding positions as District Directors are Doctors E. W. Page, C. F. Stroussler and J. L. Pridden. These, with Dr. Jno. A. Ferrell, the State Director of the campaign make four physicians giving their entire time to the hookworm campaign. Besides the physicians there are six microscopists in the laboratory of Hygiene at Raleigh devoting their entire time to making the examinations for hookworm infection.

Since the beginning of the campaign more than 20,000 people in the State have availed themselves of the opportunity for having free examinations made for the disease. Approximately one-third of them have shown infection.

Mr. Lucas Captures A Distillery

Mr. C. H. Lucas who was here Wednesday tells us that he captured another large distillery near Edgar church in New Hope township. He destroyed about 1000 gallons beer. The operator was not captured.

The barn of Mr. T. S. Bouldin of near Arohdale was burned last Monday night.

STATE PRIZES AWARDED

Six Prizes of Five Dollars Each Given for Essays on Health Subjects

Six North Carolina school children will have glad hearts this week when they receive one of the five dollar prizes for the best essay on one of the following subjects: General Sanitation, Hookworm Disease, and Tuberculosis. Two prizes were offered for the best essay on each of the subjects, one prize to go for the best essay by a child under fifteen years of age, the other for the best essay by a child over fourteen years of age. The committee awarded the prizes as follows:

General Sanitation

Under 15 years of age, Angus Travis, Weldon, N. C., age 12. Over 14 years of age, Rozena Penymann, postoffice address not known.

Hookworm Disease

Under 15 years of age, Sarah Richardson, postoffice address not known, age 14.

Over 14 years of age, Oliver Rand, Smithfield, N. C., age 15.

Tuberculosis

Under 15 years of age, Edith Farmer, Raleigh, N. C., age 11.

Over 14 years of age, Inez Grace Wilkes, Chadbourn, N. C., age 16.

These prizes were offered by the Health Department of the State Federation of Women's Clubs through the activity of Mrs. W. N. Hutt, Chairman of the Health Department, Raleigh, N. C. It is hoped to have another set of prizes offered for similar work next school term so that the school children will do well to acquaint themselves with health matters. The State Board of Health sends out free literature on request.

Mrs. Hutt will appreciate knowing the address of Sarah Richardson, or Rozena Penymann.

Happenings at Chapel Hill

Carolina scored a big victory in baseball Friday afternoon when the varsity defeated Washington and Lee University 9 to 1. The varsity won the game by their heavy slugging, but it was an example of brilliant fielder's work which kept the Virginians from scoring after the first inning.

Things are moving on fast toward Commencement now. The Golden Fleece, the honor organization which chooses seven members from each rising senior class, men whom they consider prominent in certain phases of college life has initiated, A. D. Folger, L. N. Morgan, C. E. Teague, R. W. Winston, Jr., J. A. Lockart, R. A. Freeman, and R. M. Hanes. The Colonial Dames prizes awarded annually by the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames have been awarded to W. B. Gness, first prize \$100.00 and A. C. Ward second prize 50.00. The Ben Smith Preston Cup in journalism given annually by Hon. E. R. Preston of Charlotte in memory of his brother, Ben Smith Preston, an old student of the University who died a few years ago while reporting on the Atlanta Georgian, has been awarded to L. N. Morgan of the Senior Class. The baseball season ended Saturday. Senior examinations begin May 10. Everything is getting in order for the final stretch of the college year for about ninety seniors and twenty graduate students, the last year of their college career.

The baseball season just closed was in many ways the most successful in over five years. For the first time since the beginning of the custom of playing a series of three games annually with the University of Virginia, Carolina won two out of three from her time honored enemy. The defeat of Washington and Lee in the game which broke Moran's famous record of being the only undefeated college pitcher in the South, was a much desired and in most cases a little expected deed. Victories from Guilford, who won from A. & M. and South Carolina who also defeated A. & M. as well as Georgetown and Lafayette, make the season in all highly successful. As a matter of fact no team in the South has a clear claim to the South Atlantic Championship, but this fact is largely due to these Carolina victories just mentioned.

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State Normal Commencement

The Courier has received an invitation to the commencement exercises of the State Normal College to be given May 20—23.

UP TO SENATE NOW

House Passes Free List Bill by vote of 236 to 109.

The first Democratic tariff bill passed the House last Monday night by a vote of 236 to 109, the Democrats voting solidly and mustering 24 Republicans with them. Despite the efforts of the Republicans, not a single change was made in the bill, an attempt by Mr. Mann to recommit the bill to the ways and means committee was tabled by the House.

Women of Randolph County Expected to Help in Making Industrial Fair a Success.

While arrangements are being made for the Industrial Fair it must not be forgotten that the women of Randolph county have a large part in making the fair a success. Every woman in Randolph county is urged to begin now preparing to add to the exhibits. The men will doubtless deal with the outside exhibits and the women the inside. Just as the man looks after the farm and its products, the woman should in the domestic department, which embraces all kinds of needle work, fancy, and substantial, all things in the culinary line, such as pickles, jellies, preserves, canned goods, cakes, breads, butter, etc. Girls can make quilts, crochet, knit embroidery, and aid in making this the best county industrial fair in the state. The Chrysanthemum Show will be held in connection with the fair instead of for benefit of local Betterment Association, as it has been heretofore, and flowers will add greatly to the fair. Don't neglect the floral part which will add to the beauty and pleasure of the occasion. A committee from the Women's Club in Asheboro will be appointed to work with the committee of ladies from each township in the county. These ladies will be glad to hear from the different localities and will help in every way possible to make the fair a success.

Women's Home Missionary Society of the M. P. Church in Session at Denton—Orphans Home Established.

The North Carolina Branch of Women's Home Missions is in session at Denton this week. The society in North Carolina is less than three years old. Since its organization funds have been raised to aid in mountaineer work in Kentucky in mission work among emigrants in cities and among Indians in the western part of the United States. One year ago, at the meeting in Greensboro, it was decided that the North Carolina Branch would undertake a work of its own, and work among orphans was decided upon. A location was offered at Denton. The use of the old school building, which had been converted into a dwelling house and free tuition for all who were taken. On Aug. 22, the Orphans Home was opened. During the first week three children from Asheboro came, since that time the number of the family has reached seventeen. The children have not only been cared for by Misses Williams and Auman who have charge of the institution, but they have had good educational advantages in the Denton High School, of which Rev. Geo. L. Reynolds is principal. The following are the officers of the Missionary Society and the work of the Orphans Home has been under their supervision:

President Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer, Asheboro, N. C.; Vice President Mrs. E. B. Siler, Siler City, N. C.; Corresponding Secretary Miss Frances Sinton, Greensboro, N. C.; Recording Secretary Miss Mable Williams, Denton, N. C.; Treasurer, Miss Virla Coble, Liberty, N. C.; Assistant Treasurer Miss Etta Auman, Seagrave, N. C.

Mr. Stedman Resigns

Mr. W. D. Stedman after qualifying as town commissioner last Thursday night resigned to take effect immediately. His successor has not yet been elected. The members of the board will elect some one qualified to serve as commissioner.

Editor Josephus Daniels of the News and Observer, who has been on a two weeks' trip to New York and Washington, is ill at Washington. It may be some time before he returns to the State.