

### WASHINGTON LETTER

#### Embalmers Against Dr. Wiley—Taft Against Great Food Exports—Easy Money for Steel Trust

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Washington, July 20. A remarkable series of facts which have come to light within the last twenty-four hours indicate that packers of embalmed beef are the influence that have been principally behind the plot to have Dr. H. W. Wiley ousted from public service.

Manufacturers of embalmed beef are at present, by virtue of an order issued by the department of agriculture, permitted to use benzate of soda in whatever quantities they may desire. Dr. Wiley not only opposed the issuance of his order, maintaining that the preservative is decidedly harmful in its effects upon the human system but has worked untiringly to educate the people to the danger lurking in packed meats in which benzate is used.

The result is that several states have passed legislation absolutely forbidding the use of the drug in any quantity whatsoever. Therefore Dr. Wiley has become a standing menace to the embalmed beef industry. "This man Wiley has got to go," was the edict that went out from the embalmed meat manufacturers.

When Dr. Wiley held that benzate of soda was harmful to the human system, the packers appealed to the Remsen reference board, especially packed with friends of the food dopers, which board very promptly and obligingly reversed Dr. Wiley.

The board held that benzate of soda in small quantities, specified as five-tenths of one gram per day, was not injurious to healthy persons. But when the order was issued legalizing the use of benzate, no limitation whatsoever was made as to the amount of the drug the packers might use.

Remarkable circumstances attend the issuing of the order letting down the bars to the food dopers. The order was issued on March 3, 1909, and was put into circulation March 4, the day President Taft went into office. It was signed by George B. Cortelyou, Oscar S. Straus and James Wilson, three cabinet officers, as required by law. Of the three men, two were to retire from office the next day and actually retired before the scope of their order became known.

This order giving government sanction to the use of the product of benzoic acid meant that we were going back 5000 years, for benzoin or its products had not been used in the preservation of flesh since the Egyptians stopped embalming their dead.

Chemist Floyd W. Robinson, one of Dr. Wiley's prominent assistants, recently appeared as a witness against benzate in an action brought by the state of Indiana to prevent the sale of foods containing benzate, and before Dr. Wiley had a chance to intervene Robinsons dismissal "for the good of the service" followed.

Find the influence that was powerful enough to have the three cabinet officers issue the order legalizing the doping of foods," say Dr. Wiley's friends, "and you will learn the identity of the men who have ever since been plotting to have Dr. Wiley ousted."

**Taft Against Wiley**  
Since Taft has been in the White House he has invariably opposed Dr. Wiley instead of having co-operated with him in the interests of pure food.

In his decision against Dr. Wiley, in the interests of adulterated whiskey, the President reversed the findings of ex-President Roosevelt, former Attorney General Bonaparte, Chief Government Chemist Dr. H. W. Wiley, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, the Remsen board, the United States Pharmacopoeia, the internal revenue bureau of the treasury, the standards adopted by twenty-six states, fifteen of the United States courts, and President Taft's father, the former attorney general of the United States.

**Incriminating Evidence Disappears**  
Following the mysterious disappearance of the "Dick to Dick" letter from the files of the interior department comes the discovery that a full set of Controller Jay maps have also disappeared from the files of the War department.

### James Jordan Returns from Richmond

The High News & Observer of Tuesday week has the following interesting article on Randolph's prominent citizens.

Rev. James Jordan, a Baptist minister of prominence, has stopped off on his return from Richmond, Va., to his home in Franklinsville, N. C., and is spending some time with relatives in town. Though he is in his eighty-fourth year, he travels unattended.

Having spent sixty-odd years in the active ministry, and having reared two families of children who are now domiciled in various States from Rhode Island to Texas, he is naturally regarded as a patriarch, and for one of his age, is physically well preserved, and strong in mind also.

Born and reared at Troy, N. C., when most of his life has been passed, he moved to Randolph county some fifteen years ago, where he still resides and is the subject of kindly interest among many friend and well wishers.

Mr. Jordan now occupies the pulpit but seldom. He still, however, does much preaching in the homes which he visits, and he expects to continue this to the end of his pilgrimage.

### Summer School at Asheboro.

Because of an apparent demand for such I will teach a summer school of one month or more beginning next Monday, July 31. The school will be conducted in the graded school building and will be primarily for the benefit of those students who failed to be promoted from last year's class. For terms, etc., which will be moderate, call at the school building Saturday morning previous to the opening of school.

**O. V. Woosley.**  
P. D. Gold Jr., of Raleigh, has been elected secretary of the North Carolina Audubon Society to succeed Prof. T. Gilbert Pearson, who has resigned to become secretary of the National Audubon Society with headquarters at New York.

The maps in question were seen not only by M. F. Abbot, but by Delegate Wickersham of Alaska, Gifford Pinchot and by Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimson. Yet Major J. B. Cavanaugh of the War department testified before the Graham committee that the maps are not in the files now.

It is believed by members of the committee that the Ryan conspirators as soon as the present exposure was threatened took means to have moved from the government files all incriminating evidence.

"The files have been tampered with. This is obvious, and in fact, the only conclusion this committee can reach in the face of the evidence at hand," said Chairman Graham. "It would seem that the files are not to be relied upon to give us the truth."

"Altering records is a serious offense and this committee will go to the bottom of it."

**Dr. Wiley's Offense**  
Doctor Wiley took one-third of the time of a first class man instead of all the time of a third class man. That is the actual "offense" for which the great friend of the people is being narrated by the Taft administration.

**The Same Old Cradle Howl**  
That "the reduction of sugar duties would ruin the domestic production of cane sugar and that free sugar would annihilate both the cane and beet sugar industries of the country" is the cry from that lusty lunged infant—the Sugar Trust.

In the name of the small growers and producers the Trust is whining and pulling for a high tariff—for protection. With protection the small, independent interest has the happy prospect of being absorbed, annihilated, wiped out, as soon as the tariff-succored infant is ready to smite its go-between.

### Easy Money for Steel Trust

That the United States Steel Corporation forces independent steel concerns to pay exorbitant prices for hauling or over its roads is a point that the Steel Trust Committee of Inquiry will investigate. The committee is informed that the trust loads charge enough for hauling one load of ore for an independent company to pay for transporting two loads of its own.

### COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

#### Rev. A. G. Dixon to Address the Convention—Speaker Comes Well Prepared.

The Committee Program for the County Sunday School Convention to be held in Asheboro, August 17th and 18th, have secured Rev. A. G. Dixon, of High Point, as one of the speakers. Mr. Dixon attended the International Convention in San Francisco in June; and is, therefore, particularly well fitted for service, not only in this convention, but in his work for the cause in the State Association and his own denomination. The Committee is unusually fortunate in securing his services.

The Executive Committee of the Association again urges the necessity of appointing delegates from the several schools at once, and sending their names to Miss Berta Ellison, the County Secretary, whose address is Franklinsville, superintendents and Township and County Officers who expect to attend should also send their names to her in order that homes may be provided for them.

It is urged that the pledges made last year by the several townships be collected and sent to Miss Ellison at once, that the report of the Treasurer may be completed by the Meeting of the Convention.

### D. J. R. Brown Dead

Dr. John R. Brown, a brother of the late Henry Clay Brown, died in a sanitarium in Knoxville, Tennessee, after having been in declining health probably from overwork for more than a year.

Dr. Brown was 56 years of age. While a native of Randolph county, most of his boyhood was spent in Chatham county.

Several years ago, Dr. Brown came within one vote of being elected Superintendent of the Central Insane Hospital of North Carolina. He was for many years assistant superintendent of the Central Insane Hospital for the Insane, and later assistant superintendent of the Eastern Hospital for Insane at Knoxville. He was a graduate of Trinity College and the Indiana University of Medicine, and was a specialist in nervous diseases and insanity.

Dr. Brown is survived by one brother, Hon. J. M. Brown, of Asheville, N. C., and one sister, Mrs. Emma Woodman, of Raleigh.

### Widow of Revolutionary Soldier.

Mrs. Mary Trawick Proctor, a native of Wake County, North Carolina, now living in Bartow County, Georgia, is 111 years of age. She has lived in three centuries, under the administrations of all the presidents except Washington.

Her husband to whom she was married at the age of 19 was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812; he has been dead many years.

Mrs. Proctor lives alone with her daughter, Miss Mary Proctor a woman ninety years of age and two great great-grand children, all that are left of six generations. The family is very poor, subsisting on a small pension. Mrs. Proctor receives for her husband's service in the War of 1812 supplemented by the profits derived from a small cotton and garden patch tended by the aged daughter, who never tires in her feeble efforts to serve her more feeble mother.

A movement has been started in Atlanta to raise funds that will be sufficient to care for the two old women the rest of their lives.

A black bear has recently been seen in the woods near Granite Quarry, Rowan County.

### Institute Lecturers

The men and women who lecture before the Farmers and Women's Institutes this summer will be better prepared for their work than ever before. They come from the recent Normal Institute in Raleigh which was presided over by Prof. S. B. Heiges, of Virginia, one of the best institute men in the country and Mrs. Henrietta C. Calvin, of Indiana, who stands in the front rank as a teacher of home economics and institute women.

### SHORT ITEMS OF NEWS

Hickory is to have a fair this fall.

Governor Hoke Smith, of Georgia, has been elected United States Senator to succeed Joseph M. Terrell.

John A. Vickers, a well known Durham man committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor last Sunday.

A case of Asiatic cholera was discovered last week in Bellevue hospital, New York. The victim, a Spanish sailor was taken to quarantine.

While attempting to cross a railroad track at Laurel Hill, Mr. J. T. Lookey, of Wadesboro, was instantly killed last Sunday morning.

Senator F. M. Simmons has accepted an invitation to address the National Good Roads Association at Chicago in September.

Mrs. William F. Jones, of Winston-Salem, had both arms and her nose broken by falling down stairs last Thursday.

Dr. Louis Booker, of Charlottesville, Va., has been appointed assistant resident physician at the State Tuberculosis Hospital at Montrose.

In Reems Creek Township, Buncombe county there are 15 persons past 80 years of age. Seven years ago there were 21.

From now on Caldwell County will supply free of charge to people not able to pay anti-toxin for the prevention and cure of diphtheria.

According to the census report, the cotton growing center of the United States in 1910 was three miles south of Vaiden, Carroll county, Mississippi.

Asiatic cholera has reached Boston. One woman is dead, her children detained at the quarantine station, and two foreign sailors thought to have the disease are somewhere in the city their exact whereabouts unknown.

The greater Charlotte Club invites all boards of trade and commercial organizations to meet in Charlotte September 12, for the purpose of urging the "Back Home" movement.

"Dr." I. H. Adkisson, an aged man of Greensboro, who sells patent medicines is in jail at that place charged with criminal assault on Clemmie Smith, a sixteen year old girl.

An act of Congress last February authorized the erection at Guilford Battle Ground of a \$30,000 monument to General Nathaniel Greene, the American commander at the battle of Guilford Courthouse in the Revolutionary War.

Mrs. Kathryn Keough Conrad-Fuller-Harkness, who was born in Greensboro and lived there during girlhood was recently married the fourth time to Louis G. Meyer, of New York, a millionaire asphalt contractor.

Mr. S. O. Frostick, of Maxton, was killed by a freight train at that place last Friday. Mr. Frostick was the father of the S. A. L. agent at that place. He was somewhat deaf and probably did not hear the train approaching. He was a highly respected citizen.

About four o'clock last Friday morning, Misses Lucy and Mary Lee Shine, of Rocky Mount, saw a negro crawl through the window into their sleeping room. The young ladies screamed and the negro fled. A sister of theirs hurried in and fired a pistol shot after the fleeing figure.

Cephus, the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lane, of Surry county, committed suicide by shooting himself one day last week, because his father punished him for not working in the field when the boy claimed to not feel well.

Thomas Gastor, a young white man of Concord, attempted suicide last Sunday by taking four tablets containing 30 grains of bichloride of mercury, and is in a critical condition. The young man was dependent from heavy drinking. He has a wife and five children.

Little Brown the six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fosperman of Statesville was instantly killed last Thursday by being crushed under the wheels of a threshing machine. The child was visiting her grand-parents in the country, and seeing others riding on the tongue of a passing thrasher attempted to join them but fell backward under the wheel her head being crushed.

### Reunion of the Blue and Gray.

One of the most unique as well as interesting and touching incidents in history was the celebration last week of the fiftieth anniversary of Bull Run or the first battle of Manassas. The peace jubilee and reunion of the battle-scarred veterans of two armies once opposed to each other began on Sunday, July 16, with a sermon by Rev. H. N. Cauden, chaplain of the House of Representatives, who last his sight while serving in the Union army, and lasted during the week, the crowning feature coming on Friday, exactly fifty years after the battle.

At 9 o'clock in the morning the aged veterans, who wore the gray in the well nigh invincible army of the South from one side, and the gray-haired men, who in uniforms of blue, were at last victors, from the other side marched across the historic battlefield until they met and clasped each other's hands in brotherly friendship. The event was witnessed by six thousand people, including many prominent persons. At the Henry House, the center of the battlefield, an address of welcome was made by Col. Edmond Berkeley, of the Eighth Virginia regiment and responded to by George W. Gordon, Grand Commander of the United Confederate Veterans, and Gen. John E. Gilman, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Each veteran was then presented with a badge, the gift of Col. R. M. Thompson. A luncheon or "love feast" followed the return from Bull Run to Manassas, and in the evening the jubilee anthem, composed by Mrs. Mary Speed Mercer, of Elm City, N. C., was sung by 48 young ladies representing the 48 states. This is the chorus of the anthem:

"America, all hail to thee,  
Thanks be to God who made us free,  
North, South, East, West, hand  
clasped in hand,  
Unite we, thy children, stand."

During the evening addresses were also made by President Taft and Governor Mann, of Virginia.

Committees from the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Confederate Veterans planned the Jubilee Reunion. During the week "The Blue and the Gray and Their Sons," a national organization, was perfected.

At the battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861, the Confederates under Johnson won a decisive victory over the Federals under McDowell. It was here that T. J. Jackson won the immortal name of "Stonewall."

In August, 1862, when Lee and Longstreet were opposed to each other at Manassas, the tide of victory turned to the Federals.

### Burgess—Cox.

On Sunday, July 23, Mr. Walter Burgess and Miss Maude Cox were married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Jennie Cox near Ransom.

Only a few intimate friends of the contracting parties were present. The bride was becomingly gowned in white. The attendants were Mr. Dean Thompson with Miss Alma Cox, Mr. Ernest York with Miss Maude Burgess, Mr. Grady Parks with Miss Allene Cox and Mr. Wesley Thompson with Miss Myrtle Burgess.

The beautiful and useful presents attested the high esteem in which the couple are held.

Mr. Burgess is a son of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Burgess, while his bride is the daughter of Mrs. Jennie Cox. The best wishes of a host of friends go with them through life.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess will reside on Ransom Route 1.

### Dies at age of 119

Priscilla Hill, a colored woman of near Strieby, died July 13, at an extreme age. There is said to be good evidence that she was 119 years of age. Several sons and daughters survive, some of whom are nearing their eightieth birthdays. She was never a slave having been of class of colored people known as the "free" before the Civil war.

### Woman's Mission Society

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Piedmont Baptist Association met in Asheboro yesterday. An interesting program was carried out.

### Reciprocity Bill Passed.

The Bill for Reciprocity with Canada without amendment passed the Senate last Saturday by a vote of 53 to 27.

The vote on the bill was as follows:

Republicans against the bill: Borah and Heburn, Idaho; Bourne, Oregon; Bristow and Curtis, Kansas; Burnham, New Hampshire; Clapp and Nelson, Minnesota; Clark and Warren, Wyoming; Crawford and Gamble, South Dakota; Cummins and Kenyon, Iowa; Dixon, Montana; Gronna and McCumber, North Dakota; LaFollette, Wisconsin; Lippett, Rhode Island; Lorimer, Illinois; Oliver, Pennsylvania; Page, Vermont; Smith, Michigan; Smoot, Utah.

Democrats against: Bailey, Texas; Clarke, Arkansas; Simmons, North Carolina.

Republicans for the bill: Bradley, Kentucky; Brandegee, McLean, Connecticut; Briggs, New Jersey; Brown, Nebraska; Burton, Ohio; Crane and Lodge, Massachusetts; Collom, Illinois; Guggenheim, Colorado; Jones and Poindexter, Washington; Nixon, Nevada; Penrose, Pennsylvania; Perkins and Works, California; Richardson, Delaware; Root, New York; Stephenson, Wisconsin; Townsend, Michigan; Wetmore, Rhode Island.

Democrats for: Bacon, Georgia; Bankhead and Johnston, Alabama; Bryan and Fletcher, Florida; Chamberlain, Oregon; Chilton and Watson, West Virginia; Cul'erson, Texas; Davis, Arkansas; Foster, Louisiana; George and Owen, Oklahoma; Hitchcock, Nebraska; Johnson, Maine; Kern and Shively, Indiana; Martin and Swanson, Virginia; Martin, New Jersey; Myers, Montana, Newlands, Nevada; O'Gorman, New York; Overman, North Carolina; Paynter, Kentucky; Pomerene, Ohio; Reed and Stone, Missouri; Smith, Maryland; Smith, South Carolina, Taylor, Tennessee; Williams, Mississippi.

The Canadian Parliament has not yet acted on the matter.

### Deaths.

Mr. Angus Shaw, a prominent citizen of Maxton and a Confederate veteran died last Monday.

Mrs. Mary E. Cowan, aged 67 years, died at her home in Salisbury last Monday, also, Mrs. Fannie Marable widow of the late J. S. Marable, formerly of Salisbury, died at her home in Richmond, Va., last week.

Will Glenn, the seventeen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith, of Lexington, died last Sunday.

### Children's and Old Folks Day at New Salem.

At New Salem church next Sunday there will be a children's Day service in the morning and in the afternoon an Old Folks Day service. A special program is being prepared for the Children's exercises and they promise to be of interest.

The afternoon will be given over to the older folks. Addresses will be made by prominent men. Everybody is invited to bring their dinner and enjoy the occasion.

### Romantic Marriage

Dr. S. E. Douglass and Miss Ruth Ingram, both of Mt. Gilead, were married in Raleigh last Friday. Neither the family of the bride nor groom knew anything of the marriage, until the young people arrived in Raleigh; the groom procured a license, and proceeded to the home of his father, where the Rev. Dr. O'Kelly soon arrived and performed the ceremony.

The two young people had left Mt. Gilead at the same time Miss Ingram leaving the impression that she was going to Clayton for a house party and Dr. Douglass ostensibly leaving for his summer vacation.

The bride is an attractive young woman, the daughter of Dr. C. B. Ingram, of Mt. Gilead, while her husband is a son of Hon. W. O. Douglass, of Raleigh. He is engaged in the practice of his profession at Mt. Gilead.