

ADMINISTRATION FALLS FAR SHORT

Too Wide a Cleavage Between the Two Factions—May Defeat Party Next Year.

(By David F. St. Clair.) Washington, Dec. 19.—There is a growing fear among Republicans that the present situation in congress will defeat the party in its national campaign next year.

A tax reduction bill along administration lines is now being framed by the Republican leaders of the ways and means committee.

But the Coolidge administration is almost as much interested in letting the railroads alone at this juncture as it is securing the enactment of the Mellon tax reduction program.

In the meantime the President is marching towards his nomination with flying colors. The negro vote of the North has been assured by restoring to the South its black belt in the party.

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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS TO ACT AS SANTA CLAUS TO NEEDY

The Knights of Pythias will act as Santa Claus to worthy needy people in this community and have appointed a committee composed of Rev. H. F. Fogleman, A. I. Ferree and J. D. Ross to look after it.

Had To Be Identified Before He Could Be Placed in Prison.

Howard Beck, young white man of Guilford county who was sent to the State penitentiary for from two to five years for having stabbed a negro who died from the wounds, did not want to be carried to the state prison under guard, attempted to make the trip alone.

Mr. John M. Morehead Dies at His Home in Charlotte.

John Motley Morehead, former Representative in Congress and former member of the Republican National Committee, died in Charlotte of pneumonia at his home. He had been ill for one week. He was 57 years old.

He was a dominant and leading factor in the Republican party of the state.

Mr. Morehead was interested in manufacturing and farming.

Mr. Morehead was a grandson and namesake of John Motley Morehead, governor of North Carolina, for two successive terms, 1841 to 1845.

Lewis E. Jones of Trinity Township Dead.

Lewis E. Jones, 32 years of age, of near Hopewell, died at his home in Trinity township Sunday. Mr. Jones had been in ill health for the past 14 years but his death came as a result of a siege of pneumonia.

Mr. Jones was a farmer. He is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Jones; and four brothers, Dr. A. C. Jones, of High Point, W. H. Jones, C. V. Jones and A. L. Jones, all of Trinity township. He was a cousin of Mr. R. A. Gaddis, of Asheboro.

AGED RANDOLPH WOMAN DIES AT JAMESTOWN

Mrs. Louisa Modlin died at the home of her niece, Mrs. J. L. Skeen, near Jamestown Sunday.

She was 86 years old and was the daughter of the late Enoch and Mary Farlow of Randolph county. The deceased was of the old fashioned Quaker type, being a lifelong member of the Marlboro Meeting of Friends. She was the sister of the late John Farlow.

Mrs. Modlin is survived by two brothers, David Farlow, of Guilford College, who is 84 years old, and William Farlow of Indiana who is 91 years old.

Four Deaths in One Home From Pneumonia.

Two sisters, Misses Martha J. and Permelia Boyd, died at the home of their sister near York, S. C. Friday within twelve hours of each other. They had gone to be with their sister, Mrs. Harper, who had died with pneumonia two weeks prior. Mrs. Harper's husband was the first of the family to contract the malady, which claimed four victims in one home.

HONOR ROLL FOR CEDAR SQUARE SCHOOL

First Grade—Clarence Coltrane, Otto Stead, Calvin Stead, Lena Stout, Annie Field.

TAR HEEL CONGRESSMEN TO GET BIG OPPORTUNITY

Committee Assignments to Afford North Carolina Delegation an Influence and Power Hitherto Not Experienced.

(By Frank W. Lewis, Washington correspondent, Winston-Salem Journal.)

Washington, Dec. 14.—Committee assignments for the North Carolina delegation in the lower house of congress seem to have been satisfactory to at least a majority of the members.

Ward on Insular Affairs. Representative Hallett S. Ward, of the first district, was assigned insular affairs and railroads and canals, committee positions he formerly occupied.

Representative John H. Kerr, successor to the late Claude Kitchen, of the second district, was assigned to public buildings and grounds, expenditures on public buildings and elections No. 3.

Representative Charles L. Abernethy, of the third district, was given committee assignments on expenditures in the navy department, public lands and coins, weights and measures.

Pou Holds Old Job. Representative Edward W. Pou, of the fourth district, retained his old position on the rules committee, where his service is regarded as invaluable. He did not seek any assignment whatever, and was not given any other assignment.

Representative C. H. Stedman, of the 5th district, retained his old assignment on foreign relations committee. This is a position of responsibility and honor.

Representative Homer L. Lyon, of the sixth district, was assigned to the rivers and harbors committee, and was given the fifth position in rank as the democratic member. For a comparatively new member on such an important committee this was highly complimentary.

Hammer Gets Big Place. Representative William C. Hammer, of the seventh district, was given important assignments, namely: District of Columbia, patents and pensions. He is regarded as a very useful member of the district committee, and the people who are fighting for numerous reforms and safeguards in the district have urged that he be retained on that committee.

Representative Robt. L. Doughton, of the eighth district, was taken out of the public lands committee and assigned to reforms in the civil service. He retained his old committee assignment on roads, being the ranking democrat on that committee, and expenditures in the department of agriculture.

Representative A. L. Bulwinkle, of the ninth district, was assigned to revisions of the laws and claims.

Representative Zebulon Weaver was assigned to territories and Indian affairs.

In view of the fact that a large number of democrats, elected at the last election, had to be taken care of in committee assignments, it is concluded that the North Carolina delegation fared well in their assignments as all of the members have been given important and essential work.

SENATE IS STILL BLOCKED

House in Tangle Over Soldiers' Bonus and Tax Bill.

The Senate is blocked over the election of a chairman of the interstate commerce committee. Senator Smith of South Carolina continues in the lead but is always short a few votes of election. The soldiers' bonus proposal and the tax bill have thrown the House into a tangle. Leaders want the bonus measure disposed of before the tax question is taken up.

Josephus Daniels Bryan's Dark Horse Presidential Candidate

The Washington Herald Tuesday carried an announcement that Hon. Josephus Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy was William J. Bryan's "dry" candidate from the south for President. The news caused considerable discussion in Washington and since the announcement in the State papers there has been much interest in North Carolina.

Mr. Daniels' many friends in Randolph are manifesting their interest.

PISGAH NEWS—MISS ERIE LUCAS BRIDE OF HAL MANESS

Wheat in this section is looking well. Mr. Hal Maness and Miss Erie Ella Lucas were quietly married Sunday. Mr. Maness is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Maness, of Pisgah, and Mrs. Maness is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Lucas, of Seagrove. They will make their home at Urah, where Mr. Maness works.

Mr. Jessie King visited friends near Pisgah, Sunday. Miss Fairy Maness spent the weekend with home folks. Mr. Theodore Auman and Mr. Jessie Maness, of Seagrove, were in Pisgah section Sunday.

Coolidge Frees War Prisoners.

The President decided the federal government had inflicted sufficient punishment on the persons convicted five years ago of interfering with the war with Germany. The prisoners who are now confined in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kans., will be freed as soon as the warrants of commutation are signed by the president and the necessary orders issued to the warden.

MANY SANTA CLAUS LETTERS COME TOO LATE

We have a large number of Santa Claus letters which reached us too late for publication. We have forwarded them to Santa Claus and sincerely hope that each child will get what it has asked for. We regret they came too late.

High Rock May Be Boy Scout Camp.

High Rock in Davidson county may be decided upon for a winter boy scout camp. Gordon Blair, scout executive and A. O. Kirkman, manager of the High Point, Thomasville and Boston railroad have been to High Rock to view the prospects for

CENTRAL FALLS MILL SOLD TO NORTHERNERS

Messrs. C. J. and Irvin Cox, who for the past few years have owned and operated the Central Falls cotton mill have sold it to three New York capitalists, Louis Hammer, Albert S. Cutler and Paul C. Turner. Mr. C. J. Cox still retains an interest in the mill. The property will under its new name be chartered the Pennsylvania Textile Mills, Inc. The capital stock has been increased and the mill which now operates 10,000 spindles will be enlarged. The company expects to assume active management by the first of the year. The new owners of Central Falls have controlling interest in a number of textile mills in the North.

JOINT MEETING OF WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

Monday afternoon a joint meeting of women's organizations, Home and Foreign Mission Societies and the Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. R. B. Ross on Wainman avenue with Mrs. Ross and Miss Esther Ross hostesses. After the ladies had assembled the pastor of the church, Rev. H. F. Fogleman led in prayer. This was followed by a Christmas Scripture lesson on the victrola. Mrs. E. L. Hayworth, who presided over the meeting called for the roll call and a few matters of business were disposed of. The meeting was then turned over to the program committee. Mrs. Amos Wittingham read an interesting paper on the activities of the Foreign Mission Society. A sketch of the Home Mission work in the church was reviewed by Miss Lollie Jones. Mrs. H. W. Walker told briefly of what the Ladies Aid was undertaking and invited new members into the society. Miss Mae Pressnell sang a lovely Christmas song followed by a story, "Why the Chimes Rang" by Miss Enolia Pressnell. The singing of "Silent Night" by all was the conclusion of the program. Femento-cheese and walnut sandwiches, coffee and whipped cream were served. This course was followed by little red baskets filled with mints. This joint meeting of the three societies has been an annual event for some years, but the meeting this week proved to be one of the most pleasant and profitable ever held. The home for this delightful occasion was decorated with holly and Christmas greens, making a lovely setting for the meeting.

DIED AT STALEY FRIDAY

Funeral and burial services for Mrs. A. Calhoun Brower were held at Staley Friday. Rev. A. Lester Lucas officiating. Mrs. Brower was 64 years old, and one of the most widely known residents of that section. Mrs. Brower had been in apparent poor health when she went to bed Thursday night, but was stricken suddenly with a paralytic stroke and died soon afterwards. She leaves her husband and one daughter, Mrs. J. T. Warren, of Staley.

GREENSBORO HIGH SCHOOL DEFEATS FRANKLINVILLE H. S.

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL MATTERS

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MRS. SAMUEL ALDRIDGE DEAD

Mrs. Samuel Aldridge, 84 years of age died Tuesday morning at her home two miles northwest of High Rock.

NO FIRE CRACKERS ON STREETS CHRISTMAS EVE.

Mayor Arthur Ross has issued orders that no fire crackers must be fired on the streets on Christmas eve. Persons wanting to enjoy fire crackers must use them at home. Restrictions however on Christmas day are lifted and there are no regulations.

BAPTIST CONVENTION CLOSES—DR. B. W. SPILLMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT

The ninety-third Baptist Convention in North Carolina which was in session at Gaston last week closed Saturday. Dr. B. W. Spillman was again elected president.

MISS BEULAH HAMMOND WEDS MR. PHILIP GARNER

A marriage of interest occurred last Sunday at the home of the officiating Justice, Mr. S. A. Cox of Pisgah, when Miss Beulah Hammond was married to Mr. Philip Garner.

THOMAS WILDER OF ABERDEEN VICTIM OF TETANUS

Thomas Wilder, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Wilder and a leader in high school activities, died Saturday afternoon at Aberdeen following an attack of tetanus, which developed from a cut on the hand while at play a week before.

The boy was not thought to be seriously ill until Thursday, when tetanus developed. The cut on the hand showed irritation and he complained of pains in the face, but the prevalence of mumps in the community dispelled fears of anything of a more serious nature.

FORMER TRINITY WOMAN DEAD

Miss Geneva Welborn, daughter of the late W. K. Welborn, Trinity, and sister of Mrs. W. A. Plummer, Greensboro, died December 8 at her home in Kansas City, Mo.

Miss Welborn had been living in Kansas City for the past several years.

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BIG CROWD WILL BE HERE MONDAY

Asheboro Merchants' Great Trade at Home Campaign Will Close.

The merchants of Asheboro joined in a "trade at home campaign" in the fall and set the date for the closing as the afternoon of December the twenty fourth. They say that the people of the county have co-operated splendidly and that the stores which entered have shown increased receipts as compared with last year's season. This movement was started for a twofold purpose, first for the benefit of the hometown merchant; second for the benefit of the people of this section who can buy as cheap or cheaper here than elsewhere. The association will give away on the street in Asheboro, Monday afternoon, the following presents: A new Ford touring car, with starter; a \$200. phonograph, \$20.00 in gold, \$10.00 in gold, \$5.00 in gold to each of four people.

Rev. A. W. Plyler Makes Bitter Attack on K. K. K. in His Address in Washington.

Rev. A. W. Plyler, of Greensboro, in a recent address made a very bitter attack on the Ku Klux Klan in which he stated that the Klan were a bunch of men from all walks of life who were attempting to regulate society by going about the country attempting to strike terror to the hearts of the uninitiated. Mr. Plyler said, "God save the Methodist church or any other church from a preacher who is too big a coward to go out in the open and fight." He was referring to a certain Methodist preacher who had put on the "night shirt and white rag" as he called it and had gone forth to regulate society by attempting to frighten various organizations and individuals into compliance with the laws of the Klan. The talk was heard by a very large crowd among which were a number of North Carolina editors.

Mr. Plyler was stationed in Asheboro for a number of years but has been connected with the Greensboro churches and editor of the Christian Advocate, the official organ of the Southern M. E. Conference in North Carolina.

SEAL SALES ON THE INCREASE

North Carolina this year will no doubt have the greatest sale of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals of any year in the history of the movement. Encouraging reports come from the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association under whose auspices the seals are sold. Indications are that not a few towns will double the number of seals sold last year. Asheville, Durham and perhaps Charlotte are three of the largest towns that give evidence of doubling their last year's sale.

The Tuberculosis Christmas Seal is now recognized as the one opportunity of all the year to discharge personal obligations to the great fight against the dreaded disease, tuberculosis.

STATE COLLEGE PLANS SHORT FARM COURSES

The State College in Raleigh has arranged four short courses in agriculture during the week of January 9 to 16. One course will be devoted to cotton, tobacco and small grains; one to fruit and vegetable growing; another to farm dairying and animal husbandry, and the fourth to poultry raising. The college authorities, according to the statement, have planned to make the course not only short but also practical and applicable to the rural woman as well as to the man on the farm. No tuition will be charged and the main cost of the courses for those taking them will be for boarding and lodging.

Charlotte Has Big Fire.

On Sunday night Charlotte had a disastrous fire which amounted to a loss of nearly a million dollars. The fire started about eight o'clock in the business section of the city and the local companies were assisted by companies from nearby towns. Four stores were burned and others gutted by flames and floods of water. Insurance covers most of damage to stocks.

COURIER TAKES VACATION NEXT WEEK

There will not be a regular edition of The Courier next week. The members of the force have been faithful and have worked over-time in getting out extra size papers, and deserve a rest during the holidays. The Santa Claus letters have caused much extra work and it has been cheerfully done for the little folks. Correspondents please take notes and send items in for following week.

Lexington May Get Junior Order Orphanage.

The committee appointed to locate the Junior Order orphanage near Lexington, Lexington and it is understood that Lexington has a splendid chance of securing the orphanage.