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GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES.

It was recently given out from Washington that President Wilson favors government control of telegraph and telephone lines.

Every argument in favor of the government ownership of telegraph lines may be advanced with equal logic and force in favor of the government ownership of telephone lines.

In June last a committee was appointed to make an investigation of this subject to determine the preliminary steps necessary for the government to take toward the acquisition of the telegraph lines of the country in accordance with section 5257 of the Revised Statutes.

A NEEDED REFORM.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has come to the rescue of the hungry traveler by putting on its trains a lunch-counter car, in which the passenger on that road may secure light refreshments easily and quickly and without having to pay the exorbitant prices of the Pullman diners.

Heretofore the development has been in the line of increasing luxury and formality suited principally to the over-rich and idle-rich, but totally unsuited and distasteful to the ordinary everyday busy man, and it is an encouraging sign that this tendency is being headed off in this practical way.

It is to be hoped that the other roads will follow suit.

It is a good move and the public

will without doubt approve of it and should give the roads credit for a desire to please their patrons.

WORDS OF WISDOM TO SOUTHERN FARMERS.

The following, written to the Tombigbee (Ala.) Clarion, contains a great deal of truth and whole chunks of common sense, and it could be scattered broadcast and read by all the farmers of the South, there might be a change for the better.

This is a parable that needs no interpretation. The Tombigbee sage talks to his fellow Alabamians more pointedly and spryly than an outsider could dare and his colors, in some strokes, are perhaps bolder than the picture warrants.

STEADY, HEALTHFUL GROWTH, NOT SUDDEN BOOMS, BEST FOR COMMUNITIES.

When a community goes into the boosting business it must have good grounds, in the way of natural resources or favorable industrial conditions, or both, upon which to build its claims, else it will surely reap a reaction from the boom and a consequent disaster.

In speaking of the fact that in Seattle 5,000 men without employment are to be housed at public expense, the Wilmington Star has this to say: Too Much Boom and Not Enough Build.

Seattle has had a rapid and wonderful growth and attracted a larger population than she can provide with employment. A citizens committee there has secured the use of abandoned buildings to house 5,000 unemployed men.

In order to experience a healthful and steady growth a city must have producers instead of consumers who become a burden on the city.

One of the good features of our section, and generally the South's rapid advance is that it is based not upon inflated booms and vainglorious boasts, but on a steady growth in its agricultural interests and industrial enterprises.

SOUTHERN REPRESENTATION IN THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The Republican National Committee, in session this week at Washington, passed a resolution that the committee should issue a call for the National Convention to be held in the year 1916, to nominate candidates for President and Vice-President.

This action, if taken, will reduce the representation of all the States from 1,983, as in 1912, to 993. North Carolina's representation will be reduced from 24 to 21, the First, Second and Sixth districts losing one delegate each.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS OF NEW BERNE.

The municipal affairs of New Berne seem to be in bad shape, according to the newspaper reports from that city. Auditors have been engaged for more than a year in going over the books of the city in all departments.

The greater part of this shortage shows in the water and light department, which was under the supervision, during the time mentioned above, of John Thomas, one of the candidates for the New Berne post-mastership.

The report does not say that Mr. Thomas collected this money, but that he was lax in his methods. However, the board of aldermen are holding him responsible for the money.

All of this is greatly to be regretted, but we trust that matters will work out better than now anticipated, and that the deplorable state of affairs will be a lesson, not only to New Berne, but to every town and city in the State.

OFFICERS OF DUKE LODGE.

Correspondence Observer. Duke, N. C., Dec. 20.—At the regular meeting of Washington Duke Lodge, No. 165, Knights of Pythias, Friday night, the following officers were elected for the first six months of the coming year.

The graded school closed Friday afternoon for the holidays, and several teachers left for their homes: Miss Rose Perry to Macon, Miss Mary Lucy Dupree to Greenville, Miss Margaret Cannaday to Oxford, Miss Nell Broome to Kinston, Miss Mary Boston to China Grove, Miss Flora McQueen to Dunn.

Mr. R. C. Oates has accepted the agency for the Metz Automobile Co. and has on exhibition some of their cars.

Master Edwin Holt who has been attending school at Oak Ridge and Master Thomas Webb at Horner have both returned for the holidays.

Fleeing from Tampico.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 22.—Tampico foreigners are fleeing aboard ships in anticipation of a rebel assault. They fear that Fletcher may be unable to maintain the neutral zone.

DEATH OF MR. CHAS. KENNEDY.

Mr. Charles Kennedy, who was stricken with a mortal illness on the streets Saturday afternoon, December 13, died at his home on Moore street last evening at 6 o'clock, aged 80 years, and as his spirit winged its flight there passed away a man who was without guile.

Mr. Kennedy was born in Fayetteville on November 6, 1833, and died only a short distance from the house of his birth. About the year 1840 he was apprenticed to E. J. Hale, Sr., proprietor of the Fayetteville Observer, to learn the printer's trade.

Mr. Kennedy was a faithful church member, and at the time of his death was an honorary member of the board of deacons of the First Baptist Church, this city.

Mr. Kennedy was for years a member of the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry Company, and was at one time its captain. He was a Confederate veteran, going to the front with the F. I. L. I. as a sergeant.

Dec'ed is survived by his wife and eight children—Messrs. E. J. Kennedy and J. L. Kennedy, of Fayetteville, C. W. Kennedy of Fort Myer,

Frank Thornton's

Two Big Stores Crowded with Holiday Goods and New Dry Goods for Winter Wear.

Received in the last week—new things for every department. Thousands of Handkerchiefs of every description, for men, ladies and children, and hundreds of useful articles for Christmas gifts.

Prices Slaughtered on Ready-to-wear Garments

- 200 Coat Suits for Ladies and Misses. \$15.00, 20.00 and 25.00 Suits on sale at choice, \$10.00. 50 heavy Wool Coats for Ladies and Misses. Values \$8.00 to 15.00, on sale at \$4.98 choice. Children's Cloaks, worth double at \$2.00 to \$5.00.

- NEW WOOL DRESS GOODS. 36 inch Poplins in black and colors, special 25 cents per yard. 54 inch Wool Poplins, Panamas and Mohairs, in black and colors, at 50 cents yard. \$1.00 quality 54 inch wool Serge, black and colors, our leader at 75 cents yard. 500 pieces of wool goods to select from at 25c to \$1.00 yard.

New Wash Goods For Winter Wear.

300 pieces dark Dress Ginghams, lovely patterns for Dresses and Waists. Colors guaranteed fast, special at 10 cents yard. New Outings, Flannellets, Peycals, Galateas, Calicoes, Plaids, etc., all arrived in the past few days.

Visit us when in Fayetteville. Make this store your headquarters. Bring your list, we can fill it all.

Frank Thornton

KINDLEY'S Last Shipments Before Christmas MERCHANDISE RECEIVED THIS MORNING AND NOW ON SALE. New wide border handkerchiefs, Initial handkerchiefs, Kid gloves, Neckwear, Crepe de chine scarfs, Furs, Linen towels, Mexican drawn work, Hand bags, Phoenix silk stockings, Holeproof silk stockings, Escoc silk stockings. SLAUGHTER SALE READY TO-WEAR GARMENTS goes merrily on. Every coat, suit, cloak, dress, hat and fur in stock is reduced to the last notch. COME ALONG NOW and have your suit for Christmas wear. W. E. Kindley Co. PHONE 225. Fayetteville, N. C.

Mr. D. J. Sessoms passed here last week on way home to Bladen from St. Paul.

DEATH OF MR. J. L. ANDREWS.

Mr. J. L. Andrews, a former esteemed citizen of Fayetteville, died in Greensboro Friday morning at 10 o'clock, aged 79 years.

Deceased was a good citizen and had many friends here, who will learn with sorrow of his death. He was a brave Confederate soldier, enlisting in Co. L, Sixth N. C. Regiment in 1861 and serving throughout the war.

The funeral services were held in Greensboro and the body brought here Sunday afternoon when it was taken to the cemetery for burial.

WILL SUPPORT MR. GODWIN.

Mr. J. B. Underwood Announces that He is not a Candidate for Congress and Will Throw His Influence to the Incumbent of the Sixth District.

Mr. J. B. Underwood of this city has for some time been looked upon as a probable aspirant for Congressman H. L. Godwin's seat in Congress from this sixth district.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Another "harmony conference" was staged in the capitol today when Joseph B. Underwood, of Fayetteville, and Representative Hannibal L. God-

win agreed that their views on who should succeed Mr. Godwin in the Sixth North Carolina District coincided precisely.

NEWS ITEMS FROM STEDMAN.

Stedman, N. C., Dec. 18.—Mrs. J. R. Sessoms returned last Wednesday a. m. from a short visit to her brother, Mr. B. F. Bullard at Savannah, and also to relatives in Waycross, Ga.

Prof. Ralph Fisher rendered a very interesting programme of piano selections at the school building here on Wednesday evening, the 10th. He was assisted in vocal selections by Prof. Scott.

Mrs. Ras Hair, of Gray's Creek, left Monday to visit her sister, Mrs. W. T. Autry at Dunbar, S. C.

The infant daughter, Annie Jane, of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor, who live five miles north of here, died Tuesday at 3 p. m., after a serious illness of several weeks.

Mr. Joe Everitt, of Moore County, and one or two members of his family have recently been spending a few days with relatives near here.

Mr. Carl Averitt is at home for the holidays from Bule's Creek Academy.

Mr. B. L. Culbreth, of Fayetteville, was also a business visitor here last week.

Fayetteville Markets.

Revised Daily. COTTON. Reported by Charles Halgh. Strict middling 12 3-4.

Table with columns for PRODUCE AT WHOLESALE, reported by A. S. Melvin Co. Items include Pork, Bacon, Country Butter, Turkeys, etc.

Wilmington Market.

NAVAL STORES. STAR OFFICE, Dec. 15. Spirits Turpentine—Steady, 41 1-2 cents per gallon.

GREENSBORO Business College GREENSBORO, N. C. Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Touch Typing, Penmanship. Write for catalog.

Tax Books now open. Call and pay your Taxes. N. H. McGEACHY, Sheriff.

WE HAVE DEPOSITORS Whose balances run into the thousands, others in the hundreds, and many with smaller accounts. RESOURCES OVER \$1,200,000.00 Bank With Us. FOURTH NATIONAL BANK. FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.