

EDUCATION

...the board of education recommended that C. Few be appointed assistant, and the county commissioner agreed on condition that his salary be fixed at \$4 per day, for such days as he devoted to that work. This action was mentioned in The Times some weeks ago.

But this week the board of education reported that Mr. Few would not accept the position on the terms offered, and they recommended that the pay be increased. The commissioner declined to authorize any increase, and suggested that some one else be appointed if Mr. Few did not care to accept the position. Chairman Russell said that he had four applications for the position on the terms specified, and he suggested that these applications be considered. The members of the education board declined to entertain that suggestion. And there the matter rests for the present.

Superintendent Sattle is still county welfare officer ex officio; but at present he has no assistant.

HOMICIDE IN TRANSYLVANIA

Levi and Owen, Sherman Owen and Robert Owen were held for court Tuesday without bond, by Robt. L. Gash, recorder of Bravard, upon a charge of shooting and killing a man named Patterson.

It seems that the Owens lived in free range territory in Gloucester township, and that Patterson lived in stock law territory. A hog belonging to the Owens got over on Patterson's premises and Patterson impounded it. The owner refused to pay the impounding fee, and Patterson advertised the hog for sale. At the time the hog was to be sold, the Owens went to Patterson's with their guns, and shot Patterson to death.

STRIKE SITUATION NOT GRAVE

Wednesday, for the first time in the prosecution of wage demands, the 14 national railroad unions are working in harmony. General Elmer Holt, manager of President Wilson's campaign, announced that the strike situation was not grave.

At the same time a national conference of the railroad unions was held in Washington, D. C., and it was reported that the unions in that city were in agreement that the strike situation was not grave.

AS TO AUTOMOBILES

The legislature of the North Carolina Legislature enacted the following law which provided punishment for persons running automobiles with defective lights.

Section 1. That any person who shall while intoxicated under the influence of intoxicating liquors or habit, or while operating an automobile upon any automobile upon the public highways of any county, or the streets of any city or town in the State of North Carolina shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$50 or imprisoned not less than thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Some parties have already been hauled over to court under this law, and officials say that the act will be invoked in every case where persons are caught operating an automobile while intoxicated or in a state of intoxication.

SCOTT COBURN

Scott Coburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Coburn, who resided on the Shaw's Creek road a short distance out of town, died at Patton Memorial hospital, Tuesday afternoon, from injuries he sustained on his bicycle about five weeks ago, when he fell or was thrown from his bicycle, against the curb stone on Fifth avenue. The body of the deceased boy was shipped to Salisbury, the former home of his parents, where interment was made in the family burying ground.

The accident in which Scott sustained injuries which caused his death, occurred on Fifth avenue in this city. The boy had been to town and was on his way back home on his bicycle when he ran into a pile of sand which he did not see until he was so near it that he could not avoid hitting it. When he struck the pile of sand Scott fell or was pitched on his head against the stone or pavement with such force that his skull was badly fractured. He was carried immediately to the hospital where it was recognized that his injuries were serious. Surgeons immediately performed an operation, in an effort to save the boy's life, and as he was occasionally rational after the operation, some hope was entertained for his recovery. However, it was soon realized by the doctors that there was practically no hope for his recovery.

Scott was the only child and this makes his death all the more regrettable. Mr. and Mrs. Coburn have the sympathy of the people of this vicinity in this time of their distress.

TAKING YANKS PRISONERS DIFFICULT JOB

Many of the crack American combat divisions which saw heavy fighting in France lost few men to the Germans in prisoners.

For example, the famous Rainbow division (40th), which saw service for over a year, lost 1 officer and 111 men in prisoners. The 2nd division, which included the marines, who earned undying fame in Belleau wood, lost 102 men and 5 officers, while the 1st division (regulars) lost no officers and 152 men.

From the 27th division (New York national guard) the enemy took prisoner 5 officers and 120 men, while the 7th division (New York national guard) lost 11 officers and 325 men.

The New England division (31st) lost 19 officers and 425 men and was second on the list in prisoners taken. The 30th division (Pennsylvania) took the list with 18 officers and 711 men taken prisoner. The 7th division took the list with 18 officers and 711 men taken prisoner.

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PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Under the provisions of a recently enacted law, all teachers elected to positions in the public schools are required, before the beginning of the school session, to stand a physical examination. The purpose of this law is to make sure that the teacher has not any communicable disease, especially tuberculosis. The examination may be made by any physician; but the county physician will make it without charge to the teacher.

Dr. L. E. Morse, county physician, requests The Times to state that he will be in the city school building on Fourth avenue Saturday, August 16, from 9:30 to 1 and from 2 to 5:30, for the purpose of examining such public school teachers as may present themselves on that date.

Teachers are requested to take notice of this announcement and govern themselves accordingly.

HOT WEATHER TO CONTINUE

According to the forecasts of Prof. J. W. Sparkman hot and dry weather, with exceptional showers, will continue through the balance of August and well up into September. Following are Prof. Sparkman's forecasts of the remainder of August:

Eighth to 11th showers and thunder storms covering wide areas of the country, but generally the rainfall will be below normal and crops in many places need rain, especially in Texas and the Middle West and upper Mississippi Valley. Twelfth to 18th hot wave. Excessive heat will be felt at most all sections; showers will be of almost daily occurrence in the Pacific States and northern Rocky Mountain region; local droughts in Middle, Southern and Eastern sections. Nineteenth to 21st Mercury-Venus period breaking the drought in Middle sections with copious rainfall accompanied with high winds and hail in some sections; general rains along the East Gulf and Middle states. Twenty-second to 27th hot spell. Hot, dry weather will cover the Northwest Rocky Mountains, and from Central Texas to Minnesota; local showers in North and East. Twenty-eighth to 31st unsettled period; wind and dust storms in West and North. Stormy in Gulf and South Atlantic regions on 31st, accompanied with heavy rain.

The above forecasts are for a day a storm crosses the Mississippi Valley. Changes in the West may be expected one to three days earlier, and in the East one to two days later.

BOOZE FIGHT IN SENATE

The United States Senate will not accept the Volstead prohibition enforcement bill as passed by the House, but will tone down some of its more drastic provisions. This is the prediction of those Senate leaders who have talked of the measure. A vote in the Senate will not be taken, however, before at least two months.

It is believed the section prohibiting the transportation of a private stock of liquor for personal purposes will be stricken out.

Anti-Saloon League to Battle The Anti-Saloon league will fight hard to keep this provision in the bill, and this organization is as powerful in the Senate as it proved itself in the House. The definition of intoxicating liquors as those containing one-half of one per cent of alcohol will not be changed, prohibition Senators predict.

Senators are chary of their opinions regarding the "dry" enforcement legislation to be passed by their chamber.

Expect to "Liberalize" Bill Senate Rules, of Tennessee, a member of the Judiciary committee, said.

"If the House bill is as drastic as it has been reported to me to be, I should think the Senate will not be able to pass it," said Senator H. H. Wheeler of Tennessee.

Senator Wheeler said that he expected the House bill to be as drastic as it has been reported to be.

UNION AT LAUREL PARK

The annual reunion of the Confederate Veterans will be held at Laurel Park, Thursday, August 14. Every body is invited to be present on that occasion and to bring a well-filled basket. An enjoyable time is anticipated.

Rev. W. F. Powell, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church of Asheville will speak at the casino at 11 a. m. Dr. Powell is well and favorably known in this county, and our people are always glad to hear him. Dinner will be served to the veterans.

A cordial invitation is extended to all visiting veterans.

150,000 MEN ON RHINE

The supreme council of the allied peace commission, sitting in Paris, has decided, according to unofficial reports, that an army of 150,000 men is necessary at present for the occupation of the Rhineland, under the terms of the German peace treaty. One hundred thousand men of this number will be French, the balance British and Belgians, with perhaps five or eight thousand Americans.

The organization of the military expedition for the occupation of Silesia during the taking of the plebiscite there is also under discussion by the council. The general understanding is that all the allied and associated armies should be represented.

Number of Americans Small In any case, it is considered probable that the proportion of Americans in the expedition will be comparatively small.

Dr. Karl Renner, the Austrian chancellor and head of the Austrian peace delegation, has returned to St. Germain, France, from consultation with other Austrian officials regarding the allied peace terms. At St. Germain, Dr. Renner will prepare a report regarding the complete peace terms.

The supreme council has sent a communication to the Hungarian people, advising them that, if they eject the government of Bela Kun, the Bolshevik leader, and institute a government with which the conference can deal, the blockade against Austria will be lifted and food relief provided.

FISH HATCHERY WANTED

A bill for the establishment of a fish hatchery at some point in the 10th district is now pending before Congress. The Asheville Board of Trade, the boards of commissioners of the several counties of the district, and other organizations will urge the passage of the bill which was introduced by Representative Weaver and is being supported by him.

Mr. Weaver thinks that with the people of the district manifesting a strong interest in the bill he can secure its passage. A fish hatchery is needed in this territory in order that the streams on the government reservation and other streams throughout all Western North Carolina may be kept well stocked with fish.

All individuals as well as other endorsement of the bill should be put in the form of letters, petitions and resolutions and forwarded to Hon. Zebulon Weaver, Washington, D. C., at once.

PART OF LUXURY TAX REPEALED

The House has voted to repeal the ten per cent tax on soda water and ice cream.

The House also passed the bill for reduction of the war tax on fruit prices, as urged by western producers. Members of the tax, fixed at two cents a gallon, was a flat reduction from 25 cents a gallon. All amendments were rejected from the bill, which applies to non-alcoholic beverages, including lemonade, grape and apple juice.

REUNION AFTER 25 YEARS

The reunion of the veterans of the 25th anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg will be held at Laurel Park, Thursday, August 14.

HOW THE TIDE IS SETTING

Up in the eighth Kentucky Congressional district they had a special election last week. The district is normally Democratic by about 1,500. But in the election last week the Republican candidate, King Swope, a returned soldier, was elected over Judge Charles A. Hardin by a majority of more than 1,200. This is the first time in the history of the district that it has gone Republican, and the fact that it went Republican last week shows how the tide is setting.

The campaign preceding the election in the district referred to, we have been informed, was waged upon issues centering about President Wilson's performances in Europe and the league of nations. Judge Hardin, the Democratic candidate, stumped the district, we are told, and made frantic appeals to the voters to support him at the polls so that he might uphold the President in his fight for the adoption of the league covenant as originally drafted. King Swope, the Republican candidate, it appears, accepted the challenge, and went to the people of his district and won. Swope, has apparently received the votes of 2,000 to 3,000 Democrats, who boldly and deliberately repudiated the plan to fasten upon the American people the league covenant in its present form.

In the closing days of the campaign, the Democratic politicians saw that the tide was against them and they imported Tom Heffin of Alabama, the official undertaker of the Democratic party, and he cavorted around some in the district, but the more he cavorted the worse the conditions got. So by the time the campaign was over and the election held it was found that Tom had officiated at a funeral where the Democratic candidate was buried by an avalanche of votes that shocked Democratic politicians and league supporters throughout the country. In the meantime, King Swope, the returned soldier boy, is receiving the congratulations of his friends.

BILL FOR RELIEF OF CHEROKEE DEPUTY

A short time ago Representative Weaver introduced in Congress a bill for the relief of Julius McClure, a deputy sheriff of Cherokee county, who, while assisting S. Glenn Young, a government officer, in arresting Jim Rose, the alleged "bad man" of the mountains, was shot in the left arm by Rose, and wounded so badly that the arm had to be amputated close to the shoulder. McClure was in the hospital at Knoxville for a long while, and at first it was thought he could not recover. His life was saved, however, but his health is said to be destroyed and also his capacity for earning a living.

The Weaver bill requires the government to pay Mr. McClure the sum of \$5,000. The Representative thinks that in view of the fact that Mr. McClure was wounded and lost his arm while working for and assisting a government officer, he should be remunerated by the government, and paid the small sum of \$5,000 to live upon, as the maimed man is poor in this world's goods and has a family to support.

WILL ELECT NOT SELECT

Republican women will elect a President, not select one, according to Mrs. Fletcher Dobyns, chairman of the Illinois Republican women's executive committee which met in closed conference on July 15 in Chicago.

"We have no statement to make about who the next presidential candidate will be," she said. "That we do not consider our business just now. We will loyally support and elect whomsoever the party as a whole selects."

JERKINS BUY FARM IN CHEROKEE COUNTY

Mr. J. J. Jerkins has purchased a 100-acre farm in Cherokee county, the farm being one of the best properties in the county. The price paid for the farm was \$10,000.

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KEDRON LODGE FRIDAY NIGHT

The regular Communication of Kedron Lodge, No. 257 A. F. & M., will be held Friday night, August 8, at 8:30.

Visiting Brothers cordially welcomed. J. E. SHIPMAN, Master.

M. W. A.

Fernwood camp, Modern Woodmen of America, held an unusually enjoyable meeting on Monday night of the present week. Three auto loads of enthusiastic boosters were over from Asheville. Rev. Anson Brown, clerk of the Asheville camp, made a splendid address as did E. O. Chandley, John Forrest, Dr. B. F. Cliff and others. A large class was initiated at the conclusion of which a smoker was enjoyed, given by W. D. Justus and John Forrest. It was decided to hold an old-time box supper on the first meeting night in September.

THREE MILLION MEN HAVE DROPPED INSURANCE

Decentralization of the War Risk Insurance Bureau has been recommended by the advisory committee, as a result of the failure of approximately 3,000,000 officers and enlisted men in the United States military and naval forces to continue their insurance payments. If the advice of the committee is followed, a large majority of the 14,000 employes of the bureau in Washington will be vitally affected.

Under the plan suggested by the committee, of which Charles Hughes is chairman, the bureau will immediately proceed to establish branch offices in each state, or in such districts into which it may be advisable to divide the country, so that there may be provision for personal contact with the insured soldiers, sailors, marines and their dependents.

In order to reduce the necessity of relying on correspondence to carry out this vast undertaking, the committee has recommended that qualified representatives of the bureau be sent to the capital of each state to confer with the governors so that correct addresses of the discharged service men may be obtained. This task can be aided, the committee said, by securing the co-operation of state, county and municipal officers and by keeping in touch with the Red Cross, American Federation of Labor and other associations.

The greatest difficulty facing the bureau at the present is the fact that about 30 per cent of the addresses of discharged service men are incorrect. Thus the bureau is unable to communicate with them regarding the continuance of their payments and conversion of the term policies to permanent insurance. The bureau, however, has received a considerable number of applications for permanent insurance.

NAMES WOMEN ON BOARD

Chicago's Mayor has just appointed Mrs. Irene Pease Mantonya a member of the local board of improvement, and her appointment has received the unanimous approval of the council. Mrs. Mantonya, who is the first woman to hold the position, has just been made a member of the Republican women's state executive committee.

STATES COMPEL TRAINING

With the final adjournment of legislative sessions for the year, a total of 19 states have adopted comprehensive compulsory physical education laws, applying to all children in the elementary and secondary grades. These compulsory courses include instruction in bodily living and direction in body building and physical activities, including setting up exercises, sports and games.

VIRY RIDER NOW A MEMORIAL

Viry rider, killed by the French government in 1914, is now a memorial in the city of Viry.