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C. J. HARRIS GETTING BETTER

Hon. C. J. Harris, of Dillsboro, who has been a very sick man for several weeks, is said to be getting better now, his many friends throughout the state, will be pleased to know.

Mr. Harris is one of this most successful business men in the state, and the development of several industries in some of the western counties, has been and still is of great benefit to this section of country.

The kaolin, tanning and other business enterprises promoted years ago by Mr. Harris, have, under his management and direction, grown into large and paying institutions. In addition to furnishing many people employment, the products have been sold in foreign markets, and hundreds of thousands of dollars of outside money have been brought here by one of the successful business enterprises promoted and carried on by Mr. Harris.

Mr. Harris is one of the leading Republicans of the state, and has worked unceasingly to build up the party. And he is today hopeful of seeing the state go Republican next year.

The establishment of at least one Republican daily paper, and the saving of what is now one of the leading and best Republican weeklies in the state, is due largely to the help extended by Mr. Harris. We know of no other man who would have come forward and expended his money and labor so liberally to keep alive a Republican weeklies of the section and to establish and build up a Republican press in the state, as has Mr. Harris. He, therefore, merits, and is well worthy of any honors his party in the state can bestow upon him.

CAPTAIN BAILEY HERE

Captain H. G. Bailey, who is now stationed at Greer, S. C., doing surveying and engineering work in Hendersonville and adjoining counties, was here Thursday on his way to his home at Brevard, and gave The Times office a pleasant call. Captain Bailey says he is well pleased with his present location and is getting all the work he can do. He is an expert engineering, and his services are frequently sought in cases where county and state boundary lines are in dispute, and in cases involving the location of land lines where expert service is required. Captain Bailey was once engineer for the city of Hendersonville.

JAMES DAVIS BANE

James Davis Bane, aged 79 years, [illegible] months and 24 days, died at his home in Green River township, December 31, last, and was buried New Year's day in what is known as the Bane cemetery near the home of the deceased.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. P. Corn, and there were a large number of the relatives and friends of the deceased present at the funeral and burial, thus attesting the respect and esteem in which the deceased was held in the community where he had resided so long.

Mr. Bane left surviving him besides his widow, the following children: Joseph D. Bane, Ernest Bane, Elizabeth Summey, Emma, Nix and Melda Bane.

I. W. OF A. INSTALLATION

Monday night the newly elected officers of Fernwood Camp Modern Woodmen of America were installed by District Deputy John C. Oldham of Asheville, who came over with a delegation consisting of Samuel Hamlin, Arch Hudson, Claud Kuykendall and Hugh Blankenship. Arrangements were perfected for Fernwood camp to go in a body to Asheville Tuesday night where they were royally entertained. They found a number of candidates awaiting them at Asheville and proceeded to amplify the degree work in its entirety. The new officers are:

[illegible] Beling, consul; W. D. Justice, advisor; J. C. Coston, banker; [illegible] McMurry, clerk; G. J. Mil[illegible], assistant clerk; H. G. Kinsey, [illegible] W. N. Pickel, watchman; L. [illegible]

W. J. BRYAN MAY 'RUN'

So Mr., or Honorable, or Colonel William Jennings Bryan, the once "boy orator of the Platte," thinks of "running" again. Let's see—how is this? Is Mr. Bryan still running or just going to run again?

What we would like to know first, should Mr. Bryan "run," will he carry the state of New Jersey, the Democratic "skeeter" state, since he is going to make his platform out of "dry" timber? Also, may we ask, can he carry Massachusetts over Calvin Coolidge, should that American happen to be in the race in some capacity or other?

Now, should Mr. Bryan decide to "run" again, we want to offer the following suggestion, namely: We want to suggest, if not too late, that San Francisco, a city located on the extreme western border of this country, be selected as the convention city.

Be it remembered first, that when Mr. Bryan "run," on his cross of gold and crown of thorns platform, it was at the windy city of Chicago where he was nominated to "run." And this was the "run" where sixteen pieces of silver was to equal one of gold. The farmers of the country were to get 55-cent dollars for their wheat, but there was "nothin' doin'". And Mr. Bryan's attention is called to the distance between Chicago and Washington, D. C., where the White House is located.

Second, when Mr. Bryan decided to "run" again, it was at the stirring, litle strategic town of K. C., Missouri, where all this emotion was pulled off in the tussel to get Mr. Bryan "running" some more. And Mr. Bryan's attention is once more called to the distance from Kansas City, Mo., to Washington, D. C., where the White House is located.

Third, we are again reminded of the proverbial saying that, "westward the course of empire takes its way." We disrember who said this, but we guess he was related to Horace Greely, who used to advise the boys to "go west and grow up with the country."

This time we see the "runner" winding his way over the western plains and up the gorgeous and sublime heights of the great Rockies, and entering with pomp and splendor, that wonderful city of Denver, located 6,000 feet above the level of the mighty sea, and amid the towering peaks of those wonderful mountains.

Amid the glory and splendor of this great convention city, and with applause and promise, once more the "Boy Orator" is selected as the standard bearer of the good old Jeffersonian Democratic party, and now goes out to preach the eniquities of imperialism. Again there is "nothin' doin'". And Mr. Bryan's attention is once more called to the distance from Denver, Colorado, to Washington, D. C., where the White House is located.

Now, comes visions of a great convention at San Francisco, to nominate Mr. Bryan once more. This time on an issue that has once for all been conclusively settled by the American people. Certainly Mr. Bryan ought to make the people believe in prohibition now.

Before Mr. Bryan starts to "run" again, he ought to take notice to the widening distance between the convention cities and the White House, at each successive nomination, by his party, for the presidency.

MRS. SADIE CARSON

The body of Mrs. Sadie Carson, widow of the late Good L. Carson, was brought to this city Wednesday, from Greenville, in which city she died Tuesday. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Ligon, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, Wednesday afternoon in the undertaking rooms of M. M. and Thos. Shepherd, and interment followed in Oakdale cemetery.

The deceased had a large number of friends and relatives in this and adjoining counties who will be sorry to hear of her passing.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends who so kindly came to our assistance [illegible]

OUR TANNERY TO BE ENLARGED

The cost of the paper The Times is now printed on is three times what it was before the war, and about twice what it was six months ago, and is still going up. There is therefore, nothing left for us to do, but to increase our subscription rates from $1.00 to $1.50 per year. This we plan to do the first of February. Until that time all our present subscribers will have the privilege of renewing their subscription for one, two or more years at the present rate of $1.00 per annum, and all new subscribers who get their names on our subscription list before the first of next month will have to pay only $1.00 per year for the paper.

The political campaign which will end with the closing of the polls on the first Tuesday in November, is going to be the hottest the country has ever witnessed. And The Times, which our readers say, is already a pretty hot paper, is going to warm up as the campaign advances. We want to serve notice on our Democratic friends now, that we are going to place the hides of a very considerable number of their so-called leaders in our tannery before the campaign is over, and all of them who want to keep up with this skinning and tanning process, are invited to send in their subscriptions at once, while they can get the paper at the old price of $1.00 per year.

We are going to tote fair with our Democratic brethren. The price of our paper to them will be the same as to Republicans, and we will tell the truth on the members of their party's machine in both state and nation, as far as we can in our small paper. We will tell the whole truth on them and hold them up in their true light before the voters of the country, we will require a much larger paper than any now being printed in this county. But bring on the subscriptions boys, and we will do justice to the very best of our ability.

Now, we want to ask each of our Republican subscribers, who want to see his party win in county, state and nation in the next election, to do a little missionary work among his neighbors and procure a few new subscriptions for us. See your friends at once, and see how many subscriptions you can send us by February 1. The more you send us the bigger and better we can make our tannery. Get busy.

PUBLIC SPEAKING MONDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 12TH

There will be a meeting of the county directors of the law enforcement league for world prohibition held in the city hall next Monday, January 12th, 3 o'clock p. m. Dr. Hunter is chairman of the county organization and in order to get the machinery in working order he desires a full attendance at this meeting and the co-operation of all those interested in the "bone-dry" movement.

At night there will be a public speaking in the auditorium by a prohibition speaker of national reputation. Dr. Hunter makes a special call for a representative congregation of Hendersonville men and women to be present to hear this speaker next Monday night.

EDITH GARREN BURNED TO DEATH SATURDAY

A distressing accident occurred Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hix Garren on South and Second avenue West, when their little 8-year-old daughter, Edith, caught fire and was so horribly burned that she died ten or twelve hours after the accident occurred.

The facts in the case as we gather them are about as follows: The children had built a small fire in Mr. Garren's yard where they were preparing wood for the stove. The fire had almost gone out and the little girl was sitting with her back toward the small fire reading a book, her clothing evidently being nearer the fire than she expected, when she caught fire. Having her back to the fire the flames had begun to spred over her before she realized her danger. In her wild excitement she ran into the house, but seemed to be unmanagable while the mother did what she could to extinguish the flames.

The little girl again rain into the yard when a passer by saw the trouble, drew off his overcoat, threw it around the burning child and smothered out the fire, but not until the flames had gotten in their deadly work. Medical aid was promptly rendered, but to no avail and the little girl died in about twelve hours as above stated.

COLONEL TAYLOR RESIGNS AS COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS

Washington, Jan. 6.—Colonel Walker Taylor has resigned as collector of customs for North Carolina, it was announced today at Senator Simmons' office.

He will be succeeded by James H. Cowan, secretary of the Wilmington chamber of commerce and formerly editor of The Wilmington Dispatch.

Senator Simmons and Overman recommended Mr. Cowan after conferring today.

Colonel Taylor, who has been stationed [illegible]

GOV. ALLEN FOR WOOD FOR THE PRESIDENCY

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 3.—Gov. Allen punctured today his boom for the Presidency, removed half a dozen hungry aspirants for the job of succeeding him as governor of Kansas and spoke a word of indorsement of Major General Wood for President. William Allen White launched yesterday a boom for Governor Allen for President.

"I am not a candidate for President,' Governor Allen said. "I have a big job now, and one in which I am much interested. Just at present I am a candidate for re-election as governor of Kansas, if the people of the state are satisfied with my first term record. General Wood has my support for the Presidential nomination and is a strong, able man. At present it looks as if he would get the nomination."

TEN REPORTED DEAD IN WRECK ON THE L. & N.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 6.—Louisville and Nashville train No. 22, running from Knoxville, Tenn., to Louisville, was derailed and five cars went over an embankment at Newsepe, Ky., near Lebanan, Ky., tonight. Last reports said 10 persons were injured, several probably fatally.

At the L. and N. offices, here is was stated that a relief train had been sent to the scene of the wreck and was bringing the injured to Louisville.

"FIGHTING POSTMASTER" IS DEAD AT EMMA HOME

Asheville, Jan. 6.—Samuel Alexander, formerly postmaster at Emma, near here, who defended the office against the attacks of the safe burglars in 1901, died at his home in West Asheville, following an extended illness. Following his work in fighting the notorious burglars. Mr. Alexander was rewarded by the postoffice department at Washington with a position there and since that time has been in Washington.

TWO MORE AMERICANS FALL PREY TO BANDITS IN WILDS OF MEXICO

Houston, Tex., Jan 6.—Two American employes of the Inter-national Petroleum Company, murdered by bandits near Port Lobos, Mexico, were from Texas. They were slain Monday, according to information received here today.

F. J. Roney was a Houston oil man and Earl Bowles formerly was with the Gulf Refining Company at Beaumont. The first report received here from a correspondent at Tampico was confirmed in a report to the Texas Company.

The telegram to the Texas Company from its representative in Tampico merely said Roney was killed by bandits Monday at Port Lobos. A similar message was received by the [illegible]

ACCUSED MEN BOUND TO COURT

At a preliminary hearing before Esquire R. M. Oates Monday morning, Connell Talley, the 17-year-old white boy, and the negro, James Thomas, waived examination upon a warrant charging them with the murder of J. W. Erwin of Etowah on Monday night of last week, and were committed to jail without bail. They will be tried at the March term of the superior court for this county.

The Talley boy has added nothing new to what he told the officers when he was arrested. He says he and Jim Thomas were present when the murder of Erwin occurred. He says the negro demanded that he go along with Thomas and Erwin down to the place where it was represented there was some liquor, and that he obeyed the command and went with them. He denies, however, that he took any part in the killing of Erwin or that he was a party to or knew anything about any plan to kill and rob Erwin. He says that when the three men got down to where there was a jug, hid in the woods near Erwin's house, Jim Thomas told Erwin "there it is, help yourself," or words to that effect. Erwin then, according to Talley, stooped down to uncork or pick up the jug, and the negro struck him a heavy blow over the head with a club, felling him to the ground, and that thereafter the negro struck him several other blows, on the head with the club, and then took his pocket book from his pocket. This done, Talley says Thomas ordered him to "come on," and the two walked away a short distance from where Erwin was killed, and Thomas handed him some money, he did not know just how much at the time but later he counted it, and found there was $40. He said Thomas told him to take that and get away from there, and that if he ever mentioned what he had witnessed he would be killed, or words of similar meaning. Talley says he took the $40 and went to Greenville where he was arrested.

Jim Thomas, the negro, denies that he did the killing, or that he knew that it was going to be done and that he is not guilty of the charge brought against him. Moreover, he says he is not acquainted with Talley ,and does not know the boy at all.

As stated above, the case is scheduled to be tried the first of March at which time the solicitor, J. E. Shipman, will have charge of the prosecution, and the defendants will have counsel to defend them.

BUILDING HOME AT KANUGA

W. B. Gillican, of New Orleans, has bought from George Stephens an estate at Kanuga, and is having erected thereon a splendid summer residence. E. G. Stillwell, local architect, made the plans for the building and is supervising the work of construction. When completed, this will be one of the costliest and most beautiful summer homes in this county.

Mr. Gillican is in the naval stores business and is a man of considerable means, it is said. He is delighted with this section of country, and may eventually make his permanent home here.

MORE THAN 1,000 DEAD AT COUZTLAN; RESULT OF SATURDAY'S EARTHQUAKE

Mexico City, Jan. 6.—Couztlan was destroyed by Saturday's earthquake with 2,000 casualties, including more than 1,000 dead, according to official reports given out here tonight by presidential military headquarters from advices received from officers in the Vera Cruz center of disturbance.

The entire garrison at Tecclo were killed or injured. The dead number 30 and the injured 60.

Virtually all the roads in the surrounding district were flooded or destroyed, according to the reports.

Three hundred dead are reported at Barranca Grande, near Couztlan.

The water level at Port Barranca Del Agua rose 25 metres.

Miss Cora and Bessie Livingston of Fletcher, Route 3, were in the city Saturday and made a pleasant call at The Times office.

J. Hoke Peck, who spent the holidays in his city, returned to Washington [illegible]

REPUBLICANS PLAN 1920 FIGHT

The Republican state executive committee met in Greensboro Tuesday, and fixed March 3 as the time, and Greensboro as the place for holding the party's state convention to select delegates from the state at large to the national convention which meets in Chicago in June.

The meeting of the committee Tuesday was the best attended, most enthusiastic, and most optimistic which that body has held in a long while. Questions coming before the committee, at times, evoked strenuous debate, but after the debates were over, and votes taken everybody approved and the work of the committee is generally satisfactory to the Republicans of the state.

Charlotte, Raleigh and Asheville made strong pleas for the convention. The committee decided that Asheville's claim could not be considered very seriously because of the distance delegates would have to travel from the eastern counties. Objections were made to Charlotte and Raleigh by some committeemen, upon the grounds that neither of these two towns was blessed with newspapers. that are fair in their manner of handling political matters. Complaint was made that if the convention should be held in either Charlotte or Raleigh, the press in neither town could be depended upon to report the work of the convention in even a neutral manner. Greensboro was, therefore, chosen as the convention city, and doubtless the largest gathering of Republicans ever assembled at one point in the state will be seen at the convention on March 3.

After the time and place for the convention had been decided, the matter of endorsing Judge Jeter C. Pritchard for president came up. The following resolution, introduced by Dan W. Hill, chairman of the Buncombe county executive committee, was unanimously adopted:

Resolution Adopted

Resolved, that the time has come when the south should be represented on the national Republican ticket, and that the membership of the party is requested, when selecting delegates to the next state convention, to express their choice for a candidate from this state to be presented to the next national Republican convention and we commend to the consideration of the voters of this state, and to the voters of the whole country, North Carolina's distinguished son, Judge Jeter C. Pritchard for president of the United States.

Immediately following the adoption of the resolution, a temporary organization of the "Pritchard for President" club was offered. Judge Bynum of Greensboro, was elected as president of the club; Dan. W. Hill, vice president; J. M. Milliken, Greensboro, chairman of finance committee, and Robert H. McNeill, a former Wilkes county man, but now resides in Washington, was chosen as secretary of the club. The committee believes there is a good chance for Judge Pritchard to be nominated, and it will leave no stone unturned in its effort to bring about his selection as the party's candidate for the presidency this year.

The work of the Western North Carolina Republican Club Association was endorsed by the state committee, as well as that of a similar association in Eastern Carolina.

Hon. E. C. Duncan, formerly national committeeman for North Carolina, and who was succeeded in that position by Hon. J. M. Morehead, made a rousing speech in which he pleaded for harmony and work all along the line. With complete harmony in the ranks and a perfect organization from one end of the state to the other, he predicted that North Carolina would be placed in the Republican column as a result of the election in November.

Mrs. James Shepherd, elderly lady, fell on the ice at her home at Flat Rock, and broke her leg. Dr. Bruce was called and rendered the necessary professional service and the patient is getting along as well as could be expected.

W. C. McBride, [illegible]