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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., December 5, 1908.—There have been two events this week, one of national and the other of international importance. The first was the placing of over fifteen thousand postmasters of the fourth class under the aegis of Civil Service rules. The other was the signing of an agreement between Japan and the United States, by Secretary Root and the Japanese Ambassador to the United States. Calling it an "agreement," or as some call it a "declaration," was a polite way of sidestepping the Senate, because the Senate, as past experience has demonstrated, is rabid on treaties and very jealous of its prerogative. The way some of those fellows in the Senate have torn to tatters treaties between the United States and Great Britain and other countries, prepared by Secretary Root and his predecessors has given notice to the country that the Senate is a treaty unmaking branch of the government.

This "declaration" not being a "treaty" will not go to the Senate and it may be with certainty assumed that it insures peace and good understanding for at least four years during the incumbency of the President-elect and for eight years at least, if he shall be re-elected in 1912.

The declaration is very short and consists of five brief articles couched in plain language, but these five articles may be still further condensed as follows:

1. It is the wish of the United States and Japan to live in peace.
2. They accept the status quo with the policy of the open door.
3. They recognize the meaning of man and man as applied to the island of the Pacific.
4. They are for unmitigated Chinese territory and the square deal in that country for all powers.
5. If necessary, they will put their shoulders together to enforce the aforesaid.

It has been suggested that the President did not consult Speaker Cannon, Senator Hale, Senator Penrose, or any of those people in the House or the Senate who are always carrying a knife up their sleeves for Civil Service Reform, when he issued the order placing fifteen thousand and fourth-class postmasters beyond the far or favor of their members of Congress, or in other words, snatched this patronage from the hands of Congress. The order, it is understood, is experimental and does not affect the standing of postmasters east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio Rivers. The movement is so incontestably right that it is not likely to be changed by any future administration, certainly not by the immediately coming administration. It will not only cut down the patronage of Congress, but it will do much to improve the quality of legislative service as well as the postal service. It is expected that in a few months, the reform will be extended to other states.

The recently appointed new Secretary of the Navy has announced his method for reforming the bureau system which naval critics hold responsible for the ineffectiveness and clumsiness noted by them in the designing of warships and the defects alleged by them to exist in vessels of very recent construction. The way in which the Secretary is expecting to provide himself with board equivalent to a general staff or admiralty, is by a Departmental order creating a general board, of which the Admiral of the Navy, the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation and the President of the Naval War College shall be ex-officio members. This board will be enlarged by the appointment of "such other officers" as the Secretary may designate. Secretary Newberry will no doubt appoint a board of the appressive critics of the Bureau System; also young and progressive officers of the line. It is proposed to bring the Departmental Bureaus into close relation with this board, by

designating as members a suitable contingent of staff officers, including members of the construction board. The reorganization proposed, it is thought, will tend to the promotion of a unity or purpose that has been lacking in the administration of that branch of the service which has to do with building and equipping warships. It is well known in naval circles that Senator Hale of Maine, who is the Chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs in the Senate, is an insurmountable obstacle to the improvement of the navy. He has been opposed to large ships and it is significant that a large number of the small ships have been built at shipyards in his state, where owing to the shallowness of the water, only small ships can be launched. His influence is paramount in naval affairs and has been paralyzing to the navy and very expensive to the country.

The tariff committee has announced a further continuance of its hearings. There is no telling just what kind of a tariff bill will be presented, much less what kind of a bill will be passed after it has been debated and amended, but there is strong hope among tariff reformers that there will be large additions to the free list in the way of raw material, such as wool, hides, lumber and coal. It is well known that we cannot have the best woolen fabrics made in this country, because the finest fleeces of Australia and South America go to the looms of England and Germany and France, while American manufacturers, on account of high tariff, are obliged to take out their scanty supply of wool with cotton and shoddy.

WHOLESALE LIQUOR MEN

LOSE IN SUPREME COURT

Richmond, Va., Dec. 3.—The Supreme Court of Appeals today affirmed the decision of the state corporation commission in the case of the Portner Brewing Co., against the Southern Express Company.

The effect of the decision is that while common carriers must receive shipments for delivery to parties in "dry" territory, wholesalers, brewers, distillers and manufacturers cannot avail themselves of the right, for by so doing it would be made possible for violators of the law to compel common carriers to aid and abet violations owing to the consignees receiving the liquor when shipped in large quantities and then selling contrary to law.

TAFT LEAVES HOT SPRINGS.

The President-Elect, Bag and Baggage, Leaves the Winter Resort For Good.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 6.—The President-elect and Mrs. Taft, Secretary Carpenter and the entire office force took their final departure from Hot Springs tonight. Judge Taft will be the guest of honor and principal orator tomorrow night at the dinner of the North Carolina Society at the Hotel Astor, New York.

Mrs. Taft will go to the residence of Miss Mabel Boardman in Washington, where Mr. Taft will return Tuesday to remain during the week. He will then spend a few days in New York before going to Augusta, Ga., for an extended sojourn. In New York Mr. Taft will be the guest of his brother, Henry W. Taft. After church service, Mr. and Mrs. Taft occupied the day in preparations for departure. The few remaining guests of the resort, and those who live here permanently, were at the station to cheer Mr. Taft's departure and bid him return again.

The New York Work correspondent at the Hot Springs quotes Mr. Taft as sitting on the porch of his bungalow and saying he wonders if some great misfortune is not about to occur. We suggest a new rope for the swing as a preventative of the likeliest calamity that the situation might develop.

THE MERCHANTS ARE GETTING TOGETHER

President of State Association Says Number of Local Associations Will Be Doubled During the Year—Those Formed Since Last Meeting.

Asheville, Dec. 4.—The North Carolina Retail Merchants' Association, of which Mr. Archibald Nicholas, of Asheville, is president, and Mr. H. Taylor Rogers, also of this city, is going forward by leaps and bounds. President Nicholas stated that the rapid growth of the State association during the past several weeks indicated that when the association met in annual convention next year the reports would show that the membership had practically been doubled and also that the number of local associations organized during the year would put the total almost double what it was the year previous. Thus far the number of locals has increased from about 40 to 60, with a representative membership for every new local organized Mr. E. E. Andrews, of Asheville, who was recently secured as organizer, has done most effective work. He has organized within thirty days fifteen new associations. The new local associations organized since the last annual meeting of the State association and their officers are:

Marksville—J. W. Braudley, president.

Pendleton—S. W. Swanson, president.

Kenly—W. T. Bailey, president; C. C. Teague, secretary.

Try—F. M. Morris, secretary.

Hendersonville—M. M. Shepard, president.

Marion—Dr. M. E. Moutpew, president; J. L. C. Bird, Secretary.

Brevard—O. L. Erwin, president; R. L. Gash, secretary.

Shelby—P. B. McMurry, president; O. M. Gardner, secretary.

Marshall—T. N. Jones, president; Mr. McKennie, secretary.

Murphy—W. H. Griffiths, president; E. B. Norvelle, secretary.

Andrews—D. S. Russell, president; M. L. Knights, secretary.

Hickory—J. F. Allen, president; Mr. Bogby, secretary.

Lenoir—F. P. Kin-aid, president; M. M. Courtney, secretary.

Rutherfordton—R. R. Simmons, president; O. T. Waldrop, secretary.

Morganton—B. F. Davis, president; C. P. Greyer, secretary.

King's Mountain—J. M. Patterson, president; H. F. McMillen, secretary.

Lincolnton—C. E. Roberson, president; R. S. Abernethy, secretary.

Gastonia—B. T. Morris, president; P. W. Garland, secretary.

Statesville—R. H. Rickett, president; Don G. Thompson, secretary.

The following is the programme of the annual Senior Debate to be given by the Athenian Literary Society of Whitsett, N. C.

Whitsett Institute, Whitsett, North Carolina. Annual Senior Debate Athenian Literary Society Thursday evening, Dec. 17th, 1908 8 o'clock

Query: Resolved. That Racial Unity is essential to National Strength.

AFFIRMATIVE NEGATIVE
O. W. Sawyer, S. G. Burgess, Camden county, Camden county
C. E. Brown, T. B. DeLoache, Camden county, Northampton county.

MARSHALLS:
M. R. Troxler, Brown Summit, Chief.
H. A. Buslinger, J. M. Buslinger, Roanoke Rapids, Roanoke Rapids.
C. P. Martin, A. L. Hamilton, Conway, Atlantic.

It appears that John D. Archbold, like the other John D., the friend of the Brotherhood of Man, has apparently forgotten more things than most people ever knew.

RECIPROCITY IN LUMBER

Suggestions from a Protectionist Organ as to Revision.

The approaching revision of the tariff, at the recent hearing at Washington showed, must consider this change. Such reductions as are made ought to be accompanied by provisions which will enable this country to retaliate on any other country, like Canada, which endeavors to make up for the removal or reduction of American duties by imposing a stampage tax for revenue. Opportunities ought to be opened by the provisions of the next lumber schedule for reciprocal arrangements with countries like Russia, which to-day possesses the one great store of lumber in Asia, and with a colony like Uganda, in Africa, which has the largest supply of tropical woods left anywhere. The Philippines should be given special advantages in the introduction of their tropical hardwoods. In short, every change made in the lumber schedule ought to make and develop the interests of the United States, and ought not to be used, as some reductions of our tariff have in the past, as an opportunity by foreign countries to impose export duties equivalent to the removal of import rates in this country.

Such a policy will transfer the consumption of lumber in this country from our own forests, which are rapidly disappearing, their product being held at monopoly prices, to the forests of other countries, and Federal and State reserves of forest will have an opportunity to replace our lumber stand, which has been so rapidly destroyed during the last twenty-five years.

What is a Good Newspaper?

A good newspaper tells the news as faithfully and truthfully as it can, without fear and without favor, and comments on it with the best intelligence it can command.

A good newspaper is in league with all men and women who think and with all the agencies that strive for the happiness of all the people.

A good newspaper shields no wrong that ought to be exposed, and stops at no truth that ought to be uttered.

A good newspaper does not lend itself to the making of strife between citizens, neither rages like a demagogue nor sweep like a charlatan.

A good newspaper has ideals, believes in progress, and wins its way by courage, plain speaking and fair dealing.

A good newspaper assembles each day as much of the good things that are done in the world as it can find and no more of the foul than it must of new necessity publish.

A good newspaper has political opinions and may belong to a party, but it cannot be an organ and keep the faith of the best journalism.

A good newspaper knows no boss, bows to no petty satrap or office and owes no allegiance but that which it believes to be true.

A good newspaper is run on business principles, and should make money and prosper like any other business, but probably won't if that is its sole aim.

A good newspaper takes a cheerful view of the world, is kind to human failings and helps men by entertaining them rather than by ranting and scolding at them.—Scranton Tribune.

Shepard—Danielly.

In the home of Mr. George Danielly north of town at 4:30 p. m. Dec. 2, 1908 Mr. George Shepard of No. 4, and Miss Flora Danielly of this place were happily united in matrimony in the presence of a large number of invited friends and relatives, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. D. Andrew. Immediately after the ceremony a most excellent dinner was served by Mr. and Mrs. Danielly. This young couple will reside at the "Worth Mill" between St. Marks Reformed church and Whitsett where they begin life together with the kindest wishes of a host of friends.

PROGRAM OF PROGRESS FOR THE SOUTH'S FUTURE

Taft Speaks of His Hope for the Solid South.

New York, Dec. 7.—President-elect Taft who came to New York today to address the North Carolina Society of this city, was given a tumultuous reception tonight by the members of the organization and by prominent men from all parts of the South at the annual dinner of the North Carolinians at the Hotel Astor. Five hundred members and guests of the society filled the brilliantly decorated banquet hall, which was redolent of the pines of the Tar Heel State, the cones and branches of the resinous trees forming the back ground for more fragrant blooms which were scattered everywhere over snowy linens and flag-draped walls.

Interwoven ensigns of the State and nation were conspicuous in the decorations of the banquet hall and larger flags were displayed in front of the hotel throughout the day and evening.

Mr. Taft in the course of an address which was confined entirely to the South and its problems, urged again that the voters of that section should break away from the outworn sentiment and traditions of their past political affiliations and cast their ballots in accordance, rather, with their economic and real political beliefs.

Mr. Taft declared that nothing would give him greater pride during his coming term in the chief executive office than to so direct the policy of the national government with respect to the Southern States as to convince the intelligent citizens of the South of the desire of his administration to aid them in working out satisfactorily the serious problems before them and of bringing them and their Northern fellow citizens closer and closer in sympathy and point of view.

At the conclusion of practically every one of his pointed sentences Mr. Taft was interrupted by applause and cheering. He frankly expressed himself regarding the so-called "negro question" and declared that neither he nor the Republican party had any idea of forcing upon the people of the South the dominance of an ignorant class.

Other speakers of the evening were President Finley of the Southern Railway, Junius Parker, of New York, Hugh MacRae, of Wilmington, N. C., and State Superintendent Joyner, of North Carolina. Had we space we would give speeches of the speakers of the North Carolina Society of New York.

Henry Harvey Russell Passes Away.

Henry Harvey Russell was born February 17, 1879, and died December 5, 1908, aged 29 years 9 months and 29 days, after being sick about four weeks with typhoid fever. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Russell. On Nov. 20, 1902 he was married to Miss Daisy Wood. To this union two daughters were born. On October 11th, 1908 he was received into membership of Burlington Reformed church upon a profession of faith and on Nov. 22nd, he was elected a deacon by the congregation, to which office he was never ordained on account of his sickness. He leaves a wife and two children, a father and mother, three brothers and four sisters to mourn their loss. Before death he gave full assurance of being prepared to go. The funeral was held in the Reformed church at 3 p. m. Dec. 6th, by his pastor, Rev. J. D. Andrew and the body laid to rest in Pine Hill cemetery. The pall bearers were chosen from the officers of the church.

"Quietly sleep beloved one,
Rest from thy toil, thy labor's done;
Rest 'till the trump from the opening skies
Bids the from dust to glory rise."
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R. F. D. No. 8.

Miss Carrie Hornady who is teaching at Maywood, spent Saturday and Sunday at home on No. 4. Miss Bessie Leath of Union Ridge No. 1, spent last week at Jas Somers on No. 8. Even kin folks love to visit at Mr. Somers'.

We thank our good friend J. B. Foster for nice turnips last week. We had the pleasure of meeting our clever young friend H. H. Walker R. F. D. carrier, Union Ridge, No. 1, in Burlington Saturday night. Wonder what he is going to do with those little red shoes that he carried off? We extend our congratulations in advance "something doing" about Christmas.

Esquire T. B. Barker and R. A. Maltcock both sold tobacco at Burlington last week. They were highly pleased with the prices. That speaks well for the Burlington market, for it takes good prices to please friend Barker. We are informed that all grades are selling better at Burlington this week.

The rain Sunday night and Monday fixed our roads, now we expect to "fix" the overseer if they don't get busy.

Geo. Barker is getting ready to have his corn shucking the longer he puts it off the more we will eat.

There was a very pretty home wedding on No. 8 last Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Geo. T. Shepherd of No. 4, and Miss Flora Danielly of Burlington were married at G. A. Daniellys. The attendants were: Charles Hurdle and Miss Annie Danielly, Ernest Alred and Miss Carrie Smith, Robert Alred and Miss Blanch Alred, Atlas Coble and Miss Hattie Smith. The event occurred at 5 o'clock p. m., and afterwards those present were served to a nice supper. The "fatal" words were spoken by Rev. J. D. Andrew the "marrying parson" of Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd have our best wishes for a long and happy married life.

R. F. D. No. 1.

The box party given by the school and friends at Friendship Saturday night was quite a success, clearing over \$20, which went to the Betterment society.

Geo. Garrison of No. 2 spent Saturday night and Sunday on No. 1, visiting G. W. Patterson. He returned Sunday carrying with him his wife who spent last week with her parents.

W. M. and J. e Graves, Newman Isley and others met last Saturday and got up Uncle Jimmy Moser a nice lot of wood. Mr. Moser is improving nicely.

C. L. Graves who has been in South Carolina for quite a while returned home last Monday.

We had the pleasure of eating two corn shucking dinners last week, one with our friend J. S. Isley, the other with Dr. W. L. Isley.

A. R. Isley and brother Joe spent Saturday with our good Heartsome people, accompanied by J. W. Coble they took off about 5 hours and gave the rabbits a little flirt. They bagged 26 rabbits, 2 quail and one squirrel, we think this pretty good for them in this time.

T. E. Sharp killed three pigs last week 15 months old that weighed 957 pounds, an average of 310 lbs.

W. R. Shepherd and Jacob Coble have done some good work on our roads and we wish others would do the same.

Concert at the Graded School.

The annual concert given by the Music Department of the school will be held in the School Auditorium, Friday night, December 18th. A general admission fee of 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for all pupils will be charged. There will be no reserved seats sold. The proceeds of the concert will be used to pay for music charts, music books and music for the different grades in school and will be the property of the school.

An excellent program has been prepared and a pleasant evening is assured all who attend.
FRANK H. CURTISS,
Supt. Sch.ols.