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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, Dec. 12.—With both houses of Congress in session and both the President and President-elect in the city, with the addition of three numerous attended important conventions, discussing waterways, forest conservation and other matters of the greatest national importance, there is so much to write about that the main difficulty is one of selection.

The President and the President-elect, as is well known, are the closest of friends. The latter bears a relation to the former that is closely analogous to that of heir apparent, or crown prince. He is apparently the well-beloved son of the former, although they are nearly the same age, President Roosevelt being less than a year older than Judge Taft. But so busy has President Roosevelt been talking and scolding and so much occupied has Judge Taft been in dining, breakfasting and lunching with his many friends and discussing political questions with Speaker Cannon and the members of the Ways and Means Committee, that he and the President have not been able to spend a minute together. In a few days, Judge Taft will go south to Augusta, Ga., where he will be the guest of a prominent and wealthy Southerner and where he will remain a greater part of the time until the fourth of March. Then he will, of course, take up a temporary residence, for four years at least, in the White House, while the President will cross the seas and deserts and plunge into the depths of the Dark Continent, where politics and visiting delegations will trouble him no more.

Judge Taft expressed the belief last night that the House of Representatives would make an honest and thorough revision of the tariff at the extra session which he is pledged to call for tariff revision, immediately after his inauguration. He bases this statement on an interview which he had with Speaker Cannon about the middle of the week and with the Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee the following day at the residence of the President's son-in-law, Hon. Nicholas Longworth. Mr. Taft has not yet consulted Republican Senators who will no doubt have something to say about the tariff bill after it comes from the House, but he gave an intimation that he might veto a bill that had received the imprimatur of both the House and the Senate, if it did not conform with his views as a fulfillment of the pledges made in the Republican platform at Chicago and by himself, when he said in an address at Milwaukee.

"Mr. Bryan says there has been no indication that the revision may not be upward rather than downward. In answer I can say that the party is pledged to a genuine revision and as temporary head of that party and President of the United States, if it be successful in November, I expect to use the influence that I have by calling immediately a special session and by recommending to Congress to secure a genuine and honest revision of the tariff in accordance with the principle of protection laid down in the platform, based upon the examination of appropriate evidence and impartial as between consumer and manufacturer."

There is doubtless some opposition to Speaker Cannon and to his re-election in his own party in Congress. This opposition, however, is not as strong and universal as is the feeling in the White House and probably throughout the country. The President, as is well known, believes in the present and the future. He favors young men in the Army and the Navy and doubtless thinks there should be more young men in Congress. He perhaps would accede to such wisdom as may be in the maxim "Old men for counsel and young men for war." But statesmanship or counsel according to his theory, is no longer in diplomacy and chicanery of the Machiavellian type, but war and contention against stationery stand pat and re-

gressive tendencies. The Speaker belongs to a past generation and the ways of the fathers and their grandfathers, the old time religion, is good enough for him. There is no doubt but that the President-elect is in sympathy with the President, both as to his likes and dislikes, though his temperament is less explosive and he has greater patience, more geniality and tact than President Roosevelt, but it is a mistake to suppose his suaviter in modo in any way regatives his fortiter in re.

The special Chinese envoy sent to thank this government for the return of \$11,000,000 Boxer indemnity has sent to the White House as a present to Mrs. Roosevelt a tiger skin and many bales of Chinese silk.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ELON COLLEGE.

Elon College, Dec. 11.—The series of Protracted Revival services which began Friday night before the fifth Sunday in November and closed first week in December, were conducted this year by Rev. N. G. Newman, of Holland, Va. Brother Newman is a graduate of Elon College, and was valedictorian of the first class the Institution sent out, who has since been engaged in pastoral work in Eastern Virginia. He has been a close student, a keen observer of men and measures, and is today a preacher of charming and persuasive power. His sermons were delightful, inspirational and models both in construction and delivery. There were many conversions, and the religious life of the whole institution was greatly uplifted by his forceful discourses.

The college has been favored this week with a visit from Dr. J. E. Lincoln, of Lacey Springs, Va., who has been on a visit to his son, Mr. Liggitt, who is a member of the Junior class. Examinations began on Tuesday Dec. 15th, and will continue until Tuesday, Dec. 22 when the work in the college in all departments will close down for the Christmas holidays. The whole institution now is intensely busy preparing for the examinations, and it is expected that the records made this year will equal if not surpass those of previous years, for, taken as a whole, the student body has been very studious and attentive to his duties during the fall term.

Last Sunday Dr. J. U. Newman of the Chair of Greek and Biblical Literature, preached an edifying sermon to the large and appreciative audience in the college chapel. This is the first sermon that Dr. Newman has preached before the college since his prolonged sickness of a year or more ago. It was with especial delight, therefore, that he was heard again in his accustomed place with mental powers unabated, and physical strength renewed.

President Moffitt is just at present, a very busy man making preparations for a large opening for the spring term, which begins this year on the 31st of Dec. He has already been informed of several new students who will enter on that date, and the vigorous campaign he is now waging in that behalf, will no doubt yield a goodly number of others, who will be here on that date. He is also busy with plans and propositions looking to the increase of the endowment of the college, and better equipment in the matter of buildings and furnishings.

Dr. J. O. Atkinson, Publishing Agent of the Southern Christian Convention, this week brings from the press a new edition of the Principles and Government and Directory for Worship of the Christian Church. This book is published by the firm of Joseph J. Stone & Co., of Greensboro, and is a delightful volume of 150 pages. The book has been published in four bindings, which will sell for 20, 30 and 40 cents and \$1.10 respectively. This book will no doubt meet with a ripe and ready reception from the hands of the church, and command a large sale and influence in the same.

## BAXTER-SHEMWEEL CASE.

We clip the following from the News and Observer of Sunday last. Surely this must be a mistake for we can't believe that this appalling situation exist in the Gate City and Guilford county, one of the strong Holds of Democracy.

Greensboro, Dec. 12.—A regular term of Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases will begin here Monday, Judge E. B. Jones presiding. As usual the jail is full of defendants charged with all sorts of crimes, and most of the time of the court will necessarily be taken up with getting a jail deliverance leaving those charged with offenses like manslaughter, embezzlement, robbery, rape, larceny, assault with deadly weapon, retailing, etc., who are able to give bond practically immune from punishment if guilty or deprived of vindication if innocent. An exception will be made however in the case against Baxter Shemwell, charged with assault with a deadly weapon upon a Southern Railway conductor several months ago, and in the case of the conductor, who is indicted for an alleged assault upon Shemwell.

At the last term of court it was agreed that these cases should be tried—jail deliverance or no jail deliverance. On the docket are a great many cases of serious charges like embezzlement, manslaughter, rape, highway robbery, which are under bond, and which have been so often enumerated in this correspondence the week preceding court a repetition of the names would be offensive to all readers. Whether so or not, it has become nauseating to me, and that is enough.

One case of public interest is the warrant for libel against Marion Butler and Leslie Butler, which Judge Spencer B. Adams instituted before a magistrate, who bound defendants over to this term of court for trial. Of course it remains to be seen whether the Solicitor draws a bill or not, and if the grand jury acts favorably upon it. If so, it is not probable the case can ever be tried under the present system of devoting all the time to the trial of jail cases, two thirds of which are for little pitiful crimes committed by perpetually inclined and African detectives.

Of those in jail and will probably be tried is Jim Ford, for criminal assault, Sidney Pass, for murder, about half a dozen for highway robbery, three serious shooting assaults, and about forty cases of larceny, blind tugging, fornicating, shoplifting, hawdyhousing, carrying deadly weepings, and so on down the line of lesser offenses.

## R. F. D. No. 8.

Russell and Will Apple, of Guilford county spent two days last week on No. 8 hunting with Early Lowe. They bagged about 70 birds and rabbits. Russell is an expert shot. He succeeded in killing one bird, would not have got it, but for the fact it set still.

We have occasion to thank the following good friends this week for favors, G. Ed. Faucette, "spareribs" and sausage, J. B. Foster sausage, J. M. Story sausage, J. D. Barnett and C. E. Tapscott for apples, and we find out that all the good folks don't live on No. 8, Claud Cates, of the firm of Cates and Davis (Undertakers) stopped me and contributed nice fresh pork for the benefit of the little Hayes kids, thank you all.

R. A. Matlock and daughter, Mrs. Fannie Barker attended Conference in Durham last week.

They say Frank Barker became such an expert cook and house keeper while his wife was gone that he contemplates hiring out as a cook. We don't want him.

Rumor has it that there is to be weddings on Altamahaw No. 2, well, you can bet, No. 8, we are gwine ter have some weddins too.

The girls on Altamahaw No. 2 say that Walter Brannock could get married if he was as handsome as

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## NORTH CAROLINA DAY.

An Attractive Program Arranged for Dec. 18—The German Settlements is the Subject for North Carolina Day This Year.

The department of education has issued an attractive program for use in the public schools of the state for North Carolina Day. The subject chosen for this time is "The Settlements of the Germans." The book, which is handsomely gotten up contains 100 pages of interesting reading. It was compiled by Prof. R. D. W. Connor, secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission.

It is the object of those who originated the practice of observing North Carolina Day to teach the youth of the state something of the deeds of their ancestors. On the flyleaf of the pamphlet containing the program is this sentence:

No man is fit to be entrusted with control of the present who is ignorant of the past; and no people who are indifferent to their past need hope to make their future great."

Concerning the observance of the day State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner says:

"The consecration of at least one day in the year to the public consideration of the history of the state in the public schools, as directed by the act of the general assembly printed on the preceding page, is a beautiful idea. It is the duty of every public school teacher to obey the letter of this law. It will, I know, be the pleasure of every patriotic teacher to obey the spirit of it by using the opportunity of North Carolina Day to inspire the children with a new pride in their state, a new enthusiasm for the study of her history, and a new love of her and her people.

"Following the chronological order of the state's history, the subjects of the North Carolina Day programs have been as follows: In 1901, 'The First Anglo-Saxon Settlement in America'; in 1902, 'The Albermarle Section'; in 1903, 'The Lower Cape Fear Section'; in 1904, 'The Pamlico Section'; in 1905, 'The Upper Cape Fear Section'; in 1907, 'The Scotch-Irish Settlements in North Carolina'. In 1908 it was deemed proper to turn aside from this adopted plan of chronological study to devote the day to the study of the life, character and splendid service of Dr. Charles D. McIver. This year the 'German Settlements' from the subject of study. In succeeding years the history of other sections of the state will be studied, somewhat in the order of their settlement development, until the entire period of the state's history shall have been covered. It is hoped ultimately to stimulate a study of local and county history.

"These programs have been arranged with a view of giving the children of the rising generation a knowledge of the history of the resources, manners, customs and ways of making a living of the different sections of the state. It is hoped in this way to awaken a proper pride in the the history of the state, and to give the people of the different sections of the state better acquaintance with each other."

## R. F. D. No. 7.

A Christmas entertainment will be held at Mt Herman on Christmas Eve beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The principal feature of the entertainment will be the rendition of a short operetta, "Santa Clause at Miss Prims," by the "Mt. Herman Choral Society." The characters are as follows:

"Rita"—Miss Bessie Thompson. "Lena"—Miss Lena Holt. "Tom"—Mr. Charley Nece. "Billy Boy"—Mr. Hubert Isley. "Vera Fatle"—Miss Martha Nicholson.

"Newy Ned"—Mr. Lewis H. Sharpe. "Miss Prim"—Miss Nettie Al-

bright. "The Witch's Daughter"—Miss

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## County Betterment Association.

Mr. Editor:

I wish to call attention to through your paper to a meeting of the County Betterment Association to be held in Graham, Saturday Dec. 19th, in connection with the County Teachers meeting, the latter organization having kindly made a grant of half its time to the betterment association.

The betterment work, only a few weeks ago organized in Alamance, deserves some mention surely, in the way of introduction at least, by the local press, as do all other interests which concern the public good.

The W-man's Association for the betterment of public school houses was organized in March 1902 at the State Normal and Industrial College by the late Dr. Chas. D. McIver. "The plan was one of lessening circles." Under the direction of the state association county organizations were to be formed and under these local associations.

The object of the organization as stated in article II of constitution for local associations is as follows:

I To arouse interest in education and to insist upon the importance of every child being in school every day of the school term.

II To unite all the people of the community for the improvement of the public school

(1) By placing in the school, facilities for health, comfort and education, together with objects of beauty;

(2) By planting trees, shrubs and flowers in the school grounds;

(3) By encouraging the establishment of a public library in connection with the school;

(4) By making the school the centre of the community by furnishing wholesome and instructive amusements; in a word to improve the physical and intellectual environments of our future citizens.

The above outline of its object the organization no doubt commends itself to every one who has in the least realized the need of improvement along the lines suggested therefore has the sympathy of a large part of our people already. The next step forward is to somehow arouse this sympathy into action.

It seems but natural to consider that teachers most of all realize the need of better conditions and in consequence occupy a position of advantage both as to influence and opportunity in encouraging the work of improvement. Furthermore, it has been said that "opportunity and responsibility go hand in hand."

It is very much desired that the teachers in our county, as far as possible, attend the above mentioned meeting and enlist in the Betterment movement. The county association would like to place in the hand of a representative of every school in Alamance, not heretofore supplied such literature as will aid in the organization of a local Betterment Association.

Individual schools are the units which make up our great public school system. In the unit the real work of any organization must be done. Whatever of improvement may come to our public schools as a result of the Betterment movement will be but the aggregate of local endeavor.

EULA DIXON.

Adda Nicholson. "Lisping Love"—Miss Stella G. Nicholson.

"Spirit of Love"—Miss Daisy Sharpe.

"Santa Clause"—Alvis A. Sharpe. "Sewing Circle"—Base Ball Boys" and other attractions. S. A. Sharpe will act as accompanist. The public is cordially invited to come out and have a good time.

There was an "Elopement" on No. 7 last Sunday, but we will call no names as we have not learned the full particulars yet. However, we warn the No. 9 folks to quit poaching on No. 7's preserves or there will be a famine in available material for wives over on this side of the sphere.

## THE FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

The following is from Webster's Weekly, and it is an eye opener to many like Jesepehus.

"The official figures of the result in the Fifth District show that Brooks' defeat was not due to a Democratic slump, but to an abnormal and unexpected Republican increase. Had Morehead done no better than Reynolds did two years ago, Brooks would have been elected by a larger majority than Kitchen had over Reynolds. Brooks polled 244 more votes than Kitchen did in 1906 in Alamance county, 43 more in Caswell, 320 more in Durham county, 102 more in Forsyth 25 more in Granville, 72 more in Guilford, 100 more in Orange. He fell behind Kitchen's 1906 vote in Person 91; Rockingham, 138; Stokes, 204. Surry, which was not in the Fifth District two years ago, shows that he runs behind Hackett's vote 107.

"Thus Brooks gains over Kitchen, including Surry county, 530. Leaving Surry out of it, he polled 737 votes more than Kitchen did in the Fifth District in 1906.

"Brooks' defeat is explainable on the upheaval of the Republican vote, which largely stayed at home for ten years after the adoption of the Constitutional Amendment. If they are brought out two years from now, it means a close fight in the District, no matter whom the Democrats may nominate. The same is true of the Rockingham county, and we might as well look the situation in the face."

This should fill every Republican worker with new courage, give fresh hope, add more zeal, and quicken our undying faith. Clip these figures and carry them with you, for it shows that wisdom and right elected Mr. Morehead to Congress.

## Has Judgement Day Arrived.

Although the citizens had often been warned, yet many were surprised and horror struck when they heard the news last week.

Some ran to the mountains around Lenoir, Marion and Morganton, some may have sought refuge in Newton and Lincoln, a few may have fled to Gastonia and Shelby for safety. Yet it was all in vain for the same calamity had also visited those towns. Oh! the weeping and gnashing of teeth, the threats against some of our citizens, cursing their neighbors, moving to another town, none of these will save them. Friends, there is no escape; the only remedy is to pay your bills. For the bakers, butchers, ice and coal man, the grocerymen, the shoe and clothing men, the women who furnish the merry widow hats; the dry goods men, the hardware merchants, the jewelers and the druggists are all members of the Hickory Retail Merchants Association. At the last meeting four new members were admitted and before Jan. 1 every retail merchant of Hickory township will be a member.

If you do not pay your bills promptly, the only ones that will give you credit will be the doctor and the preacher. Now don't be too elated over this, because, confound it, the undertaker will not bury you unless you pay him. "The way of the transgressor is hard."

We have clipped the above from the editorial page of the Times-Mercury, Hickory, N. C., which should be read by every person in North Carolina. And especially by every class of men who are engaged in a public business. We trust and firmly believe that the day is not far distant when the Merchants of our town and county will realize the great importance of a Merchants Association.

A little slide of dirt at one end of the Catum embankment of the Panama Canal will give the long-silent prophets of evil a chance to get busy again.