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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—Now that the holidays are over it may be assumed that Congress will address itself with energy to such legislation as has been cut out for it by the leaders of the House and Senate slightly influenced by the messages of the President. It will be however remembered that Congress is made up of human beings with various characteristics including vanity and the love of pleasure and also that many of them are accompanied by their wives and families and that the Washington social season which begins with considerable violence after the Christmas holidays and continues as long as Congress remains in session in spite of Lent, Religion, earthquakes and panics is a serious hindrance to the business for which Congress are elected and to which they are mistakenly supposed to address themselves. Late dinners, receptions, balls, whist and poker parties, rivalries in gowns, jewelry, carriages and automobiles occupy not only the attention of the wives and daughters but sap the nervous energy of the statesmen who bring them here. It is perhaps Utopian to expect an improvement. It was thus in the days of the Roman Senate and probably in the days of all the prehistoric Senates and so will continue to be. The man whether a railroad President or a hod carrier looks upon his profession or his business only as means to an end for the promotion of his happiness and that of his family. A railroad President was recently heard to say that if he could make the thousands of the employees of the office industrious and economical and careful of the resources and properties of the road he could increase their wages and his dividends. It is not alone the four hundred of the millionaire class that are wasteful and prodigal. It is the eighty million inhabitants of the United States. But this is a digression. Returning to Congress, it is a hope-sign that there will certainly be in the next Senate some real statesmen replacing inferior types. It is now known that Theodore Burton member of Congress from Cleveland will be elected to the Senate from Ohio. The brother of the President-elect has withdrawn from the race, as he expresses it, in the interest of party harmony. With such men as Burton and Root in the Senate it is expected that the inferior bosses like Aldrich and Hale will be eclipsed or at least neutralized. There are also indications that the House will have its strength renewed not by accretion from without but from tonic interior effort. A number of members of the lower house are restless under the dominating or rather domineering influence of certain members who have long had things their own way, and the insurgents as they are called are showing evidence of recalcitrancy which may result in the overthrow of the political shotguns who have so long ruled legislation.

The New Year's reception, the last under President Roosevelt, was one of unusual extent and brilliancy. It is looked upon by old residents as perhaps the handsomest function and the largest ever held. A bright cloudless day added to the cheer in thousands of homes and a preponderance of young people, many of them home from school and college for the holidays, made calling particularly enjoyable. The White House was simply decorated. Roses, in which white predominated, filled the vases in the Blue Room where the receiving party stood. Behind them were a large number of specially invited guests. In the other rooms, pale pink carnations were placed in tall vases. In niches, in the corridors, and in various large receptacles were ferns and small palms tastefully arranged. The famous Marine Band which furnishes music on such occasions was this day divided into two sections and sat upon either side of the North entrance. The weather was exceptionally fine and the private citizens on foot, who waited patiently until

the Diplomatic corps, the Justices of the Supreme Court, the members and Senators, and Army and Naval officers had made their entree and somewhat delayed departure, extended for a full quarter of a mile from the White House door. The President appeared to be in fine health and spirits and had something more than mere conventional greeting to say to nearly everybody whom he personally knew in the long line of visitors. He is evidently in high spirits in expectation of his long outing far removed from Washington and presidential cares.

Looked upon spectacularly and as a pageant, the best part of the White House function was the first, when the members of the Diplomatic corps, arrayed in the splendid uniforms of their respective courts made their impressive entree. The ambassadors, ministers with their entourage of secretaries and military and navy attaches were accompanied also by the ladies of their families, and for twenty minutes or more the scene was marked by a display of remarkable uniforms and enviable foreign made gowns. The Italian Ambassador as the dean of the Diplomatic Corps, he having been longest in service, led the way, followed by the Austrian Ambassador, British Ambassador, and the representatives of all other foreign countries with whom the United States has friendly and diplomatic relations. After the Diplomatic Corps came the Justices of the Supreme Court, the Senators and members of Congress who were in the city, and then followed a splendid display of uniformed officers of the army and navy.

Mr. Burton Wins in Ohio

Washington Herald.

The Ohio Senatorial Situation has resolved itself happily for all concerned. Mr. Taft's withdrawal was greatly to his credit, whether due to a desire to promote party harmony or to a perception that public sentiment was pretty strongly against his candidacy. That he could have won by methods which he would not stoop to employ is quite probable, but a victory so gained would have been a blot on his reputation as well as a stain on the fair name of his State. He had no such claim on the place as Mr. Burton, whose public services have been of a high order deserving reward. Moreover, Mr. Taft is closely affiliated with the Cox machine, which is in very bad order among Ohio Republicans. The machine has gracefully landed on the right side, but Mr. Burton is under no obligations to it.

Mr. Burton needs no eulogy at this time. He represents a type of statesmanship the House can ill afford to lose, but which the Senate badly needs. The country as well as Ohio profits by his call to higher place. His selection we believe to be fairly representative of the better public opinion of his State, and it affords another example of an extra-legislative Senatorial choice, of which the legislature itself will be a mere recording machine. So it is not necessary to establish popular election of Senators in order to deprive legislatures of a function they have long given over to bosses and machines.

LYNCHING ON THE INCREASE.

The Largest Number of Lynchings During 1908, Since 1903.

New York, Jan. 2.—The number of lynchings in 1907 was the smallest in late years, being but sixty-three, but those in 1908 numbered 100, the largest since 1903. The lynchings in the states and territories were as follows: Alabama, 4; Arkansas, 1; California, 1; Florida, 4; Georgia, 16; Illinois, 2; Kentucky, 10; Louisiana, 8; Mississippi 22; North Carolina, 1; South Carolina, 1; Tennessee, 8; Texas, 21; Virginia, 1. Of the total number 93 were negroes and 7 whites.

Dan Hall, the faithful carrier of R. F. D. No. 5, is off duty owing to an attack of rheumatism, but we are glad to know he is improving.

STEAMSHIP IS AFIRE IN SAVANNAH HARBOR.

New Vessel Arrives with Passengers, But Her Cargo is Burning.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 1.—The new steamship Texas, Capt. Pederson, 5 500 tons burden, bound from Christiania, Norway, to Havana, Cuba, owned by the Norway and Mexican Gulf Steamship Company, is on fire tonight four miles from Savannah. A fire engine is at work on the fire, but at a late hour it was still burning fiercely.

The Texas, which was on her maiden trip, left Christiania December 5, with fourteen passengers and a miscellaneous cargo. The steamship stopped for coal at Norfolk, and left on Tuesday for Havana. Yesterday afternoon, when the vessel was seventy miles from Savannah, the cargo was found to be on fire.

Capt. Pederson decided to make for Savannah. He arrived at a point four miles from here last night. A chemical engine of the Savannah fire department was sent to the rescue of the ship, being carried down the river on a lighter. The firemen fought the flames all day, and were still fighting them tonight. The passengers were taken ashore.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 1.—The fire in the hold of the steamer Texas, that put into the Savannah river Friday morning, leaving her course from Norfolk to Havana, is still burning in the vessel's cargo. It is now apparent that the vessel will be saved though she is badly damaged by the fire. Most of the cargo in her after hold is a dead loss. The fire will probably be entirely out tomorrow.

A Social Evening at Oaklelen Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Walker delightfully entertained a number of friends at their home Thursday evening December 31, 1908. Games were the chief amusements of the evening. A string band with piano accompaniment furnished the music which was highly enjoyed by every one. Those present were: Misses Mamie Wilkins, Bessie Gilliam, Carrie and Bessie Leath, Maggie Isley, Annie Isley, Mand Ross, Bertha Barker, Mabel Lea, Bertha Garrison, Malona Patterson, Georgia Garrison, Bettie Garrison, Bronna Garrison.

Messrs. Java Wilkins, Henry Wilkins, Ben Boswell, Walter Hurdle, Ben Wilkins, Bruce Cantrell, Rudy Gilliam, J. A. Leath, Oscar Leath, Carl Pritchette, Otis Leath, Ernest Ross, Luther Isley, W. L. B. Garrison, W. H. H. Garrison, Jasper Garrison, Carl Garrison, Maok Garrison, Alvis Pearson, Jas. Isley, M. L. Holton, Ed Garrison, Master Wasson Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ross, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Walker, Prof. J. W. Walker, Mr. Mrs. Geo. Garrison.

Every one pronounced the evening a success and congratulated the host and hostess on exhibiting the true Christmas spirit.

The body of F. R. Swindle, of Pantego township, who had been missing for two or three days, was found in a mill pond with a large deer near by. Mr. Swindle, with a party of friends, had been out deer hunting when Swindle was lost from the company. It is supposed that he was killed by the wounded deer which was standing not far from him.

Mr. John W. Rippey, for many years one of the best known locomotive engineers on the North Carolina railroad, died at his home in Burlington last Wednesday night, aged 69 years. He had been unable to do any work since receiving a stroke of paralysis five or six years ago. Mr. Rippey was splendid citizen and enjoyed the esteem and friendship of all who knew him. He was most highly regarded by the officers and employes of the railroad in whose service he spent better part of his life.—Greensboro Patriot.

THE GREATEST EARTH-QUAKE OF HISTORY.

More Than Two Hundred Thousand Hurled into Eternity by the Great Upheaval in Southern Italy.

Rome, Dec. 29.—Two hundred thousand dead in Messina in Sicily, and Reggio and a score of other towns in southern Italy is overwhelmed by the startling earthquake of today. Many sections of Italy is laid waste a result of this great upheaval. The death list in Messina has reached nearly fifty thousand. That of Reggio nearly forty-five thousand and all the near by towns have suffered the loss of lives ranging from one thousand to ten. In the Moneleone region every city and rural district is devastated and all communities and villages bordering on the straits are in ruins. The King and Queen of Italy sailed at once for the scenes of distress. The Pope has shown the greatest of interest for the distressed, and at the calamity, and he himself has contributed \$200,000 to the relief of the afflicted. British, French and American war ships have already reached Sicily and their men are performing heroic service in the work of rescue. Rain and fire is following in the wake of the earthquake; sickness and pestilence is abroad everywhere. Criminal after criminal is being shot down by the military while attempting to lute the victims and ransack the city. A large number of Americans are among those who perished in the disaster. Tidal waves have destroyed transportation facilities and the work of relief is slow.

Local and Personal.

See Sellars', Goodman's and Ellis' change of ads for this issue.

The city charter will be amended during the session of the legislature.

H. H. Clapp, of Raudleman, visited relatives here during the holidays.

Miss Grace Hoffman of Whitsett was here the first of the week shopping.

We are glad to see Mr. H. G. Kime, who has been sick for some time, out again.

Mr. J. F. Thompson, who has been right sick for the past few weeks is able to be our again.

Mr. G. W. Bradshaw, who has been ill for the past week or ten days, is improving and hopes to be able to be out in a few days.

Miss Lois Reitzel, a student of King's Business College, Raleigh, returned to her duties Monday, after a pleasant vacation with her relatives.

We are indeed glad to say that we can give you a \$14.50 set of silver knives and forks for only thirty yearly subscriptions to the State Dispatch.

Misses May Speer and Martha Messick of Winston-Salem, returned to their homes last Tuesday after spending the holidays with Miss Flossie Loy.

The Postal accepts free, domestic messages with reference to the Italian relief work when offered by regularly organized committees or by public officials.

NEEDED—A beautiful set of silver knives and forks for the table on Sunday. Read our proposition in another place in this issue and in a few days, if you try, the answer will be "Have".

We will give you a set of those beautiful silver tea spoons bearing the name of the Simmons Hardware Company, of St. Louis, Mo., which you can inspect for yourself, for six yearly subscribers to the Dispatch.

Read our subscription offer on 8th page, and get busy for the pretty silver premiums.

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Hold Regular Monthly Meeting at Court House on Monday. County Attorney and Other Officers Elected. Jurors for March Term Superior Court Drawn, &c.

Graham, N. C., Jan. 4, 1909. The Board of County Commissioners of Alamance County met in the Court House on the above date in regular monthly session at ten o'clock a. m., with the following members present: E. Long, Chairman; B. R. Sellars, A. N. Robertson, W. A. Murray.

The following business was transacted:

Ordered: That the report of Simeon Thompson, Superintendent of the Home of the Aged and Infirm be accepted and filed.

Ordered: That B. R. Sellars and W. A. Murray be and are hereby appointed a committee to act with the Superintendent of Roads and investigate the road leading from Dexter Whitesell's, by the way of Heffman Mill to the Guilford county line and report to this board at its next meeting.

Ordered: That J. R. Aldridge et al Telephone line extending from the Caswell county line to Haw River be allowed to extend their line from Haw River along the public road to the corporate limits of Burlington so far as the right of the County Commissioners is vested.

Ordered: That the Hub Telephone Company be allowed a right of way to run a telephone line along the public road from Burlington to the Hub store; that said poles for the line shall be planted in such a way as not to obstruct the road in any way.

Ordered: That the County Superintendent of Roads be instructed to investigate the road leading from Haw Fields to Haw River and report to this board at its next meeting.

Ordered: That John H. Holt be relieved of tax on one lot in Burlington Township, same having been sold to the Methodist church, and was erroneously listed; amount of tax, \$9.50.

Ordered: That Alvis Nelson and wife be received as inmates of the County Home for Aged and Infirm and the Superintendent is hereby authorized to receive them.

Ordered that J. M. Tisdale be authorized to furnish V. B. Sharpe and Sallie Sharpe in provisions to the amount of \$1.00 per month each for two months and present an itemized account with this order attached.

Ordered: That George W. Patterson be authorized to furnish W. H. Clapp in provisions to the amount of \$2.00 per month for two months and present an itemized account with this order attached.

Ordered: That check for \$3.95 received from Jas. P. Hardeu for the sale of some old material at the work be turned over to County Treasurer to be credited to the Road fund.

Ordered: That the report of Dr. H. M. Montgomery, County Superintendent of Health, be accepted and filed.

Ordered: That the petition of citizens in Patterson township, asking for a cartway across the lands W. H. Euliss and Mrs. Jane Kimery be accepted, filed and advertised and heard first Monday in February.

Ordered: That the report of Jas. P. Harden, Superintendent of Roads, be accepted and filed.

Ordered: That this Board pay The National Bank of Alamance \$45.00, interest on Alamance county's note for three thousand dollars; due this date, renewing the same for 90 days.

Ordered: That the official report of the Clerk of Superior Court be accepted, approved, ordered recorded and filed.

John F. Murray having been

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elected Constable in Patterson Township on Nov. 3rd, 1908, presented his bond in the sum of five hundred dollars and upon motion duly made and seconded the same was ordered accepted, approved and filed, whereupon the said J. F. Murray took and subscribed the oath of office and entered upon the duties of his office.

Ordered: That W. N. Thompson be and is hereby elected County Superintendent of Roads of Alamance County for a term of one year, at a salary of \$50.00 per month, taking effect at once.

Ordered: That the three thousand dollars now loaned to the Christian Orphanage at Elon College by Alamance county be and is hereby loaned as a county debt sinking fund on the county bonded debt of \$50,000.00, same to cover the years 1907, 1908 and 1909.

The resignation of Simeon Thompson, Superintendent of the Home of Aged and Infirm, being presented to this board, same to take effect the first Monday in February, 1909, be and is hereby accepted.

Ordered: That T. H. Tarpley be and is hereby elected Superintendent of the Home of Aged and Infirm of Alamance County, to take effect the first Monday in February, 1909, to fill out the unexpired term of Simeon Thompson, resigned.

Ordered: That the Chairman of the Board appoint a committee to visit the County Jail, County Home, County Convict camp, whereupon the Chairman appointed B. R. Sellars and A. N. Robertson.

Ordered: That the bond of W. N. Thompson, Superintendent of Roads, be accepted, approved, ordered recorded and filed.

Ordered: That A. N. Robertson be appointed a committee to have the bridge at Marys Creek repaired.

Ordered: That W. H. Carroll be and is hereby County Attorney for one year at a salary of \$100.00 per year from this date.

Ordered: That Mebane Store Company be authorized to furnish Mrs. Mary Wolf in provisions to the amount of \$1.00 per month for two months and present an itemized account to this board with this order attached.

The following named persons were drawn as Jurors for the March term Superior Court:

F L Williamson, No. 12; G W Allen, 1; M A Gibson, 10; John R Foster, 12; Jesse W Alexander, 1; J S Gibson, 10; J D Payne, 12; A J Porterfield, 5; A O Guthrie, 8; G F York, 1; W M Ludley, 8; W Lacey Fogleman, 2; K G McBain, 8; J A Blylock, 12; Chas. A Thompson, 6; J L Thomas, 12; W L Walters, 6; J Henry Blackmon, 13; John G King, 12; C M Ray, 13; Augustus Bradley 12; L H Allen, 12; S G Morgan, 10; J C Wright, 1; W H Fogleman, 1; J Ernest Holt, 12; Fred P Cole, 13; W W Corbett, 10; A G Thompson, 9; R J Scott, 13; J H Graham, 13; E T Waddell, 3; J P Pace 13; W L Wicker, 4; J W Sharpe 12; J M Cates, 12; W L Ross 4; L N Walker, 5; D M Loy, 12; Chas. W Hurdle, 5; R C Moore, 12; A H Horne 13; W C Carter, 1; W D Adams, 1; L T Rudd, 11; DeWitt Foust, 8; W P Lawrence, 3.

Ordered: That the board adjourn to meet in joint session with the Highway Commission on January 18th, 1909.

CHAS. D. JOHNSTON,
Clerk of Board.

In the future all milk sold in Chicago must be pasteurized and must come from cows which have passed the tuberculosis test.

The Jackson Training School of Concord will begin work January 12th. This institution which is maintained for the youthful law breakers will soon begin work. A public reception will be held on January 7th. The building committee and authorities of the school have done a great work but expect to do greater things in the future. Much of the work which has not been completed is left for the completion by the youths.