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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, Feb. 13.—There has been some agitation during the week with reference to a change in the canal type from the lock system adopted some four years ago, to the sea level plan as was proposed by a majority of the distinguished engineers once sent there. Informal reports and speeches by the President elect and information from the distinguished civil engineers would seem to indicate however, that the lock system is still in high favor. Colonel Goethals is now in the city and will appear before the House and Senate Committees on Inter-oceanic canals these will doubtless receive much first hand information from him.

Preparations for the inauguration now less than three weeks distant are going on. Every precaution is being taken to prevent overcrowding of the Capitol. No person will be admitted to the floor or to the inaugural platform without a card signed by the committee on arrangements, except they be members of the Senate and elective officers; members of the House of Representatives and elective officers; ex-vice-presidents; justices of the Supreme Court and officers; the Admiral of the Navy and his aid; the chief of staff of the Army and his aid. Cards of admission to the floor and tickets of admission to the extent of two each have been given to senators for their friends. That is a smaller number than has been given out on previous occasions.

Pennsylvania avenue has begun to assume quite a baseball like appearance. Seats or bleachers have been erected at open spaces along the avenue where the thousands of people may secure seats at prices varying from fifty cents to two dollars. Much will depend on the weather, which, of course, is always a doubtful element on the fourth of March.

As the present administration draws to a close, the legislative body finds itself embarrassed with a number of problems that in all probability cannot be solved at this session. The President has vetoed the Census bill which contained the objectionable provision authorizing the appointment of census employees by members of Congress instead of through competitive examination under the Civil Service rules. The President's attitude towards this question and toward other pending measures may result in the failure of a number of important bills in the present Congress. It is thought by the leaders of the House that the Sundry Civil Bill which contains appropriations for the maintenance of the Secret service and possibly one or two other supply bills and the Census bill will fail of passage this session. In such case, they must be taken up and put into the form of law at the special session to be called in March. The determination to defer action on at least one appropriation bill and to lay over the Census Bill, will of course open the way for much general legislation and this suggests that many measures other than that relating to the tariff will come up for consideration and probably be passed at the special session. A committee on the Census met yesterday to consider the President's vetoed measure. No formal action was taken, but discussion in committee indicated that it would be unwise at this late day to try to pass the Census Bill over the President's veto.

The House yesterday passed the Agricultural appropriation bill with an amendment providing that all discoveries made by the Department of Agriculture incident to test of paper making material shall be patented in the name of the Secretary of Agriculture for the benefit of the whole people.

There are indications amounting almost to certainty that the small junta of leaders in the Senate, Aldrich, Hale, Gallinger and Foraker, will find their influence much curtailed after this session. Foraker, who is perhaps the ablest man of them all, will retire after March the

fourth, but the real cause of the declining strength of the clique that has long ruled is the determination of some new senators, headed by Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, to take a hand in legislative matters. Senator La Follette showed the strength of the opposition and its determination to have something to do with senatorial business yesterday when he balked Senator Hale's plan to expedite the naval appropriations. He was extremely sarcastic in debate with Senator Hale, the autocrat of the Naval Committee, or as he is sometimes called "the owner of the United States Navy." His language was:

"I have the hardihood not only to doubt the divine perfection of the present arrangement, but to almost believe that the business of the Senate could be distributed among its ninety-two members instead of being taken care of by less than one-third of this body."

KILLS HERSELF IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Beaufort Woman Commits Suicide. Was Ill For Some Time.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—With photographs of her two small children beside her on a folding cot, Mrs. Susan H. Yonce, thirty-nine years of age, who came here from Beaufort, N. C., was found dead in her room with five gasjets turned on.

Mrs. Yonce, who was employed as a clerk in the Bureau of Statistics, Department of Agriculture, retired to her room late last night. After disrobing she turned off the lights and then again turned on all five jets. She was found by her landlady.

Mrs. Yonce left a brief note on her bureau in which she said: "Let Senator Simmons and Representative John H. Small know." The names of Harry and Arthur Mayo also appeared on the note. There was some other writing which was illegible.

Dr. Hilton stated today that he had treated Mrs. Yonce for some time and that she had been addicted to the use of drugs. The physician said further that he had been called to see her yesterday afternoon. She had asked him then to give her morphine, but he refused to do so.

Mrs. Yonce, who came here about ten years ago upon the death of her husband, had been employed in the Department of Agriculture for several years, and for a time was in the census office and the Treasury Department. Her friends say she was regarded as exceptionally intelligent. She was a graduate of a Southern college.

Four children, Mrs. C. W. Senkins and Brown Yonce, of this city, and two younger children, who reside in Baltimore, survive.

Mrs. Yonce had written her will. When Dr. Hilton called to see her yesterday afternoon she handed him four slips of paper. Thinking they contained only some poetry which was written on one side, he placed them in his pocket. Upon her death this morning he examined the writing and found she had made a will for the disposition of her property. The physician turned the will over to the police.

Remember, we are pulling for three thousand subscribers. Ladies, gentlemen, girls and boys, read our offer and get part of that beautiful silverware on exhibit at the Burlington Hardware Company.

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".

A large number of our friends have entered the contest and are working like heroes for a part of that silverware which we offer to give away.

Barbed wire 3 cents per lb. at Graham Hardware Co., Graham, N. C.

A STRIKING CONTRAST

Views of Editor Crowson and Former Editor Hunt on Governor Kitchin.

EDITOR CROWSON'S VIEWS.

When Gov. W. W. Kitchin delivered his inaugural address, one or two State papers that had been severe in their criticisms of him before the election, declared that the address was a sound one, and stated that they were agreeably surprised. As much as to say that they had been afraid of him, but had been reassured.

There is not a more conservative citizen or public official in North Carolina than Governor Kitchin. The only trouble is he has been man enough to stand on the Democratic platform at all times, and those who had been criticizing, were criticizing him when he was standing for the principles of the party while they were not. If he was Populistic it was along those lines upon which the platform was populistic. In politics, the man who dares to stand for the people, and to stand for the right is condemned. As long as he does not raise his voice against oppression and joins with the oppressors, he's all right. So long as a man does the will of the devil he has no trouble with him so long as a man keeps his place among the sinners he's hail fellow, well met, but when he turns and walks away begins to fight evil, he becomes the target for abuse. A man can drift with effort, but must fight to go up stream. Mr. Kitchin has dared to stand for all that is pure in politics, and today is the chief citizen of our state.

Years ago, the editor of this sheet was running a little paper in Caswell county. Our press day was at hand. Our "patent outside was in the express office, marked "C. O. D." Those who have had packages so marked and had no money, know what those letters meant. We were "busted" and had concluded to let her go, and quit. We went to the postoffice and opened a letter. It contained a check for \$5.00 with instructions to send the paper one year to five "good Democrats." The check was signed W. W. Kitchin.

W. W. Kitchin was a young man then, unknown to us. Had just been nominated to Congress. The \$5.00 saved the life of the paper and we went to work, and helped to redeem old Caswell from Republican rule, and since then she has been giving a majority of from 600 to 1000 Democratic, whereas before she always went Republican.

W. W. Kitchin has always been a Democrat—way back yonder before '98 he was a Democrat, and today no man appreciates the honor that has been conferred upon him more than this writer; and those who know Gov. Kitchin know that he is, has been and always will be a Democrat, standing on the Democratic platform, and know that he is "safe, sound and sane," a yard wide, and went run down at the heels as time goes on.

FORMER EDITOR HUNT'S VIEWS.

It is a well known fact that there were hundreds and thousands of Democrats in North Carolina who last year voted the ticket of the party under protest—some for the turn the liquor business had taken, but more from the fact that the party has gone too far in the Populistic ideas, and sought by platform promises to persecute certain business interests in the State, as well as the disposition of the majority of the party to run rough shod over and read out of the party as aliens and mountebanks, all who have dared to lift hand or voice against being carried where—they know not. I say these are facts well known to all who want to know, and who will be taught. That is not all; you hear it every day and in almost any crowd that if the present things of whip-cracking and

persecution of legitimate business, or in short if the leaders of the party, self-constituted or otherwise, persist in being fools, then there will be such a change in the line-up of parties within the next few years that there will be a new set that has not been in control lately, and that is the Republican party. I say these things are talked, and men are heard to say that they do not care how soon, if the present party can do no more than at each General Assembly try to disrupt the confidence of all the State in the ability of the party to legislate wisely. Every one knows what happened two years ago; how the State was disrupted by rate legislation, how the matter had to be adjusted, how near the sub-section "A" came to passing, and how the business of the country went down. Yet in the face of all that, the organ squalls itself black in the face for the passage of radical legislation!

Write in the platform! Printed in black! Hell and damnation if you don't! The party said so! Damn business, when the party platform is at stake!

That is the strain that one hears every day in the year, and the rot is piled high on the desk of every member of the Legislature day after day.

The State press has had little to say as a whole, save to say that the present Legislature has done well in that it has to date done nothing save pass local bills and consider what was best to do, and it seems that the business world of the State has been resting in peace in the belief that the Governor would lie still with all the glaring lights before him. However, such reckoned without their hosts.

Now review the field and see what has happened:

It is well known that Mr. J. S. Manning was the lieutenant of Governor Kitchin in the campaign for the nomination, and it is known too, how well he marshaled his hosts for his man. Few perhaps have followed the trend closely enough to see that the same general ship may be working about the law-making body now in session here. More than half the time allowed the Legislature to sit has passed, yet it has remained to this late day for the Governor to suggest anything that he thought ought to become a law. But to go back. One of the first things of any importance to be introduced was the Manning bill to enlarge the powers of the Attorney General: that not getting the breeze some expected it to raise the Lockhart bill, the trust-buster, fell on dull ears and the Legislature did not take it away from him or pass it. Then the organ or organs got busier than ever, and the condition grew to be desperate. Meeting after meeting was held, delegations and wind producers were imported and the first sign of a lobby appeared; not to prevent but to force legislation. All that, with the thunder of black lines kept at the masthead and spread over the House and the Senate, has failed to create more than a ripple. Party platform pledges go nowhere, it seems, as the legislator who is honest in his intentions thinks of the good he may do business by getting through and going home so that all feeling of dread as to what may by accident be done here will blow over, and business only be the slogan. So much for that.

What has gone before leads to the present and to the point of all that was meant to be said here, namely, that the message of the Governor asking that trust-busting legislation be made or done is the last link in the chain, and the very fact that he asks for the work to be done through the Attorney Gen-

eral, it is thought shows that the first thing done was the quiet way of getting the Manning bill to enlarge the powers of the Attorney General through the Legislature, and catch some one asleep at the switch. That got its death in committee and the other, failing to date and the old party whip singing like manie balls in the air, with death and damnation promised to the party and all who fail to help bust a trust, and failing to raise even a small stink, the last card has been played: the mandate of the Governor to the dominating party, while it is all in mind as to how the very devil of the trusts and the Southern Railway and the Charlotte Observer ran on the Governor's trail and haunted him day and night. If these things do not move the Legislature to act, then it can be said that sanity has come to the front. C. W. HUNT.

JOSEPHINE HOOD LOST AGAIN

Victim of Bigamist Evades Family Rather Than Return Home.

Asheville, Feb. 11.—Miss Josephine Hood, the Asheville girl, who was located in Tucumcari, N. Mex., yesterday after a search lasting since her marriage in 1906, to "Lord" Reginald Sholto Douglas, the notorious bigamist, has disappeared, and all efforts to locate her today were futile.

Several months after her marriage to the bogus "Lord" the family of Miss Hood, aided by the State Department, instituted a diligent search, but were unable to find a trace of her. It was believed she had been murdered, until several days ago a letter from a friend told the family that she was living on a ranch near Tucumcari. A telegram was sent there today by her brother Edwin Hood, but when the chief of police received the message the young woman had disappeared.

A dispatch from the New Mexico town tonight says Miss Hood arrived there in October, and took up 160 acres of government land, and spent much money on it. She was known to many of the residents of the place and was regarded as wealthy.

It is said that when the bigamist deserted Miss Hood a few days after her marriage she began a struggle for her livelihood rather than bear the shame of returning to her family, and it is believed now that she is determined never to allow her family to locate her.

Relatives here are almost crazed by the latest developments in the mystery.

The Official Result

The United States Senate and the House of Representatives met in joint session last week to canvass the electoral vote cast for president in accordance with the returns from the election last November.

W. H. Taft, Republican, had 321 votes and W. J. Bryan, Democrat, had 162 votes, thus giving Judge Taft 159 majority, a majority almost as large as Bryan's total vote in the electoral college. All the Democratic papers during the last campaign delighted to dish out to their readers the fact that Judge Taft had held office nearly all his life by appointment through the aid of influential friends but had never been elected by the votes of the people to any office, leaving the impression that the Judge did not have personal popularity enough to win in a popular voting contest among the people, but the result only proves how unreliable is the reading matter placed before our Democratic brethren when they need calm, cool conservative council the most.

There may not be such strenuous doings in the White House after March the 4th, but things more "weighty" are likely to be in evidence there for the next four years.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

FORM ELON COLLEGE.

Elon College, Feb. 12.—Saturday evening, Feb. 6th, the intermediate department in music gave its annual Pianaforte recital in the College chapel to a large discriminating and appreciative audience of music lovers. Twelve young ladies of the pupils of Miss Elise Ramsey, assistant in piano, took part in the program and rendered to the delight of all present choice selections from the master composers of instrumental music. The following young ladies figured in the program: Miss Estelle Butler, Newport News, Va.; Miss Annie Laurrie Wicker, Elon College, N. C.; Wilmer Winn, Baltimore, Md.; Vannie Howerton, Greensboro, N. C.; Aliene Patton, Elon College, N. C.; Lillian Aldridge, Union Ridge, N. C.; Ruby Michael, Gibsonville, N. C.; Virgie Beale, Windsor, Va.; Jessie Brinkley, Norfolk, Va.; Macie Farmer, News Ferry, Va.; Louis Davidson, Gibsonville, N. C.; Beulah Foster, Burlington, N. C. The various selections of the program were executed with perfect technique and merited the general applause which they each and every one received.

Dr. Moffitt, this week, received from Rev. F. S. Child, D. D. Fairfield, Conn., secretary of the Francis Asbury Balmer Foundation for the uplifting of education in American Colleges and Institutions, a check for \$500.00 to be applied to current expenses in the Institution. This gift comes at a most acceptable moment for the Institution and is very much appreciated.

Dr. J. U. Newman, Professor of Greek and Biblical Literature in the Institution, has been giving for the past three months a series of studies in the Psalms to the student body on the first and third Sundays in each month. These addresses are highly entertaining, richly instructive and profoundly inspirational and spiritual. They have received the favorable comment of all who have heard them. These addresses have been published in the Herald of Gospel Liberty of Dayton, Ohio, and received a wide and generous reading at the hands of the public. It is hoped that Dr. Newman will collect these addresses in book form and give them permanently to the world of Biblical scholarship.

Invitations are out to the Annual Entertainment of the Clio Literary Society. This celebration comes annually on the 22d of February and will fall on that date this year. An interesting and varied program has been prepared, and as this Society maintains its reputation of former years for excellent recitation and thoroughness of performance, those who may chance to attend this entertainment will be highly delighted and entertained. Program is to consist of two voice solos, a trio, two orations, a humorous recitation, a cornet solo, a chorus by the Society Glee Club and a debate on the question, Resolved: That a National Law Should be Passed providing for the guarantee of bank deposits by the banks or each State. The debaters are Messrs. G. S. Cornwell, Dory, Va.; J. S. Lincoln, Wakefield, Va.; representing the affirmative and Messrs. R. L. Walker, Burlington, N. C. and J. P. Farmer, News Ferry, Va., representing the negative. The marshalls are Messrs. J. F. West, Jr., Waverly, Va., Chief P. C. White, Marion, S. C., and M. T. Whitley, Windsor, Va. The public is cordially invited to be present at this entertainment.

President Moffitt is a busy man these days occupied with plans and interviews with reference to raising the \$50,000 endowment, upon the prosecution of which he entered actively last week. Encouraging reports are coming in from every source with reference to this great work and Dr. Moffitt is meeting with encouragement on every hand and has the sympathy of the entire field of influence of the College and all are wishing for him hearty success in this upward movement.