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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, March 6.—That "the best laid plans of mice and men gang oft agely" was never better demonstrated than in the inauguration of the new President Thursday when the elements gathered themselves together for the most disagreeable day of the winter and succeeded in nullifying to an almost incredible degree the efforts that had been made to have this inauguration surpass any that had preceded it. Wednesday, the day before when the immense crowds had gathered in anticipation of the ceremonies and celebration, dawned wet and cold. Rain fell all day and toward night there were lightning and thunder and heavy showers. Later the snow began and continued to fall until the streets were buried several inches deep. By daylight the city was cut off from outside communication, telegraph and telephone wires were down and the wind had brought down the poles and left loose wires swinging in the streets. Never before had there been such desolation on inauguration day. The seats in the grand stands which had been erected all along the line of the march were banked with snow. The decorations had either faded out in hideous blurs of red, white and blue or they had fallen to the pavements from their weight of snow. The light wooden pillars which had been stationed along both sides of Pennsylvania Avenue lay in the streets with their decorations of flags and wreaths buried in the snow. The gutters were filled with ice and slush and it was impossible to cross the streets without going over one's shoe tops in the icy flood. Comparatively few had the courage to venture out in the gale and storm so that when Mr. Taft accompanied by Mr. Roosevelt was driven swiftly up the Avenue to the Capitol there was only a small straggling shivering crowd to greet them. Strangers in the city who had shelter were glad to stay in doors and the residents accustomed to the mild temperatures of this semi Southern climate scarcely knew how to face a blizzard that seemed more suited to the Dakotas or Canada. Thousands were without adequate shelter. The troops recently returned from Cuba were assigned to canvas tents near the river bank and after two years in a tropical climate found themselves in subarctic temperature with no other protection than these flimsy tents afforded. At the railroad station all was confusion and chaos. Wires being down there was no communication with incoming trains and these arrived unheralded from three to thirty hours late. Many of the passengers arriving at night did not venture out of the station to find lodgings and fifteen hundred people spent the night in the station. Hundreds of others did not arrive in time for the inauguration at all but came in on the limping trains many hours late. Many others reaching the city gave one glance at the conditions and boarded the next train out for home. Baltimore hotels were crowded by the inauguration visitors who got as far as the Monumental city and divining the conditions at the Capital stopped off there. The West Point Cadets did not get into the city until the next day and suffered as many others from lack of food and accommodations on the train which had not provided for such an exigency. It would take columns to express the disappointment and disgust of the strangers who had come from great distances the Inauguration and Congress came in well for the righteous indignation of everyone for not having long ago changed the inaugural date to a later season when better weather might be counted on. It was impossible for Mr. Taft to make his address outside the Capitol and the crowd that defied the weather to gather in anticipation of hearing him shared the disappointment that seemed to attend all the plans for the day. Even the Senate galleries which had been carefully reserved seat by seat for

families of the Congressmen had rows of vacant places when Mr. Taft took the oath of office.

The scene inside the Senate Chamber when the inclemency outside was forgotten was one likely to be long remembered by those who were present. Never had the retiring President appeared to better advantage. His face was care worn showing the strain of the last few days which had been filled with work and worry but his boundless, restless energy never seemed so striking as when contrasted with the heavy placidity of his successor. He seemed in a serious mood but he moved briskly, almost electrically through his part in the ceremonies, gave a final embrace that came near being a bear like hug to the incoming President and bounded out and away to the station before the cheering, enthusiastic crowd seemed to realize that he was gone. Then for the first time the people gathered there, many his close friends and many more with whom he had come at various times in clamorous conflict realized that the greatest man among them was to be among them no more. With his disappearance the animosities seemed to fade and the expressions heard on all sides with reference to him indicated that the softening process of time by which his faults would be overlooked and his transcendent work appreciated had already begun.

After taking the oath of office and making his address Mr. Taft accompanied by his wife, (this being the first occasion when a President's wife has appeared in the carriage with him on his way to the White House for the first time as President, drove up the Avenue along the line which was to have been the route of the parade. A few brave soldiers, a civic club or two from Ohio and a number of stragglers followed the Presidential carriage and composed all there was of the spectacle which thousands had come miles to see and for which many had paid from twenty-five to six hundred dollars for windows from which to view from.

R. F. D. No. 2.

E. L. Hughes was on the Durham tobacco market last week and got some fancy prices. For 2,200 pounds, he got \$417.00, more than an 18c average.

We had the pleasure of taking dinner with E. W. Wilkins Monday it was a chopping dinner, but we did not get there in time to chop much, but the rest of the program was rendered in splendid style.

J. I. Welch has returned from a visit to his home in the eastern part of the State where he witnessed the marriage of his brother.

When we read the R. F. D. items in last week's Dispatch expecting to be able to form an opinion as to which was the best, but we found it very difficult to decide. Our items from No. 2 was not as good as they would have been had they been better. But in conclusion it gives us pleasure to announce that in our opinion No. 6 is entitled to first consideration in this contest.

Proposals for Building Roads Alamance County, N. C.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Road Commission of Alamance county, N. C., at the court house Graham, N. C., until 3 p. m. April 5, 1909 for building forty-five miles of macadam roads and fourteen short span reinforced concrete bridges in Alamance county. Roads will be graded to a width of about 28 feet and macadam will be about 10 feet wide. Plans, profiles and specifications will be on file at the court house Graham, N. C., and at the Engineers office at Burlington, N. C., and copies of the specifications, forms of proposals etc., may be obtained from the Engineer at Durham, N. C., by depositing \$5.00 which will be returned on the return of specifications. No bid will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check for \$5,000.00 The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. R. L. Holt, chairman, D. A. White, secretary, Engineer, Gilbert C. White, Durham, N. C.

OUR RALEIGH LETTER.

The end is near—the legislature, I mean. It will probably adjourn "sine die" today or tomorrow.

The past week has been a very interesting one with the law makers and some very important legislation has been enacted—too much to even mention all in one short letter. One thing, however, that affects us all is the act providing for the inspection of illuminating oils with one inspector for each Congressional district at salaries of \$1,000.00 each and traveling expenses. The bill provides that the oil company or wholesaler shall pay one-half cent. on each gallon of oil inspected. It is claimed by the friends of the bill that it will bring considerable revenue into the State treasury, but the opponents claim and it seems with good reason that the cost of inspection will finally be paid by those who use the oil.

Another bill of interest was passed after considerable debate to allow every sheriff or deputy, constable or police \$20.00 for each and every illicit distillery destroyed, making it their duty to look up and destroy all such places instead of the internal revenue officers. It has been generally understood I think ever since the present law was proposed that would be the duty of such officers to execute this law, it being a State law, but this bill allows them this extra compensation for executing this particular.

The efforts of this legislature to increase the pay of all the employees about the public building as well as the salaries of many offices has well nigh succeeded. The Minority by the aid of some of the majority have in a few instances defeated their efforts, one in particular was for the increase of the salary of State Librarian from \$1500 to \$2000. A great many had not forgotten the argument of the same crowd when they increased the salary of Assistant Librarian, that the State Librarian was a feeble and one legged confederate veteran and that the assistant had to do nearly all the work. So it was finally decided that \$1500 was fair compensation for a man that was unable to do anything.

The appropriations have all been made, the revenue act amended and passed as well as the machinery act. It is thought that the revenues will be increased very little if any, as the means of raising revenue or of finding things that can be taxed has about been exhausted by previous legislatures.

The Anti-Trust law was passed last week, but they got the Dentists hold of it and extracted all its teeth first. It was known as the Blow, Bassett, Manning Substitute when it came to the House, then it was amended by naming it the Blow, Bassett, Manning, Koonce, Texas Anti-Trust Bill, (the balance of the name I have forgotten), but when it got through it had been trimmed down until all there was left was the Blow and only a very gentle zephyr.

Hartshorn No. 1 Items

The proprietor of Maple Grove nursery spent a couple of day in and around Greensboro last week on business.

Mrs. A. L. Isley and two children of Burlington, No. 9, made a short visit to her parents last week on Hartshorn No. 1.

We understand that the Oakdale school will close on Friday March 19th, with an entertainment at night, the public is invited.

Brookfield school which was to close last Saturday with an entertainment, was postponed until Tuesday the 9th, being that Saturday was a rainy day.

The Kimesville Junior Order gave a box party on last Saturday night which was enjoyed by a large crowd. There were 18 boxes sold that brought \$16.01, the proceeds will be used for the benefit of the Junior Order.

I vote for Burlington No. 1 items as the best, Burlington No. 6 second best.

DEATH OF MRS. LAWRENCE S. HOLT, Jr.

After an illness of two weeks duration, the beloved wife of Mr. Lawrence S. Holt, Jr., departed this life Thursday evening, March 4th, at their residence corner of Davis and Spring streets, this city. Born twenty-six years ago this month, Elizabeth Spencer Bill resided at Spencer Va, until three years ago last December when she came to Burlington a happy bride. Losing her parents very early in life, she and her brother, Mr. David S. Bill, now the only surviving member of the family, were brought up by their grandmother and Aunt. Her charming personality united to an unusual bright affable and gracious disposition soon won for her the sincere regard of everyone she came in contact with. She was truly loved by all, high and low, rich and poor, and her passing away is sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances: Happily married to a talented, prosperous and rising young business man, a beautiful home recently completed and occupied but a few months with bright hopes and pleasing anticipations for the future, her untimely death is a cause of much sadness and regret. Conscious until near the end, she received the consolations of the Christian religion from her pastor and met the dread summons with true christian fortitude and resignation, desiring to live but saying: "God's will be done."

She was a regular and communing attendant upon the services of St. Athanasius Episcopal church, was secretary and treasurer of the Parish Aid Society and active in all good works connected with the Parish.

The funeral took place on the evening of Friday, March 5th, the services at the Episcopal church conducted by the Rector Rev. Edward L. Ogilby. Appropriate music was rendered by a large choir of volunteers from the several church choirs of the city. The church was filled to overflowing by a large congregation of sorrowing friends, and the church was crowded with a profuse and most beautiful display of flowers in set pieces of elaborate design and many handsome bouquets of cut flowers. The interment was in the church yard, the casket being carried from the church to the grave by the pall-bearers, Messrs. James N. Williamson, Jr., Robt. L. Holt, Finley L. Williamson, William I. Holt, Lynn Williamson, Joseph Gant, James H. Holt and Stephen Moore. And thus the beautiful and loved form was laid to rest in Mother Earth there to await the sure resurrection of the dead who die in the Lord.

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

R. F. D. No. 10.

Miss Bulah Shephard, of No. 4, spent Wednesday night with her sister, Mrs. John Shephard.

Shoffner's school closes March 19 with an entertainment. Public invited.

Messrs. Percy Isley and Joel Graves will spend the summer in the eastern part of the state selling nursery stock.

Miss Annie Clapp spent Sunday visiting in the neighborhood.

If Lonnie Shoffner don't stop hauling such large girls I think he will have to get an iron swingletree for his buggy.

R. A. Coble, of Burlington visiting his best girl Sunday.

The box party given near Kimeville Saturday night was a success 18 boxes brought \$16.04.

Robt. Coble and wife spent Sunday with J. W. Clapp.

We are glad to know that an effort has been made to fence in the old Alamance battle ground.

C. I. Robertson, of Julian No. 1, spent Sunday on No. 10.

J. B. Holt visited on No. 10 last Sunday evening, but did not ride on his oxen.

We cast our vote in the carriers contest for No. 1.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Graham, March 1.—The County Commissioners, of Alamance county met in the court house on the above date with the following members present: E. Long, Chairman, B. S. Robertson, A. N. Roberson, W. A. Murray and W. R. Sellars.

The following business transacted: Ordered: That Julia B. Adams be relieved of tax on \$200.00 erroneously listed for the year 1908.

Ordered: That J. G. Herring be relieved of one poll tax erroneously listed for the year 1908.

Ordered: That India Straughan be refunded the tax on \$267.00 erroneously listed for the year 1908.

Ordered: That the Federal Construction Company be allowed the use of the Rock Crushing plant now at Burlington Reservoir under the same conditions that it has been heretofore rented to other parties with the understanding that it is to be returned in as good condition as received. The same to be used under the supervision of the county Superintendent of roads.

Ordered: That J. M. Walker, Faucetts Township, be relieved of one poll tax erroneously listed for the year 1908.

Ordered: That Felix Lyles be relieved of one poll tax erroneously listed for the year 1908.

Ordered: That G. R. Summers be relieved of tax on \$300.00 erroneously listed for the year 1908.

Ordered: That Robert Forshee be permanently relieved of poll tax and a certificate be issued him, also be relieved for the years 1907-8.

Ordered: That J. H. Walker be relieved of tax on \$100.00 bank stock erroneously listed for the year 1908.

Ordered: That Anderson and Simpson be authorized to furnish Mrs. Jennie Baliff in provisions to the amount of \$1.50 per month for three months and present an itemized account with this order attached.

Ordered: That H. M. Moser and W. N. Thompson, Supt. of Roads be appointed a committee to make an estimate on bridge at the Sallie Isley ford and report to this Board at its next meeting.

Ordered: That W. D. Woods be allowed to run a wire fence over a corner of the County land for a term of two years.

Ordered: That W. R. Sellars be appointed a committee to confer with Jas. N. Williamson, Jr., Treas. of the Highway Commission in regard to borrowing ten thousand dollars to meet the County notes outstanding.

Ordered: That the report of J. H. Tarpley, Supt. of the County Home, be received and filed.

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

Ordered: That J. H. Tarpley, Supt. of the County Home, be authorized to receive John True and family as inmates of the home as soon as he is able to secure a nurse to wait on him.

The out-side poor list was revised and the usual allowances made.

Ordered: That the Airheart Furniture Company be relieved of tax amounting to \$31.48 same being on property erroneously listed for the year 1908.

Ordered: That W. H. Fogleman be relieved of poll tax for the year 1908.

A petition being presented to the Board endorsed by the County Board of Education asking for a special election to be held in certain territory in Boon Station Township district No. 3. Bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at Peter Michaels place and including the same on the County line dividing Guilford and Alamance counties, thence east including Yancey Tickle Arthur Wyrick's and D. R. Barber's places to Haw River, thence down said river to Burlington Township line, thence south with said line to the line separating Nos. 2 and 1 districts in Boon Station Township, thence west with said line to Guilford county line, thence with said line to the beginning, to vote upon the

question of levying a special tax in said territory for school purposes. It is ordered that said petition be granted and that the election be held at the school house in said territory on the 3rd day of April, 1909, and D. W. Wagoner be, and is hereby appointed Registrar and H. P. Tickle and Egbert Truit be, and are hereby appointed judges for said election. A new registration for said election in said territory is hereby ordered and all persons who wish to vote in the said election will be required to register.

A resolution was passed granting to the Southern Traction and Power Company the right to erect, construct, operate and maintain poles, wires pipes, conduits and other fixtures and appliances over, along, under and across the roads, streets, lanes, public places of the county of Alamance, North Carolina.

The Board adjourned to meet March 15, 1909.

Snow Camp No. 2.

Opening remarks deferred on account of lack of space.

Miss Mary Stout visited her parents Sunday.

Mrs. Rebecca Dixon is quite sick. J. J. Hinshaw's child is very ill, Andrew Pace and Co., have moved their saw mill to Claywell's and expect to saw a large tract of timber.

Milo Pace has just completed a nice two-story dwelling.

W. P. Stout is building a nice two-story dwelling which will be completed soon.

Mrs. James Marshall is visiting her parents.

W. F. Marshall another of No. 1's big farmers is erecting a nice cottage house.

We cast our vote in the R. F. D. Contest for No. 6.

Snow Camp No. 1.

Mrs. Rebecca Dixon and Mrs. Nancy Stout, mother and mother-in-law of our neighbor, W. P. Stout, are both very feeble with but very little hope of improving.

Mr. N. C. Stuart has replaced his old barn with a new one, which adds a great deal to the appearance of his nice farm.

The Sylvan graded School district and public school district No. five are making an effort to consolidate and build a large school house south of Dixon's Mill.

Rev. Robt. Parker, assisted by Rev. Thos. Andrew Friend, have been holding a series of meetings the past week at Chatham church.

The graded school at Green's, kept by Misses Sallie Ratcliff and Mary Stout will close the 27th with public exercises.

Ed Love is confined to his room almost in a helpless condition from Rheumatism. We sympathize very deeply with his family, who are constantly at his side day and night willing and anxious to care for him.

W. E. Perry has returned from a five months visit with relatives in Nebraska and California. He reports a fine time and California an ideal country.

I will cast my vote for No. six, complimentary to the only woman carrier in the county hoping she may win.

Neighborhood Notes.

Alamance Gleaner.

It is remarked that never was there seen as many horses here as there are this week. The reference of course is to trading stock such as jockeys handle.

Mrs. L. Banks Holt and Mr. A. Haywood left the latter part of last week for Philadelphia, where they met Mr. Holt on his return from Jamaica, and they arrived here yesterday. Mr. Holt's friends will be pleased to learn that he is now in fine health.

The people of Arkansas probably look upon Senator "Jeff" Davis' alleged recent automobile rides to the White House as a mythical story basely fabricated by the plutocrats for his political undoing.

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