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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, March 27.—Not for many years has a President taken up his duties at the White House so well equipped in every way and under such suspicious conditions as has William H. Taft. Not since 1820 under President Monroe has there been such an era of general good feeling throughout the entire country—due largely to the confidence in Mr. Taft, and to the belief that he will be the President of the whole people without regard to political lines or sections of the country. This feeling has been further enhanced by the very able, experienced and conservative Cabinet which Mr. Taft has selected, largely composed of lawyers. It is believed that the administration of Mr. Taft and his Cabinet officers be most judicial in every respect, and that it will be a working administration with splendid results.

Mr. Taft made a great hit in his first message to Congress. This message, composed of a little over 300 words, contained no preaching of any kind, gave no advice as to what the two Houses should do—he dealt only with the one idea that there should be tariff legislation, and that it should be accomplished as quickly as possible. Not only was Congress itself pleased with this message, but business interests throughout the entire country were more than satisfied with it.

The tariff message was reported at the second day of the Extra Session and it is enough to say of it at present that it has fully redeemed the promises and pledges made in the Republican platform and by Mr. Taft and his supporters during the campaign. It is almost impossible at present to speculate upon the final outcome of what will be the provisions of the bill as it becomes a law, as it will undoubtedly be amended in many ways both in the House and in the Senate. The bill is now being debated, and for a month or so we will have only the long dry speeches that always accompany a debate on the tariff.

Contrary to previous custom, the Senate will not wait until the bill has passed the House to consider its features prepare amendments. The Senate Finance Committee is sitting daily and weighing evidence with a view to reporting its own amend bill as soon as possible after the House bill has reached the Senate. This will expedite the passage of the bill very materially, and it is hoped that the law will be signed and Congress adjourn by July 1st, if not before.

As was expected, Speaker Cannon was re-elected by almost a solid vote of the Republicans and the Rules were changed but slightly and evidently to the satisfaction of the so-called organization Republicans who voted for a resolution proposed by Representative Fitzgerald, a Democrat.

It is possible a further attempt to amend the Rules may be made at the next Session of Congress, but the attempt of certain Journals to condemn the present method failed utterly, and the business of the Session, viz: the passage of a tariff law, will be expedited and successfully carried through. Without blending either faction in this matter, it can be said that it would at least be fair to both sides if all interested would inform themselves fully as regards the situation. It should be remembered that the present Rules were largely framed by a Democratic majority and have been insisted upon when the Democrats themselves were in power.

For the most part they are the result of nearly 100 years of parliamentary practice in this country, and have been perfected in their present shape with only one idea in view, viz: to enable nearly 400 men to do business; to pass the regular appropriation bills, and to at all times preserve order and to prevent as far as possible all filibustering by the minority.

It is believed that as soon as the tariff bill becomes a law business

## Ventilation of Passenger Coaches.

Scientific American.

From the description of the seventy-five steel passenger cars recently ordered for the Pennsylvania Railroad, it is evident that the company are in a fair way to secure the fire-proof and collision-proof qualities which are sought in the design of the cars. Outside of mahogany window sashes and seat frames, the cars will be entirely free from wood fittings, the total weight of wood in each car being only 300 pounds out of a total weight of 116,000 pounds for the entire structure. The collapse of the car in collision is guarded against by the provision of a central steel box girder 24 inches wide and 9 inches deep, extending throughout the floor framing for the whole length of the coach. This massive construction will receive the full brunt of a collision, and serve as a defense against that disastrous telescoping, which is the most fruitful source of fatalities in accidents of this kind.

It is to the ventilation of these cars, however, that we wish to direct attention. The subject is particularly timely just now, when the traveling public is being put to so much inconvenience through the over-heated and stuffy conditions which are the rule rather than the exception on some railroads. In a properly ventilated car the whole of the air should be renewed at frequent intervals; it should be warmed, and the proper amount of moisture should be imparted to it. The mere provision of steam pipes, and the opening of a few ventilators in the roof, will not secure the desired results. The air will be heated, but not properly renewed; and a considerable portion will be endlessly circulated between floor and ceiling, and dried out by steam heat to the point at which it becomes uncomfortable, if not positively distressing.

In the new Pennsylvania coaches the air enters by two hoods on diagonally opposite corners of the car roof. From the hoods it is led down by vertical ducts, placed within the sides of the car, to a horizontal duct adjoining the side sill and running the full length of the car between the floor and the sub-floor. Above the floor, for its full length, along the sides, are rectangular ducts in which are placed the steam heating pipes. The outside air enters the hoods and passes through the ducts beneath the floor, to openings into the duct containing the heating pipes. Here it is thoroughly warmed and is finally discharged into the aisle of the car through outlets provided beneath each seat. The air is liberated through ventilators in the roof, which are furnished with valves that regulate the escape of the air. The forward movement of the car forces the air in under a slight pressure, and the restraining action of the discharge valves maintains this pressure and prevents drafts of cold air passing in through cracks in the doors and windows. The system is an excellent one, being founded on thoroughly sound principles of ventilation; but we would suggest that, if provision could be made for adding the requisite amount of moisture to warmed air before its admission to the car, its hygienic qualities would be improved, particularly for passengers whose throat and nasal passages are subject to catarrhal and kindred troubles.

A girl in Baltimore shot one of three burglars on a fence. The one under the bed escaped entirely.

will at once pick up, and that a new era of prosperity is near at hand for the American people. It is believed that Mr. Taft will prove to be a most wise and conservative President and will have the confidence and endorsement of almost the entire American people throughout his administration—at any rate, the country has decided to suspend judgment until he has had sufficient time to demonstrate his ability and wisdom in regard to appointments and other duties, which devolve upon a Chief Magistrate.

## AN ACT TO INCORPORATE

### ALAMANCE BATTLE GROUND

Mr. Erwin A. Holt, one of the promoters of the Alamance Battle Ground Association, presented us with a copy of the bill as passed by the recent legislature, incorporating the battle ground. We reproduce it, as many of our readers are interested in this movement.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA DO ENACT:

SEC. 1. That for the purpose of preserving and adorning the grounds on and over which the battle of Alamance was fought on the sixteenth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-one (May 16, 1771), and the grounds on and over which the battle known as "Pyle's Hacking Match" was fought on the twenty-fifth of February, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one (February 25, 1781) and of commemorating the virtues of the brave men who struggled there, by the erection of monuments, tombstones, or other memorials, and by beautifying the grounds the following persons, to-wit: Dr. W. A. Coble, Erwin A. Holt, Major John W. Graham, General Julian S. Carr, Colonel Robert L. Holt, Dr. George W. Long, W. L. Spoon, Dr. W. T. Whitsett, Dr. E. L. Moffitt, Col. Joseph M. Morehead, R. D. W. Connor, Col. J. Bryan Grimes, Capt. J. A. Turentine, P. E. Shaw, and M. C. S. Noble, be and hereby declared to be a private corporation until their successors are elected, by the name of "The Alamance Battle Ground Company."

SEC. 2. Said Company shall have power to contract, and sue and be sued by its corporate name; may have a common seal, and exercise all the ordinary and general powers of a private corporation of this kind. It shall have power to acquire, by gift, grant or purchase, the title of all lands on or over which the said battle of Alamance was fought, and of all lands on or over which the said battle of Pyle's Hacking Match was fought, or any part thereof, or adjacent lands thereto not exceeding one hundred acres, or rights of way or other easements of land or water necessary or convenient for the proper enjoyment of said land. It may erect houses thereon for use or ornament; erect monuments, tombstones or other memorials; may adorn the grounds and walks; supply the grounds with water; plant trees, flowers and shrubs thereon, and do any other like things for the improvement and beautifying of the property. It may allow the United States, or any state or corporation or individual, to erect any monument, tombstone or other memorial or any ornament or useful improvement thereon or to lay out a public highway to or through said grounds, to carry out the purposes of this act, on such terms as may be agreed upon by the parties. It may receive gifts or aid from the United States, any state, corporation, or individual, or agree with them to make any improvement thereon. Any city, town or other municipal corporation, make donations to said company for such purposes as herein before specified. Said company may make all necessary by-laws, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state, for the proper care, protection and regulation of the property of said company, and the monuments, tombstones, memorials, houses and other property and ornaments and adornments thereon, or for the protection of the trees, flowers, shrubbery, walks, lawns, springs, wells, or other like property thereon.

SEC. 3. It shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, if any person or corporation shall wilfully destroy, demolish, deface or misuse any monument, tombstone or other memorial, or any fence, enclosure, tree, shrub, flower, spring, well, or any ornament or adornment placed upon the grounds, or any tree growing thereon or shall wilfully deface, destroy or demolish any house, pavilion or

like fixtures thereon, or shall wilfully trespass on the grounds after being notified not to do so by any official or employees of said company, or shall wilfully obstruct the ways and walks of the company leading to or over the grounds.

SEC. 4. That the principal offices of said company shall be in Burlington, North Carolina.

SEC. 5. That for carrying out the purposes and objects of this act the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the year one thousand nine hundred and nine (1909), and the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) for the year one thousand nine hundred and ten (1910) be appropriated out of funds in the hands of the state treasurer not otherwise appropriated, and upon the order said company or its proper officials, the state auditor is hereby empowered and directed to draw his warrant for this sum upon the state treasurer.

SEC. 6. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this 6 day of March, A. D., 1909.

W. C. NEWLAND,  
President of the Senate.

A. W. GRAHAM,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Enrolled and read by  
A. C. BLEDSOE.

Proof read by  
Mrs. BETTS.

Examined and found correct by  
KILLIAN, for Committee.

## Popular Couple Wed.

A marriage which was quite a surprise to the many friends of the contracting parties, occurred at the McAdoo Hotel in Greensboro Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock when Miss Bert Bradshaw, daughter of Mr. Jas. Bradshaw, of Graham, became the bride of Mr. W. J. Jennings, of Gibsonville. Dr. W. E. Swain, President of the M. P. Conference officiated.

The ceremony had but few witnesses. It seemed that this couple gave no one an intimation of their plans, and the marriage came as a distinct surprise to all. The slipping away was an incident of their own deliberate election. Miss Bradshaw is one of Alamance county's most amiable young women, and is known for popularity and christian character, and is prominent in Sunday School and church work. The groom is a prominent man of Guilford county, and noted for his honesty integrity and uprightness of character. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings left immediately after the ceremony for Gibsonville where Mr. Jennings is engaged in business.

## Snow Camp No. 1.

The Sylvan Graded school closed last Friday with public exercises which was enjoyed by quite a large crowd. The High school will continue under the management of Mr. Miles Reese for a few months.

Aunt Rebecca Dixon still continues very low, no hope of her recovery.

There is quite an epidemic of measles through our section. No deaths as yet but quite a number have been very sick.

Farmers are preparing to plant corn if the weather continues warm. Frank Marlette, an aged citizen of Spring neighborhood, died Saturday and was laid to rest in Concord cemetery on Sunday evening.

Romey Cheek and Wade Mann spent Saturday night with Mr. Will Crayton.

Misses Arka and Lillie Zachary attended Temperance meeting at South Fork Sunday.

The Spring boys played a game of base ball with Center on the 19, score 13 to 7 in favor of Spring, and on last Saturday they crossed bats with the Green school boys, the game was called about night in order that the scorers could make their report before dark. They finally decided that Spring won more or less. We will not ask the editor for space to print the score numbers.

There was a large crowd at the closing of Green Graded School. Everybody enjoyed themselves, and the exercises were well rendered by the pupils.

## THE RALEIGH

### MUNICIPAL MUDDLE

#### \$1,700 Discrepancy Discovered in City Officials' Record

While investigation was going on to reach the bottom of the matter, the books in the office occupied by Police Justice and Chief of Police were mutilated in the darkness of night, so that the entries are illegible.

Raleigh people were astounded and outraged last Saturday to learn that a crime had been committed that prevents fixing the responsibility for the discrepancy between fines of the police justice and the sum turned over to the court treasurer by the chief of police.

One of the most distasteful outrages ever committed in the office of police justice was committed in the city Raleigh at an early hour, during the dark, last Friday morning when some scoundrel destroyed or mutilated the records of the court from December 1, 1905, to the present time.

The books had been carefully scanned by a newspaper reporter Friday evening for the purpose of making a report of fines paid by chief of police to county treasurer to go to the school funds. An apparent discrepancy of more than \$1,700 was found to exist in these books.

On Saturday when Police Justice Badger started to make his entries he discovered that his record book had been badly mutilated. An examination showed all records from December 1905 were destroyed. Part of the pages having been cut out with a knife and others spread with ink or rubbed with a wet sponge. The man who did the work evidently knew where to place his hands to secure the books containing the records of the court. Chief of Police Mullins stated that he left the office Friday night at one o'clock and the door found open Saturday morning was locked. It is believed that a key was used.

Van Gill, a young white man who drives an ice wagon at Raleigh, was arrested Sunday night and confined in the city guard house charged with mutilating the records of the city police court. Albert Davis, colored, was also arrested but has been released.

At present it is very uncertain who did the mutilating work but the expression of the public is that no innocent illiterate person who is not guilty of the crime will have to suffer the penalty.

The above is a synopsis of the state of affairs in the municipal government of the city of Raleigh. It is a stench in the nostrils of the friends of good government and the perpetrator should be punished to the full extent of the law. This is a fair sample of Democrat good government as practiced by the average body of politicians. The people of North Carolina are tired of such conditions of affairs, and at no great distant day will shake off this yoke of vaudalism. The sooner, the better.

## R. F. D. No. 10.

Crowded out last week.

We are glad to see the farmers getting along so nicely sowing their crops.

The Shoffner school closed last week with a delightful entertainment which was highly enjoyed by a large crowd.

Messrs. J. W. Shaw and M. C. Green; of this route, will leave for Alabama in a few days where they will spend the summer in the nursery business.

Mr. G. M. Ingold and wife, of route 5, are visiting on this route. R. B. Shoffner, who moved his family to Alamance mill recently is well pleased with his new location, we are glad to know this.

Measles are plentiful in this part of the country, V. L. Ingle is very sick with them at present.

We noticed in the last week's issue of the Dispatch that William H.

## The District School for Benefit of the Orphans.

The ladies of the Thompson Orphanage guild of the St. Athanasius Episcopal church are now rehearsing a new and revised edition of the "District School" which they will present at the Opera house Friday night, April 16th, for the benefit of the Thompson Orphanage, Charlotte, N. C.

This is not the old District School that you have seen often times before, the only similarity being in name, and amusement enough will be furnished to make you forget your cares and troubles for a week, at least. The costumes will be a work of art in themselves, representing the modern "directoire gown" as worn by the school children of earlier days and the most celebrated cartoon artist could get many valuable points from the study of these costumes.

Many local hits will be introduced, not the usual embarrassing cuts, but witty insinuations, pointed and amusing.

Everybody come and enjoy an evening of laughter and refined amusement, receiving double value for the small price charged and at the same time aid helpless orphans whom these ladies are endeavoring to support.

## Resolution of Thanks.

The Highway Commission of Alamance county in session: Upon motion of Commissioner Jas. N. Williamson, Jr., the following resolution was unanimously adopted, and ordered spread upon the minutes Resolved: That we the Highway Commission express to our Secretary, Mr. D. A. White, our thanks and appreciation for his earnest and untiring efforts in the sale of our county road bonds, we believing that the good price obtained for the bonds was due largely to the thorough and business like way in which bonds were advertised, and the detailed way in which information was furnished by him.

## Cross Road Dots.

It was the pleasure of many to attend the closing exercises of Cross Road school the 16th. The exercises were very good, showing that the children had been well trained. The audience was delighted with the recitations of the little people.

On the above mentioned day Mt. Pleasant and Oakdale had a game of ball, in which Mt. Pleasant was victor by a score of 15 to 8.

Several of our people are suffering with measles.

FOR SALE—Desiring to change my business, I wish to sell my entire stock of merchandise. I have, I believe the best location for business in the suburbs of Burlington. This is a rare opportunity for some one wishing to go into business. Call and let me show you what I have done. Reasonable rent.

J. M. CRAWFORD,  
Web avenue,  
Burlington, N. C.

Taft visited D. Elder a few days ago, we are glad to report that little William J. Bryan was a visitor a few days ago at C. W. Kecks.

If you see any one that wants sugar maple shade trees, tell them to call on Mr. Lowe, route No. 1, he is filling orders from the Quarter Nursery.

Z. M. Shoffner, of Julian No. 1, was on our route Monday.

The Misses Clapps are at home from teaching school, we are very glad to have them with us again.

Mrs. Florence Shepherd, of this route, whose school closed last week has moved to No. 4.

Ask Eli Euliss why he hasn't been to see his best girl lately.

R. A. Coble, of Burlington, was on this route Sunday visiting his mother.

G. C. Shoffner is in Burlington this week doing some carpenter work.

W. C. Shoffner lost a nice cow a few days ago, we are sorry he was so unfortunate.