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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, Dec. 11th.—When Speaker Cannon called the house of Representatives to order at the convening of the first regular session of the 61st Congress last week he was given a most hearty ovation lasting fully a minute, and in this greeting Democrats joined as well as Republicans, showing the almost universal esteem in which the Speaker is held by all except a few disgruntled malcontents.

There is much the same feeling exhibited toward Vice-President Sherman and the many tributes given the President after the reading of his first annual message showed that there is the utmost harmony existing between Congress and the Executive which even the insurgents cannot injure. The President will stand by the majority and wise and effective legislation will be the results.

The message was not long, but it was most satisfactory to the party leaders. Other messages will follow on Inter-State and Anti-Trust matters and the Conservation problems. The message was followed by a feeling of confidence all over the country, particularly over the fact that there will be no further tariff legislation for years to come.

The President referred to the prosperous conditions of the country under the new tariff as follows:

"Speaking generally, the country is in a high state of prosperity. There is every reason to believe that we are on the eve of a substantial business expansion, and we have just garnered a harvest unexampled in the market value of our agricultural products."

The message was concluded with the following sentence:

"It is well to note that the increase in the cost of living is not confined to this country, but prevails the world over and that those who would charge increase in prices to the existing protective tariff must meet the fact that the rise in prices has taken place almost wholly in those products of the factory and farm in respect to which there has been either no increase in the tariff or in many instances a very considerable reduction."

The President's Winona speech and the speech of Speaker Cannon at Kansas City have both been made public documents and can be had by writing to Senators or Representatives for the Republican Congressional Committee at Washington. Every voter interested in public questions should have these documents.

Foreign trade and government receipts continue to improve, and in spite of the Treasury estimates there may be a surplus for the fiscal year. The volume of business all over the country continues very large. Most industries are now employed close up to capacity. A canvass by the National Association of Manufacturers shows only the crockery and glassware factories to be below 80 per cent of the best conditions; and only cement and clay products and vehicles to be below 90 per cent. Other manufacturing industries, including even textiles are put down at an average of from 93 to 97 per cent, with agricultural implements to 100.

That the record breaking rate of pig iron production of September and October was maintained during November is shown by the Daily Iron Trade Review. The returns give a total production of coke and anthracite pig iron of 2,522,598 tons compared with 2,589,681 tons in October, a decrease for November of 67,083 tons. November has one working day less than October. The total production in November one year ago was 1,582,314 tons. Thus the production in November this year was 1,007,367 tons more than November a year ago. The daily average production for the month of November was 84,086 tons, compared with 83,538 tons for October, 79,201 tons for September and 52,744 tons for November last year.

THE UNIVERSITY LETTER

During the present year a large number of the University faculty held prominent positions in national and other learned societies. Among the number were the following:

Charles H. Herty, counselor-at-large American Chemical Society, Chairman, Division of Physical and Inorganic Chemistry, American Chemical Society, Secretary of Chemical Section, American Association for the Advancement of Science.

George Howe, Vice-President of the Classical Association for the Middle West and South.

E. V. Howell, chairman of the Historical Section and member of the Council, American Pharmaceutical Association. Member of the national committee of six on drug reform.

R. H. Lewis, president, American Public Health Association.

W. deB. MacNider, member of the Curriculum Committee for Pharmacology, American Medical Association. Collaborator Journal for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics.

J. E. Mills, president for N. C. Section, American Chemical Society.

J. H. Bratt, councillor, Mining and Metallurgical Society of America President of American Peat Association Secretary Eastern Carolina Drainage Association and President of the Southern Appalachian Good Roads Association.

H. V. Wilson, Vice-President, American Society of Zoologists.

A. B. Wheeler, councillor, American Chemical Society. Assistant Editor Journal American Chemical Society.

F. P. Venable, President Association of Colleges and preparatory Schools of the Southern States, councillor American Chemical Society.

L. R. Wilson, President of the North Carolina Library Association.

At a recent meeting of the Athletic Association, C. L. Williams was elected manager of the 1910 Football Team, and Joseph Boushall and W. H. Hendricks assistant managers. Treasurer D. M. Williams made his report. The report showed that at the loss of the Carolina Virginia game left the Association \$2,250 in debt. By faculty, alumni and students subscription the debt has been almost wiped out, but the treasury is still in critical condition for next spring's baseball and track. Any further alumni subscriptions to completely wipe out the debt and to place the association on a firm basis for next spring will be gratefully received by Dr. Charles H. Herty chairman of the Athletic Committee.

The University will be represented by seven delegates at the International Convention which meets in Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 29th to Jan 2nd. The delegates are: Prof. A. H. Patterson Secretary E. E. Darnett, of the Y. M. C. A., H. H. Hargett, Richard Stockton, D. B. Bryan, A. R. Morgan and E. Turlington of the student body.

Prof. Patterson will also represent the University at the meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of America, which meets in New York December 28th for the purpose of reforming football.

H. M. Gaddy student in Pharmacy, recently made the highest grade at the license examination held in Raleigh by the N. C. Pharmacy Association.

The Alamance county club held its regular monthly meeting Monday night with all members present. Two papers were read as follows: Brief History of Schools in Alamance, by R. W. Isley. The other was a paper on, Rural Telephone in Alamance, by A. C. Kimery.

B. A. Pressley, night watchman at the plant the National Casket company, in course of construction on the French Board river near Asheville, was the target for some unknown white man last Wednesday morning about 1.30 o'clock, but luckily the bullet did no more damage than to put a hole through Mr. Pressley's overcoat. After firing the shot the man turned and fled.

OUR GREENSBORO ITEMS

Special to the Dispatch.

Greensboro, Dec. 14.—Since the conclusion of the trial of Mr. Lee H. Battle, cashier of the wrecked City National Bank, there has nothing of much interest to the general public transpired in our city. The verdict of not guilty rendered by the jury in the Lee H. Battle case came as no surprise to our people, as it was plainly to be seen throughout the long and tedious trial that public sentiment was strongly flowing in favor of the defendant, and when it was borne in mind that public sentiment is a law unto itself, or knows no law. Therefore it goes without saying that the verdict meets with the approval of the people of our community.

The many and various theatrical shows which are visiting our city are greeted at each performance with full houses, a pretty good sign of prosperity.

All eyes are now turned on Congress, which is now in regular session and much speculation is being indulged in as to what new laws Congress will enact. The tariff is now out of the way and Congress will be expected to so amend the inter-state commerce law so as to prevent the transportation lines from discriminating against certain sections of the country in fixing their traffic rates. Such an amendment of the law would be of incalculable benefit to the State of North Carolina.

The chapel at St. Leo's Hospital, this city, was the scene of a beautiful and most impressive church service on Wednesday evening last. The occasion being the induction of twenty-five young ladies into the society of the Children of Mary. After a most interesting address by Rev. Father Vincent Taylor, pastor of St. Benedict's Roman Catholic church, this city, in which he explained the aims, purposes and benefits of the society. The 25 young candidates, vested in white veils bearing holy candles in their right hands proceeded down the aisle in the presence of the Sisters of Charity and a large concourse of admiring friends and earnest Christians, took upon themselves the vows of the order, Miss Hailohan read the consecration vow and Father Taylor delivered the charge. Then Father Taylor presented each member of the society with a medal and book of instructions. At the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration an exposition and benediction of the most blessed sacrament was pronounced by Father Taylor. All present were most favorably impressed by the beauty and solemnity of the service.

St. Leo's Hospital continues to act the good Samaritan for the afflicted in this and adjoining states. During the month of November there were received and treated at this institution 51 new patients, of these, 21 were charity patients, 42 were restored to health and discharged, 48 remained for further treatment, all of whom are reported as doing well and on the way to recovery.

Death at Snow Camp.

Mrs. A. ny Hinshaw Stuart, daughter of Michael and Rachel Hinshaw of Chatham county and widow of the late Job Stuart, passed from this life at her home near Snow Camp on the morning of December 6th, aged seventy years. Her death was due to paralysis with which she was stricken a few days previous and from which she never rallied. Five children survive her, Mrs. Elva Stuart Bailiff and Michael Stuart, of Indiana, Mrs. John C. Griffin, Charles and Gracie Stuart of this community and two step children Mrs. David H. Durham and Cicero Stuart, also of this community. The deceased was of a retiring disposition and spent her life in the service of home and family. She was for many years a member of the Society of Friends and was laid to rest in the old church yard at Cane Creek. Our sympathy is with the bereaved.

Women find it difficult to make a lasting impression on a soft man.

TELEPHONE DEVELOPMENT IN ALAMANCE COUNTY

About two years ago the Bell Telephone Company began the development of the farmers' lines, and the farmers in this county have not failed to realize that a telephone on his farm is a money maker, and every farmer who now has a phone cannot realize how he did without a phone for so many years. There are now fourteen farm lines coming into Burlington Exchange, with nearly two hundred and twenty-eight subscribers, and nine new lines to be completed by spring. Within the next twelve months every part of the county will be connected with Burlington. Mr. D. P. Woody has charge of the Farmers' Line Department of the Bell Telephone Company, has organized a number of new lines in the county. One new line will go to the Maywood School House neighborhood. This part of the County has long been in want of telephone service. Esq. T. B. Barker, a well known county officer, is General Manager of this new line as soon as it is completed. Messrs. B. Barker, G. W. Barker, J. W. Summers, and C. E. Tapscott and several other farmers in this neighborhood expect to join Mr. Barker's Company, which will bring them in touch with the entire county.

Every farmer in the county can have a telephone, as the Southern Bell Telephone Company have Mr. Woody in Alamance county working up new lines. And Mr. Woody's experience is given to any neighborhood that wants an experienced organizer, he will make a house to house canvass on any road and show the new way that the Bell Telephone Company has that every farmer can have good telephone service at such a low cost that every man will wonder why he has not a telephone.

The Southern Bell Telephone Company just installed a new central office equipment in Burlington and are now prepared to give service to every subscriber in the city and county, which service is equal to any city in the State. New subscribers are being secured both in the city and country every day. A new farmers' line was connected Saturday with the Burlington Exchange, with the following subscribers who live North of this city: J. H. Turner, J. P. Boland, W. J. Turner, A. I. Boland, J. F. DeBuler, J. F. King, Chas. King, Geo. T. King, Chas. Mahan and A. J. Porterfield.

All information given by the Bell Telephone Company, to every farmer whenever he wishes it, all he has to do is to write or call up Mr. Woody or Mr. Durant in Burlington.

R. F. Durant to Leave.

R. F. Durant manager of the Southern Bell Telephone exchange at this place has been transferred to Waycross Ga. While the people at this place regret very much to see Mr. Durant leave they are glad to know that his transfer means a promotion. Mr. Durant is a man backed by many years experience although he has been in our midst only eighteen months. He is not only an ideal office man in the telephone office but thoroughly understands the mechanism of the phone as well. His clever disposition has won many friends for him at this place who wish him every possible success in his new field of work.

McCauley-Terrell.

At the home of the brides parents near Mebane, on December 8th, Mr. Geo. McCauley and Miss Ida Terrell were united in marriage by their pastor, Rev. Geo. W. Holmes. The following couples were in attendance, Mr. Otis McCauley, of Burlington, with Miss Grace Amck, Mr. Fred Terrell, with Miss Carrie Smith.

The home of Henry Johnson who lives near Springwood church was destroyed by fire Monday night.

Paul Fogleman's Death.

Wm Paul Fogleman died in the home of his mother Mrs. Mary Jane Fogleman on East Davis Street at 6 o'clock p. m. Dec. 10th. 1909 aged 20 years 5 months and 11 days. He had been feeble for some time being afflicted with asthma and other troubles. Paul had not grown much since he was 14 years old, but he was a very bright boy, having good mechanical skill. His pencil drawings show that he had an eye for art. His funeral was held in the Reformed church of which he was an unconfirmed member, at 2 p. m. Dec. 12 attended by a large number of relatives and sympathizing friends the service being conducted by his pastor Rev. J. D. Andrew. Paul gave his mother every assurance of his being ready to go before his death.

An Encouraging Report.

The Secretary of the Daughters of Confederacy sends the following lines, which is encouraging news in behalf of the monument.

The Graham Chapter U. D. C. is meeting with encouragement in raising the funds necessary to erect the monument to the Confederate Soldiers in Alamance county. They realize that this is quite an undertaking and it will be necessary for all who are interested in the work to pull together to success fully accomplish it. They therefore ask that you insert this in your paper so the public may learn and help them in carrying out this worthy undertaking.

Death of Little Lillie Ashworth.

Little Lillie the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Ashworth died last Saturday morning from an attack of pneumonia at the home of her parents on Ireland Street, and was buried Sunday afternoon at Pine Hill cemetery funeral being conducted by Rev. C. B. Cox at the Lutheran church.

Little Lillie was a general favorite among a large number of acquaintances who mourn with her parents her untimely death. Mr. Ashworth is a foreman in the Bellevue Cotton Mill, which closed down Saturday with respect for little Lillie.

The Dispatch extends sympathy to the grief stricken parents during their hours of bereavement.

Second Fire.

Quite a number of people got a hustle on themselves early Saturday morning and responded to fire alarm which was turned in from the first ward. Fortunately only one of the chimeys of the Morrow Boarding House had caught fire and no damage done. We have often heard that fires like trouble never come singly so we supposed this was the second of the series, H. C. Foster Cafe having been the first only a week ago. We are waiting and hoping the third will not come.

"Alice in Wonderland."

It's a new thing and people always like something new; but more than that, it is one of the prettiest things ever seen here.

It's an operetta, a little one—a light one—but an altogether delightful one in which one hundred and fifty of our own people will take part, and the fairy costumes they will wear will render the scenes charming. The operetta was adapted by Miss D. Hope Leonard of New York from Lewis Carroll's famous story that has been the delight of young and old for generations.

The libretto is full of sparkling witticisms and lively dialogue, and the music bright and catchy. Everybody knows the wanderings of "Alice" in the wilds, and how she made friends with White Rabbit, Fish, Frog, Mock Turtle and other animals, and all will allow with joy the development of the pretty plot.

E. S. W. Dameron, attorney made a legal trip to Hillsboro yesterday.

Foster She Co. have a change of ad this week.

President Taft on the Tariff.

Now I think it is utterly useless as I think it would be greatly distressing to business, to talk of another revision of the tariff during the present Congress. I should think that it would certainly take the rest of this administration to accumulate the data upon which a new and proper revision of the tariff might be had. By that time the whole Republican party can express itself again in respect to the matter and bring to bear upon their representatives in Congress that sort of public opinion which shall result in solid party action. I am glad to see that a number of those who thought it their duty to vote against the bill insist that they are still Republicans and intend to carry on their battle in favor of lower duties and a lower revision within the lines of the party. That is their right and in their view of things is their duty.

It is vastly better that they should seek action of the party than that they should break off from it and seek to organize another party which would probably not result in accomplishing anything more than merely defeating our party and inviting in the opposing party which does not believe or says that it don't believe in protection. I think that we ought to give the present bill a chance. After it has been operating for two or three years we can tell much more accurately than we can today its effect upon the industries of the country and the necessity for any amendment in its provision.

Miss D. Hope Leonard's elaborate spectacular production "Alice in Wonderland" will be presented at School Auditorium one hundred and fifty people will comprise the great cast. They are daily rehearsing under the personal direction of Miss D. Hope Leonard's assistant and are said to be nearly perfect. The production is promised in a very elaborate manner from both a scenic and costume standpoint. The music is pretty and tuneful. Songs, dances, marches, specialties and beautiful calcium effects will be a few of features. The most noted are the Grand March of Nations, the Four Little Dolls, Mother Goose Medley, Ten Little Inguns, Japanese Dance, etc.

Louis the six weeks old son of Mr and Mrs. E. K. Hanford, died suddenly in the home of the parents Dec 13th and was buried in Pine Hill cemetery on the 14th. The funeral being conducted in the home by the family's pastor Rev. J. D. Andrew.

The record for cabinet service is now possessed by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson. His term has just passed that of Albert Gallatin, which was 12 years, 8 months and 20 days. It has been given to few men in our history to retain cabinet places for more than 8 years. William Wirt, Attorney-General of the United States, 1817-1829, came near equating Gallatin in length of cabinet days, and is third in the group of the seniors. Secretary Wilson's survival of the storms and stress of twelve years will give him a prominence in history little likely to be obscured. He has had one great advantage in his department, ministering directly to a most important industry. The farmers have been with him from the beginning of his term, and to farmers' preferences administrations and Congresses willingly incline.

"Alice in Wonderland," the most successful production ever presented in America, will be seen at the School Auditorium. Miss D. Hope Leonard dramatized the story and has consented to give the operetta. It will be the hit of the season, and the most beautiful combinations of effects, marches and songs, dance specialties, etc., the people have ever had an opportunity to enjoy. Bright boys and girls have been selected to part of the different characters and rehearsals are given daily. The music will be in competent hands and Miss Leonard will personally direct the performance.