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Increased Pay.

If a recommendation made by the House Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads is adopted by Congress every rural carrier in the United States will receive an increase in pay approximating \$50 per year. The action was taken by an unanimous vote of the committee and probably will become a law.

These people should receive, more pay, even more than a raise of fifty dollars. There are no people in the mail service that do as much hard work, and are exposed to cold and all kinds of bad weather than do the rural carriers. The Dispatch wants to go on record as favoring any reasonable increase that may be granted these people. They should have and are entitled to at least twelve hundred dollars per year. We trust all our friends and readers favor this increase and will use their influence to help them secure it. We are at your service, ye faithful men and women.

Come In, The Water's Fine.

The Burlington News and The Dispatch, both papers published in Burlington have installed new machinery in their offices with a view of facilitating their mechanical work. The town in which they are published has been most liberal to them, in the way of advertising. Thus encouraging them and making it possible to improve their facilities.

Great credit is due the people of Burlington for their broad mindedness. It is an indication of a thrifty intelligent people.—Mebane Leader.

Going Up.

A subscriber who comes in these days and pays the printer, is blessed, and in the kingdom to come he will be given a place a little higher than the angels. His name will be written at the top of the column next to pure reading matter and nothing in the house will be too good for him. He will get comps to all the harp recitals and have a reserved seat besides the editors, while all the delinquent subscribers will have to carry water for the performers and sit up in the gallery.—Altavista Journal.

Dr. L. D. Crawford is Charged With False Pretense.

Statesville, Dec. 15.—"Dr." L. D. Crawford, an Oklahoma land agent, who has been operating in Statesville and other North Carolina towns recently, spending much time here, was today placed under arrest on a warrant from High Point, charging him with false pretense.

[Mr. Crawford spent several months in Burlington some time ago and is remembered by the people of this place.]

"Spug" Movement Now Takes National Scope.

The so-called "spug" movement—Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving—has just been organized by the Woman's Department of the National Civic Federation under the honorary chairmanship of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the President. The movement, which began in New York, has been federated in Washington through committees from various states, the chairmen including:

For Massachusetts, Mrs. Charles Hamlin; Pennsylvania, Mrs. James I. Chamberlain; New York, Mrs. August Belmont, president of the society, and Miss Robinson Smith; West Virginia, Mrs. Arthur Lee; Maryland, Mrs. Uford; California, Mrs. Julius Kahn; Alabama, Miss Manning Brewer; Tennessee, Mrs. H. Van Deventer; District of Columbia, Miss Margaret Wilcox, daughter of the President.

In a statement outlining the national scope of the organization, Miss Maud Wetmore, chairman of the Woman's Department of the National Civic Federation, tells of the good to be accomplished in reducing useless giving among shoppers and other wage-workers, and says the national organization stands for individual freedom in Christmas giving and for gifts which spread happiness and helpfulness, as against collective giving and formal exchange of gifts. Some of the latter practices are characterized as forms of "petty graft" and as senseless and stupid.

Among the Washington recruits to the ranks of the "spugs" are Mrs. Champ Clark, Mrs. Henry White, wife of the former United States ambassador to France, and Mrs. Franklin MacVeagh, wife of the former secretary of the Treasury.

Misses Pauline Coble, Ella Rae Carroll and Chloe Freeland arrived home Thursday from Salem College, where they have been in school.

Ideal Shopping Weather.

Fine shopping weather is promised for the last full week before Christmas. The United States Weather Bureau at Washington makes this very desirable forecast in the weekly bulletin published yesterday morning. There may be some slight local rains, but the protection of the Alleghany Mountains usually minimizes these disturbances for the vicinity of Philadelphia.

This ideal weather should further stimulate early shopping. Holiday buyers already have been out in great force in Philadelphia. Those who have acted upon the excellent advice to do their shopping early can look forward with expectation of unalloyed pleasure when Christmas morning dawns. They can then share in the joys of those whom they make happy. Nothing of the nerve-racking strain of last minute shopping will interfere with the true spirit of festive gaiety.

Now the least of the benefits arising from early Christmas shopping are those conferred on the employees. They are now working under constant pressure and undergoing trials which customers do not always apprehend. Yet it is gratifying to think that once the people of Philadelphia were instructed in the advantages of early shopping during the holidays they adopted the idea as far as was feasible.

To be sure there will still be a succession of crowded retail stores until the closing hour on Christmas Eve. But those who have hopped early will have relieved the crush and obviated their own chances of disappointment in getting exactly what they wanted.—Philadelphia Press.

One Way of Making a Record.

"The Attorney General does not think that Mr. Hammer should be district attorney," writes H. E. C. Bryant. "He has practically said as much to Senators Overman and Simmons. But Senator Overman will insist that Mr. Hammer be appointed. The Attorney General will give in. He has indicated that he would."

Assuming for present purposes that what Mr. Bryant says is true, and that he has not libeled the Attorney General, and incidentally Mr. Hammer himself and Senator Overman—all of which it, of course, is possible he has done—Mr. McReynolds is left in a better light than was the Secretary of the Treasury in the case of another North Carolina appointment. Mr. McAduo said that an appointment ought not to be made, and moreover that it would not be made. It was made—and confirmed after dark. Mr. McReynolds is frank. Mr. McAduo was, to put it mildly, disingenuous.

A sort of improvement is to be noted in the way in which these things are done. At that, it seems that various branches of the public service are to be placed in the hands of men who, whatever may be their real virtues and excellencies, were officially declared unfit, prior to appointment.—Greensboro News.

Death of a Colored Man.

John Holt, a colored barber of Graham, died suddenly Wednesday morning at his home in Graham, while milking. Upon learning of his death several people were seen rushing to the barn and other supposing there was a fire hastened to turn in the fire alarm.

Girl Can't Recover.

Statesville, Dec. 18.—Miss Vance Clark, who was so severely burned at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Clark, some miles south of Statesville, is reported in a dying condition. According to her own statement Miss Clark went to sleep while seated with her back to an open fireplace and when she awoke her clothing was on fire. Screaming for help she rushed from the house into the yard. Her two sisters, Misses Mona and Bert Clark, who were in another part of the house, were attracted by the screams and gave chase, but it was with much difficulty that they overtook their sister and beat out the flames with their hands.

Mr. Hall Isley, who has been connected with The Alamance Insurance & Real Estate Company, has recently resigned his position and accepted a position as stenographer with Mr. J. N. Williamson, Jr. He entered upon his new duties Monday.

The old fashioned man who used to patronize the "Bijo" racket store and said that the trains came in at the depot usually had money enough to send his sons to college.

Alamance County School News.

Mr. L. C. Brogden, State Supervisor of Rural Schools, spent three days visiting the rural schools of Alamance county this week. He talked to the people of Spring Hope Wednesday night; to those of Maywood Thursday night; and to those of Mayhan Friday night. Mr. Brogden understands thoroughly the rural school's problems, and his talks are inspiring and practical. He pictures for his audience the type of the really efficient country school—the school that meets the demands of the country child. This school, he explains, should have an area of twenty-five or thirty square miles in order to insure enough taxable property for its support. This school should have a school plat of not less than eight or ten acres, three of which should be used for play grounds and the rest for a demonstration farm and a home for the principal. In this school Mr. Brogden would place three teachers: the principal, a man who can spend twelve months of the year with his people and take charge of the boys in the farm demonstration work; the first assistant, Mr. Brogden would have organize the girls into a sewing and cooking class; the second assistant he would have take charge of the social clubs connected with the school. Mr. Brogden's model school found favor in the eyes of all who heard him, and we look for such a school to be established in Alamance before very long.

A box party followed Mr. Brogden's lecture at Mayhan Friday night. Everybody had a good time, and \$71.15 was taken in for school improvements. The people at Mayhan are enthusiastic workers and they are having a fine school. They have already raised nearly \$100 this term for school equipment. So far as has been reported, this leads every other school in the county. Hurrah for Mayhan.

The Glance School had a box party Saturday night and raised \$45.00 for their school.

The Primary Department of the Elmira School and the young people of that community gave a play on last Saturday night, to the delight of a large audience that was present. A small admission fee was charged that amounted to \$18.60.

Next Saturday, December 19, will be celebrated in the schools of the county and in the schools of the State, North Carolina Day. This celebration is an annual custom but this year for the first time the celebration is to be in the interest of the farm and farm life. The day is to be observed in part as Knapp Memorial Day in honor of the late Seaman A. Knapp who was the originator of the movement to have farm culture and the study of plant life inaugurated in the schools of this section of the country. On the day of celebration there will be a collection taken for the Knapp Memorial. This memorial will be a demonstration farm at Nashville, Tenn., where the youth of the entire South may go for instruction in agriculture.

Will Stop at Asheville.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Secretary and Mrs. Bryan will leave Washington at 5:50 to-morrow afternoon for Miami, Florida.

The secretary has not been able to visit his new southern home since it was completed and he will spend a couple of days there looking over his place.

The Secretary will stop at Asheville, N. C., from 10 a. m., Saturday to 4 p. m., and will also make a short stop at Jacksonville, Fla. The party expects to arrive at Miami, Sunday.

There are mighty few men who can pay you a just debt without acting as though they were doing you an awful favor.

Clothes may not make the man but some how or other we never associate a fellow with prosperity if the seat of his pants looks like a mirror.

Here is a gloom from The New York World: "The country has had its Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, in the United States Senate, and Vardaman, of Mississippi. It is promised Cole Bleese. Now, it is threatened with Hobson, of Alabama." One thing about our southern neighbors, they do not care a hang what other folks think of their heroes.

"Fate tried to conceal him by painting him Smith" but she overplayed her hand when she put him in the New Bern post office.

The Governor Votes "No".

The Governor of Illinois, who has recently been called upon to cast his vote whether sex hygiene shall be taught in the schools explains his vote as follows:

"I honestly fear that if sex hygiene be taught in the schools and young boys and girls in the open classroom are made aware of things which may be taught in the line of sex hygiene, it may create, and probably will create, in their young minds a prurient curiosity which will induce, rather than suppress, immorality and unchastity."

First Cabinet Dinner Given by the President.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The first Cabinet dinner under the present administration was given by the President and Mrs. Wilson at the White House tonight. Besides members of the Cabinet, their wives and daughters, the Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall, Secretary Tumulty and some close friends of the Wilson family were invited. Covers were laid for fifty.

Outside of the Cabinet circles, the guests included Mayor-elect John P. Mitchell, of New York, and Mrs. Mitchell; Chairman William F. McCombs, of the Democratic National Committee, and Mrs. McCombs, President Harry A. Garfield, of Williams College, and Mrs. Garfield; Prof. H. B. Fine, of Princeton University, and Mrs. Fine; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pulitzer, of New York; H. B. Thompson, of Wilmington, Del., Thomas D. and David B. Jones, of Chicago, all three trustees of Princeton University when Mr. Wilson was president there, and their wives, and Miss Jones; Robert Bridges, of New York, a classmate of the President, at Princeton; Mrs. William R. Hall, of Washington; Col. W. W. Harts, military aide to the President; Dr. Cary Grayson, U. S. N., and Miss Anne Armstrong, of Princeton, Thomas De Coursey Ruth, Miss Marion David, and Charles Star del, the last four of whom, together with Miss Margaret Wilson furnished the musical program that followed the dinner.

The dinner was the first state function of the season, and is to be followed by dinners by Cabinet members to the President and the usual official receptions. Announcement was made today, however, that the diplomatic reception, scheduled for Jan. 6, will be postponed on account of the President's absence on his vacation. It had previously been announced that the customary New Year's Reception had been abandoned on this account.

Plunkett-Barnhardt Wedding Last Night.

Greensboro, Dec. 18.—One of the most beautiful weddings of the season occurred last evening at Grace Methodist Protestant Church when Miss Mamie Plunkett was happily united in marriage to C. C. Barnhardt, of High Point. The ceremony was performed promptly at 8 o'clock and the marriage vows were read by Rev. G. H. Johnson, the bride's former pastor, assisted by the Rev. R. M. Andrews, pastor of the church. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion with ferns, palms, and flowers.

Miss May Bair was the maid of honor, while Wescott Roberson, of High Point, acted as best man. Mrs. S. O. Plunkett acted as dame of honor, gave her in marriage. The ushers were Dr. S. S. Cobb, of High Point; N. W. Kirkman and Robert Troxler, of this city and Mr. Roberson, of Graham. Little Vista White was the ring bearer.

After the rehearsal on Tuesday night the bridal party was entertained by Mrs. N. E. O'Connor, with whom the bride has made her home since coming to this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnhardt left on Train No. 38 for a trip to Northern cities, where they will spend several weeks.

A woman's idea of Heaven is to be able to worry whether to go south for the winter or stay north and wear her \$2,000 set of furs.

Marrying our opposites does not mean that a beardless youth should hook up with a girl who has a fair-to-middle mustache.

Dogs are a lot like humans. When a common dog sees another dog with a ribbon around its neck the common dog knows it is safe to pick a fight with the be-ribboned poodle.

The National Committee's Great Duty.

It is gratifying to know that a clear majority of the Republicans of the National Committee are believed to favor calling a special convention to meet next year. It is perhaps natural that members from States that will lose delegates in the National Convention by the proposed change in the basis of representation should cling to the present method and oppose a special convention. But just here they make a great mistake. All should be for the special convention and the rehabilitation of the Republican party.

No system can benefit any portion of the Republican party that means the defeat of that party. In order to win anywhere the party must get together set its face toward the morning and show by its action and attitude that it is now as it always has been the one constructive and progressive party in the country. It should welcome new ideas and test them and keep abreast of the growing aspirations of the people.

The causes of division and discord within the party must be removed. The old method of basing representation on population instead of votes must be changed. It is seen to be unjust. It gives greatly excessive influence in the National Convention to those States which never respond by giving any considerable support to the ticket nominated. That has always caused dissatisfaction and in the last Republican convention was made the basis of dividing and subsequently defeating the party. If the party is to recover ground that rock of office must be removed.

The Republicans of the country are a majority of the people and would but for a wholly unnecessary division of its strength be in control. It is the duty of those in position of authority within the party to use that power to bring that party together and solidify it on lines of progress, development and growth. To take any other action is to betray the party and doom it to further defeat.

Those who for selfish reasons use their power in that direction and seek to prevent the special convention with all its opportunities are enemies of the Republican party. They must be voted down today at the meeting of the National Committee and the necessary steps to prepare her now divided and defeated Republican party for a new career of united, aggressive, progressive and triumphant action.

Yeggs Crack Safe at Terrell and Get \$700.00.

Newton, Dec. 18.—Sheriff P. Lee Hewitt received a telegram this morning to come to Terrell at once and investigate a robbery that had taken place there last night in T. F. Connor's store.

About 8 o'clock last night two strange men were seen going in the direction of the store. About 12:00 o'clock Mrs. Connor heard the explosion and upon an investigation it was found that the safe had been blown open and near \$700 in cash stolen. The men accomplished their purpose by using nitroglycerine. The handle had been broken off the safe and the liquid poured in through a small hole where the handle had been attached. Some checks, notes, stamps, etc., that were in the safe were un-molested. The men entered the store through the rear door by prizing the bars.

About 1 o'clock Mrs. Connor, who lives a short distance below the store on the Mooresville road, saw the two men going in that direction. It is supposed that they separated later and went on towards Mooresville.

Sheriff Deaton, of Iredell, and Sheriff Hewitt, of Catawba, who reached the scene of the robbery early this morning, failed to find a definite clue upon which to work. A diligent hunt is being conducted and the men will likely be apprehended within a few days.

Mr. Connor conducts a large store at Terrell, 15 miles east of Newton. It was at first thought that some men from that immediate neighborhood did the work, but the investigators say that they were professionals.

Once in a while you will see a girl who is so homely that you would not care if she did masticate chewing gum when you were around.

There are all sorts of people in the world, including the man who gets on a crowded street car with a pound of limburger cheese in his overcoat pocket.

Must Marry in Two Years.

Fred W. Anheuser, lawyer and city prosecutor of Omaha, Nebraska, has had 800 proposals of marriage in two weeks, and his office is fairly swamped with letters that have not yet been opened. Most of the offers are from blondes, as Anheuser is partial to that type. Practically all are from Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota, although Minnesota and Missouri are fairly well represented among the applicants.

The rush is due to the fact that Anheuser's uncle died about a month ago and left him a legacy of \$50,000, provided he married and settled down within the next two years. Immediately after the funeral the will was read and its provisions got into Omaha newspapers. Also the announcement that was made that unless he secured the wife within the specified time he would lose all claims to the \$50,000. Further, Anheuser's partiality for blondes was enlarged upon.

Fred's first proposal came within less than twenty-four hours after the terms of the will were made known. The applicant was an Omaha girl and in her letter she told Anheuser that she didn't want the \$50,000, but was willing to help him out by marrying him at once. "I'm sure we will be happy together," said the writer of the letter.

Before Anheuser had an opportunity of answering the Omaha girl, letters began to come in from others towns. At first they were in lots of twos and threes, but about the third day they all carrier brought them in by the sackful. In the early days of his "courtship" Anheuser made a resolution to answer every one, but now he has them by a stenographer, who prepares them for a hasty reading by her employer. The stenographer goes around all day with a broad grin on her face and Anheuser is afraid to look her in the eye.

A Herman (Neb.) girl got in early with her bid for Anheuser—and the \$50,000. She wants him to come to her and be a farmer. "We can get such a nice farm and have enough left over for an automobile for that \$50,000, she writes. A girl from Kentucky, Neb., says her hair will stand every test, and that if she can help him gain that \$50,000 she's "there like a duck."

From Canistota, S. D., "Marie S." says that if Fred will choose her she will get a divorce within a year and they can then divide the money between them. Another South Dakota girl writes a loving missive in song titles.

A Sioux City miss says her best quality is her small foot and that Mr. Anheuser will have no difficulty in falling in love with her. She stipulates, however, that they must live in "dear old Sioux City."

A Perry (Iowa) girl starts out by telling Anheuser she didn't give a rap for his \$50,000, but that she has fallen desperately in love with his picture she "seen in the newspapers." "Throw the money at the birds and come on over here after me," she advises.

A Manhattan (Kan.) miss who describes herself at 19 years old, blue eyes, golden hair, plump and called pretty, is so sure that Fred will be tickled to death with her that she is ready to leave for Omaha upon receipt of a telegram "for the purpose of being looked over."

"I'm not the kind of a girl who has been 20 years old for the last five years," says a Belle Fourche, S. D., girl. "I'll bear inspection." "This picture of me is no good, love, says a Mankato, Minn., charmer, who incloses a photograph of the fashion of big sleeves.

A girl in Lewis, Ia., modestly tells Anheuser: "I have pretty lips and a naturally rosy complexion. I am naturally etoain shrdl cmfwyp cmfw handsome and I have a string of beaux over here longer than the River-to-River road."

Tyndall, S. D., is represented by five girls, the last one of whom says they want an opportunity to mend socks, do up the dishes, cook ham hock and cabbage and milk the cows.

"I don't see what the old man wanted to get me in this fix for, anyway," grumbles Anheuser. "And I've got a girl of my own, too."

And the letters are rolling in at the rate of fifty to seventy-five a day.

Death of an Infant.

Richard Littell, the nine days old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde May, died at their home Tuesday. Rev. D. McIver, conducted the funeral at the home Wednesday. Burial at Pine Hill cemetery.