### RIMARY PLAN NOW FAVORED

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### IS AGITATED HERE FOR ELECTING POSTMASTER

Sentiment in Washington Seems to
Harmonize With That Which Has
Been Spreading in Charlotte and
Which Started Here Relative to a
Method of Relieving Embarrassment and Bitterness in Regard to
Naming the New Postmaster.

Information from Washington is to the effect that the primary plan for naming office-holders under the new Democratic administration has taken wider range than purely provincial discussion and that many of the Senators and Congressmen are thoroughly in sympathy with the It has been agitated here since the election as a proper method for naming the new postmaster of the city in view of the number of candidates, the character of the men who are aspirants and the opportunity which each will receive to get a fair chance at the oufice. Congressmen and Senators who will be held directly responsible for the naming of office-holders are said to favor the primary plan for the reason that in their constituency are large numbers of friends who have been intimate for years and to whom they owe positions-more friends, indeed, than there are positions to fill, and it has been suggested that the primary would obviate much embarrassment coming to them at this time and likewise work to the good of the Democratic party, keeping it from building up an immense Federal patronage which, it is popularly believed, was clogging the wheels of the Republican party during the last Sentiment is being strongly de-

veloped in Charlotte for a primary, at least for the postmastership. Several prominent citizens have announced that they want the position and there is no denying that the situation will likely embarrass those in position to make the appointment of one of these against the others. To relieve them of this condition, the primary has been agitated as well as for the reason that all of the aspirants coming directly before the voters of the county, would have a fair and impartial chance at the job. So widespread has come to be this agitation that an insight into the situation is furnished in the following except from The Washington Post:

"Popular primaries to determine the choice of collectors of internal, revenue, postmasters, marshals and surveyors is the latest plan of the Democratic party. Congressmen of that party who have arrived for the session of Congress which begins in December are planning to adjust for the Democrats of the various communities in their districts the question of whom to endorse for the various Federal positions. Democratic Congressmen already have been besieged with applications numbering at least twenty for each place, and they believe that by the primary system they can save themselves from political obliteration at the hands of disappointed office-seekers. "Two of the most conspicuous partisans of this new plan are Representatives Benjamin Humphreys of Mississippi and Jack Beall of Texas.

Not Binding Legally. "Of course, such a primary would not be binding legally, but the Congressmen say they would be guided in its choice for the important postmasterships, and they believe that the President and the Postmaster General would abide by the will of the Democratic citizens expressed in the primary. As for the United States Senators, the advocates of the postoffice primary plan intimate that these dignitaries had best abide by the will of the people of the several towns or fare worse politically by disappointing individual office-seekers. The question has arisen, however, whether it would be possible to prevent Republican citizens of each community from voting at the primaries. Many of them, it is stated, hold that they would have the right to vote in such contests.

"The Republicans receive their mail from the same source, and are equally citizens of the community. The Dallas News, in attacking Beall for his suggestion of the primary plan, asked him this pertinent question, and it has reached Washington. It has started a lively debate among the members now here.

"As each of the Democratic Representatives reaches Washington he probably will be asked his view of the plan. The reply of Mumphreys and his sympathies to the query about Republicans voting is that, since the primary is not a local election, but only informal and advisory, it can be restricted with utter propriety to Democrats; they say that the primary will serve simply to advise them what their fellow Democrats want in the postmaster line, and the Representatives accordingly will nominate the primary choice.

Henry Opposes Plan. Representative Robert L. Henry of Texas is opposed to the primary plan. Some think that President-Elect Wilson, who will have to make the appointments when all is said and done, will be asked for an pinion on the perplexing problem. "Mr. Henry received a telegram from some of his constituents in which it was stated that the patronage question is splitting the party wide open down in the cattle country. The document concluded with a plea that Mr. Henry would stand by the old system of recommending his friends for appointment to office. Mr. Henry replied that he took no stock in the new-fangled idea. 'As Mr. Henry is a progressive Democrat and was one of Mr. Wilson's earliest supporters. his attitude

is regarded as significant.

"'A primary to determine who would be postmaster.' said Mr. Henry yesterday afternoon, 'would be unfair because there is no law under which it could be safeguarded. Republicans could vote as well as Democrats, and there would be no assurance that the proper man would be selected. I prefer to take the responsibility in my own district, and shall



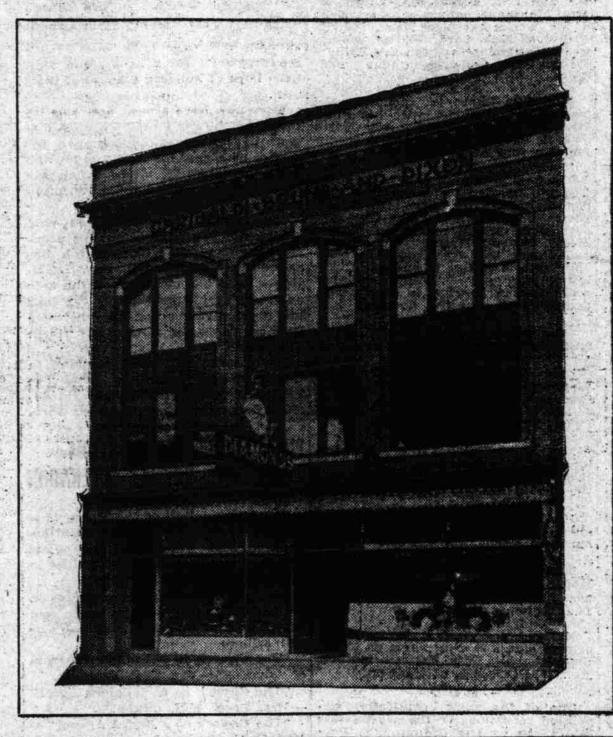
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