

G. O. P. PAYROLL GETTING LARGER

Promised Reduction Was Only Scheme To Let Democrats Out.

(By H. E. C. Bryant, in Charlotte Obs.)
Washington, Dec. 1.—It was charged by the democrats months ago that the republicans were camouflaging the people when they said they would reduce the number of federal officeholders. Thousands were to be put out for money saving purposes. At the time all of this talk was going on your correspondent called attention to the fact that the republican scheme was to let our democrats and then fill their jobs with their own partisans.

The scheme has worked out, or is working out. It will be recalled that the government was so poor that a lot of prohibition enforcement officers had to be dropped. A hue and cry about this caused some of these to be restored. But in other departments democrats were dropped, and later succeeded by republicans.

Nine months of the Harding administration has passed and promises to reduce the horde of government employes taken on during the war have not been fulfilled. Now comes the word that certain progressive republicans are going to demand an explanation. The administration leaders will be asked why the reductions have not netted more than three or four thousand.

Interesting discoveries are expected. On the fourth of March it was estimated that 85,000 persons were on the federal payroll, holding positions in the national capital. Before the outbreak of the war that roll carried but 37,000. To the surprise of many congressmen who have been looking into the matter the total now seems to be between 81,000 and 83,000, showing a very slight reduction under the circumstances.

Ten thousand, most of them democrats, were cut off, but 6,000 were put in the places made empty. The present tendency is to climb back up instead of go down. The clamor for patronage pie is so great that the leaders can't reduce. Unless Congress takes action to prevent it the payroll of Uncle Sam will be back on the war basis before many more months roll by.

The reformers of the G. O. P. started out with a brass band, and got lost in the crowd of office seek-

ers," said a troublesome republican today. "The reorganization commission was created to speedily reduce the cost of governing the people. We have been told from time to time that this organization was going forward. It seems to be slipping back now. About all the commission has done is to find jobs for more people." Congress is a little weary of commissions. They fall short of their original purposes. The reclassification commission has cost the government a half million dollars. The agricultural commission of Congress is another.

"What are these commissions doing?" the republican quoted here asked. "They just lay awake at night thinking of something new to keep busy on," he answered. "Why, they have been sending out questionnaires to the business men of the country calling for statements of their profits and losses and other experiences since the year 1913. The questionnaire system is a fine one for keeping men and women employed. We have 250 bureaus in this town, all of which are trying to keep in existence. Every head of a branch or division is ready to fight if any of his employes are taken away from him. We are under a bureaucratic form of government rather than a republican."

Trouble is brewing for the promoters and camouflagers. The patronage pie has about been distributed, and there is no real reason for certain republicans to stick to the administration. In fact, it will prove popular to go a little knocking.

The program is formulated, and the coming session of Congress will witness many outbreaks.

RUMORED THAT FORMER PRESIDENT WILL CALL LEAGUE ADVOCATES TOGETHER

Washington, Dec. 2.—Rumor here today was busy with the report that former President Wilson is soon to call upon those who with him believe in the League of Nations to get busy in a new effort to vindicate the principles the league embodies.

The rumor is on the statement attributed to a recent caller on Mr. Wilson that he had said that the time had come to test the sincerity of those who said they were opposed to the league on "American" grounds, the former President being quoted as saying he did not believe Senators could save their faces if they were now called upon to vote on the question of this country entering the league under reservations safeguarding all American rights.

It is said that he pointed out that Great Britain, France, Italy and other league members are willing to agree to virtually any conditions proposed by the United States in order to have it enter the league. He

is said to have made no comment on the proposed Harding "Association of Nations," but has said that "recent events" show unmistakably that the United States is headed towards membership in the League of Nations. Close friends are reported to have said that the views the present conference as a severe blow to the enemies of the league, who wanted this parley in order to obtain something that would prevent a strong political reaction that would achieve the ideals expressed in the league and that in place of this the conference is promising to put this country into the League of Nations.

DR. W. L. HILL OF MAXTON BURIED

Poet Laureate of N. C. Press Association Passes Away.
Maxton, Nov. 3.—The remains of Dr. William Laurie Hill, for years poet laureate of the North Carolina Press association, were laid to rest in Center Presbyterian church burying ground, close by the home of the deceased, this afternoon.

The funeral services, conducted by Rev. E. L. Siler, Presbyterian minister and associate pastor with the venerable Dr. H. G. Hill, brother of the deceased, were attended by a large assemblage of admiring friends and acquaintances from Maxton, four miles distant, and from the country and surrounding territory, representing a large part of this section of the state.

Deceased was well known throughout North Carolina, especially among newspaper men, and had been honored repeatedly on the North Carolina Press association by re-election as official poet of the organization. At the last one or two annual conventions he was unable to attend, but his poems were read as a feature of the convention program. He also was well known in Presbyterian church circles.

Dr. Hill was a writer of marked ability and a scholar of distinction. With his brother, Dr. H. G. Hill, he was co-author of a book published several years ago, which was widely read and attracted considerable attention.

For a number of years he was editor of "Our Fatherless Ones," organ of the Presbyterian orphanage at Barium Springs.

GENERAL CARR ANNOUNCES DATES FOR NEXT REUNION

Durham, Dec. 2.—The next general reunion of Confederate veterans will be held in Richmond, Va., June 21-22, 1921. General Julian S. Carr, commander-in-chief of the U. C. V., announced today General Carr is planning to make this reunion one of the greatest in the history of the organization, and is already enthusiastically at work making preparations for the event. The last Richmond reunion was held a decade ago.

Tax Notice

I will meet the citizens of Lincoln County, at the following times and places for the collection of the 1921 tax.

Lowsville, Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1921, forenoon.

S. A. Hager's Store, Tuesday Dec. 20, 1921, afternoon.

Triangle, Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1921, forenoon.

Webbs, J. H. Lineberger, store, Wednesday Dec. 21, 1921, afternoon.

Denver, Thursday, Dec. 22, 1921, forenoon.

Iron Station, Friday Dec. 23, 1921, forenoon.

Long Shoals, Friday, Dec. 23, 1921, afternoon.

D. J. Beam's store, Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1921, forenoon.

F. J. Leatherman's Tuesday Dec. 27, 1921 afternoon.

Flay, Wednesday Dec. 28, 1921, forenoon.

J. C. Dellinger's store, Wednesday Dec. 28, 1921, afternoon.

Henry, C. L. Heavner's store, Thursday Dec. 29, 1921, forenoon.

Reepsville, Thursday, Dec. 29, 1921, afternoon.

J. L. Goodnights, store, Friday Dec. 30, 1921, forenoon.

Crouse, Friday Dec. 30, 1921, afternoon.

It is urged that each tax payer meet me on the above mentioned dates and settle his tax, as I desire to make an early settlement with the County.

Very respectfully,

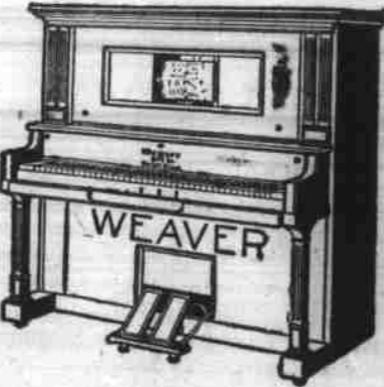
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