

Democratic County Chairman
Condemns Mass Meeting and
Upholds Orderly Government

To the people of Rockingham County: I am a citizen of Rockingham County, and at present I am Chairman of the Democratic Party, and I know myself, I am interested with all my heart in this good County, and in preserving peace and harmony in its borders. I was opposed to the Commissioners building the Fishing Creek bridge, and think now it was a mistake for the Commissioners to build it. I attended the first mass meeting last summer and took part in an effort to induce the Commissioners not to build it. The matter was carried to the courts and the legality of the action of the Commissioners sustained. I thought then, and think now, even though the action was legal, that the Commissioners should not have gone on and built the bridge. So much for that.

Now lets take the other side of it: The County Commissioners are the with authority to govern the county. They are, for the time being, clothed with authority to govern the county. I do not believe these men are dishonest. If they have made a mistake and done something they ought not to do, let the people elect another board at the next election. If they have the legal right to act (and the courts have decided they have) and they have seen fit to go ahead and build the bridge, then pray tell me what good the continued agitation of the matter will do. Why tear the county to pieces and fan hatred and ill-will among our people when it will do no good. In my opinion it is a dangerous matter to continue to stir up the people and fan the flame in this county. It looks to me like it is about time for some good strong people to counsel moderation and stop this hot language and bad feeling in this county.

We must remember that the Commissioners are the constituted authority to act in such matters, and while it is always the right of the people to petition their officers, yet it is a dangerous matter to carry the petition to the point of threatened insubordination. These men are officials, and through their authority to a majority, they are entitled to fair treatment. The people will soon have the opportunity to elect a board to their liking. If the bridge is built, it will not ruin the county, nor change the plan of salvation. They say the bridge is being built for B. Frank Mebane. He may have been influential in getting it built—grant that he has been, we must all admit that B. Frank Mebane has by his efforts, brought millions of property to the county to be taxed and made good pay rolls for lots of people. I have never been a partisan of Mr. Mebane—have not approved all he has done, but we must be just, even to him.

What I am undertaking to do is counsel moderation in a very trying time and beg the people to cease this continued strife and lets have peace. I beg the people to call off any further mass meeting about this matter. To my mind it is useless. The contract for the bridge has been let, and what can we do now but stir up feeling and hate among the people, and we have had enough of that.

AMERICAN HELD BY
GERMANS RELEASED

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Jan. 30.—Corliss Grever Bergdoll in Germany, has been released from prison by Germany, the State Department was advised.

Leader New York
Anti-Saloon League
Convicted Forgery

New York, Jan. 30.—William H. Anderson State superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of New York, last night was convicted by a Supreme Court jury on both counts of an indictment charging him with third degree forgery in connection with the "splitting" of commissions with a former league fund solicitor. Justice Tompkins announced Anderson would be sentenced Friday, February 5, to a term of 60 days, in which he has been at liberty since the indictment was returned, was continued. It was understood an appeal would be taken. The jury deliberated one hour and 40 minutes. The case was given to the jury yesterday at 1:30 P. M. The instructions by the

Strawn and Gregory
Selected As Counsel
for Oil Prosecution

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 30.—Steps toward the prosecution of oil cases were begun by Silas Strawn, of Chicago, one of the special counsel selected by Coolidge. Strawn conferred with the President and announced he would proceed immediately with his work. Organization matters will await the arrival, Friday, of Thomas Gregory, attorney general in the Wilson cabinet, who will conduct the prosecution jointly with Strawn. The only instructions received from the President, Strawn said, were to proceed in accordance with the executive's statement of last Saturday night.

Physicians attending Fall told the Senate oil committee that the former interior secretary is in no condition to appear before it and testify. The hearing was behind closed doors and details were not divulged. Rear Admiral Latimer Judge, advocate general of the Navy, told the house naval committee that in December, 1921, he informed Secretary Denby it would be legal to enter into a contract with the Doney interests for construction of tankage at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, as a part of their lease of the California oil reserves. The admiral said he based his opinion on the authority granted the naval department by Congress in June, 1920, to exchange oil and provide storage facilities. Republicans and Democratic leaders in the Senate were pressed for a vote on the Walsh oil lease annulment resolution. Debate was resumed immediately after the Senate convened.

WHEN WINTER COMES
PHILIPPINES PLAY BALL

(By Associated Press.)
Manila, Jan. 30.—The baseball season in the Philippines is now in full swing, and close observers declare that greater interest has been shown in the game than for many years. The amateur championship of the islands will be decided during the third week in February when the annual carnival is held in Manila. By a process of elimination among the various leagues, not only in Manila but in the outlying provinces, the number of teams will be narrowed down so that the series of games which will decide the championship can be played off in one week. The army league, made up of teams from each of the five United States army posts in the vicinity of Manila and three civilian teams, has adopted a schedule calling for games on Saturdays and Sundays during the season. The team from the Thirty-first United States Infantry is composed of Americans, two others are made up of Filipinos and Americans and the remaining teams of the Army League are all Filipino. The bureau of education has encouraged baseball in the schools in all the provinces, and during the season provincial and inter-provincial contests are played, thus determining the regional championships. The various universities in Manila and other cities also have organized baseball teams and leagues, and even the sugar plantations of the Island of Negros have taken up the game.

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LATE ITEMS RIGHT
OFF THE WIRES

(By Associated Press)
Boston, Jan. 30.—Harry Maniff, of Revere, surrendered at the federal building here, and was arrested on charges of conspiracy to rob in connection with the million-dollar mail truck robbery in Los Angeles in March, 1921. Bert Chapman was arrested on similar charge yesterday.

(By Associated Press)
Frankfort, Ind., Jan. 30.—Governor Warren McCray is adjudged bankrupt in the report of Harry Sheridan, federal master in chancery, who recently conducted a hearing on the petition of three Ft. Wayne banks. Sheridan held that McCray is not a farmer nor a laborer and, therefore, is not exempt from the federal laws governing an involuntary bankruptcy proceeding.

CLAIMS ORIGINATION OF
IMPROVED TYPE OF FILM

(By Associated Press)
London, Jan. 30.—Hundreds of thousands of feet of cinema films and countless phonograph records, are being carefully preserved by museum authorities in London so that future generations may see how things were done in this age, and hear what prominent British statesmen had to say of present day problems. On difficulty in the way of this undertaking of interpreting today to tomorrow has been found in the fact that cinema films contract and deteriorate with age, but a British firm claims to have invented a film that will not shrink and that is not inflammable.

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Leaksville to Have
\$100,000 Building

Last night bids were opened for the new building to be erected soon by the Leaksville-Spray Insurance and Realty Company. The bids were as follows: Jackson and Touchstone... \$95,000.00; Hankins and Collins... \$95,000.00; Jno. P. Pettijohn Co... \$93,750.00; J. M. Hopper Const. Co... \$93,777.00; Leaksville Lumber Company \$8,698.00. These bids cover the cost of construction, the steel to be furnished by the owners. Plumbing and steam fittings were bid on separately, which will bring the cost of the building well up toward \$104,000. The contractor has not been announced as yet, and will probably not be known until the later part of this week. The new building will be five stories high, with about a hundred-foot frontage on Monroe Street and seventy-five feet on Washington Street. The builders of this commercial palace have announced that the building will be as absolutely fireproof as modern construction can make one. Although final details have not been worked out, it is probable that the building will be of reinforced concrete throughout. Construction is to start immediately after the contract is let.

PENNSYLVANIA BANK
SHOWS BIG SHORTAGE

(By Associated Press)
Harrisburg, Penn., Jan. 30.—Discovery of a shortage of \$74,940 in the funds of the Peoples Bank of McKeesport was announced by the State banking department. Peter Cameron, State secretary of banking, said that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of James Baker, an employee.

SWISS OBJECTS TO SERVING
LEFT-OVERS TABLE D'HOTE

(By Associated Press)
Geneva, Jan. 30.—The abolition of table d'hote service in all hotels "throughout Switzerland and other countries" is advocated in the current issue of the Swiss Hotel Review. "It is not fair or just," writes the contributor, "to impose upon guests the left-overs of a dish that has passed around several times from table to table, especially mutilated fish." The writer also declares guests do not want to be ordered to the table for a meal "at a certain hour by the clock."

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UNMASKED BANDITS
ROB BANK OF \$10,000

(By Associated Press)
Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 30.—Two unmasked bandits held up the Farmers Bank, at Jasper, and stole \$10,000 in currency. A posse overtook and captured the men at Whitwell.

DEMURRER SUSTAINED
IN CANTONMENT FRAUD

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Jan. 30.—The District of Columbia Supreme Court sustained the demurrers of Benedict Crowell, former assistant secretary of war, and six others indicted with him in cases growing out of building wartime cantonments.

MR. AND MRS. J. P. TURNER
ENTERTAIN TEACHERS

Mr. and Mrs. J. Platt Turner entertained several of the teachers and a few friends Tuesday evening. The guests found their places at small tables by means of dainty Valentine place cards. The hostess, assisted by her daughters and Missabel Becker, served quail on toast, olives, sandwiches and coffee, pineapple syllabub and cake.

Earnest Cook Found
Guilty Manslaughter
In Criminal Court

JOHN L. PHILLIPS
MUST STAND TRIAL IN
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Jan. 30.—John L. Phillips, Republican State chairman of Georgia, and nine others, indicted in connection with the sale of surplus lumber from army cantonments, must stand trial in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, it was held in overruling demurrers to their indictments.

DESTROY INSANITARY MEAT

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Jan. 30.—Federal inspection laws have been in operation for seventeen years. During this time more than 3,500,000 whole carcasses and more than 12,000,000 parts of carcasses have been condemned and made unfit for food purposes through the vigilance of federal meat inspectors.

JUDGE BRYSON
GIVES REIDSVILLE
MAN A CHANCE

(Staff Correspondent of the Gazette)
Wentworth, Jan. 30.—Jesse Gillie, of Reidsville, 21-year-old married man, came before Judge Bryson for sentence, having been indicted for assault, and standing before the bar, received the best advice he had ever listened to.

Gillie told the Court that he would heed the advise and stop drinking. "Jesse," the Court continued, "you have a good face, and you ought to make a good citizen, husband and father and I would like to give you a chance."

After much sound and kindly counsel Judge Bryson told Gillie he would give him a chance. He is to give a \$100 bond to report to each term of court for two years.

MODERN FOOTWEAR OUSTS
OLD STYLE SHOES OF SATIN

(By Associated Press)
Peking, Jan. 30.—The encroachment of western civilization has revolutionized the shoe-making industry in Peking, according to the Chinese Economic Bulletin. When official shoes made of satin where in vogue among the well-to-do, and the poorer classes wore shoes made out of cotton cloth, the business was prosperous; but now the old-style shoes have been discarded for foreign-style leather shoes which are imported, or made by another class of artisans from Shanghai or other treaty ports. For this reason Peking shoemakers are engaged almost entirely in making cheap footwear for the poorer classes.

Another industry affected is baking. Owing to a liking for foreign-style pastry, the business of Chinese bakeries is falling off. Bread is being used more and more. A few years ago, it is said, there were in Peking more than 400 bakeries turning out Chinese food, whereas today there are only 127.

Medicine shops, although showing a decreased turnover, are less seriously affected because of the enormous profit to which the business lends itself.

SUNBEAM MEETING

At the meeting of the Sunbeams at the First Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon, there were twenty-one present. The offering for foreign missions amounted to \$8.37.

The meeting was opened by the new president, Miss Evelyn Barker. The roll was called by Miss Andrew Jones. Scripture verses on prayer were given by members. Other interesting features of the program were piano solo by Miss Vivian Hundley, readings by Misses Evelyn Barker, Eliza Turner and Vivian Hundley.

THE ACQUIRED TRAIT
OF FATHERHOOD

(Continued On Page Four)
(By Wickes Wamboldt)
A woman physician of international reputation said to me, "Motherhood is a perfectly natural and normal characteristic, but fatherhood is an acquired trait."

Weather

Probably rainy tonight; fair tomorrow.

(Staff Correspondent of the Gazette)
Wentworth, Jan. 30.—Earnest Cook, colored, charged with the murder of Henry Nixon, also colored, was found guilty of manslaughter in Superior Court Tuesday. Judge Bryson will probably pass sentence on Cook later in the week. The law calls for a sentence of from four months to twenty years.

S. P. Graves was assisted in the prosecution by A. W. Dunn, while A. D. Ivie defended Earnest Cook with a great deal of earnestness as if he was thoroughly convinced of his innocence. An hour's time was allotted each side and Mr. Dunn opened the arguments to the jury before noon recess. A. D. Ivie followed, speaking a full hour and admitting he felt the strain of it.

Judge Bryson's charge to the jury was fair and able, and several attorneys commended the charge. The jury was told that they could return a verdict for second degree murder, or one for manslaughter, or "not guilty."

The State contended that Cook and Nixon were drinking and had fell out about something. That Cook had thrown a fruit jar at Nixon. That Nixon had hit Cook's hand. That when Cook had his hand dressed by Lizzie Jones, he went outside and killed Nixon with a rock or other blunt instrument. That John Early Jones swore he saw Cook strike Nixon through Lizzie's window. That Cook said in the house he would kill Nixon.

The body was found lying straight on the ground; the left hand on the breast and the right hand stretched out on the ground with a broken knife in it. His head turned slightly to the left and a pool of blood was nearby. The feet straight out and close together. It also appears that the dead man's hat was on his breast.

It appears that Henry Nixon and Roy Cook worked together on the same job and they were friends. Nixon boarded at Lizzie Jones house and Cook boarded at Roberts' house. It seems that on Saturday night, October 27th, the two went out to the State line to get some whiskey. Cook said that Nixon wanted to get a quart of liquor for Lizzie.

They returned with the liquor after the Jones' had gone to bed. A fuss started soon after they were back. Lizzie and her crowd all blame Cook and Nixon for the trouble that followed. Cook places the blame on John Early Jones, Lizzie's son.

Cook said he went in the house with Nixon just so they would be together; that they had planned on going somewhere on Sunday. Then when they got in the house they knocked and were admitted. They went into Lizzie's room which seems to be used as a sitting room. Lizzie was laying across the head of the bed and one of the girl boarders laying across the foot.

Nixon, he said sat on the side of the bed and wanted Lizzie to get up. Cook sat by the fire place. Then he said the girl on the foot of the bed got up and came to him and leaned over on his shoulder.

Nixon had in the meantime sat on a trunk in the room. John Early Jones came down the stairs coming into the room, and pushed Nixon off the trunk. Then when Lizzie and others were on Nixon, John Early Jones snatched a flash light out of Cook's hand. Then it was that his hand was cut, as well as a number of other cuts on his clothing and body.

Cook said he threw a fruit jar at John Early after he found he was cut. Nixon he said left the room while he was having his hand attended to, Lizzie helping. His hand bled so profusely, that the stove pipe was taken down and a handful of goat applied.

Cook said he never saw Nixon after that. Cook then started home to the Roberts' boarding house. As he left the women folks came to the door with him. He said there was no dead man at the gate post where Nixon's body was later found.

He said that he got to the Roberts' boarding house at a quarter of ten. The Roberts woman refused to let him stay because of his condition. Cook then went out to the Rock crusher at King's Mill, where he spent the night. Cook said that while he was having his hand dressed three men in the Jones boarding house disappeared.

Cook's home is at Walnut Cove. The Coroner's Jury found that Lizzie Jones' boarding house came to his death from the blow of a blunt instrument in the hands of some person to them unknown, and recommended that John Early Jones and Earnest (Roy) Cook be held.

Your Local Paper

It has been said of English voters that they make the newspaper their Bible. What consideration have you given the Tri-City Daily Gazette? Did you ever consider it as a matter of community interest? If your paper is not full of interesting news, it is not your paper, but yourself who is at fault. We are anxious to co-operate with you. It is your paper. It prints the news you furnish. Because of false modesty or thoughtlessness or lack of interest you fail to report to the paper what you know about yourself or others that is of interest. Then don't knock the paper if it fails to report that you went to Mayodan, to visit your dear Mother-in-law.

The local paper is a big family letter, or at least it should be. Contribute your part to the letter and what a newsy paper you will have. Make a new resolution and try it the rest of this year. Then don't forget the Subscription and Cash. The local paper can not be run on promises or a bushel of turnips.

Editorial Appearing in the Gazette Wednesday, December 19, 1923

BUYING
AT HOME

The time has come when retail merchants in this section should do something to stimulate home buying. There is entirely too much out-of-town shopping done for the prosperity of our towns. No one wants to place a fence around the towns, but there is a limit, or should be at least, for local people to hop on their cars, turning their backs on local merchants and do their shopping elsewhere. And while this state of affairs is going on what are our merchants doing to stop it? How many times have they met in conference to consider this ever growing problem?

The Gazette's pages often go begging for local advertising and we are being told by merchants that they cannot afford to advertise in the face of this running to other cities by people who should trade at home. This then, is apt to bring about a condition that will force us to solicit business from merchants in out-of-town cities. Of course this will not be done unless it become a necessity.

Editorial Appearing in the Gazette Wednesday, January 23, 1924

THE HOME
NEWSPAPER

If there is anything in your town worth talking about ten chances to one your own newspapers had a hand in putting it there. If anybody beyond the walls of your burg ever learns that there is such a place as Leaksville it will be through the home paper.

Every town gets its money's worth through the home newspapers. It's

Read in tomorrow's Gazette, "What Is the Remedy?"

the wagon that carries all your goods to market. It ought to be kept in good repair. It will pay to grease it, paint it and keep its running gears in good shape and shelter. They are the guardians and defenders of every interest, the forerunners and pioneers of every movement and the sturdy advocates of law and order.