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### WOMEN INTERRUPT PRESIDENT

Drop a Flag Down Upon Congressmen While Mr. Wilson is Making Speech.

President Wilson's address to Congress Tuesday was marked by a woman suffrage coup in the galleries—the first real crowd of organized militancy in the Capital—and by a great demonstration of congratulation to the President upon his re-election, in which many Republicans joined.

After acknowledging the prolonged cheers and applause which greeted his entry to the hall of the House, the President had launched into his address, reviewing recommendations for railroad legislation, a corrupt practice act, and had passed to his recommendations for a broader government for Porto Rico. He was just about to begin a sentence: "The present laws governing the rights and privileges of its people are not just," when over the rail of the gallery, where sat a party of woman suffrage leaders, there fluttered down above the heads of an amazed assemblage of Senators and Representatives a silken banner of suffrage yellow, bearing in great black letters the inscription: "President Wilson, what will you do for woman suffrage?"

The suffragists said, afterward, it was their protest against the President's plea with Congress for broader suffrage for the men of Porto Rico while he did not mention their own cause in his address.

### Wilson Smiles Over Incident.

As the banner rippled down, the suffragists sat smiling and unperturbed. A page, raised on the arms of men directly under the gallery, grasped the edge of the banner and snatched it down. President Wilson, attracted by the stir, looked up from his reading, and apparently taking in the situation at a glance, smiled broadly and without hesitation or interruption turned his eyes back to his manuscript and continued his address to its end without further demonstration.

Policemen and gallery guards scurried to where the women were seated, but contented themselves with watching the party, as if to prevent a further outbreak.

When the joint session was over the suffragists filed out unmolested by the police, who said they had no orders other than to prevent any further infringement of the rules of the House. The banner remained with the sergeant-at-arms.

### Rumanian Capital Falls Into Hands Of Germans.

Bucharest, the capital of Rumania, is in the hands of the forces of the Central Powers.

Exactly 100 days after the declaration of war by Rumania against them finds the Teutonic Allies in control of about 50,000 square miles of Rumanian territory—virtually one-half of the Kingdom—running from the Transylvanian Alps northwest of the capital to the Danube south of it, and a large part of Dobruja, and probably still on the heels of the retreating Russian and Rumanian armies which have been endeavoring to hold them back.

Simultaneously with the announcement of the fall of Bucharest came the news of the capture of the important railroad junction of Ploechti, north of the capital, the conquest of which place in the hands of the invaders the last railroad in the west and gives to them the head of the line running northward to Jassy, where the capital of Rumania is now situated.

No details have as yet come through concerning the climax to the great drive of the armies of General von Falkenhayn and Field Marshal von Mackensen, or whether the Rumanians succeeded entirely in making their escape behind the Bucharest line. Previous to the announcement of the capture of Bucharest and of Ploechti unofficial advices had indicated that four divisions of the defenders were in a hazardous position in the region due west of Bucharest and in danger of being enveloped.

With the fall of Bucharest the Central Powers are now in possession of four capitals of Entente Allied States, the others being Brussels, Belgrade and Cetinje.

### Corinth News.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Monroe, Route 9, Dec. 6. — Miss Alma Price of Monroe is being spending some time in this community.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kern Price, a daughter.

Lot of the people from here are attending the meeting at Oak Grove this week.

It seems like two of our correspondents are having some trouble over the President. Spriggs, of course I am bound to take up for you because I am for Wilson. Frisky went on to say that we were going to hang ourselves and that they thought they would just let us go. I have had people to do things that I didn't want them to do but I just couldn't help it.

Miss Emma Richardson spent Sunday with Miss Fannie Whitaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Brady Price spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Price.

No news much this week or else Farm Boy didn't hear about it.—Farm Boy.

"Papa," said the daughter, "Jack is coming tonight to ask your consent to our marriage. Be kind to him, won't you?"

"Certainly, my child," said the stern parent; "I'll do him the kindest act I can. I'll tell him he can't have you."—Grit.

### Olive Branch Locals.

Correspondence of Marshville Home.

Oh! yes, hog-killing time has come and hog and "taters" go right these cold days.

Mr. Phantom Brooks and sisters, Misses May and Blanche, spent last Saturday night with their sister, Mrs. T. F. Mills.

The cold mornings are frequent and truly the axe is laid at the root of every pine stump and everyone that will turn is hewn down and cast into the fire.

Mr. E. C. Gaddy visited his daughter, Mrs. M. E. Griffin, of Marshville last night.

Mr. E. W. Helms has recently purchased a new buggy and set of harness. Remember ladies that Mr. Helms is unmarried.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Tarleton visited their daughter, Mrs. D. A. Tarleton, on last Sunday.

Boys, what about a good potato and "stimon" pudding these fine days for dinner.

Mr. H. D. Fowler and family are making preparations to move to Penchland.

Lady politicians, you may shout glory-hallelujah because the time is approaching fast when you will be allowed to cast your vote as well as the men, and not only will you be allowed to vote but to run for office as well.

Mr. L. N. Stegall spent last week with his brother, Mr. J. B. Stegall, helping him work.

Mr. J. L. Smith and family have moved into their new residence in the western part of Olive Branch.

Men, the ladies have you in close quarters. Heretofore when we spoke of our members of Congress we said "Congressmen," but now for the first time in the history of this great American nation we must say, in speaking of them, Congresswomen and Congressmen, that is if we go according to custom which is to give the ladies the first place in addressing an assembly of men and women. Don't you bet Mr. Wilson forgets when he addresses Congress members.

A little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Griffin died of pneumonia on Thursday, Nov. 23, and was buried in the Olive Branch cemetery on Friday. Rev. J. G. Gullede conducted a short funeral service. Mr. Griffin and family have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

We are sorry to report that several children of our community are sick with pneumonia.

Mr. Chas. Turner and family have the sympathy of the people of the entire community in the death of their little child which died of pneumonia on last Sunday night and was buried at Flint Ridge on Monday.

In conclusion allow me to say a few words in favor of a debating society. In a debating society we learn to express our views on any question that may arise in a respectable manner. Today the world is wanting men who can speak in a brief and respectable manner. It doesn't want men who have to stammer and go on trying to tell anything and if a society does its duty it will limit the time of the speakers and cause them to collect and bring their thoughts down in as brief a form as possible to be understood. I believe a good debating society is worth as much to the boys of a school as almost anything else, because in this they can get knowledge along almost every line except mathematics. It helps them in their language and if you get some good question and get them interested they study and learn much history concerning it. Now in order to make a debating society of worth, we must have rules and see that they are enforced because if you don't have order you had better have no debating society.

Also the girls of a school should have a society, and write essays and have recitations, etc.

The contest has ended and everything worked out very pleasing it seems.—Plow Boy.

### Mr. Blythe's Thanksgiving.

Waxhaw Enterprise.

Notwithstanding bad weather, a large crowd of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Blythe to enjoy Thanksgiving. All of Mr. and Mrs. Blythe's children were present except Mrs. Will Robinson of Waxhaw. The morning was spent playing games, music and conversing with friends; but the most enjoyable feature of the day was dinner. About 12 o'clock the good ladies assembled on the lawn with baskets brimming full of good things and spread the food on a long table. Rev. K. W. Hogan then asked the blessing. "My! what good 'possums and 'taters"; it was fit for a king." Everybody went away feeling like the day was well spent, but regretting it would be so long until Thanksgiving comes again.

### Found Snake in Apple.

Pee Dee Advocate.

On Monday last a lady in west Bennettsville ordered some apples from a store up town and when they arrived she bit one and there in the open space in the apple lay an eight inch snake, the size of a straw and the color of the inside of the apple. She was very much frightened and called two neighbor friends and phoned for Dr. Straus, fearing a case of poisoning. The doctor examined the snake and the apple and told the lady to calm her fears, there was no poison in the snake or apple. The snake died in a short while after exposure to the air and was thrown in the yard. The lady says she will bite no more apples.

### HOSPITAL FOR HORSES

British Government to Build and Maintain One at Spencer.

The Spencer correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says that the British government has authorized the establishment of a hospital in Spencer for the treatment of live stock bought in America and intended for foreign use. The contract has been let and the building is now being erected by the Southern Railway Company at the request of representatives of Great Britain. The structure is 45 by 100 feet in size and is being equipped in a modern way.

In addition to the hospital, four sun parlors for horses, 75 by 200 feet in size and accommodating about 500 animals at one time, are being built. So far as is known this is the first move of the kind made by any of the foreign powers and Great Britain has sent a special representative to Spencer to look after her interests there.

In talking with the officer it is learned that England expects to handle thousands of horses and mules at this point. These animals are bought in Western States and shipped to Spencer for food, rest, inspection and treatment. Great Britain has bought during the past year some 750,000 of the 23,000,000 horses and mules in America. The British officer located here, however, points out the fact that his country is only taking the normal increase and that his government is not depopulating America from that standpoint.

The average cost of the animals bought so far is about \$165, which means that the best are being kept at home. A small per centage of these animals are found to be diseased or injured in transit and it is for the treatment of this class that the hospital has been established in Spencer, it being found more economical to treat the horses and mules here than to ship them before being seasoned for sea voyages.

Approximately two train loads of from 1,400 to 1,600 horses and mules are being received in Spencer each week for consignment to Great Britain. Out of the thousands that have already passed only two animals have been crippled and only about 150 have been treated for pneumonia, fever and other diseases.

### Community Thanksgiving.

Correspondence of The Journal.

The community Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. L. M. Riner (Town View Farm) was in every way a success. With Miss Maggie Sims at the organ, a house full of good singers made the air ring with their melody.

After a number of songs had been sung, Mr. Riner bade his neighbors and friends welcome in a few well chosen words.

Dr. G. H. Burgess read some scripture selections and Mr. Jas. H. Godfrey led the prayer.

Short speeches on Thanksgiving were made by Mr. Henry Godfrey and Dr. Burgess, which ended the exercises.

A long table in the yard was filled with edibles, such as the good ladies of the community are noted for. When the crowd of nearly 200 were assembled around the table an offering was taken for the Thomasville orphanage amounting to about \$10. A blessing was asked and the feasting began.

Mr. Riner, the faithful superintendent of the Sunday school at Old Waxhaw Baptist church, was the recipient of a number of nice presents as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the school.—W.S.

### Around Stouts Neighborhood.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Stouts, Dec. 6.—Misses Nannie Boyd and Bliss Conder of Indian Trail spent Monday night of this week with the latter's sister, Mrs. Charlie Springs.

Mr. Harvey Hayes of Charlotte spent Thanksgiving with his parents here.

Misses Minnie and Ola Yandle of Monroe were welcome visitors in the village Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. J. P. Hargett and family have moved to their new home place, east of the village.

Mr. Will Hayes, who has been working in Raleigh for some time, spent Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hayes. Mr. Hayes went to Charlotte Tuesday morning where secured a position as barber.

Everybody is invited to come and take part in our prayer meeting which begins at 7:30 every Friday night.

Mr. Parks Conder returned to Badin Monday after spending a few days with his parents. Parks is running an electric drill in the rod room of the great aluminum plant, and likes the place fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack House and little son, Atlas, spent the latter half of last week visiting friends and relatives in Charlotte.

Messrs. Elgin Thompson and Sam Rushing will go to Badin next Friday where they expect to work.

Mr. Charlie Springs, who is working in Charlotte spent Sunday with his family here.

Everybody around here seemed to have a good time Thanksgiving although there wasn't many who had the pleasure of "helping turkey through their face."

Gordon Bros, contractors, I. E. Frank and Mark, are beginning to build a residence on Mr. Wriston Lee's farm, south of the village.

Mr. Jeff Sutton and family moved to Charlotte Monday of this week, where they will reside.—Padersky.

A small tumbler is responsible for many of the slips attributed to the eep.

### SHOES \$20 A PAIR IS OUTLOOK

Embargo on Leather or End of War Only Relief, Say Manufacturers.

Lynn (Mass.) Dispatch, Dec. 4.

At a conference of shoe manufacturers and retailers today, called to demand a Congressional inquiry of the shortage and high cost of leather, it was announced that leather had advanced 15 cents a foot since a week ago today.

Similar advances were in the next few weeks would compel retailers to charge \$20 a pair for shoes now selling at half that price, it was stated.

In resolutions to be sent to Washington it will be stated that five years ago most of the shoes made in New England were retailed at \$3 to \$5 a pair for medium grades for men and from \$6 to \$10 a pair for women. Roughly speaking, prices of shoes have doubled during the last five years, the sharpest advances being since the war.

With an embargo placed on leather exports, those at the conference today declared prices would return to normal.

Manufacturers must soon run on half time, says a statement by Albert M. Creighton, President of the Lynn Shoe Manufacturers' Association. End of the war or an embargo can alone relieve the situation, he declares.

### Marshville Items.

Marshville Home.

The following young people of this vicinity have pledged their troths to wedders during the past few days or weeks:

Miss Rossie Ross to Mr. Oscar Austin; Miss Blake Griffin to Mr. Hugh Helms; Miss Mary Griffin to Mr. Claude Phifer; Mrs. Lula Hallman to Mr. Haywood Williams; Miss Rilla Braswell to Mr. Clegg Hamilton. Each of the contracting parties are popular with their friends and have their best wishes in life.

Miss Mary Bowman, who has been doing hospital work on Long Island, N. Y., has returned to Marshville for a few weeks visit with relatives.

It will be interesting to his friends here to know that Mr. Beemer C. Harrell took part in the football game between Carolina and Virginia Thanksgiving Day. Carolina was victorious for the first time in several years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Griffin have moved into Rev. A. Marsh's residence in the northern part of town, and Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Newsom have moved into the house occupied by Mr. Griffin.

Some idea of how newsprint paper has increased in cost can be gained from the fact that the News & Observer, of Raleigh, has just issued a statement in which it declares that white paper for the year 1917 will cost them \$59,000 in excess of the price last year.

Miss Lucy Watkins of Monroe spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Miss Annie Harrell.

Mrs. Geo. Hinson and children of Monroe spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harrell.

Mr. J. M. Little has about everything ready for occupying his large and commodious new stables on Main street.

### How Human We All Are.

Statesville Landmark.

Of course the unscrupulous, who take advantage of a situation like the present to corner and combine and force up prices, have a hand in it; and if the investigators could reach these and give them a long term in State prison, it would be worth while. But nothing will come of the investigation. Moreover, the high prices are, in the main, due to short crops and the big demand for food products, as well as other things, on account of the war.

The city consumer thinks the farmer is rolling in wealth on account of the high prices. The producer is benefited of course, but he hasn't so much to sell on account of the crop shortage and the high price makes up for the shortage. If there were big crops the prices would be lower of course. The farmer would have more to sell and get less. As it is he has less to sell and gets more. So it somewhat evens up. Moreover, the middleman, rather than the farmer, probably reaps the lion's share of the profits.

But how human we all are. When prices are depressed and farm products are low, the producer demands that the government "pass a law" or do something to boost prices. They wanted the government to buy a few million bales of cotton and destroy the cotton, when the price of the staple was low a few years ago. At such times the city consumer ridicules the producer for asking for government help to boost prices. Now that prices of food products are soaring the city consumers have set up a great yell. They demand that the government do something to bring down the price. They want an embargo on the export of food products, investigations and other things.

The only sensible thing for the consumer to do is, when the price of any article gets to the point he thinks he can't afford, is to put it on the luxury list and leave it off. If one will try that he'll be amazed how many things he can do without.

They're all tarred with the same stick and the age-old proverb, "It makes a difference whose ox is gored," is daily illustrated.

"Are you going to the musical at the Robinsons' tonight?"

"I don't know. Are they going to have music or is Josephine going to sing?"—Pittsburg Post.

### Happenings in Pageland and Vicinity

Pageland Journal.

Rev. A. J. Crane has resigned his work as pastor of the Presbyterian churches at Marshville, Beulah, Salem and Pageland, and has accepted a position as superintendent of home missions and evangelist in the Albemarle Presbytery, which comprises about one-fifth of the State of North Carolina, lying in the northeastern part of the State. Mr. Crane will hold the same position in that Presbytery as Mr. Gil holds in the Mecklenburg Presbytery. His home will be at Tarboro. He will be paid a salary from the general home mission treasury of the Presbyterian church in that State and will likely be furnished an automobile. He has done splendid work during his long stay on this field, and many are the regrets at seeing him go. He will have one more service here. His successor has not been selected.

Mr. Eugene Webb and Miss Nora Smith were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Smith, in Lanes Creek township yesterday afternoon. Mr. Webb is an enterprising young farmer. Mrs. Smith is a young lady of fine character. She has taught in the schools of Union county, and is well liked as teacher and as a lady.

Mr. Albert E. Robinson, a brother of Mr. A. C. Robinson of Pageland, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. V. A. Coan at Mineral Springs last Tuesday night. He was about 35 years old and had been in bad health for several months. Pellagra was the cause of his death. He was buried Wednesday at Waxhaw cemetery, funeral services being conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. W. Sanford. Three small children survive. His wife, who was Miss Mattie Carter of Waxhaw, died last year.

Mr. C. Columbus Clark and Mrs. Virginia Addie Pigz were married last Wednesday night at the home of Rev. R. W. Cato, the officiating minister, a mile west of town in the presence of only a few relatives and friends. After the ceremony they went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mangrum, where a bounteous supper was served. Mr. Clark is a well known and highly respected farmer whose home is just north of Pageland. Mrs. Clark is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mangrum. She is a lady of excellent character, well liked and respected by her wide circle of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have the best wishes of a great number of friends and relatives.

The agreement not to kill any more birds before 1918 is being signed by farmers who voluntarily come in and affix their names to it. The list is still in this office and any others who desire to sign it, may do so. We should like to see the name of every farmer in this whole section on this list. The birds are the farmer's friends, and signing this agreement is an evidence that you are willing to protect the friends. No matter whether you own land or not you should agree to kill no more birds for a season. You are a taxpayer, aren't you? Well, then you should sign it. The list is waiting for you.

### Wingate News.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Wingate, Dec. 7.—The Wingate High School basket ball team defeated the Matthews team last Monday by a score of 22 to 14. This made the sixth game played by our team since the season opened and every one has been in favor of Wingate.

Mr. Bundy Griffin and Miss Musetta Phifer, both of near here, were married yesterday morning by Rev. C. J. Black.

Rev. E. C. Snyder is visiting at Chowan College and attending the Baptist State Convention at Elizabeth City this week.

Miss Mary McWhirter of Charlotte has secured a position with the R. L. McWhirter Co.

Rev. C. J. Black is helping Rev. R. M. Haigler in the meeting at Oak Grove this week.

Mr. A. E. Eudy of near here is moving this week to Rock Rest.

Mr. J. J. Perry has recently bought a new Steiff piano.—A Student.

### Cy Sells His Dogs.

Waxhaw Enterprise.

"Cy" Tillman was at the train Monday afternoon with a long face and downcast countenance, to bid a last farewell to his pack of fine fox hounds. He had sold them and was shipping them to Franklin, Va. This country has become so thickly settled and so well cleared up of forest that there are no longer any foxes to hunt, and the expense and inconvenience of going to where the foxes are is too much for the fun obtained in the chase.

Seven of as fine hounds as ever yelped behind a fox in the woods around here left Monday afternoon when Mr. Tillman's pack of spotted beauties were loaded in the express car. Mr. Tillman did he did not know whether he would ever get any more dogs or not, as he would have nothing but the best and they were hard to get.

### Anson-Union.

Wadesboro Ansonian.

Mr. Lester Griffin, son of Mr. A. C. Griffin of Union county and Miss Netta Dawkins, daughter of Mr. James Dawkins of White Store township, were married Sunday by Esq. J. W. Jones at his residence in White Store township. These are popular young people and have the best wishes of a host of friends in this and Union county.

### NATION-WIDE PROBE BEGUN

Dozen Speeches Made—Resolutions Introduced Referred to Committees—Wilson and Department of Justice Work on Plans For Investigation.

Washington Dispatch, Dec. 6.

The Federal investigation of the high cost of living began today to take definite form, with indications that it would be one of the most comprehensive ever undertaken and would extend to every section of the United States. Not only in a sweeping inquiry into the cause of the soaring foodstuffs contemplated, but the recent pinch in the coal supply and its resultant price advances also may be made the subject of broad investigation.

From President Wilson down, officials began to cope in earnest with the problems presented by the situation. The President took under consideration preliminary reports which with others yet to come will form the basis for recommendations he may make to Congress.

A dozen speeches on the subject were made in the House and several resolutions, proposing inquiries, were introduced. These were referred to committees without discussion, most of them going to the interstate and foreign commerce committee, of which Representative Adamson, who is opposed to embargoes, is the chairman.

Department of Justice officials conferred with members of the Federal Trade Commission and with District Attorney Anderson of Boston, in charge of the Department's investigation and here to formulate a definite plan of conducting the nationwide inquiry. About 50 picked investigators of the Department's bureau of investigation were represented to be at work throughout the country gathering data which will determine the Attorney General's course of action.

### Three Angles to Situation.

The Interstate Commerce Commission probably will be called upon to aid by furnishing data relative to shipments of foodstuffs, and Mr. Anderson will confer with commission officials before his departure. Grand jury investigation at New York or Chicago or both are said to be still under consideration.

With the program still in process of formation, there were increasing indications that officials were considering the situation from three angles, namely:

1—Determination of the actual causes of the rapid rise in foodstuffs and coal, whether it was due to natural economical laws, to the unwarranted action of individual dealers and producers in advancing prices, or whether there exist agreements among groups of dealers or producers to boost prices.

2—Vigorous prosecutions of persons or firms, if any, who by violation of existing laws in making agreements to raise prices or otherwise have contributed to the upward trend of prices.

3—Enactment of legislation to remedy the present situation and to prevent its recurrence.

The situation is now in the first of these stages. Department of Justice officials have called upon the Federal Trade Commission for cooperation and were promised all data which the commission has bearing on the situation and aid in obtaining additional information.

### To Probe Produce Exchanges.

Department officials are also understood to be considering the advisability of investigating such organizations as the Chicago Board of Trade, the Chicago Butter and Egg Exchange, the Elgin Board of Trade and the New York Produce, Sugar and Coffee Exchanges with a view to ascertaining by what practices the market values of certain foodstuffs dealt in by the bodies are determined. An inquiry into the amount of foodstuffs held in all the cold storage establishments of the country and possibly as to the volume of grain stored in elevators also is said to be under consideration.

### Government Says Crop Is Harvested.

Washington Dispatch, Dec. 5.

Crop conditions in the south during November were reviewed today in the National Weather and Crop Bulletin as follows:

Except in South Carolina, cotton seems to be practically all harvested. In the Carolinas general killing frost came on the 15-16th in the main cotton areas; late cotton had matured very satisfactorily and top bolls caught by the freeze are in such condition that many will open. Over the bulk of the cotton belt scarcely any cotton remained subject to injury when the severe cold weather came.

### Family in Distress.

At 304 Lane street there is a sick boy who needs a quart of sweet milk and a quart of buttermilk a day. He also needs to be kept warm. Twenty-five cents a day would do much good in this case. He is a good boy and craves to live.

If you wish to do some real good, finding and administering to just such cases as this will be your opportunity. Very truly,—H.D. Stewart.

### NERVOUS WOMEN

When the nervousness is caused by constipation, as is often the case, you will get quick relief by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets also improve the digestion. Obtainable everywhere.