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Congress Will Have Christmas Holiday.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Congress will get a Christmas holiday after all.

It is planned to adjourn Friday, December 22, and re-convene January 2, Congressman Kithin announced today.

President Wilson "does not disapprove" of this program, according to the Democratic leader. To make up the time thus lost both houses will convene between 10 and 11 o'clock for the remainder of the session.

Kithin said all appropriation bills would be passed, and there will be no special session.

Little Evidence Given at the Fraud Inquiry.

Asheville, Dec. 8.—Asheville has had her investigation into alleged election frauds and corruption, which many men who do not take an active part in politics demanded should be held, following the sea of rumors which flooded this city and section; but that any good was accomplished by the investigation, few believe. Many members of both parties class the investigation as a failure.

While all will not agree that it proved to be this, there is no doubt about the fact that few men

other than the court officers, and witnesses who has been subpoenaed, took interest in the proceeding.

Farm Loan Association Organized.

A number of farmers met at the court house in Marion Tuesday and organized the McDowell County National Farm Loan Association and the association is now ready for business. Officers were elected as follows: J. N. Yelton, president; Geo. W. Young, vice-president; W. H. Taylor, secretary. W. H. Taylor, A. R. Bird and W. A. Houck constitute and loan committee. The five officers named above constitute the board of directors.

It is the duty of the loan committee to see that all farms are given a fair valuation, not too high so that association might loose even though the loan was for only half the value, and not so low that the farmer will not have a square deal. The committee will start to work next Monday in Dysartsville township and all farmers interested should get in their applications promptly and be ready and meet the committee on arrival and show them over the farms. Each farmer will have to pay the cost of appraising his farm, but this will not be due till the loan is secured. The more that go into the association now the less will be the cost. If a man off in one side of the county wants a loan next summer the cost of appraisal will naturally be more than if one joins now with many others.

"I could farm if I had the means" has been the excuse given for much poor farming. Now the way is open for every one to be a real progressive farmer. Will you join, or fall behind the procession? Applications for loans should be sent to W. H. Taylor, secretary loan committee, Dysartsville, N. C., and all farms will be appraised as quickly as the committee can get over the county. Burke and Rutherford counties have each asked for over forty thousand dollars in loans. Only twenty thousands was asked for at the meeting here Tuesday. Each week the amount McDowell asks for will be published.

Two classes of men will need to be careful about the amount of loan they ask for. Many will not ask for enough to get properly started with lime, phosphate, clover, better stock, tools, etc. Others who know nothing of the value of a dollar will get their loan, spend it, and then have little to show. Such best play safe.

Estimate Cotton Crop 11,511,000.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Cotton production in the United States for the season 1916-17 will amount to 11,511,000 bales equivalent 500-pound bales, the department of agriculture announced today in its final report of the season.

Last year 11,191,820 equivalent 500-pound bales were grown and during the five years 1910-14 the average was 14,259,231 bales. The record crop was grown in 1914 when 16,124,930 bales were produced.

Production by states with last year's crop follows:

North Carolina, 1916, 646,000; 1915, 699,494. South Carolina, 1916, 920,000; 1915, 1,133,919.

The German commercial submarine Deutschland, which left American ports some weeks ago, has reached home in safety, according to a dispatch from Berlin.

If you have a news item, personal or any item of local news of interest The Progress will appreciate your giving it in at any time. The small item is appreciated as much as the larger ones.



Shop Early

Do your Christmas Shopping Early.

Owing to the scarcity and increasing demand for all kinds of goods it will be almost impossible to duplicate on many articles that will make acceptable Christmas Gifts. We have been gleaning the markets for several weeks, selecting the most suitable and appropriate articles for Gifts and must say we have been very successful.

We have an immense stock of useful Gifts in wearing apparel and make a few suggestions as follows:

For Ladies

We have a beautiful selection of Shirt Waists. We have some pretty Organdy waists in plain white and fancy stripes at 75c and \$1.00, some China Silk waists in colors at \$1.00, some wash silk waists in beautiful candy stripes at \$2.45 and \$2.75, some real pretty crepe De Chine waists in pink, blue and white embroidered at \$3.50.

LADIES BATH ROBES and KIMONAS. We have some real pretty Kimonas made of Domet flannel at \$2.95 and \$3.50, some pretty Kimonas made of Duckling fleece at \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.39 and \$1.50.

LADIES HAND BAGS. We have a good collection of Ladies Hand Bags and Purses priced at 50c to \$2.00; some in pretty Holly Boxes, that make nice gifts.

LADIES HANDKERCHIEFS. There is nothing that is more acceptable and appreciated as Gifts than a pretty Handkerchief. We have them by the gross, at 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c, in plain white, and dainty embroidered and hemstitched in colors at 10c, 15c, 25c, also colored Crepe De Chine at 25c. We also have a pretty lot of Handkerchiefs, 2 and 3 packed in Holly Boxes at 25c and 35c box.

We also have a pretty line of Hose in lisle and silks at 15c, 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Ladies Kid Gloves at \$1.00 and \$1.50. Parasols, Traveling Bags and Suit Cases, etc.

Useful Gifts for Men

We have Bath Robes at \$2.95 and \$3.50, Sweaters at \$1.15 to \$3.00, Half Hose at 25c to 50c packed in Holly Boxes. Men's Umbrellas at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.25. Traveling Bags and Dress Suit Cases at \$2.50 to \$12.50. Men's Hats in the latest styles at \$1.50 to \$4.00. Neckwear. We have a beautiful selection of Ties, and Scarfs at 25c to 75c.

You will find in our big stock many articles suitable for gifts for the entire family.

Regular Santa Claus Tricks

We have a big display of Toys for the Children and other Seasonable Gifts for the whole family. We have Dolls, Pianos, Tea Sets, Doll Beds, Carriages, Books, Pictures, Balls, Horns, Cap Pistols, Air Rifles, Trains, Pop Guns and hundreds of articles to please the children.

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