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TAR HEEL MAY LAND JOB.

Names Suggested For Commissioner Of Internal Revenue.

(Special to Charlotte Observer.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—It is predicted in Washington political circles that North Carolina will have the post of Commissioner of Internal Revenue under President-elect Wilson. This prediction is based upon the fact that the position generally goes to a Southerner and that it is North Carolina's time to have it. Royal E. Cabell, a Virginian, has it now. He succeeded John G. Capers of South Carolina, who succeeded John W. Yerkes of Kentucky.

The position pays \$6,000 salary. The commissioner has the selecting of two deputies at \$4,000 each, and a number of other well-paid officers. It requires more than \$350,000 in salaries to run the office.

Several North Carolinians have been mentioned in connection with the office. A. D. Watts of Statesville; Col. W. H. Osborne of Greensboro; A. H. Boyden of Salisbury; Charles A. Webb of Asheville, and Samuel L. Rogers of Franklin, are on the list of eligibles.

It is said here, however, that Mr. Watts would rather be Collector of Internal Revenue to succeed George H. Brown of Asheville. Mr. Brown receives \$4,500. Those who know Mr. Watts believe that he would prefer Statesville to Washington. It is a fact of common knowledge among North Carolinians in Washington that Mr. Watts has tired of the capital. He came here nearly, if not altogether, 22 years ago with Hon. John S. Henderson of Salisbury and has been here off and on since. Iredell county delights him. He likes to go back to the creek where he lived when a boy and now and then.

BOX SUPPER A SUCCESS.

Floyd's Creek School To Open Monday—Other Ferry Items.

(Special to The Sun.) FERRY, Nov. 24.—Miss Nora Belle Alexander, of Shelby, is visiting her brother, Mr. W. P. Alexander, at this place.

Mr. W. P. Alexander, who has been painting at Gaffney, S. C., spent Sunday here with his family.

Dr. Baxter M. Haynes, of Spartanburg, S. C., passed through here Sunday in his Maxwell roadster enroute to Rutherfordton.

Mrs. D. J. Culbreth and daughter, of Poor's Ford, visited here last Thursday.

There was a box supper at Goodie's Creek church last Saturday night. The boxes sold very readily, and the sum of \$24.60 was realized.

The Sunday school at Goodie's Creek is still in progress, and has a large attendance.

The school started at Floyd's Creek last Monday. Miss Bessie Wall, of Henrietta, is teacher.

Miss Mary Crawford spent last week with her brother, Mr. J. W. Crawford, at this place.

There will be preaching at Floyd's Creek church next Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. R. R. and C. H. Haynes, of Cliffside, visited here Sunday.

Miss Dessie Hamric, of Henrietta, spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Maude Kennedy.

LONG STAPLE COTTON.

Probably 1,000 Bales Of This Variety Ginned At Gastonia.

(Special to Charlotte Observer.) GASTONIA, Nov. 24.—Mr. C. E. Morrison, of Statesville, spent Friday and Saturday here, having brought some long staple cotton to be ginned at the Southern Cotton Oil Company's gin, which is specially equipped for ginning the long staple variety. Mr. Morrison was here a few weeks ago with a couple of bales of the long staple. During the present season many farmers have hauled cotton to this gin from Cleveland, Lincoln, Rutherford, Catawba and Iredell counties. Mr. J. F. Bess, manager of the local plant of the Southern Cotton Oil Company, says that he will probably gin one thousand or more bales of this variety this season. When ginned in the old way the long staple cotton does not sell for as good a price as when ginned by the special process, which is necessary to keep from breaking the link. This usually makes a difference of two or three cents a pound.

Practically all of the long staple crop of this section has been sold on the Gastonia market and several bales have been brought here from distant counties and South Carolina.

GREEN HILL NEWS.

Mr. William Bailey And Miss Martha Hutchins Married Sunday.

(Special to The Sun.) GREEN HILL, Nov. 25.—Mr. William Bailey and Miss Martha Hutchins were happily married at the home of the bride's father, Mr. J. W. Hutchins Sunday. Only a few relatives and friends were present. Both the bride and groom are well known in this section and their many friends wish them much success.

Mr. Brisco Rucker was carried to the Rutherford Hospital Friday for treatment. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. M. H. Sorrel, of Gilkey, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. R. T. Lewis.

Miss Edna Metcalf, who has been spending the summer at Dysartsville, arrived at home Monday. Her friends are glad to see her back.

Mr. John Williams, of Rutherfordton, attended the Bailey-Hutchins wedding Sunday.

Miss Nannie Sue Rucker spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rucker.

Mrs. Nettie King attended the meeting of the Eastern Star Chapter at Rutherfordton Saturday night.

Mrs. Sarah Williams, of Asheville, spent the week end at the home of her brother, Mr. W. A. Rucker.

Mr. Robert Beam and mother, of Rutherfordton, visited at the home of Mr. J. W. Metcalf Tuesday.

Mrs. M. L. Jones visited at the home of Mr. J. P. Jones Wednesday.

BLIND 29 YEARS.

Marion's Young Lady Music Teacher Now Sees.

(Special to Charlotte Observer.) ASHEVILLE, Nov. 23.—After groping her way through darkness for 29 years, Miss Lelia Cameron, a young woman of Marion, is able to see for the first time in her life, thanks to an operation performed on her today by Dr. E. Reid Russell, a former Charlotte physician.

Miss Cameron came to Asheville yesterday, and the first operation, on her left eye, was performed then. She was able to see at the conclusion of that operation, and today she had the second operation on the right eye, completely giving her sight.

The cause of Miss Cameron's blindness was an opaque substance, which filled the pupils of her eyes and did not allow the transmission of light to the inner eye. The operation consisted in cutting through this substance, making a "window" through which the rays of light could reach the inner eye, and virtually furnishing an artificial pupil for the eye.

For a few minutes after gaining her sight, it was again endangered by the emotions to which Miss Cameron gave way when she found that she could really see. She is a very fine musician, and despite her troubles, had been teaching music at Marion. All her relatives, with the exception of one, were opposed to her consulting a specialist and this one brought her to Asheville, where the operation was successfully performed.

NORTHERNERS IN MAJORITY.

Southern Democrats For First Time In History Are Outnumbered.

(By the Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—It has just been discovered by statisticians of the House that for the first time in the history of the lower branch of Congress the Democrats of the North will outnumber their party colleagues of the South. Never before has Democracy drawn its main strength from north of the Mason and Dixon line, but as the investigators figure it the party will have in the coming House 152 Northern Democrats and only 140 from the South. In party caucus, in case of a split on sectional lines, this would give the Northerners a majority of 12. By reason of longer service, however, the Southerners will control virtually all of the important committees and thus practically will be able to direct the business of the House.

Work And Health.

Nothing incapacitates working people so thoroughly and so affects the quality and kind of work they turn out as physical disability. In other words, good health means good work and bad health means bad work. So, then, it should pay, from the dollars and cents standpoint alone, to provide proper light, plenty of fresh, wholesome air, and the best possible surroundings as to cleanliness and comfort that the nature of the industry will permit; and bear in mind that the best of all these requirements are none too good.

UNION MILLS MATTERS.

Evangeline Literary Society To Give Entertainment—Personals.

(Special to The Sun.) UNION MILLS, Nov. 26.—Everybody is expecting a good time at the entertainment Thursday night to be given by the Evangeline Literary Society. A very attractive program has been prepared and a good time is assured to all who attend. The public is cordially invited to come.

Mr. Hicks Burgin and son Claude, of Sherman, Texas, are here on a visit to relatives and friends. Mr. Burgin is a native Rutherfordton citizen, having gone to Texas some 34 years ago, this being his first visit to his native home during that time.

Mrs. H. A. Belk and little daughter, Miss Lillian, of Erwin, Tenn., are here on a visit to relatives and friends. Mrs. Belk has many friends at this, her former home, who are glad to see her again.

A number of the Round Hill students, accompanied by Professor Hunt, went to the famous Rocky Face mountain, above Thermal City, Saturday afternoon. All report an enjoyable evening.

Miss Nan Dobbins is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. E. L. Yelton, on Union Mills R-2.

Among the latest arrivals at Round Hill School are Misses Nell Toms, of Bostic, and Oda Stott, of Monford Cove. The present year promises fair to break all former records in the number of boarding pupils. Keep your eye on old R. H. S., she is fast becoming one of the leading boarding schools of the State.

Messrs. W. L. Fox and Olen Daniel spent Saturday and Sunday at Cliffside with homefolks.

Mr. Gaines Padgett has gone to Danta, Va., where he will spend the winter months with relatives.

DEATH OF MISS M. A. JACKSON

William McDade And C. C. Lovelace Victims Of Blood Poison.

(Special to The Sun.) UREE, R-2, Nov. 25.—Rev. E. M. Hamrick filed his appointment at Pleasant Grove church Saturday and Sunday, his discourses being the doctrines of sanctification and predestination.

Messrs. Wm. McDade and C. C. Lovelace are victims of blood poison and have availed themselves of the Rutherford Hospital skill.

The church and Sunday school at Pleasant Grove church will cease from their daily labors and celebrate Thanksgiving on the day set apart for same by our higher officials. The information has been revealed to this scribe that this section will soon have located within her bounds one of the best qualified M. D.'s in the county. Guess who?

Miss Mary Ann Jackson died a few days ago and her remains were interred at Bill's Creek church. Deceased was a sister of T. J. Jackson, of this place, with whom she had made her home for a decade or more.

Asheville Chosen.

(By the Associated Press.) ATLANTA, GA., Nov. 21.—Asheville, N. C., was chosen the 1913 convention city by the Southern Appalachian Good Roads Association, which concluded its two days' session here today. President Joseph Hyde Pratt, of Chapel Hill, N. C., and Secretary H. B. Varner, Lexington, N. C., both were re-elected. The date of the 1913 convention will be determined by the executive committee of the association elected today. At the final session of the convention resolutions were adopted commencing the "speed mania," urging the use of convict labor in road improvement work, and urging that legislation be enacted obtaining federal aid for the public roads.

Senator Simmons To Speak.

(Special to News and Observer.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Senator F. M. Simmons, ranking Democrat on the finance committee of the Senate, which reports on the annual rivers and harbors appropriation bill, is scheduled to deliver an address before the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington on December 5. Senator Simmons made a comprehensive study of waterways affairs during his fight in the Senate for the Norfolk-to-Beaufort waterway project, which had been pushed through the House by Congressman John H. Small.

Signs Of Progress.

The chicken shows at Henrietta and Lincolnton, the street fair at Hickory and the chicken county fair in Shelby are hopeful signs of progress.—The Shelby Highlander.

SENATOR RAYNER DEAD.

Distinguished Marylander Passes After Long Illness.

(By the Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Isidor Rayner of Maryland, one of the leading Democratic members of the United States Senate and a man whose name was offered to the Baltimore Convention by William J. Bryan as a suitable candidate for the presidential nomination, died here early today following a long illness, resulting from continued attacks of neuritis.

For over five years Senator Rayner had been a sufferer from neuritis. His death creates a vacancy in the Senate that probably will be filled by a Republican through appointment of Governor Goldsborough of Maryland. While the Legislature of that State is Democratic it does not meet this winter and the Republican Governor's appointment will hold through the opening sessions of the next Congress.

Senator Rayner's death removes one of the Democrats on whom the control of the Senate depended in the new Congress. With his vote the Democratic leaders counted on mustering 49 or one more than a majority of a total membership of 96. In an event, 48 votes, with the vote of the Vice President in case of a tie, was looked upon as sufficient strength to insure control.

Senator Rayner was a native of Baltimore and was 62 years old.

JOBS TO LET.

Rogers May Be Collector—Webb District Attorney.

The collectorship of this internal revenue district, now held by Mr. George H. Brown, of Statesville, and the district attorney, now held by Mr. A. E. Holton, of Winston, are plums that many Democrats in western North Carolina now have an eye on.

Mr. S. L. Rogers, who managed Senator Simmons' campaign, has been mentioned for collector. Mr. Rogers tells the Asheville Citizen that he has not discussed the matter with Senator Simmons, as the Senator is prohibited by law from promising offices to anybody, but Mr. Rogers added that after Senator Simmons enters upon his official duties if he shows a disposition to discuss the matter with him that he (Rogers) will be on hand. The Citizen thinks Mr. Rogers will be an applicant. He was collector during a part of Cleveland's last term and was later corporation commissioner for several years.

Mr. Charles A. Webb, State chairman, has been mentioned for district attorney and he tells the Citizen that he has not decided whether he will be an applicant. The report comes from Lexington that Mr. W. C. Hammer, solicitor of his district, is also backed for the office but has not announced his candidacy.

Tom Watson Indicted.

Thomas E. Watson, editor, historian, lawyer and a bitter enemy of the Roman Catholic Church, must face a jury of his peers in the Federal court at Augusta, Ga., for sending obscene matter through the mails. The former Populist candidate for President and ex-Congressman from the tenth district of Georgia was indicted this week.

Watson is publishing a series of articles in his monthly magazine entitled "The Roman Catholic Hierarchy, the Death Sentence to Our Liberties and to Our Civilization," and in the July issue is said to have used language so vile that even the court itself would be mortified to hear it. Watson printed questions which he alleged priests ask women in the confessional and which are unrespectably vile.

Black Mountain Fire.

(Special to Charlotte Chronicle.) ASHEVILLE, Nov. 25.—Fire of an unknown origin starting at midnight, destroyed the business district of Black Mountain, but one store of consequence being left. The total loss is estimated at \$50,000.

Four stores, two livery stables, a freight depot, a dwelling, a lumber company's warehouse and stock of lumber, seven horses, a cow and a blacksmith shop were burned. In the high wind bucket brigade resistance had no effect. The buildings were of frame construction.

Pneumonia Weather.

Pneumonia is a dirty-air disease. When the weather is mild and doors and windows are kept open there is little pneumonia. But with the coming of cold weather, when people shut up the houses, the pneumonia cases and deaths multiply with fearful rapidity.

FIFTEEN YEAR SENTENCE.

Sidna Allen Guilty Of Murder in Second Degree.

(By the Associated Press.) WYTHEVILLE, VA., Nov. 22.—Guilty of murder in the second degree was the verdict of the jury in the case of Sidna Allen for the murder of Judge Thornton L. Massie at Hillsville, Va., March 14 last, when the Allen clansmen shot up Carroll county court, killing five persons: Punishment was fixed at 15 years in the state penitentiary at Richmond.

The case was given to the jury at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, but they were unable to reach an agreement until 1 o'clock this afternoon. On the first ballot the jury stood five for first degree, one for second degree and six for acquittal.

Immediately after the discharge of the jury, the prosecution announced that it would next take up another indictment against the prisoner, that charging the murder of Commonwealth's Attorney William M. Foster and the court fixed December 2 as the date of trial. It was announced that the next venire would be summoned from different places and from the eastern part of the state.

Until the case of Sidna Allen is disposed of, nothing will be done in the case of his nephew, Wesley Edwards. The prisoner received the verdict with no show of emotion, which was also true of his wife, who sat beside him. However, the strain of the trial shows plainly; he has lost a great deal of flesh and appears careworn and dejected.

PLAIN DISCRIMINATION.

Farmers Pay Greater Interest Than Other Classes—Should Organize.

(By the Editor of The Sun.) YOUNG HARRIS, GA., Nov. 25.—Merchants can borrow money to carry on their business at a lower rate of interest than a farmer can, in many instances giving no security but his stock in trade or even his good will to pay. A saw mill man can borrow on his lumber in stock for much lower rate of interest than a farmer, although his lumber is much more subject to fire than anything a farmer has. This catalog can be extended to the manufacturer, craftsman, professional man, and so on to almost every class of men except the farmer, who has to pay a higher rate of interest than any other class, although the farmer produces more than nine-tenths of the wealth of the entire world. This is plain discrimination against the farmers, simply because they are not organized, while all other classes are, and have things coming their own way, because they can counsel together, and among all the talent they all have they can better work out their problems and solve their difficulties; as "In the midst of counsel there is safety."

The farmers can cope with these other classes only by close and compact organization; by this means they can succeed like other people. Let us try it, and follow their example.

W. T. SWANSON.

MARRIED SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Mr. Roy Pinson And Miss Hattie Davis, Of Caroleen, The Contracting Parties.

(Special to The Sun.) CAROLEEN, Nov. 25.—Sunday afternoon at the Davis cottage, Caroleen, Mr. Roy Pinson and Miss Hattie Davis were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Rev. S. M. Davis performing the nuptials. It was a happy voyage out on the high seas of the Wilson administration with large faith in the rising tides of prosperity. May those who embarked on this matrimonial sea and who have to wait have peaceful winds.

Well, this writer lost his Judge Clark vote, but his gain is in the fact that he supported a great North State statesman and Christian patriot. We are all now for Senators Simmons and Overman, two of the greatest leaders in the United States Senate. On no other Thanksgiving day has our great country had so much for which to give thanks as on next Thursday.

North Carolina Woman Lawyer.

(Special to News and Observer.) NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Miss Lucille Pugh, a woman lawyer of New York, today wears conventional men's attire except the trousers. She appeared in her new attire in court at Stapleton, L. I., to defend Henry Spruck, a wealthy contractor, who was sued for damages by Susane Stapleweh, of Richmond Valley, L. I. She had the case dismissed. Miss Pugh is a North Carolina girl and is exceptionally good looking. Her mannish attire is very becoming.

SECTIONALISM VANISHED

With Wilson President The South Has Come Unto Its Own.

"It has been ten years since the South was spoken of as a section 'bottled up,' a section without a notable influence in the world's affairs. The vast resources of Southern manhood were almost unused in the national service. A famous editor speaking in Birmingham, Ala., referred to the South as 'disinherited in the house of its fathers.'"

"But after weary waiting, how gloriously has the South at last come into its own! This month for the first time in more than sixty years, the United States has elected President a man born South of Mason and Dixon's line—for the first time, in fact, since old Zachary Taylor, of Louisiana, was chosen President in 1848, the year gold was discovered in California, only four years after the first telegraph message was sent, and while a steam engine was as rare a sight as a flying machine today; when the institution of human slavery still existed and half of America was a rough and pioneer country. Woodrow Wilson is, indeed, the first man ever seriously considered for the presidency whose family was in sympathy with the Confederate cause in the struggle of the sixties, and the fact seems to have been hardly thought of in the North—and but little in the South, so far have we put civil war thoughts behind us. The South may also recall with gratification that the new President's chief campaign opponent, Mr. Roosevelt himself, boasts of being half a Southerner, and a kinsman of men who wore the gray; while the retiring President of the United States has proclaimed that one of his greatest ambitions has been to wipe out the last trace of feeling between the sections.

"After its more than forty years' wandering in the Wilderness, therefore, the South seems indeed to have come at last into the Promised Land, and a new era seems to be beginning." The day breaks. The South is at last, in fact, as well as in spirit a part of the union. The sectional line has become dimmed by the passage of years, bitterness has passed and we stand a united people. It is good to reflect upon the fact.—Progressive Farmer.

SYMPATHY TO CONGRESSMEN.

Political Patronage Is A Source Of Political Weakness, Not Power.

The Landmark passes its sympathy to the North Carolina members and Senators in Congress. The Senators are especially deserving of sympathy and of the two Senator Simmons may need a little the most sympathy just now. The sympathy offered on account of the horde of applicants for office to be dealt with. Senator Simmons has just passed through a strenuous campaign for re-nomination. He was loyally supported by a host of friends. A large per cent of those who took an active part in his campaign, as orators, managers, etc., will ask for jobs under the incoming administration. Granting that the Senator will be able to pull down as many jobs as the average Senator, or a few more, he will be able to take care of only a small per cent of them and will have to decide between the faithful and loyal supporters. He will necessarily make enemies, with the best he can do, and some of them will never forgive him. The same applies to Senator Overman. He is to come up for re-election two years hence and some at least of the applicants for office he can't place will be loud-mouthed against him when the fight comes on. It is always that way; it was illustrated in the recent campaign, for some of Governor Kitchin's fiercest assailants were men who were disappointed about office. The members of Congress will have the same thing to deal with in a somewhat modified degree, their troubles being confined to their districts. Political patronage is a source of political weakness, not of power. For that reason, and for the better reason that efficiency should always be the test in officehold, the Landmark has no grievance against the civil service. Again we pass our genuine sympathy to Senators Simmons and Overman. Since the night of the election, we venture to say, each has received more letters about office than two or three stenographers' working over time, can answer.—Statesville Landmark.

Mr. Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, has been mentioned as a probable candidate for district attorney under the new administration, but he tells the Charlotte Observer that he is not a candidate for this or any other.