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ADVICE TO STUDENTS.

Commoner.
 January 22, 1913.—Mr. Earl Cranston, Jr., East Side High School, Denver, Colorado.—My Dear Mr. Cranston: You may quote me as saying: A request for advice from one who has passed middle life can best be granted by a response which will be useful, and the obligation to make such answer is the greater when, as in this case, it is to reach a large number of students.

I need not dwell upon the necessity for education; it may be assumed that those to whom these words are addressed already appreciate the vital importance of mental training. They need rather to be warned against the temptations that come with education, and there two which most deserve consideration:

The first temptation is to forget God, the sin of the first pair in the Garden of Eden grew out of a determination to trust the head instead of the heart. They could not see why limitations were placed upon them, and therefore they resolved upon disobedience. The mind must not think of itself too highly, it is not the commander-in-chief of man's destiny. Faith is greater than reason. Pascal truly says that "the heart has reasons that the reason cannot understand, because the heart is of an infinitely higher order." Learning is good, but remember that "the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom." Religion is the most practical thing with which man has to deal, because it alone gives him a conception of life, and furnishes a foundation upon which a moral code can be built.

The second temptation is to put selfish interests above the common good—the temptation to regard education as a means of getting ahead of others rather than a means of larger service. Let not the training of the mind wean you from sympathy with your fellows. Education will make you stronger; put that larger strength at the service of those who are weaker and learn a lesson of paramount importance, namely, that life is measured, not by what we get out of the world, but by what we put into the world.

I venture to offer these two suggestions for your annual, in the hope that they may, in some small degree, strengthen your readers for a large contribution to the welfare of society and thus justify a large return from society.

Very truly yours,
W. J. BRYAN.

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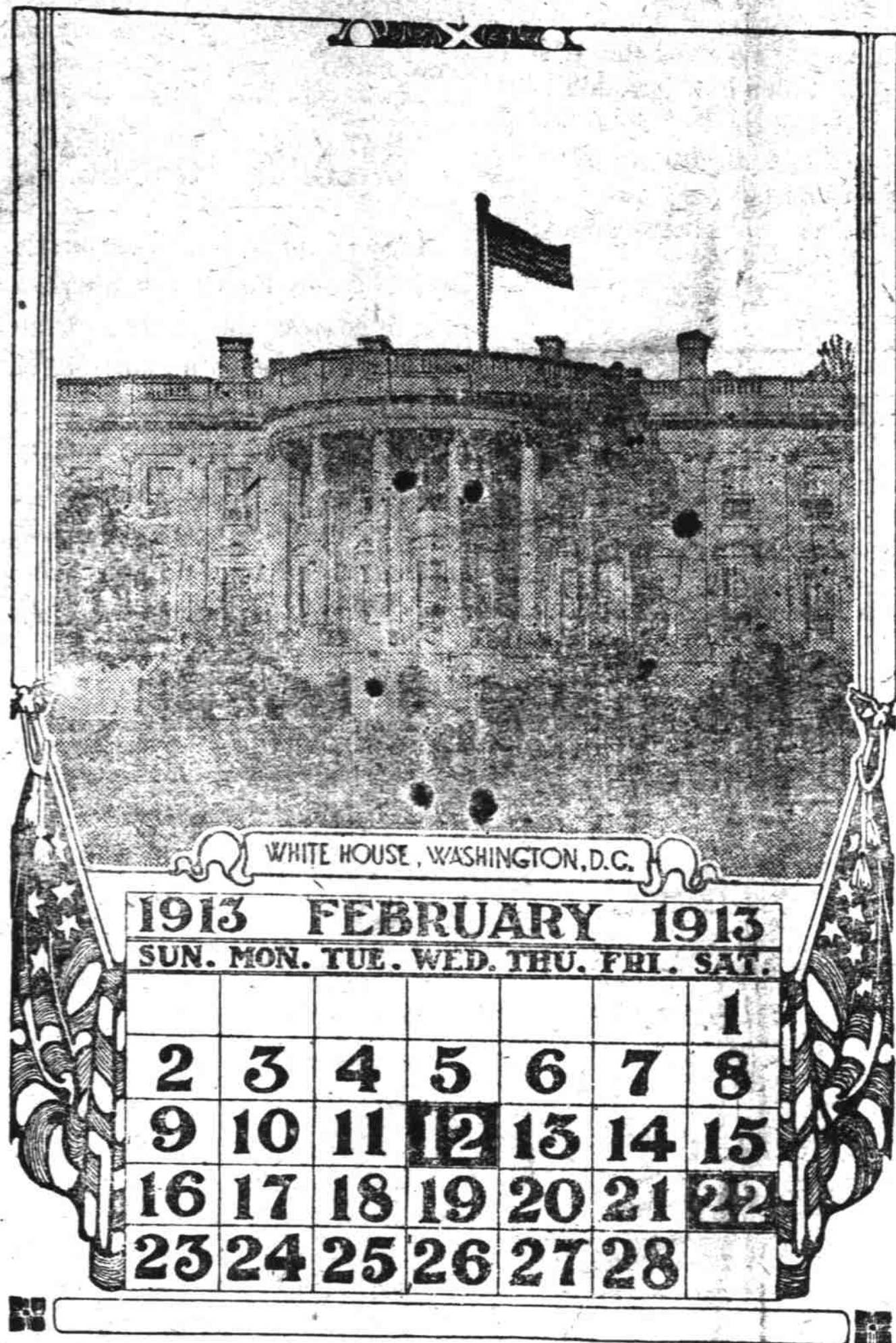
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COURT HOUSE BILL PASSES HOUSE 79 TO 21 AND, VOTE. BEFORE SENATE THURSDAY AUTHORISES ELECTION MAY 15TH.

On Removal of County Seat From Town of Webster to Town of Sylva

(Special to The Journal.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 12.—The Jackson County Court House Removal bill passed its final reading before the House of Representatives today with an amendment requiring a majority of the registered voters of the county to express themselves in favor of the removal of the county seat, in the election to be held on the third Thursday in May before the election shall be declared in favor of removal. The bill as originally introduced, only called for a majority of the votes cast in the election.

The bill goes before the Senate on Thursday and it is generally conceded that that body will ratify the bill as passed by the House, as Senator Hannah of the district in which Jackson county is situated is advocating the bill.

In a hotly contested fight before the joint committees of the two houses of the Legislature, last Wednesday, the house committee reported the bill favorably by a vote of 9 to 7 with a minority report.

When the bill came before the House for its second reading, Tuesday, it was opposed by Representative J. Frank Ray and championed by Representative Gallatin Roberts, of Buncombe, chairman of the House committee on counties, cities, towns and townships. After a spirited debate of some length, it passed its second reading by a vote of 75 to 36. At the third and final

reading this morning it passed, with the amendment, by an overwhelming majority.

Representative Wike, of Jackson, voted in favor of the measure on the second and third readings, explaining that he had changed from opposition to the bill because a majority of his people were in favor of an election and had so expressed themselves in a petition to the Legislature.

Mr. Wike being confined to his room with sickness, his vote was cast by proxy.

BREESE-DICKERSON SENTENCE STANDS.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 7.—The Federal Court of Appeals today affirmed the decision of the District court at Asheville, N. C., in the case of William E. Breese and Joseph E. Dickerson, under sentence to serve two years each in the Federal prison at Atlanta for conspiring to embezzle and misapply funds of the First National Bank of Asheville while they were officers of that institution. The case has been pending in the courts since 1895, when the two men were first indicted. Three times it had been appealed to the Circuit court and once to the United States Supreme court.

In addition to serving penal terms Breese and Dickson must pay a fine of \$2,500 each.—Citizen.

LEGISLATURE DOINGS.

(Special to the Journal.)

The bill introduced by Representative W. D. Wike entitled an act to authorize an election upon the question of the removal of the public buildings of Jackson county from Webster to Sylva, was considered by the joint committees on counties, cities, town and townships, of the Senate and the House, Wednesday afternoon, February 5.

Ex-Senator Thos. A. Cox Hon. Coleman C. Cowan, Geo. W. Sutton, Col. C. J. Harris, S. W. Enloe, Prof. A. C. Reynolds, T. C. Bryson, Prof. W. H. Rhodes, Senator W. J. Hannah and C. C. Duchanan addressed the committee in favor of the measure; while it was opposed by Hon. W. E. Moore, Prof. R. L. Madison, J. J. Hooker and A. B. Allison.

The House committee by a vote of 9 to 7 reported the bill favorably. There not being a quorum of the Senate committee present, that committee made no report at that time.

This was one of the most spirited most hotly contested measures that has yet come before this Legislature for consideration. It is reported, that in consideration of the fact that a minority report was filed and as there are citizens of Jackson who are expected to arrive within the next few days, an attempt will be made to have the bill recommitted to the committee.

The bill calls upon the commissioners of Jackson county to call an election before the first day of June, 1913, whereby the voters of Jackson county shall express themselves upon the question of removing the county site from Webster to Sylva, Sylva donating the site and giving \$10,000 towards the erection of the buildings, said buildings not to cost more than \$30,000.

The present General Assembly has under consideration some of the most important questions that have confronted the North Carolina Legislature for many years, among which are the Corrupt Practices Act, The Legalized Primary bill the six months school term, the Australian ballot system, Compulsory Education and the Child Labor law.

The Senate committee on Judiciary defeated the House bill providing for easier divorce.

A very interesting meeting of the committees on education was held in the Senate chamber Monday night to consider the six months school term. Ex-Governor Jarvis, Dr. J. Y. Joyner and Mr. Clarence Poe were the principal speakers in favor of the bill. Numbers of resolutions of Farmers' Unions, Junior Order American Mechanics and petitions of citizens were presented to the committee. The only opposition to the bill was made upon the grounds that the State is unable, financially, to maintain a six months school and the fact of unequal and inequitable, distribution of taxes. The opposition was led by Representatives Ed Justice, of Guilford, and Bowie of Alleghany and Senator Mason of Gaston.

The Compulsory Education act was considered at the same time and was opposed upon the same grounds. Representative R. R. Williams, of Buncombe, chairman of the house committee on Finance, stated that his committee was formulating plans that in his opinion would remove the difficulty and provide sufficient funds for all the progressive steps. The committee

WEBB-KENYON BILL PASSES HOUSE.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.—The Webb bill to prohibit the interstate shipment of liquor into "dry" states for purposes of sale "or in any manner used" in violation of the State laws was passed by the House of Representatives late today. Two hundred and forty votes were recorded in favor of the measure while sixty-five representatives voted against it.

The passage of the bill ended one of the most stubbornly fought all-day contests of this Congress. Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, author of a Senate measure of the same general purport, sat in the House most of the day watching the fight, which opened with a contest over the rule to bring up the Webb bill. Representatives of organized anti-saloon advocates sat in the galleries and kept tallies on the roll-calls.

All amendments offered to the bill were rejected. One of these would have substituted the bill already passed by the Senate and another would have added a penalizing clause with fine and imprisonment provisions, which some members declared would have made the measure unconstitutional. The bill now goes to the Senate.

Feb. 10.—The Senate passed the Webb liquor bill already passed by the House as a substitute for the Kenyon-Sheppard bill.

The bill prohibits the shipping of liquor into prohibition states to be received or sold in violation of the law of the state into which the shipment is made. This will become a law July 1st, 1913.

on education deferred action until it could hear the report of the finance committee.

The Corrupt Practices act, the Australian Ballot System act, and the Legalized Primary were considered in the House Friday morning and brought forth considerable debate. They were referred to special committees.

The House passed the Senate bill providing for the governor, the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House to appoint a special committee to consider and propose Constitutional amendments.

The Child Labor law was discussed before the committees in the Senate chamber Thursday night. Much debate was precipitated and both sides were ably presented. The committee took no action at that time.

Both the Senate and the House have passed the bill providing for four new Judicial districts and four new judges, this bringing the number up to 20 from 16. The bill as introduced provided for 24 judges but this was amended in the House, cutting off 4 of the proposed 8 judges to be added to our Judiciary.

It was admitted that the judges were overworked and that the dockets were crowded in most of the counties, but it was argued that the state is unable to maintain such a large Judiciary, hence the compromise.

There are large delegations here representing both sides of the Jackson county court house question, and still others are expected to arrive the first of the week.

DAN TOMPKINS.

Raleigh, Feb. 8.