

Popular Biography

North Carolina Men and Women of Light and Leading

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Mrs. Palmer Jerman, Suffragist.

It was away back in 1914 "the Cinderella days" of Suffrage organization in North Carolina that Mrs. Jerman began her work as Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Equal Suffrage Association of North Carolina.

And year after year, to get a hearing for the things they carry nearest their hearts,—for democracy, for the right of those who submit to authority to have a voice in their own government, suffragists from all over the state, following the work of their Legislative Chairman, have climbed the steep ascent of the narrow stairs that wind up to the lofty galleries of the capitol.

And year after year have these women watched, while committee after committee taking a man-made precedence has made its bow to Solon-group after Solon-group of Senators and Representatives and rode away in the chariot of the State to whatsoever dance of triumph pleased it most.

And year after year denied the fairy coach of ratification women have trudged on foot, up and down, up and down, again and again; patiently studying the while the philosophy of practical politics. For along with remarkable executive ability and a fine instinct for organization, Mrs. Jerman possesses in a rare degree, a splendid quality of belief in her fellow woman that is the touchstone of her leadership. She would open wide for their advantage the door of every opportunity. And this firm conviction of their worthiness of the undying righteousness of their cause, inspires in her fellow woman confidence and trust, that finds its reaction in the respect of every legislator with whom

her business as Chairman of the Legislative Committee has brought her in contact.

With nothing of the militant in her nature, Mrs. Jerman has yet that quality of her inheritance which Gilbert Chesterton has named "the residuum of the Irish"—the optimistic spirit which makes for the enjoyment of a fair battle of wits.

"The decks are cleared for action,"—she said,—mapping out the plans of her committee, before the Greensboro Convention. No more part measures, no more expediency bills. To ratify, or not to ratify, will be the sole Suffrage issue presented to the North Carolina Assembly in special session."

A fine unstanding figure of a woman. Mrs. Jerman has the compelling magnetism of physical health, abounding good humor and that practical capability in the use of her brains, which has brought to her offer of positions without number from the influential organization of women throughout the state. But building her success in life on the sure foundation of a well ordered happy home, she has for years declined offer after offer, that might have taken her away from the growing son and daughter to whom she is the devoted intelligent mother. And hearing Mrs. Jerman discourse of schools and playgrounds, of school lunches and books, of music, and hats with a brevity, and sense of humor, that shows exhaustive information on these subjects the wonder grows; where her time has been found to devote to so fine nurturing of the suffrage sentiment in the state that it has lately culminated in a suggestion from the courts of her "friendly enemies that she be sent as delegate to the National Convention at San Francisco.

ELECTRICITY FOR THE FARMER

What is a farmer's time worth? What is he worth an hour? Does he charge his business—the business of farming—with the value of the time he gives to it? And does he know

how much time he is giving to the executive work and productive labor and how much to nonproductive labor? The farmer who is not giving these things a little thought is not in the front rank of those who are making of farming what it really should be,—a business on a business basis.

The average gross income from a farm of one hundred and fifty acres will be something over \$3,000, and to produce that income between 7,000 and 8,000 hours of productive labor are required. This makes the average productive labor hour worth about 40 cents.

To make every one of these 40 cent hours productive of its share of profit, it is necessary to reduce non-productive labor to the minimum, and in farming as in manufacturing it has been found that the best way to do this is to use labor-saving machinery. The small electric light and power plants now in use on so many farms accomplish a lot of this labor saving. Instead of spending hours pumping and carrying water for stock and for all household purposes. The modern farm family has an electric pumping system installed, which keeps water at a pressure of fifty pounds wherever it is needed in the house or barns. Grindstones, fanning mills and many other light power appliances in the barn which used to require the time of two men are now turned by electricity. In the house the pumping, churning, separating, sweeping, washing and ironing are all done by electricity, relieving the farmer's wife of a great part of the burdens which have made her life a hard one. And of course electric light itself makes the farm home a bright and cheerful place to live.

Where electricity serves the farm family we find the best of living conditions, and we find too that every member of that family makes each hour of labor pay a profit.

SEVEN I. W. W. GUILTY OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER

Montesano, Wash., March 14.—Seven of the 10 Industrial Workers of the World charged with the murder of Warren O. Grimm, one of four former soldiers shot during an armistice day parade, at Genralia, Wash. were found guilty tonight of second degree murder. Three others were found not guilty. Loren Roberts, one of the trio, was acquitted on the ground of insanity.

GENERAL NEWS EVENTS FROM OVER THE WORLD

Philadelphia, March 13.—Bonds totalling \$410,000 of which \$118,000 are negotiable, were stolen early Friday by bandits in a raid on the Weightman building.

Atlanta, Ga., March 12.—Street car service was resumed here late today after three days in which not a local or interurban car moved, due to a strike of motormen and conductors.

Washington, March 13.—Appointment of Col. W. B. Greeley, assistant forester, to succeed Henry S. Graves as chief forester, when the latter retires May 1, was announced today by Secretary Meredith.

Greenville, Miss., March 12.—Five negroes were killed and between 25 and 35 injured and 25 tenant houses were destroyed in a rain and wind storm in Washington county, near Percy, early today, according to reports received here tonight.

Danville, Va., March 15.—J. A. Lennis, 27, textile employe, was shot and instantly killed last night at 10 o'clock on Chatham avenue, Schoolfield. Walter Reynolds, charged with the killing made his escape and was being sought by the police authorities today, notices being sent to nearby points.

Panama, Saturday, March 13.—The shipping board steamer Olockson, from Philadelphia for Vladivostok and Yokohama, with 2,000,000 gallons of gasoline, is on fire off Cape Maia, on the northern side of the Gulf of Panama, and her crew was taken off this afternoon by the cruiser Tacoma.

New York, March 14.—A detachment of 40 United States marines, the last to see duty in France, arrived here today on the French line steamship Niagara from Bordeaux. The last service in France performed by the men was the guarding of the Lafayette radio station near Bordeaux.

London, March 14.—During the fighting in Frankford 15 persons were killed and 100 wounded, says a Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Berlin. The police were compelled to leave the town in consequence of the mob seizing an arms depot, the dispatch adds.

Frankfort, Ky., March 13.—Ten residents of Covington, Ky., including L. E. Bullock, chief of police; Logan Godson, city detective, and Robert Goodenough, a deputy internal revenue collector, were indicted by the federal grand jury here today on the charge of the theft of whiskey from a bonded warehouse.

Springfield, Mo., March 11.—Eleven persons were killed and many injured in a tornado which struck Melva, Taney county, today, according to a message received here tonight. A special train is taking the injured to Branson. Three men were killed in a tornado that struck Nevada, Mo., this afternoon, destroying part of a three-story building occupied by the Bank of Nevada and blowing out windows in the courthouse.

THE APPLE SHOW.

(From The Asheville Times.)
Western North Carolina apple growers will assume a prominent place among the potential industries of the state when the apple show is held in Asheville next October. Arrangements already are well under way to make the show, which will be conducted by the board of trade and the fair committee of the department of agriculture and extension service of the state, the largest of its kind ever held in North Carolina.

The fair will be the fourth of a series that have been held in the state during recent years. The first four years ago, was held at Wilmington when a corn show was staged. The next, two years ago, was a poultry exhibit at Goldsboro. The third was a live stock exhibit at Clyde, in Haywood county.

Now the apple growing industry of western North Carolina will come into its own. Prizes aggregating \$1,000 will prove sufficient inducement to bring a large number of exhibitors. Judging by the preparation made in advance, the show here should be a worthy rival of some of the largest and most pretentious of the kind ever held in the country.

Seventeen mountain counties will participate. Country agents will carry the word along, and work up interest in the event. There are apples grown in western North Carolina that will hold their own with any in size, quality and luscious flavor. But the world knows little about these western North Carolina apples. Thousands of bushels of the fruit have gone to waste annually because of the lack of facilities to properly market them. Orchards in many instances have been permitted to deteriorate for want of spraying and proper care.

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