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FIVE MAY CONTEST FOR MR. POU'S SEAT

Lively Times Are Promised In Fourth Congressional District Next Summer and Fall

SOLICITOR NORRIS MAY BE IN FIGHT

Solicitor of Fourth District Expected to Enter Race for Congress—Would Have Strong Backing in Wake County and Throughout District—Others Mentioned Are Messrs. Hayes of Chatham, Zolliecoffer of Vance, Attorney General Bickett of Franklin and Thorne of Nash County.

Unless some well developed signs fall there will be six candidates for the position now held by Hon. E. W. Pou of Smithfield, congressman from the Fourth district. Name of the gentlemen have made any public announcement, but it is learned from various sources that they are giving the matter careful consideration—

With such a reek of candidates there would be a lively time in the Fourth district next summer. All of the gentlemen are strong men in this district and all are reckoned as strong stump speakers.

Solicitor Norris, one of those mentioned, is serving his first term as solicitor of the Fourth district. He is well and favorably known in every county, has made a vigorous and successful prosecutor and is justly popular throughout the district. He has served Wake county in the legislature and has always been a strong factor in politics. He would undoubtedly have the united backing of Wake county—that is, all the forces would more nearly line up behind his candidacy than they would behind that of any other man. That shows his strength here. His friends say Wake county is entitled to the honor. Mr. Pou has had the job ten or twelve years and deserves a rest, they say. Mr. Norris is a strong speaker, able lawyer, and would take care of himself in a contest between six candidates.

Mr. R. H. Hayes of Chatham county has long been prominent in politics. He has been the recognized leader of his county and is known to be a strong lawyer and able debater. In a spirited contest he would be heard from. He would of course have Chatham county as a nucleus.

Attorney General Bickett. It was Mr. Bickett's splendid nominating address at Charlotte, when he presented the name of Col. Ashley Horne to the democratic convention, that gave him the office of attorney general. He took the convention by storm. And he has held down the office of attorney general with ability for nearly four years. He is one of the best speakers in the state and, hailing from Franklin county, would have a strong following.

The Henderson Man. Mr. A. C. Zolliecoffer of Vance county has been a member of the state senate. Like the other gentlemen, he is a strong lawyer of recognized ability and there is nothing against his entering with good chances of winning. Vance county would do the handsome thing by him, but he would have to fight it out with the other men for the nomination.

Mr. Thorne. Mr. T. T. Thorne of Rocky Mount may not be in the race. He has not mentioned the subject much, so far as can be learned, but he has told some friends. It is said, that he would feel compelled to help live

up things if all the other gentlemen mentioned got in the race. He is one of the best men in the state and would surely make things lively.

Congressman Pou.

Congressman Edward W. Pou has held the position for ten or twelve years. Before this he was solicitor for an equal number of years and he has, his opponents say, had office long enough. Mr. Pou is a splendid speaker and has a strong hold on the people of his district. Efforts to break their hold have been made from time to time, but without success. The task that the five other men will set themselves to will be the prizing loose of Mr. Pou from his job. They think they can do it. Friends of Solicitor Norris say he is the man to do the job.

THREE DEATHS FROM COLD

Pretty Good Record for Atlanta With Only Three Deaths. Atlanta, Jan. 15.—Two deaths from the first big freeze, a week ago, and one death from the present cold form a pretty good record for a city the size of Atlanta, according to the officers of the city health department.

Everything possible is being done to afford relief to all the poor of both races who are in actual need of food and fuel, and the only death this time was that of the old negro, John Johnson, who was found cold and stiff in the snow yesterday morning.

Many Lives Lost.

New York, Jan. 15.—A heavy snow storm broke up the rigid cold wave which has now passed to sea. The weather was the coldest experienced in years. Many lives were lost. Many wrecks at sea. Incoming liners arrived encrusted with ice.

MISSING HEIRESS FOUND IN NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 15.—Violet Bucher, missing Chicago heiress, was arrested at the corner of First Avenue and Seventh street and taken to the police station. She had been working in the neighborhood as a nurse, taking care of a sick woman. Miss Bucher admitted her identity. She told the police she came here over a month ago with the idea of seeing the world. She declared no man had anything to do with her leaving home. The girl is worth a hundred thousand dollars. She disappeared from her Chicago home November 25. Kidnapping was suspected.

LORIMER CONTINUES STORY.

Says Democrats Voted For Him From Personal Friendship. Washington, Jan. 15.—Senator Lorimer continued before the senate investigating committee his story of the motives which caused 53 democrats to break the deadlock and vote for him for senator. He repeated his declaration that every man who voted for him did so for personal friendship; no one was paid money or promised anything of value to vote for him.

HOLIDAY IN CHINA

Celebrating in Honor of the Proclamation of the New Republic. Amoy, China, Jan. 15.—By special proclamation today was celebrated as a public holiday in honor of the inauguration of Dr. Sun Yat Sen as president of the Chinese republic. The population is displaying great enthusiasm in favor of the new government.

Divorce Granted Lawson.

London, Jan. 15.—Lieut. Colonel William Arnold Webster Lawson, was today granted a divorce on the ground of his wife's misconduct with Lord Hamilton, of Daleell.



PRINCETON'S PRESIDENT.

Prof. John Giler Hibben, professor of logic at Princeton, who has been elected president of Princeton University to fill the place made vacant by President Wilson, when he was elected governor of the state of New Jersey.

WHITE HOUSE SURPRISED

Postmaster Gen. Hitchcock's Statement About Government Ownership

Washington, Jan. 15.—Postmaster General Hitchcock who last night gave out a statement saying he would recommend to congress government ownership and operation of all telegraph lines, was announced to the white house shortly after eleven this morning. Hitchcock's revolutionary pronouncement for government ownership and operation of telegraph lines, as an adjunct of the postoffice department, stirred official Washington as few legislative acts in recent years. The postmaster general's statement was news to the white house and, it is said, caused great surprise there. This was evident, when efforts were made last night to recall Hitchcock's announcement. This effort did not come from Hitchcock who was out of city when the statement was released. No statement was forthcoming from the white house during the forenoon. It was hinted there might be one, disclaiming administrative backing of the new plan.

Hitchcock's Plans.

New York, Jan. 15.—Announcement from Washington that Postmaster General Hitchcock is about to recommend government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines was received with surprise by the big telegraph and telephone company of officials.

Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, declared it was very doubtful whether the government could run the telegraphs economically. He said Great Britain's experience was unfavorable.

There was a disposition among senators to credit the report that Hitchcock's action might mean a break between himself and Taft, and of alignment of Hitchcock with those who are urging Roosevelt's candidacy for the Republican nomination. This was but one of the half (Continued on Page Two.)

BOND ISSUE FOR STREETS

\$100,000 Bonds to Improve Condition of City's Thoroughfares—New Law Firm

(Special to The Times.)

Greensboro, Jan. 15.—Agitation for the issuance of \$100,000 street improvement bonds is rapidly forming here, and the city commissioners have already announced a desire and hope for such an issue in time to start improvements during the summer. The present condition of many of the principal streets in the city is the strongest argument that can be advanced in favor of the bonds, and there is a general sentiment in favor of improvements. Greensboro's streets have had no real and permanent improvements within several years, and it is already realized that it is folly to keep patching with tar and other material that holds less than six months. Outside of Elm street, there isn't a good pavement in the city, and the people are determined that such conditions shall not exist another winter.

An interesting announcement in legal circles was made here Saturday night, it being to the effect that the law firm of Stern and Stern had dissolved and that Mr. David Stern had formed a co-partnership with James S. Duncan, under the firm name of Stern and Duncan. Sidney J. Stern retires, it is said, to engage in other business. Mr. Duncan will come here immediately and under the highest recommendations as a lawyer. He has for a number of years been a member of the editorial staff of the American Law Book Company, and besides being a capable lawyer, is a courteous and high toned gentleman. David Stern is one of the best known and most popular young lawyers in this section of the state, and with Mr. Duncan will form a team which will immediately take a high place before the bar.

According to retiring secretary McLean's annual report the chamber of commerce has already booked four large conventions for Greensboro during the coming year, with several others in a tentative stage. Among those already slated are the Virginia and North Carolina Retail Dealers Association, which meets in February and usually brings together 600 hardware and implement dealers; North Carolina Letter Carriers and Postoffice Clerks Association and the Southern Textile Association, to meet the latter part of June, which usually brings to its annual gatherings from 800 to 1,000 delegates.

Forced President to Resign.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 15.—Paraguayan revolutionaries captured President Liberato Rojas and forced him to resign, according to telegrams received here from Asuncion. Garrison remained neutral.



MILLIONAIRE FOR A DAY.

John J. McDevitt, a Wilkesboro, Pa., citizen, who humbering to live the life of a millionaire for one day hired a special train from his native city to New York with the intention of spending \$1,000 within twenty-four hours.

MURDER CASES IN WADESBORO

Anson Superior Court Has Three Homicide Cases On Trial For This Week

(Special to The Times.)

Wadesboro, Jan. 15.—Superior court for the trial of criminal cases convened today with Judge Harry W. Whedbee presiding, and Solicitor A. M. Stack, prosecuting. The docket is not so heavy as formerly, owing to the recorder's court which has been grinding out the lesser offenses for the past nine months, but three homicide cases stand for trial at this term which will make more than a full week's work. Thomas J. Flake will likely be arraigned for first degree murder for the killing of his cousin, Sam Smith, on the streets of Lilesville last summer. Will Logan, colored, will also be arraigned for first degree murder, for having killed a Swede named Henriksen at Blewitts Falls in October. It will be contended that he held up the Swede at the point of a pistol and ordered him to give up wages made at the power plant. This the Swede refused to do, and a scuffle followed resulting in the Swede's death. Two other Swedes and five negroes are held in jail as material witnesses.

The case of State vs. Wilson and Walter Curran, father and son, for the killing of Clifford Thomas near the Union county line a year ago, will not likely be tried since these defendants are out on bail. This case is rather an unusual one, in which the fight began in a public road in Union county and ended 20 feet on the Anson side, thereby giving to Anson undeserved notoriety and expense.

Quite a number of "blind-tiger" cases are on the docket on appeal from the recorder's court.

The new law firm of Gullledge & Bogan, composed of John W. Gullledge and Henry S. Bogan, both lawyers of several years standing at this bar, was announced this morning. They will occupy rooms in the Leak & Marshall building.

FREED OF LARCENY CHARGE

Case Against Woman Who Deceived Wooster Dismissed.

Atlantic City, Jan. 15.—Magistrate Stiegler today dismissed charges against Mrs. Helen Cohen, charged by Saleem Daher, a Syrian merchant, with obtaining jewelry valued at \$1,085 from him by representing herself as a divorcee and promising to become his bride. After her arrest it developed that the woman is the wife of a New York jeweler. In a written opinion dismissing the case, Magistrate Stiegler said: "The diamonds this woman is said to have received from Daher had been only partly paid for, and it is the belief of the court that Daher

TWO ARE INJURED BY AN EXPLOSION

Mr. and Mrs. Beck Knocked Down When Water Pipe in Cook Stove Burst Yesterday Morning

was trying to use the court as a collecting agency."

Daher sold out a profitable business at a sacrifice to have ready money for a honeymoon tour with the woman who deceived him.

HUSBAND SILENT 25 YEARS Then He Answers Wife's Question and Dies of Heart Disease.

Maysville, Ky., Jan. 15.—Though he left much land and other property to his wife, Louis Roser, who died last Sunday, had not spoken to her until that day for 25 years. This became known yesterday, after his will was filed for probate. It developed that on Sunday morning Mrs. Roser broke the long silence, when she asked her husband: "Will you have a cup of coffee?" "I believe I will," was the reply. In a few moments he was stricken with heart disease and died. His will directs that his body be cremated, and the ashes cast to the winds from the Cincinnati suspension bridge.

BLINDNESS LEADS TO SUICIDE West Collingswood, N. J. Man Also Worries Over Wife's Illness.

Collingswood, N. J., Jan. 15.—Depression over the gradual loss of his eyesight and worry over the illness of his wife are believed to have been the cause for the suicide today of Augustus L. Usilton, 73 years old, 916 Grant avenue, West Collingswood. He shot himself in the side with a shotgun. He was discovered by his 17-year-old son Robert, who, hearing the shot, hurried to the bedroom on the second floor and found his father stretched across the bed. The son summoned Doctor Jarrett, M. Camden, but death had come almost at once, the shot tearing a large hole in his side.

RIOTING IN STRIKE OF MILL OPERATIVES

Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 15.—Two companies of militia were called out today to assist the police to quell the rioting in connection with the textile mill workers' strike. Most of the rioters were foreign operatives. The uproar at the mill gates was so great that big plants were shut down. During the raids a dozen or more of the operatives were injured. It is estimated that ten thousand hands are idle.

Seven companies of infantry and a battery of field artillery were called from the armories in Lowell and Haverhill to assist the police in controlling the turbulent mobs of foreign operatives. During the rioting more than a dozen persons were injured; two by bayonet wounds and two by bullets. Thirty-five arrests were made. The militia are armed with muskets and equipped with ball shot.

At noon the authorities controlled the situation.

Rubber Shoe famine. Atlanta, Jan. 15.—During the past 48 hours more than 25,000 pairs of rubber overshoes have been sold in Atlanta, and the total supply is nearly exhausted.

There is a regular rubber famine in the regular men's and women's sizes and this morning bank presidents are appearing on the streets with their feet wrapped up in pieces of "corona sack."

For One-Cent Postage. Washington, Jan. 15.—Representative La Follette, of Washington, has introduced a bill providing for postage of one cent per ounce or fraction thereof on first-class mail matter.

When a straight man strays into crooked paths he is apt to go lame.

FIRE THREATENED FOR SHORT WHILE

Residence on Cabarrus Street Calls Out Fire Company—Jim Hamlin's Cafe on Wilmington Street Damaged to Amount of \$500, When Gas Pipes Burst—Temperature Went Down to 8 Degrees Above Zero Sunday Morning, But Today Had Risen to 30 Above—Many Water Pipes Give Trouble to Residents—Much Work by Associated Charities.

As the result of a frozen water pipe, Mr. D. C. Beck, who lives at 522 East Hargett street, is in bed and his wife is nursing a bruised foot. A cooking range burst yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, the force of the explosion tearing the iron into fragments, causing a window in the front part of the house to break and knocking both Mr. and Mrs. Beck to the floor. The explosion left the kitchen a partial wreck. Pieces of the stove are sticking into the wall and ceiling.

Mr. Beck was hit on the calf of the leg by one of the flying pieces and had to go to bed. He was unable to be out today. Mrs. Beck was struck on the head and foot and is suffering much pain. It is supposed that the heat from the fire caused the water pipes, frozen during the night, to burst. Water, soot, and fragments of stove literally covered the floor. Burst pipes were reported today from many residences in the city, but nobody else was injured. The plumbers were busy today and are likely to continue busy for several days.

Two Fires Last Night. Two fires last night called out the department. The first, at 110 Cabarrus street, was slight, damage to the amount of \$25 being reported. Fire caught the woodwork under the fireplace at the home of Mrs. Twitty, but it was soon put out.

What came near being a serious fire occurred at 9:30 last night at Jim Hamlin's cafe at 265 South Wilmington street. It is thought that some gas pipes became too hot and exploded. The fire department worked diligently and efficiently and prevented the flames spreading. Damage to the amount of \$500 was done.

Warm Temperature. After such low temperatures, it was a relief to Raleigh people to see the sun melting the snow. On the principal streets there was much slush in the middle of the day, but this was welcome. Early in the afternoon, however, the mercury began falling and it may get as low as 15 degrees above zero before it is halted in its downward course. At 11 o'clock today the mercury registered 30 degrees above.

Was Cold Yesterday. The lowest temperature recorded by the local weather bureau was six degrees above zero Sunday at 4 a. m. The highest during the day was twenty-two above. Some thermometers recorded as low as two degrees below zero, but most of the standard instruments stood above zero. It is probable, however, that the temperature in some sections of the city was as low as zero. The lowest record for the month of January was January 17, 1898, when the temperature registered two above.

Cold Tonight and Tuesday. According to the local weather bureau, the temperature will be low again tonight and tomorrow, but by Wednesday a warmer temperature should set in. Sometime tonight the thermometer will go as low as fifteen above, and this may be repeated tomorrow.

Charities Busy. The Associated Charities was a busy place yesterday. The city wagons hauled out thirty loads of wood and clothing and Colonel Olds and eight of his Sunshiners were diligent in delivering articles. Three ladies went out in carriages most of the day. (Continued on Page Two.)