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TENNESSEE MAY RATIFY SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT WITHOUT REFERENDUM

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Assistant Attorney General Frierson has advised Governor Roberts, of Tennessee, that the degislature of that state could ratify the suffrage amendment without submitting the issue to the people.

Mr. Frierson's opinion, given orally and in writing both to Governor Roberts and the attorney general of Tennessee, was based largely on the decision of the United States supreme court in the Ohio referendum case. In that case the court held that ratification of amendments could be had only by state legislatures or conventions and that provisions of state constitutions that ratification be referred to a vote of the people conflicted with the federal constitution.

It was said today that President Wilson asked the attorney general for an interpretation of the Tennessee constitution with respect to ratification, Mr. Frierson, who is a native of Tennessee, ruled that the supreme court decision may invalidate that section of the Tennessee constitution which provides that any action on a federal amendment must be taken by a legislature,, the members of which have been elected after the amendment was submitted to the state.

Miss Alice Paul, chairman of the wom an's party, said today that for Governor Roberts to call a special session of the Tennessee legislature to act on the suffrage amendment "means certain victory." A recent canvass of both Tennessee houses, she said, indicated a safe majority in favor of ratification.

This, of course, will be a triumph for the democratic party," Miss Paul declared, "and already has had the effect of pushing republican efforts to secure action in Vermont."

SUFFRAGE HOPES RALLY IN TENNESSEE

President Wilson Urges Im-

(By The Associated Press.)

... NASHVILLE, Tenn., June 24 —Suf-frage hopes rallied today when it was learned Governor Roberts planned to call | tubercular patients in the entire State. a special session of the legislature to act on the federal suffrage mendment fol-lowing receipt of a telegram from Pres-ident Wilson urging such action in the interests of "real service to the party and to the nation.

The governor, however, failed to comment on the constitutionality of the legisuffrage amendment be reached, saving that matter was being discussed between State Attorney General Thompson and department of justice officials at Wash-

"It is purely a federal matter and not a state question," the governor said, "'and I have nothing to do with that end of it."

The question of constitutionality in the event of ratification would hinge on a clause in the state constitution which provides that any action on a federal amendment must be taken by a legislature, the members of which have been elected after the amendment was submitted to the state. Members of the legislature to be called in special session were elected previous to submission of the suffrage amendment to the states by congress. Some legal authorities, however, have interpreted the recent decision of the supreme court in the Ohio referendum case as invalidating the clause.

RYAN OF STUTZ MOTOR CO...

EXPELLED FROM EXCHANGE (By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, June 24.-Allan A Ryan, chairman of the Stutz Motor Car Company, who became involved in a controversy with officials of the New York stock exchange at the time it was alleged a corner existed in Stutz, has been expelled from the exchange, according to an announcement today by the board of

This announcement followed a protracted executive session yesterday when the board quizzed many witnesses, chiefly brokers, who figured in the alleged corner last March. Mr. Ryan was charges with 'principles 'inconsistent with just s of trade." Mr. Ryan in turn aracterized the attitude of the governing committee as unjust and did not at-tend the session, which he denounced as a "star chamber" proceeding.

WILL BE AT SAN SEBASTIAN

ROTARIANS HEAR ABOUT YARN MARKET SLUMP

J. H. Separk Tells Local Club There's no Reason For Pes-simism — Market Will Soon Stabalize Itself - Dr. Spruill Talks on Tuberculosis - Excellent Program Yesterday.

Absence from the city of quite a number of members was responsible for a small attendance at the regular luncheon of the Gastonia Botary Club at the Loray Cafeteria yesterday, but the program was an excellent one and the meeting greatly enjoyed. Among the guests of the club were Mr. W. B. Haynes, superintendent of the Loray Mill; Judge A. C. Jones, Dr. J. L. Spruill, head of the State tuberculosis hospital at Sanatorium; Mr. W. L. Briggs, of Albany, N. Y.; Mr. W.

L. Thompson and Mr. F. D. Barkley. "Cotton and Yarns" was the subject of a most interesting three-minute talk by J. H. Separk. He reviewed briefly the ups and downs of the cotton yarn market for the past seevral years. Referring to the recent slump in the market he advanced two or three reasons for the decline, chief of which was the dumping on the market of an enormous amount of silk by Japan as the result of financial troubles, and freight congestion. He predieted, however, an early return to normal conditions, not however to the recent high price levels, which were abnormal. There is no reason, he said, for any one to be pessimistic over the situation.

Dr. J. E. Sproill was called on and made a short talk on the State's needs in the matter of combatting the ravages of tuberculosis. Under the direction of the State Board of Health Dr. Spreed is spending some time in the county conducting a campaign against this disease. ly the benefit that would come to all, He gave some startling facts with reference to the State and especially with refmediate Action in Interests of Service to Party and Naover 200 cases of tuberculosis in Gaston county, he said. The board has the names and addresses of the victims. It is not guess work. With 3,300 deaths in the State last year from this disease there were available only 300 beds for A mass meeting is to be held Monday night for the purpose of considering the proposition of establishing a tuberculosis hospital in the county and Dr. Spruill urged all the Rotarians to attend this meeting and urge others to attend.

"How a Rotarian May Serve His Community and Profession'' was the subject. slature's act should a favorable vote on of a short, snappy talk by Fred M. Allen. secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. He urged the members to carry the practice of Rotarian principles out into their businesses and professions, not to confine them to the Rotary Club circles. His talk was full of splendid advice and inspired the members to a larger and more liberal

view of the work Rotarians have to do. Some fun was had when George Cocker accused one member of profiteering. The accused was ably defended by J. H. Henderlite in a witty speech. P. W. Garland presided and the entire program was carried out in a snappy and interesting man-

President Myers announced that J. H. Kennedy had gone to Atlantic City to represent the club at the annual meeting of the International Association of Rotary Clubs.

HERRERA COVE -MENT RECOGNIZED BY U. S.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, June 24 .- The Herrera government in Guatemala, which succeeded that of Dr. Estrada Cabrera, has been recognized by the United States, it was announced today at the state department.

. "The policy of the United States with reference to the present situation in Guatemain," says the department's announcement, "will be to deal with the Herrera government as the constitutional successor of the government of Estrada Cabrera,"

RAILWAY LABOR BOARD IS DIVIDED THREE WAYS

(By The Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, June 24.—A well confirmed report in circulation in labor circles today said the railway labor board was divided three ways on the wage controversy, the labor group holding out for an award which both the company and public representatives thought exorbitant, and the company group refusing to concede an

PRESBYTERIAN YOUNG FOLKS HOLD MEETING AT DALLAS

League of Young People's So-cieties of Kings Mountain Presbytery Organized—Next Meeting to be Held in Gas-

-Mrs. Joe Gribble-

DALLAS, June 24-When a meeting of the young people of Kings Mountain Presbytery was called at the Dallas Presbyterian church Wednesday, June 23rd, by Miss Mary Ragan, of Gastonia. secretary of young people's work of this presbytery, for the purpose of consider. ing the formation of a league of all the young peoples societies and organized classes, the church was filled with delegates, pastors, those interested in young people's work, and many young visitors of other churches.

Rev. W. S. Hamiter, pastor, sounded the keynote in the devotional exercises done "In His Name."

In behalf of the young people of the Dallas church a most cordial welcome was extended the visitors by Miss Annie Hamiter which was graciously responded to by Miss Virginia Henderlite, of Gastonia .

Dr. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Gastonia, was elected temporary chairman and upon taking the chair expressed his great pleasure of this honor and assured the young people of the pastors' hearty cooperation and support in their good endeavor for the church and for Christ. Mrs. Joe Gribble, of Dallas, was elected temporary secretary. In discussing the league before the adoption, Rev. G. A. Sparrow, pastor of the Union and Olney churches and chairman of the women's societies and auxiliaries of Kings Mountain Presbytery, endorsed the movement saying in part that the spirit, zeal, willingness, purpose and vim of the young people were already present but no definite steps had heretofore been taken to combine forces and that the time was fully ripe for such a league. Interesting features in regard to the study classes and recreations at Red Springs State conference was brought out by Mr. David Wilson, of Lincolnton, and the promotion of a league of this kind had its beginning here. Further indorsement was made by Rev. George Gillespie showing plainnot merely a few delegates, by their gathering on home grounds.

Mr. David Hall, of Belmont, for president and Miss Jennie Seine, of Lincolnton, for secretary and treasurer were announced by the nominating committee and unanimously elected. In the absence of Miss Seine, Mrs. Gribble was elected to serve the remaining time.

"If Jesus Goes With Me I'll go Auvwhere," was impressively sung by Miss Marian Harvey, of Gastonia, with guitar accompaniment and greatly enjoyed.

A short talk was made by Rev. F. J. Hay, of Kings Mountain, who closed his remarks by adding to the watch word, 'I serve,' thus reading, "In His Name I Serve.'

A most pleasant "get acquainted hour'' was spent at noon and a bountiful dinner served, picnic style, at the graded school building grounds, the members of the Woman's Auxiliary and the Young People's societies were hostesses.

The afternoon session was featured by an interesting talk on thestudent loan fund by Mrs. G. V. Patterson, of Spencer Mountain, and in "The Value of Mission Study. " Rev George R. Gillespie brought out the importance of work that should develop through the study stating briefly his own experiences in the aggressive work begun two years ago by the First Presbyterian church in Gastonia. Continuing, a plea was made for the young people to set their goal high and to establish a platform that could not be shaken and urged them to be prime movers in distributing the Gospel beginning their work right here in Kings Mountain Presbytery

Several invitations were extended for the next meeting place which caused quite a discussion, finally accepting Gastonia's which, for many reasons, was most appropriate for the first meeting. The time will be governed by the state conference which will meet at Queens College next year.

A solo "Give of Your Best to the Master' was touchingly sung by Miss Bestrice Brown, of the Dallas church.

The president expressed their appreciation of the older people for their assistance in completing this organization and as it is to be conducted next time by the young people exclusively, each was asked to return to their church and work to the end of a grand success. This most successful and impressive all day meeting was closed by prayer, offered by Rev. F. B. Rankin.

OPENS HEARINGS.

' (By The Associated Press.)

eoal commission, recently apon, opene arings today in the wage controve etween the hard coal operators and min orkers. The commission is taking up task over which a joint conference sub-committee of operators and miners wrestled in vain for six weeks in April

BICKETT TO PRESIDE

Governor to Act as Mediator Should Any Unpleasantness Arise Between Gardner and Morrison.

Concerning the proposed joint debate between Max Gardner and Cam Morrison, Tom Bost in today's Greensboro News

Governor Bickett's continued absence from his office on official duties left the Raleigh end uninformed as to what he will do when he is asked to preside at the Morrison-Gardner joint debate Monday night.

The desire to have a governor sit on the volcano arises out of no flippancy for the governor himself. Nobody wishes to see him blown off the lid of the seething cauldron, to execute a change of figger. It is because of the highly explosive and gave the motto that all should be character of the contest that the friends of both aspirants wish a gubernatorial "setting" given it.

Bickett voted for Bob Page and there fore has rhetorically no ruthers in the fight. All three voted for him when he having one and he feels mighty good toward all three. Then he has the saving grace of humor which might have on this oceasion saving a disgrace. If things got too hot he might turn murder into a musical, or at worst, into melodrama, and he is badly needed for the oceasion.

The debate takes place under considerable misgivings. It is reported that Candidate John Parker, of the Republican camp, will be here, seeing and hearing what he can see and hear. The oldtimers in both camps doubt the wisdom of a meeting between the "rash and romantic' Gardner and the captain of the red-shirt clan. Yet, the captain of the red-shirters never has believed that the rash and romantic youth of Shelby has the intellectual goods or the courage to de deliver them. That is to say, the disciples of Mr. Morrison do not think so.

If Gardner delivers well, and his manager contemplates a wholesale delivery, the day will not be lost whose low descending sun sees Max the rash, romantic, hammering red-shirt Cam-er-on.

The terms are one hour for the opener by Morrison, 30 minutes for rejoinder. Likewise one hour for Gardner and half an hour for backtalk. What they will discuss nobody knows. There are slight differences on suffrage. Gardner says he is standing on the Democratic platform; Morrison says he is lying under it, flattened out by it, and barring the inversion, the two men are together on the issue.

There is a suggestion of difference in taxation, but just where there is no indication. The questionnaire should furnish a lively point of divergence. Morrison answered his, Gardner sent his back with the comment that he could not make preelection promises. This has been the real lattleground until personalities of parti sans backed the measures off the board.

lebate will have the effect of setting the partisans an example in good manners.

CHAPEL HILL BUSINESS SECTION HAS BAD FIRE

Early Morning Blaze Destroys Five Stores With a Loss of About \$35,000.

CHAPEL HILL, June 23.-The entire business section of Chapel Hill was threatened early this morning when fire of unknown origin swept through five frame stores in the beart of town, de stroving them and causing an estimated loss of \$35,000, about one half of which was covered by insurance.

Desperate fighting by the local fire de partment, supplemented by a reel cart from Durham, which raced across country dents at the University summer school,

prevented the flames spreading further The destroyed stores include l'ender graft's grocery store, Gooch's cafe, Peace's barber shop, a store room used by the A. A. Kluttz company, other store rooms used by students, professors, and citizens of Chapel Hill, chiefly to house furniture, all of which were wiped out, and Foister's book and art show, the building of which was destroyed but the stock was saved by students who formed in lines and carried out the last ink bottle and ase of pencils. The buildings, all old and built of wood, were owned by R. L. Strowd, the Chapel Hill Insurance and Realty company, Mrs. C. L. Lindsay, and W. L. Tankersley.

Flames were shooting high in the air from Pendergraft's store when the fire was discovered shortly after 4 o'clock this morning. This afternoon the ruins were still smouldering and the business section of the town looked as though the heart had been cut out of it. The destrayed buildings include several old landmarks of Chapel Hill, including SCRANTON, Pa., June 24 .- The an- Gooch's cafe where many generations. university students have crammed on ham and eggs, and "Pendy's," known in other days as Macaulay's store. It is thought that the heaviest losers are R. L. Strowd, who owned two other buildings, J. R. Goods, who had a large stock on

PROHIBITION ISSUE FORCES PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TALK INTO BACKGROUND

Party's Policy Towards Bone Dry Prohibition Continues One Big Theme of Agitation - Glass Arrives With President's Own Draft of Platform. It Is Thought - Tammany Leader Arrives - Both Refuse to Talk Politics.

CITY LETS CONTRACTS **TOTALLING \$100,000**

Water and Sewer Systems to be Extended at Once — List of Successful Bidders.

At a meeting of the city council Tuesday contracts were let for the extensive improvement of Gastonia's water and sewerage systems. These contracts were closed on an clastic basis, that is, the city may have less work done than the amount expected or, which is more likely, greater expansion of the sewerage and water facilities. The five powerful pumps, three of 1,500 gallons and two of 3,000 gallons per minute capacity, which have already been ordered will not only furnish protection in case of fire but provide adequate pressure to take care of the proposed expansion of the system.

The following are the contracts le at the meeting of the council Tuesday: Sewer pipes; Chattanooga Sewer Pipe

Laying of sewer pipes; A. H. Guion Co., Gastonia.

Cast iron pipes; to U. S. Pipe and Foundry Co. Laying of east iron pipes; B. F. Rob

erts, of Macon, Ga. The 300,000 gallon stand pipe; to R D. Cole Mfg. Co., Newman, Ga. Fire hydrants: General Fire Extin-

guisher Co., of Charlotte. Gate valves for water works department; Renssalaer Mfg. Co., of Troy,

McADOO IS NOT OUT OUT OF THE RUNNING YET (H. E. C. Bryant, in Charlotte Ob-

server. SAN FRANCISCO, June 23.-The North Carolina delegates to the democratic convention will be quartered at the Grand hotel, several blocks from the con-

vention hall. But for all that, it is believed that the . They will be conveniently located After the Tar Heels arrive, they will find that they are in great demand.

> The McAdoo statement has arouse other candidates to renewed activities But McAdon is not out of the race vet. He may be the nominee of the convention regardless of his repeated declarations that he is not a candidate.

> The North Carolinans are expected early next week.

GALVESTON WILL SPEND \$150,000 TO GET RID OF RATS

GALVESTON, Tex., June 24 -With the aid of half a score of public health service experts the mobilization of forces for a long drawn our campaign of ratextermination in the fight against the sprend of the bubonic plague got well under way. The fight is expected to last a year, and the total cost was estimated at \$150,000 of which \$12,500 was appropriated by the city yesterday. One thousand rat traps have been set, 11,in record time, and by hundreds of stu- 300 are enroute from New Orleans and an additional 8,000 have been ordered from various other cities.

WHOLESALE INDICTMENT BY GRAND JURY FOR FRAUD

NEW YORK, June \$4.- Four oil companies, ten brokerage aouses and about 50 individuals have been indicted by the federal grand jury on a charge of using the mails to defraud investors out of millions of dollars, it was learned today when seals on the indictment were ordered broken.

Federal agents in cities throughout the country are now engaged in rounding up the men indicted. They are charged with having made gross misrepresentations regarding oil properties and with paying dividends out of money obtained from the sale of stock.

NINETY BILLION POUNDS MILK WASHINGTON, June 24-Milk pro duction reached a new high mark in 1919 when ninety billion pounds of fluid milks was produced, according to the weekly market letter of the United States bureau of markets. It estimated the number of milk producing cows on farms at more than 22,000,000.

CROWN PRINCE VISITS MOTHER. BORN, June 24 — Former Crown Prince Prederick William, of Germany, left here in an unknowhile today after a right of several days on account of the Unese of his mother. (By The Associated Press.)

SAN FARNCISCO, June 24.—Preliminaries to the democratic national convention got into the inevitable period of hurry and scramble today with the appearance of one after another of the men who are to play leading parts in the big quadrennial drama.

In the whisperings behind the se the question of the party's policy toward bone dry prohibition continued the one big theme of agitation, with prospects for a fight on the convention floor grow ing better and better. Arriving les and delegations also added some impetus
to the discussion of presidential candidates, but that subject still remained well in the background.

Two figures newly arrived on the scene attracted particular attention. One was Senator Glass, of Virginia, fresh from Washington, and generally reported to have brought President Wilson's own draft of the platform. The other was Charles F. Murphy, of New York, the leader of Tammany Hall, who come disect from the widely heralded confer of old line party strategists at French Lick, Ind.

Both of them were as busy as beave but as silent and cagey as mice. Privately they took careful stock of the situation and conferred earnestly with other lead ers from far and wide. Publicly, they refused to talk polities, outline what they hoped to accomplish or predict what the convention finally would bring forth.

Mr. Murphy was the new center of speculation on the subject of prohibition. The declaration of the New York state convention for repeal of the eighteenth amendment and widely circulated reports of the patching of an anti-bone-dry plank at French Lick helped to bolster the impression among many delegates that Tammany would lead in the effort to write such a plank into the platform.

Not only the Tammany chief but all of his lieutenants refused steadfastly to discuss that subject, or to say whether any anti-prohibition movement really had been launched at the French Lick conference. Thomas Taggart, of Indiana, another principal in the conference, was expected to arrive here late today or early tomorrow, but it generally was predicted that the lines of division on the prohibition issue would not be clearly drawn until the convention actually gets under way on Monday.

One element which tended to keep the problem in flux was the uncertainty of many of those here regarding the position of President Wilson. The Virginia state platform, which has been given the president's unqualified approval and on which the national platform is expected to be modeled, is silent on the subject. Some of Mr. Wilson's closest political friends in the administration, however, are known to have prepared a liberalization plank for which they are ready to

make a fight in the convention. This plank, said to have been drafted after conferences in Washington among men high in the party councils, does not mention beer or wines by name, but makes a blanket declaration for more liberal interpretation by congress of the prohibition amendment. It is expected a strong effort will be made by sponsors of the proposal to throw the influence of the administration behind it.

Many of the party leaders, including Homer S. Cummings, the national chairman, reiterated confidence that no other platform plank would lead to a fight on the convention floor.

The league of nations declarations, as framed by administration supporters, was declared by these leaders to be certain of acceptance after only a nominal soush-

ble in the platform committee. Senator Glass' first conference after his arrival here late yesterday, was with Chairman Cummings. They had dinner together in the chairman's hotel room and afterwards spent most of the evening in consultation.

William J. Bryan, who is expected to lead the attack on such a treaty plank as well as the fight against a prohibition liberalization declaration, still was miss ing today from the constellation of leaders here. He will arrive late in the week, and no one here pretended to know exact-

word of Mr. Bryan's and

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