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TO PUT FARMER ON THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD IS A POLITICAL MOVE

Declares John R. Mitchell, of Minnesota, a Member of the Board—No Room for Politics in Banking System.

(By The Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, April 13.—The proposal to put a farmer on the Federal reserve board is political, John R. Mitchell, of Minnesota, a member of the board, declared in an address here yesterday.

"Putting a farmer on the Federal reserve board is like adding a fifth wheel to a wagon," Mr. Mitchell said.

Mr. Mitchell declared that if the scheme were carried into reality difficulties would be sure to follow because there is no room for politics in the banking system. Mr. Mitchell declared that the board was most misunderstood and misrepresented part of the government's financial structure.

Adolph G. Miller, another board member, supported the statement.

Mr. Miller said:

"The return of complete prosperity and the solution of the economic problems of the United States can be gained only when the affairs of Europe are put on an orderly basis. I say this in the face of the fact that the United States rightly declined to enter the Genoa conference. That meeting is political and we don't want to get into European politics. When the conference is over the people of Europe will see that the United States is necessary to an economic policy on the continent. When politics is dismissed we can help them."

AMERICAN LEGION MAKING COUNTY-WIDE CANVASS

Questionnaire Is Being Placed in Hands of Every Former Service Man in County—When Filled Out Will Give All Necessary Information About Ex-Soldiers—Drive Ends This Week.

Members of Gaston Post, No. 23, American Legion are this week putting over a service census drive. A questionnaire containing all the information about every ex-service man in the county has been prepared by national headquarters and is being distributed through State and local posts. One of these questionnaires properly filled out will give the history and status of every service man in the county. Friends of the ex-service men, War Veterans and Woman's Auxiliary, patriotic and civic organizations are urged to give as much publicity as possible to this drive in helping secure answers to the questionnaire. The canvass is designed to reach all the 2,500 ex-service men in the county.

The following letter from Commander Williams is characteristic of the pep that attends the Legion drive:

"We are handing you herewith two copies of the questionnaire, regarding which you have been advised. The drive has started all over the county and we want to get first hand information on every ex-service man and woman in the county. Twenty-four districts have been formed with a chairman for each district and we plan a man to man canvass.

Kindly advise this as much as possible. You will see in your district, local bills containing the questionnaires, and instructions as to how to fill them out. If you know of a veteran in your mill, office, church, fraternal or organization or family who should be signed up, see him on the man whose name appears on the handbill.

"In connection, please fill out and return to this office one of the questionnaires, filling in the other for some man of your acquaintance not a member of the Legion. I would suggest that you pick out some man who possibly is not able to carry it out the questionnaire, whom you can help. We want to know whether he's getting the proper compensation, what insurance he's got, is he sick, in fact, absolutely need your assistance in making this canvass complete in every sense of the word."

"We're gradually putting over our objectives, we've talked respect to the Anthem and Flag into every school kid in the county, put on a very satisfactory membership drive, Sunday's Observer gave us a good send-off, showing that we were in fourth place in the whole state now but remember, every other post in the state will be working tooth and nail to increase membership in connection with getting questionnaires filled out. How about getting just one man to fill out the coupon on the bottom, sending your questionnaire and his to this office with his two dollars."

"Next week we've got another objective we want to launch but we'll let you know more about it later. It's a plumb good one."

"Don't forget to rush your filled out questionnaire back and fill out one for that extra man. He doesn't have to join the Legion unless he wants to but see if you can't get him lined up."

GASTONIA BOY MAKES GOOD ON W. & L. BALL TEAM

Hubert Huffstetler, son of Mr. Parks R. Huffstetler, of Gastonia, is making good on the baseball team of Washington & Lee University, Lexington, Ky., where he is a sophomore this year. He plays short stop. In the opening game of the season with Roanoke a few days ago "Huffstetler," says The Ringtum-Phi, the weekly publication of the W. & L. student body, "showed that he has the goods by turning in a perfect card in fielding and a batting average of .500 for the day."

GOOD FRIDAY WILL NOT BE HOLIDAY FOR DELEGATES TO GENOA CONFERENCE

Delegates Are Very Busy and at All Hours of the Day and Night Are Rushing Through the Streets—May Be Sessions on Easter Sunday.

GENOA, April 13.—Even Good Friday will be a holiday for the delegates to the international economic conference, as at least three sub-commissions are also scheduled for Saturday, and it is not improbable that there will be sessions on Easter Sunday, so keen are the delegates to get the lapsus worked out for Europe's financial reconstruction.

People who came here to enjoy the lighter side of the conference have been disappointed, as there is no such thing. The wife of one delegate remarked sadly today that she had never attended any conference which gave so little attention to social affairs.

At all hours of the day and night the delegates are rushing through the streets on their way to group meetings, and from 10 until 6 o'clock every day, the sub-commissions are grinding away. Delegates who are members of more than one sub-commission have to appoint proxies, as three or four of these bodies often meet simultaneously.

Mr. Lloyd George and the other British delegates were keenly disappointed at first at not finding a golf course within reach, but thus far they have had no time for recreation other than that afforded by the sporting game of keeping the conference from bowing up under the pressure of the Russian delegates' disarmament talk.

"CHINATOWN GERTIE" IS BURIED WITH HONOR

Once Notorious Bowery Crook Is Honored by Hundreds at Funeral—Coffin Covered With Flowers.

NEW YORK, April 13.—All that was mortal of Gertrude Merritt, known to the body of New York's East Side simply as Chinatown Gertie, was laid at rest today at Linden Hill cemetery, Brooklyn. For years an outcast in the streets and alleys of the Bowery when that thoroughfare was the synonym of crime and degradation, she became, at most in a single night, a ministering angel to the suffering, an intercessor for the erring, a counselor of the weak, and an avenging shadow to those who had broken their promises to follow the straight and narrow path.

Funeral services for the woman were held last night in the little chapel of the Midnight Mission of the Rescue Society in Bowery street, the heart of Chinatown. Men and women who knew her laughed as a score of speakers, lashed to the ways of the underworld, told stories of "Chinatown Gertie."

These had known her when she was a brash, even on the lower East Side, and most of them had been led to better things by the woman whose flower-covered coffin stood before the little chapel. It was not all laughter, however, for here and there hands unashamedly brushed away tears that flowed in tribute to one who had been as strong in doing good as she had been weak in following the thorn-paved path.

Tourists who had gone to see Chinatown tried to get into the chapel, but only those who were respectful were allowed to enter. Those who did not show a real sense of propriety were cast into the street, and a policeman, standing near, was always looking the other way when this occurred.

It was a strange funeral to many of the strangers who witnessed it. But it was a shining, loving, remembering thing that attended it. It was a little fragment out of the kaleidoscopic life of a mighty city, and it was all that Gertie would have wished.

TO CONDUCT CAMPAIGN AGAINST BOLL WEEVIL

Plans are being worked out by County Agent C. Lee Gowan and J. Flay Bess, manager of the local plant of the Southern Cotton Oil Co., to show pictures illustrative of an anti-boll weevil campaign to be inaugurated this summer in the county by the Southern Cotton Oil company. Pictures of the boll weevil in the various stages of his ravages will be shown. There are two reels, including 2,000 feet of film. These pictures will be shown at the various schoolhouses and community centers of the county, beginning next week. The purpose is to interest the farmers of the county in the campaign to be waged this summer by the cotton oil concern. Manager Bess will conduct experiments throughout the county to show the effect of dusting calcium arsenate on the growing cotton plant to kill the weevil. Five or six farms will be selected for experimental purposes. The first of the pictures will be shown at Union schoolhouse Monday night, April 17, and the second at the Cherryville high school building on Tuesday, April 18.

AT FIRST PREFERRED HANGING TO JAIL

FAYETTEVILLE, Ga., April 13.—Genius Coffield, the negro who preferred hanging rather than to serve five years for burglary, has changed his mind and has escaped from the jail here, where he was awaiting execution.

When Coffield was convicted of burglary two weeks ago and sentenced to a five year term in the penitentiary he exclaimed that he preferred the death penalty and stabbed his nephew who had turned State's evidence. The nephew died and Coffield was indicted, tried, convicted and sentenced to death within 48 hours.

ALL RIGHT TO USE PAINT IF THEY WISH

CORNING, ARK., April 13.—Miss Pearl Pugsley was ready to resume her studies in the Knobel school today following rendering of a verdict in her favor by Judge W. W. Bandy in the "lip stick" case here last night. Judge Bandy said he would issue a writ of mandamus today to have the school board set aside its regulations barring students who use cosmetics. Miss Pugsley was suspended last September because she violated the rule.

In his decision Judge Bandy held that face powder did not interfere with the health of the pupils and they could use it if they wished.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND CUTS DISCOUNT RATE

Great Britain Now Has Lowest Bank Rate in the World—Welcomed as Another Step in Restoration of Normal Conditions.

(By The Associated Press.)
LONDON, April 13.—The Bank of England today reduced its discount rate to four per cent. The last previous reduction was on February 16, last, when the rate was dropped from 5 to 4 1/2 per cent.

The reduction, coming on the eve of the Easter holidays, was an entire surprise to the money market and financial interests. Business in Lombard street had begun this morning without the usual "subject to lower bank rate," which is usually posted when there is a possibility of a reduction during the day, and the belief is expressed that the reduction was prompted by the treasury, which has been ruling the money market for some time past.

The reduction, however, was welcomed as another step in the restoration of more normal conditions and the loosening of money for trade purposes.

NEW YORK, April 13.—With the exception of Switzerland, Great Britain now has the lowest bank rate in the world as the result of the Bank of England reducing its discount rate to 4 per cent today. Switzerland cut its 4 per cent rate to 3 1/2 per cent on March 20 on account of the excessive gold supply in that country.

The present British rate compares with a high rate of 10 per cent on August 1, 1914, and a low rate of 3 per cent January 29, 1914.

BOLL WEEVIL KILLS CHICKENS FOR FARMER

Concord Man Finds That Little Chickens Are Killed When They Attempt to Eat Boll Weevils.

CONCORD, April 12.—What is a man to do? They tell us to raise more chickens, cows and hogs and let cotton alone since the boll weevil is here, and now I find the insect after my chickens.

This is the statement made here Tuesday by a prominent farmer of No. 9 township, this county.

"What the weevil not only is ruining my cotton," the irate farmer declared emphatically, "but he is destroying my little chicks, and again I will have to change and take up some other method of making money."

The farmer went on to explain that several days ago he hauled several loads of wood from a field near a cotton patch to the woodpile, near his home. After unloading the wood he saw a hen and her little chicks scratching among the debris, the hen peeling off the bark as she scratched.

"Several hours later," he said, "my wife saw three of the little chicks standing with their tongues out, as if doing. In a few minutes she saw them fall to the ground, and when she reached them they were dead. She made an examination of them then, but later when two more of the chicks experienced the same fate, she picked up one and on his tongue saw the boll weevil."

"The insect had evidently stuck his bill in the tongue of the chick when the chick tried to eat him, and the bill made it impossible for the chick to move his tongue back into his mouth. It was only a question of a few minutes until he died."

"What is a man to do, I say. The weevil undoubtedly had wintered in the bark of the tree and was scratched out by the hen."

This is the first farmer of Cabarrus county to report such devastation by the weevil. The "wise ones" shook their heads when they heard it, but the farmer went home, convinced that the weevil was to play as much havoc with his poultry as with his cotton.

WAS CHARGED WITH MURDER OF MAN 51 YEARS AGO

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., April 13.—George Nichols, held here in connection with the alleged killing of Peter Mone, at Rome, Ga., 51 years ago, was released from custody last night by order of Judge Foster in circuit court.

Nichols was arrested several weeks ago on a warrant sworn out in Jefferson county which charged that he was Hiram Nettles, and that he was responsible for the death of the Rome man. At a hearing in circuit court here on a motion for his release under habeas corpus proceedings, Judge Foster sustained the defense. The state appealed the case and Nichols was remanded to prison.

Thirty days having elapsed since that hearing without further move being made by the Floyd county authorities, Nichols release was ordered.

C. A. REYNOLDS SUGGESTS MOREHEAD AS REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN

Declares State Is Tottering Under Taxation Piling Ever Higher—Young Element of Party Fights Hard to Put Parker in as National Committeeman.

WINSTON-SALEM, April 12.—The Republicans of North Carolina in convention here today elected Charles A. Reynolds of this city, to wear the crown of national committeeman, relinquished to-day by John Mathey Morehead, of Charlotte, and a few moments later acclaimed W. G. Bramham, of Durham, to succeed Mr. Reynolds as chairman of the state executive committee. The successor of Graham Grisson, secretary of the committee, will probably be chosen at a later date by the committee, no name was mentioned here today.

Judge E. W. Timberlake, of Wake county, was elected to make the face on the Republican ticket to succeed the late Justice William R. Allen on the state Supreme court bench. F. M. Hoyer, of Davidson county, was his party's choice for the corporation commission.

Just before adjourning at 3:20 o'clock the convention adopted a platform drawn up by a committee composed of John J. Parker, George Hatler and W. G. Bramham, condemned "the extravagance indulged in by the state Democratic administration since the national Republican administration is preparing every remedy, increasing the number of government employees and reducing taxation wherever possible, the Democratic administration in the state of North Carolina is creating opportunities for political benches among bonds and borrowing money with a reckless disregard of the property rights and welfare of the people, and as a result the very land of the state is falling under taxation piling ever higher and the rank and file of our people hardened as never before."

In its platform the Republicans denounced the Democratic party for retaining the Australian ballot law, and for amending the absentee voter law in such a way as to make "fraud easy to perpetrate and hard to punish, and to pledge ourselves to enact the Australian ballot law and to place adequate safeguards around the absentee ballot. The time has come for corrupt elections to cease."

The so-called gerrymandering of the state by the dominant party, by which said the platform, 43 per cent of the voters of the state are robbed of their proper rights of representation.

The convention denounced the "Democratic machine for the infamous methods employed by it in the campaign of 1920. We believe the decent and right thinking people of North Carolina will clean their state and nation and believe in clean, free, and fair elections, and will no longer permit the dominant party to resort to such degrading tactics in its effort to influence the minds of the people and divert their passions from a calm consideration of the issues before them into every campaign."

"The government of this country has ever been, and ever will be controlled and administered by the white race. The Republican party of North Carolina in convention assembled stands for the perpetuation of this fundamental right."

"Continuing on the race issue, the Republicans went on record deploring the action of the Democratic party in dragging the negro question into every campaign."

"The platform of the party," read the platform, "of North Carolina is an organization of white men and women. It has no intention of appointing negroes to office within the state."

In its grand finale, the platform adopted pledges to the people of North Carolina an honest, a clean and righteous administration of the state and to this end "we abide the will of the people."

LOCAL DRUGGISTS TO CLOSE STORES ON SABBATH MORNING

Acceding to Request of Ministers Association Gastonia Druggists Will Close Their Stores on Sunday Between Hours of 9:30 A. M. and 2 P. M.

The Gastonia Ministers' Association in regular session last Monday morning passed a resolution to request the owners of all drug stores in Gastonia to aid in building up the Sunday schools and Men's Bible classes in the City by closing their places of business on the Sabbath from 9:30 a. m. to 2 p. m. The following reply has been received to the overture from the ministers:

"We are glad to hear of the request of the ministers and we will be glad to comply with it. The hours suggested are ideal and all that are necessary for the sick of our community. We would like to know that all drug stores in the main part of town are willing to sign up on the same day and we will this day try to have the signatures of the drug store owners or managers in your hand before the coming Sunday and making same effective on this same Sunday, April 16.

Yours truly,
J. H. KENNEDY DRUG COMPANY,
(Signed) By ED C. ADAMS.

STATE ORATORICAL PEACE CONTEST AT BURLINGTON

BURLINGTON, April 13.—Upon decision of the committee in charge of arrangements, Burlington is to be the scene of a contest of orators from the State on the subject of Peace. The contest will be held on April 21st. Extensive preparations are being made for conducting the contest and it is expected that each of the contestants of the state will enter competitors and that the Municipal Theatre will be the scene of the contest.

Dr. S. B. Bess, who is state manager, announced applications for entrance from college students in the city. The contest will be held at the Hotel at Burlington College, N. C., before that date.

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, partly cloudy tonight and Friday; probably showers Friday in extreme northwest portion; warmer in north portion tonight.

TARIFF BILL PENDING MOST UNAMERICAN EVER FRAMED SAYS SENATOR SIMMONS

RAILROADS DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY IN U. S. EARNED \$47,762,600

Is Sufficient to Indicate an Annual Return Rate of 4.57 Per Cent—Marked Increase in Traffic.

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, April 13.—Railroads in the United States, exclusive of short lines with less than \$1,000,000 in gross revenue earned during February \$47,762,600, according to Interstate Commerce Commission reports compiled by the Association of Railway Executives. This compares with an operating deficit of \$5,176,867 during the same month in 1921, and is represented as sufficient to indicate an annual return of 4.57 per cent on the value of property investment in transportation facilities.

Revenue trade operations for the month amounted to \$401,225,000, or 1.3 per cent less than comparative receipts a year ago, but operating expenses amounted to \$24,127,000, which was 17.9 per cent less. Including decreases in freight rates which have been made effective during the year, the association's statement said that the roads handled during the month 14 per cent more traffic than they did a year ago, but found receipts less notwithstanding.

This increase in traffic was particularly marked in the eastern district, where revenues were actually in excess of February, 1921, but less satisfactory results in the south and west made the estimated annual earnings rate there respectively 3.98 per cent and 2.46 per cent.

By themselves, the eastern carriers, with net income of \$29,555,000 for the month, earned at the annual rate of 7.17 per cent on capital values, but the amount was insufficient to bring the national transportation earnings up to the six per cent standard set by Congress, which expired March 1.

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OWNER ABANDONS BOTH CAR AND LIQUOR

Police Take in Tow Automobile Containing Five and One-Half Gallons of Freshly Distilled Corn—Owner Fails to Appear to Claim the Property.

It is becoming difficult for a whiskey-running car to get by the vigilant eyes of the Gastonia police force. This was further illustrated by a haul of five and one-half gallons of raw "corn liquor" captured by Police Officer Roper on East Avenue Thursday morning about 1 o'clock. The car was parked near the Carolina Bakery and the officer happened to take a peep at its contents, discovering the above mentioned quantity of moonshine in fruit jars, which seem to have become the universal container for such goods. Each of the jars was carefully wrapped in paper and all were concealed under a pile of robes and sacks in the rear part of the Ford. Waiting nearby for the owner or driver of the car to appear and claim it the officer finally grew tired after an hour or more of waiting. The car was pulled over to Chief Orr for safe-keeping. It was apparent that the driver of the car "saw the other first" and went the other way. The officers, however, have a description of the party wanted and have thrown out a dragnet which will probably bring him in soon. The license number on the car was 129,455. Whether it was being driven by the owner or some other person is not known.

NINE VILLAGES IN ARKANSAS UNDER WATER

HELONA, Ark., April 13.—Nine villages, centers of farming and commercial activities, in southern Phillips and eastern Arkansas counties, Arkansas, are either inundated or surrounded by water, as the result of flood waters overflowing the Arkansas and White rivers backed by the high stage of the Mississippi river, which has spread over an area of approximately 235 square miles, in some places to a depth of 10 feet.

The villages are Elaine, Lambrook, Countiss, Landolt, Ratio, Melwood, Laticona, Madoc and Ferguson.

Refuge colonies have been established at Latour, Lexa, Barton Junction, Helena Crossing, Helena, Onida, Lakewood, Wallass and Elaine. The Missouri Pacific Railroad has sent out 150 box cars along its tracks for use of those who have abandoned their homes. Most of the refugees are negroes, although there are many whites. The Red Cross is assisting the needy.

GYPSEY KING ARRESTED AS WIFE DESERTER AND EMBEZZLER IN DETROIT.

Even kings, it seems, are not above the law. Here is Pete Eli, recently crowned king of the gypsies in the United States, who was arrested in Detroit as a wife deserter. Eli, it is alleged, fled from Chicago with Polokiva, widow of King Joe Eli, leaving behind his wife and seven children. Eli, it is also charged, took with him \$20,000 belonging to the gypsy kingdom, although vested in the late King Joe.

POLICE ISSUE SHOOT TO KILL ORDERS.

PITTSBURGH, April 13.—Shoot to kill orders were issued yesterday by Chief of Police Calhoun, following the equipping of every police station in the city with riot guns in an effort to check the crime wave that has been spreading throughout the district recently.

"We must do something to check the crime," Supt. Calhoun stated. "I have equipped every station in the city with new guns. Men have been assigned to give instruction in the handling and shooting of the riot guns. It is up to the officers now. They must obey the orders and shoot to kill."

REDUCTION OF THE NAVY IS DISASTROUS PROGRAM SAYS HANFORD M'NIDER

Head of American Legion Protests to Harding Against Any Decrease in Navy—Is Country's First Line of Defense.

(By The Associated Press.)
Indianapolis, April 13.—The proposed reduction of the navy by Congress is "disastrous and a threat to national safety," Hanford MacNider, national commander of the American Legion, said in a telegram to President Harding today pledging the support of his organization to the President in his fight for an adequate navy.

Influences in Congress are trying to make the United States a second rate naval power, Mr. MacNider declared. The telegram which the national commander dispatched to the President said:

"The safety of our whole country depends still all upon the navy. It is our first line of national defense in time of war and must be kept ready as an impregnable bulwark behind which complete national mobilization can be effected. Never again can we hope to protect us behind the shield of another nation as we did in the world war."

"That officers and men must be trained for war in time of peace was shown in the late war when we spent the first year of our participation in expanding and training our navy for action due to unpreparedness."

"The sense of false security engendered by unmanned ships would be fatal in the time of stress. The American Legion is squarely behind the administration in its stand and believes that when the country at large awakens to the magnitude of this threat to our national safety it will make itself heard in language unmistakable."

"The high and excessive duties imposed on manufactured products would immediately result in a great increase in the prices of things that the farmers buy, but do not produce. In other words the result of this so-called protection to agriculture will be so far as the farmers are concerned the swapping of dollars for cents."

"The main purpose of these high duties is to maintain the excessively high prices now obtained for products of industries other than the farms. The operation of the bill, necessarily will penalize an export business, which will mean in the end curtailment of production and increased unemployment on the farms, in the mines and in the factories."

Senator Simmons and other minority members of the committee with the aid of more than dozen experts, are analyzing their minority report within the nine days permitted by the majority. Pointing out that the bill was drafted by the Republicans behind closed doors and carried 200 amendments to the original Forney measure, Senator Simmons said the minority "could not in any nine days, working intensively, adequately investigate and study a bill of this size which occupied three months in the writing."

CONGRESSMAN BRINSON PASSED WAY TODAY

NEWBERN, N. C., April 13.—Representative Samuel Mitchell Brinson, of the third North Carolina Congressional District, who had been critically ill at a local hospital for several days, died at 6 o'clock this morning. He was taken to the hospital on his arrival in this city about a week ago from Rochester, Minn., where he had undergone an operation for an organic liver complaint. He had been in ill health for several months.

Mr. Brinson was serving his second term in Congress and had indicated that he would be a candidate to succeed himself at the primary this fall. He was born in this city on March 20, 1870. He was educated at Wake Forest College and the University of North Carolina, being admitted to the bar in 1895. He practiced law until 1902, when he became superintendent of public instruction of Craven county, holding this position until 1918, when he was elected a member of the 66th Congress.

He is survived by one daughter, Miss Mary Steele Brinson. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

ODD FELLOWS TO HOLD BIG DISTRICT MEETING

On Monday afternoon and night, April 24th, the Odd Fellows of the tenth, twelfth and thirteenth districts will meet in the hall of Gastonia Lodge for the purpose of holding a joint district convention and a big degree demonstration. The meeting will be attended by Grand Master L. W. Moore, of Wilmington, and several other Grand Lodge officers, including Mr. A. E. Woltz, of this city who is Grand Warden.

At the evening session the several degrees of the order will be conferred upon a large class of candidates by the degree teams of Gastonia, Kannapolis, Charlotte and Lincolnton lodges. Assistant Grand Secretary S. M. Crouch will arrive in the city a week previous to the demonstration for the purpose of training the degree team of the local lodge.

KINGS MOUNTAIN PEOPLE VOTE FOR SCHOOL BONDS

Will Erect New Auditorium And Thereby Enlarge Housing Facilities For Students.

KINGS MOUNTAIN, April 12.—The people of Kings Mountain voted in favor of a \$50,000 bond issue for school purposes here Tuesday. Both the registration and voting were light. Out of a possible 800 only 393 persons registered for the election and only 394 of these cast their ballot. There were 247 for bonds and 57 against.

The school board is composed of W. L. Plonk, W. A. Ridenhour and Mrs. A. Hunter Patterson. Their plan is to build a new school auditorium at the main building and to convert the old auditorium into class rooms, thereby enlarging the facilities and putting the auditorium on the first floor, whereas it has been on the second floor.

Then they plan to purchase the Ratteree lot of one acre on Mountain Street, west of the railroad and to build a six-room building with a small auditorium there.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued today:
Dr. R. C. Miller, dwelling on West Harvie Avenue, \$5,000.
S. S. Shuford, two brick store buildings, two stories, at 117 and 119 West Franklin Avenue, \$10,000 each.

TARIFF MORE UNSUITED TO PRESENT CONDITIONS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN FRAMED SAYS SIMMONS

In Many Instances It Is Higher Than The Payne-Aldrich Bill Declares Senator Will Bring Adversity Instead Of Prosperity—No Protection For Agriculture.

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, April 13.—The Administration tariff bill pending in the Senate was assailed today by Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, ranking Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, as "the most un-American bill ever framed."

"Even a cursory examination indicates that it is the highest tariff bill ever written," declared Senator Simmons, who will lead the minority forces in their fight on the measure in the Senate. "A tariff more unsuited to present conditions, if we are to participate in world trade could not well have been framed."

"If it is adopted," continued Senator Simmons, in a formal statement, "we will hardly hear much more about Republican tariff bringing prosperity. It will be at least one Republican tariff, that will be condemned not as bringing prosperity, but adversity. In many instances it is exceedingly higher than the Payne-Aldrich bill added provisions authorizing the President under certain conditions to increase these rates within a limit of fifty per cent."

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