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KITCHIN WILL GET IT.

Will Succeed Underwood as Democratic House Leader.

Since Democratic House Leader Oscar W. Underwood will be sent to the United States Senate from Alabama next March, it will clear the way for a North Carolina Congressman to become the leader of the Democrats in the House. That Congressman is the Hon. Claude Kitchin, who will succeed Mr. Underwood as chairman of the great House Ways and Means Committee, if the Democrats control the next Congress and if Mr. Kitchin is elected to succeed himself in this fall's election.

We hardly think there is any doubt that the Democrats of the Second District will nominate and elect Representative Kitchin. It is announced from Washington that Mr. Kitchin, anticipating his reelection, already has secured enough promises from Democratic Congressmen to assure him of the powerful place to be made vacant in the House by Mr. Underwood's elevation to the Senate. Mr. Kitchin is entitled to that by the rules of seniority in service in the House, and the pledges which he has secured in advance make it certain that he is to be the most conspicuous member of the next House, if it is to be Democratic.

Doubtless, that will help Mr. Kitchin to secure a re-nomination if there is to be any opposition of a serious nature in his district. The chance for the district and the State to gain more honor is too good to be missed by sending a new man to take the place of an experienced Representative like Mr. Kitchin. His recent opposition to President Wilson on the tolls matter will not affect his position in the next House. That did not prevent President Wilson from desiring the election of Underwood as Senator and it can not be used to affect the eligibility of Mr. Kitchin.

It is a good thing for North Carolina to keep able men in Congress long enough for them to be ranked as statesmen and recognized as such by being placed in such an eminent position as that which Mr. Underwood is to leave open for Mr. Kitchin.—Wilmington Star.

A Silver Tea.

Reported to The Commonwealth.

On Tuesday evening, April the fourteenth, a silver tea was given by the Junior Auxiliary of the Episcopal church, at the residence of Mr. G. Hoffman.

Although the night was inclement, upwards of sixty guests were ushered by Mrs. Hoffman and Mrs. J. E. Bowers into the spacious brilliantly lighted hall.

At the left of the door as one entered appeared a large silver saber, presided over by Miss Lena Smith and Mrs. R. I. Jones, upon which was received the offering of each guest. This offering consisted of a sum of money, equivalent in cents to the age of the donor.

At the right was the punch bowl from which Miss Mattie Josey, assisted by Mr. Shields Alexander, served a delicious beverage. At the rear of the hall, Miss Maude Leggett graciously poured tea and dispensed sandwiches; while cream and cake were served in the dining room.

Much to the regret of the younger set the attractive little tent, provided for a gypsy fortune teller, remained unoccupied the entire evening.

However games in the south parlor and vocal and instrumental selections in the music room, made ample compensation and rendered the evening such a complete and harmonious success that everyone regretted when the time for dispersal arrived.

The entertainment was planned and developed by Mrs. R. I. Jones and was quite an achievement even financially. The proceeds, about one hundred dollars, will be used to swell the new-organ fund.

"HER FRIEND, THE ENEMY."

Large Crowd to See This Splendid War Drama by Home Talent.

Reported to The Commonwealth.

Friday night the theatre-going public of Scotland Neck was given a real treat in the presentation of "Her Friend, The Enemy" by local talent. Madry's opera house was taxed to its utmost and after the first act standing room was at a premium. Never before has the histrionic talent of Scotland Neck shone forth so brilliantly as it did on Friday night when every member of the local troupe acquitted themselves admirably as before-the-light-artists.

Mr. Newsom Riddick in the black face role of Lige, a negro servant, added more laurels to his already established fame as an amateur actor, while his team-mate, that of Mrs. J. B. Edwards, Lige's other half, was carried out with the skill of a professional. This black face team was the life of the show. Their every appearance before the footlights brought forth storms of applause.

Harry Lee McDowell as Frank Fleming, a scapegrace, was often the recipient of hisses from the audience, so real and true-to-life did he play the part of Relentless Rudolph. Mr. McDowell who has often held Scotland Neck audiences in his relentless clutches before the lights probably put more life and feeling in his part than any member of the company.

Mrs. R. C. Josey, Jr., who is always at home on the stage and is a favorite with Scotland Neck playgoers, was the heroine of the play as Diana Burton, the faithful Southern sweetheart of Jack Fernbrook, a captain in the Federal army.

Miss Lydia Josey, the charming young debutante, was the very incarnation of Yankee beauty, and in the role of Addie Jenks she displayed both grace and ease seldom seen in an amateur actress.

Mrs. A. C. Livermor as Mrs. Burton, who was ever faithful to her daughter, Diana, some times over the protest of her husband Col. J. Burton, was perfectly at ease before a home audience. Mrs. Livermor's lines were spoken with such clearness and emphasis that the entire audience was as one in proclaiming her as an artist.

Mr. L. L. Cherry, though a bit timid in his maiden appearance, as an actor which occasioned his wax doll talk in one or two of love-making scenes on the whole was very good.

Mr. L. H. Kitchin, well known in black face circles of theatrical Scotland Neck, left the cork and smut behind Friday night when he played the part of a "regular" hero in the personage of Captain Jack Fernbrook.

Announcement.

Marion Ballou Fiske, Cartoonist-Lecturer, will be in Scotland Neck, Wednesday April 29th, and lecture in the Graded School Auditorium. In her theme "Americans in the Making" she presents a play that is unique. With a ready wit and a pleasing personality Mrs. Fiske portrays a keen sense of things as they are, with a deep desire to make them as they ought to be. The "Topeka Capital" says that "Mrs. Fiske has exceptional artistic ability as a ready illustrator. Her Chalk Talks have made her famous everywhere." The Lincoln, Neb., State Journal says, "Those who attended the indoor Chautauqua were entertained well by Marion Ballou Fisk. Mrs. Fisk enjoys the distinction of being not only the leading cartoonist on the platform but is one of the most clever of all crayon artists. Her versatility was displayed last night in her beautiful and quickly executed pictures, as well as in her unusually good impersonations and interesting stories."

Measuring Party.

Dawson, April 20.—There will be an entertainment given at the home of Mrs. Berry Price on Friday night April 24th. Come let us take your measure. 5 cents a foot. We will serve ice cream. The proceeds will go to help rebuild the church at Roseneath. The public are invited.

One of the Many Letters Coming in Daily.

Washington, N. C., April 15, 1914. Mr. Alexander, Scotland Neck, N. C. Dear Sir— Please advise if there is a vacant store in a good location in your town. I am going to make a change and would like to come to Scotland Neck. If there is an opening I will appreciate it very much if you will advise me at once. Thanking you for this kindness, I am, Yours very truly, C. GEORGE, Per C. C. C.

SLASHED WITH A RAZOR.

Nannie James in a Jealous Rage Badly Cut Jim Evans.

With several deep gashes in his side and three ugly cuts on his hand, Jim Evans came near bleeding to death Sunday night before physicians could reach him as the result of a negro named Nannie James using her razor in avenging her jealousy of Evans going with another woman. It seems that the negro man who was claimed by the woman James to be her lover, tired of his regular squaw and began paying attentions to other women, whereupon his steady, enraged over seeing her man with another woman sailed upon him Sunday night and carved him up. While the wounds inflicted were only surface ones, it was feared that the negro man would bleed to death before medical assistance could arrive.

Patrolman Jones was notified and at once made the arrest despite the bad character of the guilty one, who broadcasted several threats about being taken in charge by the authorities. However, the Patrolman heard only the clear calls of duty and at once set out in search of James, whom he finally found in the depths of Monks Corner, a bad settlement in negro town. After making the arrest the prisoner was given a bed in the lockup for the remainder of the night.

Nannie James was arraigned before Justice J. E. Shields Monday morning on the charge of assault with intent to kill. She was found guilty and placed under \$150 bond, which was obtained.

Raleigh Votes Bonds.

If Raleigh needed improved streets, it did the correct thing yesterday when it voted the \$100,000 bond issue. The voters of the capital city were evidently not frightened over a bond issue; in fact, not the "teeny weeniest" bit, according to the majority rolled up for the bonds, the vote being 1,024 for, to 138 against. It is wrong to shy at a bond issue, merely because it is a bond issue. The question always is: "What will we get in return?"

A town has to invest in certain things as same as the merchant. If the merchant didn't buy goods he wouldn't stay in business long. If a town doesn't spend money for public utilities, especially for health work and good streets, it will never progress, but will surely regress. This does not mean that every time a bond issue is proposed that it should be voted; any more so than a merchant should overstock, buy from every "drummer" who comes along, but it does mean not to get gun shy whenever a bond issue is talked of. It also means that the further fact that there might be increased taxation have nothing to do with the merits of the case. The question at issue is what will the bond issue accomplish? Is it needed now, and will the money be judiciously expended?

The old cry of "bond issue," used like the old yell of "wolf," is something that is miserably unjust, or retrogression in disguise. If the bond money is not needed, or trickery is feared that is one thing, and a reason that can be cited against it, but simply because it is a bond issue and carries increased taxation is not a reason against, but a subterfuge to stab it in the back. It's the returns to be obtained that count first. That town that doesn't spend money never gets beyond the municipal graveyard.—Wilmington Dispatch.

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A NEW DEAL.

Advocates a Change in the Personnel of County Officials.

It appears to me that it is about time for a new deal in our county officers. It is not right to ride a free horse to death, with such scant rations Mr. Editor. The present incumbents have been sacrificing their time and talent for the good of the Democratic party for quite a number of years, to be exact, as follows: S. M. Gray, 20 years at \$3,500, \$70,000; Hunter Norman, 12 years at \$3,500, \$40,000; Joe House, 12 years at \$2,500, \$30,000; Jarl Bowers, 6 years at \$2,500, \$15,000, at end of their present terms. The fees per year are approximated, but not far wrong I think.

In other words these gentlemen at expiration of their present terms will have received from the county the small sum of \$155,000. Of course this sum is a mere pittance for the service they have rendered, and I for one do not think the Democratic party should further impose such hardship on these gentlemen. No doubt but these gentlemen, two years ago, would gladly have cast their mantles on others, but there were none to be found willing to help bear the burden, but from reports I hear there are some good Democrats now who feel that they can't resist this call to duty any longer, and are willing to lay themselves on the Democratic altar for six years at least. Now, Sterling, Hunter, Joe, and Jarl, you all have been faithful servants (at least in holding on to your jobs), and no doubt but that you will receive and deserve the plaudits of your countrymen. Well done. Well done, then, good and faithful servants, get out; get out and take that rest you so deserve.

Yours in sympathy,
JNO. P. FUTRELL.
Claude Kitchin.

Already the press is discussing the effect Claude Kitchin's vote on the toll exemption question will have on his chances of becoming the Democratic floor leader if Mr. Underwood goes to the Senate. There are those who say that it will mean that he may not be Underwood's successor, and others are of the opinion that it will cause him much embarrassment in the future to say the least. We take little stock in any of these. Kitchin would probably have been the administration leader in the fight, but he frankly told the President that his conscience would not permit him to take that stand. Yet he knew all this time that this action would probably interfere with his ambition to become House majority leader, an honor that ranks only second to the presidency in importance. With all these facts in front of him, and knowing what the possible results would be, he followed the dictates of his conscience and went against the administration, and against every other congressman from this State. Many a representative of less firm convictions would have gone over to the administration side. By doing so he would curry favor with the President and at the same time strengthen his position for the floor leadership. He chose (whether right or wrong) to follow his convictions. The President admires an honest man.—Charlotte Chronicle.

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Dawson's Items.

Dawson, April 20.—Mr. Clee Vaughan, of Scotland Neck, was here Wednesday on business. Mr. A. J. Green spent Thursday in Scotland Neck. Miss Irene White, of the Greenville Training School, spent a few days here this week. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Simmons have moved near Scotland Neck. Mr. and Mrs. Herman DeBerry are living at Mr. Ernest Lawrence's farm. Messrs. N. E. and R. W. Benson, of Battleboro, have been visiting their uncle, Mr. J. J. Partine this week. Messrs. W. B. and J. A. Barnhill spent the week end with their sister, Mrs. Jim Weeks, near Tarboro. Miss Ruby Bell is visiting friends in Oak City this week. Mr. Oscar Moore was in Spring Hill Saturday on business. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pittman, of Scotland Neck, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. R. Holliday. Mr. and Mrs. Herman DeBerry spent the week end with Mrs. W. H. Weeks near Crowells. Messdames N. B. and J. A. Barnhill are visiting relatives in Tarboro this week. Mr. Ernest Twisdale, of Spring Hill, spent Sunday here with friends. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Butts attended services at Kehukee Sunday. Mr. W. W. Perry, of Scotland Neck, was a visitor here Sunday. Dr. O. C. Stallings has returned from the Wilson Sanatorium. Rev. A. G. Wilcox addressed the Baracas of Dawson's Sunday.

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