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The Democracy of the Nation is Watching the Second!

Your Party and State Pride are on Trial--North Carolina expects every Democrat in this District to do his Duty--Keep the State at the Head of the Table by Returning Majority Leader Claude Kitchin as your Congressman June 3rd.

POLITICAL "DOPE" AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS AT RALEIGH

"Lewxam" Writes Interestingly of the Situation Regarding the Primary.—Much Comment Heard on Mr. Hartness' Suggestion to Let First Primary Decide Where Three or More Candidates are in the Race.

Raleigh, N. C., May 30.—It seems reasonably certain that the State primary to be held Saturday, June 3, will fail to settle the candidacies of some of the aspirants for the State offices and that a second primary will be necessary, under the provisions of the new law, to decide who shall be declared the nominees of the Democratic party. This condition of course is caused by the multiplicity of candidates and will probably necessitate another vote in three of the congressional districts also.

The positions for which a second primary may become necessary to nominate candidates are those of Attorney General, Secretary of State, and Commissioner of Agriculture, and Congressman in the sixth, seventh and tenth districts, in which three districts there are fifteen aspirants to be voted for June 3d.

Insist on Second Primary.

Col. "Coot" Jones followed the lead of Col. Hartness in suggesting to the other five gentlemen competing for the offices of Attorney General and Secretary of State that all agree to let the nomination go to the men receiving the highest vote in the first primary.

The friends of Asst. Atty. Gen. Calvert and Secretary of State Grimes think that offer was a clever little political play, but too thin to hide its transparent purpose. It is evident, they say, that as Messrs. Jones and Hartness are, respectively, the only candidates from the west for those positions, they will poll about as many votes in the first as they could in the second primary, while the vote in the central and eastern counties will be divided between the other candidates in the first primary. If Mr. Calvert and Mr. Grimes are candidates in the second primary (provided they are not winners in the first, which is not improbable, their friends claim) they will get the bulk of the vote polled in the first one for the candidates forced to drop out. This argument sounds reasonable and therefore it was no surprise when the Jones and Hartness proposition was declined.

Major Graham Willing.

The friends of Major W. A. Graham, the present Commissioner of Agriculture, say that they are not anticipating a second primary for that nomination: that they feel confident that Major Graham will have a clear majority over both of his competitors, and that they are certain of such a result, if a large vote is polled, and his friends do not take too much for granted and, in their feeling of security, fail to vote in the primary Saturday. That Major Graham has made a most active and efficient officer is not to be disputed. Newspaper men and others here brought into close contact with the official conduct of State officers, know this to be true, and they know also that the "Old Confederate" is a younger man today in physical and mental activity than many men of their acquaintance who have not reached the half-century mark of birthday anniversaries.

Nevertheless, Major Graham has mailed the following reply to Mr. McKimmon:

"Dear Sir:—Yours of 24th May to hand. While I see no probability of the State being put to any expense by a second primary in the nomination of a Democratic candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture, I will agree to your proposition."

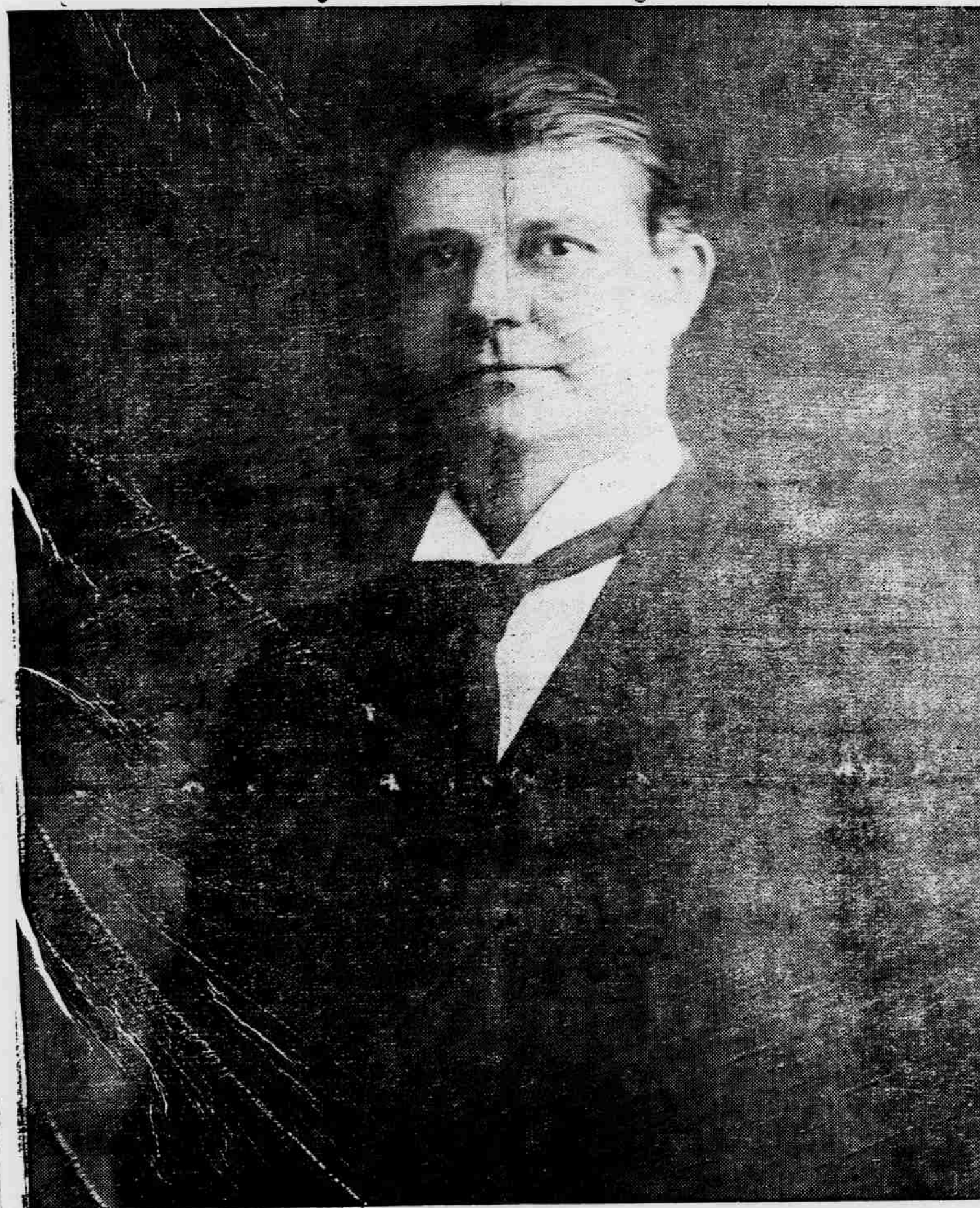
The gubernatorial and State treasurer nomination will, of course, be settled within the next four days, as there are only two candidates for each place contending. Gov. Daughtridg's friends say they are now more hopeful of success than at any time during the campaign.

One of the most interesting developments of the past few weeks has been the manifest growth of the feeling for Mann for treasurer. People have been bringing the news here from various parts of the State to that effect and his friends today declare that he will poll a very heavy vote and they are looking for him to win. Capt. Mann has now about recovered from the illness which kept him in a hospital here for several weeks. But he is not able to travel and he says that he is depending on his friends to do the handsome thing by him next Saturday.

Serve the State by Selecting the Best Man.

Commissioner of Insurance Young, Commissioner of Labor and Printing Shipman, and Corporation Commissioner Lee, neither of whom is confronted by serious or significant opposition, are expected to be nominated by overwhelming majorities. Nevertheless, they are awake to the danger of apathy on the part of voters and that of over-confidence, and they have not failed to ask their friends to not allow either to stand in their way of going to the polls next Saturday. It appears to be the consensus of opinion hereabouts that the Democratic voters, who realize what are the requirements and exactions for the efficient discharge of the duties of these responsible and important positions, are not going to vote to disperse with the services of such capable officials as Young, Lee and Shipman. For there is a growing disposition among the people to apply business methods in the selection of their servants charged with the work of the State, and choose those most competent and best fitted to perform it properly, and to the best advantage and interests of the public and the Commonwealth.

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CLAUDE KITCHIN, LEADER OF THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES OF CONGRESS.

The most brilliant and fearless legislator in the Halls of Congress. He has never cast a vote that was not squared with the platform upon which he was elected. His sixteen years of public service is an open page—it is a record of which every Tar Hee is rightly proud. He is feared more by Republicans, war traffickers, and the pack of wolves who try to exploit the people for monetary gain than any man at Washington. He is a fighter armed with the trust of his constituents—he is forever upon his feet championing the cause of the people. He has convictions which he does not throttle. His duty toward his constituency has never been compromised—and never will be. He is at Washington attending the duties he was sent there by the people to attend. He has left his re-nomination to the suffrage of the Second. He expects your vote on Saturday—your State expects you to keep this illustrious son at the top of the ladder.

James Jerome Hill, Veteran Railroad Builder and Capitalist, Dead at his Home at St. Paul

St. Paul, Minn., May 29.—James J. Hill, railroad builder, capitalist and most widely known figure of the Northwest, died at his Summit avenue residence at 9:30 o'clock this morning as the result of an affection due to bowel trouble.

Mr. Hill was unconscious for nearly twelve hours before he died. Dr. Herman M. Biggs and Dr. Stanley Seager, together with members of the immediate Hill family were at the bedside when the end came.

Mr. Hill's personal secretary, M. R. Brown, made the announcement of his employer's demise to waiting newspaper correspondents at the Hill residence.

Questioned regarding a date for obsequies Mr. Brown said no arrangements had been discussed. He failed rapidly after relapse.

After the relapse late yesterday the aged financier failed rapidly. All the members of the family, with the exception of Mrs. M. Beard, of New York, a daughter, were

at the bedside. She is expected to arrive tonight. "My father slept most of the night," Louis V. Hill said. Finally at 9:45 a. m., M. R. Brown, Mr. Hill's confidential secretary, came out and said to the newspaper reporters: "Mr. Hill died quietly at 9:30 o'clock."

The last letter sent to Mr. Hill was received 5 minutes after he died. It was from United States Judge Sanborn and was sent by a special messenger.

Just as Mr. Hill was dying two Little Sisters of the Poor approached the house. They extended their sympathy and departed.

Sorrow in Wall Street.

New York, May 29.—The news of the death of the man who for two generations has been a dominant personality in the financial community was received in Wall Street today with many expressions of sorrow and a feeling of almost personal loss.

The financier's death did not cause the slightest disturbance in

the stock market. The Hill stocks, Great Northern, and Northern Pacific, were virtually inactive.

Was A Financial Genius.

James Jerome Hill, known throughout the world as one of America's greatest capitalists and railroad builders, was born November 8, 1838. From a minor start in the railroad world, Mr. Hill soon became a strong factor and was one of the pioneers in the development of the great trunk lines of the country.

For several years James J. Hill has insisted, both to his friends and to the public, that he was not actively engaged in business.

Just how active he was during the last two years of his life can be judged only by little evidences of his master hand in questions affecting the Great Northern railroad, and the First National Bank of St. Paul, and by three outstanding accomplishments in which his will and genius asserted themselves.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES ARE OVER TUESDAY EVENING

The "Cantata" Produced Friday Night; the Baccalaureate Sermon Preached Sunday Morning; the High School Play, "Kentucky Belle" Monday Night; and Graduating Exercises and Address on Tuesday.

The commencement exercises of the Scotland Neck High School are now going on in full swing.

Commencing Friday evening, when the grammar grades gave a cantata, "The Rose Dream," and ending Tuesday evening when Hon. T. W. Bickett, our next governor, will address the class of 1916, the whole week will be one of unending exercises of the annual school closing season.

Friday evening when the cantata was presented the audience which turned out to witness it was composed of the representative people of Scotland Neck, and since then at every occasion, a large number of the town's people have been present.

The largest audience of all, however, is expected to be present Tuesday night when the diplomas will be presented and Hon. T. W. Bickett of Louisburg, will make the graduating address.

In passing, it is well to recognize the talent which the younger children displayed in the cantata, and numbers have expressed their wonder at the thoroughness with which the children played their respective parts.

On Sunday morning, when Dr. W. McC. White, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh, delivered the baccalaureate sermon, all the churches in the city suspended their morning services and each minister took some part in the exercises at the school auditorium. Besides the excellent sermon, the audience heard some well-rendered quartets and vocal solos. Dr. White based his talk on the 30th verse of the 20th chapter of Luke: "Neither shall they die any more." The subject was explained in fine style, thoroughly explained and easy to comprehend, and seemed to make a profound impression on the class as well as the entire audience.

Monday evening the high school students gave the play, "A Kentucky Belle," to a large and appreciative audience, the whole programme going through without a hitch, each person playing his part effectively. Many laughs were gotten from the appreciative audience by the antics of Miss Ione Kitchin as "Cindy," the negro maid and Albion Madry as Henry, Cindy's suitor.

Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, class day will be celebrated and it is expected that the graduating students will have exceptionally well written papers as all those who participate are among the leaders of the class.

Last, but by no means least important, will be the address by Mr. Bickett, to the graduating class Tuesday night, which will be followed by the presentation of diplomas and certificates to the members of the Senior class.

The public generally is cordially invited to hear the address of the next governor of North Carolina. It will be worth coming miles to hear. Ample seating facilities have been provided.

BRITISH PRESS REGARDS DECLARATION THAT U. S. WILL JOIN LEAGUE OF NATIONS ENFORCE PEACE SIGNIFICANT

London, May 29.—"Irresponsible peace talk received its quietus from Sir Edward Grey last week, but no doubt, President Wilson's speech before the League to Enforce Peace will revive the discussion in certain quarters," says the Liverpool Post. "Its definiteness in certain particulars is arresting, but perhaps to many of his own countrymen the air of definiteness which the President gives to some of his phrases may seem elusive."

EDGECOMBE COUNTY CONVICT SHOT AND KILLED BY POLICE AUTHORITIES AT ENFIELD SATURDAY EVENING.

Enfield, May 28.—Yesterday afternoon a posse of citizens headed by Chief of Police Whitehead, shot and killed a negro convict from Edgecombe county, on whose head was a \$25.00 reward, dead or alive. The negro had escaped the Rocky Mount officials some days ago and Chief Whitehead was notified that he was headed in the direction of Enfield but not to try to arrest him by himself as he was armed and a desperate character, and would not hesitate to shoot anyone that attempted to take him.

Saturday afternoon a negro hobo, who was on Coast Line passenger train number 80 notified Chief Whitehead that the negro wanted in Edgecombe county was in Enfield and for half the reward he would point him out. To this proposition the chief agreed and deputizing four citizens to help arrest the negro, they went in search of him. Finding him on the railroad track one of the posse held a gun in his face and called on him to surrender. The negro, instead of throwing up his hands as was expected, ran, pulling a gun out of his coat pocket, and firing over his shoulder. Immediately the posse began firing and the negro, who was hit in a number of places in the body. He kept running, however, and finally dropped several hundred yards from the place which he was shot. He died immediately.

A coroner's inquest was held and it was decided by the jury that the negro met his death by several pistol balls in the abdomen, fired by unknown parties, who were justified in the killing.