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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1906.

President Roosevelt is voluminous if nothing more, and it goes without saying that he is much now. His message to Congress is one of the longest on record, consuming two hours and twenty-five minutes in the reading Tuesday. It contains much that is of great interest to the country but only a small per cent of our citizens will take time to read it through.

W. C. Dowd, of Mecklenburg, is a candidate for Speaker of the House, and it is our opinion that no better selection could be made. Mr. Dowd is a clean, upright and courageous citizen who will fill the Speaker's chair with honor to the State. He is a man of sterling qualities, honest purposes, affable manners, and withal a Christian gentleman. Such men are an honor to the State.

The generosity of the citizens of Smithfield was never more clearly shown than it was here last Monday when they contributed about \$600 cash for the help of Mrs. Myatt who lost almost everything she had in the fire Sunday night. It is a good thing to live in a place where the people are willing to help those in need. Our people are broad-minded and conservative, kind-hearted and generous, and always have open ears to the cry of the needy.

SOUTHERN SURRENDERS SUBSIDY.

Special appropriations and subsidies to corporations are things of the past in the American Government. For many years many of the big railroads have been receiving subsidies for carrying the mail in addition to the regular pay under contract for this service. The following appeared in Wednesday's News and Observer from their able Washington correspondent, Mr. Thomas J. Pence:

"The Southern Railway has colorfully asked the Government to terminate its contract for the operation of the subsidized fast mail train between Washington and Atlanta, from which it received annually one hundred and forty-nine thousand dollars. It has been well understood in Washington that the Southern would have great difficulty to ever again induce Congress to make this appropriation. Last winter the House only gave one majority in favor of the subsidy, after a hard fought contest, and it was the prediction of W. W. Kitchin, who led the fight against the proposition, that it would never again run the gauntlet of Congress. His words were certainly prophetic.

"The contract for the subsidy appropriation does not expire until July 1st, 1907. But the Southern wants it terminated January 1st, six months in advance. The Southern offers in support of its action that 'increased traffic' makes necessary this action. The claim is made that the railroad cannot make the schedule required of the train and that the heavy fines and forfeitures imposed render the annulment desirable.

"It is said that the Southern has not been able to maintain their schedule for two months past. Every railroad in the country received this subsidy at one time, but the Southern was the last to give it up. The opponents of the subsidy have always maintained that these special mail trains could be operated at great profit without any special aid from the government."

CLAYTON'S NEWS BUDGET.

Yelir is still too ill to go to his work.

Mr. Paul C. Duncan, of Princeton, spent Sunday here.

Rev. Mr. Fisher stopped over Monday night and shook hands with friends.

Misses Jeter and Annie Penny are the guests of their sister, Mrs. O. G. Smith.

Rev. Mr. Williams, pastor of the M. E. Church, is attending Conference at Rocky Mount.

Mrs. C. H. Ellis spent a part of this week with the family of her brother, Mr. E. S. Lancaster, in the country.

Mrs. John W. Harden and children and Miss Julia Moment, all of Raleigh, were the guests of Mrs. C. W. Horne last week.

The ladies of the Methodist church will hold a big bazaar in our town on December 14th and 15th. Everybody is invited.

Messrs. Arthur Blanchard, of Barclaysville, and Baxter Johnson, of Cardenas, were the guests of Rev. C. W. Blanchard's family Sunday and Monday.

The contract to paint the Methodist parsonage has been let. We think Messrs. Holmes and Parrish, of Smithfield, are the lucky bidders.

Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Blanchard, Messrs. R. H. Gower, C. L. Barnes and C. W. Carter are in attendance at the Baptist State Convention at Greensboro this week.

Prof. Williams, principal of Clayton High School, was ill for a few days recently, unable to attend school. We are glad he is improved enough to be back at his post.

We regret to learn that we will soon lose from our town Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Young, who will shortly move to New Bern, where Mr. Young has secured a high class position.

Miss Alma Fisher, of Durham, is the guest of Miss Mildred Barbour and her other girl friends here while her father is attending the M. E. Conference at Rocky Mount.

Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Broughton have returned from their wedding trip, which was made short on account of pressing business of Dr. Broughton. They spent Saturday night and Sunday with the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ellis.

Miss Swannanoa Horne returned to the Baptist University Monday afternoon, after being home since Saturday evening. Accompanying her were Misses Grace Rogers, Jennie Fleming, and Fay Morgan; Messrs. Hubert Poteat and Preston Stringfield, all of whom were the guests of Miss Horne Sunday and Monday.

YELIR.

It is much easier to be critical than to be correct.—Lord Beaconsfield.

A Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank the Smithfield people for their faithful services rendered me the night of my misfortune. It was due to presence of mind and persistent effort that so many things were saved.

It is comforting to know one isn't friendless when trouble hovers around and it is my earnest desire that no one think me insensible of the debt of gratitude I owe the good people of this town; not only for their faithful work to help me save everything from the fire, every act of kindness shown me since then, but also for their kind, generous contributions do I feel especially thankful. This town doesn't lack genuine, liberal hearted people and it is my sincere wish that all should know that I thank them with all my heart—that I'm not lacking in appreciation. May God's blessings fall bountifully upon each one.

MRS. MARY B. MYATT.
Smithfield, Dec. 5th, 1906.

To the Farmers of Johnston County.

When cotton was only six cents per pound it was not hard to get farmers to attend the meetings of the Southern Cotton Association and they would then give some money to its support, but now cotton is a good price and most of them are indifferent toward the Association. We have appealed in vain to them to support the work. We are now making one more appeal. We want to raise some money to be sent to Raleigh for work in the State and to Atlanta for the general work before Christmas. Judging from the past we can not expect many to help, but we do expect some to help. There are always some who take an interest in such things. Farmers who helped last year will probably help again. Send us the money and we will acknowledge the amounts in THE HERALD and forward the money to headquarters. The Southern Cotton Association has done much for the farmers by getting them to decrease acreage, to hold cotton when too low and getting the bankers and business men to help the farmers. The Association has asked the farmers for only ten cents per bale on the cotton raised this year. We should be very glad for them to pay it. As soon as you read this let us hear from you. We want to send the money before Christmas.

W. M. SANDERS, J. M. BEATY,
Chairman. Secretary.

It is reported that representatives of Lancashire and Manchester Cotton Spinners' Association have decided to purchase 5,000 acres of land in Mississippi and Louisiana with a view of raising cotton for their mills in England.

The surplus of the United States Government for the past fiscal year amounts to \$25,669,322.

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A young lady teacher in the public schools of Hammond, Indiana, has been asked to resign because she is so pretty that every one falls in love with her. A monster petition has been gotten up asking the school board to re-instate her.

IN DEPOSITING MONEY, Thinking Men want to know what security is offered by the bank. As Security for your deposits the Bank of Wayne offers to you—its past record—sixteen years of successful management, and a Capital and Surplus of more than Two Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars, all of which must be lost before any depositor can lose a penny. Four Per Cent. Interest paid on Time Deposits.

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CHRISTMAS - CLOTHING.

Lots of pretty suits still in stock. Prices range

\$5.00 to \$12.50

with a liberal discount off during December.

Gulley & Gulley

Clayton, N. C.

Turner's Almanac for 1907 Free to every subscriber of THE HERALD who pays a year in advance.

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