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GOOD ROADS CONVENTION

To be Held in Smithfield February Sixth

TO PLAN FOR BETTER ROADS

The People of the County Are Interested in This Subject of Better Highways. From All Sections of The County Come Endorsements of The Plan to Have a Convention To Talk About the Matter. Let Every One Who Can Be Present. It is the People's Movement.

For sometime there has been more or less agitation of the road question in this County, but not until the last few days has the movement taken any definite shape. Mayor Jas. A. Wellons, President of the Smithfield Chamber of Commerce, and The Smithfield Herald have been making some effort to see how the people felt about having a good roads convention held here. Mr. Wellons sent out quite a number of letters to people in various parts of the County, asking them what they thought of the movement. The Herald has endeavored to find out something of the sentiment of the people also. The result of our joint efforts along this line is a call for a convention to be held here on Monday, February 6, 1911, at 12 o'clock M., in the Courthouse, it being the first Monday.

From letters received from men in all parts of the County giving endorsement to the move we are justified in saying that the people are in earnest about taking some steps to get better roads. Let all who are interested be in Smithfield on the first Monday and take part in the discussions of this great question.

Notice of call will be found on page four.

REPORT OF COTTON GINNED.

The Census Bureau Places the Number of Bales Ginned to January 16 At 11,254,115—The Figures By States.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—Cotton of the growth of 1910 ginned prior to January 16, according to the report of the Census Bureau issued at 10 o'clock this morning, was 11,254,115 bales, counting round as half bales compared with 9,787,592 in 1909, and 12,666,203 in 1908. The per cent of the 1909 crop ginned prior to January 16 was 97.2, while that of the 1908 was 96.3.

By States the number of bales ginned were:

Alabama, 1,174,651; Arkansas, 746,247; Florida, 64,770; Georgia, 1,779,966; Louisiana, 242,612; Mississippi, 1,158,267; North Carolina, 718,389; Oklahoma, 906,186; South Carolina, 1,178,895; Tennessee, 297,610; Texas, 2,912,244; all other States, 74,278.

The distribution of Sea Island cotton was: Florida 28,782; Georgia, 45,436; South Carolina, 12,193.

GIVE LIVES FOR THEIR BABIES.

Two Indian Women Freeze After Wrapping Infants in Their Blankets.

Deadwood, S. Dak., Jan. 20.—In order to save the lives of their babies, two Yankton Indian women caught in a storm on the prairie at night, near Roseland, Tripp county, this State, stripped off their blankets and wrapped the little ones in them and then crooned them to sleep, while they themselves were frozen to death.

The women, with their husbands, had been visiting on Bow Creek and when their wagon broke down. The men went to town for help. When they returned with a rescue party one of the women was dead from cold and the other died in a short time. Both Indian babies were unharmed.

POU TO HAVE CHAIRMANSHIP

Will Head District of Columbia Committee

STATE DELEGATION IS FOR HIM

The Congressman From the Fourth To Head One of the Most Important Committees in the House. In Place of Former Assignments on Ways and Means Committee.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Representative Edward W. Pou of North Carolina has been agreed upon as the chairman of the District of Columbia committee in the next House. He will succeed Representative Samuel W. Smith, of Michigan. Before his appointment to the present ways and means committee of the House, Mr. Pou was a member of the district committee and was one of the most active students of district needs. The chairmanship of that committee in the Democratic House will be given to Mr. Pou at his own request. There is also a possibility that Mr. Pou will be made a member of the committee on rules, although his work as the chairman of the district committee will engage most of his attention. Mr. Pou was displaced on the ways and means committee of the next House by Representative Kitchin.

When Mr. Pou agreed not to insist upon a place upon the Democratic ways and means committee, the party leaders promised him practically any committee place for which he might ask. Mr. Pou preferred the chairmanship of the district committee to any other assignment and the request in this case is virtually an election. The North Carolina delegation is also solidly behind Mr. Pou for the place and it is not expected that there will be any opposition when the committee on committees comes to work out the personnel of the next district committee.

Mr. Pou is expected to prove a progressive committee chairman and it is expected that district affairs will be well taken care of under his leadership. He is an experienced legislator, having been a member of the House since the Fifty-seventh Congress.—Charlotte Observer.

WILSON WINS A GREAT VICTORY

JAMES MARTINE ELECTED SENATOR FROM NEW JERSEY.

The New Senator Secured 47 Out Of the 79 Votes Cast in the Joint Session, Receiving All But Four of The Democratic Votes.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 25.—Securing 47 of the 79 votes cast in the joint session of the New Jersey General Assembly, James E. Martine, of Plainfield, who was the choice of the majority of the Democratic electors who went to the polls in the primary election last September, was today formally elected United States Senator to succeed John Kean, Jr., Republican, whose term expires on March 4th. Mr. Martine received all but four of the Democratic votes in the Legislature. James Smith, Jr., who gave up the fight against Martine yesterday, received three of these, and the fourth man declined to vote.

Senator-elect Martine, who was backed by Governor Wilson, gave out a statement after his election in which he said that his candidacy "personified an eternal truth of government which was vitalized by public opinion." The victory, he said, was not that of an individual, but of the people and added that he did not spend one dollar in seeking his election.

Governor Wilson said that it was a matter of congratulation that the senatorial contest had been so happily settled and so soon.

POSTAL MEASURE PASSED HOUSE

\$257,000,000 Carried In Measure by House

PRESENT SERVICE IS SCORED

Economy Plans of Postmaster General Cause of Vigorous Assaults—Rural Carriers Voted Increase in Pay—Issue Arouses Rebukes for Government in Its Treatment of This Branch of System.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The postoffice appropriation bill, carrying a total of about \$257,000,000, passed the House yesterday without a dissenting vote. This action was preceded, however, by hours of vigorous oratory on the proposition of raising the salaries of rural mail carriers. The adoption of an amendment, offered by Representative Bartlett of Georgia providing for increasing these salaries from \$900 to \$1,000, after July 1, cleared the situation, and there was little hindrance offered to the remainder of the measure.

The debate on the question of rural mail carriers' salaries was marked by several vigorous assaults on the policy of the Postmaster General in effecting economies in the service. Representative Sisson, of Mississippi, criticized the Postoffice Department for refusing to spend money appropriated for additional free delivery routes.

Representative Byrns blamed the Postoffice Department and "men higher up" for conditions in the postal service. Representative Edwards asserted that the present administration was no friend of the rural service. Representative Adams declared the rural carriers were actually being robbed by the government.

Death of Mrs. Walton.

After several months of patient suffering, Mrs. Selina Fort Walton passed away yesterday morning at the home of her nephew, Mr. William D. Avera, near Smithfield.

Mrs. Walton was the second daughter of the late William L. Fort and Amy Myatt, a sister of Mrs. D. S. Avera and Mr. David I. Fort, both of whom preceded her to the grave several years ago. Mrs. Walton leaves one sister, Mrs. Emile Fort Penny, and two brothers, Mr. L. A. Fort of this city, and Dr. W. A. Fort, of Gaffney, S. C.

Mrs. Walton was a consecrated Christian, having been a devout member of the Methodist Church for many years. Her life was full of good deeds and many sacrifices, always generous and kind to every one.

Mrs. Walton was a woman of bright intellect, having graduated when only sixteen years old, at the Methodist Female School, situated where the Exchange Hotel now stands on Hillsboro street, and a great part of her life was spent in teaching the young people. She was gentle, cultured and refined, and she leaves many loved ones to mourn her loss.

Her funeral will take place at Mr. Avera's home today and her remains will reach here on the 4 o'clock train and be taken to Oakwood Cemetery for interment.—News and Observer of Jan. 26.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. S. Barnes, of Smithfield.

HIS VOTE SAVED JOHNSON.

Bill Before Kansas Legislature to Erect Tablet to E. G. Ross.

Topeka, Kans., Jan. 19.—A bill to appropriate \$1,000 for a bronze tablet in memory of Edmund G. Ross was introduced in the house of the State legislature today.

Forty-two years ago Mr. Ross was probably the most hated man in Kansas. As United States senator his vote against the proposition saved President Johnson from impeachment.

DR. VENABLE IN SMITHFIELD

Spoke in Sanders Hall Friday Night

AN INFORMAL RECEPTION GIVEN

The President of the State University Had a Large Crowd to Hear Him Speak on the State's School. Ladies of Betterment Association Serve Refreshments After Address.

Dr. F. P. Venable, President of the University of North Carolina, came to Smithfield last Friday evening to address the County Teachers' Association the next day. According to the arrangement made by Prof. A. Vermont, of the Graded School faculty, Dr. Venable spoke to the citizens of the town Friday night on the University.

Mr. W. M. Sanders, one of Smithfield's most progressive citizens, tendered the use of his spacious hall for the occasion. By the appointed hour the hall was well filled with the people of the town who had come out to hear one of the state's most distinguished educators.

The stage was decorated with University pennants and colors. At 7:30 Dr. Venable entered the hall with Prof. Ira T. Turlington, Mayor James A. Wellons, Rev. A. S. Barnes, Rev. T. H. King, Messrs. W. W. Cole, W. L. Woodall, J. D. Underwood, W. M. Sanders, T. R. Hood and T. J. Lassiter, who proceeded to the stage as the Children of Turlington Graded School sang "Hail Columbia." Rev. T. H. King led in prayer after which the children sang "The Old North State."

Prof. Turlington presented Mayor Wellons, who in his usual pleasing style introduced Dr. Venable as the "foremost leader of all the State's educational forces."

Dr. Venable began his address by speaking of his appreciation of the kind welcome given him and mentioning that this was his first visit to Smithfield. He said that the University had a large interest in Smithfield and Johnston County, for it had given the County her present Congressman, Hon. E. W. Pou, Prof. Turlington, Prof. Vermont and many others. He spoke of the unique distinction Smithfield had in having two Rhodes Scholars, Oscar Rand and Edgar Turlington, both University boys.

Dr. Venable then took up the history of the University, showing how wisely our fathers builded when they planned it in our first constitution, of the great men trained in this institution and its part in the history of the State and the Civil War. He spoke of the church schools and commended them for the great how wisely our fathers builded when they planned it in our first constitution, of the great men trained in this institution and its part in the history of the State and the Civil War. He spoke of the church schools and commended them for the great how wisely our fathers builded when they planned it in our first constitution, of the great men trained in this institution and its part in the history of the State and the Civil War.

After the speaking Mr. W. W. Cole announced that there would be an informal reception held to give those present an opportunity to meet Dr. Venable. During this time delicious fruit punch was served by Misses Edith Hassell and Lucy Hood, which had been prepared under the direction of the Ladies Betterment Association, and given by the University Alumni of Smithfield.

While here Dr. Venable was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sanders at their handsome new home on Oakland Heights.

Mr. Charles E. Stephenson, of Camden, N. J., has been here this week visiting his brother, Mr. A. G. Stephenson. He has been in the North about five years and is in the employ of an electric car company. He was married Wednesday, January the 18th, and has his bride with him. On this trip he will visit relatives and friends at several places in this County.

LUKE LEA IS ELECTED SENATOR

Tennessee Legislative Deadlock Over

HE IS A PROHIBITION FAVORITE

Young Publisher of 31 Who First Leaped Into Fame by Seizing Gavel From Convention Chairman, Enters Contest on the Withdrawal of Enloe.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 23.—Luke Lea, independent Democrat and publisher of the Tennessean, today was elected to the United States Senate, to succeed James B. Frazier, breaking a deadlock which has existed in the Tennessee general assembly for three weeks.

Mr. Lea received 68 votes on joint ballot, two more than the number necessary to elect. This represented the combined strength of the independents, the independent Democrats, and several Republicans. Former Gov. McMillin, candidate of the regular Democrats, received 48 votes. Mr. Lea's candidacy was not announced until today, when B. A. Enloe, the fusionist candidate, retired.

The victory of Lea is one for prohibition and a distinct defeat for the Patterson wing of the party. Though never holding an office, Lea has been a hard fighter for prohibition, and has taken part in local fights on the side of what was usually termed the reformers.

Luke Lea will be the "baby" senator, being but 31 years old. He comes from one of the oldest Tennessee families, and is wealthy. He is a graduate of Sewanee, and began practicing law here ten years ago. Several years ago he and others founded the Nashville Tennessean, which later absorbed the Nashville American. It was while editor of the Tennessean that former Senator Carmack was killed.

Physically, Mr. Lea is of imposing appearance. His physique has helped in politics, for he first came into prominence politically when he forcibly wrested the gavel from the hands of the chairman of the State Democratic convention which nominated Gov. Patterson four years ago.

BEN W. HOOPER INAUGURATED

FIRST REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR OF STATE IN 30 YEARS.

In Address Made Plea That People Of Tennessee Settle Their Political Differences Within Legal Limitations.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 25.—Benjamin W. Hooper, who headed the Republican ticket last November in one of the most stirring political fights this State has ever experienced, today was inaugurated Governor of Tennessee.

Governor Hooper opened his inaugural address with a plea that in future the people of Tennessee settle their political difficulties within legal and constitutional limitations.

Touching upon the subject of prohibition, Governor Hooper said the question so far as Tennessee is concerned, "does not so much involve the wisdom of prohibition laws as it does the advisability of permitting a community to decide what laws it will obey, and what to ignore and nullify."

Hooper is the first Republican Governor of Tennessee to be elected since 1831.

Governor Patterson, the retiring executive pardoned and commuted the sentences of 173 convicts during the last 30 days of his term in office.

The Durham Daily Sun says: "The Smithfield Herald files at its heading—Education, Good Roads, Good Health, Progress. Enough to make any county rich if they prevail. Good things to strive for."

CHAMP CLARK SPEAKER OF HOUSE

Democratic Caucus Unite On Missourian

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Kitchin of North Carolina on Most Important Committee in House. Ways and Means Committee Will Name All Other Committees. Nearly All Democrats of Next Congress Present.

About 210 Democrats elected to the next Congress held a caucus in Washington last week to select the Speaker of the next House and name the Ways and Means Committee. Only eight Democratic members were absent.

Hay, of Virginia, presided and Ashbrook, of Ohio, was secretary.

Champ Clark was named for Speaker by acclamation.

The power of appointing committees was taken out of the hands of the Speaker, and placed in the Ways and Means Committee. A resolution to this effect was carried by a vote of 166 to 7.

The following Ways and Means Committee was selected:

Underwood, of Alabama, chairman; Randall, of Texas; Harrison, of New York; Brantley, of Georgia; Shackelford, of Missouri; James, of Kentucky; Kitchin, of North Carolina; Hull, of Tennessee; Dixon, of Indiana; Ramey, of Illinois; Harmon, of Minnesota; Hughes, of New Jersey; and A. Mitchell Palmer, of Pennsylvania.

A resolution was passed making members of the Ways and Means Committee ineligible to serve on any other committee.

VACCINATION CURES CANCER.

Dr. H. Gaylord, of the New York State Laboratory, Tells of His Success.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 19.—Coincident with the introduction into the legislature of a bill by State Senator Loomis for a \$75,000 appropriation for the New York State Cancer Laboratory here, the announcement was made to-day by Dr. H. Gaylord, of the laboratory, that he has discovered a cure for cancer and has successfully demonstrated it in case of a boy 17 years old.

"Our experiments with vaccination," said Dr. Gaylord, "have brought results that justify us in believing we have a cure."

In the case of the boy an operation had been recommended to remove the cancer, which was located on his neck. The boy's parents objected, and so the vaccine treatment followed. The vaccine gradually removed the cancer, and now all trace of it has disappeared.—Washington Post.

TO STUDY ENGLISH AT 82.

Swede Wants to Master the Language and Become a Citizen of the U. S.

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 22.—Borg Erickson, a Swede, who has resided in this country for five years and who was eighty-two years old yesterday, has made up his mind to master the English language and become a naturalized citizen of the United States. He has four children, nineteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, all living in and near Worcester. He attempted to come to the United States forty-five years ago, but missed the boat after walking twenty-one miles to get it. He is not proficient in English, but he startled his assembled children and his grandchildren yesterday by announcing that he intended to study until he could become a citizen.

Let everybody come out next Thursday night at 7 o'clock to the Court House to hear Mr. Gilbert C. White explain the plans for water, lights and sewerage.