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SENATOR J. W. BAILEY TO QUIT.

Texas Paper Announces Coming Retirement. His Decision Irrevocable. According to Senator, He Will Not Reconsider—Hopes for Successor of Greater Ability.

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 5.—The Record tomorrow will publish a dispatch from Gainesville, Texas, announcing that United States Senator Joseph W. Bailey will not be a candidate for re-election.

"You can say for me that I will not be a candidate for reelection to the senate next year, and you can also say that this decision is irrevocable," the dispatch quotes Senator Bailey as saying in reply to the direct question.

"I know that the State can not find a successor who will be more faithful to the welfare of her people than I have been, but I sincerely hope that she will find one who can represent her in the senate with greater ability than I have."

WHEN 103 TAKES 6TH WIFE.

No. 5 Divorced Him—Latest is a Widow, Forty-Five Years Old.

Everett, Wash., Sept. 4.—Clara Powers, a widow, forty-five years old, has just become the bride of J. R. Luce, who is three years past the century mark and has been married six times, four times since he became a resident of Everett.

"You did not require me to bring the woman along the last time," he remarked, cheerfully, when he received the marriage license.

Early in the afternoon he had made the trip to the courthouse and was informed that he would have to produce the woman. Luce's last wife divorced him and six months ago he got a license, but the intended bride changed her mind.

ROCKEFELLER TRACES BLOOD TO NOBILITY.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Sept. 1.—That the Rockefeller family is of the nobility is shown by the researches of James J. Lewis, a genealogical expert, who is attending the annual reunion of the family here. Prof. Lewis' report to the Rockefeller convention showed that he had traced forbears of John D. Rockefeller to a noble family that owned a castle and large estates in the south of France as far back as 860. The first Rockefellers moved to Germany in the year 1100, and the ancestors of John D. Rockefeller came to America in the sixteenth century.

Tener.

About the weakest excuse for a Governor is Tener, of Pennsylvania. He used to be a professional baseball player, and he ought to be one now. Here is all that he, the pitiful Governor of a proud State, has to say about the recent barbarous outrage at Coatesville, when a helpless negro was snatched from a sick bed and burned alive:

"I know that the people of Coatesville repent of their action to-day, for, looked at in the light of to-morrow, it becomes quite an atrocious affair.

"Such things happen occasionally in the best and most enlightened Northern communities.

"I am grieved to think that such a crime could occur in the great and glorious State of Pennsylvania, which is ever in the forefront in letters, art, literature, science, and even in athletics."

Nothing there about the dignity of the State or the disgrace to it. No mention of law and order. No expression of horror. No threat of punishment. No intention voiced to perform his plain duty. Only mild regret, topped off by the boastful declaration that Pennsylvania is in the forefront, "even in athletics." Somebody ought to take up a grandstand collection for Tener.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Eighty-One Drowned.

Lima, Peru, Sept. 5.—The Chilean steamer Tucapei has been wrecked and is a total loss. Eighty-one persons were drowned.

The steamer Tucapei was engaged in trading on the west coast of South America. She was of 1,912 tons net and was commanded by Captain Marrow.

SELMA NEWS.

Selma, Sept. 7.—Misses Ruth Hassell, Maggie Hood and Flora Horrell left Tuesday morning for Oxford to enter the Oxford Female Seminary. We expect to hear good reports from them, as they were graduates of our graded school. Mr. R. E. Richardson went to Wendell Tuesday on business.

Work on the new bank is progressing rapidly.

Mr. R. M. Nowell is putting the finishing touches on his handsome house, which he will occupy in the near future.

Master W. DeBernier Debnam left Monday morning for Warneton, where he will enter the famous high school.

The Selma Graded School opened last Monday morning with 252 pupils present. This is the largest number ever present at the opening. The Board of trustees believe they have secured a faculty second to none and believe this will be the best year in the history of the school.

The faculty consists of Miss Hamilton, of Durham; Miss Norma Page, of Raleigh; Miss Manson, of Virginia; Miss Eva Gopprte, of Lenoir, N. C.; Miss Strayhorn, of Durham; Miss Lizzie E. Dixon, of Mount Vernon Springs; and Miss Helen Dover, of Shelby, teacher of music, with Prof. B. F. Hassell, as Superintendent.

Rev. Mr. Alfred, of the M. E. Conference, is visiting his son, L. H. Alfred, Esq.

We regret that Mr. D. C. Smith, who has been so long with the W. E. Smith Co., has left us. He has moved into the Burkett Jones neighborhood. We wish him much success in his new home. He was a good citizen and we regret to lose him.

Mr. B. F. Hassell has moved into the home vacated by Mr. D. C. Smith, which is very near the academy.

Our town was saddened last Saturday on the receipt of a telegram from Mr. Walter J. Preston, of Atlanta, Ga., telling of the death of his mother, Mrs. Harriett H. Preston, which sad event occurred on last Friday night. Mrs. Preston was only sick three days—apoplexy.

Mrs. Preston lived here for over thirty years, being the widow of the late Mr. Charles E. Preston, who died here in the early '80's. She was a member of the M. E. church, of Atlanta, and was one of the first members of the M. E. church here, which was first organized at the "old depot," about 1½ miles west of Selma. She left two sons, Mr. Walter J. Preston, of Atlanta, and Mr. Herbert H. Preston, of Edenton, N. C., and two daughters, Mrs. Charles Watson, of Fayetteville, N. C., and Miss Malie Preston, of Atlanta, all of whom were here at the burial last Monday morning. There were also here to attend the burial, Mr. D. H. Graves, of Goldsboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Watson, and Miss Louise Watson, a grand-daughter, of Fayetteville.

The remains were interred in the Selma cemetery along with her husband and two children. The pallbearers were, Messrs. M. C. Winston, W. H. Hare, T. H. Whitley, W. H. Etheredge, N. E. Edgerton and Dr. R. J. Noble. The ceremonies were conducted by the Rev. J. M. Daniel, pastor of the M. E. church here.

A good woman has gone to her reward.

EX-GOV. GLENN ON THE STUMP IN MAINE.

Portland, Me., Sept. 4.—Forces for and against constitutional prohibiting in Maine entered upon the closing week of campaign to-day. Activity on both sides will be at high water mark during the remainder of struggle. The Prohibitionists corps of speakers is augmented by many prominent men from outside state, including former Governor Glenn of North Carolina and Representative Richmond Pearson Hobson, of Alabama.

Death of a Good Woman.

Last Saturday Mrs. Callie Johnson died at the home of her father, in Dunn. The funeral was preached Sunday afternoon, by Rev. J. A. Campbell, after which her remains were placed away in the Taylor graveyard, about one mile from Dunn. She was the wife of Mr. A. G. Johnson, who was reared near Smithfield. Mrs. Johnson was known in Smithfield, having lived here for awhile soon after her marriage.

WEDS A YOUTH AT 95.

Mrs. Nancy Edey's Sixth Husband Is Twenty-Four Years Old.

Troy, Mo., Sept. 2.—Mrs. Nancy Edey, 96 years old, was married for the sixth time to-day to Roe Inlow, 25 years old. The bride's fifth husband died six weeks ago at the Poor Farm. The throng at the station cheered as the pair stepped lightly aboard the train bound for Hannibal. The bride wore a plain black dress with a belt clasp pin. She wore a sunbonnet and made of a piece of leather and a appeared happy. Inlow wore overalls and a hickory shirt. He was coatless and smiled as he helped his aged bride aboard the train, surrounded by eager spectators. The bridegroom, too, has lived near here nearly all his life. Inlow said he had married his bride for love.

Lincoln county has been practically keeping Mrs. Inlow for the past five years. She has been living in a tent between Silex and Whitesides, for the past few weeks. Mrs. Inlow drove to Silex this morning and joined Inlow. After a brief wedding journey they will return to her tent, where they will make their home until winter. The bride has retained good health and can see without the aid of spectacles. Her hearing is also good. Mrs. Inlow is familiarly known to Silex residents as "Aunt Nance." The bridegroom is employed on a farm near Silex.

HOKE SMITH TO RESIGN SOON.

Georgia Executive Will Give Up Governorship in November and Take Senatorial Seat.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 2.—Gov. Hoke Smith will resign as governor between November 1 and 15 and be ready to assume his duties as United States senator when congress convenes. The governor, it was stated authoritatively tonight, will give 30 days' notice of the date of his resignation to enable the State executive committee to arrange for a primary for the naming of his successor.

The primary probably will be held about the middle of December. John M. Slaton will be acting governor.

Two candidates for the governorship already are in the field, and prohibition will be one of the vital issues. Judge R. B. Russell, of Jackson is seeking the nomination on a local option platform. The other candidate is J. Pope Brown of Pulaski, former State treasurer.

PADEREWSKI CALM AS HIS HEN FARM BURNS.

Aviary in Switzerland Where Wife's \$7,500 Poultry Quartet Was Housed Destroyed.

Morges, Switzerland, Sept. 2.—Fire recently destroyed the buildings on Ignace Paderewski's chicken farm here. The celebrated pianist is described as watching the destruction by the flames with a philosophic calm unsuspected in one possessing the artistic temperament. One explanation of this is that Mme. Paderewski has the greater financial interest in the place.

The most recent census gave 5,000 as the number in the Paderewski flocks of highly bred poultry. Financiers were somewhat startled three years ago when Mme. Paderewski paid a record price of \$7,500 for a rooster and three hens to Ernest Keller-Strauss, a Kansas City breeder. They were blue blooded Orpingtons. The hens were christened Lady Helen, Victoria and Crystalline, but the rooster was unnamed at the time of his exportation.

There was some delay in the shipment caused by difficulty in Mme. Paderewski finding what she considered adequate insurance, but finally she secured a policy for \$7,500, the four fowls were boxed in an ordinary crate and sailed away on March 17, 1908, to Switzerland, where they arrived safely. Mme. Paderewski and her husband followed two months later, madame carrying a basket of American eggs.

With her American purchases she won a gold cup, the principal prize at the Lausanne poultry show. She entered her exhibits as Paderewski-Orpingtons.

While in this country Mme. Paderewski offered \$5,000 for a chicken famous among fanciers and was somewhat piqued because her offer was declined.

COTTON CROP A RECORD ONE.

Hester Places the Figures for One Just Marketed At \$1,030,000,000.

New Orleans, Sept. 5.—"No American cotton crop ever grown has sold for as much as the one just marketed, the total value, including the seed having been \$1,030,000,000."

This remarkable statement is contained in the detailed statistics of last season's cotton crop issued to-day by Colonel Henry G. Hester, secretary of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange.

With 1,700 bales less than contained in the bumper crop of 1908-1909, the crop just marketed netted the South \$254,000,000 more. The 13,511,000 bale crop of 1906-1907 brought \$222,000,000 less than the past season's crop.

As a whole the crop averaged within a shade of strict middling and the farmer was paid an average of 14.60 cents per pound.

Regarding the consumption of cotton, the report says:

"In the United States the mills North and South have consumed nearly as much as last year, in addition to which they have imported the greatest quantity of foreign cotton ever brought to this country in any one season amounting to an equivalent, in this year's American weights of 222,206 bales.

Thus far the use of foreign cotton in this country is trifling compared with the total consumption, but its increase is significant.

"A continued interesting feature is the widening of differences between the quality of American cotton consumed North and South, the excess the latter having increased this season 103,000 bales, the total excess now amounting to 270,000 bales. Concerning the North, a heavy curtailment of production was quite general during the latter months of the season.

"The situation recently has improved and there is an underlying impression matters will readjust themselves on a more satisfactory basis in the near future."

Secretary Hester puts the crop of 1910-11 at 12,120,995 bales, an increase over that of 1909-10 of 1,510,427.

The increase in Texas over last year was in round figures 582,000 bales in the group of "other Gulf States" embracing Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri, Oklahoma, Utah, Kansas, Arizona, California and New Mexico it was 704,000 and in the group of Atlantic States, including North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky, and Virginia 224,000.

A Story of the Blue Birds.

In speaking of the various birds that inhabit this section and noting the fast passing of the quiet and pretty blue bird, Mr. J. C. Neel tells the following:

Two or three years ago a pair of blue birds were flying around our house, and as I thought, looking for a place to build their nest. I nailed up a square cigar box with a round hole in it for an entrance. The birds soon caught on and began building a nest. It was not long before they had four pretty blue eggs in their nest and in about fifteen days they had four little naked, helpless babies. The mother bird sat on the eggs all the time and the male carried her the food. After the little ones began to feather, the old birds would carry food, small earth worms at first, but as they grew older they would bring larger worms and bugs. They have nested there for several years, raising two broods every summer. The birds are very tame and will go in and out of the box with any of our family sitting very near them, but they are shy of strangers.

"It might be said that the blue bird is very game, and is a terror to the gay and festive English sparrow. Blue birds are not crop destroyers.—Mooresville Enterprise.

Picnic At Watson School House.

There will be a picnic at Watson's School House, near J. T. Collier's store, in Beulah township, Friday, September 15. Addresses will be delivered by Prof. S. G. Rollings, Superintendent of Kenly High School, and others. Everybody is invited to attend with well-filled baskets.

POLENTA NEWS.

A series of meetings is in progress this week at Shiloh. The pastor is being assisted by Rev. Mr. Hamby, of Clayton.

The cotton crop has failed wonderfully during the past month. The indications are that it will fall short of last year's yield.

Friday night of last week a number of our young people enjoyed a hay ride. Mr. W. D. Tomlinson rigged up a huge-sized wagon, drawn by four mules, with a seating capacity of forty, went around and gathered in the young people in large number and started out for a good time, and they did not fail to have a good time either. Miss Lizzie Tomlinson and Mr. G. B. Smith, acting as chaperones, had charge of the following: Misses Mary and Hilda Tomlinson, Norma Wynne, Norma Gower, Ruth Horrell, Christine Barber, Eva Upchurch, Janie Legburn, Mary, Ellie, Lena, Margie and Edna Booker, and Messrs. Reubin, John and Walter Myatt, Russell Yelvington, Paul Horrell, Con Young, Vernon Tomlinson, Robble Sanders, Robt. Johns, Sam Booker, Dallis Barber, Dr. Floyd Gower and Mr. W. D. Tomlinson. After a delightful ride, the crowd returned home about 12 M.

Friday night, August 24th, at the beautiful home of Mrs. E. N. Booker, a most delightful party was given in honor of the 18th birthday of her daughter, Miss Lena. The porch, verandas and hallway were artistically decorated with Japanese lanterns; the parlor and dining hall were tastefully decorated with the golden rod, ferns and lilies, which lent charm and beauty to the scene. The invited guests were met at the door by Miss Lizzie Tomlinson and ushered into the parlor. During the evening charming music was rendered, which was greatly enjoyed; the young folks chatting gaily and playing games in the spacious parlor and porch. At 11 o'clock the guests were invited into the dining hall, where dainty refreshments were served, much as salad, olives, pickle, wafers, etc., as first course, followed with cream and cake. At 12 M., the guests, after having spent a most delightful evening, returned to their homes, all speaking in glowing terms of the entertainment.

The following visitors have been in our community recently: Miss Janie Leyburn, at Mrs. E. N. and Mrs. F. T. Booker's; Miss Eva Upchurch and Mrs. Marsalete Hicks, at Mrs. C. T. Young's; Miss Norma Wynne, at Mrs. J. O. Tomlinson's; Miss Mil- Miss Celestia Smith and Jessie Eason, who for several months have been on a visit to Mrs. Loula Cherry, returned to their home last week in Raleigh.

Miss Leone Barber is visiting relatives in Nash County. A protracted meeting will commence at Oakland Sunday. This writer recently witnessed a scene which was more than pleasing to him. Oh, that more such scenes were enacted daily. The grand-daughter, thoughtful as to the comfort and happiness of the aged grand-mother, aiding her in ascending and descending the church steps, and otherwise looking after her every comfort; is not that a beautiful sight? Commendable indeed, is it for any child to look after the comforts of their aged parents.

Mrs. Abram Lassiter, of Virginia, is at home on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Yelvington.

TYPO.

DROWNED IN BUTTERMILK.

1000-Gallon Tank Bursts And Engulfs the Milkman.

Gilmore, Neb., Sept. 5.—Thomas Iler, a milkman, was drowned yesterday in 1,000 gallons of buttermilk.

He was driving a tank containing the buttermilk, when his wagon passed through a depression in the road and was overturned. The great tank burst and the buttermilk filled the depression to the brim. The driver was caught beneath the wreckage of the wagon in such a manner that his head was in the depression and was covered entirely with the buttermilk.

Half an hour later occupants of a passing automobile pulled Iler from the sea of milk and found him dead.

FORMER SENATOR MILLS DEAD.

Prominent Texan, Noted in War and Statecraft, Passes Away at Age Of 79.

Corsicana, Texas, Sept. 2.—Former United States Senator Roger Q. Mills, a leader in State and national Democratic politics, best known perhaps as the author of the Mills bill, died at his home here to-day, aged 79.

He was a noted Confederate soldier and one of the best known statesmen of Texas, although born in Kentucky.

He entered the war at lieutenant colonel of the Tenth Texas infantry, later succeeding to the command of that regiment. At Arkansas Post in January, 1863, he distinguished himself by withstanding for weeks a superior force of Union troops.

His congressional career began in 1872 as representative at large from Texas, followed by four terms as congressman from the old Fourth district.

He was elected United States senator in 1892, serving until 1899, when he resigned.

GREAT-GRANDSON OF PRESIDENT.

Man Killed by Train Identified As Martin Van Buren.

Jersey City, N. J., Sept. 5.—The body of a man who was killed here by a train Sunday night was identified to-day as that of Martin Van Buren, of this city.

The dead man was a great-grandson of President Martin Van Buren.

Walked Across Continent in 81 Days.

San Francisco, Sept. 5.—John F. Mooney, 25 years old, a member of the New York fire department, arrived here to-day, having walked from New York in 81 days. His object was to lower Weston's time of 105 days across the continent.

A Challenge to Enemies of the Bible.

We delight to honor the politician and statesman who honors the good book, as Mr. Bryan does in the following telegraphic report from Chicago, May 4:

Telegrams from President Taft and Ambassador James Bryce were read to-night at the celebration of the three-hundredth anniversary of the translation of the authorized version of the English Bible. The chief address was delivered by Wm. J. Bryan, who challenged materialists and those opposed to the theory of divine inspiration of the Bible to show they were right by producing a book superior to that volume.

"Atheists and materialists declare that the Bible is merely the work of man," said Mr. Bryan, "and that it was written under the limitations that apply to human wisdom. Taking this position, they necessarily must contend that, unless man has degenerated in ability and declined in wisdom he now can produce a book equal to the Bible. Let them produce it."

"Let them collect the best of their school to be found among the graduates of universities—as many as they please and from every land. Let the members of this selected group travel where they will, consult such libraries as they please; let them glean in the fields of geology, botany, astronomy, biology and zoology and then roam at large wherever science has opened a way; let them use every instrumentality that is employed in modern civilization and when they have exhausted every source let them embody the results of their best intelligence in a book and offer it to the world as a substitute for this Bible of ours."

The challenge is certainly fair and reasonable.—Indiana Farmer.

BABY DROWNED IN CROCK.

Falls Head Downward Into Two Quarts of Water.

Hagerstown, Md., Sept. 5.—Hazel Ruth Martin, 1-year-old daughter of Peter and Ada Martin, of Cearfoss, was drowned yesterday evening in a crock containing two quarts of water.

Mrs. Martin was in the yard hanging up the day's wash and the child was playing on the grass. Crawling to the crock the child, when the mother's back was turned, fell with her head in the water and strangled to death.