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## DR. WILEY IN CONTROL

Expert's Enemies Taken Off Government Board. McCabe Resigns Voluntarily. Dunlap, Other Alleged Defender of Adulterants, Given Vacation Until Taft Comes Back.

Washington, Oct. 3.—In a sudden succession of orders, an initial move in the expected reorganization of the department of agriculture, George P. McCabe, a department solicitor, to-day was retired from the pure food and drug board, F. L. Dunlap, associate chemist, closely identified with McCabe, was allowed leave of absence until the president's return and Harvey W. Wiley, chief chemist, left apparently in supreme command of the board. Dr. R. E. Doolittle of New York was temporarily appointed to the board to succeed Mr. McCabe.

These changes were announced today by James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, following a conference with Dr. Wiley, who has been on a long vacation. They were deemed inevitable in view of personal antagonism aired before a congressional committee the past summer and Dr. Wiley's exoneration by President Taft, after Attorney General Wickham, whose views were aligned with those of Secretary Wilson and Solicitor McCabe, had recommended Dr. Wiley's removal from office because of a technical irregularity in appointive methods, the responsibility for which he denied.

The pure food and drug board is the agency which passes upon many important cases arising under the enforcement of the pure food law. Dr. Wiley, on the one hand, and Solicitor McCabe and Dr. Dunlap on the other, were the members of the board. Dr. Wiley declared that he was usually outvoted and made a number of sensational statements in the investigation of the controversy. Smarting under the frequent overrulings of his views wherein he held food products deleterious to health, he told a congressional committee that he regarded his associate, Dr. Dunlap, as his superior officer.

Secretary Wilson's brief announcement of the change stated that Solicitor McCabe voluntarily resigned and that his resignation had been accepted.

## BOTH 14; GET LICENSE TO WED.

Babyhood Sweethearts Write Home After Week's Absence.

New York, Oct. 3.—When little Ruth Day wrote to her mother, and little Arthur James wrote to his, declaring that they had at last obtained a license and were going to be married to-day in Long Island City, even though each is only 14 years old, it was the first word the parents of either of the children, who live in South Orange, N. J., had received from them for a week.

Arthur and Ruth are babyhood sweethearts, and up to last spring they went to the Columbia High School, in South Orange. Then Arthur left school to go to work. About a week ago, just before the children disappeared, some one telephoned to Mrs. Day that Ruth and Arthur were trying to get a marriage license in Jersey City. Arthur, just before this, had emptied his savings bank, sold his pet pony and obtained \$3 from his mother, in all \$52. He had this when he disappeared, some hours after Ruth was missed from her home.

The parents could get no clue to the children until the letters came to-day. If they are married when they come home, it was said, the parents will not let them live together.—Baltimore Sun.

## W. E. FAISON FOUND DEAD.

Was One Time National Councilor Of The Jr. O. U. A. M.

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 3.—William E. Faison, National Councilor of the Junior Order of the American Mechanics in 1904, until last year editor of that order's national organ and for a number of years Assistant Commissioner of Labor and Printing of North Carolina, was found dead in his apartment here this afternoon. Death ensued from heart trouble.

Mr. Faison was about 43 years old and was one of the largest men in the State, weighing 330 pounds.

## THE JOHNSTON COUNTY CLUB AT UNIVERSITY ORGANIZED.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Oct. 2.—In a very enthusiastic meeting, which is always characteristic of the Johnston County spirit at the University, the Johnston County Club was reorganized Thursday night for the present college term.

The prime objects of the club are to put forth an organized effort on the part of the boys from the County, at the University, to increase the number of students here from Johnston County; and to promote the social phase of college life, among those who are already here, by coming together in one group, once a month, not in the routine of class room work, but at a social gathering where the "boys" may extend to each other a hearty hand-shake, know each other better, and partake of the refreshments, which the club is always sure to have in abundance.

The club in the past has done very effective work, having increased its membership from 16 last year to 23 this year, making it, now, one among the largest county clubs here.

Any boys who are anticipating entering college, in the near future, will be furnished, gladly, information concerning the University by writing to the Secretary of the Club.

The following are its officers: R. E. Parrish, President. A. S. Oliver, Vice President. Ezra Parker, Secretary. C. W. Johnson, Treasurer.

The members of the club this year are: James Eldridge, Jesse Turlington, H. H. Boon, C. C. Canaday, H. D. Lambert, R. F. Coats, and Ezra Parker, Benson; C. W. Johnson, and J. I. Lee, Four Oaks; R. E. Parrish, J. H. Rand, I. M. Bailey, C. L. Lassiter, W. R. Sanders, and Ben Wellons, Smithfield; A. S. Oliver, R. E. Parker, Y. Z. Parker, and Avery Winston, Selma; J. P. Cordon, and A. E. Barbour, Clayton; and Tyre Bailey, Kenly.

## Educating the People to Save.

It is being established beyond any doubt that the postal savings banks are the beginning of a campaign for national thrift. Savings is made easy when savings institutions are near. Some one with an analytical turn of mind has figured out that of 60,000,000 adults in this country, old enough to save, more than 50,000,000 are not within convenient distance of savings banks. Still, practically all of these are in one post-office or another at least once every day or once every week.

We anticipate that savings bank depositors will increase fivefold through the establishment of the post banks, because the latter have begun to pave the way for a national education in thrift, which, once started in this country, will put into the shadow anything attempted or carried out in other lands. The American people, perhaps not very thrifty as a whole, but watchful of their interests, have begun savings on a larger scale. In the past ten years the owners of shares in 242 of our great corporations, with a capital of \$9,000,000,000, have grown fourfold, and now number 873,000. The total corporate capital in the country to-day is something like \$60,000,000,000, largely divided. All of those small owners have gained their shares by small savings. Post banks are going to increase this army of small investors enormously, by giving absolute security for small savings until they are large enough for the purchase of shares.

We are safe in predicting that by 1920, perhaps sooner, there will be 2,000,000 shareholders of record in the United States.—Washington Herald.

## 240 LIVES LOST IN STORM.

More Than 100 Bodies Washed Onto Northern Shores.

Antwerp, Oct. 3.—Two hundred and forty lives are known to have been lost in coasting craft during the storm of Sunday in the North Sea. More than 100 bodies have been washed ashore.

When side tracks are taken into account, we have more railroad mileage than all the rest of the world.

It is said that two and a half million dollars are spent annually on hunting in Ireland.

## ITALIAN-TURCO WAR

Italy declared war against Turkey last week. Italy has attempted to seize Tripoli on the northern coast of Africa and the latest news from the seat of war is to the effect that the city has been bombarded by the Italian fleet. The war has caused consternation at the Turkish capital, and the cabinet immediately resigned. The Sultan has had much difficulty in forming a new cabinet and all is at sea as to the course to be pursued.

Turkey's hope is that the powers will intervene and stop the war without serious loss to her army and navy and her prestige. However it is not likely that there will be any intervention. It now looks as if the "sick man of the East" will yet grow sicker before he recovers.

A dispatch dated Rome, Italy, October 5, states that the Italians have captured the Sultana fort at Tripoli.

## FOUR OAKS NOTES.

Four Oaks, Oct. 4.—Several of our townspeople attended the circus at Smithfield Monday.

Mr. Jesse B. Adams went to Selma Monday to open a law office. We wish Mr. Adams much success in his chosen profession.

Mr. G. W. Salmon, postmaster here, spent last week in Asheville attending a meeting of the North Carolina postmasters.

Rev. H. H. Goff preached Saturday and Sunday here in Sanders' Hall.

Prof. J. H. Brackett and family, of Polenta section, were in town Saturday.

Mr. W. B. Morgan is all smiles. It's a boy.

Mr. H. E. Upchurch has purchased an automobile for his mail route.

Mr. P. G. Keen, who went to Rex Hospital, Raleigh, Friday for operation for appendicitis, is rapidly improving.

Miss Ava Parker left recently for Dillon, S. C., where she will enter school.

Miss Carrie Wilson, of Dunn, is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. K. Massengill.

Mr. G. K. Massengill left Saturday for Mexico City, Mex. after his nephew, Mr. Eugene Lee, who was recently shot by a Mexican.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Parker returned Monday from a visit to Mrs. Parker's parents at Godwin.

Miss Alice Wellons visited her aunt, Miss Ozella Wellons, recently.

Mrs. C. C. Creech and little children are away on a visit to Mrs. Creech's mother near Benson.

Rev. Rom Jones, of Smithfield, preached at the Primitive Baptist church here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. C. H. Williams, who has been quite ill, is improving rapidly.

At a recent meeting of the Baptist Philatheas here the following new officers were elected:

Miss Mary Barbour, President. Miss Golda Creech, Vice-President. Miss Annie B. Langdon, Secretary and Treasurer.

Miss Ella Keene, Assistant. Mrs. W. T. Hurst, Teacher. Mrs. O. D. Stanley, Assistant.

Mr. Eb Strickland, of near here, passed away Sunday night, at 7 o'clock, at a ripe old age after an illness of several years of rheumatism, with which he has been helpless for some time. Mr. Strickland held the highest esteem and respect of his fellowmen. He leaves several boys and girls together with a host of friends to mourn their loss.

## BRYAN NOT A CANDIDATE.

Declares Two Republican Presidents Have Used His Platform.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 3.—William J. Bryan in an address at the Missouri Valley Fair here last night said that he was not a candidate for President of the United States.

"In addition to the many other reasons why I should not again run for President," said Mr. Bryan, "is that one Republican President having used my platform in part and another Republican President having used it entirely, I am afraid if I became a candidate again the Republicans would bring the third-term charge against me."

Never listen to loose or idle conversation.

## LOSS IN AUSTIN FLOOD

Last Saturday the dam of the Bayless Pulp and Paper Company, at Austin, Pa., burst one mile and a half north of the town, turning loose 500,000,000 gallons of water upon the community.

Sunday's papers stated that perhaps 800 people lost their lives. The town of Austin was a mill town of 3000 population. The property loss has been roughly estimated to be \$6,000,000.

As soon as news of the disaster was received, Governor Tener ordered the State health and charity officials to the scene and every effort was made to relieve the suffering and recover the bodies of the dead. The latest news indicates that the death list will perhaps be not more than one hundred fifty.

## Death of Mrs. Peacock.

Mrs. Allie Peacock, widow of Mr. George N. Peacock, died at her home in Smithfield, Friday afternoon, September 29th. Her death was not unexpected, as she had been ill for some time. The burial took place Saturday at 4 o'clock in the Smithfield cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. A. S. Barnes, at the residence. She was born here December 10th, 1852. She was a daughter of Col. Sam Horton, who lived here, and was a merchant of Smithfield many years ago. Her mother was a daughter of Dr. Telfair, who is remembered by some of our oldest people. On February 27th, 1873, she was married to Mr. G. N. Peacock, whom she survived only a year or two.

Having spent her life here, she had many acquaintances and friends in and around Smithfield. She was a kind wife and mother and neighbor and an estimable lady.

The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

She leaves three daughters, Miss Annie and Rosa Peacock and Mrs. W. L. Fuller, and three sons, Messrs. Hugh Peacock, of Chicago, and Charles and Clyde Peacock.

## POLENTA NEWS.

Cotton picking is the order of the day. About all open, not over half of the crop picked as yet. Hands scarce and high. The crop will be some larger than last year.

Friday of last week the gin and saw mill of Mr. W. D. Tomlinson was burned, causing considerable loss to Mr. Tomlinson. The fire, it is thought, started from a hot box. It was only a short time after the discovery of the fire until the building was in ashes. Very little was saved. With the gin and saw mill about 33 bales of cotton was virtually destroyed. There was no insurance. The loss is estimated at between four and five thousand dollars. This is a severe blow to Mr. Tomlinson, but being young and energetic he will soon be on his feet again.

Mrs. F. T. Booker is visiting this week her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Adams.

Mrs. Abram Lassiter has gone to Richmond, Va., where her husband is at school at the Presbyterian Seminary.

Mr. W. H. Johnson and Mrs. Albert Stevens were married last Sunday, J. E. Jones, J. P., performing the ceremony.

Preaching at Shiloh Sunday by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Horrell.

A number of our people took in the circus at Smithfield last Monday.

Last week Mrs. Archer Hardie was taken to the hospital at Raleigh and an operation performed, since which she is improving. Her friends hope to soon see her fully restored to health.

The low prices for cotton is coming; the farmers look blue making cotton on a 15c basis, and having to sell it for 9½, is not an encouraging outlook for the farmer. Let the farmers come together and agree to plant less cotton and go into something else, and there will be better times. Certain it is, the farmer can't make cotton at 9½ cents, with everything else as high as it is.

## TYPO.

The frames of the most recently constructed locomotives of large size are made of vanadium steel.

## THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER TO CHANGE HANDS.

Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 5.—On November first the Observer Company, publishers of the Charlotte Daily Observer, is to undergo a reorganization.

On that date Major J. C. Hemphill is to become the editor-in-chief of the Observer, and Mr. A. E. Gonzales is to assume the office of publisher and managing director.

Both of these gentlemen become stockholders in the company. Two other new stockholders will be Mr. George Stephens and Mr. Word H. Wood.

Mr. D. A. Tompkins, the present controlling stockholder, will retain some of his stock and will continue to be identified with the Observer.

The announcement will be made in the Observer tomorrow morning. The plans for the reorganization for some time, were perfected today.

The new editor of the Observer is known the South over as one of its ablest editors, having won fame as editor of the Charleston News and Courier, on which paper he spent twenty years of his journalistic career. For the past two years he has been editor of the Richmond-Times-Dispatch.

Mr. Gonzales is owner of the Columbia State, which he has had a large part in making one of the most successful and influential newspaper properties in the South.

In Messrs. Stephens and Wood the Observer Company, acquires two of the most active business developers in Charlotte.—News and Observer.

## BENEFICENTS OF THE DUKES.

Gifts Aggregating \$235,000 Announced At Trinity College—President Snyder a Speaker at Celebration Yesterday.

Durham, N. C., Oct. 3.—At the celebration to-day of Beneficence Day at Trinity College, gifts in the aggregate of \$235,000 were announced, besides books for the institution.

For building, James Buchanan Duke and Benjamin Newton Duke contributed \$201,000, and for running expenses \$27,500. The North Carolina Conference donates \$4,369 and the Western North Carolina Conference \$1,000.

Trinity college belongs to these two Methodist bodies and their contributions have been for the purpose of raising jointly \$200,000 to which the Dukes will add \$800,000 for a million dollar endowment. These gifts are independent of the building. President Henry N. Snyder, of Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., delivered the address.

Dr. Snyder will go from here to Toronto, Canada, to attend the Ecumenical Conference of the Methodist Church of the World. He will represent the Southern Methodist Church. The Ecumenical Conference is a meeting of world-wide Methodism and representatives are to be there from all parts of the world. The conference meets every ten years, the last meeting having been held in City Roads Chapel, in London, in 1901. President W. P. Few, Bishop John C. Kilgo and Dr. Franklin N. Parker, of the chair of Biblical Literature, all of Trinity, will occupy prominent places on the programme.

## Death At Pine Level.

Mr. Charles E. Thompson died at Pine Level on Monday, October 2nd.

He had been confined to his home from sickness about six weeks. The burial took place Tuesday at the Watson graveyard. He was about forty-five years old. He leaves a wife and six children. Mr. Thompson was a good business man and had many friends. He did a considerable amount of business every year although for the past year or two he had not made as much effort as formerly on account of the condition of his health. He was a member of Bethany Primitive Baptist church. He was a clever man and will be greatly missed in the community. He was a cousin of Mr. D. B. Oliver and the late J. U. Oliver, our former Register of Deeds. Any person well acquainted with Mr. J. U. Oliver would be constantly reminded of him when with Mr. Thompson.

## ADMIRAL SCHLEY DEAD

Hero of Battle of Santiago Died of Brain Hemorrhage. Caught Cervera. He Was a Native of Maryland and 72 Years Old.

New York, Oct. 2.—Unrecognized by a single person in the curious throng that rushed to his aid, Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, U. S. N., retired, fell dead in front of the Berkeley Lyceum on West Forty-fourth street this afternoon.

The admiral's sudden death is attributed to cerebral hemorrhage, which attacked him shortly after he, with Mrs. Schley, reached New York this morning from a visit to Mount Kisco and had called at the New York Yacht Club for his mail.

As the admiral was walking on West Forty-fourth street, a passerby who saw him stagger grasped his arm and tried to support him. Despite the stranger's service, however, the admiral fell helpless to the street, and a physician who pressed his way through the crowd that quickly gathered pronounced him dead.

His identity was quickly established by letters and papers found in his pocket, and from an inscription in his gold watch, which had been presented to the admiral by his native state of Maryland "for his heroism and memorable services in rescuing Lieut. A. W. Greeley, U. S. A., and six comrades from death at Cape Sabine, in the Arctic region on June 22, 1884."

The spot where Admiral Schley died is in the very center of New York's club district, and members of organizations whose houses are thickly clustered there soon penetrated the throng and confirmed the identification of the famous commander who figured so prominently in the naval engagement of 1898 at Santiago.

Winfield Scott Schley was born in Frederick county, Md., in 1839. After graduating at Annapolis in 1860 and serving during the Civil war in minor capacities, he was commissioned in 1866 as Lieut.-commander. At the outset of the Spanish war in 1898 Admiral Schley was placed in command of what was known as the flying squadron, which sailed from Fortress Monroe to co-operate with Admiral Sampson in operations in the Caribbean sea. Under orders from Sampson he steamed through the Yucatan passage to the vicinity of Santiago while Sampson passed around the east end of the island. Schley's squadron stood before Santiago for some days and was about to leave when it was announced that Cervera's fleet was in Santiago harbor. A junction with Sampson occurred almost immediately. On July 3, 1898, Cervera undertook to escape. At the time Sampson, aboard his flagship, the New York, was some miles away at Siboney in conference with Gen. Shafter.

An engagement followed in which Schley's flagship, the Brooklyn, took an active part, and Cervera was captured and his fleet destroyed.

After the war closed numerous charges were made that Schley had been guilty of inefficiency if not cowardice, and he asked a court of inquiry. After prolonged period, he was acquitted, but failed of the advancement which he had claimed was his due. He was retired Oct. 9th, 1901, as a rear admiral.

## A. & M. COLLEGE NOW HAS 530 STUDENTS.

At the end of a month's work the A. and M. College shows an attendance of 530 students. The agricultural students head the list with 207 men. The mechanical engineering students come next, with 110. The others in order are: Electrical engineering students, 90; civil engineering, 74; textile, 25; chemistry, 24.

These figures are for the entire student body. An examination of the freshmen registration shows that while the agricultural students lead in number, as in the student roll at large, the electrical engineering course is second instead of third in popularity. The figures in the freshman class are as follows: Agricultural men, 64; electrical engineering, 32; mechanical engineering, 27; civil engineering, 20; chemistry, 7; textile, 5.—News and Observer.